# Minutes of the General Body Meeting during the 44<sup>th</sup>AROICON 2024, Mangalore-30<sup>th</sup>November 2024 (6:00pm -8:15pm)

- The Secretary General AROI- Dr V Srinivasan invited Dr Manoj Gupta President AROI & Dr S N Senapati President-Elect AROI to the dais. President AROI – Dr Manoj Gupta requested Dr V Srinivasan to start the meeting at 6:00 pm.
- 2. Attendance register was circulated to each & every one present in the hall.
- 3. Welcome address was given by the President AROI -Dr Manoj Gupta & Secretary General AROI Dr V Srinivasan.
- 4. Dr V Srinivasan, Secretary General AROI expressed his condolences to the members who had passed away in this year (Dr Vikas Madholia, Dr Nabeeza Begum L, Dr V. G. Sudhakaran, Dr Upasana Saxena, Dr Chandan Dasgupta, Dr C. Raghunath Rao, Dr Nagarjuna Reddy, Dr Rakesh Ranjan, Dr Upendra Nath Panda, Dr K. C. Sahoo, Dr G. Munuswamy, Dr Gopal Pemmaraju & Dr V Nagarajan) &homage was paid by observing a silence for 2 minutes.
- 5. Minutes of last GBM & action taken-
  - A) It was informed to the GB that a mail has been sent to AERB that the CyberKnife / GammaKnife equipment will be under the Radiation Oncology department. Ms. Swathy Nair of AERB replied that she has forwarded the same to the team updating the AERB guidelines.
  - B) It was informed to the GB that Dr Manish Pandey, Organizing Secretary of AROICON 2022 has promised to pay the dues to AROI (up to 15 Lakhs) very soon.
  - C) There was an issue regarding the exam pattern that has been changed for NEET SS exam with most of the questions being asked from General Medicine. So, a letter was sent from AROI to NMC that the NEET SS Exam pattern should be reversed back to the previous pattern & our President Prof. Manoj Gupta discussed with Dr Vijay Oza, President of PGMEB personally on phone many times and convinced him to revert back the questions for NEET SS entrance exam to previous pattern. The GB was informed that on 11<sup>th</sup> Oct 2024 a notice was issued by PGMEB that the questions in the paper for NEET SS 2025 will be exclusively from the topics of Medical Oncology-This was appreciated by all GB Members.
  - D) There used to be a full paper III of chemotherapy in previous curriculum of MD Radiation Oncology. However, recently paper III is removed & instead of that a separate paper on Allied Oncology practices is introduced. We have sent a letter to Dr Vijay Oza, President PGMEB to reverse the syllabus back to the old pattern & the same was personally communicated to him by our President Prof. Manoj Gupta and explained the importance of chemotherapy paper. Dr Ojha gave assurance to Prof. Manoj Gupta to look into this matter positively & we hope we will get a favourable response soon.

All these minutes of 2023 were approved by GB, proposed by Dr Abhishek Basu & seconded by Dr Kishore Singh.

6. Dr. V. Srinivasan informed the GB that there will be 2 new members (Organizing Secretaries of YROC) who will be selected as YROF Representatives from 2025.

- 7. Regarding the issue of making radiation oncology mandatory in all medical college, Prof Manoj Gupta informed the GB that he was nominated as member of a committee constituted by MOHFW, GOI with a mandate to give recommendations to improve the radiotherapy facilities in the country. Dr Gupta further informed the GB that he has given recommendation to GOI to make radiation oncology specialty mandatory in all medical college which was incorporated in minutes of meeting. So, the matter is in active consideration of GOI and next executive will follow the matter further.
- 8. GB was informed about the new members who got enrolled from LM-4720 till LM-5189 (469 members). All of them were welcomed & approved by the GB, proposed by Dr JP Agarwal & seconded by Dr V. Kannan.
  - Dr V. Srinivasan requested all the zonal & state chapter secretaries to sign in the membership form &then forward it to secretaryaroi@gmail.com.
- 9. GB was informed about New ICRO membership list- All New ICRO members from LM-365 to LM-402 (37 members) were welcomed & approved, proposed by Dr Gautam K Sharan & seconded by Dr Vikas Jagtap. It was informed to the GB that all the faculties selected for AROI & ICRO Teaching Programmes should be ICRO members.
- ICRO SUN PG Teaching Programs in 2024 are completed as scheduled except for one.
   45<sup>th</sup> ICRO-SUN PG- Hypofractionation -Govt. Medical College, Trivandrum-16<sup>th</sup>- 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 2023 (Dr. Bindu SM).
  - 46<sup>TH</sup> ICRO SUN PG– Management of Radiation Toxicities JNCH & RC, Bhopal, 20<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> Apr 2024- (Dr. Gautam K Sharan).
  - 48<sup>TH</sup> ICRO-SUN Clinical Trials & Cancer Statistics Max Super Speciality Hospital in association with AIIMS, Bathinda, 26<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> Oct 2024-(Dr. Rajesh Vashistha).
  - 47<sup>TH</sup> ICRO-SUN Recent Advances in Clinical Oncology NRS Medical College, Kolkata- (Dr. Srikrishna Mondal)-**This was not conducted due to RG Kar MC Issue, planned in 2025**
- 11. The ICRO Pre-Conference Workshop conducted on 28<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024 (IMPACT was very successful with around 340 participants)
  - Here, Dr V Srinivasan emphasized that AROI membership is mandatory to attend the ICRO workshop & the same has to be mentioned in the Conference brochure of AROICON 2025.
- 12. ICRO-SUN Prodvance 2024(Role of Artificial Intelligence in Radiation Oncology)-
  - ICRO SUN Prodvance South Zone (SZ) was held on  $27^{th}$   $28^{th}$  Jul 2024 on at RCC, Trivandrum Dr Francis V James &
  - ICRO SUN Prodvance North Zone (NZ) was held on 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> Sep 2024 at PGIMER, Chandigarh Dr Rakesh Kapoor.

These two courses had extremely poor response & participation from Post MD students. Hence AROI is thinking of dropping these courses from 2025-The EC already gave approval to stop conducting these courses from 2025.Now for GB approval, GB also gave approval to stop conducting these courses as it is not benefiting the targeted group, proposed by Dr Sabarinath & seconded by Dr Suruchi Singh.

13. **22<sup>ND</sup> ICRO- INTAS RADIOBIOLOGY**COURSE was conducted on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at AIIMS, Rishikesh – Prof Manoj Gupta.

#### 14. AROI-ESTRO TEACHING COURSES 2024-

7<sup>th</sup> Gynae Teaching Course – 14<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> Mar 24 at HBCH & MPMMC, Varanasi - Dr Satyajit Pradhan

 $2^{nd}$  Head & Neck Teaching course-  $6^{th}$  - $8^{th}$  Jun 24 at MIOT International Hospital, Chennai - Dr V. Srinivasan

Upcoming- 11<sup>th</sup> Advanced Tech Teaching course- 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 24 at AIIMS, Patna- Dr Pritanjali Singh

- 15. Best of ASTRO 2024 No bid received for 2024; hence it was skipped this year.
- 16. 10<sup>th</sup> YROC was held on 20<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> Jan 2024 at AIIMS, Jodhpur- Dr Bharti Devnani
- 17. ICRO Quiz winners (ICRO SUN PG Courses) ICRO quiz winners were informed to the GB.

## 45th ICRO Sun PG Quiz Winners-

- 1. Dr Mahak Gupta, KMC, Manipal
- 2. Dr Ankur Mahajan, AIIMS, Bhubaneswar

# 46th ICRO Sun PG Quiz Winners-

- 1. Dr Pratheesh C, Max, Saket
- 2. Dr Rohit Golla, JNCHRC, Bhopal

## 48th ICRO SUN PG Quiz Winners-

- 1. Dr Sachin Sakthivel, BHU Varanasi
- 2. Dr Dharmendra Kumar Sah, PGI Chandigarh-GB appreciated all the Winners
- 18. Dr V. Srinivasan informed that AROI was invited to participate in the ESTRO Meets ASIA Congress held on 23<sup>rd</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup> Aug 24 at KL, Malaysia. AROI also had a desk in the Communities Pavilion& there were more than 49 abstracts presented by the AROI members- **GB** appreciated all the Presenters.

# 19. FARO WEBINARS CONDUCTED:

29<sup>th</sup> FARO Webinar on Radiotherapy in Rectal Cancer New Paradigm was held on 26<sup>th</sup> Jun 2024- Organized by AROI & attended by 350 delegates.

30<sup>th</sup> FARO Webinar on Clinical experience on adjuvant ultra-hypo fractionated radiotherapy of breast cancer was held on 24<sup>th</sup> Jul 24- Dr. Rima Pathak was a Panelist.

The 31st FARO Webinar: "Navigating the Challenges of Radiation Therapy for Retroperitoneal Sarcomas" was held on 23 Oct 24- Dr. Siddhartha Laskar was a Panelist.

20. AROI GB Members were informed that the Dr GC Pant Young Doctor Award name has been changed to Dr KT Bhowmik from this conference as decided in the last GBM. AROI NZ deposited the money required for this name change. GB was also informed that Padmashree Prof. M Krishnan Nair Memorial Oration is going to be initiated from tomorrow in this conference.

- 21. The GB was informed that the proposal to change the name of Dr Neil Joseph Fellowship is still available. (INR 10 Lakh has to be deposited in Central AROI Account for this name change, which will be valid for 10 years)
- 22. GB was informed about the following activities that were done by AROI in the past year
  - a) Letter sent to AB PM JAY scheme authorities as in some centres reimbursement were not given for chemotherapy prescribed by Radiation Oncologists. Reply awaited.
  - b) AERB Stakeholders consultation for Safety guide on Radiotherapy AROI's comments on this issue was handed over in person to Dr Sahani (AERB) by Dr J P Agarwal & Dr Manish Chandra.
  - c) NER Radiation Oncology module by National Cancer Grid (NCG) AROI's comments was sent to Ms Geetu Bagri of NCG-KCDO for modification in their EMR.
  - d) SOP on Patients Consent 2024 by Institute of Medicine & Law AROI's comments for this draft SOP for 2024 was sent by Dr Abhishek Basu on behalf of AROI.
  - e) NAMP-AMR (National Alliance of Medical Professionals on Antimicrobial Resistance) consultation meeting was attended by AROI representative Dr Kanika Sharma Sood at IMA House, New Delhi on 7<sup>th</sup> Jul 24.- **Prof. Manoj Gupta informed the General body that AROI** is being invited to give their opinion from various societies across India for any new changes they are brining into the healthcare industry and it reflects on the strength of our Association.
- 23. AROI-ASCO Collaboration- GB was informed about the AROI-ASCO Collaborationinitiative taken by Dr Abhishek Basu. ASCO is willing to collaborate with AROI/ ICRO in the forthcoming conference at 45<sup>th</sup> AROICON 2025 at Kolkata. ASCO will sponsor 2 faculties from USA & we will provide only local hospitality.

  Joint AROI-ASCO Teaching Course in 2026 (Multidisciplinary Management of Breast Cancer) is also proposed. This collaboration is approved by EC, now for GB approval. GB also approved this collaboration proposed by Dr K C Patro & seconded by Dr Geeta Narayanan.
- **24.** Dr Sabarinath wanted AROI to discuss with ASTRO & ESTRO that they should waive off their registration fees for AROI members. Dr Ramesh Bilimagga raised an objection to this & informed the GB that we are a strong association of more than 5000 members & we should stop begging the international associations for any waiver of fees. **There was no further discussion on this issue**.
- 25. Dr Vijay Anand Reddy informed the GB about AROI-ASTRO Collaboration and also that the Chart rounds India which was started during his tenure is running successfully& asked Dr V Srinivasan Secretary General to mention that agenda in this meeting. **GB appreciated the efforts taken by the Chart rounds India team for organizing the webinars without any break.**
- 26. Dr J P Agarwal asked the question to Secretary General What is the goal of AROI in all this International Collaboration? He also mentioned that we should start doing courses for students from other countries. Dr. V. Srinivasan replied that the goal of AROI is only academics & he also informed that the AROI & ICRO courses of late have lots of international student's participation across Asia.
- **27.** GB was informed AROI ESTRO Courses for Advanced Technologies & Gynae Teaching courses will be joint courses till Dec 2025 & it will become ESTRO Endorsed AROI Courses from 2026.

AROI- ESTRO Head & Neck Teaching course will continue as a joint course for two more years as it was started recently. A new MOU will be signed with ESTRO after discussion with the AROI Executive Committee in 2025.

28. Dr V. Srinivasan informed that there is a need to increase the life membership fees for AROI, ICRO & FICRO Award (INR 10000 inclusive of all taxes) in that INR 5000 goes for FD & remaining INR 5000 will go for Journal & AROI activities. - This increase in membership fees was approved by all EC members. Now for GB approval.

Dr V Kannan raised the point that it might be difficult for students to pay INR 10000 as membership fees & he asked for a voting to be done by the members present for approval. Dr V. Srinivasan requested the GB to vote in favour of increasing the membership fees by raising their hands. More than 80% of the members approved this raise in membership fees from INR 7800 to INR 10000.

- 29. Dr V. Srinivasan has informed GB that almost all the chapters contributed for the journal expenses before the 31<sup>st</sup> Mar 24 & appreciated their support.
- 30. GB was informed that the deadlines for the fellowship/ best paper awards were extended by 10 days because of the RG Kar MC issue.
- 31. The TERN-AROI partnership proposal was brought by Dr Francis V James. TERN is an international recruitment agency wants to partner with AROI which will create new job opportunity for our members.
  Benefits to AROI- TERN will pay 1000 GBP for doctors placed in UK & 500 GBP for doctors placed in Middle East. Dr V. Srinivasan informed to the GB that we are yet to get an official MOU from TERN & the decision will be based on that. Dr Sabarinath wanted the AROI EC to get a legal opinion before accepting this proposal & this point was accepted by the Secretary General of AROI.
- 32. NCG Collaboration with AROI was proposed by Dr Pramesh. AROI will ask further details with their terms & conditions to decide on this proposal. Dr Sarbani informed the GB that if we make a resolution to be a part of NCG & submit that to NCG, by convention the President & the Secretary General of AROI will be taken as executive members in the NCG.
- 33. Dr KC Patro & Dr Ajitesh Avinash sent a request to affiliate their OSCE Educative Oncology course- EC already agreed to endorse this course, for GB approval. GB also approved to endorse this course proposed by Dr A Y Rao & seconded by Dr Manish Siddha.
- 34. **JCRT ISSUES** Dr V. Srinivasan informed that the journal expenses are around INR 60 lakhs / year, in fact we have paid around INR 70 Lakhs for the journal last year.

Hence, EC was informed about some proposal to raise the money like increasing INR 1000 for AROI members and INR 2000 for others for article processing charges, INR 5000 for AROI members and 10000 for others for article publishing charges. -This raise in charges was approved by the EC, for GB approval.

Dr JP Agarwal wanted to know if AROI has done any financial calculations to charge members for publishing articles. Dr V Srinivasan informed this raise in fees will only contribute to a little extent for managing the journal expenses. Dr Suruchi Singh wanted AROI EC to discuss with a financial consultant to increase the revenue for AROI than keeping the money in the bank. Dr Rajesh Vashistha informed the GB that there was a clear decision taken in the AROI GBM years ago that AROI's money will be transferred only to fixed deposit in the same bank & can not be invested anywhere else. Dr V Srinivasan asked the GB to vote for the proposed increase in article publishing charges by raising their hands & most of them voted against the increase in article publishing charges. Hence this agenda is dropped.

#### 35. AROI ICRO CALENDAR FOR 2025

AROI-ICRO Teaching Courses to Be Held in 2025-GB was informed of the following courses-

- A). AROI-ICRO Sun PG Teaching course-2025
- a) Vydehi Institute of Medical Sciences, Bengaluru Dr Geeta Narayanan
- b) SGPGI, Lucknow Dr. Shaleen Kumar
- c) AIIMS, Rishikesh Prof. Manoj Gupta

## **B) AROI-ESTRO COURSES-2025**

- (I) 8<sup>th</sup> AROI-ESTRO Gynae Teaching Course -KGMU, LUCKNOW -6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025- Dr. Rajeev Gupta
- (II)  $3^{rd}$  AROI -ESTRO Head & Neck Teaching course -RCC, TRIVANDRUM  $5^{th}$  - $7^{th}$  Jun 2025-Dr. Francis V. James
- (III) 12<sup>th</sup> AROI ESTRO Advanced Technologies Teaching course- PGIMER, CHANDIGARH- Dr. Rakesh Kapoor
- C) 45<sup>th</sup> AROICON 2025 Narayana Super Speciality Hospital, Howrah, WB- Dr Suman Mallikon 27<sup>th</sup>- 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 2025.
- D) Best of ASTRO- 2025 Dr. RMLIMS, Lucknow Dr Madhup Rastogi- 10<sup>th</sup>& 11<sup>th</sup> May 25.
- E) AROI-YROC-2025 Meenakshi Mission Hospital & Research Centre, Madurai- Dr. Kirushna Kumar 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025.
- F) INTAS RADIOBIOLOGY 2025- AIIMS, Rishikesh- Prof. Manoj Gupta

All these were approved by GB. Proposed by Dr Rakesh Kapoor, seconded by Dr Bhavana Rai.

- 36. <u>Bids Received for ICRO SUN PRODVANCE 2025</u>& 2026 was deferred as AROI decided to drop these courses.
- 37. GB was informed about Bids Received for 2026: -

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- Bid by Dr Vijay Karan Reddy, Telangana chapter for Apollo Cancer Institute, Hyderabad
- Bid by Dr Rajesh Kumar Singh, Bihar chapter for SCI IGIMS, Patna- Dr Rajesh Kumar Singh from Patna withdrew the bidding for 46<sup>th</sup> AROICON 2026. Hence the conference will be conducted by Dr Vijay Karan Reddy of AROI Telangana chapter.
  - Dr. Vijay Karan Reddy thanked the GB for giving AROICON 2026 to the Telangana chapter and assured that they will organize a remarkable conference.

#### ICRO SUN PG 2026-

- JN Medical College, AMU, Aligarh Dr. Md Shadab Alam, UP chapter.
- Cancer Institute, Adyar, Chennai- Dr. Priya Iyer, TN/PY Chapter.
- Cancer Hospital, IGMC, Shimla- Dr Manish Gupta, NZ

EC gave approval to the following sites, for GB approval. GB also approved the courses to be conducted in those sites. Proposed by Dr Naidu, seconded by Dr Aftab Alam.

#### **AROI-ESTRO TEACHING COURSES 2026:**

- (I) 9th AROI-ESTRO Gynae Teaching Course-
  - 1. Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital & Research Centre, Mullanpur/ Sangrur, New Chandigarh, Punjab- Dr Tapas Kumar Dora NZ
- (II) 4th AROI -ESTRO Head & Neck Teaching course-
  - 1. SGPGIMS, Lucknow Dr. Shalini Singh, UP chapter.
- (III) 13th AROI- ESTRO Advanced Technologies teaching course -
  - 1. GGSMCH, Faridkot- Dr Pardeep Garg, NZ

#### YROC 2026:

• KMIO, Bangalore, Karnataka - Dr Thejaswini B

EC approved these sites for AROI ESTRO COURSES& YROC, for GB approval. GB also gave approval for these sites proposed by Dr Pavan Mehrotra& seconded by Dr Sanjukta Padhi.

GB was informed that the Bid is open only for BEST OF ASTRO 2026.

38. FICRO awardees for 2024:GB members were informed about the FICRO awardees for 2024-

Dr Goura Kishor Rath

Dr Deepinder Singh

Dr Sanjukta Padhi

Dr Kaustav Talapatra

Dr Kanika Sharma Sood

Dr Susovan Banerjee

Dr Vikas Kantilal Jagtap.

GB congratulated all the recipients.

39. AROI & ICRO ELECTIONS 2024: AROI & ICRO Elections 2024 were conducted successfully &

following AROI/ICRO Office bearers were elected-

PRESIDENT ELECT AROI - Dr. C S MADHU

VICE PRESIDENT- SENIOR - Dr. UMESH MAHANTSHETTY

VICE PRESIDENT- JUNIOR - Dr. VIKAS KANTILAL JAGTAP

CHAIRMAN ICRO - Dr. SARBANI GHOSH LASKAR

VICE CHAIRMAN ICRO - Dr. GAUTAM KUMAR SHARAN

SECRETARY ICRO - Dr. POOJA NANDWANI PATEL

GB thanked Dr Kishore Singh, Election Commissioner for conducting the elections without any hassles.

40. State & Zonal chapter elections were conducted successfully & the following were elected –

- AROI WB CHAPTER ELECTION CONDUCTED IN NOV 2023
- PRESIDENT Dr. LITAN NAHA BISWAS
- SECRETARY Dr. ABHISHEK BASU

- AROI RJ CHAPTER ELECTION CONDUCTED IN DEC 2023
- PRESIDENT Dr. SANDEEP JAIN
- SECRETARY- Dr NIDHI PATNI
- AROI UP STATE CHAPTER ELECTION CONDUCTED IN DEC 23:
- PRESIDENT Dr. PAVAN MEHROTRA
- SECRETARY Dr. SHADAB KHAN
- AROI NZ CHAPTER ELECTION CONDUCTED IN OCT 24:
- PRESIDENT Dr. DEEPAK ABROL
- SECRETARY Dr. PARDEEP GARG
  - All GB members congratulated & welcomed the new office bearers.
- 41. Dr V. Srinivasan suggested some modifications from the forthcoming elections
  - a) Campaigning should be stopped once voting process starts.
  - b) Addition / updation / correction in the Voters list will not be done once voting starts- need to follow this deadline strictly.
  - c) Reduce voting timeline from 10days to 7 days, till 6pm on last day.
  - d) Increase election nomination fees from INR 15000 to INR 20000.
  - e) Contestants can attend zoom call while final counting.
  - f) As its online voting, result can be declared by 12 noon on the 8<sup>th</sup> day-Dr Sabarinath raised an issue that it is difficult to stop people from campaigning after the initiation of voting process.
    - Hence, the other points were accepted by the GB & these can be formed as guidelines for the next elections in 2026.
- 42. An audited report of AROI Saving AC/ AROI Current AC & AROI-ICRO account along with the proposed budget for 2025 was informed to GB members & the same was passed by GB, proposed by Dr Jyotirup Goswami & seconded by Dr K. S. Kirushna Kumar.
- 43. Dr Sapna Marcus will be the new treasurer of AROI & will be inducted in the new AROI Executive Committee. Henceforth Dr V. Srinivasan Secretary General of AROI & Dr Sapna Marcus Treasurer of AROI will be the authorized signatories for the AROI & the ICRO accounts.
- 44. Other points that were discussed in GB as below
  - a) The Junior Vice-President of AROI will give the inaugural address in YROC.
  - b) **SRS Forum of AROI** needs to be formed something like YROF. We need to conduct a National Conference every year on Stereotactic Radio surgery under the banner of AROI like YROC. The Senior Vice President of AROI will be the convener for this forum.
  - c) Dr Sarbani suggested for modification in the ICRO program by organizing 4-6 webinars.
  - d) Appointment of Secretary for AROI/ICRO OFFICE Activities/Communications is done as decided in the previous GBM.
  - e) Appointment of a committee for Constitutional amendments for typographical errors & inclusion of past GBM decisions.
  - f) Any conferences planned by State / zonal chapters, the respective office bearers to finalize the dates with the Secretary General of AROI.
  - g) Dr V. Srinivasan requested that the dates for future annual conferences of AROI to be done preferably in the 1<sup>st</sup> week of the December for more international participation.

All the above points were accepted & approved by EC, for GB approval. The GB also approved all the above points, proposed by Dr Shyam Kumar Srivastav & seconded by Dr Nidhi Patni.

45. Registration fees for AROICON 2025 were informed to all GB members (15% raise in the registration fees compared to AROICON 2024). Dr Ravindra Ganganna raised the point that there should be only 10% rise in the registration fees as per Byelaws& he also insisted that the registration for AROICON 2025 can be started only after the GBM.

Dr Jyotirup Goswami, Organizing Secretary of AROICON 2025 informed the GB that the cost of doing conference in Kolkata will be higher than Mangalore & also they have to pay huge amount of GST for the conference.

Dr C S Madhu also reiterated that the conference organizers should be allowed to start the registrations from the day 1 of the conference so that they can get more early bird registrations during the conference itself.

Dr Suresh Kumar raised an issue that the registration fees for the AROICON 2025 should be more subsidised than the early bird charges during the conference days.

Dr Abhishek Basu informed the GB that the raise in 15% of registration fees has been approved by the EC already & requested for the GB approval.

Dr V Srinivasan asked the members of GB to vote for this rise in registration fees for the next conference by raising their hands. More than 80% of the members in GB gave approval for this raise in registration fees for AROICON 2025.

- 46. Prof C S Madhu suggested that there should be a stall for AROI in the annual conferences so that the members who attend the conference can update their details in the stall. Dr V Srinivasan accepted this suggestion and informed the GB that we can have a stall of AROI from the next conference.
- **47.** Dr Naidu raised a point that NMC is giving approval for MD Radiation Oncology seats in Institutions where there is no proper infrastructure to teach Radiation Oncology. **It was decided by the GB that AROI should send a letter to NMC regarding this.**
- 48. Dr SN Senapati proposed Dr Rajesh Vashistha to be appointed as an Honorary Advisor without any powers in the AROI EC. This proposal was approved by all EC members, for GB approval. Dr Sabarinath raised an issue that senior members in the state chapters also will ask for honorary advisor post in the respective state chapters. Dr Suresh Kumar also raised a rejection that this post of honorary advisor should not be created in the AROI Executive Committee. Hence the GB did not accept this proposal.
- 49. The following highlights of 44th AROICON 2024 were shared with all GB members.
  - a) The Organizers of this conference has paid AROI INR 12.5 Lakhs (50%) before the conference & has set a perfect example for future hosts.
  - **b) Registrations:** 1725, the highest in AROICON history.
  - c) Research Abstracts: 626 Abstracts, 664 (Including Best Paper Abstracts), 90 Oral Presentation
  - d) ICRO Registrations: 340 participants
  - e) ICRO Workshop: PG Panelist Group with Faculty Mentor A first-try-well appreciated
  - f) UG Participation: 7 UG Registrations

- **g) Creative Horizons:** Art corner for oncologists to exhibit paintings, sketches, poems, and photographs.
- **h)** Al Integration: Collaboration with PreMagic for real-time Al-driven photo delivery via WhatsApp.
- i) Pre-Event Engagements: Online events, WhatsApp-based activities, and quizzes
- j) Alumni Meets: Dedicated spaces for reconnecting with Alumni
- k) Talk on Financial Management.
   All GB Members appreciated the organizers for arranging a spectacular conference under the leadership of Dr MS Athiyamaan.

Prof Manoj Gupta & Dr V Srinivasan thanked all the GB members for their active participation. Special thanks to the Organizing committee of 44<sup>th</sup>AROICON 2024 and also to the Joint Secretary Dr K. S. Kirushna Kumar for noting down the minutes of the meeting.

- 50. First GBM was dissolved with Vote of Thanks by the Secretary General.
- 51. After 5 minutes the second GBM was started under the new President Dr S N Senapati, the President of the new AROI Executive Committee invited all the newly elected members of AROI & ICRO to the dais & gave instructions to the Secretary General Dr V Srinivasan to start the second GBM.
- 52. Dr V Srinivasan welcomed all the members present for the Second GBM and proposed the first agenda that all the minutes of the meeting of the previous GBM to be approved.
  - All the minutes of 2024 were approved by GB, proposed by Dr G K Rath & Seconded by Dr Kishore Singh.
- 53. The second GBM was also dissolved with vote of thanks by the Secretary General.