



Report of the 6th Annual Conference of The Telemedicine Society of India, Odisha Chapter (Oditelecon 2017) held at National Institute of Science & Technology (NIST), Berhampur, Odisha on 9 April, 2017

The 6th annual conference of The Telemedicine Society of India (TSI), Odisha Chapter (Oditelecon 2017) was organized by TSI, Odisha Chapter jointly with National Institute of Science and Technology (NIST), Berhampur, Odisha. The Indian Medical Association, Berhampur branch supported the organizing committee to organize the event at Berhampur. The conference was held on 9th April 2017. The venue for the conference was NIST, Berhampur. 116 delegates attended the conference.

A workshop on “Basics of Telemedicine” was held from 9.00am to 11.00am on the same day. Dr.P K Pradhan, Joint secretary-cum-Treasurer of TSI was the convener of the workshop. VC System and its utility in telemedicine was demonstrated by S-Cube Consultancy Services, Kolkata. Mr. S S Narwariya from CDAC, Pune spoke on telemedicine hardware and software. Mr. S K Behera, Sub Divisional Engineer (Enterprise Business Cell), BSNL, Odisha circle, Bhubaneswar talked on terrestrial connectivity for supporting telemedicine services in Odisha.

The conference was inaugurated by Prof. Sangram Mudali, Director of NIST, Berhampur. Prof. K Selvakumr, President, Telemedicine Society of India presided over the inauguration meeting.

Dr. B S Ratta, past-president of TSI delivered a lecture over Skype from Pune on “m-health – the solution to diverse health needs of India”. The invited speakers for the conference were Prof. P K Pradhan from SGPGIMS, Lucknow; Prof. S N Senapati from Regional Cancer Center, Cuttack; Prof. I B Kar from SCB Dental College, Cuttack.

Dr. Pranati Mohanty talked on “Tele-pathology for skill promotion of pathology Residents” and Ms Rinu Nayak, tutor, School of Nursing, Berhampur delivered a lecture on “Use of Telemedicine for Tele-Nursing.

Dr. Bhawani S Patnaik with his team members from NIST, Berhampur made a presentation on “NIST Technology Consulting Services (NTCS)” and demonstrated its utility in offering tele-health services. Dr. PKB Patnaik, Joint Director, Non Communicable Diseases(NCD), Odisha, Bhubaneswar talked on “ e-ICU telecare in Odisha”. Dr. B Nageswar Rao Subudhi, HOD of Ophthalmology, MKCG Medical College, Berhampur talked on “Tele-Ophthalmology- our experience at MKCG MC, Berhampur”. Dr. Sibananda Mohanty , President-Elect of Odisha Chapter from Baripada, Dr. Bhabagrahi Rath from VIMSAR, Burla, and Dr. Anusaya Das from Satya Sai Telemedicine Seba Kendra Bhubaneswar talked on their experiences on the use of telemedicine facility in their institutions.

A panel discussion on “Use of Telemedicine technology for enhancement of the quality of medical care in Odisha” was held in the afternoon moderated by Dr. B N Mohanty, immediate past-president of Telemedicine Society of India. The panelists were Dr. P K B Patnaik from Directorate of Health Services, Bhubaneswar representing Department of Health & FW, Govt. of Odisha; Dr. Prabeer Ch. Mohanty from AIIMS, Bhubaneswar representing Central Govt. Health Institutions and Dr. K K Panigrahy from Berhampur representing Indian Medical Association.

There were 20 speakers in the conference from 19 different organizations. Medical professionals from City Hospital, Berhampur; MKCG Medical College, Berhampur; Indian Medical Association, Berhampur branch and NIST Berhampur attended the conference in good number. Telemedicine nodal officers and telemedicine technical personnel from

Govt. Medical Colleges & District Hqrs. hospitals also attended the conference. Govt. permission was granted to all of them with provision of TA for attending the conference.

The Annual General Body Meeting of The TSI, Odisha Chapter was held on the same day at 3.30pm. The following life members of TSI were unanimously elected as office bearers of the Odisha state chapter for the term 2017-2018.

*President : Dr. Sibananda Mohanty, Baripada
President-elect: Dr. Surendra Nath Senapati, Cuttack
Vice-President : Dr. Prabeer Ch. Mohanty, Bhubaneswar
Secretary : Dr. Arun Kumar Mohanty, Cuttack
Jt. Secretary-cum-Treasurer: Dr. Kaushik Mishra, Koraput
Executive Members: Dr. Pranab S. Dash, Baripada
Dr. Srikanta Patnaik, Bhubaneswar
Dr. Arpita Priyadarsini, Cuttack*

Oditelecon 2017 made the following recommendations:

- 1. There is a necessity for technical collaboration between NIST, Berhampur and Telemedicine Society of India, Odisha Chapter for undertaking a pilot study on utility of "NIST Technology Consulting Services" in offering tele-health services.*
- 2. The members of TSI, Odisha Chapter working as senior faculty members in technical universities may consider of assigning research works to PhD scholars in areas relating to telemedicine. Dr. Srikanta Patnaik, Professor of Computer Science at S-O-A University volunteered to implement this proposal from the coming academic session in his department.*
