

BIRTH OF VASCULAR SOCIETY OF INDIA

Vascular surgery is a new speciality in India. The idea of forming a vascular society to spread the awareness about vascular reconstruction was born at Hyderabad in May 1993 when a few of us met together during an update organised Dr. Pinjala Ramakrishnan at NIMS. Dr. Hussain and Dr. Sekar were entrusted with the task of starting a vascular surgical chapter attached to the association of surgeons of India. More than 50 signatures were obtained from surgeons interested in vascular speciality including the active vascular surgeons during the ASICON 1993 held at Madras. A formal application for starting a vascular chapter was submitted to the ASI Governing Council. Unfortunately the governing council rejected the application which made us more determined to start a society of our own. With the help of Messrs. Gore and Company all the practising surgeon interested in speciality were contacted and their opinion obtained. The response that we got was very encouraging. Almost every one we had written agreed to come for the meeting for the that we had proposed in Aug. 1994.

On Aug. 6th the First National Vascular Surgeons Conference was held at Madras Medical College under the organising team of Dr. S.A. Hussain and Dr. N. Sekar. The conference was a grand success and on the evening of the 6th August a business meeting was held at Hotel Savera and the vascular society of India was born.

The meeting was attended by 34 members from all over India. The members were unanimous in their decision to start a separate vascular society and not to be attached to the association of surgeons of India. Dr. S.K. Khanna, of Chandigarh was elected as the First President Dr. S.A. Hussain was elected as its first Hony. Secretary and Dr. N. Sekar as first Hony. Treasurer.

The following governing council members were chosen.

1. Dr.Pinjala Ramakrishnan, Hyderabad - Central Zone
2. Dr.Neelakantan, Trivandrum - South Zone.
3. Dr.Anand Somaya, Bombay - West Zone.
4. Dr.Satsanghi, New Delhil - North Zone.

All the members who actively participated in the formation of the society were designated as founder members and their life membership was fixed as Rs.1,500/- The rest who enrolled later were designated as life member/ordinary member/associate member.

On 7th August 20 interesting scientific papers were presented ~~from~~ by Vascular Surgeons with good scientific discussion and exchange of ideas.

A formal meeting of the society under the Presidentship of Dr.S.K.Khanna was held and it was decided to conduct the next conference at Bombay. Dr.Anand Somaya, Dr.Gustad B.Davar were entrusted with the responsibility of conducting the next conference.

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