

Editorial

Pakistan Cardiac Society: All Rituals No Real Work

Pakistan Cardiac Society was one of the first speciality organizations to be formed in Pakistan. It's official publication, the Pakistan Heart Journal, was one of the first speciality journals to be published in Pakistan. But having given the country lead in this field what has happened to the society? An earlier editorial (Vol 14, No. 1) had addressed this question and appealed to the society to come out of its long slumber. The entire activity of the society has been reduced to nothing more than the annual and bi - enniel meeting with its elections. It seems that the only task our officebearers perform is sit on the stage with VIP's and large crowds invited to listen to their hollow claims and grandiose plans.

There are several basic tasks yet to be addressed to. The recommendations on the cardiology curriculum for medical students in Pakistan, the recognition of cardiology as a major speciality, the standardization of post - graduate training in cardiology, liaison with international societies of cardiology are all sadly in a state of quandry. The task of publishing a text - book in cardiology for Pakistan was started by one of our former presidents but is still in the doldrums. There is no standard local reference work in cardiology our students can refer to. The few sub-standard and hurriedly published works available in the country do not fill this need. Pakistan Cardiac Society must fulfill its promise of giving our medical community a proper text-book of cardiology. Another major unfulfilled task is that of a proper office of the society which is presently located at the N.I.C.V.D., Karachi, on paper at least. However, lack of spare accommodation has not allowed the NICVD to give the Society a single room for its office. An urgent push to have land allotted for establishment of a proper society office and conference facilities is a very basic need not attended to since the conception of the society.

One could go on endlessly. The purpose is not to lay blame on individuals but all of us collectively. There are things to be done and let us address ourselves to them earnestly. Wishes will unfortunately not come true without real hard work. So at the seventh bi-enniel conference let us get some real work done.

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