



Minutes of the General body meeting held on 30th of November 2017 at Mayfair Convention , Bhubaneswar

One minute silent prayer was observed for Dr. Chirag Bhatt by all the members

1. Dr. Raja Narayanan, Honorary secretary of VRSI informed all the members attending the GBM that 62 applications had been received for membership of VRSI. They were proposed as new members of the VRSI by Dr. S Natrajan and seconded by Dr. Kashyap. List of new members attached.
2. Travel grants shall be given to 5 members next year and this was proposed by Dr. Manisha Agarwal and seconded by Dr. Abhishek Kothari
3. Dr. Raja Narayanan congratulated Dr. Vishali and her team for releasing the newsletter on time and releasing the 3rd edition during the current VRSI conference. He also informed the members regarding the three CMEs on diabetic retinopathy held in the last one year.
4. All the members were informed regarding the initiative taken by VRSI for reimbursement of intravitreal injections and it is being taken forward by FICCI and IRDA
5. Dr. Sudhir Salhotra and Dr. S.K Sharma were thanked for hosting the mid term VRSI 2017 at Palampur.
6. Dr. Raja Narayanan said that we need to develop our own practice patterns under the leadership of Dr. A Giridhar.

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7. Dr. Ajay Aurora was thanked for his contribution to make the payment gate of VRSI successful.
8. Dr. Prashant Bawankule and Dr. Manisha Agarwal were thanked for their contribution in conducting various DR camps in different parts of the country and the need to generate database of diabetic retinopathy patients.
9. All the members were informed that the job portal was functioning well and several members have taken advantage of it.
10. FM radio campaign for spreading awareness of Diabetic retinopathy had been very successful with a very widespread reach
11. All the members were informed that VRSI 2019 will be held in Lucknow
12. Private member resolution was raised by Dr. Saurabh Luthra who said to consider holding VRSI meetings in neighboring countries and this was proposed by Dr. Anand Rajendran and seconded by Dr. Mangat Dogra. He also mentioned that SAARC members and African countries should be offered the same registration fees as VRSI members. They should be encouraged to become VRSI members.
13. Treasurer's report was presented by Dr. Hemanth Murthy. He informed all the members that there is 1.4 crore with an interest money of 8.9 lacs approximately and FDR worth 80 lacs. A non-conference expenditure of 9.27 lacs was incurred this year. He shared the balance sheet of 2016 with all the members and this was proposed by Dr. Vasumathy and seconded by Dr. Raj Kumar.

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14. Report of Convenor scientific committee was presented by Dr. Vishali Gupta – she informed all the members regarding the active participation of VRSI in EURETINA at Barcelona, Spain and EGVR next year at Luxor, ASCRS and APVRS. She informed that this time opportunity had been given to several new members of VRSI for presentation in the annual VRSI conference. She informed that already 22 international faculty have confirmed their participation in the next year annual conference at Jaipur-2018. This was proposed by Dr. Patnaik and seconded by Dr. Ajay Aurora.
15. Dr. Nam Young Researcher award was for VRSI members aged less than 40 years by 31st of Dec 2018 and last date of applying is 31st of July 2018 for the same. It was decided by all the members that there should be a proof of the age submitted with the application along with one publication of the research done. Dr. Raja Narayanan informed everyone that the corpus money will be 5 lac rupees for this award as decided earlier.
16. Dr. R.K Sharma made a presentation regarding the annual VRSI conference to be held next year from 29th Nov-1st Dec 2018 at Mariott Hotel, Jaipur. He informed regarding the availability of capacity of conference halls and adequate accommodation facilities for all the delegates attending the conference.

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