

Birth of SAFOMS

South Asia Federation of Menopause societies (SAFOMS) was formed at Colombo with India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Srilanka, Mauritius, Nepal & Bhutan as member countries. The federation was born at the inaugural conference held on October 1, 2 and 3 at Colombo, hosted by the Srilankan Menopause Society.

Indian Participation at the conference: 35 Indians attended the conference. There were many guest speakers from India.

Dr. B.S. Anklesaria, past president of Indian Menopause Society was elected unanimously as Founder President. Dr. Atul Munshi, the President of IMS 2010, was elected as Deputy Secretary General. Dr. Jaideep Malhotra, was elected as Editor. Dr. Jignesh Shah, Dr. Maninder Ahuja, Dr. Sanjay Gupte & Dr. Hema Diwakar elected as Governing Council Members.

Laurels won by Indians:

Dr. V.K. Chellamma, Professor of O&G, Calicut Medical college, from the Calicut Menopause society, bagged the first prize for her paper titled, "A prospective study of 100 cases postmenopausal ovarian mass".

Dr Ujwala Deshmukh, from Nagpur Menopause society won the second prize for her paper titled, "screening of menopausal women for hypothyroidism".

Dr Seema Kanetkar, from Nagpur Menopause society won the third prize for her paper titled, "emotional quotient in pre and perimenopausal women".

Commendable participation: IMS Nagpur chapter participated in SAFOG conference in large number. 12 members from Nagpur participated in the conference, this being the highest participation in the conference.