

ACTIVITIES OF SPECIALITY SECTION 2011

1. THE ASSOCIATION OF COLON AND RECTAL SURGEONS OF INDIA (ACRSI):

- i. Basic Instructional course @ RNT Medical College, Udaipur which was attended by about 150 delegates.
- ii. Fellowship examination for awarding FACRSI @ RNT Medical College, Udaipur for 35 Surgeons.
- iii. Joint meeting with Malaysian Society of Colorectal Surgeons @ Kaulalampur where ten speakers from ACRSI delivered talks & about 50 members participated.
- iv. Advanced instructional course @ Madurai followed by Annual Congress.
- v. CME on ODS @ Joy Hospital, Mumbai from 3rd - 4th December 2011.
- vi. ACRSI Section in ASICON, Delhi.
- vii. Tie up with Colorectal Surgeons from Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Korea & GCC for future Annual Congress of ACRSI which is scheduled next year.

2. INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF ENDOCRINE SURGEONS (IAES):

- i. New members enrolled this year is 12.
- ii. We had a wonderful scientific programme for one and half a day or ASICON 2010, New Delhi and our section won "THE BEST SECTION AWARD - 2010".
- iii. President Dr. N.T. Srinivasan and Secretary Dr. D. Maruthupandian attended the two Governing Council Meetings this year one at Cochin and other one at Bengaluru.
- iv. This year our 12th annual conference held at Hotel Kodai International, Kodaikanal on 14th to 16th October 2011.

- v. We had CME Lectures on 14th October 2011 which was accredited by Tamilnadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University, Chennai.
- vi. Dr. Hisham Abdullah from Malasiya and Dr. Ranil Fernando from Srilanka delivered the Dr. Vittal's oration and Guest Lecture respectively.
- vii. Apart from that, we had symposium, panel discussion, video session, best paper award session and exciting Endocrine Quiz for postgraduates.
- viii. We had election for president Elect 2013 for which Dr. A. Sankaramahalingam was elected unanimously.
- ix. The journal of IAES, souvenir and membership directory were released on the inaugural function.
- x. Six of our members were conferred with Fellowship (IAES) in the conference.
- xi. Our sectional website in the address of www.iaes.org.in is functioning effectively.
- xii. We had on GB meeting on 15th October 2011 and the venue for annual conference of our section for the year 2012 at Lucknow and for the year 2013, at Bhubhaneshwar were fixed. A new oration in the name of Dr. K.D. Varma is to be inducted in our annual Conference from 2012.
- xiii. Audited statement of accounts for this year and the scientific program for ASICON 2011 at Cochin and the memorandum rules and regulation of were sent to Head Quarters already.

3. THE ASSOCIATION OF GENITO URINARY SURGEONS OF INDIA (AGUSI):

The main activity conducted by AGUSI is arranging the scientific programme at Asicon. The programme is arranged by inviting the leading Urologist of India to share their views with the delegates. This year we had the opportunity to conduct our programme in Hall A at Asicon 2010 held in Delhi.

The symposium was arranged on the various modalities of treatment of the Enlargement of prostate. Dr. N.P. Gupta past president of USI was the Convenor. This years oration was delivered by Dr. S.N. Kotwal, President of USI. He spoke about his experience in Surgery of Intersex. Free papers were presented in the Urology section.

Our section has got membership of 132 & we plan to add more members in future.

4. THE ASSOCIATION OF MINIMAL ACCESS SURGEONS OF INDIA (AMASI)

Membership strength : 4067 (as on 1st October, 2011):

- i. The 16th skill course was conducted at Shija Academy of Nursing, Imphal, Manipur 17th February - 20th February 2011. Course convenor - Dr. Jugindra S. 41 delegates appeared in that FMAS examination. 70 delegates attended skill course including FMAS delegates.
- ii. The 17th skill course was conducted at CMC Hospital, Ludhiana. 14th - 16th April 2011. Course Convenor - Dr. Navneet Kumar Choudhary. 128 participants out of which 68 appeared for FMAS examination.
- iii. 6th Annual Conference of Association of Minimal Access Surgeons of India, AMASICON 2011, Singapore from 21st May 2011. 813 participants including 369 delegates participated.

- iv. The 18th Skill Course was conducted at MGM Medical College & Hospital, Aurangabad. 26th - 28th August 2011. Course Convenor - Dr. Pravin Suryavamshi. 225 participants out of 110 appeared for FMAS Examination.
- v. The Minimal Access Surgeon, the official news letter was circulated every month to members.
- vi. AMASI workshop and skills course panned at Nagpur on 26th - 27th November 2011.
- vii. Next year, the annual conference will be organized at Coimbatore. Organizing Chairman Dr. C. Palanivelu. Organizing Secretary Dr. P. Senthilnathan.

5. INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF PAEDIATRICS SURGEONS (IAPS):

Last one year for the many reforms have been carried out in the association.

Following is the summary of the administrative activities carries out by the IAPS.

- i. In last one year IAPS has enrolled 65 new members.
- ii. IAPS has done to a news letter and the first a news letter of 50 pages was released in the month of March 2011. For legal purposes, we had sent hard copy of all notices including IAPS - Election, IAPS Awards and Annual IAPS GBM to the IAPS members at their mailing address.
- iii. The Karnataka Chapter of IAPS has taken the lead to restructure the website of the IAPS. Dr. Sanjay Rao guided by Dr. Ashley D'Cruz, Dr. S. Ramesh and others from Bangalore have worked hard and our new website is ready. Dr. Sanjay Rao will tell us during the conference about the details of this new interactive website.

- iv. Under the leadership of President, Dr. Ashley D'Cruz a meeting of teachers of IAPS was organized at Bangalore on May 28th - 29th 2011. I am very happy to inform you that the consultative meeting of DNB coordinators, teachers and other senior paediatric surgeons went off very well. The two day meeting saw an intense discussion on the various aspects of the curriculum and evaluation system of the 3 year & 6 year DNB (Paediatric Surgery) course. After due deliberations, the curriculum and the examination patterns were finalised. The final draft of recommendations was submitted to the National Board for further action. Dr. KLN Rao, Dr. Ravi Kumar, Dr. Ravindra Vora, Dr. S. Ramesh and many paediatric surgeons from Bangalore participated actively in the meeting.
- v. Dr. Ashley D'Cruz has begun work on insurance front. He has been corresponding with the Health Secretary and Minister for the same. He will hand over the details to the Dr. Sripathi, who will take over as the President for the coming year.
- vi. After successful launching of the scheme of Fellow of Indian Association of Paediatric Surgeons in 2010, the Secretariat has received 15 more applications for the FIAPS. The contribution received will be added in the corpus of IAPS and the interest from the corpus will be utilized to strengthen the IAPS. IAPS thanks all the applicant and the plaque will be awarded to them at the end of the Annual General Body Meeting. The list of the applicant is as per the Annexure - I.

6. ASSOCIATION OF SURGEONS OF RURAL INDIA (ASRI):

- i. As usual we have enrolled 6 new members from the peripheral places.
- ii. We have conducted a free surgical operation camp on 12.06.2011 in Assam. 6 minor operations were conducted.
- iii. Help awareness programme at Samaguri under Nowgan District on 12.06.2011.

We have organized a symposium on Oncological conditions in the Annual Camp. Apart from Guest Lecture and Short papers.

7. INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF SURGICAL GASTROENTEROLOGY (IASG):

For the first time, IASG initiated a special program on GI Clinics for trainees (MCh / DNB) students which included case discussions, interactions with senior faculty at training centres and sessions aimed at discussing the various elements at an end of training qualification examination. This was held on 26th - 27th February 2011 at the Asian Institute of Gastroenterology, Hyderabad and was organized by Dr GV Rao and Dr. R. Pradeep. The program was attended by about 50 trainees. It was also webcast and allowed for interaction of those logged on with the faculty. Over 150 people were logged on at various points during the program to watch the proceedings.

The next activity was a District level CME conducted by Dr. T. Narayana Rao, Professor of Surgery, Andhra Medical College at Vishakhapatnam on 27th March 2011. The meeting was organized with enthusiasm, had a lot of audience participation and was aimed at increasing awareness of the field of surgical gastroenterology in the region.

On 30th - 31st July 2011, a GI Surgery Clinic (the second in 2011) was organized for trainees in Kolkata by Dr. Sanjay Debakshi at the Calcutta Medical Research Institute.

The Annual Conference was held at Jaipur, 13th - 16th October 2011 organized by Dr. Rajesh Bhojwani, Santokba Durlabhji Memorial Hospital. The venue was Hotel Marriot. Over 275 abstracts - the highest ever - were submitted through an online submission system and were published in Tropical Gastroenterology, the official journal of IASG. The conference had close to 700 registrations. The Bursary program for 34 selected trainees was on 12th October 2011. The live operative workshop was on 13th October 2011 with a number of open and minimal access procedures being demonstrated. The other highlights were:

- i. CME on 14th October.
- ii. Lucknow Oration by MA Cuesta on Minimally invasive Oesophagectomy for Oesophageal Cancer : Its pros and cons.
- iii. Chennai Oration by SH Kim on 'Has Laparoscopic Colorectal Resection for Cancer upstaged open resections ?'.
- iv. Video Sessions.
- v. Landmark publications in the field.
- vi. Special mention abstract reviews and special mention video session.
- vii. Veerabhai JR Das Aggarwal Oration by R Surendran.
- viii. Debates on Therapy for achalasia cardia and drainage of infected pseudocyst.

- ix. Symposia on liver transplant and bariatric surgery; panel discussion on ethical issues and
- x. Free papers, posters and award sessions.

The executive committee and the General Body met on 15th October 2011. Dr. M.K. Mohapatra was elected President Elect and 5 new members (Dr. Puneet Dhar Kochi; Dr. Nilesh Doctor, Mumbai; Maj. Gen. PK Patnaik, New Delhi; Dr. GV Rao, Hyderabad; and Dr. Paresh P Varty, Mumbai) joined the executive committee. About 15 new members joined IASG.

8. INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF SURGICAL ONCOLOGY (IASO):

Membership & Member Directory:

IASO have 780 full members and about 60 associate members. A new directory has been published this year.

Scientific Programs:

NATCON 2010:

NATCON 2011, held at Lucknow was a thumping success with over 500 registered delegates. The new format of the meeting, the debates and the symposiums were liked by all members and very positive feedback has been received.

CME Programs:

The CME held in Thiruvananthapuram in April had over 300 delegate registrations and saw very interesting and interactive sessions between the teachers and the taught.

Another CME was held in Kolkata in June and was also attended by over 200 delegates.

Tech and Tech:

IASO was also a partner in the Tech and Tech organized by Dr. Venkatesh in Bangalore and a IASO session was also held there on advances in cancer management.

Forthcoming meetings:

The East Zone CME is being organized by Dr. Arnab Gupta in Kolkata on December 11 and 12, 2011.

IASO Mid Term Conference, Jolly Grant, Dehradun organized by Dr. Sunil Saini on April 14th - 15th 2012.

NATCON IASO 2012 is in Goa next year, the conference is being organized by the dynamic team of Dr. Shekhar Salkar and Dr. Sharad Desai. The conference dates are October 4th - 7th 2012.

Indian Cancer Congress 2013:

We are working hard to have a joint meeting of IASO with AORI ISMPO and ISO in 2013, to be called as Indian Cancer Congress.

BASO - IASO - HYDERABAD FELLOWSHIP:

The Association successfully started the BASO fellowship this year. The fellowship was awarded to Dr. K. Chandramohan of Regional Cancer Centre, Trivandrum.

Indian Journal of Surgical Oncology:

Indian Journal of Surgical Oncology, the official journal of the association is making rapid progress, taking giant strides forward under the leadership of Dr. Gopinath. The journal has now been indexed in google scholar, OCLC and Summons.

News Letter:

Two issues has been published this year and the December issue is in press.

Website:

The IASO website <http://www.iasoindia.in> has been updated and the new website will be activated very soon. Curriculum committee, a curriculum subcommittee with Dr. K.S. Gopinath as Chair, Dr. Arun Chaturvedi, Dr. Vijay Kumar & Col. Sanjay Kapoor as its member and the Secretary IASO, Dr. Manoj Pandey as the Member Secretary. A curriculum has been proposed which is available online for review and comments. IASO has the distinction of being one of the best section of ASI, and I sincerely hope that it will remain that way for the years to come.

9. THE ASSOCIATION OF THORACIC AND CARDIO VASCULAR SURGEONS OF

INDIA (ATCVSI):

- i. To reach a wider audience the Mid - Term CME of the ATCVSI section was successfully organized by Dr. IMS Narula, in tandem with Rajasthan Chapter of ASI during their annual conference on 8th & 9th October 2011 at Ajmer. Theme was 'Vascular Disorders'. It was attended by about 100 delegates. A hands - on training workshop in basic vascular anastomotic techniques was a part of this activity. 20 young surgeons attended the workshop and beenfitted from wet lab experience.
- ii. 13 new members were inducted during the year taking the strength of the Section to 127.

- iii. Executive Committee meeting was held on 29th May 2011 and 30th October 2011 for smooth running of the Association.
- iv. Efforts are on to compile a directory of the members to facilitate more thorough communication and interaction.
- v. The news letter of the section is under preparation and would be in print by end of November.
- vi. Scientific program including Dr. N.L. Bordia Oration for the ensuing ASICON 2011 at Kochi have been carefully compiled so as to be of interest to general surgical colleagues.

10. INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF TRAUMATOLOGY AND CRITICAL CARE (IATCC):

- i. Basic Trauma Course conducted in Nair Hospital, Mumbai in July 2011. 75 delegates attended.
- ii. First midterm conference of IATCC - TRAUMASICON 2011 was conducted at Lokmanya Tilak Medical College, Mumbai on September 17th & 18th with Dr. Satish Dharap as Organizing Secretary and Dr. Meena Kumar as Organizing Chairman. It was well attended by 230 delegates from Maharashtra, Goa, Gujarat, J&K, Orissa, Tamilnadu, Karnataka etc. including from the Armed Forces. A notable feature was that all the speakers delivered their lectures with no absentees.
- iii. There were 5 well conducted and attended workshops on Resuscitation Skills, Mass Casualty Management, Trauma Radiology, Pre Hospital Management and Trauma Surgery conducted at Ethicon Institute & Lokmanya Tilak Medical College on 16th September.

iv. 38 new members joined during this year bringing the membership to 190,.

11. ASSOCIATION OF ARMED FORCES SURGEONS (AAFS):

- a. A team of five AAFS members presented a symposium on "Blast Injuries" at an International Symposium in Colombo, Sri Lanka on 16 February 2011.
- b. A two day conference on "Military Medicine" was organized at Military Hospital Roorkee, Uttarakhand on 12th - 13th March 2011. Several AAFS members participated from all over India.
- c. A two day conference on "Approach for Trauma, the greatest killer of 21st Century" was organized at Command Hospital (AF) Bangalore on 17th - 18th September 2011. Several AAFS members participated from all over India.
- d. A one hour session on "Trauma" will be organized as part of National Surgery Conference - 2011 to be held by department of Surgery, AFMC at Pune on 8th October 2011. Dr. Winston Noronha on Abdominal Trauma, Dr. P. Jindal on Hand Injuries and Wg. Cdr. Manoj Kumar on Nutrition in Critical Care are the speakers. Several AAFS members will attend the conference.
- e. Annual Conference of the AAFS will be held at ASICON - 2011, Cochin on 28th December 2011.
- f. Four volumes of quarterly news letter was brought out by AAFS.

12. ASSOCIATION OF BREAST SURGEONS OF INDIA (ABSI):

The Association of Breast Surgeons of India (ABSI), the most recent Section of ASI was established in 2011. The first general body meeting of ABSI was held in Hyderabad on 27th March 2011. Dr. Barun Sinha - President ASI, Dr. Narendra Pandey - Immediate Past President ASI, Prof. Ramakant - President Elect ASI &

Dr. R. Karwasra - Hony. Secretary ASI, gave their opening remarks applauding the initiative to establish a dedicated Breast Surgical Society. Dr. Barun Sinha launched the ABSI website - www.absi.in - Some 3000 people have already visited the website). The constitution was approved and office bearers were elected at the General Body meeting.

ABSI primarily represents General Surgeons, Surgical Oncologists & Plastic Surgeons practicing of the art & science of breast surgery in India. Our affiliate members include Gynecologists, General Practitioners, Radiologists, Pathologists, Medical Oncologist, Radiation Oncologists & Breast Cancer Advocacy Groups, all of whom are equally important members of the multidisciplinary team involved in treating patients with breast disease.

In many developed Countries across the world, the concept of Organ based specialists has now been firmly established. Breast Surgery is a recognized subspecialty of General Surgery abroad with structured training for designated Breast Surgeons. The principal goal of ABSI is to standardize the delivery of Breast Healthcare in India, and equally work towards establishing Breast Surgery as a subspecialty in India.

Over the past six months, three hugely successful Regional CME Programmes were held in Cuttack (East Zone), Bangalore (South Zone) & Pune (West Zone). Faridabad will be hosting the North Zone CME in February 2012. ABSICON 2012, the very First Annual Conference of Association of Breast Surgeons of India (ABSI) will be held at the Marriott in Hyderabad on 19th & 20th May 2011. It is being held in association with the European Society of Breast Cancer Specialists (EUSOMA).

In conclusion, ABSI will leave no stone unturned in its mission to involve, engage & empower members about the best practices and latest advances in the art & science of Breast Surgery that would undoubtedly translate to achieving best outcomes that our patients so richly deserve.