

Chair's Report for BAAAP AGM on 12.07.2016

- 2015-16 was a very difficult year in one way or another for most members of the EC. Neelam lost her husband, Sudesh had her knee operation, Gloria's had to make several trips abroad for her sick mother, Anoop had lots of family commitments, Romany had and still continuing serious health problems of her own and responsibility for her sick mother, Roopesh too had some health issue but continued working hard, I had detached retina. So all-in-all we were not a very productive bunch.
- After the AGM last year on 13th July 2015, we have had just 2 meetings one on the 29th of Feb in which the main point of discussion was the website and the proposal to host another conference in June 2017. The second was on the 11th of May to discuss the syllabus of a short course in Ayurveda for the general public.
- We had only one formal CPD although as per definition, discussion of course syllabus is also regarded as a CPD. This was on the 27th of May with Dr Deepika at Neelam's house.
- Two main achievements: 1) the website and BAAAP emails are finally functional although it has meant a lot of hard work on the part of Roopesh to break the connection with Gipping Valley without incurring any additional expenses. The transition to Bonline has neither been smooth nor cheap and we both have had to spend several hours to get it into its current shape. More work still needs to be done. What is required now is a good stream of articles, case-studies and research reports to make it appealing. 2) The short course we have been talking about since late last year is finally going to happen. The leaflets have been printed and they will be available from the 17th July.
- The only other thing worth reporting in this connection is the pledge of support by Minister Coordination for our conference but that is to some extent been neutralised by total lack of response to our request for assistance by AYUSH.
- Planning for next year
 1. Fix date for conference and book speakers in advance
 2. I propose a fixed day every month (except July-Aug & Dec-Jan) to meet socially and exchange views to keep the momentum going. These will be counted as CPDs. We could make it open to other members as well.
 3. Organise at least 2 formal CPDs.
 4. In last year's AGM we discussed the possibility of including a couple of lay members to the EC. Luke's name was considered and I think if he agrees we could make it official this year. The other name I would like to propose is that of Zia Raoji who is already involved in organising workshops at the Chinmaya Centre in Oxford and she could be a big help in our community service effort.