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NEWS LETTER

Dear Members,

Warm Greetings !



The recently concluded *AROICON-2006* at Varanasi saw the New Executive Committee assuming office. In **Dr. Shyam K. Shrivastava** we have a new, young, dynamic President, brimming with fresh experience as the Chairman of ICRO. Under his able Chairmanship, ICRO achieved many landmarks and I am sure with this valuable experience, his personal capabilities and the able support of our Secretary General **Dr. Rajesh Vashistha** and other Executive Committee Members, Dr. Shrivastava would lead our association to new heights. Let us extend our full support to Dr. Shrivastava, Dr. Vashistha and their team members in their endeavor to run the matters of our association in a smooth manner.

I also take this opportunity to thank the honorable members for giving me an opportunity to serve the association as its President for the last two years. I have put in my best efforts to live up to all your expectations and community with at most dignity and pride. I must also thank our Secretary General and all the EC member who have done an excellent job and extended their full cooperation to me during my tenure.

With regards

Dr. G.K. RATH

President, 2004-2006 AROI
IRCH, AIIMS

Happy New Year 2007

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Dear Colleagues,
HAPPY NEW YEAR 2007



For the President desk.....

It is my pride, privilege and satisfaction to be associated with AROI for nearly twenty-five years. I would like to place my humble appreciation for the erstwhile Presidents, Secretaries General and all executive members of AROI, who have nurtured the Association for so many years. I would like to thank all AROI members, for giving me this opportunity to serve AROI for next two years.

As you know the radiation oncology is passing through a fascinating stage. It is encouraging to see that the number of centres in India are procuring and updating new technology. I am also conscious of the fact that a large majority of the centres still lack them and this will be a real challenge to bridge the gulf. My predecessors have already embarked on this program and NCCP has provided good budget in XI plan. This will be my main thrust to try to find optimal solutions to address this need and also promote indigenisation of basic technology.

The continuing education and research areas are extremely important aspects in today's context when we have to stand and complete in international scientific forum. The radiotherapy industry has been very cooperative but need to put more efforts in research and scientific arena. It is high time for us, to do real soul searching and explore as to why we cannot join together and conduct collaborative multi centric studies at a larger scale. Needless to say, I will be looking forward towards your active cooperation in these areas. However, this will not be an easy task; we all have to involve in stock taking and audit ourselves. Collectively, let us provide high values and emancipation individually and take AROI to greater glory. I look forward for your suggestions, options, critics, recommendations and advice to strengthen of AROI. New fellowships have been offered and members should utilize them judiciously for academic enhancement and enriching science in India. We all have to collectively work for quality assurance in radiation oncology and evaluate and improve training for medical physics and radiotherapy technologist for our country.

I would request in view all to update your postal and email addresses with Dr. Rajesh Vashistha, Secretary General, AROI (drvashistha@gmail.com) and cc to me at sshyam@mtnl.net.in Regularly visit our website www.ROI.org and suggest for its improvement in view of being interactive and more attractive.

with best personal regards

Your Sincerely

S K SHRIVASTAVA

IN MEMORY OF DR. P.K. MOHANTA

Dr. Pradeep Kumar Mohanta (1961-2006)

Left for heavenly abode on 3rd October 2006, He was associated with Maulana Azad Medical College, as a professor in the department of Radiotherapy, He was a sincere and dedicated Physician, His keen interest in Radiobiology & Research earned him a great respect at such a young age and approval of project by UGC. His study on "Indian Ewing's Sarcoma" was awarded at International Congress of Radiation Oncology organized by International Society of Radiation Oncology at Melbourne, Australia.

His untimely demise has created a big void in the field of Radiation Oncology which will take years to fill. He is survived by wife, daughter & Son.

May his soul remain in eternal peace.



1961-2006

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

National Conferences

January 6th & 7th 2007 : XXVIII ICHS International Meeting Mumbai, India

Indian Association for Hyperthermic Oncology and Medicine
C/o. Dr Nagraj G. Huilgol, Chief Radiation Oncologist Nanavati Hospital,
Vile Parel (W) Mumbai 400056 (India)
M.: 9820450969 E-mail : nagrajh@vsnl.net
website : www.scraci.com

Feb / March 2007 : IV AROI Rajasthan State Chapter Conference

Org. by. Dr. D.P. Singh Prof. & Head Department of Radiotherapy &
Oncology, R.N.T. Medical College, Udaipur
Resi. : D-27, Hospital Campus, Udaipur-313001.
Tel.: 0294-2524832, M: 09414263400
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March 31st & 1 April 2007 : 6th International Conference on Cervical Cancer Current Management & Future Direction

Org. by. Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute And Research Centre, Delhi-110085 (India)
Tel. No.: 91-11-64507776, 91-11-47022424
E-mail : rgcon07@gmail.com
website : www.rgci.org

November 29th to December 2nd 2007 : National Conference of AROI

Org. by. Dr. Rai Memorial Cancer Institute
562, Anna Salai Teynampet, Chennai - 600018 Tamil Nadu, India
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E-mail: infoicon2007chennai@yahoo.com
website : www.aroicon2007chennai.org.in

Your suggestions for the betterment of scientific session in the forthcoming AROICON 2007 are welcome.

BEST PAPER AWARDS FELLOWSHIP AROICON 2006

Parvati Devi Gold Medal	Dr. J.M. Pinto Gold Medal	Medical Physicists Section
Dr. Rohini Khurana	Dr. Narendra Kumar	Mr. Anil Kumar Mourya
SGPGI, Lucknow	SGPGI, Lucknow	SGPGI, Lucknow

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PGIMER Chandigarh	

Dr. Lucy Pattanayak	Dr. Pooja K. Nandwani
AHRCC, Cuttack	GCRI Ahmedabad

International Conferences

January 09-13 : 6th Annual Meeting of the Israeli Society for Clinical Oncology and Radiation Therapy (ISCORT)

Eilat, Israel : Israel Society for Clinical Oncology and Radiation Therapy (ISCORT)
Ramat-Gan, Israel
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Feb. 06-09 : 18th : International Congress on Anti-Cancer Treatment (ICACT)

Paris, France : Service d' Oncologie Medicale, Salpetriere Hospital
C/o. TCO Medi Holding
Paris, France
Tel.: +33 1 42 94 87 32 Fax +33 1 42 94 87 33
info@icact.com
www.icact.com

Feb. 22-24 : International Meeting on Innovative Approaches in Head and Neck Oncology

Barcelona, Spain : European Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology (ESTRO)
Brussels, Belgium
Tel.: +32 2 775 9345 Fax +32 2 779 5494
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Feb. 24-02 : 6th Masterclass in Clinical Oncology

St Julians, Malta : European School of Oncology Bellinzona, Switzerland
Tel.: +41 91 811 8050 Fax +41 91 811 8051
eso2@esoncerworld.org/eso

Mar 06-08 : International Conference on Recent Advances in the Management of Head and Neck Cancer

Kuwait City, Kuwait
Department of Surgical Oncology
Husain Makki Al-Juma Centre for Specialized Surgery Ministry of Health
Kuwait City, Kuwait
info@hnc2007.com
www.hnc2007.com

Mar 06-10 : 4th International Conference Tumour Microenvironment, Progression Therapy and Prevention

Florence, Italy
International Cancer Microenvironment Society
Tel Aviv, Israel
Tel.: +972 3 640 6979 Fax +972 3 640 6905
ipwitz@post.tau.ac.il

Mar 14-17 : 10th International Conference on Primary Therapy of Early Breast Cancer

St Gallen, Switzerland
St Gallen Oncology Conferences (PBC 2007)
C/o. Centre for Tumour Detection, Prevention and Treatment, St Gallen, Switzerland
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FROM THE DESK OF ORGANISERS, AROICON-2006

AROICON-2006, the 28th Annual Conference of the Association of Radiation Oncologists of India was held at Varanasi under the auspices of the Department of Radiotherapy and Radiation Medicine, Institute of Medical Sciences, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, during 30 November - 3 December, 2006. This is the 2nd time that IMS, BHU has hosted the Annual AROI Conference; the first time was when the 2nd Annual conference was hosted here way back in 1978. The venue of the conference was the Swatantrata Bhawan auditorium of BHU. The Indian College of Radiation Oncology (ICRO) CME which had the theme of “**Optimizing Cancer Care**” was held on 30th November, 2006. The pre lunch session was on **Genitourinary Cancer-Prostate** and the delivered lectures dealt with the various modalities of treatment of Cancer Prostate. The post lunch session on **Cancer Research** had lectures on Need for Cancer Research and Methodology and Status of Cancer Research in India. Then there was a session on Targeted Therapy in Cancer. The inauguration of the 28th AROI was held at 6pm of 30th November, 2006. More than 450 delegates (about 600 participants including associate delegates and trade delegates) attended AROICON-2006. As a rough guide to the events, there were two orations and one memorial lecture. In all there were 7 morning lectures, 39 Plenary lectures, 4 special lectures which were sponsored by various companies, all spread over 3 days. Forty-two National faculties and 13 International faculties delivered the various orations, guest lectures, plenary lectures and participated in the panel discussions. The two orations of the association took place on the morning of 1st December, 2006. Prof. Solomon Padam Singh oration was delivered by Prof. John Yarnold of the Royal Marsden NHS Trust, Sutton, UK. Prof. PK Haldar oration was delivered by Dr. Nagraj G. Huilgol of Nanavati Hospital, Mumbai. Prof. Rangi Prasad Singh Memorial lecture was delivered on the morning of 2nd December, 2006 by the famous radiation biologist of our country, Prof. P. Uma Devi. The three panel discussions on the cancers that are common in our country, i.e. cervix, head and neck and breast were nicely organized and generated a lot of enthusiasm both among the participants and the audience. There has been a very good response to the call for papers and 85 papers were received for presentation. All the papers have been evaluated independently by multiple referees blinded regarding the presenter or the institution. On the basis of this evaluation, 40 papers had been put in the oral paper sessions and 45 papers found place in the poster sessions spread over two days. Fifteen papers had been received through the Secretary General for the best paper session. Two best posters each from the two poster sessions were taken up for oral presentation on 3rd December, 2006. The best paper session which had 15 entries, was held on 2nd December. The General Body Meeting of the Association was held in the evening of 2nd December, 2006. The Oncology quiz had entries from 18 teams from different institutions. The preliminary round of the quiz was held on the 2nd December and on the basis of this, five teams were called upon to participate in the finals conducted on 3rd December, 2006. The quiz was hosted and conducted by Prof. Vivek Kaushal of Rohtak, Dr. Punita Lal from SGPGI, Lucknow, Dr. T. Ganesh of AIIMS, New Delhi and Dr. K.J. Maria Das of SGPGI. Apart from the scientific feast that was organized, the participants thoroughly enjoyed the evening cultural programme, visit to the nearby places like Sarnath, Ramnagar Fort., Sangam at Allahabad etc. and the early morning boat ride on the Ganges. The conference ended following the valedictory function on the afternoon of 3rd December, 2006.

The organizers have informed that for those who have not been able attend the conference, copies of the proceedings can be obtained by post by sending a request to:

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Institute of Medical Sciences,
Banaras Hindu University,
Varanasi-221 005, Uttar Pradesh
E.mail: udayshahi@yahoo.com**

MINUTES OF GENERAL BODY MEETING

Annual 'General Body Meeting' of AROI for the year 2006-2007

Date: Saturday, 2nd December 2006

Time: 6:00 p.m onwards

Venue: Swatantra Bhavan, BHU, Varanasi

The meeting was presided over by Prof G K Rath, President, AROI

OBITUARY

Dr P K Mohanta, Professor at LNJP Hospital, New Delhi and an active life-member of the Association untimely passed away on Oct 3, 2006. President read out the obituary note sent by Dr Kishore Singh. It was followed by one-minute silence in remembrance of the departed soul.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS GBMs

Minutes of previous GBM held at Ahmedabad 2005 and Extraordinary GBM held at Mumbai 2006 were put for confirmation. Dr Arvind Verma raised question, asking the purpose of 'Extraordinary GBM' at Mumbai 2006. He was informed about the constitutional amendments and change of degree. Minutes were confirmed. Proposed by Dr MK Mahajan and seconded by Dr JK Singh

3. REPORT OF CENTRAL OFFICE

Secretary General informed the house that ICRO and SUN Oncology have started teaching programs for Post-Graduate students in radiotherapy. This will be held twice a year preferably in the teaching institutions. ICRO will send circular to the 'Heads of the Department' for participation in these teaching courses. The students will be nominated through their 'Heads of the Department' to ICRO. SUN Oncology will provide unrestricted educational grant for 3 years initially. This will cover travel, accommodation and food expenses for the participants. Later one or two students may be selected to participate in the International workshops outside India. Venue of these teaching activities to be decided by Central headquarters.

Secretary General informed that at present the membership strength is 1051. The house appreciated the efforts of Secretary General. Proposed by Dr RK Vyas seconded by Dr MK Gupta.

4. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS IN CONSTITUTION

Dr Subir Ganguly put forth following amendments

Membership: Annual membership for AROI to be discontinued and only 'Active membership' to be offered as "Life Membership" All members accepted the proposal. Admission Fee of Rs. 50/- to be raised to Rs 500

While discussing Dr Mahajan suggested Rs. 100/-, Dr OP Singh Rs 250/- and Dr. Asthana Rs. 500/- for admission fee:

Raising hands did voting and Rs 500/- was passed as admission fee. Life Membership fee to be raised to Rs 3000/-.

Dr RK Vyas suggested Rs 2000, Dr A Verma Rs 2000, and Dr UP Shahi Rs 5000. Finally with raise of hand voting it was accepted with majority to be Rs 2000 life membership fee. For Student member proposed fee Rs 2000. Students may be enrolled as "Provisional Life Members" after a payment of Rs 2500 (Rs 2000 fee + Rs 500 admission fee) but without voting right. Once they obtain the Post-Graduate degree they will be considered for "Life Member". Dr R Jalali asked for voting rights from the day of membership. He was suggested to send a proposal for constitutional amendment.

Overseas members existing fee US\$ 250/-

It was accepted to increase to US\$ 300.

For SAARC countries

SAARC countries members may obtain membership in the same rates as their Indian counterparts by paying fee in Indian rupees.

Proposed by Dr JK Singh seconded by Dr OP Singh.

b. Roll Call

The word Roll Call to be replaced by 'signature for attendance'

Proposed by Dr R Kapoor and Seconded by Dr RK Vyas

c. Quorum

Existing is 20%, it was proposed for 'Annual GBM' for 25 members other than Central office bearers and for 'Extra ordinary GBM' to be 25 members other than Central office Bearers and for 'Requisition GBM' it should be 50 Members

All accepted the proposal.

Proposed by Dr A Verma seconded by Dr Asthana.

d. Conference

Conference to be given to Chapter/ Institution and not to any individual. Proposal accepted by all A chapter willing to host conference to apply before Oct 31st with a refundable fee of Rs 10,000 to Secretary General. No application to be accepted without money. Members debated and this change was not accepted. Registration fee to be decided by local organizing committee and get it approved in preceding year GBM. Accepted by all members. Proposed by Dr A Verma, seconded by Dr Gopal Reddy

5. CHANGE IN NAME OF DEGREE

Dr PK Julka had proposed to name the degree as 'Radiotherapy and Oncology'. Dr Rajiv Sarin proposed 'Clinical Oncology' since this name is being used in UK. Dr Mahajan and Dr Ayyagiri objected and stressed to retain the word 'Radiotherapy'. Voting was done by hand raising and house favored Clinical oncology. Dr A Verma proposed to pursue National Board of Examinations to change the name of degree. Dr. Rath mentioned that the syllabus has already been submitted to MCI. It was decided that new Executive committee would make utmost effort to change the name of degree to clinical oncology so as to allow Radiotherapy degree holders to practice Radiotherapy and chemotherapy. Same sub committee to continue for this purpose.

6. FELLOWSHIPS

Proposals for new fellowships

'Puranik/Pradhan Overseas Fellowship': Dr Arun Puranik, (Radiation Oncologist at Josephine Ford Cancer Center, Brownston, USA) & Dr Deepak Pradhan LM186 (Radiation Oncologist at Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, USA) met Dr SK Shrivastava at ASTRO conference, Philadelphia on 8th November 2006 and proposed a fellowship of US\$ 3000 (US Dollar Three Thousand) every year for 5 years. One candidate can stay for nearly one month at any Centre in USA. AROI will be free for selection of candidate and candidates will be free to choose the institution for training with the guidance and supervision from AROI. The AROI will monitor the progress and status of fellowship.

'Nucletron-AROI Overseas Travel Grant': Mr. B. Viswanathan, Managing Director, Nucletron India informed Dr. SK Shrivastava that Nucletron India is keen to offer a Travel grant for AROI members. He mentioned that Nucletron would offer Rs 1,00,000 (Rupees One Lakh) every year for 3 years initially.

'Best-AROI Fellowship Award': Mr. Manny R. Subramanian, Director, Research & Development, Best Medical International, Springfield, USA proposed to Dr. SK Shrivastava for a fellowship of Rs 50,000 for five candidates @ Rs 10,000 each for training within India. But members suggested having this amount for one candidate and for training abroad. The formal proposal for travel and amount is awaited from Mr. Subramanian. Members agreed to accept all three proposals. The AROI members are thankful to sponsor for their generous support. Executive members will do further decisions and other details.

7. BUDGET

Treasurer Dr Parveen presented budget of 2005-2006 of AROI. Proposed Budget for 0 2006-2007 was also put forth. Budget was passed; Proposed by Dr Mahajan seconded by Dr R Kapoor.

8. ELECTION RESULTS

Secretary General informed the results of AROI and ICRO elections

President AROI elected Dr SK Shrivastava, Mumbai

Senior Vice President Dr DP Aggarwal, Jaipur

Junior Vice President elected Dr MLB Bhatt, Lucknow

ICRO chairman Dr PK Sur, Kolkata

ICRO vice chairman Dr SN Senapati, Cuttack

Secretary ICRO Dr Vijay Anand Reddy, Hyderabad

Nominated members : Joint Secretary: Dr. Rakesh Jalali, Mumbai

Member (Medical Physics): Dr. DD Deshpande, Mumbai

Member from DAE (AERB, RP&AD or BARC etc.): Mr. SD Sharma

All secretaries from state chapter are members of central council.

9. VENUE FOR 30TH CONFERENCE OF AROI

Secretary General informed to have received applications from following

Jamshedpur - application not through 'state chapter of AROI' and therefore was not accepted

Patna- 'Mahavir Cancer Sansthan'

Bhopal – 'Jawahar Lal Nehru Cancer Hospital' - Already withdrawn

Mumbai- 'Tata Memorial Hospital' and 'Maharashtra State Chapter of AROI'

Patna withdrew its bid and TMH Mumbai was given the opportunity to host 30th Conference at Mumbai.

10. NEW ORATIONS

Letter regarding proposal for a new oration in memory of 'Dr Pant' was received. Members debated regarding the proposal.

Dr KT Bhowmik informed the house that the 'Kilara committee report' suggested not to add any further oration to

AROI annual conference. This report has been accepted by AROI-GB. However, the AROI executive committee was given

task to look into the proposal and take decision especially keeping in mind the functioning of AROI

11. TRAVEL FELLOWSHIP

Amount to be raised from existing Rs 1000 to Rs 2000 to best paper awardee in medical physics section & paper ranked 3rd to 7th in best paper award session.

Passed. Proposed by Dr Asthana seconded by Dr Reddy.

12. ANY OTHER MATTER WITH PERMISSION OF CHAIR

Dr R Kapoor raised the matter of 'subletting' of a Guest Lecture. Dr UP Shahi apologized for the same and the house decided that there will be no substitution of guest lecture or best paper in future.

Dr R K Vyas presented a cheque of Rs 1,95,000 (Rupees One Lakh Ninety-five Thousand) to the Secretary on account of savings from Ahmedabad AROI conference. Secretary General informed that Mr. Hemant Kalia is legal adviser of AROI.

The executive committee completes its tenure and has given the charge to next committee.

Dr. G K Rath handed over the presidency to Dr. Shrivastava and given charge of the next committee.

Dr. Rath also gave momentos to out going executive committee members & members of newsletter editorial board.

Meeting ended with proposal of vote of thanks to the organizers of the 28th Annual Conference for excellent arrangements.

The committee thanked Dr. G.K. Rath for chairing the session and presiding AROI for past two years

Secretary General Concluded GBM with vote of thanks all the members & organizing committee

Thanks to Dr. Neeraj Jain for recording the minutes of meeting.

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Date: Saturday, 2nd December 2006

Time: 8:50 p.m.

Venue: Swatantra Bhavan, BHU, Varanasi

Meeting was presided over by Dr. S.K. Shrivastava, President AROI.

Matters of the last 'General Body Meeting' were passed by all members present at GBM.

It was proposed to pursue the matters with AERB and MCI and finalize fellowships. The teaching activities and CMEs are to be encouraged and promoted with the state chapters. Activities like Hyperthermia meeting at Mumbai and meeting in memory of Dr. Mohanta at Delhi have been planned.

Meeting adjourned with thanks to chair and all members.

Secretary General AROI requested the members how have not submitted their bio data for the directory should do so at the earliest

Thanks to Dr. Neeraj Jain for recording the minutes of meeting.

Proposals For New Fellowships From 2007

New Fellowships were proposed during AROICON 2006 & accepted for which eligibility criteria & details had been laid down. Applicants can submit their applications till 31st Jan. 2007.

Candidate eligible for below mentioned fellowships should apply with their complete bio data forms to General Secretary office latest by 31st Jan 2007.

'Puranik-Pradhan-AROI Overseas Fellowship':

Sponsored by:

Dr Arun Puranik, Radiation Oncologist at Josephine Ford Cancer Center, Brownston, USA & Dr Deepak Pradhan, Radiation Oncologist at Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, USA

Number of seats: One per year

Duration of fellowship: The duration is flexible, but generally for 3-4 weeks not to be combined with other fellowships and the candidate should return to India after the fellowship is concluded. The place should preferably be selected in USA.

Grant: US\$ 3000/-

Eligibility criteria:

1. Life member of AROI for more than Eight (8) years
2. Age less than 50 years and more than 35 years
3. Possessing MD, DNB (Radiotherapy) or equivalent degree
4. Full time practicing in Radiation Oncology
5. Minimum of five scientific papers (on radiotherapy related subject) in peer reviewed indexed journals
6. Applications will be invited along with other fellowships, by the Secretary General prior to the annual conference of AROI.
7. The applicant should submit a letter from his/her, Head of the Institution / Head of the Department accepting to relieve the candidate, if selected for fellowship.
8. Selection will be done through a selection committee appointed by the President & Secretary General of AROI. The committee will generally comprise of President, Secretary General, Past Presidents & Secretaries and any senior member of AROI (minimum five members). The committee will scrutinize the applications and if necessary will hold interviews on short-listed candidates during the annual conference of AROI.
9. The successful candidate shall submit a letter of acceptance from the host institution within 60 days from the award of fellowship. The amount will be relieved by Secretary General upon the receipt of this letter.
10. The amount will be paid to the successful candidate by the Secretary General of AROI. A maximum of 90% of amount will be paid prior to departure and remaining after successful completion of fellowship.
11. The candidate must submit a letter from host institution mentioning successful completion of fellowship. He/she should also submit statement of expenditure during the fellowship. Only the actual expenditure will be paid to the maximum of fellowship amount.
12. Awardees need to submit a report to AROI secretariat.
13. The office of AROI will send a copy of the report of fellowship to the sponsor. The report will be published in AROI newsletter.
14. For any reason if the fellowship could not be initiated before the next AROI annual conference, the fellowship will be cancelled and the candidate will not be eligible for this for next two year and will return the amount paid to him/her.
15. For any dispute or discrepancies, the decision of President AROI will be final and binding.

➤'Nucletron-AROI Overseas Travel Grant':

Sponsored by:

Nucletron India, Chennai, India

Number of seats: One per year

Duration of fellowship: The duration is flexible, but generally for 2-3 weeks not to be combined with other fellowships and the candidate should return to India after the fellowship is concluded. The place may preferably be selected in Europe or UK.

Grant: Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh) per year

Eligibility criteria:

1. Member of AROI for minimum of five (5) year,
2. Age less than 35 years,
3. Possessing MD, DNB (Radiotherapy) or equivalent degree
4. Full time practicing in Radiation Oncology
5. Preference will be given to persons having published scientific paper/s in peer reviewed journals.
6. Applications will be invited along with other fellowships, by the Secretary General prior to the annual conference of AROI.
7. The applicant should submit a letter from his/her, Head of the Institution / Head of the Department accepting to relieve the candidate, if selected for fellowship.
8. Selection will be done through a selection committee appointed by the President & Secretary General of AROI. The committee will generally comprise of President, Secretary General, Past Presidents & Secretaries and any senior member of AROI (minimum five members). The committee will scrutinize the applications and if necessary will hold interviews on short-listed candidates during the annual conference of AROI.
9. The successful candidate shall submit a letter of acceptance from the host institution within 60 days from the award of fellowship. The amount will be relieved by Secretary General upon the receipt of this letter.

10. The amount will be paid to the successful candidate by the Secretary General of AROI. A maximum of 90% of amount will be paid prior to departure and remaining after successful completion of fellowship.
 11. The candidate must submit a letter from host institution mentioning successful completion of fellowship. He/she should also submit statement of expenditure during the fellowship. Only the actual expenditure will be paid to the maximum of fellowship amount.
 12. Awardees need to submit a report to AROI secretariat. It is expected that the awardees do a research project and write dissertation and submit to AROI secretariat. The expenses for research project may be included in the fellowship amount.
 13. The office of AROI will send a copy of the report of fellowship to the sponsor. The report will be published in AROI newsletter.
 14. For any reason if the fellowship could not be initiated before the next AROI annual conference, the fellowship will be cancelled and the candidate will not be eligible for this for next two year and will return the amount paid to him/her.
 15. For any dispute or discrepancies, the decision of President AROI will be final and binding
- **'Best-AROI Fellowship Award'**: Mr. Manny R. Subramanian, Director, Research & Development, Best Medical International, Springfield, USA proposed a fellowship of Rs 50,000 for training within India.

Sponsored by:

Best Medical International, USA

Number of seats: Three per year (One Radiation Oncology and One for Medical Physics and one for Radiotherapy Technologist)

Duration of fellowship: The duration is flexible, but generally for 2-4 weeks not to be combined with other fellowships. The place of visit may be selected by the awardees and communicated to AROI office. In case of difficulty AROI office may facilitate the process.

Grant: Total grant of Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand) per year; two fellowships shared with 20 thousand each for Radiation Oncologist & Medical Physicist and Rs.10 thousand for Radiotherapy Technologist (RTT).

Eligibility criteria:

- (a) Radiation Oncologist:
1. Member of AROI for minimum of three (3) years
 2. Age less than 35 years
 3. Possessing MD, DNB (Radiotherapy) or equivalent degree
 4. Full time practicing in Radiation Oncology
 5. At least one scientific paper scientific papers (on radiotherapy related subject) in peer reviewed journals or presentation of paper in previous conferences.
 6. Applications will be invited along with other fellowships, by the Secretary General of AROI prior to the annual conference of AROI.
 7. Selection will be done through a selection committee appointed by the President & Secretary General of AROI. The committee will generally comprise of President, Secretary General, Past Presidents & Secretaries and any senior member of AROI (minimum five members). The committee will scrutinize the applications and if necessary will hold interviews on short-listed candidates during the annual conference of AROI.
 8. The successful candidate shall submit a letter of acceptance from the host institution within 45 days from the award of fellowship. The amount will be relieved by Secretary General upon the receipt of this letter.
 9. The amount will be paid to the successful candidate by the Secretary General of AROI. A maximum of 80% of amount will be paid prior to departure and remaining after successful completion of fellowship.
 10. The candidate must submit a letter from host institution mentioning successful completion of fellowship.
 11. He/she should also submit statement of expenditure during the fellowship. Only the actual expenditure will be paid to the maximum of fellowship amount.
 12. Awardees need to submit a report to AROI secretariat.

13. The office of AROI will send a copy of the report of fellowship to the sponsor. The report will be published in AROI newsletter.
 14. For any reason if the fellowship could not be initiated before the next AROI annual conference, the fellowship will be cancelled and the candidate will not be eligible for this for next two year and will return the amount paid to him/her.
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- (b) Medical Physicist:
1. Member of AROI for minimum of two (2) years
 2. Age less than 50 years
 3. Possessing Dip.RP or MSc Medical Physics or equivalent degree
 4. Full time practicing Medical Physics in Radiotherapy Department.
 5. Preference will be given to candidates having published scientific paper/s in peer reviewed journals.
 6. The applicant should submit a letter from his/her, Head of the Institution / Head of the Department accepting to relieve the candidate, if selected for fellowship.
 7. Selection will be done through a selection committee appointed by the President & Secretary General of AROI. The committee will generally comprise of President, Secretary General, Past Presidents & Secretaries and any senior member of AROI (minimum five members). The committee will scrutinize the applications and if necessary will hold interviews on short-listed candidates during the annual conference of AROI.
 8. The successful candidate shall submit a letter of acceptance from the host institution within 45 days from the award of fellowship. The amount will be relieved by Secretary General upon the receipt of this letter.
 9. The amount will be paid to the successful candidate by the Secretary General of AROI. A maximum of 80% of amount will be paid prior to departure and remaining after successful completion of fellowship.
 10. The candidate must submit a letter from host institution mentioning successful completion of fellowship. He/she should also submit statement of expenditure during the fellowship. Only the actual expenditure will be paid to the maximum of fellowship amount.
 11. Awardees need to submit a report to AROI secretariat. It is expected that the awardees do a research project and write dissertation and submit to AROI secretariat. The expenses for research project may be included in the fellowship amount.
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- (c) Radiotherapy Technologist (RTT):
1. Age less than 55 years
 2. Working full time in Department of Radiation Oncology / Radiotherapy
 3. Applications will be invited by the Secretary General of AROI prior to the annual conference of AROI along with other fellowships etc.
 4. The applicant should submit a letter from his/her, Head of the Institution / Head of the Department accepting to relieve the candidate, if selected for fellowship.
 5. Selection will be done through a selection committee appointed by the President & Secretary General of AROI. The committee will generally comprise of President, Secretary General, Past Presidents & Secretaries and any senior member of AROI (minimum five members). The committee will scrutinize the applications and select a candidate on merit of experience of the RTT and equipments available in his/her institution.
 6. The successful candidate shall submit a letter of acceptance from the host institution within 45 days from the award of fellowship. The amount will be relieved by Secretary General upon the receipt of this letter.
 7. The amount will be paid to the successful candidate by the Secretary General of AROI. A maximum of 80% of amount will be paid prior to departure and remaining after successful completion of fellowship.
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Other criteria for the fellowships remain same as mentioned in the constitution clause 58 of By-Laws AROI constitution.

ATTENTION

From the Secretary Office :

*To update the directory, we request all the members to update their postal address, phone numbers, E-mail address, photograph along with the duly filled forms to the General Secretary., **Dr. Rajesh Vashistha***

From Newsletter Editorial Board:

Members are requested to submit some interesting articles, any new development in the field, jokes or entertaining matter to any member of newsletter editorial board of your area.



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