

## ACTIVITIES OF SPECIALITY SECTIONS 2015

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

37<sup>th</sup> National Conference of Association of Colon and Rectal Surgeons of India was hosted by Department of Surgical Gastroenterology, Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow from 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2014. There were approximately 250 delegates including 70 National faculties & 10 International speakers. ACRSI sectional scientific program was conducted during Association of Surgeons of India-annual meeting (ASICON2014), from 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2014 at Hyderabad. During this Dr Khubchandani Oration was delivered by Dr Benjamin Perakath and the Presidential Oration by Dr Shekhar Suradkar.

“HICON 2015” a conference on Colorectal Cancers, endorsed by ACRSI, was held from 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 at Hotel Leela, Mumbai.

19<sup>th</sup> ACRSI Fellowship training course was held from 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> April 2015 by Department of Surgical Gastroenterology KEM Hospital Mumbai. A total of 50 delegates from all over India including 3 delegates from Bangladesh attended the course. 21 students appeared for the FACRSI exam which was conducted on 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

ACRSI facilitated young surgeons by providing the travelling fellowships. Dr Sharvari Pujari from KEM Hospital Mumbai (Zuventus International Travelling Fellowship) visited Saint Francis hospital, Hartford, Connecticut. Dr Sanjay Singla and Dr Shyam Kumar Gupta visited Heartlands hospital NHS Trust Birmingham, U.K (Zydus Travelling International Fellowship).

One day IBD CME endorsed by ACRSI was organized on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2015 by Gujarat Surgeons Association and Kaizen Hospital in Ahmadabad.

### 2. INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF ENDOCRINE SURGEONS (IAES)

The academic year began with **Dr P S Venkatesh Rao** taking over as President during the Annual Conference IAESCON 2014 in October 2014 at Poovar and **Dr Sai Krishna Vittal** as Honorary Secretary.

**Meetings:** - An Executive Committee meeting was held on 16/8/2015 at Chennai. The Annual General Body meeting of IAES was held at IAESCON 2015 on 3/10/2015 at Mumbai.

**Newsletter:** - A News letter detailing the activities of IAES was published in September 2015

**Journal:** - The Journal of IAES “Indian Journal of Endocrine Surgery” is scheduled to be released in December 2015.

**Website** :- The website of our Chapter has been updated and is functioning effectively

**Annual Conference** :- The 16<sup>TH</sup> Annual Conference of IAES (IAESCON 2015) was held at Mumbai between 2– 4 October 2015. Dr Santhosh John Abraham, President ASI was the Chief Guest for the inaugural function of the conference. Five members were conferred with FAES on the same day. Dr Abhay Dalvi was the Organising Chairman and Dr Sameer Rege and Dr Aparna Deshpande were the Organising Secretaries of the Conference respectively. The International faculty was Dr Martin Walz from Germany, Dr Radu Mihai from United Kingdom and Dr Ranil Fernando from Sri Lanka apart from renowned National faculty.

**The Highlights of the Conference were**

“Prof S Vittal Oration”, “Prof K D Verma Oration”, “Prof R Jothiramalingam Best Paper Award”, “IAESCON 2009 Chennai Endocrine Quiz” Programme for Post Graduates “Dr A J Bensam Best Poster Award”.

Our Section is extremely thankful to our ASI President for attending the conference.

The 17<sup>TH</sup> Annual Conference IAESCON 2016 will be held at Meerut.

**Programme Badged by IAES** :- A CME under the auspices of IAES was held on 26 July 2015 at Ahmedabad organised by Association of Ahmedabad Surgeons.

**Account Statement** :- The Audited statement of account has already been submitted to Association of Surgeons of India

**Membership Drive**:- 40 new members have been enrolled to IAES.

### **3. THE ASSOCIATION OF GENITO – URINARY SURGEONS OF INDIA (AGUSI)**

The main activity of AGUSI is arranging a good scientific programme at ASICON for the General Surgeons at large regarding the advances in the Genito-urinary surgery.

At the ASICON 2014, at Hyderabad, AGUSI Sectional programme was arranged on 30<sup>th</sup> December 2014. Dr Haribhai Patel, Past President of AGUSI, delivered the Presidential oration on “Laparoscopic Surgery – Reality. There was a symposium on “Erectile dysfunction”. The convener was Dr. Sudhakar Krishnamurti from Hyderabad. The Guest lectures were delivered by Dr. PVLN Murthy, Hyderabad and Dr. Bhalchandra Kashayapi, Pune.

General body meeting was held after the scientific programme. The new team of Office bearers and Executive Council members was elected unanimously for the period 2015 to 2017. It was decided to promote the membership of our section to the persons interested in the urology.

This year six new Life members have been added. The audited accounts of the year 2014- 15 were presented for the record of the central office.

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

AMASI is a vibrant scientific body committed to development of minimally invasive surgery in India. Being the silver jubilee year, we at AMASI strived hard to promote laparoscopic surgery to every nook and corner of the country. History is repeated when we conducted our second overseas conference at Dubai last year and followed it up with a skill course at Sharjah UAE this October, where over 560 delegates from India participated with a good International delegate's participation of more than 200 surgeons from UAE, Gulf and Europe participated.

Scientific program was equally well attended with parallel halls running for General Surgery and Gynaecology. AMASI Emirates chapter was formed during the inauguration of the conference.

We have conducted five skill courses at different parts of the country. Ranchi, Jharkhand on 19<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> March 2015; Sholapur, Maharashtra on 19<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> June 2015; Vijayawada on 23<sup>rd</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> July 2015; Sharjah, UAE on 9<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> October 2015; Raipur, Chhattisgarh on 23<sup>rd</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

Rural Programs organized by Dr. Dilip Gode at Hemalkasa on March 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> and Dr. Pravin Suryavansi at Beed on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

CME & Workshops organized by Dr. Manoj Kumar Choudhury at Shillong, Meghalaya on 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> March and Dr. Om Tantia at Kolkata on July 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>.

A predominantly video-based education program organized by Dr. Deborshi Sharma at Bairelly on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2015; Dr. Ramanamoorthy at Vijayawada on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2015 and Dr. Dilip Gode at Nagpur on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

AMASI now boasts a membership of over 5700 active members, which is one of the largest Minimal Access Surgical Associations in the World.

#### **5. INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF PAEDIATRIC SURGEONS (IAPS)**

The year 2014-15 was an important landmark in the history of our association as we celebrated our Golden Jubilee this year.

The association has many active subchapters / sections which hold their own regular conferences and meetings:

1. Pediatric Endo Surgeons of India (PESI-IAPS) had its 10<sup>th</sup> annual conference cum workshop at Jaipur in February 2015.
2. Pediatric Urology Chapter of IAPSCON (PUC-IAPS) had its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual conference cum workshop at Bangalore in August 2014.
3. Basic Research Chapter of IAPS also held its annual meeting at New Delhi.
4. Various state chapters also had their annual conferences.
6. The major landmark event of the year was of course the "Golden Jubilee Celebrations held during our Annual Conference held at Hotel Hyatt Regency, Mumbai from 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> October 2015 where we screened a documentary about our association, released a

commemorative souvenir, felicitated our founding fore fathers and honoured our seniors and past office bearers. The occasion was graced by several seniors and stalwarts and ended with a grand dinner.

7. There were several other landmarks during the year too.
  - a. The Department of Pediatric Surgery at Coimbatore Medical College celebrated its 40 years of service
  - b. The Department of Pediatric Surgery at Institute of Child Health, Chennai celebrated its Golden Jubilee this year.
  - c. The Department of Pediatric Surgery at PGIMER, Chandigarh held a special CME during the occasion of the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday of its founder Dr. Iqbal Chand Pathak

The elections for the various posts were held and a new team took over the reins of the association. The Principal Office Bearers are Dr. Kishore Panjwani (President), Dr. S. N Kureel - President Elect, Dr. Kota Ramesh Reddy - Hon. Secretary & Dr HPS Miglani (Joint Secretary). The new set of office bearers have set out to have a week long “Pediatric Surgical Week” across the country around the Children’s Day. We are sure they will take the association to greater heights. We also look forward to further active collaboration between IAPS & ASI.

## **6. ASSOCIATION OF SURGEONS OF RURAL INDIA (ASRI)**

ASRI has become more active this year. We have enrolled 12 new members to the ASI under TN & P chapter and increased the strength of our section by adding 41 new members to the existing 319 members. Our members are frequently informed about need to increase membership. We have organized two laparoscopic workshops to provide latest technical advances in the field to the rural surgeons both workshops were attended by huge numbers. The faculty had rich teaching experience and rural surgeons were greatly benefitted. We plan to conduct more such camps in the near future. We plan to conduct a mid-term conference with one state association.

## **7. INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF SURGICAL GASTROENTEROLOGY (IASG)**

Indian Association of Surgical Gastroenterology started with its first National Conference in 1991 at Hyderabad and has grown by leaps and bounds and today has strength of 975 members.

Dr. Vikram Kate, Pondicherry served as the President of the Association and Dr. S.M. Chandramohan, Chennai served as the Hon. Secretary during the year 2014-2015. They relinquished the charge at the Annual Conference held at Pune in October 2015 to the incoming President Dr Anil Agarwal, New Delhi and the Hon. Secretary, Dr Pradeep Rabela, Hyderabad.

The following CMEs/PG clinics were conducted under the endorsement or in association with the IASG:

1. PG Clinics attended by 87 students was conducted at the Asian Institute of Gastroenterology in Hyderabad organised by Dr GV Rao.

2. CME ON GI ONCOLOGY at Madurai was successfully conducted by Dr Ramesh Ardhanari and Dr Mohan Narasimhan.

IASG is successfully collaborating with the Society of the Surgery for the Alimentary Tract (SSAT) with a bilateral invitation to attend the annual events by the designated representatives of the association.

Dr. GV Rao, Asian Institute of Gastroenterology, Hyderabad attended the Digestive Disease Week meeting in Washington May 15-19 2015 as a representative of the IASG and delivered a lecture on ERAS: Challenges in India.

The 25<sup>th</sup> National Conference of Surgical Gastroenterology was held at Pune from 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> October 2015. The Organizing Committee under the able guidance of Dr. Ramesh Dumbre as the Organizing Chairman and Dr. Mahesh Thombare as the dynamic Organizing Secretary left no stone unturned in making it a memorable event. More than 800 delegates attended the event and the programme included a bursary programme, live workshop and the three day conference including the CME. As a special gesture all the past presidents were felicitated at the conference.

The next Annual Conference of the IASG 2016 will be organized by Gem Hospital at Coimbatore.

## **8. INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF SURGICAL ONCOLOGY (IASO)**

IASO has continued its march towards enhancing Surgical Oncology and expanding its base nationally and internationally.

We had a wonderful meeting in Chennai (NATCON 2014) and the sectional meeting in ASICON 2014 in Hyderabad.

MIDCON in Bhopal deserves a special mention for all the ingredients it had to make a conference and the teamwork and cohesion that the organizing team led by Dr Atul Samaiya and Dr Sham Aggarwal showed was exceptional.

Our President Dr M Vijay Kumar and Hon. Secretary Dr T.Subramanyeshwar Rao, attended the Society of Surgical Oncology meet in Houston, Texas in March 2014 where bilateral participation and partnership were discussed with SSO. This is a great step forward.

Dr. K S Raj Kumar visited three institutes in US on IASO SSO fellowship and has reported to the organization that his stay has expanded his horizons.

We are looking forward for the forthcoming East Zone meeting scheduled on 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> November under the stewardship of Dr Samir Bhattachaya and Dr Arnab Gupta. We also have Sectional meeting and combined sessions at ASICON 2015, Gurgaon

One significant change in the outlook of the association has been the realization that talent has to be caught young and the scientific programme of this conference is an indicator of the same. This thrust has been largely because of the vision of our President elect Dr Harith Chaturvedi

It has been the dream of our President to start an outreach programme of IASO in Medical schools in various zones, wherein undergraduates are sensitized about surgical oncology. We are planning the first such initiative in Gandhi Medical College Hyderabad in November 2015.

Membership has expanded by 45.

We look forward to have a wonderful conference in Jodhpur in 2016 and have to position ourselves for the prestigious Indian Cancer Congress 2017.

## **9. THE ASSOCIATION OF THORACIC AND VASCULAR SURGEONS OF INDIA (ATVSI)**

Midterm executive committee meeting was held at Rohtak and it was decided to form a committee for awarding Dr.N.L.Bordia oration for the year 2015 which finalized the name of Dr. Bhavinder Arora for the Oration.

### **Membership & Directory:**

The membership directory of ATVSI was published in year 2014 and revised in 2015.

### **Awareness programme:**

It was organized by the section on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2015 as “No Smoking day” at Pt.B.D.Sharma Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences Rohtak. It was inaugurated by The Vice Chancellor University of Health Sciences Rohtak Prof. VK Jain. President ATVSI Section Prof. M.G.Vashist, Vice President Prof. R.S. Dahiya and Treasurer of the section Dr. Satish Dalal participated in the function and it was attended by more than 100 persons from the community and workers from paramedical sciences. People were apprised of the harmful effects of smoking. In this awareness programme, Pamphlets were distributed among people who attended the programme and posters were displayed.

### **Mid-Term CME:**

Midterm conference of the section was organized at Sri Padamavati auditorium at Sri Venkateshwar Institute of Medical Sciences Tirupati on 29<sup>st</sup> August, 2015 by Dr Abha Chandra (Prof & Head Department of CTVS, SVIM, Tirupati) as Organizing Secretary. About 100 delegates attended the Conference. The conference included the lectures on recent advances in Thoracic and Vascular Surgery. Lectures were held on common topics like management of Diabetic foot, vascular trauma and Empyema management. It was very useful for the young Surgeons and Post Graduate Students. The CME was accredited for 6 hours by MCI (AP).

## **10. INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF TRAUMATOLOGY & CRITICAL CARE (IATCC)**

The Annual National Conference of the section TRAUMASICON 2014 was organized by IATCC in association with Department of General Surgery, Sir J J hospital, Mumbai. Dr. Girish Bakhshi was the organizing secretary. It was attended by over 320 delegates. The highlights of the conference were preconference workshops on prehospital trauma care, trauma radiology, trauma resuscitation skills and ventilator management. More than 100 delegates took participation in workshop.

The workshop was inaugurated by Prof. Arun Jamkar, Vice Chancellor of Maharashtra University of Health Sciences. The conference was inaugurated by President Dr. Satish Shukla. The conference was a great success, was very interactive and appreciated by delegates & faculty both. This has spread the message of trauma care into rural and interior parts of the country as delegates were not only from Chennai but also from other states across the country.

The Sectional program was held during ASICON 2014 at Hyderabad. Even in ASICON 2014, as in past, we had very good audience of more than 70 delegates during whole program and were very interactive with faculties.

The sectional website [www.iatcc.in](http://www.iatcc.in) is now operational and interactive. Looking ahead, we want to start Trauma Fellowship for practicing surgeons. One day CMEs and workshops in different states also have been proposed. One such CME was conducted in Solapur in April this year.

Twenty new members were added to the section this year. Total strength has now crossed two hundred and forty five as on 31-3-2015.

## **11. ASSOCIATION OF BREAST SURGEONS OF INDIA (ABSI)**

4<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Association of Breast Surgeons of India (ABSICON 2015) was held at Hotel Radisson Blu, Indore from 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 to 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2015. This conference was jointly organized by Department of Surgery, MGM Medical College, Indore, MP and MP Chapter of Association of Surgeons of India and Indore City Branch of ASI. The organizing secretary Dr. Manish Kaushal and Chief Patron Dr. Satish K Shukla did a commendable job.

### **1. Social activity for breast cancer awareness**

Dr Anupama Mane from Ruby Hall Cancer Center, Pune had organized social activity for breast cancer awareness on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2015. They have distributed more than 10,000 breast cancer pamphlets and interacted with the people.

### **2. Pink Ribbon Walk, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh, Sunday 4th October 2015**

To mark the beginning of International Breast cancer awareness month (October), the Second edition of Pink Ribbon Walk in Andhra Pradesh is being held by Ushalakshmi Breast Cancer Foundation in partnership with The Association of Breast Surgeons of India to create awareness about importance of early detection of breast cancer and salute breast cancer survivors in their fight against breast cancer.

### **3. Pink Ribbon Walk, Hyderabad, Telangana, Sunday 11 October 2015**

The Seventh edition of Pink Ribbon Walk in Telangana, which is now considered to be a signature event in Hyderabad during International Breast cancer Awareness month is being held by Ushalakshmi Breast Cancer Foundation in partnership with The Association of Breast Surgeons of India to create awareness about importance of early detection of breast cancer and salute breast cancer survivors in their fight against breast cancer. Some 5000 people from all walks of life are expected to participate at this event.

### **4. Dr KumKum Singh had organized below events :**

- 17<sup>th</sup> October 2015, pink ribbon walk for breast cancer awareness along with lions club around 80-90 people participated.
- 28<sup>th</sup> October breast cancer awareness programme in Medical College as part of golden jubilee celebration. Children from various schools and colleges, ladies clubs and NGOs were invited for the event. It was a very successful event.