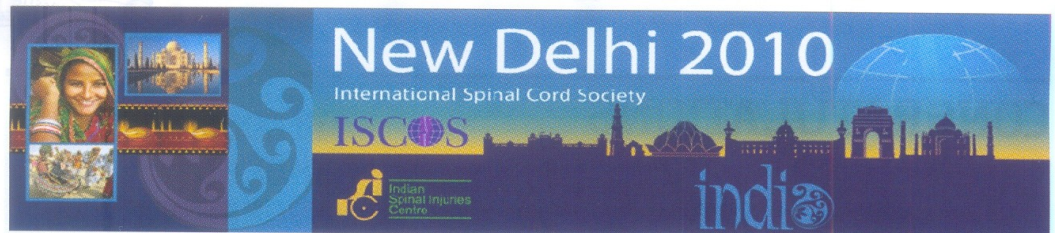


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## 49TH INTERNATIONAL SPINAL CORD SOCIETY ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

**F**or the first time, India witnessed the largest congregation of highly renowned experts in the field of spinal cord injury management from around the globe for the 49th Indian Spinal Cord Society, 10th Spinal Cord Society & 9th Asian Spinal Cord Network Annual Scientific Meeting (2010), hosted by Indian Spinal Injuries Centre .

The event was officially inaugurated by Finance Minister, Shri Pranab Mukherjee, The event brought in a wealth of information about latest trends in the management of various types of spinal ailments. It provided a platform to specialists in our country to meet and exchange knowledge with world class specialists from across the globe. It also provided insights

into new techniques & improvements in the standard of treating SCI patients

Alongside the scientific meeting, Indian Spinal Injuries Centre organized a press conference wherein renowned stem cell experts like Dr. John Steeves, Founding Director, International Collaboration on Repair Discoveries (ICORD), Canada, Prof. Robin Franklin, Cambridge Centre for Brain Repair and Cambridge Stem Cell Initiative, Cambridge University; and others highlighted the latest advancements in the field of Stem Cell Therapy for treating Spinal Cord Injury patients.

An epidemiological study of Spinal Cord Injuries (SCI), undertaken to gauge the

demographic profile of SCI patients treated at ISIC in the last 12 years, revealed that road accidents account for the largest number of SCIs in the country. The ever increasing motorized and non motorized vehicular as well as pedestrian traffic on the already overstrained roads is definitely responsible for increasing the number of unfortunate people suffering from spinal cord injuries.

The Meeting helped in sharing and improving knowledge on the new developments on treatment and techniques for SCI. They are also trying to find out possibilities for treating SCIs using stem cells, even though it is possible for the large majority of individuals to get back to a near normal lifestyle.

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