

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting during 43rd AROICON, Mumbai- 2nd November, 2023 (11-1pm)

1. The meeting was convened with the permission of the President AROI - Dr Manoj Gupta.
2. Welcome address was given by the President AROI Dr Manoj Gupta & Secretary General AROI Dr V Srinivasan.
3. Self-introduction was given by each & every member present for the EC meeting.
4. Dr V Srinivasan, Secretary General AROI expressed his condolences to the members who had passed away in this year (Dr K T Bhowmik, Dr R Mahadevan, Prof G SelvaLuxmy & Dr Pravas Manjiri Pattanayak) & homage was paid by observing a silence for 1 minute.
5. New AROI members list (from LM 4428-4719 as of 31st Oct 23) was ratified by the house, proposed by Dr Abhishek Basu & seconded by Dr Sarbani Ghosh Laskar.
6. Dr V Srinivasan congratulated ICRO team & President- Elect Prof Senapati for their outstanding contribution in ICRO Teaching activities.
7. New ICRO members list from (LM 324-364 as of 16th Oct 23) was ratified by the house proposed by Dr Cessal Thommachan & seconded by Dr. Satyajit Pradhan.
8. Secretary General informed that ICRO Pre conference workshop on previous day was a grand success with around 20 spot registrations & more than 100 members attended. Also informed that AROI was the only association amongst other four who had organized workshop on 1st Nov 23.
9. ICRO- INTAS Radiobiology course – Prof Manoj Gupta, president informed that henceforth only one Radiobiology course will be conducted at AIIMS, Rishikesh. He also suggested that we will record our future courses & upload it on the website. It was passed by the house.
10. ICRO- SUN Prodvance courses –henceforth ICRO- SUN Prodvance course will not be conducted due to fewer registrations in 2023. Dr Aftab suggested reducing 4 zonal courses in to 2 instead of stopping it.
Final decision made was to reduce this course to 2 programs (North& South) and no incentives will be given as of now. It should be a one & half day's course- 1st day on Newer Technologies/ Stereotaxy and Role of AI in Radiation Oncology on the 2nd day.
11. Dr V Srinivasan gave details about AROI-ESTRO & ASTRO courses done in 2023. Also announced ICRO quiz winners for ICRO- SUN PG Courses.
12. Dr V Srinivasan announced FICRO awardees for 2023 & it was passed by the house.
(Dr Sushmita Pathy/ Dr Swarupa Mitra/ Dr Rohini Khurana/ Dr Saikat Das/ Dr Pooja Nandwani Patel and Dr Sushil Beriwal.)

Also informed about successful conduct of FERN workshop. He also announced all the awards & travel grants our AROI members bagged in FARO 2023 at Seoul, Korea. Appreciation was done by the house for all the awardees.

13. Dr Francis's proposal for change in name of Dr Ranghi Prasad Memorial Lecture to Prof M Krishnan Nair Memorial oration. Kerala chapter was asked to pay 12 Lakhs. EC passed this proposal hence Dr Francis handed over the cheque of INR 12 Lakhs to Dr V Srinivasan.
14. Dr Manish Pandey's proposal of change in name of Dr G C Pant Best paper to Dr K T Bhowmik, however they need to pay INR 7Lakhs for the same. House decided to give 1 month time to Dr Manish/AROI North Zone to deposit this money or else the same name will be continued.
15. Dr Francis handed over INR 4 Lakh cheque to Dr V Srinivasan against the 50% profit of National Conference AROICON 2018 which was organized by Dr Francis and also submitted the audited account.
16. About Valentice hospital's fellowship proposal in Radiosurgery, fellowship students will be selected by AROI & it should be 2 weeks training. Dr Ashwini Budrukkar suggested to keep some criteria to select hospitals & those centers should not use AROI endorsement. EC Members felt that some guidelines should be framed before accepting such proposals. Hence house didn't approve this proposal.
17. Secretary General Dr V Srinivasan gave open proposal to all EC members for change in name of Dr Neil Joseph fellowship. Any state / zonal chapter can propose this by paying INR 7 Lakhs. If no proposal / payment received till next 3 months, name will continue as the same.
18. Dr Rajesh Vashistha Chair AROI proposed silver plate which was given to orators to be replaced by Gold coin with AROI logo on it along with simple steel plate. Also suggested Silver/ Gold Medal to be replaced by simple bronze medal & prize money to be increased by INR 2000 each for Best papers. Discussion was done for gold in grams and it was informed that the amount of money spent will remain the same. House agreed for this change.
19. AROI ESTRO course directors will be replaced every 5 years. Hence ESTRO Coordinator & Director (Gynae course) Dr Umesh Mahantshetty will be replaced by Dr Supriya Chopra, Mumbai, & Director (Advanced Technology course) Dr A. K. Anand will be replaced by Dr Indranil Mallick, Kolkata.
Director (H & N course) Dr Sarbani Ghosh Laskar took over last year. Hence she will be the course director for the next 4 yrs.
Old Directors will remain as advisors to new Directors.
On this there was a discussion to keep it for 3 yrs or 5 yrs. Finally decided to go ahead with 5 years.
20. Honorarium to AROI when there is a request from Conference Organizers for AROI's endorsement was discussed by Dr V Srinivasan. For small conferences –INR 50000 & large conference – INR 1 Lakh. The amount will be INR 2 lakhs, if request is from a non-member. Dr Vikas Jagtap suggested State chapters to have the liberty to decide on endorsement. It was passed by EC-Dr. K. S. Kirushna Kumar & Dr. S. N. Senapati.
21. Equipments- CyberKnife & GammaKnife equipments will be under Radiation Oncology department. Dr Manoj Gupta President informed that the letter was sent to respective

authority & we have received positive reply from them. He will circulate letter received from them.

22. Dr V Srinivasan also informed that letter was sent to AIIMS Delhi Authorities for their circular regarding Practice of chemotherapy by Radiation Oncologists in their institute. However there was no response received. Hence house decided to resend the letter.
23. NMC revised the MD Radiation Oncology curriculum without involving AROI executive representative. The latest curriculum does not have any separate paper on chemotherapy which was there in old curriculum. It is decided that an official letter to be sent to NMC raising this issue and asking them to involve association executive representative for preparing the curriculum. Similarly, DNB doesn't have any paper on chemotherapy and NMC guidelines need to be followed. Once NMC curriculum is revised, NBE will be bound to follow that.
24. Dr V Srinivasan proposed an appointment of new Chief Election Officer- Dr Kishore Singh. It was passed by the house-Dr. Ashwini Budrukhar & Dr. Neeraj Jain.
25. Dr Manoj Gupta proposed for DM course in Radiosurgery (SRS / SBRT). But there was a discussion on this. House was of the opinion that since we have approved site-wise DM courses in two sub-sites which also include radiosurgery practice so there is no point to start a separate course in radiosurgery. So proposal was turned down.
26. Journal contribution to be paid by all the states/ zones by 31st March of respective year. EC passed this proposal.
27. Dr V Srinivasan informed that letter dated 7th Sep 23 was sent to NMC regarding exclusion of MD (Radiation Oncology) as a pre-qualification to take up DM Medical Oncology. It was passed as regulation on 18th Oct 23 and he thanked all the EC Members for their swift action. House appreciated the efforts.
28. Dr V Srinivasan informed the house that Dr Manish Pandey, Organizing Secretary of AROICON 2022 from North Zone had submitted rough account details on 1st Nov 23 projecting a net loss of INR 17 Lakhs plus. Col (Dr) Ashok Kumar who was representing the organizing team from NZ, explained that few companies didn't pay the promised amount. Dr Manoj Gupta said we will give some more time (3 months) to Dr Manish Pandey to find out the solution and pay the Dues to AROI(25 Lakhs). If not paid, we will have a meeting again to decide on further course of action.
29. Dr V Srinivasan informed about the AROI-ICRO Teaching course & ESTRO Courses, Best of ASTRO & YROC to be held in 2024. 44th AROICON will be at KMC, Mangaluru.

(1) AROI-ICRO Sun PG Teaching course in 2024-

Jawaharlal Nehru Cancer Hospital, Bhopal - Dr. Gautam K Sharan

Max Super Speciality Hospital, Bathinda - Dr. Rajesh Vashistha

NRS Medical College, Kolkata - Dr. Shrikrishna Mondal

(2) AROI-ESTRO COURSES IN 2024 -

(I) AROI-ESTRO Gynae Teaching Course

HBCH & MPMCC CANCER CENTRE, VARANASI -Dr. Satyajit Pradhan

(II) AROI -ESTRO Head & Neck Teaching course

MIOT INTERNATIONAL HOSPITAL, CHENNAI - Dr. V. Srinivasan

(III) AROI ESTRO Advanced Technology teaching course

AIIMS, PATNA- Dr. Pritanjali Singh

(3) 44th AROICON 2024 - KMC, MANGALURU.

(4) Best of ASTRO- 2024 - Dr Madhup Rastogi, Dr. RMLIMS, Lucknow

(5) AROI-YROC-2024 - 20th & 21st January 2024 –AIIMS JODHPUR- Dr. Bharti Devnani

30. Dr V Srinivasan informed about bids received so far for 2025. Now bid only for AROI – ESTRO Gynae and Head & Neck Teaching courses 2025 is open. Dr Francis showed interest in conducting AROI- ESTRO Head & Neck Teaching course in 2025 at RCC, Trivandrum. Dr V Srinivasan thanked him for this proposal & requested him to send an official letter which should be endorsed by Kerala state chapter secretary.

AROICON 2025-

- Bid by Dr Suman Mallik through Dr Abhishek Basu, WB chapter for AROICON 2025 at Narayana Superspeciality Hospital Howrah, WB.

ICRO SUN PG 2025-

- Vydehi Institute of Medical Sciences, Bengaluru through Dr Ravindra Ganganna, KA state chapter for AROI-ICRO SUN PG teaching Course 2025.
- Prof. Manoj Gupta, AIIMS- Rishikesh
- Dr Shaleen Kumar of SGPGI, Lucknow for ICRO SUN PG Teaching Course in 2025.

AROI-ESTRO TEACHING COURSES 2025 -

- PGIMER, Chandigarh - Dr Rakesh Kapoor (Advanced Technologies)

BID OPEN FOR AROI – ESTRO GYNAE TEACHING COURSE & HEAD & NECK TEACHING COURSE.

31. Dr V Srinivasan discussed about AROI- current, saving & ICRO account details. He also showed proposed budget for 2024 & estimated income in this year. Accounts & Budget were passed- Dr. Sanjukta Padhi & Dr. Madhup Rastogi.

32. On Dr Neeraj Jain's suggestion on discrimination of Radiotherapy professionals by NABH & Ayushman Bharat for chemotherapy practice, house decided to send an official letter to Ayushman Bharat regarding the same.

33. Dr Supriya Chopra gave FARO Research proposal for funding of INR 2- 5 Lakhs from AROI, on which house decided to give funding of INR 2 lakh from AROI as a beginning.

34. Reflection on the NMC guidelines to be followed was presented to EC Members.

35. Special thanks to the Organizing committee of 43rd AROICON- Dr J. P. Agrawal, Dr Sarbani Ghosh Laskar, Dr Kaustav Talpatra & Dr Manish Chandra. Also special thanks to the Joint Secretary Dr K. S. Kirushna Kumar for noting down the minutes of the meeting.
36. EC was dissolved with Vote of Thanks by the Secretary General.