

## Report on the activities of the UAA Youth Section: 2010-2011

The UAA youth section was initiated following the 10<sup>th</sup> ACU in Taipei where Prof Ogawa took over as the Secretary General. I would like to thank the Executive Committee of the UAA for entrusting me with the task of steering this section.

In April 2010, Prof Ogawa had organized a UAA Young Leaders' workshop in Kyoto where he had invited over 35 young urologists from UAA member nations to meet and discuss the future of urology in Asia. At this meeting, it emerged that the most important issue facing all of us was lack of Asian data on urologic conditions. The hurdles for development of Asian urology seemed to be designing studies, gathering data and publishing these data.

Taking a cue from this very important meeting, it was decided to make medical writing, publishing and research as the focus of the youth section activities in the first two years. We planned to hold sessions teaching the young urologists study design, data collection, paper writing, publication and ethics.

As the first activity of the youth section, I attended the Hong Kong Urology Forum at Hong Kong in December 2010 and presented the vision of the UAA youth section and its potential future to the young attendees. I also held discussions with my hosts Dr Anthony Ng and Dr Eddie Chan. Subsequently a plan was formulated to organize 2-3 hour sessions at major UAA meetings in the region.

The first UAA Youth Section Session: ***Instructional Course in Medical Writing & Research*** is being held at the 6th Asian Urology Symposium on 18<sup>th</sup> of November 2011 in Colombo. The session is being conducted by two speakers: Dr Nitin Kekre, Chief Editor, Indian Journal of Urology and Dr Rajeev Kumar. The 2-hour session includes 4 topics: The basics: Getting started and authorship; The structure and contents: IMRAD and ICMJE guidelines; The reviewers: what do they really want? and Plagiarism: what you must not do. The two speakers are arranging for their own travel while the local hospitality is being provided by the hosts, thus incurring no cost to the UAA.

The second UAA Youth Section Session: ***Publishing your article*** is being held in conjunction with the Asian Endourology Meeting in Kathmandu, Nepal on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2011. The speakers for this session include Dr Nobuo Shinohara and Dr Rajeev Kumar. Dr Shinohara is being supported by the Japan Urological Association while the local hospitality is being provided by the organizers. Again, the session is being conducted at no cost to the UAA.

For the year 2012, a 3 hour session has already been approved during the 11<sup>th</sup> ACU at Pattaya. Considering the larger gathering and availability of faculty at this meeting, a bigger participation is anticipated at this meeting. One additional session will be planned based on the UAA calendar for 2012.

Apart from these meetings, it is planned to develop a network of resource individuals from each member nation in the next two years. These UAA members will be designated national representatives to the youth section and will be tasked with holding such educational programs within their own regions, primarily to disseminate knowledge with no additional cost to the attendees or the UAA. The educational resources for conducting these sessions will be developed by the resource people and shared among each other.

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