1st day ICEHAT (1st Nov. 2018) Protocol

# 1st International Conference on e-Health and Tele-Health (ICEHAT), Kathmandu, Nepal

## **Inaugural Day Review:**

The much-awaited three day 1st International Conference on e-Health and Tele-Health (ICEHAT) was held in Kathmandu on 1st November 2018. The Conference commenced with the Scientific Session with many guest speakers from within and abroad presenting their abstracts with question and answers.

#### Scientific Session 1:

The First Scientific Session was chaired by the International Guidance Counsellors to the DI Skin Health & Referral Centre (DISHARC) and Prof. Emeritus, Dr. Gurmohan Singh of India, together with Prof. Dr. Anil Kumar Jha. Dr. Jha is the Chairman of DISHARC and also Chairman of the Organizing Committee of ICEHAT. Originally planned, Dr. Amanda Oakley of New Zealand was supposed to co-chair the Session with Dr. Singh, but she was replaced by Dr. Jha, due to her sudden illness.

At the Session, Prof. Emeritus and Chairman Dermatology, Prof. Dr. Günter Burg of the University of Switzerland, Zürich, Switzerland, presented his Abstract on the "Success Factors of Telecommunication". Earlier, a pre-conference interview on his Abstract was screened on the occasion. Then, Dr. Giovanni Damiani, Dermatologist of Italy spoke on the "Overview to Tele-Dermatology and Italian Experience". Prior to his presentation, the pre-conference interview was shown to the audience. The third speaker, Dr. Pirkko Kouri of Finland, after the screening of her pre-conference interview, made a presentation on "Multi-disciplinary Education Supporting Dissemination of e-Health and Tele-Medicine".

#### Scientific Session 2:

In the second session of the Scientific Committee, Dr. Christa Nahodil of Austria spoke on the "Clinical Data Exchange with a Click of a Mouse". Earlier, her preconference interview was shown on the occasion. Thereafter, Prof. Dr. Anil Kumar Jha dealt with the topic "Challenges While Providing Tele-Health Services In Developing Countries" along with a video presentation. The third speaker of the Second Session of the Scientific Committee, Prof. Goh Chee Leok of Singapore could not attend the ICEHAT, due to some unavoidable circumstances. Therefore, only his pre-conference interview was presented on the occasion. Proceeding further, Dr. Victoria Williams, Colorado, USA, spoke on "Developing e-Health Strategies to Meet Your Needs". Dr. Ramon Bourzas Lorenzo of Spain dealt with his Abstract "Development of e-Health Policies in Spain: Obstacles, Programs and Agenda". Session 2 of the Scientific Committee was chaired by Prof. Huiting Dong, China, and Dr. Mahesh Shah. Dr. Shah replaced Prof. Dr. Jayakar Thomas of Chennai, India, who could not attend the Conference.

## Scientific Session 3:

The session started under the chairmanship of Prof. Shyam Sundar Pandey, India, and Prof. Ousmane Faye, Mali (West Africa).In the Session, Ms. Perrine Legoullon of France spoke on "Ensuring Connectivity and Security of Digitalized Medical Transactions". Prof. Dr. Huiting Dong of China, after the pre-conference interview, gave a detailed overview on "Rapidly-Growing Tele-Medicine Centre of Henan Province". Dr.Dharma Pratap Bharkher, Nepal, elaborated on the "Successful Application of e-Oral Health in Different Levels of Community". Ms. Anu Gurung, Nepal, made a presentation on "SWIFEN Tele-Medicine Services in Nepal". Scheduled Ms.Sumitra Sharma, Nepal, did not attend the Session.

The 1st Scientific Session then ended, paving way for the formal inauguration of ICEHAT in the evening on the same day.

# The Inauguration of ICEHAT

On the same evening of 1st November 2018, the formal inauguration of the ICEHAT took place with much fanfare and enthusiasm. The Conference was inaugurated by Prof. Emeritus & Chairm. Dermatology, Prof. Dr. Günter Burg, who was also the Chief Guest by lighting an oil-fed lamp, with the national anthem of Nepal played to the solemnity of the occasion. Attended by a large number of invited guests, the Chairman of DISHARC and Chairman of the ICEHAT Organizing Committee, Prof. Dr. Anil Kumar Jha spoke about the significance of ICEHAT in the context of Nepal with the cooperation of the international community of dermatologists and other health institutions within and abroad. Chief Guest, Prof. Dr. Günter Burg, shed light on his close relationship with DISHARC. A Letter of Felicitation was presented to Dr. Günter Burg on the occasion .Prof. Emeritus, Dr. Gurmohan Singh, who is also the International Guidance Counselor to DISHARC, expressed his pride that his students were making great

contributions to Dermatology in their own right. Another International Guidance Counselor to DISHARC, Prof. Shyam Sundar Pandey, dealt with the progress made by DISHARC so far. All the guest speakers and members of the ICEHAT Organizing Committee gave their impressions on the Conference on the occasion.

Later, a cultural program was held in honor of all those attending the 1st ICEHAT 2018 in Nepal followed by the banquet dinner.

Master of Ceremony Michael Chand

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Dated: 1st November 2018 (Thursday) Hotel Yak & Yeti Kathmandu Nepal 2nd -day ICEHAT (2nd November 2018) Protocol:

# 1st International Conference on e-Health and Tele-Health (ICEHAT), Kathmandu, Nepal.

The 2nd- day International Conference on e-Health and Tele-Health (ICEHAT) was held in Kathmandu on 2nd November 2018. The Conference commenced with the Scientific Session, with many guest speakers from within and abroad presenting their abstracts with question and answers.

#### Scientific Session 1:

The second-day 1st Scientific Session was chaired by Prof. Emeritus & Chairm. Dermatology, Dr. Günter Burg, University of Switzerland, Zürich, Switzerland, together with the Senior Consultant Dermatologist at DISHARC and Vice-Principal of Nepal Medical College, Dr. Shristi Shrestha.

At the Session, Dr. Amanda Oakley of New Zealand made two presentations:

a) Tele-Dermatology Pathways in the Waikato Region of New Zealand.

b) Dermanet New Zealand: All about the Skin.

Earlier, a pre-conference interview of Dr. Amanda Oakley was screened on occasion. Then, Dr. Suad Ghaddar, Texas, USA, made her presentation on the topic "Understanding Attitude towards Tele-Health: Evidence from the United States Mexico Border".

Prof. Sudha Agrawal of Dharan, Nepal, after her pre-conference Interview, spoke on "Is Mobile Tele-Dermatology a Valuable Tool for Direct Patient-Dermatologist Care in Chronic Skin Conditions?"

Prof. Emeritus Dr. Gurmohan Singh of India dealt with "Patient-Assisted Tele-Dermatology in Clinical Practice".

Dr. Ramon Bourzas Lorenzo, Spain, presented his paper on "Actual Use and User Expectations About e-Health Information and Services".

#### **Scientific Session 2:**

The Scientific Session 2 was shorter than Session 1, as Prof. Jayakar Thomas of Chennai, India, could not attend the Conference. Therefore, only his preconference interview was screened on the occasion. So was also the case with the Guest Speaker, Ali Lotfizadeh, California, USA. Prof. Ousmane Faye of Mali took his turn to elaborate on "Tele-Dermatology for the Management of Skin Diseases in Primary Health Care Centers: Experiences Of A Resources-Limited Country, Mali (West Africa)".

Thereafter, Dr. Prerna Jha of Nepal spoke on the topic "Reaching the Unreachable: Potential and Challenges of Tele-Psychiatry in Nepal".

Session 2 was chaired by Dr. Pirkko Kouri of Finland & Dr. Christa Nahodil, Austria.

#### **Scientific Session 3:**

In this Session, chaired by Prof. Sudha Agrawal, Nepal, & Dr. Giovanni Damiani, Italy, Dr. Shyam Sunder Pandey of India did a presentation on "Tele-Dermatology in India".

Prof. Sabina Bhattarai, Nepal shed light on "Patients Care in Using Mobile App in Rural Nepal: A Unique Innovation".

Dr. Piotr H. Skrazynski of Poland dwelt on the topics "Tele-Medical Fitting of Patients with Cochlear Implants in Central Asia" & "e-Health and Tele-health Audiology in Poland: Past, Current and Future".

#### **Scientific Session 4:**

The Session, chaired by Dr. Vijaya B. Rajbhandari, Nepal, & Prof. Sabina Bhattarai, Nepal, embraced an IT character, with the IT Secretary of ICEHAT & IT Consultant of DISHARC, Mr. Bhagirath Tiwari, speaking on "e-Health & Tele-Health In Nepal: An ICT Perspective".

Then, he did a live demonstration of Tele-Health services run under C.H. E. S. T. Nepal. A live link was established between Hotel Yak & Yeti Conference Room and Gerkhutar, approx. 75km away from KTM. A model Tele-Diagnosis was done on a girl suffering from facial skin problems in Gerkhutar by Prof. Dr. Anil Kumar Jha. A Tele-Prescription was sent by Dr. Jha to the patient after the Tele-diagnosis much to the applause of all those present on the occasion.

The 1<sup>st</sup> ICEHAT 2018 was formerly declared closed by the Chairman of DISHARC and Chairperson of Organizing Committee, Prof. Dr. Anil Kumar Jha.

Earlier Chief Guest Prof. Dr. Guenter Burg gave away certificates and mementos to all those persons, who lent their support making the 1<sup>st</sup> ICEHAT 2018 a grand historical success in Nepal.

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Dated: 2nd November 2018 (Friday) Hotel Yak & Yeti Kathmandu Nepal

# Annex 1:



# Annex 2:



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