ICMR International Travel Support for Non-ICMR Scientist

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Name & Designation

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Address

: Advanced Eye Centre, PGIMER, Chandigarh.

Name of the International Conference: Pediatric Glaucoma Society-2014.

Seminar/Symposium/Workshop

Title of the abstract accepted

: Spectrum of childhood glaucoma in a tertiary

care referral institute.

❖ Date & Venue

: 27th January, 2014, London.

Money sanctioned

: Rs 88.115/-

Money reimbursed

: Rs 70,236/-

Participation Report

Pediatric glaucoma is an uncommon disease, and dedicated pediatric glaucoma specialists also may not get to see a very wide variety of cases during their clinical practice. It was with this endeavor that pediatric glaucoma specialists came together to share their experiences and learn from each other.

The UKPGS meeting was attended by pediatric glaucoma specialists from across the world including UK, USA, Malaysia, India, Israel and Slovenia. There was a research session, a grand round session and a general session.

All speakers presented their challenges and Prof Peng Khaw summed up the challenges faced while managing these children.

Glaucoma infrequently affects infants and children as compared to adults. No figure is known for the prevalence of all the glaucomas in children. The study of rare disorders is compromised by the ability of researchers to collect sufficient sample sizes to allow for appropriate analysis. Pediatric glaucoma is a difficult disease to diagnose, treat and follow. In addition, it is an uncommon disease, and dedicated pediatric glaucoma specialists also may not get to see a very wide variety of cases during their clinical practice. It was with this endeavor that pediatric glaucoma specialists came together to share their experiences and learn from each other.

The highlight of the program was the demonstration and discussion about very rare syndromes and occurrences of rare causes of pediatric glaucoma that are very difficult to manage. The Consensus on Childhood Glaucoma arrived at the World Glaucoma Congress in July 2013 was extensively discussed. The evolution of pediatric glaucoma surgery was the topic of the Noel Rice lecture delivered by Prof Franz Grehn. The continuing enrolment in the pediatric glaucoma registry was emphasized upon to get as wide a variety of presentations for as many different diseases as possible.