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World Spinal Congress VII, 13-17 April 2016

Conclave brings national and international researchers and medical professionals together to share professional, research, academic and clinical experience

17 April 2016, Gurgaon: The VII International Conclave for Neuro and Spinal surgeons, “The World Spinal Congress VII” concluded today at Gurgaon. It saw participation from both national and international spinal and neuro surgeons. The objective was to provide enriching, updated content and scientific knowledge so as to deliver an overwhelming inspiring experience to the delegates. Further, an internationally renowned faculty was available for scientific deliberations at the various platforms of social interactions. Overall, the Conference aimed to bring together researchers and medical professionals from across the globe to interact and forge new relationships. The conclave is held once in every two years, with wide participation from global experts in this field.

The event commenced with the “Cadaver Spine Workshop” for neurosurgeons and orthopaedics, organized by the World Spinal Column Society in collaboration with Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi. **Dr Sandeep Vaishya, Director, Neurosurgery, Fortis Memorial Research Institute (FMRI)** was one of the key organizers. **Prof. Mehmet Zileli, Prof. Edward Benzel, Prof. Salman Sharif, Prof. Douglas Orr and Prof. Abdelfattah Saoud,** were part of the distinguished Cadaver Course faculty.

This first day was successful with 90 participants and the entire event witnessed lectures and workshops on the evolving paradigm of spinal surgery encompassing a variety of topics. Some of these were, “Changing Paradigm of Degenerative Spine Disease”, “Endoscopic Spine Surgery”, “Cervical Arthroplasty”, “Minimally Invasive Spine Fusion Techniques”, and “Tuberculosis of Cervical Spine”, among others. Sessions were also held on spinal problems in aviators, gunshot injuries to the spine and new therapeutic targets in spinal cord injury.

Participants were actively involved in teaching and learning. Some complex surgeries were performed with the help of an eminent faculty. The national faculty consisted of renowned names such as **Dr Rana Patir, Director & HOD, Neurosurgery, FMRI; Dr Sandeep Vaishya, Director, Neurosurgery, FMRI, Gurgaon; Dr Atul Goel, KEM Hospital, Mumbai and Dr Sumit Sinha, AIIMS, New Delhi** among several others. International participants included renowned names such as **Dr Edward C. Benzel, Chairman, Department of Neurosurgery,**

Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland; Mahmood Qureshi, Aga Khan University Hospital, Nairobi; Alexander R. Vaccaro, President, Rothman Institute of Orthopaedics, Philadelphia among several others.

The countries which saw participation at the international summit included, USA, UK, Italy, Spain, Germany, Greece, Egypt, South Korea, Kenya, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Istanbul and Indonesia. This is the first time this meet was held in India. The next event is planned in 2018.

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