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Dear Members of the Karnataka Ophthalmological Society,

Greetings of the New Year from Chennai.

I am sure you are surprised to see this note from me on your website. As I am in the last two weeks of my Presidentship of the All India Ophthalmological Society I have been recalling my associations with the several state bodies.

Your Society, The Karnataka Society, is of course one of the dearest and closest to me. Since my student days at Manipal, I have been a keen watcher of the growth and potential of this society and have been rather close to many of your members from all across the state in some capacity or other.

I would like to take this opportunity to pay my respects to all of them and thank all your AIOS members for your help, support and guidance through the years.

I leave with a rather significant regret though, which I am now personally addressing to each and every one of you through this mail this mail..

In spite of the fact that you have so many members in the KOS, there are only 722 members from Karnataka in the AIOS. When I took over in February 2009, one of my aims was to increase the AIOS Membership. This year we have increased our membership All India by about 600 members compared to the usual average figure of about 350 per year.

This is indeed a significant increase. But now I urge *all you youngsters* in the KOS also to join the Bandwagon of the second largest National Ophthalmic Society in the world and become AIOS members. If the first PG from a small Ophthalmic Unit in Manipal can become the President of the AIOS, then you too can one day and you should start NOW.

Click on the link below, to see the benefits of Membership of the AIOS.

<http://aios.org/benefits.asp>

I hope I will soon be able to say “**Welcome to the AIOS**” to many of you.

With Fraternal regards,

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