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Message from Dr. Sanku Rao, President, GAPIO



First off I would like to thank Dr. Subramanian Somasundaram, Founder & CEO, Eurasian Federation of Oncology (EAF0), who has done a phenomenal job planning the 2016 midyear GAPIO conference in Moscow with the chief guest at the meeting being the Indian Ambassador to the Russian Federation, H.E. Mr. Pankaj Saran. At the conference, GAPIO teamed up with EAF0 to hold a summit on non-communicable diseases with experts from all over the world who participated actively in the program. From the meeting we are laying out future plans to address the issue of cervical cancer in India.

GAPIO is continuing to spread its wings and now has members in 32 countries with the latest addition being South Africa. In May I took a team of doctors to meet Indian physicians in the South African communities of Johannesburg and Durban. We were met with high optimism in coming together as only the Indian diaspora can do and address several major health issues that are of the highest concern in the country. From the immense spirit we were met with, we have decided the country would be a prime location to hold one of our future midyear conferences. As evidenced from our South Africa trip, we continue to incite tremendous energy from new Indian physicians from all of the globe and increase our levels of engagement as well as members.

With that said, I want to extend a personal invitation to all of you to come to the annual GAPIO convention January, 7-8, 2017 at Park Hyatt Hotel in Hyderabad. We have a very wonderful team of physicians who are working hard to put on an excellent scientific program, and I am excited that this will be our best annual convention so far on the GAPIO journey. See you in Hyderabad.

Dr. Sanku Rao
President

Message from Dr. Ramesh Mehta, Vice President, GAPIO



We had a very successful midyear conference in Moscow! Soma and team deserve congratulations! Touring Moscow was a very pleasant experience and St Petersburg was a bonus!

While we contemplate various projects to support health care in India, we look forward to our next Annual Conference in Hyderabad. I know our President Sanku Rao is working hard to ensure a successful conference.

With one of our objectives being skills development for health care workers we are planning several preconference workshops on Friday the 6th of January 2017. These include Breast Screening, Basic Life support and use of ultrasound in resuscitation. Details will be on web site shortly.

We are keen to promote monitoring, Regulation and Audit in Indian Health care. If you have projects or suggestions, please do get in touch.

I am delighted to welcome appointment of country heads in 19 countries. I am sure this will assist us in supporting doctors in those areas. I am glad to note a steady growth in membership numbers.

I hope you are on GAPIO face book page. If not please do join.

I look forward to seeing you in Hyderabad

Ramesh Mehta
Vice President

Glimpses of GAPIO MID YEAR MEET 2016 at Moscow, Russian Federation



Chief Guest Ambassador Pankaj Saran (5th from right) with Dr. Sanku Rao, President (4th from right), Dr. Ramesh Mehta, V-P (4th from left), and Dr. Anupam Sibal, Secretary General (3rd from right) of GAPIO



Ambassador Pankaj Saran lighting the lamp.



Dr. Sanku Rao, President - GAPIO, presenting addressing the audience



Dr. Sanku Rao, President - GAPIO, memento to Ambassador Pankaj Saran



Ambassador Pankaj Saran giving GAPIO Special Appreciation Award to Dr. Somasundaram



Ambassador Pankaj Saran with Dr. Sanku Rao, President – GAPIO and Dr. A K Tandon, Honorary Advisor - GAPIO

Message from Dr. Anupam Sibal, Secretary General, GAPIO



GAPIO Midyear Meet 2016 at Moscow, was very well organized. The credit goes to Dr. Somasundaram and his team that managed the conference so capably. My congratulations to the team for organising such a wonderful conference.

We thank His Excellency Ambassador Pankaj Saran who accepted invitation to inaugurate the GAPIO Midyear Meet 2016 as Chief Guest.

GAPIO is growing steadily since its inception in 2011. It has now representation from 32 countries and members from 25 states of India.

GAPIO is collaborating with the VI International Patient Safety Congress (IPSC), which will held on 21st – 22nd October 2016 at ITC Grand Chola Chennai.

On behalf of Executive Committee of GAPIO, I am delighted to invite our distinguished members to attend the VII Annual conference of Global Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (GAPIO), scheduled to be held on 7th – 8th January 2017 at Park Hyatt, Hyderabad.

Dr. Anupam Sibal
Secretary General
Group Medical Director – Apollo Hospitals

Editorial Message by Dr. Bipin Batra, Editor, GAPIO



In the past two decades, implementation of IT in healthcare has come a long way from managing billing and inventory to clinical decision support systems to big patient and clinical data analysis.

Healthcare services today are witnessing a paradigm transition of managing health conditions with power of high end computing, connectivity between the technical systems and data mining from healthcare systems, connectivity between machines and data sets across institutions and geographies. This is coupled with a dynamic and nearly instantaneous access to information, high speed data production, aggregation of information and knowledge discovery at a rapid pace.

This has led to Artificial Intelligence i.e. reliance on technical systems to analyse big data and solve complex problems or provide inputs into processes in a human like output but in much less time and resources humans would take. The applications of Artificial Intelligence are towards cognitive sciences, robotics and natural interface applications.

Deciphering Genetic Algorithms and their applications for disease profiling and possible role in disease prevention. The neural networks, creation of sophisticated bionics and applications of visual perception, tactility, dexterity and locomotion have already reached advanced stage of application for the mankind. Speech recognition, multisensory interfaces and virtual reality are areas where newer applications are being developed and big investments are channelized.

This raises a very pertinent question, are the healthcare systems ready to contribute for development of AI and VR applications and on the other hand, are the medical professionals ready for enhanced deployment of AI and VR in their day to day practice. There is certainly no better time than now to make our medical graduates and resident doctors prepared to accept AI and VR for the best way to prepare for tomorrow is to start now.

(Prof. Dr. Bipin Batra)
Executive Editor – GAPIO Times.

Glimpses of GAPIO MID YEAR MEET 2016 at Moscow, Russian Federation



Delegates from Australia



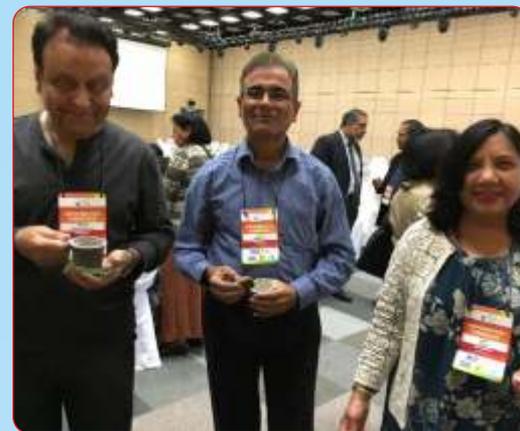
Delegates from UK and India



Delegates from USA



Delegates interacting during conference



Delegates from Australia



Registration Desk



GAPIO President Dr. Sanku Rao from USA with delegates

Moscow Conference Highlights

1. GAPIO MID-YEAR MEET 2016 has concluded on 6th and 7th July 2016 at Moscow, Russian Federation in collaboration with Eurasian Federation of Oncology (EAF0).
2. The GAPIO MID-YEAR MEET 2016 was inaugurated by H.E. Ambassador Pankaj Saran. "We should all work to strengthen the links between India and Russian Federation" said Ambassador Pankaj Saran.
3. Ambassador advised that there is need to focus on increasing the awareness about NCDs and Cancer.
4. Other prominent dignitaries included Mr. Kirill Kaem, Executive Director of SK Bio Med (Skolkovo Innovations Foundation).
5. Reputed international faculty included Dr. Jatin Shah, Dr. Raghu Ram Pillarisetti, Dr. Surender Reddy Neravetla, Dr. Brahma Sharma, Dr. Suneeta Mittal, Dr. Vijaya Rajakumari, Dr. Diensh Pendarkar and Dr. Chandrasekar Coonoor who addresses the delegates.
6. More than 150 delegates participated in the conference. Delegates travelled long distances within Russia and overseas to help GAPIO achieve its objectives.
7. Impressive feedback has been received from delegates who have appreciated the scientific content of sessions.

Feedbacks from prominent guests and delegates

"The conference was informative and worth the time. The primary goal of this conference was to bring together global diaspora of Indian doctors from around the world in an open dialogue, under one roof to discuss the issue of NCDs facing our world and to develop possible strategies. I want to thank the organizers and all delegates for making the conference a success." **said Dr. Sanku Rao, President of GAPIO.**

"Diverse and dynamic group of speakers and panelists provided in-depth insight in to current clinical and management issues. Intensive discussion on actionable and practical tools of engagement models, methods and mechanisms (3Ms) was very useful. We are pleased to note that there was broad agreement on use of 3M strategy in key areas such as: healthcare, education and outreach." **said Dr. Ramesh Mehta, Vice-President of GAPIO.** He congratulated the hosts for an excellent conference.

"Dr. Somasundaram and your team, this is to express appreciation of your incomparable hospitality and the great GAPIO conference you ran so capably." **said Dr. Anupam Sibal, Secretary General, GAPIO.**

"Your presence helped to make this event a great success and your enthusiasm and positive spirit helped make our time together both productive and fun". **said Dr. Somasundaram Subramanian, Founder & CEO, EAF0.**

"Thank you so much for having me here at the GAPIO MID YEAR MEET 2016. Thank you for inviting me to speak on "Effectiveness of clinically integrated –learning course in evidence-based medicine for reproductive health training: A cluster randomized controlled trial", the reputation of the Global Association of Physicians of Indian Origin increases every day." **said Dr. Suneeta Mittal, Director & Head, Deptt. Of OBGY, Fortis Hospital, Gurgaon.**

"Thank you for all you did to make participation in this Conference so easy, pleasurable and rewarding." **Said Dr. Vijaya Rajakumari, Renal Transplant Surgeon, Apollo Hospital, New Delhi.**

"Congratulations on the fine Conference you organized. It was rich in content and valuable in creating better understanding of the issues that were discussed." **Said Mr. Anwar Feroz, Honorary Advisor, GAPIO.**

"Thanks a lot for your invitation to such a wonderful Conference in Moscow. We have benefited a lot from this event." Delegate

"My congratulations to you on organizing an outstanding Conference. I thoroughly enjoyed my short time in Moscow and I benefitted from all of the sessions that I attended." **Delegate**

"Congratulations for an excellent Conference with an amazing program, great speakers and fantastic food. You did a great job." **Delegate**

Feedbacks from members

"Congratulations to you and the team on another successful endeavor. Look forward to seeing all of you in Hyderabad." **Dr. Rita Raman**

"Glad you all had a good meeting in Moscow. Looking forward to January meet at Hyderabad." **Dr. Ravi Bathina**

"Kudos for another feat! Looking forward to the next edition." **Dr. Anjan Bhattacharya**

"My heartiest congratulations to you , the President & the Secretary General for the fruitful efforts put in to make it a memorable event." **Dr. Sandip Mukerjee**

"It was indeed a great experience of my first ever overseas conference with GAPIO. Very well organized and well conducted. The scientific sessions were very pertinent and well presented.

Thank you very much for giving me a chance to be a part of the delegation. Looking forward to meet you." **Dr. Indira Surendra Jain**



Dr B C Roy National Awards presented to 3 members of Global Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (GAPIO)



President Pranab Mukherjee with Union Health Minister J P Nadda, President, Medical Council of India (MCI) Dr Jaysree Ben Mehta and the recipients of Dr B C Roy National Awards at Rashtrapati Bhavan, in New Delhi on July 1, 2016.

Gapio Members, Dr. Subash Gupta and Dr. Yash Gulati have been conferred with The Prestigious Dr. B.C. Roy National Award



President Pranab Mukherjee presented Dr B C Roy National Awards to 25 eminent doctors at Rashtrapati Bhavan on the occasion of Doctors' Day on July 1. Out of which following three doctors are members of Global Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (GAPIO) .

1. Dr. Subash Gupta – Liver Transplant Surgeon
2. Dr. Yash Gulati – Orthopaedic Surgeon
3. Dr. A K Kriplani – Laparoscopic and Bariatric Surgeon

The Dr B C Roy National Award Fund was instituted in 1962 to perpetuate memory of Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy who was the second chief minister of West Bengal. He was an alumnus of the Medical College of Calcutta and completed his FRCS and MRCP simultaneously within two years and three months in England. After graduation, he joined provincial health service and exhibited immense dedication and hard work. He was the first President of the Medical Council of India (MCI).

The Award is presented to a distinguished medical person in each of the categories of Statesmanship of the Highest Order, Medical Person-cum-Satesman, Eminent Medical Person, Eminent Person in Philosophy (including Socio-Medical Relief) and Eminent Person in Arts (including Research).

Member's Corner

GAPIO Member, Dr. K Ganapathy, appointment as Emeritus Professor eHealth The Tamilnadu DRMGR Medical University



Dr. K. Ganapathy, President, Apollo Telemedicine Networking Foundation, Director, Apollo Tele Health Services, Past President, Telemedicine Society of India, Past President, Indian Society for Stereotactic & Functional Neurosurgery, Former Secretary and Past President Neurological Society of India and Formerly Adjunct Professor IIT Madras & Anna University Madras has been appointed as **Honorary Emeritus Professor** in the TNMGR Medical University in the field of eHealth.

This is the first formal appointment in this discipline that the university with the oldest medical colleges in the country has recognized a consultant in this field.

Dr. K Ganapathy said that with the assistance of the Vice Chancellor he will do his best to make the institutions in Tamil Nadu under the university embrace telehealth.

South Asian Health report by Dr. Arun Garg Executive Committee member from CANADA



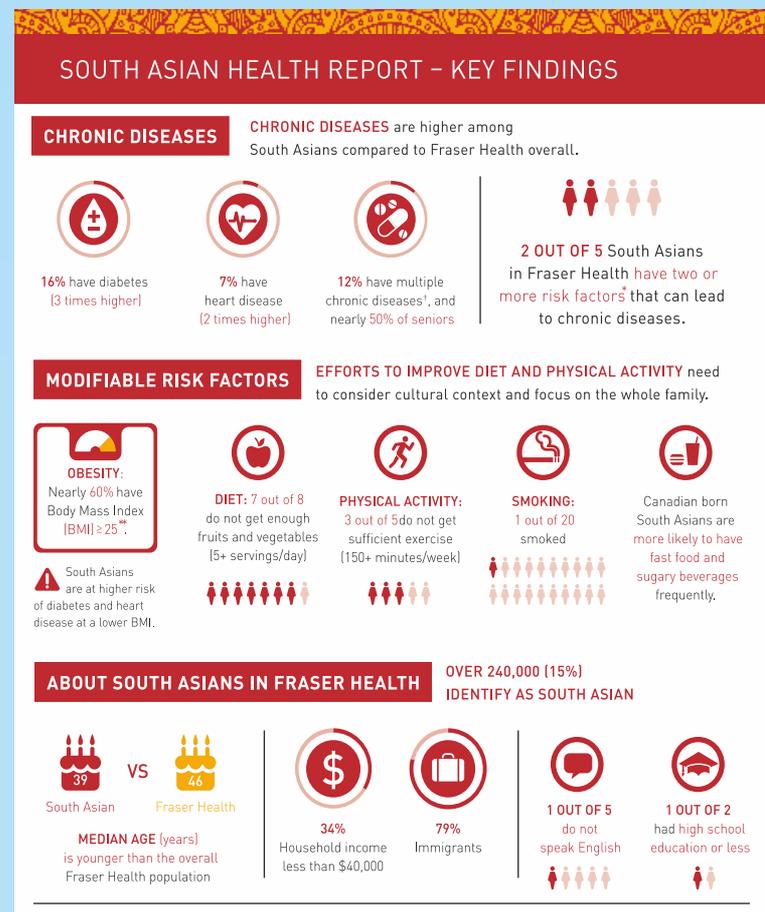
The purpose of this report is to provide Fraser Health planners, decision makers and community stakeholders with information about health status, health behaviours and health care access among Fraser Health residents of South Asian descent compared to the overall Fraser Health population, to inform strategies

that can improve South Asian health.

A focused and integrated population health approach towards chronic diseases and their risk factors is essential to reduce the burden of chronic diseases on individuals, communities and the health care system. To this end, this report provides a population-based assessment of South Asian health in our region.

KEY FINDINGS OF THE REPORT:

- ◆ Nearly 1 in 8 Fraser Health residents identify as South Asian.
- ◆ South Asians mainly reside in Surrey, Abbotsford and Delta, where they make up an estimated 34%, 22% and 17% of the local population, respectively (National Household Survey).
- ◆ Among South Asians, roughly 1 in 4 have been living in Canada for 10 years or less.
- ◆ The South Asian population in Fraser Health is significantly younger compared to the overall Fraser Health population with 51% under 40 years of age.
- ◆ Roughly 1 in 5 South Asian residents in Fraser Health do not speak English; other than English the most commonly spoken language is Punjabi (68%).
- ◆ South Asians in Fraser Health typically live in larger, multigenerational households compared to the overall population.



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