

From the desk of the Editor (Newsletter Sept 2021)

This newsletter is being distributed just before SICOT 2021. As you know, SICOT 2020 was cancelled but like the Tokyo Olympics the venue was retained for the conference in 2021. Our hopes that 2021 would a better year than 2020 were belied as the pandemic continued unabated and often worse.

My home, India suffered a catastrophic second wave and all our nightmares became a reality. Hospital bed and oxygen scarcity became the new normal. Patients succumbed and the health system gasped. Fortunately, a lot of people pitched in with finances and resources. The government managed to bring in vaccination in big numbers and finally the wave petered out. We can only hope that the future will be better and our preparation for the third wave will be more proactive, not reactive.



On the WOC front- a lot of virtual and real activity happened:

- Regular meetings were held once a month by the Executive Committee in conjunction with regional advisors as well as other core members.
- The website was renewed.
- The bank account which had become inactive after the death of our previous treasurer was revived.
- Our treasurer Dr Matthew Dobbs brought promises of sponsorship of \$10,000 which will go a long way in boosting our activity and effectiveness.
- Several meetings were held to amend the constitution to remove anomalies and make it more relevant to the current times.
- Succession to the new WOC team will be done after our business meeting on 17/9/21.

Since most of us are not travelling to Budapest, the handover this year will be virtual. The new team from the above date will be:

⌘ Alaa Ahmad – President

⌘ Arindam Banerjee – Secretary General

⌘ Anil Golhar – Treasurer Advisors from different regions of the world will continue as previously:

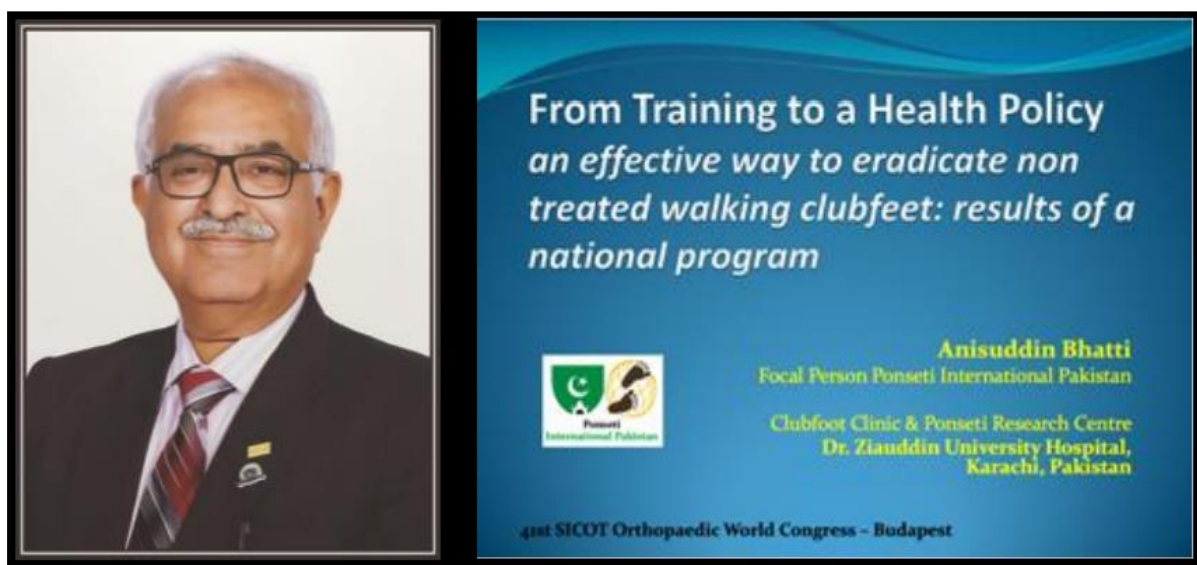
⌘ Amjad Hossain, Bangladesh, South Asia

⌘ Kiran Agarwal, Harvard, North America

⌘ Mohammad Fadel, Egypt, MENA

⌘ Monica Nogueira, Brazil, Latin America

⌘ Ram Kewal Shah, Nepal, SAARC Region



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Before signing off, I would like to congratulate the organisers of SICOT who have spent countless hours arranging this mammoth hybrid conference. While most of the emphasis will be on virtual programs there will be a few face to face meetings. As an active member of that team, I have understood how incredibly difficult it is to plan and execute such a large and complicated program without boots on the ground. I would therefore like to thank and congratulate all members of SICOT starting from the chairs of various committees, the wonderful and super-efficient SICOT support staff as well as moderators, peer reviewers, speakers and other functionaries for putting in their time and effort into this meeting. The team at Budapest led by Dr Bucsi Lazlo has suffered through all the un-certainty. And finally Dr Ashok Johari and Dr Gow Thevendran and their respective teams have set the bar high for future conferences. The conference starts on 15/9/21 starting the Education Day program on the same day and I hope all of you will register and attend.

Thanks

Dr Arindam Banerjee

Date:		Time:		Hall:	
<b>WOC, Symposium - Budapest</b>					
<b>Inauguration</b>					
15 Mins	Welcome and about the Symposium WOC - Int. Activities SICOT and WOC	Dr. Deven Taneja, WOC - Int. President Dr. Alaa Ahmad, WOC - Int. Secretary General Dr. Ashok Johari, SICOT President	<a href="mailto:deventaneja@gmail.com">deventaneja@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:alaahmad@hotmail.com">alaahmad@hotmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:drashokjohari@hotmail.com">drashokjohari@hotmail.com</a>		
<b>Session - 1</b>					
Sr. No	Time	Topic	Moderator	Speaker	Email
1	15 Mins	Bone and Joint infection in LMIC	Dr. Deven Taneja, India	Dr. Ashok Banskota, Nepal Dr. S. C. Goel, India	<a href="mailto:deventaneja@gmail.com">deventaneja@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:ashokbanskota@gmail.com">ashokbanskota@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:drscgoel@gmail.com">drscgoel@gmail.com</a>
<b>Session - 2</b>					
2	15 Mins	Spine Problems in LMICs	Dr. Alaa Ahmad, Palestine	Dr. Roger Hartel, USA	<a href="mailto:alaahmad@hotmail.com">alaahmad@hotmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:roger@hartlmd.net">roger@hartlmd.net</a>
<b>Session - 3</b>					
3	15 Mins	Hip Preservation	Dr. Anil Golhar, India	Dr. N. K. Magu, India Dr. Vijay Kane, UK	<a href="mailto:golharanil@hotmail.com">golharanil@hotmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:Nkmagu@rediffmail.com">Nkmagu@rediffmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:vkane18007@aol.com">vkane18007@aol.com</a>
<b>Session - 4</b>					
4	15 Mins	Neglected Trauma	Dr. Arindam Banerjee, India	Dr In-Ho Jeon, Korea Dr Alvaro Zamorano, Chile	<a href="mailto:arindambanerjee444@gmail.com">arindambanerjee444@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:jeonchoi@gmail.com">jeonchoi@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:azamorano@hcuch.cl">azamorano@hcuch.cl</a>
<b>Session - 5</b>					
5	15 Mins	Recurrent and Neglected Club Foot	Dr. Monica Nogueira, Brazil	Dr. Davi Haje, Brazil Dr. Dra Annisuddin Bhatti, Pakistan	<a href="mailto:monipn@uol.com.br">monipn@uol.com.br</a> <a href="mailto:davihaje@yahoo.com.br">davihaje@yahoo.com.br</a> <a href="mailto:dranisbhatti@gmail.com">dranisbhatti@gmail.com</a>
<b>Session - 6</b>					
6	15 Mins	Training of Ortho Surgeons in LMICs	Dr. M. Fadel, Egypt	Dr. Arindam Banerjee, India Dr. Kiran Agarwal, Harding	<a href="mailto:fadelminia@yahoo.com">fadelminia@yahoo.com</a> <a href="mailto:arindambanerjee444@gmail.com">arindambanerjee444@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:kiran.agarwalharding@gmail.com">kiran.agarwalharding@gmail.com</a>
<b>Session - 7</b>					
7	15 Mins	T. K. S. Gold Medal awards and closing			
<b>Note:</b>					
1. Moderator will introduce the subject in the beginning and then moderate the discussion at the end of the session					
2. Each speaker will get five mins to present clinical case, which should have minimum 2 years follow up and a clear message.					
3. Speaker giving a talk can give his experience and suggestions relevant to LMICs needs.					
4. Time allotted to be strictly adhered.					