

Dear SOCA members,

The MCI Notification dated 01/07/2015 available at <http://www.mciindia.org/Egazette.aspx> understandably created a wave of concern amongst anatomists. As a responsible body, we weighed our options and it was decided to act in the best possible manner to counter this move by MCI. It is imperative to understand here that SOCA is a growing body (700 plus members) and so the main constraint for SOCA is the lack of finance available for the purpose of litigation. Dr Dyutimoy Datta, a responsible SOCA member provided a useful input that Mr Prashant Bhushan, a renowned Supreme Court advocate is readying a PIL and soliciting information/evidence at e mail id: reformcorruptmci@gmail.com. Accordingly, a petition was compiled against the decision by MCI by Dr Dyutimoy Datta and Dr HIRAK DAS taking inputs from experienced SOCA Executive members and SOCA life members. The same petition was amended and approved by the Founder members, Secretary and President and has been forwarded to Mr Prashant Bhushan on 02.09.2015. A petition to revert the decision regarding reducing number of teaching faculties in Anatomy in Medical colleges has also been sent signed by Secretary and President SOCA to Dr Jayshreeben Mehta, President, Medical Council of India via Registered post.

A committee of active and enterprising members has also been formed to provide ideas and avenues for furtherance of our decision to get the MCI decision reverted. This committee will look into the possible avenues and options including formation of an umbrella body to counter MCI decisions adversely affecting faculty and report to the Secretariat. The Vice-President is a member of this important committee.

Friends, we have realized, that not many associations are coming out against this MCI decision openly and there are people within our community who comment in favor of MCI decision. This situation is alarming but I believe and assure you that Society of Clinical Anatomists will always continue to strive for the Anatomists. I congratulate our young members who have been updating the Secretariat regarding the developments and have been providing inputs for the preparation of SOCA drafts seeking reversion of the MCI decision.

Regards,

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Secretary, Society of Clinical Anatomists(SOCA)