

Indian Academy of Forensic Medicine

Governing Council(2016-2017)

Registration No.349, Panji, Goa



President's message:

This is indeed a moment of enormous pride, honor and delight for me while I am addressing my dear Life members as a newly elected President of Indian Academy of Forensic Medicine. It has been about 44 years of existence since 1972 and ever since then, the organization has managed to reach a number of around 1200 members till date and has thus grown in to a stronger fraternity step by step.

There has been fundamental contribution of many reputed and learned members of the Forensic Fraternity towards the significant progress and expansion of this organization. Without their foresightedness and hard work, the organization would not have managed to make such a huge mark.

Having being elected as the President, the main objective would be the upliftment of the subject and the Academy, which has been greatly underrated. We as the Forensic Medicine experts and medico legal doctors, play a key role in the process of investigation of a suspected crime and helping in the administration of justice, and also carry out various academic duties in the teaching of under graduate and post graduate students. Despite this, the Medical Council of India has reduced the faculty requirement. Even the subject to be taken in to third year from second year is a debatable issue and we will put forward the same to the Medical Council of India and come up with the best possible solution about it as well.

The issue, whether the private medical colleges and hospitals should conduct post mortem examinations or not, is yet a question of worry! A control system to maintain uniformity in the protocols of handling medico legal works as well is required. There

is a definite need of Medico Legal Experts at the district health centers so as to handle the legal cases wisely. It is high time that Government must look forward in to the matter and work hard for the modernization of the infrastructure and up-gradation of the subject.

If clinicians work hard to eradicate and control various medical diseases, even the Forensic Medicine doctors work equally harder to look after the Crime: a social disease. And once the criminals are convicted, there is auto-regulation and suppression of the crime, which in turn helps in the maintenance of law and order in the society. But this role of the Forensic Medicine doctors and the importance of the subject are not yet well recognized by the concerned Government Agencies and Society; which is a matter of great concern and time has come to shred of the ignorance and bring out awareness amongst them all.

So keeping in mind the above discussed points, the current Governing council members assure you that we will try our level best in regards to unscramble the much awaited queries and resolve the concerned issues.

The official IAFM website was launched in the year 2012 and it has witnessed a substantial number of visitors. A wide range of IAFM activities such as holding annual national conferences, publication of Journal of IAFM and many more are being assessed by the active Governing council members and I am sure our dynamic team would also maintain the same with equal proficiency.

I would also like to address all the learned members of the organization to come forward with our team-IAFM and strengthen the Body of the Association and show their sincere and serious efforts to take the subject as well as the Academy to the next level.

Our team of 27 members of the current Governing council of IAFM will make sure to magnify the fiscal aspect of the academy, for which the encouragement and support of each and every member is inevitable. Also we are looking forward to implement a project of establishing the IAFM headquarter along with a guesthouse in GOA. We will also keep in mind to make the donation towards the fund raising of the Academy eligible for the tax-free investment.

It is just about 6 years from now, and the Indian Academy of Forensic Medicine will complete 50 glorious years and reach its Golden Jubilee successfully. I am once again sincerely thankful to all the wise and learned members of the association for reposing faith in me as the President and team of efficient members so that together we can work productively and achieve the most out of it with support of all Forensic Medicine experts.

Long live IAFM.

Jai Hind.

Regards.

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