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24th February 2019

Dear Zonal Members,

Let me wish a very happy and prosperous new year at the outset once again. With great pleasure I present to you all with this communication a brief report on ANCIPS 2019, future programs and few important announcements.

ANCIPS 2019 was held at Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh from 31st January to 3rd February 2019. The conference themed "Mental health- Nation's Wealth" was attended by over 3000 delegates from all over the country and additionally included some overseas delegates and faculty. The hosts, the Central Zonal Branch of IPS along with IPS local team, KG Medical University, Lucknow and Noor Manzil Psychiatric Centre, Lucknow, under the organizing chairmanship of Dr. P.K. Dalal served as a wonderful host to this annual academic extravaganza of the Indian Psychiatry with excellent arrangements in terms of conference facilities and cultural festivities. Representatives from WPA, APA, IAPA, BIPA and SAARC contributed in this mega event, some as participants and some as speakers. The organizing team led by Prof. P.K. Dalal and Dr. Hemant Naidu was aptly supported by entire team. We thank the organizers of ANCIPS 2019, Lucknow for their hospitality and kindness to the IPS-WZB executive committee to hold the EC meeting at the venue.

Dr. Ajit Bhide handed over the charge of the president of IPS, to Dr. Mrugesh Vaishnav, who is known for his dynamism and organizational work. It was a momentous ANCIPS for our zone as Dr. Mrugesh Vaishnav took over as the President of the Indian Psychiatric Society. Dr. Mrugesh Vaishnav during his presidential address communicated the visions that he has for IPS and promised to continue the hard work done by his predecessor, Dr. Ajit Bhide.

It was a memorable and scintillating ANCIPS for our zone in many ways. Indian Psychiatric Society Western Zonal Branch won the "Best Zone Award" for the third successive year and was presented with the certificate during AGBM. Our state branches Gujarat and Goa shared the first and second position respectively in the "Best State Branch Award" in the country. Our UG team represented by Ms. Sathya Balasubramaniam and Mr. Chandranshu V. Nagwekar from JJ hospital, Mumbai went on to win the national UG quiz, 2019. Dr. Allauki Dani, winner of Dr. A V Shah best paper award at ACIPS WZB 2018 Pune competed at Bombay Psychiatric Society Silver Jubilee Award at ANCIPS 2019. Our zone also participated in the 3rd Edition of cricket league of IPS held during ANCIPS 2019 and performed well during the tournament. Our members put up a grand participation during ANCIPS 2019. Our presence was palpable through the conference, be it at the academic platform, competitive platform or cultural activity platform. We at the EC extend our appreciation to all the active participants of this conference from the zone.

The next ANCIPS 2020 with the theme "Smart Psychiatry in Digital Era" will be held on 22nd -25th January 2020 at the Biswa Bangla Convention Centre, Kolkata. Dr. R. R. Ghosh Roy and Dr. Gautam Saha and his team have shouldered the responsibility of organizing this annual event at Kolkata.

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The National Mid-Term CME 2019 will be held at JSS Medical College, Mysuru, Karnataka from 9th to 11th August 2019 with the theme "Mind and Sex".

The 29th IPSWZB Mid Term CME will be hosted by Indian Psychiatric Society Nashik branch on 27th and 28th April 2018 at Hotel Emerald Park, Nashik. Dr. Umesh Nagapurkar, Dr. Hemant Sonanis and Dr. Mahesh Bhirud are at the helm of a dynamic organizing team and the team is tirelessly and passionately working for a very successful academic event. The theme of this academic feast has been finalized as "Clinical Pearls for Practice". The Medical Council accreditation has been applied for. A detailed scientific program with all the details will be reaching you all soon. As I write this communication to you all we have already received significant number (about 150) of registrations for the CME.

The 50th (**Golden Jubilee**) Annual conference of our zone will be hosted by IPS Thane Branch from 11th to 13th October 2019 to be held at the beautiful CIDCO Convention Centre, Navi Mumbai. Dr. Deepak Rathod and his team have taken the responsibility of our zonal mega annual event and is working hard to make this event a grand success and a memorable one. This conference will also get accreditation from Maharashtra Medical Council.

Our zonal website is being updated on a regular basis about the events, updates and news. "Annals of Indian Psychiatry" official journal of IPS WZB has already come up with two online issues and is on path to become a regular, popular and indexed scientific circulation. We have been successfully able to file Income Tax returns for the year 2017-18.

The President and zonal office extend our best wishes once again for the New Year, 2019 and hope this New Year brings in prosperity, happiness and health in our lives and lives of our patients as well. Looking forward to meeting you all during our Mid Term CME at Nashik.

Long Live IPSWZB

Regards

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