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FIRST COCHRANE INDIA NETWORK (CIN) ANNUAL MEET

PRESS RELEASE

Institute of Dental Sciences (IDS), Cochrane India Affiliate Centre hosted the first CIN meet in SOA Auditorium Campus 2, Bhubaneswar. The event commemorated the completion one year of Cochrane India Network (CIN), which was virtually inaugurated last year on 26 October 2022.

The event began with Keynote Lecture by Dr Sabina Singh (PhD), Director of research Cambell South Asia on Evidence and Gap Maps. This lecture highlighted the importance of identifying areas where there is a research lacuna and focusing primary research topics in these research gaps.

The event was represented by co-chairs of CIN Dr Anju Sinha (ICMR, Delhi), Dr Meenu Singh (PGIMER Chandigarh and AIIMS Rishikesh) and Dr Neeta Mohanty (Director IDS, Cochrane India Affiliate Centre and Dean, IDS).

The event's chief guest was the President Dental Council of India, Dr Dibyendu Mazumdar. He addressed the gathering and congratulated the SOA university and IDS for their exemplary performance in the NIRF ranking of 16 and 10, respectively and for being the only dental college in India to represent CIN.

The guest of honour, Dr K Madan Gopal Ji, the Senior Consultant, Health, NITI Aayog, also addressed the gathering and praised the Odisha State Govt on their timely management of Covid 19. He acknowledged the efforts taken up by CIN in participating with policymakers to provide high-quality evidence to the public.

The event highlight was the exchange of a memorandum of understanding between IDS Cochrane India Affiliate Centre and the Indian Dental Association (IDA). The guest of honour, Dr Ashok Dhoble (Honorary Secretary Genera), signed the MOU with Dr Neeta Mohanty(Director, IDS, Cochrane Affiliate Centre). He spoke about how IDA works at the

grassroots level to make oral health accessible to all. He assured that IDA would give unparalleled support to IDS in disseminating information to the general public in various language forms. IDA will provide a platform to communicate evidence-based information and assign a dedicated team to overlook the process.

The dignitaries on dias participated in the book release in Odiya Language on Oral health care during pregnancy and early childhood: A practice guidelines. This book is self-explanatory and filled with illustrations to aid pregnant mothers, family members, primary health care workers, Asha workers and Anganwadi workers in taking necessary measures to maintain oral health among community members.

Professor Dr Prashanti Eachampati, Deputy Dean, Manipal University College Malaysia, delivered David Sackett's Oration on Challenges in Cochrane Review. She highlighted that the role of systematic reviews is to appraise the available evidence critically and not necessarily provide guidelines to clinicians. She also insisted that faculties must build up on the existing research to avoid data heterogeneity. The statistically relevant outcome may not be clinically relevant. She concluded her oration with a congratulatory message to the Cochrane India Network and looked forward to the scientific exchange.

Dr Saurav Panda and Dr Lora Mishra, Deputy Director, IDS, Cochrane Affiliate Centre, delivered the vote of thanks.

One thousand two hundred guests, delegates and health professionals attended the event.

The afternoon session was exclusively for Cochrane India Network affiliate centre team members. Each affiliate presented their centre's task, projects and initiative. The meeting concluded with a discussion to strengthen primary research and suggest the Indian Systematic review and research protocol registration site. King George Medical College and University will be hosting next year's CIN.

The event was well executed by Dr Swagatika Panda, Dr Naomi Singh, Dr Gunjan Srivastava, Dr Sumita Mishra, Dr Satyaranjan Misra, Dr Siba Jena, Dr Sashireka G, Dr Anurag Satpaty, Dr Smita Priyadarshini, Dr Rupsa Das, Dr Basant Chaudhary, Dr Debarchita Saragi, Dr Ipsita Mohanty, Dr Manoj Kumar and Dr JnanaRanjan Swain members of IDS, Cochrane Affiliate centre.