

## Notes & News

### 10th SAARC ENT Congress 25-28th Nov. 2016, Dhaka, Bangladesh

#### Congress report

10th SAARC ENT congress was held on November 25-28, 2016 at Krishibid Institution, Dhaka, Bangladesh hosted by Society of Otolaryngologist and Head-Neck Surgeons of Bangladesh. Bangladesh was also proud host of another two SAARC congresses. Among them 1st SAARC ENT congress was held in 1998 and 6th in 2008. Bangladesh was one of the initiator of this SAARC ENT body.

This outstanding program was highlighted by participation of about 500 home & 100 foreign delegates. A large numbers of foreign faculties were present in this congress from UK, Singapore, Malaysia,

India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Egypt and Bhutan. Good number of world famous faculties participated in this program. Some of our old foreign faculty friends may be mentional here are Dr. Prof. Mohan Kameswaran, Dr. A.K. Lahiri, Dr. Richard M Irving, Rakesh Prasad Shrivastav, Prof. Bimal kumar Sinha, Prof. Bibhu Pradhan, Dr. Arun kumar Agarwal, Dr. Morwani Kishan Parumal, Dr. Anirban Biswas, Dr. Prathamesh S. Pai, Satish Jain, Dr. lau Pang Cheng David, Prof. Dato' Dr. Abdullah Sani Mohamed, Mr. M Shahed Quraishi, Mr Mohammed A E M Reda El Badawey, Dr. DSC Perera, Dr. Wijayasoma Ratnayake, Dr. Chandra Jayasuriya, Dr. S. Welendewa, Dr. R. JMRG Jayaweera.



This year congress was preceded by “**Pre Congress Workshop**” which was observed in National Institute of ENT, Tejgaon, Dhaka on 25<sup>th</sup> November. There were two sessions, one was very new for us “**ENT Master Class**” conducted by Prof. Shaheed Qurayeshi from UK and another “**Endonasal Endoscoptic Cadaver dissection (basic and advanced) on fresh cadaver**” by renowned skull base surgeon Dr. Satish Jain from India. After pre-congress workshop at evening there was Faculty Dinner at Dhaka Club, Dhaka. Chief guest of faculty dinner was Honorable Vice Chancellor of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Prof. Kamrul Hasan Khan.



“**Post Congress Workshop & Hands on Training on Vertigo**” was took place in the Multipurpose Hall, Dept. of Otolaryngology and Head Neck Surgery, BSMMU on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2016. This session was conducted by Dr. Anirban Biswas from India and Dr. Chandra Jayasuriya from Sri Lanka.



Three day congress was enriched with different scientific proceedings.

Underlying topics were selected for discussion in the congress in different forms.

- ENT and Ethics
- Advanced Technologies in ENT

- Head and Neck
- Otology
- Laryngology, Voice and Swallowing
- Rhinology
- Rhinoplasty and Facial Plastics
- Sleep Surgery



In each day presentation on each subspecialty was conducted in three separate halls. Delegates enjoyed the sessions according to their interest. All forms of presentation were included. In this year a new way of presentation was introduced **“Drama presentation: A Court proceeding”** which was highly appreciated and enjoyable by the delegates. Opening session of Congress was launched by playing national anthem, freeing pigeons in the sky and cutting beautiful cake.

In 1<sup>st</sup> Day program: there were i) Plenary session on ENT & Ethics, Otology, Head-



Neck, Rhinology, Laryngology, voice & Swallowing ii) Alauddin Memorial Oration, iii) Free paper session on Rhinology, vi) Panel discussion on Cochlear Implantation, Sleep Apnoea, FESS & Cholesteatoma and v) Drama presentation- A court proceedings. 1<sup>st</sup> day session was concluded with **“Lifetime achievement Award ceremony”** to honor our legendary ENT surgeons of the SAARC countries and Banquet. Honorable Speaker of Dr. Shirin Sahrmin Chowdhury, MP, Bangladesh National Parliament was present as Chief Guest on that Occasion.





In Day-2 programs were i) Plenary session on Advanced Technologies in ENT, Otolaryngology, Laryngology, Rhinology, Head-Neck, and Sleep Surgery, ii) Vertigo session, iii) Panel discussion on Rhinoplasty and management of N<sub>0</sub> Head-neck cancer, iv) Free paper session on Head- Neck, Otolaryngology and v) SAARC business meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> day conclusion session were **“Cultural show, Gala dinner and Raffle draw”** in Officer’s club. Mrs. Sabina Yasmin, legendary singer of Bangladesh and another cultural organization were performed to present **Beautiful Bangladesh**. Dr. Dipumoni MP, Chairman, Parliamentary standing committee for foreign affairs was present

as the chief guest to enlighten the occasion.

In 3<sup>rd</sup> Day, programs were – i) Plenary session on Head-Neck, Laryngology-Voice-Swallowing, Facial plastic Surgery, Allergic Rhinitis ii) Free Paper Session on Miscellaneous and iii) Panel Discussion on Carcinoma Thyroid. **Inaugural Session** was conducted in 3<sup>rd</sup> day due to schedule constrain of honorable health minister Mohammad Nasim MP, Honorable Minister of Health and Family Welfare was present as the chief guest in this session. Congress was concluded with quiz competition by our postgraduate students and a valedictory session. Overall program was outstanding and successful.



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