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Notice for 44th Annual General Body Meeting 2020

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Annual Report 2019-2020

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ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL PHYSICISTS OF INDIA (AMPI)

The Association of Medical Physicists of India was founded in 1976 with the objective of encouraging the application of physics in medicine. It provides a forum for medical physicists in the form of annual conferences/workshops/symposia/seminars (at national and international levels) and publication of a quarterly journal (Journal of Medical Physics, JMP) for the exchange of ideas and dissemination of knowledge and experience in the field of Medical Physics. The Association collaborates with similar organizations in the world to raise the quality of medical physics in India. Currently, it has more than 2500 active members comprising of radiation/medical physicists, radiation oncologists, radiologists, engineers and technologists. The wide spectrum of membership reflects the multi-disciplinary nature of the medical physics and the association. In 2008, AMPI constituted its autonomous scientific and educational wing, the College of Medical Physics of India (CMPI), to initiate the evaluation and certification program for the qualified medical physicists. The college has also been entrusted to formulate the policy of accreditation of education and training centres in the country. Now, the association has four wings namely, the Executive Committee, the Board of Trustees, the College and the Journal. AMPI is affiliated to International Organization for Medical Physics (IOMP) and is constituent member of IOMP regional chapter, the Asia-Oceania Federation of Organizations for Medical Physics (AFOMP)

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NOTICE OF 44th ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING 2020 AT MUMBAI

Ref: AMPI/GBM2020/MUMBAI Date: 17th February, 2021

To, All AMPI Members,

The 44th Annual General Body Meeting of the Association of Medical Physicists of India will be held as an online event on 20th-March 2021 at 4.30 pm.

Agenda of the meeting

- 1) To read and confirm the minutes of the 43rd Annual General Body meeting held on 8th November 2019 at 5.30 pm at the venue of AMPICON2019 in Kolkata.
- 2) Declaration of AMPI (EC, BOT and CMPI) Election results of three years term 2021 2024.
- 3) To examine and adopt the report of Executive Committee of the Association for the year 2019-20
- 4) To examine and adopt the reports of Board of Trustees and CMPI for the year 2019-2020
- 5) To examine and adopt the Audited Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet of the Association for the Year 2019-20 and proposed budget for the year 2021-22
- 6) Progress of AMPICON 2021 and bid for AMPICON 2022
- 7) To inform GBM about the AMPI-ESTRO collaboration
- 8) Approval of amended AMPI Constitution
- 9) Any other matter with the permission of the chair

(Shobha Jayaprakash) Secretary, AMPI

Encl: (a) Annual report of EC, BOT and CMPI for 2019-20

- (b) Minutes of the AGM-2019
- (c) Auditor's report and the balance sheet of 2019-20

Note: If there is no quorum at the scheduled time of the meeting, the meeting will be adjourned for half an hour. The adjourned meeting will be held at the same venue and with the same members present, and all the items mentioned in the agenda will be transacted.

ANNUAL REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2019-2020

[A] Highlights of Executive Committee Meetings/ Decisions/ Actions Taken

There were 6 EC online meetings. Following are the important decisions/ actions taken by Executive Committee during this period:

1. To discuss matter related to Medical Physics courses including internship

It was brought to the notice of EC that Medical Physics students are not getting opportunity for undergoing internship and hence they are in problem for completing the course as per AERB requirement. It was also noted that many interns are not getting stipend and they are even required to pay tuition fee for undergoing internship. It was further informed to EC that AERB has made it mandatory that course conduction institution shall make arrangements for internship for all their students. This is one of the requirements for approval of course by AERB. EC was also informed that AERB and BARC is conducting periodic review of Medical Physics program which will help in minimizing difficulties faced by students.

2. To discuss about Dr. Ramaiah Naidu Memorial Oration Award 2020

EC members proposed following five names for this award:

Dr. Paul Ravindran, Dr. Thayalan, Dr. B. S. Rao, Dr. S. P. Mishra and Dr. A. K. Shukla. In order to follow the chapter wise rotation policy, EC decided to finalise Dr. S. P. Mishra from Northern Chapter for RNMOA2020.

3. To discuss about the emergency fund to help a medical physicist during an economical crisis due to huge expense occurred in treatment of certain disease of himself or his family members.

It was decided that AMPI will have a kind of Corpus fund of around 1 lakh for this purpose. The decision on the emergency fund will be taken on a case to case basis. A maximum of upto Rs. 50,000/- may be given to a Medical Physicist only (not family members), preferably having AMPI membership, upto 45 years of age, who is suffering from serious ailment.

4. To discuss about the Allied Healthcare Professions Bill, 2020.

President AMPI briefed EC about the details of the Bill. The pros and cons of being in the Bill and formation of an independent Council within the Commission were discussed in length. EC was also informed about the AMPI representation to the Honourable Chairman, Parliamentary Standing Committee, Health & Family Welfare in February 2020 and the representations sent to Honourable MPs, Rajya Sabha during 20th and 22nd Sept, 2020, to make a separate category for Medical Physics profession in the National Commission on Allied and Healthcare Professions Bill 2020. It was decided that the committee formed to look into such matters in the past will have the full liberty to do the needful in coordination with AMPI office (President/Secretary).

5. To discuss about reconstituting the AMPI Committee to look into the NCAHP Bill 2020 related issue and follow up.

President AMPI briefed the members about the need to reconstitute the committee and later invited opinions from all members present. After a long discussion it was decided to form AMPI Coordination committee with the following members:

Dr Manoj Semwal (Convenor), Dr V. Subramani (Co-Convenor), Dr Pratik Kumar, Dr. Vinod Pandey, Mr. Suresh Chaudhary, Dr A.K.Rath, Dr Ravi Kumar

In addition to the core committee it was decided to form an Advisory Committee with the following experienced and Senior AMPI members:

Dr Arun Chougule, Dr Paul Ravindran, Dr Radiakrishnan Balan Nair, Dr Raghu Ram Nair, Dr Mariadas, Dr Kaliyappan, Dr Madhusudan Sresty, Dr D.K.Ray and Mr Suresh Pangam

The coordination committee can have group meetings with the Advisory committee and Coordination committee can come to a decision as to how the representation can be submitted. The Co-ordination Committee is fully empowered to take decisions in the matter pertaining to AMPI representation for NCAHP

Bill 2020, in collaboration with AMPI office. The Convenor of the Coordination committee reports to the President/Secretary who will in turn communicate to EC as an when required. This was agreed by the members present.

6. To discuss about Correction in Radiological Physics in MCI TEQ 2020.

The draft of our representation was circulated among EC for the correction related to the post of Assistant Professor. Since 3 years of Junior Residency and 1 year of Senior Residency program is not available for Medical Physicists, slight modification was required. It was felt necessary to send a representation to MCI that 4 years of working experience as Medical Physics professional shall be declared eligible for the post of Assistant Professor. However, Dr. Pratik Kumar was of the opinion that we should hold it for some time because NMC is not very positive of considering request from non-medicals.

7. To discuss about regulation of Medical Physics courses in India

Dr. Challapalli Srinivas briefed EC about the problems related to internship and the minimum requirements for starting Medical Physics course. Dr. S. D. Sharma informed EC that AERB has streamlined the requirements for starting a Medical Physics course and provided the necessary details.

Scientific Activities:

AMPICON 2019

39th (AMPICON-2019) Annual conference of the Association of Medical Physicists of India (AMPI) was organized from 7th to 9th November, 2019 at Kolkata. The theme of the conference was "Medical Physics in patient care" Dr.Ramaiah Naidu Memorial Oration lecture was delivered by Shri A.M. Pendse, Senior Medical Physicist, P.D.Hinduja National Hospital, Mumbai. The conference was inaugurated by Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar, Governor of West Bengal. Many renowned international and national faculties participated in the conference. Trade delegates from India and overseas participated in large numbers and exhibited their products in the conference exhibition stall.

Education & Training Activities of AMPI in Collaboration with RP&AD

The Association of Medical Physics of India in collaboration with Radiological Physics and Advisory Division, BARC has conducted four training courses during the year 2019. Three courses of "Training Course on Quality Assurance in Diagnostic X-ray Equipment for Service Engineers/Service Providers and one course of "Training Course on Radiation Safety Aspects in Servicing of Radiotherapy Equipment" for Radiotherapy Service Engineers were conducted. AMPI-EDT has trained total of about 111 candidates in the above four courses.

OFFICE BEARERS OF AMPI CHAPTERS

S.No	Chapter	apter Chairman Secretary		Treasurer
1	Western Chapter	Kalpana Thakur	Vaibhav Mhatre	Yogesh Gadi
2	Karnataka Chapter	M. Ravi Kumar	E. Rajadurai	Senthil Manikandan
3	Eastern Chapter	V. Poopathi	Jayanta Pal	Rajib Das
4	AP & TS Chapter	PBLD Prasad	Dr. Birendra Kumar Rout	V. Srinivas
5	Northern Chapter	Nirmal Painuly	Sandeep Kaushik	Satendra Kumar
6	TN & PY Chapter	K. Kaliyappan	=	G. Bharanidharan
7	Kerala Chapter	P.G.G. Kurup	Saju Bhasi	R. Vishnu

Activities of AMPI Chapters from April 2019 to March 2020

Western Chapter

International Day of Medical Physics was celebrated on 7th November 2019 at Sir HN Reliance Foundation Hospital. Around 75 delegates attended the symposium.

Karnataka Chapter

Radiation Physics Teaching program - organized by By Shankara cancer hospital and research center jointly organized by AROI(K) & AMPI (K) chapter during August 6-8 2020

Tamilnadu and Puducherry Chapter

The national science day was celebrated on 28th Feb, 2020, jointly with the Department of Medical Physics, Anna University, Chennai. It was a well-attended celebration. The participants were the practicing medical physicists and medical physics course students and faculty of Anna University.

TS & AP Chapter

- 1. TS & AP chapter CMPE was conducted on 28th April 2019 at Care Hospitals, hi-tech city, Hyderabad. More than 50 medical physicists attend the same from both Telangana state and Andhra Pradesh.
- 2. TS & AP chapter CMPE was conducted on 30th June 2019 at Asian Institute of Gastroenterology (AIG) hospitals, Gachhibowli, Hyderabad. More than 50 medical physicists attend the same from both Telangana state and Andhra Pradesh.
- 3. TS & AP chapter CMPE was conducted on 22nd September 2019 at Gamma-Agro medical processing PVT LTD, Sangareddy, Hyderabad. More than 65 medical physicists attend the same from both Telangana state and Andhra Pradesh.
- 4. TS & AP chapter CMPE & IDMP was conducted on 8th December 2019 at American Oncology Institute, Hyderabad. More than 75 medical physicists attend the same from both Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

Northern Chapter

- 1. Celebrated International Day of Medical Physics on 16 November 2019 with Centre for Medical Physics, Punjab University, Chandigarh, Punjab
- 2. NC AMPI annual conference at Nayati ,Medicity Mathura, UP during 22 -23 February 2020

Eastern Chapter

A seminar cum workshop on "Image Guided Radiotherapy: Clinical Implementation and Verification" was jointly organized by Department of Radiotherapy, MCH, Kolkata and AMPI Eastern Chapter from 15th to 16th June, 2019

Kerala Chapter

A one day program was organized for DRT students: SPARK (Stimulating Physical Aspects on Radiation Knowledge) which was an initiative to stimulate ideas and update professional knowledge among Professionals working in different areas of Medical Field. This program was organized on 15th December, 2109, at Regional Cancer Centre, Thiruananthapuram, which was attended by 62 participants

ACTIVITIES OF AMPI TRUST

During the financial year 2019-20, BOT had carried out following activities:

- 1. All investment instruments of BOT and JMP were monitored, regularised and updated.
- 2. It was noted that as per the constitution of the AMPI, Trust Fund should consist of
 - a. All donations received other than specific activities
 - b. Subscription of all life members
 - c. Admission fee of members

d. Up to 25% of the net income after each financial year

However, it is noted that no funds have been transferred to BOT by AMPI Secretariat for last 5-6 years. AMPI EC is requested to take immediate action in this regard.

- 3. It was also noted that Chapters of AMPI are liable to AMPI according to Clause X of the constitution. Financial liabilities are defined in Clause X, 7 and 8. It is recommended that EC of AMPI should discus and clarify the liability of all its Chapters.
- 4. No personal meetings could be conducted due to Corona pandemic.
- 5. Coordination with CA Shri Ramesh Iyer at Mumbai was done with regard to auditing of accounts of BOT and IMP
- 6. All investments of BOT in the banks were renewed and updated.
- 7. Further investments of BOT are under review.

ACTIVITIES OF COLLEGE OF MEDICAL PHYSICS OF INDIA

A CMPI Refresher Course on Medical Physics and Radiation Safety was conducted during April 19th to 28th 2019 by Department of Radiotherapy, Kasturba Medical College, Mangalore in association with the Karnataka Chapter of AMPI for aspiring candidates who are willing to take up CMPI certification. This was attended by about 60 Medical Physicists and interns from around the country. There were lectures by Dr S D Sharma, Dr T.Ganesh, Dr K.J. Mariadas, Dr Ravikumar and Dr Paul Ravindran.

The CMPI written examination was announced and 35 applications were received and 33 were found to be eligible to write the examination. However, only 16 candidates appeared for the written examination that was held on the 8th August 2019, and 11 qualified to appear for the oral examination.

The oral examination was conducted on the 6th Nov 2019 and this had two parts, one on presentation of the project or research work by the candidate and the other one was examination by six examiners on differ topics such as Dosimetry, Treatment Planning, Radiation Safety, Brachytherapy, Quality assurance and Special Techniques in Radiotherapy. The oral exam was attended by 10 candidates and 8 candidates were successful in the examination. The eight candidates were inducted into the College as members during the CMPI general body held on 7th November 2019.

The new members inducted into the college were

Membership	Title	First	Last Name	Year
Number	11116	Name	Last Name	1 cai
MM-065	Ms	Deeksha	Jaiswal	2019
MM-064	Mrs	Pragya	Shree	2019
MM-063	Mrs	Ashitha	M K	2019
MM-062	Mr	John Paul	Puravith	2019
MM-061	Mr	Rajdip	Mitra	2019
MM-060	Mr	Umesh	Gayake	2019
MM-059	Mr	Devaraju	Sampathirao	2019
MM-058	Mr	Venugopal	Sundaram	2019

JMP

Four quarterly issues of Journal of Medical Physics (JMP) in addition to a supplement of abstracts during AMPICON 2019 were published

AMPI Awards

Dr. Ramaiah Naidu Memorial oration Awardee 2019

Shri A.M. Pendse received AMPI Dr. Ramaiah Naidu Memorial Oration for the year 2019 during AMPICON-2019

at Kolkata. He worked as a Medical Physicist at Tata Memorial Hospital for 20 years. He later joined P.D.Hinduja National Hospital, Mumbai, and has been working there for the past 23 years. In the initial stages of his career he was actively involved in Teletherapy and Brachytherapy planning where he used PDP 11 based Treatment Planning System developed by Dr Cunningham from Toronto. He underwent training in treatment planning from Princess Margaret Hospital, Toronto where Dr Cunningham was Head of the Division. He was involved in the development of TMH-BARC manual afterloading Brachytherapy applicator for use with Caesium-137 tube sources. He has served Association of Medical Physicists of India (AMPI) for a long time in the capacities of its Secretary, Vice-President, and Founder Member of College of Medical Physics of India (CMPI). Shri Pendse contributed in reviewing and revising AERB safety code for radiotherapy and also in professional development of the community. He has more than 35 publications to his credit published in refereed journals and proceedings of national and international conferences.

AMPI Best Oral Paper Award

AMPI Best Oral Paper Award was presented to Dr. M P Noufal for the paper titled Assessment of systematic and random spot position error in robustly optimized Intensity modulated proton therapy plan of spinal Irradiation using in house developed Matlab code during the 40th Annual Conference of Association of Medical Physicists of India (AMPICON2019) held from 7th to 9th November, 2019, at Kolkata.

AMPI Best Poster Award

AMPI Best Poster Award was presented to Dr. Rekha Reddy, for the paper "Experimental determination and Monte Carlo calculation of radial dose and anisotropy functions of BEBIG Co-60 HDR brachytherapy source in a bounded water phantom" during the 40th Annual Conference of Association of Medical Physicists of India (AMPICON2019) held from 7th to 9th November, 2019, at Kolkata.

Dr. M.S.Agrawal Young Investigator Award 2019

The Dr. M.S. Agrawal Young Investigator Award was given to Dr. P. Venkat Raman

AMPI Meritorious Medical Physicsit Award

Dr Om Prakash Gurjar was given AMPI Meritorious Medical Physicsit Award, 2019.

AMPI Overseas Travel Grant

AMPI overseas travel grant of Rs. 25000/- was awarded to Mr Sangram Pradhan to participate in ESTRO meets Asia conference held in Singapore from 06 to 08 December 2019.

Minutes of the 43rd Annual General Body Meeting AGM - 2019

The 43rd Annual General Body Meeting (AGBM) of the Association of Medical Physicists of India, was held on 8th November, 2019 at 18.00hrs (6.00pm) at AMPICON2019 venue at Kolkata. Dr. S.D.Sharma, President, AMPI, chaired the General Body Meeting. Dr. Pratik Kumar, Vice-President, Dr. Shobha Jayaprakash, Secretary and Dr. Sridhar Sahoo, Treasurer, were also present on the dias. Dr S.D. Sharma welcomed the members to the 43rd Annual General Body Meeting. A total of 99 members attended the meeting.

Agenda No. 1: To read and confirm the minutes of the 42nd Annual General Body meeting held on 3rd November 2018 at the venue of AMPICON 2018 at Chennai

Secretary, AMPI, read the minutes of 42^{nd} Annual General Body meeting held on 3^{rd} November 2018 at the venue of AMPICON 2018 at Chennai & the same was approved by members. Proposed by Dr Kaliayappan and seconded by Dr Ajay Srivastava

<u>Agenda No. 2:</u> To examine and adopt the reports of Executive Committee of the Association for the year 2018-19

The Secretary, AMPI informed the house about the report of the Executive Committee of AMPI for the year 2018 - 2019. Some of the highlights were:

a) Discussion on Chapter related issues:

President, AMPI, read out the rules to be followed by Chapters regarding income tax, which was forwarded by our Auditor. It was then decided to forward the same to the Chapters. The Chapters also need to adhere to the following: - The name of the Chapter should appear before the name of the association in all communications and displays - The Chapter audits will be included in the AMPI audit and Government of India norms should be abided by

b) To discuss about financial assistance for the AMPI-AAPM-IOMP scientific exchange program to be held in Delhi from $16^{th} - 19^{th}$ December, 2019:

Dr. Ajay Srivastav, Organizer of the Scientific Exchange program, had requested financial support of Rs. 2 lakhs for organizing the workshop on Imaging Physics. EC agreed to give a financial support of Rs. 2 lakhs on the condition that if there is surplus money after organizing the conference, AMPI money should be refunded. In addition, a proper audit has to be done and the audit report should be sent to AMPI office.

c) To update EC regarding the meeting with Chairman, UGC

AMPI officials had a meeting with the Chairman, UGC on 6th June, 2019 with a single agenda to recognize Radiological/Medical Physics as independent discipline of Science. The outcome of the meeting was positive. The suggestion was that if UGC has to take any decision as a regulator of education, the request has to come from some University. It was decided to get a letter from Punjab University, Chandigarh and Anna University, Chennai. The above were well accepted by the house. Proposed by Dr Velumurugan and seconded by Dr K.M. Ganesh

Agenda No. 3: To examine and adopt the report of Board of Trustees and CMPI for the year 2018-2019

The Secretary, AMPI informed the house about the report of BOT and CMPI for the year 2018-19. It was unanimously approved by the house. Proposed by Dr Mariadas and seconded by Dr R. Ravichandran

Agenda No. 4: To examine and adopt the Audited Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet of the Association for the Year 2018-19 and proposed budget for the year 2020-21

Dr Sridhar Sahoo, Treasurer, AMPI, informed the house about the report of the Audited Statement of Accounts and balance sheet of the Association for the year 2018-19 which was approved by the house. Proposed by Mr Shahnawaz and seconded by Dr Rajesh Kinhikar

Agenda No. 5: To discuss and decide about including cash award for the prestigious RNO Awardee

The house was briefed about the decision of EC to include cash award in addition to the existing Silver plaque & Citation for RNOA. EC suggested an amount of Rs. 51,000/- subject to GBM approval. This was discussed in length with the members present during the meeting and it was decided to go for a voting. The majority voted for no cash award (35 vs 21 votes) . It was of the opinion that RNOA is a very prestigious award and it should not be degraded by including a cash award. Hence the house decided not to include cash award for RNO Awardee. GB also decided to give actual air fare to the RNO Awardee.

Agenda No. 6: To discuss and decide about the status of surplus money left with the AMPICON organizer after the conference

The house was briefed about the practice followed regarding the surplus money left with the organizers of the conference. However, in the light of recent instructions from the Auditor, this amount should be accounted for in the audited statement unless otherwise the amount is utilized for the said purpose.

<u>Agenda No. 7:</u> To discuss and decide about OTG for young Medical Physicists having AMPI membership of less than 3 years' duration and Medical Physics students with or without AMPI membership

President, AMPI, informed the house that several students/ interns have approached AMPI office for travel grant, however the applications could not be considered due to condition of 3 years of membership. EC suggested to relax this criterion and include students/interns for OTG and to create a separate award for students/interns subject to GBM approval. This was well accepted by the house and decided to institute "AMPI Student/Intern Travel Grant" with 2 grants per year of Rs 25000/- per awardee. Hence Student/Intern OTG, total amount = Rs 50,000/- per annum.

Agenda No. 8: Progress of AMPICON-2020 and bid for AMPICON-2021

Progress report of AMPICON 2020:

Dr S. D. Sharma was invited to appraise the progress of AMPICON 2020 to the house. He informed that AMPICON 2020 would be a 4 day conference from 5th to 8th November, 2020. It will be organized at DAE Convention Centre, Anushakti Nagar, Mumbai. Registration fee will be either equal to or lesser than the registration fee of recent conferences. Medical Physics students will be given additional support for attending the conference.

AMPICON 2021 bidding:

Secretary, AMPI informed the house that AMPI office has received only one proposal to host AMPICON2021 from Dr Pichandi (HCG, Bangalore, Karnataka) which was also supported by Karnataka chapter of AMPI. As only one application was available and was in order, the house unanimously approved the proposal for hosting AMPICON2021 by HCG, Bangalore, Karnataka.

Agenda No. 9: To review and revise the code of conduct for AMPI members (e.g. mass email communication and expectations of members)

If an AMPI member want to genuinely address any problem either individual or general in nature, it should be brought to the notice of AMPI office bearers preferably, President or Secretary and copy should not be marked to any other person. But if it is brought to the notice of AMPI office bearers with a copy to large number of AMPI members then AMPI office feels it is a personal advertisement and political vendetta and hence such e-mails will not be responded by AMPI office. This is a humble request to follow the minimum decorum. House agreed to this proposal

Agenda No. 10: To discuss and decide about using AMPI PAN and TAN numbers and sponsorship issues. The audited statement for every financial year and the left over money from the past conference need to be accounted for unless it is utilized for the purpose for which it was sanctioned. The Statutory auditor has communicated to AMPI office that these should be adhered to by whoever are using AMPI PAN No. and collecting money

Agenda No. 11: To discuss and decide about the amendments in AMPI Awards

The house was informed that the following Committee was formed to draft the eligibility criteria for the Young Investigator and Meritorious Medical Physicists award i) Dr Pratik Kumar, ii) Dr Srinivas Challapalli & iii) Dr Rajesh Thiyagarajan. The Committee is supposed to prepare the draft and submit to AMPI office within a month.

Agenda No. 12: To inform the general body about possible AMPI –ESTRO collaboration

President informed the house that the MoU to be executed with ESTRO is being prepared **Agenda No. 13:** Any other matter with the permission of the chair

Dr B.S. Rana brought the issue that Nuclear Medicine Society are not giving membership to any other member other than Nuclear Medicine professionals, whereas AMPI gives membership to all. It was decided that this matter would be brought to the notice of their office bearers and will try to resolve this issue.

Meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

Sd/-Dr. Sunil Dutt Sharma President.AMPI Sd/-Dr.Shobha Jayaprakash Secretary,AMPI