

REPORT ON 12 TH ISBMR CONFERENCE HELD IN MUMBAI ON 01-02 OCT

The 12th Annual Conference of ISBMR 2016 was held in P D Hinduja Hospital and Medical Research Centre, Mumbai on 1st and 2nd October 2016. The conference was preceded by workshop on 30 Sep 2016. The workshop included discussions on Metabolic Bone Disease (MBD) in chronic systemic diseases, Role of plain radiology in MBD. Problem cases were presented by postgraduates and discussed by the senior faculty.

This conference was unique that for the first time along with Endocrinologists, there was a fair representation of Rheumatologists and Orthopedic surgeons. There were 6 international faculties (3 each from UK and USA), 24 Indian faculties and attended by 150 delegates. A wide range of topics from Basic Sciences to Clinical issues in diagnosis and therapeutics, were covered by the members of the faculty. These talks included ranging from; BMD in the skeletal assessment of fracture risk and treatment response (Dr Eugene McCloskey), Controversies in Osteoporosis (Dr Kaushik Chaudhuri), Bone Marrow Edema (Dr Sanjeen Patel), New technology & its application - Trabecular Bone Score (Dr Ruban Dhaliwal), New look at Paget's Disease (Prof Subhash Kukreja), Parathyroid imaging: newer modalities (Prof Tushar Bandgar), Choosing Wisely: Anabolic or Antiresorptive therapy for Osteoporosis (Prof D Sudhakar Rao), Unusual Fractures (Prof Rajesh Malhotra) and Is India ready for food fortification with Vit D? (Maj Gen Raman Marwah). Two topics of great clinical interest were Relation of Sarcopenia and Osteoporosis (Dr Rama Vaidya) and Fracture Risk in patients with Type 2 Diabetes mellitus (Dr Beena Biswal). Young investigators were given an opportunity to present their research at prime time and not pushed to an early morning or late evening slot. The oral presentations (8) and posters (8) were judged separately and three prizes were given in each category.

The conference was officially inaugurated on 1 st October 2016, by Mr Gautam Khanna (CEO, Hinduja Hospital) in the presence of Dr F.D. Dastur (Director Research, Hinduja Hospital) and Brig

Satish Kukreja (CEO, ISBMR). Dr Eugene McCloskey was awarded the Prof S.P.S. Teotia oration and Maj Gen Raman Marwah the Prof M.M.S. Ahuja oration for this year (2016).

It was a great opportunity for all the delegates to listen to the galaxy of speakers and hear their comments. The best part of the conference was the free flow of knowledge and information between all the national and international speakers and their answers to the queries raised by the delegates. Adequate time was kept at the end of each talk to encourage discussion.