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From the Desk of the president



Warm greetings from the desk of the President of the Indian Association of Surgical Oncology

It is indeed a great privilege and honour to write on behalf of an organization which has grown leaps and bounds since four plus decades. The core competence of this group is this large body of dedicated oncosurgeons who share a passion in mingling the art of surgery with current academics. There are surgeons here who are pure academia balanced by their colleagues in forefront of technology and innovations. The IASO looks after all their aspirations and demands to step on stage and broadcast their respective abilities.

Today the role of a surgeon in management of solid organ cancer management cannot be overemphasised. She or he is the core member in any DMG and contribute the major chunk of decision making.

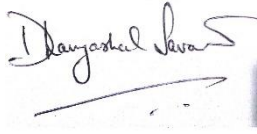
I feel the need of the hour is to disseminate the knowledge of this varied group to the juniors starting from the medical colleges onwards in the form of CME's, dedicated lecture series and case capsule tumour board like discussions. Towards this objective I would urge our members to organise such meeting in as many colleges or fora as possible.

Our association with the SSO is growing stronger by the day with nearly 10 Indian posters being exhibited in last couple of meeting. We have also signed up with the European Society of Surgical Oncology (ESSO) which will enable us to conduct exams on their behalf, have some visiting scholarships etc.

Nowadays we are getting affiliated to a host of other conferences to increase eyeballs on our association and that in turn increases our participation too. This is an oft repeated refrain but please update your addresses and emails so as to enable faster dissemination of info as we slowly veer towards a paperless regime.

The next major event is of course the NATCON in Kolkata but the game changer will be the 3rd ICC to be hosted by the IASO in Mumbai. I urge you all to register early for this event

Looking forward to meet all of you at NATCON IASO 2019.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dhairyasheel Savant', with a long horizontal stroke underneath.

Dr.Dhairyasheel Savant.

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Secretary's Message



Dear friends,

This summer, I am beginning to understand the nuances of being an IASO secretary. We just completed the Midcon in Mt Abu successfully and participated with great enthusiasm in the SSO annual Symposium in San Diego. The youngsters have kept the morale of IASO high.

The focus will now look east for the upcoming NATCON in Kolkata. The website is up and we are eagerly awaiting your registrations. The earlier you all register, the easier it becomes for the Org secretary to manage the logistics. Dr Arnab Gupta has a great team and I am sure they will not leave any stone unturned to make the conference successful. The NATCON is the point for great networking and exchange of ideas. The more the participation, the merrier it will be.

The membership drive has been very successful and we wish that the IASO reaches all corners of the nation. This SSO, we bring some good news. The SSO is offering us membership at subsidised costs. In a changing scenario, dual membership should help oncosurgeons significantly. At SSO we could realise that the new generation of Surgical Oncologists are no more flamboyant Gen Surgeons but are a part of a larger team in Oncology.

The following months, we are getting the system more and more organised. We are trying to improve upon the record keeping and accounts. Lots of govt laws have changed in the last few years and we are keeping pace with the reforms accordingly.

I thank you all for the cooperation and support. Look forward to meet you all in September in Kolkotta.

Dr Sharad Desai
Hon Secretary
Indian Association of Surgical Oncology
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Conference Report: IASO Mid Term Conference , Mount Abu 2-3 March 2019

Mid Term IASO conference was held on the 2nd and 3rd of March 2019, at Humming Bird Resorts, Mount Abu. 192 delegates participated in the conference. The conference was organized and hosted by Patan Oncology Group, Patan (Gujarat). Organizing committee included - Dr.RajendraToprani (Organizing Chairman), Dr.Jayesh V. Raval (Organizing Secretary), Dr.PranatMajumdar (Jt. Organizing Secretary) and Dr. Rajesh K. Patel (Treasurer). International faculty included Dr.Ashutosh Kothari (London), Dr.Tibor Kovacs (London), Dr. Isabel T. Rubio (Spain). The midterm IASO conference was well supported by the IASO National Executive Council Committee.

The conference was inaugurated by Dr. Ashok R Mehta (Mumbai).

Scientific Program included keynote lectures by Dr. Tibor Kovacs, Dr. Isabel T. Rubio, Dr. Anil D'cruze (Mumbai) and Dr. Raman Deshpanday (Mumbai). Panel Discussions on various topics like Early Breast Cancer, Thyroid Cancer, Salivary Gland Tumors, GE Junction Cancer, Pancreatic Cancer, Ovarian Cancer and Colon cancer and a Masters Video Session were a part of the scientific program.

Resident doctors participated in the Scientific paper presentations (Free Papers – 11), the scientific poster presentations (05), and Video Presentations (02).

An extraordinary GBM was conducted on 2nd of March 2019.

Cultural and Social Program was organized - 1st night – local Rajasthani folk dance and 2nd night was a DJ dance party. Local food and delicacies along with drinks were served for dinner.

Sightseeing and shopping was arranged by the committee members for the delegates and their family members.

Conference was generously supported by - Biocon, Deena Enterprise, Emcure, Janssen, Lotus, Bard, Bristol Myers Squibb, Fresenius Kabi, Hetero Healthcare, Intas, Medtronic, OncoStem, Torrent Pharma and Zydus.

Dr. JayeshRaval
Organizing Secretary
Mid term IASO, 2019.

GLIMPSE OF MID-TERM IASO



MOM of EC Meeting on 01 Mar 2019 @ MIDCON 2019 , Mount Abu

1. The Secretary, Dr Sharad Desai called the Meeting to order
2. The President , Dr Dhairyasheel Savant, welcomed all members
3. The Secretary read out MoM of the EC meeting during Dec ,ASICON 2018 @ Chennai
4. **Monetisation of proceeding of NATCONs**

The President presented his view that while putting out NATCON deliberation online for a fees served in monetization the same , he feared that the presenters may start expecting a fees for self and that some people may prefer to pay watch the content online rather than come in person to attend the conference.

There was much deliberation over this. The consensus reached was:-

- (i) The contents to be put online immediately after the Conference. The subscription charge to be equal to spot registration. Some members opined that this may be too high hence a figure of Rs 4000/- was agreed upon
- (ii) The charges would gradually reduce month on month till ,after 04 months , the charge can be Rs 1000/-
- (iii) The Orations and Keynote address to be put up initially
- (iv) To review the Pricing and Contents after seeing the response. No timelines fixed for this

The matter to be put forth the Extraordinary GBM.

5. **Springers Charges**

It was discussed that the Springers charges of Rs 3 lacs per annum was too steep. The contract is due for renewal in 2020 hence decision to ask for waiver of said charges is deferred till then

6. **Prohibiting use of IASO PAN card for conferences**

The secretary informed the house that practice of using IASO PAN card for conferences has been stopped in recent years and that organising committee is using their own PAN cards. However, a mail has been received from Dr Manoj Pandey challenging this practice on its validity as per IASO Byelaws. Hence, change in Byelaws is necessitated.

The Local organisers are expected to use PAN card of the Local Organisation . If no local organisation exists , then the organisers can form a local committee and apply for a new PAN card. Else, the local organisers can create a sub account, under the Institutes account , for processing funds

Local organisers need to execute a MoU with IASO regarding transfer of funds to latter. This is with aim of avoiding double taxation. Dr Harit has been ascribed of drafting the format of Mou.

The matter to be put forth the Extraordinary GBM.

7. **Website**

Dr Shubham , the Digital secretary , was not present hence discussion deferred.

8. **Permanent address for the IASO**

The Secretary informed the meeting that Mr Anurag, the CA at Varanasi , has agreed to rent out a room in his premises for Rs 8000/- to serve as a permanent address.

Some members feel a outgo of Rs 96000/- per annum is too much and that we need to look for alternative accommodation

The president opined that as the Association is registered at Varanasi ; accounts held at Varanasi and IT returns filed from there, the address should remain there

Dr Toprani opined we need to have a permanent back office with a permanent secretarial staff similar to ASI at Chennai

The Secretary opined that we need to carry out important work at the registrar of Society this year ie. Updating byelaws and revising the EC .hence we should continue to maintain address at Varanasi for now.

No consensus was arrived. It was decided that Dr Harit, Dr BKC Mohan Prasad and Dr Dhairyasheel to confer amongst themselves about this issue and suggest options. To be further deliberated upon in next EC meet

9. **Cheques being dishonoured when awardees not presenting them in time**

It was decided in such instances the treasurer is empowered to do NEFT transfer. No re issue of cheque's will be done for lost or forgotten cheque's.

10. **NATCON 2020**

The Secretary informed the house that Team Madurai has decided not to host NATCON2020 . The EC unanimously allotted the same to the next valid bidder ie. Team Delhi.

The President informed the house Dr Manoj Pandey had objected to this change in his mail. However, as the NATCON 2020 was simply being transferred to the next valid bidder on account of the winning bidder withdrawing at later stage, this doesn't merit call for fresh bids.

The matter to be put forth the Extraordinary GBM.

11. **MIDCON2020**

The Secretary informed the house that Team Tirupati who had bid for and won hosting rights for MIDCON 2020, has come out with no progress report on same and neither have they sent a representative to this forum to inform about same .

It was decided by house that Team Tirupati be sent a final reminder and given three weeks to file a reply. Failing this, fresh bids would be called for. Dr Narendra, Org secretary has immediately complied with required progress details and assured us of a conference of great quality.

12. **Separation from ASI**

It was recalled that it was discussed during EC meet in Dec 2018 , certain amendments need to be done in IASO Byelaws :

For *“Any of the bye-laws of IASO may be altered or rescinded to or new bye-laws may be made at General Body Meeting by majority vote. The amendment shall come into force after it is circulated to all members and provided objection to such amendment of IASO is not received from ASI and 50% of*

valid members of IASO within three months from the date of circulation. A copy of such amendment is to be sent to Headquarters of ASI.”

Read ‘: *Any of the bye-laws of IASO may be altered or rescinded to or new bye-laws may be made at General Body Meeting by majority vote. The amendment shall come into force after it is circulated to all members and provided objection to such amendment of IASO is not received from more than 40% of valid members of IASO within three months from the date of circulation.*

However, this discussion was erroneously omitted in planned minutes of the said EC meeting. The minutes are hereby amended to include the proposal of amendment to IASO byelaws as specified *ibid*

The matter to be put forth the Extraordinary GBM.

13. Membership

The Secretary informed the house that since last EC, 111 individuals have applied for membership. Out of these 66 have been accepted ; for full membership and 02 for associate members .

In cases of remaining 43 , documents are pending and they have been sent reminders

14. Change in membership criteria

As per the recommendations of the committee set up for looking into this issue (Dr ArunChaturvedi, Dr Kiran Kothari and Dr VijayKumar M) , the criteria for membership to IASO is amended as under:

Full Member ship

1. General Surgeons who have an additional Qualification in Surgical Oncology(MCh, DNB, equivalent foreign degree or a regular 3 year training program in a Cancer Hospital) or,

2. Surgeons from surgical disciplines involved in the treatment of cancer with an additional qualification (MCh, DNB, or a regular 3 year training program in a Cancer Hospital) or,

3. Surgeons from any surgical discipline with recommendation letters from two IASO members of more than 10 years standing in IASO stating the applicant’s a) interest in Surgical Oncology and b) integrity. (The format of the recommendation letter provided in annexure)

4. Any past Associate Member from surgical disciplines who fulfils the above criteria will automatically be promoted as a full Member without any additional fees.

The matter to be put forth the Extraordinary GBM.

15 ESSO Fellowship

The President put on record his appreciation for efforts by Dr ashutoshKothari . He informed the house that ESSO has agreed for following:

(i) Fellowship exchange program wherein IASO will host one ESSO member for NATCON by providing local hospitality and travel while ESSO will sponsor travel/stay of one nominee from IASO to attend ESSO annual symposium and 1-2 weeks attachment to a host institution . The total assistance being to tune of 500 euros

(ii) IASO members to get ESSO annual as developing nation criteria wherein Senior members to pay 70 euro and junior member 55 euro. Both reduced to 45 euros if omit EJSO online subscription

The EC voted in favour of this arrangement and authorised the President to sign the MoU with President ESSO

16. **ICC2021**

Dr Dhairyasheel informed the EC regarding the progress made so far:

- (i) Account set up and PAN/TIN/GST numbers obtained
- (ii) 1st meet of Organisation committee held
- (iii) 1st meet of national Coordination committee held.
- (iv) MoU of all stakeholders prepared
- (v) Venue on track. Alternate venue too decided

17. **Contribution to IASO by Organisers of MIDCON 2018, Madurai**

The august gathering was informed that Organisers , MIDCON 2018 have contributed a sum of 1,29,177/- (One lac Twenty Nine Thousand ,One Hundred seventy seven only) to the IASO kitty

This was met with general approval

The Secretary accepted the minutes of previous EC meet with modifications and declared the current meet closed

MOM OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL BODY MEETING

02 March 2018 at MIDCON2018 MOUNT ABU

1. Dr SharadDesai , Secretary IASO, called meeting to order under ASI Byelaw statute 7D read in conjunction Sec 22 of IASO Bye Law and informed the president that the quorum was complete
2. Dr Dhairyasheel Savant welcomed the members present and informed that this extraordinary GBM had to be called in order to discuss certain order of business which necessitated urgent attention of the august body
3. **Transfer of NATCON 2020 from Madurai to Delhi .**

The Secretary recounted to the house that at NATCON 2018, two organisations had bid for NATCON2020 : Madurai and Delhi. Madurai had won the vote and been awarded the NATCON 2020 . However, Madurai has now withdrawn its bid and therefor the EC has awarded the NATCON2020 to Delhi . Dr HaritChaturvedi being the Chaiman and Dr Rudra being the Secretary .

This motion was passed by the house

4. **Amendment to IASO Byelaw 23**

It has been decided to amend Byelaw 23 as follows:

For *“Any of the bye-laws of IASO may be altered or rescinded to or new bye-laws may be made at General Body Meeting by majority vote. The amendment shall come into force after it is circulated to all members and provided objection to such amendment of IASO is not received from ASI and 50% of valid members of IASO within three months from the date of circulation. A copy of such amendment is to be sent to Headquarters of ASI.”*

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The motion was passed by the house

The proposed amendment to be sent to Headquarters ASI

5. **Change in Membership Criteria**

As per the recommendations of the committee set up for looking into this issue (DrArunChaturvedi, Dr Kiran Kothari and Dr Vijay Kumar M) , the draft of membership criteria for IASO is proposed as under:

Members could be,

1. General Surgeons who have an additional Qualification in Surgical Oncology(MCh, DNB, equivalent foreign degree or a regular 3 year training in a Cancer Hospital) or,
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4. Any past Associate Member from surgical disciplines who fulfils the above criteria will automatically be promoted as a full Member without any additional fees.

b. The fee for Life membership will be Rs. 5,000 (Rs. Five thousand only) till January 31st 2019, following which it will be Rs. 8500 (Rs. Eight thousand five hundred only) (as per EC meeting on 28th Dec. 2018). All applicants will submit their photo ID, recent photograph, proof of qualifications, postal address, mobile number, and email address. Membership will be approved before the EC and a certificate will be mailed to the applicant on his being accepted. Applicants who are not accepted shall be refunded their application fees.

c. Associate Membership: Those who are under training in cancer surgery or those who are interested in cancer surgery but belong to other non-surgical specialties, such as Medical Oncology, Radiation Oncology, Radiology, Pathology, Biochemistry, Basic Sciences are eligible to apply for Associate Membership of IASO. The fee for Associate membership will be Rs. 8500 (Rs. Eight thousand five hundred only)

Details elaborated in the attached draft

The motion was carried by voice vote.

Changes in membership criteria to be notified forthwith

6. Prohibiting use of IASO PAN card for Conferences /meets

In order to simplify taxation liability to the IASO, it has been decided that the local organising committee of a NATCON/MIDCON/Zonal CME would not use IASO PAN card. It is expected that the local organising committee will use own PAN card, prepare own audited statement and discharge own tax liability. The local organising committee would submit a copy of same to the IASO

To the above a member, Dr Patel had an observation that local organisers would not have a separate PAN card and this would create problems for them. To this the President replied that in most instances the local body has its own PAN card in use and in such eventuality that there is none, then a organising committee can be formed and a fresh PAN card applied for.

Dr Manoj Pandey placed his dissent on record against this motion. He opined that this motion flouts the IASO byelaws and the practice of organisers having used own PAN cards in previous instances was not desirable as it was in contravention to the Byelaws

Dr Sanjay Sharma agreed that it may have been informed deviation in previous instances but in those instances there was no malafide intent and that the organisers acted in good faith. The audited statement had been submitted and that this arrangement had worked well for the Association. However, the point of order raised is well taken.

The President opined that this practice needs to be regularised by bringing in necessary changes in the byelaws here onwards. Hence byelaws to be amended.

The motion was carried by the house

7. **Online Broadcast of Conference proceedings**

It is proposed that NATCON proceedings to be broadcast online . Viewers may access the same by paying online subscription fees. The Fees to be as per Spot registration charges The fees would be reviewed and revised periodically.

The motion was carried by the house

The Secretary declared the ExGBM closed

IASO Membership Rules-2019

All members are expected to abide by the rules of the IASO constitution. Working with integrity and practicing ethically, they should be committed to uphold the interests of the IASO.

a. Life Membership: All surgeons exhibiting interest in cancer surgery sufficiently demonstrated in their work/ practicing cancer surgeons/ surgeons who have completed an acceptable training in cancer surgery are eligible for becoming life members. The EC has the sole right to decide the eligibility in case of a dispute. Members could be,

1. General Surgeons who have an additional Qualification in Surgical Oncology(MCh, DNB, equivalent foreign degree or a regular 3 year training in a Cancer Hospital) or,

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d. Honorary Member: An Internationally renowned Surgeon who has made an outstanding contribution to Surgical Oncology and who has shown keen and consistent interest in the development and growth of Surgical Oncology in India can be considered for Honorary Membership of IASO. Not more than two honorary members will be selected in a year, provided that the total number of such members does not exceed one-tenth of the total number of Full Life Members at that time. (Approved GBM Ludhiana Sept 2007)

e. Overseas Member: A Surgical Oncologist practicing abroad, who is duly proposed and seconded by a Member of IASO, and after proper scrutiny of the proposal, is recommended by the Executive Council and approved by the General Body shall, on payment of the prescribed dues, be admitted as an Overseas Member for Life. An Overseas Member shall be entitled to the following rights and privileges::

- i. Participate in all activities of the IASO.
- ii. Attend the Business Meetings/General Body Meeting together with the other members.
- iii. Membership and privileges resulting from the affiliation of the IASO to various International bodies.
- iv. An Overseas Member shall not be entitled for election to the Executive Committee.
- v. Should an Overseas Member decide to settle in India, he, on intimating to the IASO his intention of becoming a Life Member, and proof of his having become a resident Indian, will be admitted by the General Body to the Life Membership of the IASO without any further subscription. He on his return should be a Life Member of Association of Surgeons of India (ASI) to be inducted as Life Member of IASO. If he is not a Life Member of ASI he will be inducted as Associate Member of IASO.
- vi. The induction fee for Overseas Member will be US Dollars 300

(Approved GBM Hyderabad 20 Sept 2008)

Privileges of a Member

A Life member has right to participate in all activities of the association and is eligible to vote and contest elections as per the IASO Constitution. All other members are eligible to participate in all the activities but are not permitted to vote or contest elections.

- i. On request of 1/3 rd of the members, an Emergency GBM can be called for after a request to the EC.

Termination of Membership:

- a) If a member resigns voluntarily or dies.
- b) If a member does not pay any dues to the IASO. Such a member will be given a notice and reasonable time to pay before the EC takes a decision to suspend the member.
- c) If a member indulges in any criminal activity in India or abroad. The EC shall suspend the member and recommend his termination to the GB.
- d) If a member indulges in any activity which brings financial, moral, electoral, or criminal disrepute to the IASO or acts against the interests of the IASO. The Honorary Secretary shall give a memo to the said member on advice of the EC or GB. The said member would be asked to give a reply to the show cause notice within 15 days. If the reply is found satisfactory, then the suspension may be revoked. In case of a dispute, the grievance committee will be given a period of 3 months to hear the member and then submit their findings to the EC. The EC will then notify the GB.
- e) All terminations will be finally approved by the GB

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Accepted by EGBM Midcon 2019 Mt Abu

Report on SSO meet : March 2019

The SSO annual symposium was held in San Diego convention centre, San Diego from 27th to 30th March 2019. The IASO was one of the major participant. Nearly 45 other countries were represented.

The IASO leadership was represented by Dr Dhairyasheel Savant and Dr Sharad Desai.

7 participants were able to present their posters. They were Dr Ankur Parikh, Dr Babu Bansal, Drs Abid Ali Mirza, Sanjeev Kulkarni, Naveen Kumar and Rohit Kumar. NishantBhatta was our ICDE representative.

Dr Chandra Are was chosen to be the front face for the Global forum meeting. This is going to be of great benefit for us especially since he is a regular participant in the IASO NATCON and is the main architect of the IASO SSO partnership. Dr Chandra Are also hosted the Indian Contingent a dinner on the 28th evening(pic).

The SSO had arranged a global forum meeting followed by a partner society meeting(pic). The SSO is offering membership for us at subsidised prices. The present plan is a three tier model for various nations. The SSO has tried its best to decrease the annual subscription fees and conference fees for developing countries. We have requested them to keep these fees as low as possible so as to encourage more and more international surgeons to participate.

The SSO meeting also gave us an opportunity to interact with oncosurgeons from other countries and from SSO too.

We remain thankful to the SSO for the sponsorships and the cooperation extended to us. We hope to build on these relations for the future.



Invitation for Nominations for Election of Office Bearers

Elections for the post of Vice President for One Executive Committee Member each from North/South/West zones and two from East Zone will be held in the Annual Conference of IASO during forthcoming NATCON2019 scheduled at Kolkatta. Nominations for the same are invited. Attention is drawn to following important points:-

Eligibility for elections–

Vice President – A full member of IASO who has completed 10 years as full life member (up to 31st March of the year of applying) and has served at least one term as an elected/nominated Executive member is eligible to contest for the post of Vice President.

Executive Committee Member – Candidates who have put in a minimum 5 years full life membership of IASO till 31st March of the year of applying for the executive committee are eligible to election to Executive Committee.

The last date for nominations 30 August 2019. The nomination can be sent by email or by normal mail only and to reach the Secretary at or before 1700 hrs on the said date. Nominations rendered by WhatsApp/Facebook or any other means apart from the ones specified will be rejected.

No member will contest for more than one post at the same time.

Every eligible member shall be proposed and seconded by two full members of IASO. One member can propose or second only one candidate.

There should be a signed no objection certificate and consent from the candidate with the nomination.

Candidate information required .At the time of sending the nomination the candidate should send the following information – He should send a brief summary of his/her achievements (a brief background about his achievements and contributions – publications, conference organised, scientific contribution etc.), contribution to IASO and Bio-data, all this not exceeding 250 words. This should be signed and dated by the candidate. This information will be put forward to the members before the voting.

Invalid Nomination – If the nomination is found invalid the candidate will be informed about the same and the reason for invalidity mentioned.

Withdrawal of Nomination – The candidates can withdraw their nominations till the executive meeting or 5.00PM on first day of NATCON IASO.

The nominations that are received in time will be scrutinized by President elect .The President elect will be the returning officer.

Voting – The voting will be by a secret ballot every year during the NATCON IASO in a special session 'Elections IASO' before the Annual General Body Meeting.

i. Each member will have to sign the register before voting and receiving the ballot paper. If /when membership cards are available it should be presented for inspection before voting.

ii. The President IASO, President Elect and Vice President, Secretary will guide the election process and the counting will be done under their supervision. Election officer to be the President or President elect.

j. A nominee of the candidate / candidate himself or herself will be present during the counting of ballots.

k. Results will be declared during the GBM.

l. If there is no contest the President shall declare the member elected for the post in GBM.

m. If no nomination is received, it is on the President and President elect to nominate one person for that post. Nominated candidates will have the same rights and powers as elected candidates. The term for nominated members is for one year only.

Fellowships and Awards:IASO NATCON 2019

1. ***Detroit Visiting Fellowship***- A fellowship to visit Detroit will have local hospitality included by the host institution, excluding the travel cost to and from USA. The candidate should be less than 45 years of age (the cut off date is 31st of December of the year of application),

A full member of IASO for a minimum of two years.

Selection is based on CV and paper presentation during NATCON meeting.

The paper must be on the work done in India only.

Selection panel includes Dr. KK Maudar, President and Secretary of IASO. In case Dr. KK Maudar is not available than a person nominated by him or in case nominee is not available, than President elect will be member of the panel (Amendment approved GBM NATCON 2011, Lucknow).

2. ***Baroda – GCRI IASO Travelling Minimal Invasive Surgery Fellowship*** The fellowship will be called the Baroda – GCRI- IASO Travelling Minimal Invasive Surgery Fellowship (MIS). Rupees 75, 000 for the fellowship have been provided by Dr R I Dave and Dr Kiran Kothari from GCRI, Ahmadabad. The funds from the Baroda travelling fellowship will be combined with the funds from GCRI and the fellowship will be thus named so. The selection for the fellowship will be done during the NATCON IASO. The selection panel includes Dr RI Dave or Dr Kiran Kothari, President and Secretary of IASO. In case Dr RI Dave or Dr Kiran Kothari are not available then a person nominated by them or in case nominee is not available, than President elect will be a member of the Panel.

For selection the eligibility is –

The candidate should be less than 45 years of age (the cut off date is 31st of December of the year of application).

He should be a Full member of IASO for a minimum of two years

Attended two conferences of NATCON IASO.

Selection will be based on CV and paper presentation during NATCON meeting.

The paper must be on the work done in India only. IASO- GCRI- MIS Fellowship will henceforth take place at Indo American Cancer Institute under Dr S Rao.

3. ***Best Paper presentation*** (5) will be awarded Rs. 5000/- towards registration, travel and accommodation of the presenter to attend the NATCON. If the presenter is not a member Rs. 5000/- will be deducted towards membership of the IASO or the prize money will be given after he/she becomes a member of the IASO. If the presenter is not eligible to become a life member, he will be enrolled as associate member and will be converted to full member

on attaining eligibility to become full member (Amendment approved GBM NATCON 2011, Lucknow).

4. **Best poster presentation** (Five) will be awarded Rs. 5000/- towards registration, travel and accommodation of the presenter to attend the NATCON. If the presenter is not a member Rs. 5000/- will be deducted towards membership of the IASO or the prize money will be given after he/she becomes a member of the IASO. If the presenter is not eligible to become a life member, he will be enrolled as associate member and will be converted to full member on attaining eligibility to become full member (Amendment approved GBM NATCON 2011, Lucknow).(approved GBM 2013)

5. **Dr. K. S. Panda – Dr. K S Gopinath Onco Quiz Award** :During NATCON meeting winner will be awarded Rs. 5000 and runners up to Rs. 3000. Dr. K.S Panda &Dr. K S Gopinath donated Rs. 10,000 each towards the seed money for the Quiz award. They have donated further Rs 40,000 each to the seed money.

In case of prize being won by a person who is not a member, the award amount will be adjusted towards membership of the IASO or the prize money will be given after he/she becomes a member of the IASO. If the presenter is not eligible to become a life member, he will be enrolled as associate member and will be converted to full member on attaining eligibility to become full member

Eligibility – all the delegates of NATCON(Amendment approved GBM NATCON 2011, Lucknow).

5.IASO Ludhiana Punjab Fellowship- The fellowship will be called the IASO Ludhiana Punjab Fellowship. The selected candidate will be given an amount of Rs. 30,000/-The fellowship was made possible due to a grant of Rs 500, 000/- from the Chief Minister of Punjab, Sri Prakash Singh Badal during NATCO IASO 2007 at Ludhiana.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria –

- a) The candidate should be less than 45 years of age (as on 31st December of the year applying) and a citizen of India.
- b) He/she should be a life member of the IASO of at least 2 year standing, attended 2 NATCON IASO and presented a scientific paper. The work done should be of benefit to resident of Punjab residing in Punjab or outside Punjab in India.
- c) The fellowship will be for a period of 4-8 weeks. It can be availed for training in India or Abroad.
- d) The candidate must submit a project with name of Institution, Department and person with whom he wishes to avail the fellowship.
- e) After completion of the fellowship he will have to submit a letter of completion of fellowship from the institution, submit a report to the Secretary IASO for publication in the newsletter and make a presentation in the next IASO meeting.
- f) The committee for selection will comprise of the following members (1) President IASO, (2) Secretary IASO, (3) President Elect IASO and (4) Dr.Satish Jain from Oswal Cancer Hospital and Research Centre, Ludhiana.
- g) The selection will be done on basis of Curriculum Vitae, Publication, Interview, Project submitted.
- h) The application for the fellowship will be invited by advertisement in the Newsletter of IASO.

6. SSO IASO International Career Development Programme Initiative

The Indian association of Surgical oncology and Society of Surgical Oncology USA announces a new fellowship

Criteria

- a. The successful recipient should be 40 years old or under and should be a member of the Indian Association of Surgical Oncology.
- b. As a part of the selection process, the selected recipient will provide the IASO/SSO with an outline of what procedures/specialties/institutions they would like to experience during their visit; this will enable the SSO to focus the list of potential institutions that can accommodate the candidate's needs.
- c. The IASO will select the recipient of the award from among qualified applicants in the SSO award paper sections.
- d. The SSO will provide a stipend of \$3,000 to the successful candidate to cover international airfare, lodging and airfare within the US for the duration of the exchange. The SSO will also provide a complimentary registration to SSO annual meeting.
- e. SSO will act as an intermediary when deciding potential institutions to be visited and will provide the candidate with a short-list of viable sites from which to choose.
- f. The award recipient should choose 1 -3 institutions to visit during their exchange; the number of institutions offered will largely be determined by the specialty/procedure the successful candidate has identified and the availability of the host institution(s).
- g. Regarding the period of the program, the SSO the program will be up to 2 weeks, with no more than 1 week spent at any single institution.
- h. The award recipient will participate in SSO annual meeting, as an attendee. He/she will be eligible for a poster presentation.
- i. The award recipient will be assigned a mentor at SSO annual meeting to help them navigate the conference.
- j. During the course of the conference, a small social gathering will be arranged to introduce the award recipient to pre-eminent surgeons from the institutions which s/he has chosen to visit, along with members of the SSO leadership.
- k. Within 30 days of the visit, the SSO would expect to receive a report on the successful award recipient's activities and experiences, both good and bad, explaining their goals before the visit and what they have accomplished.
- l. To coordinate this exchange, the award recipient should be identified by the IASO at the annual NATCON .
- m. Runners up 5 candidates will eligible for poster presentations at the annual SSO meeting. A sum of 1000 \$ will be given to each of the 5 candidates against the expenses incurred towards the registration, stay, food and travel.

Thank you

Hon Secretary

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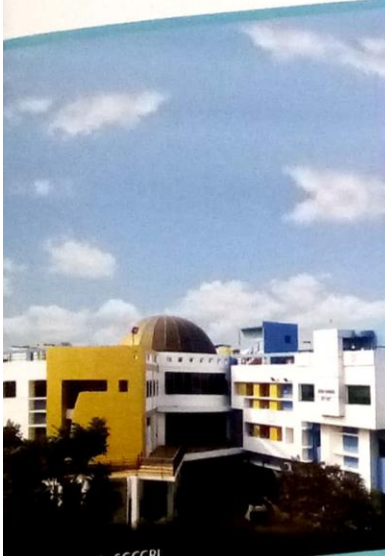
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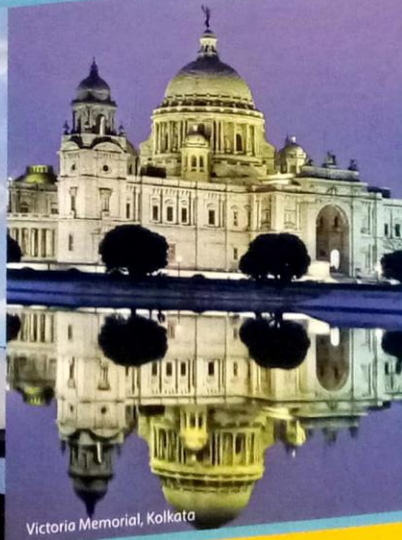
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