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Conference Report of *International Neurology Seminar* December 7-8, 2016, Dhaka, Bangladesh

The Society of Neurologists of Bangladesh (SNB) has been organizing international neurology seminar biannually to enrich the knowledge and to refresh the clinical practice since its inception. This year on 7th to 8th December, the two day long International Neurology Seminar 2016 took place in Dhaka.

It was graced by the presence of eminent neurologists from different parts of the world and illuminated by their deliberation. For the first time SNB collaborated with International Headache Society (IHS). Under the IHS Visiting Professor Program one eminent headache specialist visited Bangladesh and attended seminar as faculty. The distinguished headache specialist visited Bangladesh within the named programme:

Professor Tissa Wijeratne, IHS visiting professor.

986 participants registered not only locally also internationally. This brought the level of participating audience to a truly international level. Mostly neurologists and neurology residents (both – adult and paediatric) from different countries participated, but there were some general practitioners interested in the field of headache as well. The participation-rate of the meeting was around 70%.

The scientific programme was designed to be as versatile as possible and divided into four teaching sessions and eight scientific sessions. After a welcome message announced by the vice president of SNB Prof. Dr M A Hannan, the sessions were started and covered by the renowned speakers. Teaching session was introduced for the 1st time. Dr Hrishikesh Kumar & Dr Pankaj Agarwal delivered their speech on “Hands on- Inj Botulinum toxin” followed by Prof Pramod Kumar Pal on “Neurological examination- patient with gait disorder”. On day 2, Prof N V Ramani conducted his session of “Neurosonology- Transcranial Doppler” followed by Dr Andrew John Dowson who spoke about “Dealing with headache – non pharmacological approach”.

There was 8 scientific sessions and special focus was there on headache. Following topic was covered by IHS **Visiting Professor : Professor Tissa Wijeratne**, on day 1.

- **Diagnosing and treating chronic headaches- Difficulties and practical issues to consider.**



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Presentation was followed by an oral Questions and Answers section, through which

Interaction by the audience was encouraged. Well-structured lecture covered mostly diagnostic and treatment approaches to different headaches along with current recommendations

Following topic was covered IHS **Visiting Professor : Professor Tissa Wijeratne**, on day 2.

- **Migraine- Treatment updates and challenges in special situations.**

Presentation was followed by an oral Questions and Answers section. Well-structured lecture covered mostly clinical aspects of migraine and medication overuse headache. Several case-presentations were used by the presenters to illustrate diagnostic work-up. Disorder-specific treatment recommendations were based on the known evidence with extra attention paid to currently available treatment options. Diagnostic difficulties and challenges in management of such cases attracted the attention of participants and were extensively discussed by the visiting professor.

The first-hand feedback from the audience was highly positive. Several points were noted. Very high level of presenters, well-structured programme with practical, theoretical and futuristic topics and a priceless chance to communicate with world-leading expert in the field were mentioned. Event was found newsworthy by most of the media channels, including national TV news.

Further collaboration at an international level is very much warranted.

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