The Alzheimer’s & Related Disorders Society of India (ARDSI), Guwahati Chapter was founded in August’2012 and was registered under the Societies registration Act.XXI of 1960 on 24th August’2012. The Guwahati Chapter is youngest chapter among the 20 chapters of the Country. The Guwahati Chapter is affiliated to both the National as well as the International body.

The founder members of the society are –

1. Dr.(Mrs.) Ajaya Mahanta –President
2. Dr.Dipesh Bhagabati- Secretary
3. Sri Prashanta Goswami – Vice-President
4. Sri Rajkamal Bhuyan – Treasurer
5. Smti Gayatri Bhattacharya
6. Sri Biswadip Barooah
7. Sri Padmapani Mahanta
8. Sri Prabin Ch.Acharya
9. Sri Kaushik Das (Since deceased)
10. Sri Kiron Ch Baruah

By next year 2013 the total number of members increased to 17.

Activities of the Society –

1. ARDSI Guwahati chapter conducted a TRAINING OF CAREGIVERS programme on 10th March’2013 at the auditorium of Dispur Hospital. Total number of participants was 81. Out of which there were:

   Care Givers – 4
   Doctors – 14
   Nurses – 25
   Members – 10
   Media & Public – 28

The Chief Guest of the training programme was Shri Haren Das,IAS, Former Chief Secretary, Govt.of Assam. Ms. Nilanjana Maulik, National Secretary, ARDSI was invited as Guest Speaker. Other Resource person were -----

-Dr.(Mrs) Ajaya Mahanta
-Dr.Jayanta Das
-Dr.Nilakshi Mahanta
-Dr.D.Bhagabati

It can be said that the training program was successful.
2. Observing the success of the program the National body of ARDSI offered the next National Conference to the Guwahati chapter. After initial hesitation the ARDSI Guwahati decided to hold the conference in Guwahati. A committee was formed with Dr. Ajaya Mahanta as a Chairperson and Sri Prasanta Goswami as the Organizing Secretary, and Shri Rajkama Bhuyan as the Treasurer.

Accordingly, ARDSI Guwahati Chapter held XVIII th. National Conference of Alzheimer's and Related Disorders Society of India in Guwahati on 29th and 30th November 2013 in the NEDFI Center.

Total number of participants including people attending the Inaugural session were approximately 350

There was two concurrent sessions in this conference viz. Scientific and Care Givers program

The Total number of delegates in scientific session was – 180

Care Giver Session was – 65

The total number of delegates from other chapters of India – 33

Resource person – 16 including National and International level

Chairpersons of the conference were 27

3. World Alzheimer's Day was observed by holding a Street Play on the theme of Alzheimer's Disorder. The play was enacted by students of the Tata Institute of Social Sciences in the premises of Gauhati Medical College & Hospital.

4. During the year ARDSI, Guwahati launched a website of its own and also made a logo of the society.

5. The Society has plans to start a Day Care-Cum- Recreational Centre for people affected in Alzheimer Disorder and Senior citizens

ARDSI Guwahati chapter though is still in its infancy, it has been able to perform well not only at national level but also internationally with the successful holding of the national conference. But, there is a long long way to go. Dr.(Mrs) Ajaya Mahanta as the President of the society has been giving excellent leadership. Shri Prashanta Goswami, Vice-President with his penchant for work till late at night has taken over most of the responsibilities of the Secretary. I am immensely thankful to him. Credit for the logo as well as the Web-site must be given to Shri RajKamal Bhuyan.

In conclusion, I must say that whatever has been performed has been due to the team effort of all the members. I would like to request all present to make efforts to introduce more members both in the country as well as outside..

Long live ARDSI Guwahati

Dipesh Bhagabati

Secretary, ARDSI Guwahati

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