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Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
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30th November, 2010

Dear *Dr. Talwar,*

Attention of the Ministry has been called to the 16th Annual Conference of the Indian Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition being held at PGI, Chandigarh over 10th to 12th December, 2010. The Slogan of the Conference appears to be "Evidence Based Nutrition". The Conference further is being held in collaboration with Nestle Nutrition Institute.

2. You would be aware of the Resolution of the 63rd World Health Assembly on Infant and Young Child Nutrition in May, 2010 which recognized that the promotion of breast milk substitutes and some commercial foods for infants and young children undermine progress in optimal infant and young child feeding. You would also be aware that the Infant Milk Substitute, Feeding Bottles and Infant Foods (Regulation of Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 1992 and the Amendment Act, 2003 prohibit any sponsorship of health workers or their associations or health systems by the manufacturers of products under the scope of law, directly or indirectly. Section 9 of the Act refers.

"Section 9(1). No person who produces, supplies, distributes or sells infant milk substitutes or feeding bottles or infant foods shall offer or give, directly or indirectly, any financial inducements or gifts to a health worker or to any member of his family for the purpose of promoting the use of such substitutes or bottles or foods."

3. Against this background, it is a matter of some concern that a major Conference of this nature is being called with the support of the industry. Recognizing the critical importance of implementing the IMS law, a letter was sent to all Chief Secretaries on 17th August, 2010 (copy enclosed) on the joint signatures of Secretary, Women and Child Development and Secretary, Health and Family Welfare.

4. PGIMER, Chandigarh is a national institution of repute and you may wish to consider whether the sponsorship of Nestle for this Conference is necessary at all, especially when it clearly violates the law. I would be grateful for your comments.

Regards

Yours sincerely,

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Ban on baby food firms sponsoring medico meets?

PGI, Nestle Nutrition Institute Conference On Dec 10-12

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The health ministry and the women and child development ministry have sought a ban on sponsorship by baby food manufacturers or their front organizations of health workers, doctors or meetings of their associations. One of the most prominent institutions to violate this instruction is the prestigious PGI, Chandigarh, which is holding an annual conference on nutrition along with the Nestle Nutrition Institute from December 10 to 12.

In a joint letter dated August 17 this year, the secretaries of the two ministries had pointed out that recently, there were several instances of baby food manufacturers through their own research/education or other front organisations indulging in sponsorship of doctors' meetings or even acting as the host of these meetings. The letter sought a ban on such activities as they violated the Infant Milk Substitute, Feeding Bottles and Infant Foods (Regulation of production, supply and distribution) Act or the IMS Act, 1992.

"Most recently, we have come to know

that one of them is offering to set up libraries in medical colleges. Another is approaching paediatricians and providing them with gifts and also distributing infant feeding booklets with misleading information on infant feeding in several hospitals," stated the letter. It added that there were other examples of baby food manufacturers sponsoring doctors' conferences using other brands meant for children over two years.

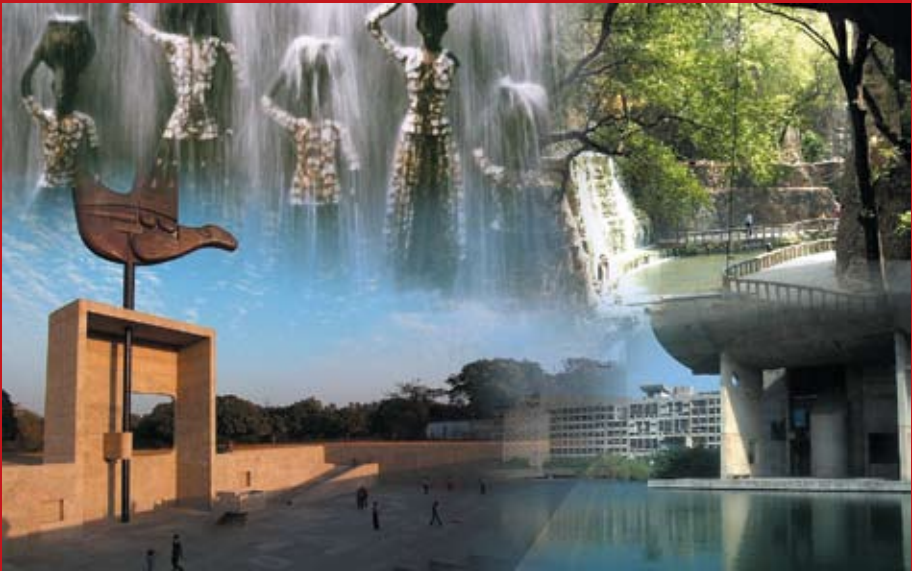
The conference at PGI, which is supposed to be on clinical nutrition, has surgeons, gastroenterologists, dieticians and paediatricians participating. Dr Sunit Singhi, the organising chairman, is the head of the department of paediatrics. Clearly, the ministry's warning against doctors in general, and paediatricians in particular, not collaborating with baby food companies is being ignored. When contacted, Dr Gurpreet Singh, organising secretary of the conference refused to comment. The ministries urged the concerned state departments to check and ban such sponsorships and to take all steps necessary to implement the IMA Act.

Evidence Based Nutrition



ISPEN 2010 - 2nd Announcement

16th Annual Conference of The Indian Society
for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition
10-12 December, 2010



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Message From The Organizing Committee

“ Dear Colleague

We take great pleasure in inviting you to ISPEN 2010, the XVI Annual Conference of the Indian Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition, to be held in the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh from 10-12 December 2010.

This conference will build upon the success of the previous conferences. The primary focus of the conference will be to bridge the gap between scientific evidence and clinical practice so that the benefit of newer scientific knowledge is transferred to the patient.

The conference offers you an opportunity to learn from the diverse faculty from overseas and India as well as the Nutrition Industry and the program will be designed in a way to provide plenty of scope for interaction.

The venue of the conference is Chandigarh, also known as the City Beautiful. It is a tribute to modern city planning in India and offers you plenty to explore both in and around the city. Chandigarh is also the gateway to Himachal where you can enjoy the breathtaking beauty of the Himalayas.

Please join us for the conference. We are looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones. ”

Dr. Sunit Singhi
Organizing Chairman

Dr. Gurpreet Singh
Organizing Secretary

Organizing Committee

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Scientific Program

Day



10th December

Sessions:

- Malnutrition – Screening and Assessment
- Practical Tips For Implementing Nutrition

**Inauguration
Cultural Program**

Day



11th December

Sessions:

- Plenary
- Dr. Shanmuga Bhaskar Oration
- Optimizing Nutrition In The ICU
- TPN In India
- Micronutrients
- ISPEN
- Disease Specific Nutrition

**GBM
Satellite Symposium On Pediatric Nutrition**

Day



12th December

Sessions:

- Plenary
- From Bugs To Drugs
- Free Papers
- Specialized Nutrition Teams

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Abstracts

Abstract Submission: 30 September 2010

Instructions for Abstract Submission

1. The abstract must be written in English.
2. Title in capital letters in the beginning
3. All authors to be listed and the presenting author marked / highlighted
4. Affiliation of the presenting author
5. Structured abstract of not more than 300 words - introduction / material & methods / results / conclusion
6. Do not give figures and tables in the abstract

Abstracts can be submitted online at our website www.ispen2010.com or sent by surface mail / e-mail to the organizing secretary

All decisions on abstracts will be taken after last date of submission

There are 4 travel bursaries of Rs. 2,500/- each for young investigators presenting papers

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	Upto 30/11/10	Spot
Members	Rs. 2500.00	Rs. 4500.00
Non Members	Rs. 3000.00	Rs. 6000.00
PG Student	Rs. 1000.00	Rs. 2000.00
SAARC Delegates	Us \$ 150.00	Us \$ 300.00
International Delegates	Us \$ 300.00	Us \$ 600.00

All registrations after 30/11/2010 will be treated as spot registrations.

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