



*Indian Association
of Surgical Oncology*



NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2018

IASO SECRETARIAT

Dr.RajendraToprani M.S., M.Ch.

Hon.Secretary IASO

Senior Consultant, Head & Neck Surgical Oncologist,

Director, HCG Cancer Center,

Ahmedabad

Email :rajendratoprani@hotmail.com

Executive Council IASO

President :	Sanjay Kapoor	skapoor@gmail.com
President Elect :	DhairyasheelSawant	dhairyu@gmail.com
Vice-President :	Arnab Gupta	drarnabgupta1@gmail.com
Secretary :	RajendraToprani	rajendratoprani@hotmail.com
Treasurer :	P.K Das	pk_das1@yahoo.com
Editorial Secretary :	Ashutosh Chauhan	bolubonkey@rediffmail.com
	Rudra Acharya (North)	acharyap@yahoo.com
	Mudit Agarwal (North)	mudit1000@gmail.com
	Padmalaya Devi (East)	padmalaya1@rediffmail.com
	Aditya Narayan Sen (East)	adityansen@yahoo.co.in
	K.V.V.N Raju (South)	drkvvnraju2002@yahoo.co.in
	Arvind Krishnamurthy (South)	drarvindkrishnamurthy@yahoo.co.in
	VirendraRajpurohit (West)	drvirendra@gmail.com
	JayeshRaval (West)	dravaljayesh@gmail.com
	Chandrakanth Are, USA	care@unmc.edu
Overseas Coordinators :	K.A. Pathak, Canada	kpathak@yahoo.com
	Ashutosh Kothari, UK	ashutoshkothari@hotmail.com
Past President :	B. K. C. Mohan Prasad	drbkcmp@gmail.com
Past Secretary :	T. Subramayeshwar Rao	subramanyesh@gmail.com

Message From President –IASO



Dear Friends

Greetings from all in the Executive Committee.

As members of the prestigious IASO we all have multiple tasks ahead. EC or the Zonal reps alone cannot accomplish them .It is only when all the members of the Association join hands together can we take the society to a path of success

Surgical oncology is expanding by leaps and bounds every day but we face major challenges

- Late detection of cancer and presentation in advanced stage
- Lack of Oncologists in remote areas
- Myths
- Treatment by alternative modalities of treatment
- Treatment still expensive
- Lack of adequate cancer care institutes
- Cancer still not part of National Health programme
- Lack of adequate coverage of cancer in syllabus of MBBS
- Not many Indian books on surgical Oncology

We have following tasks ahead of us:-

- **To increase membership of the society-** I would request every member to encourage other surgical practitioners to become members of IASO. This should include post graduate students of Gen Surgery as well as practitioners of other sub specialities.
- **Academics** - We need to emphasize on academics and ensure that we spread the knowledge of Surgical Oncology amongst all concerned. This could take in form of :
 - (i)Oncology Clinics for residents of basic specialities

(ii) Structured Training programme for residents of surgical oncology and of other allied sub specialities

(iii) Monthly Clinics for practitioners of basic specialities and general practitioners for early detection and care of cancer patients

(iv) Training of nursing and paramedical staff in cancer care

(v) Stoma care , voice training and other rehabilitation workshops

- **Conferences and CMEs** – We should ensure that we conduct maximum CMEs, in all states of the country specially smaller towns and remote areas like North East and J&K, UP, Bihar, UK etc. May I request each one of you to plan a short CME in and around your area .Feel free to forward your plan to Secretary IASO and we shall extend all possible assistance including financial if needed, for academics. We must have minimum one CME in each of the zone every year

Attend yourself and encourage your team members and students to attend CMEs on Surgical oncology specially the midterm and NATCON of IASO. I extend my sincere thanks to the entire active EC and the IASO Secretariat for the good work they are doing and for all their help and assistance

All the best to all for all your professional and academic ventures

Regards and best wishes

Sanjay

Maj Gen (Prof) Sanjay Kapoor VSM

President- IASO

Message from Secretary



Dear IASO Members,

Greetings from IASO Secretariat !

As you would be aware, NATCON IASO 2018 is to be held at Trivandrum from 20th to 23rd September 2018 and registration is open online on www.iasonatcon2018.com .

Those who are interested to organize a Midterm CME and NATCON IASO during 2020 should write to me before 31st August 2018 with details of Organizing Committee and possible Venues. The proposals would be discussed during the EC meeting at NATCON 2018 Conference.

I would request all past presidents, senior members, EC members and those who are attached to academic institutes to help us increase IASO members by encouraging young surgeons / trainees / Fellows who are inclined to practice Surgical Oncology to become members of IASO. It's very easy to become a member of IASO Online. I am happy to announce that we have enrolled 89 new members since January 2017.

We are still not able to update contact details (Email, Mobile No., Address) of approx 150 members. We are putting up a list of such members in the Newsletter.

If you have any suggestion please do not hesitate write to us at iasosecretariat@gmail.com or contact Mr. Bhavin Shukla (+91-9824058412) on bhaviniaso@gmail.com.

Anticipating your full support & cooperation

Dr. Rajendra Toprani M.S., M.Ch.(Onco)
Hon. Secretary IASO,
Senior Consultant- H & N Surgeon,
Director, HCG Cancer Center,
Science City Road,
Ahmedabad - 380060

Message from The Desk of Honorary Treasurer,IASO



Dear Friends

It gives me a great pleasure to issue this message as a Treasurer, Indian Association of Surgical Oncology.

First of all, let me thank all of you members for electing me as a Treasurer of this prestigious association of India for the years 2017 and 2018. Meanwhile one good year has passed with good memories and challenges as well as the fighting and finishing them efficiently. There were many issues and difficulties regarding accounting and taxation. We had to get into understanding the problems in a greater way and took necessary steps. Our bank accounts were sparsely located in different banks and different cities of our country. We were successful in bringing them all together to BOB Varanasi, at our headquarter. We are thankful to Dr K Gopinath, Dr Sanjeev Misra, and all the Past presidents, Past secretaries, EC Members who were instrumental for such appropriate decision. Unfortunately we got a IT Scrutiny for the FY 2014-15 somewhere in Aug 2017. With cooperation of all including Dr Gopinath, Dr Hemantraaj, Dr Toprani, Dr Padmalaya and Dr Atulsomaya we could face and close the scrutiny without any fine by 23rd November 2017. **This was our greatest achievement.**

Of course for this I was to sacrifice some of my professional times and to go personally twice to Varanasi to meet ITO with our Auditor Mr Anuragji, and could convince him with all our

documents. We cannot forget the contribution and timely guidance of our the then President Dr BKC MohanPrasad .We are also thankful to our Secretary Dr Toprani . During 2017, as recommended by our EC ,we have disbursed more number and amount of awards specially for Young Surgeons.

We are thankful to Dr K Gopinath,The Chief Editor of IJSO, whose untiring effort has brought out the issues timely and with good quality to raise its standard to international level.

I once again thank you all members allowing me to work for the Association for this second year.

Jaihind

Dr Prafulla Kumar Das

Treasurer, IASO

Message from Editorial Secretary



Dear Friends

It pleases me immensely to serve you once more by bringing out this Edition of The IASO newsletter. As I have stressed in previous issues, the IASO Newsletter is a means of communication connecting ALL members of the Association. It serves to appraise the members about current and latest initiatives taken by the Executive Committee of the IASO as well as inform the Members about all the activities taking place across the Country under aegis of IASO

The current issue brings forth the important points discussed during the Executive Committee meeting held during ICC2017 at Bengaluru and subsequently discussed in the General Body Meeting held . It also appraises you of the EC agenda discussed at the Mid-term conference held at Madurai on 2nd to 4th March 2018.

The Newsletter invites nominations for various posts in the EC which will fall vacant this NATCON

I welcome any suggestions regarding improvement which can be made in publication of this newsletter

Warm regards

Dr Ashutosh Chauhan MS, DNB(Surgery) DNB (SurgOnco)
Editorial Secretary IASO
Senior Consultant Surgical Oncology
HCG cancer Center@ Narinder Mohan Hospital
Delhi NCR

REPORT ON IASO PROGRAMME DURING ICC2017 AT BENGALURU

The IASO programme at ICC 2017, Bengaluru was conducted successfully over period of three days 09 Nov to 11 Nov 2017 . There was a plethora and range of topics discussed .

Motibhai Oration was delivered by Dr. Claudio Quadros who talked about Cytoreductive Surgery and Intraperitoneal Hyperthermic Chemotherapy while Dr. N C Misra Oration was on the topic of Oncoplastic Approach in the Surgical Management of Breast Cancer which was delivered by Dr. Tibor Kovacs. Radha Devi Oration featured Dr. Harit Chaturvedi who shared his views about building a professional career in today's hyperconnected, ever evolving world .

The programme highlight included panel discussions, master video presentations and debates. There were free paper presentations from which various young surgeons were selected to present their work at recently concluded SSO Annual meet at Chicago. In total 10 candidates were selected and endowed with a travel grant worth \$500 each.

Award paper selection saw candidates being selected for IASO-SSO and other scholarship scholarship

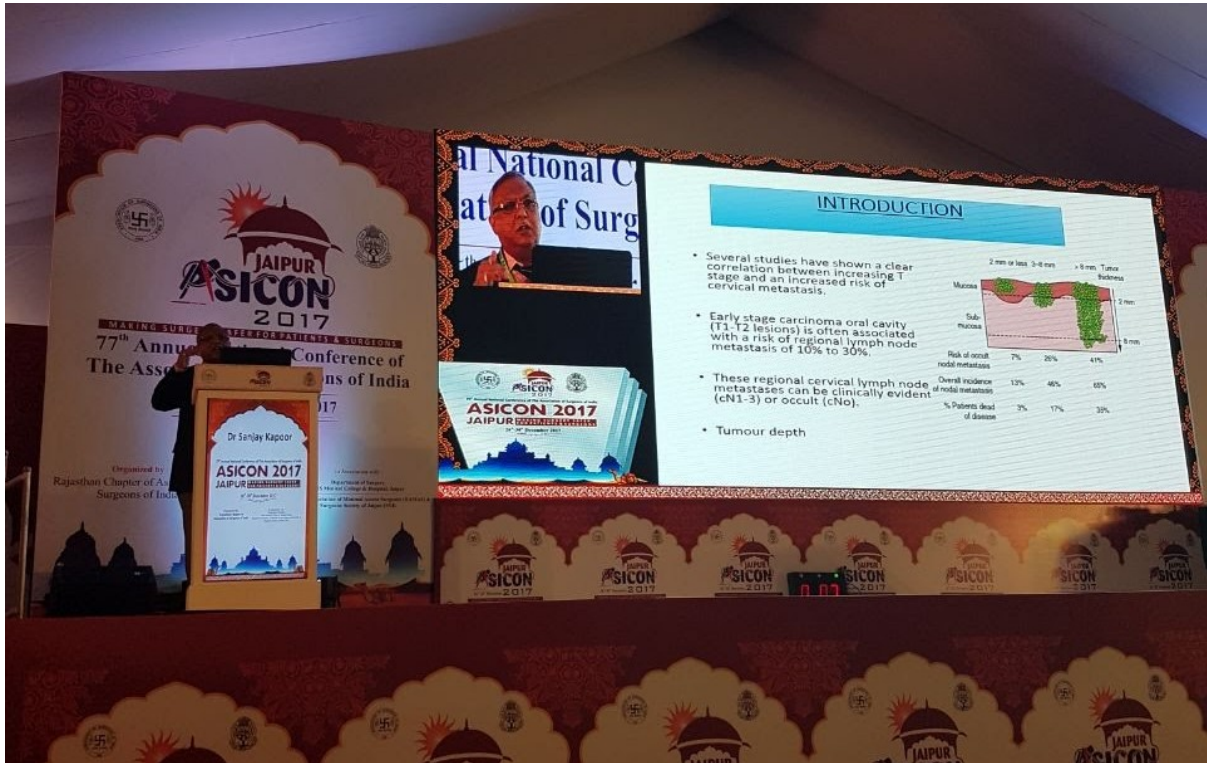
Overall , the programme was highly successful having been attended by a large number of IASO members as well as non members apart from specialists from allied specialities



REPORT ON IASO MEET DURING ASICON 2017 AT JAIPUR

IASO conducted its meet during the ASICON 2017 at Jaipur. The highlight of the programme was talks and panel discussions conducted by IASO members in Hall A and B of the ASICON. The meet was well attended by IASO members as well as non members.

The new EC met for first time and took vital decisions to carry forward activities of IASO (see Minutes of Meet of EC)



MINUTES OF EC MEETING ON 8TH NOVEMBER , HALL 10, AT ICC 2017 AT BENGALURU

Following members attended:

1. Dr BKC Mohan Prasad
2. Dr Rajendra Toprani
3. Dr PK Das
4. Dr Sanjay Kapoor
5. Dr Dhairyasheel Savant
6. Dr Ashutosh Chauhan
7. Dr Somshekhar SP
8. Dr Kiran Kothari
9. Dr Harit K Chaturvedi
10. Dr Virendra Rajpurohit
11. Dr Sharad Desai
12. Dr Padmalaya Devi
13. Prof Ravikant
14. Dr KVVN raju
15. Dr Arun Chaturvedi
16. Dr M Vijya Kuamr
17. Dr S Sadashivam
18. Dr Sanjay Sharma
19. Dr Chandramohan
20. Dr T Subramayshwar Rao
21. Dr Sanjeev Misra

Agenda Discussed

1. The secretary called the meeting to order.
2. Welcome address was delivered by Dr Mohan Prasad
3. Previous minutes of EC meeting at Chandigarh were recounted.
4. **Ludhiana Fellowship:** The honourable secretary, Dr Toprani , informed the EC that the said scholarship has not been utilised since last three years owing to the stringent selection criteria mentioned in the constitution . The EC deliberated upon this and came to conclusion that the said scholarship should be interpreted to read that it can be conferred to anyone who has lived in Punjab/will live in Punjab/ belongs to Punjab and/or is engaged in work which is beneficial to Punjabi people. The matter should be tabled at the GBM for ratification by latter.

5. **Midterm 2018**> Dr M Ramesh made a presentation for bid to host the IASO MidTerm Conference 2018 at Rajaji Govt Medical College , Madurai. He proposed one day pre-conference workshop followed by two days CME on a Friday-Sunday slot in the 3rd or 4th week of February. The EC approved the same.
6. **NATCON2018** > Dr Chandramohan made a presentation about the NATCON 2018 scheduled to be held at Trivandrum from 20-23 Sept 2018. The venue decided is Hotel UdaySamudra, Trivandrum . He informed the house that the Early Bird Registration as well as Conference Package is now ready and available.
7. **IASO Midterm 2019**> There was one proposal received form Dr JayeshRawal on behalf of Gujarat Surgical Oncology Society to host the Midterm Conference 2019 at Mount Abu. The EC approved the same .At this juncture, Dr Sanjeev Mishra informed the house that it should be onus of the IASO to encourage Midterm Conferences at areas less represented. He made particular mention about hosting conference in the North east states. He pointed out that it is a Govt of India initiative to encourage medicare in the Northeast and IASO should actively do so if it wants to claim IT relief under Section 22A. Dr Toprani encouraged the EC members to organise CMEs/workshops under their sphere of influence.
8. **NATCON2019**> One proposal was received from Dr Arnab on behalf of cancer center, Thakurpukur, Kolkatta. The EC approved the same.
9. **ICC2021** : The Secretary informed that Team Chennai had withdrawn their bid to host the ICC2021. Dr DhairyasheelSawant , on behalf of Mumbai Oncology Society made a presentation . He gave a detailed presentation about the planned venue and the roadmap for preparation for the mega event. Dr HaritChaturvedi , on behalf of Oncology Forum , Delhi , gave a presentation. He recounted the ideals and aim of the ICC when it was conceived and the achievement of the 1st ICC held at Delhi in 2013. He emphasised upon the fact that ICC was not merely a grand conference but an all inclusive movement which needed to take on-board all oncology societies/ associations and institutes as well as reach out to institutes engaged in basic and translational research. His presentation also laid out a roadmap to organise the same. The EC heard both the parties and decided to put forth the issue to the GBM.
10. **Separation from ASI**. The Secretary informed the EC that there is lot of problem being faced to enrol new members. The possible members are not ready to become

member is that they do not wish to become member of ASI which , in present circumstances, is mandatory The Committee consisting of Dr Vijayakumar , Dr Sanjay Sharma and Dr Ashutosh Chauhan submitted their report. Dr Sanjay Sharma informed the EC that legal opinion has been taken. The legal position is that since the IASO is a separately registered society and has an independent PAN card and accounts, on event of separation from ASI, the latter cannot get the accounts seized or frozen and that though the ASI is free to and expected to approach court of law, the latter will not entertain its plea. Dr Vijaykumar informed the EC that there is no provision in IASO constitution that stops the separation of IASO from ASI but there is a byelaw in ASI constitution that says in the event any subsection secede its assets are merged into ASI main account. Dr Sanjay Sharma again clarified that in case of IASO separating from ASI, this will have no bearing on IASO assets. The EC deliberated further on this issue with members voicing opinion in favour of as well as against proposed separation. The President called for a show –of-hands vote . The motion was carried with overwhelming majority supporting the move with the only dissent note coming from Dr Sadashivam and Dr Ramakant. The matter was decided to be tabled at GBM

11. **Constitutional Amendments:** Following amendments to IASO constitution were put up for consideration:

- (a) Change of guard: The new EC should take over during NATCON rather than in December as is current practice. Dr sanjeevMisra pointed out that as the NATCON dates are varying year on year , it is better there is one constant date in December. However, after much deliberation , the EC carried the motion
- (b) Duration of nominated EC members should be One year > Motion carried without debate
- (c) Seed money for MidTerm to be Rs 50000/- and for NATCON 100000> Motion carried without debate
- (d) Age Limit and Eligibility for Awards> Secretary brought to notice that it is the MoU with SSO which states cutoff age as 40 . Though talks are on with SSO to revise the same, as of now , the eligibility age for SSO stays 40 years and 45 years for other awards. The motion was carried without

debate . Secretary also proposed that the criteria of 05 years membership being mandatory before being eligible for award papers be done away with. The motion was carried.

12. Treasurers report : Dr PK Das presented the balance sheet for financial year 2016-2017. He brought forth certain points for deliberations:-

- (a) IT authorities requires a registration certificate of society. They also require a permanent official address. Mr Anurag , the current auditor, has volunteered to provide his address as permanent address wef Aug 2019
- (b) The association has to answer to IT notice for financial years 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16. The income tax department has asked for all original income receipts and expenditure bills. The queries need to be liquidated by 31 Dec 2017.
- (c) The receipts and expenditure bills are as yet awaited from organisers of NATCON2014 at Chennai and MidTerm Conference 2014 at Bhopal
- (d) Accounts of IJSO and sundry account at Varanasi have been liquidated and money transferred to IASO account
- (e) The increased cash assets of the IASO has started attracting a large tax liability
- (f) The salary of Treasurers assistant be increased to Rs 7000/- pm. EC supported this suggestion
- (g) Salary of Mr SureshaJ of IJSO to be increased from Rs 10000/- to Rs 15000/-

Dr HaritChaturvedi suggested that it is better we increase our spending than pay unnecessary taxes. To this suggestion , there was unanimous support from other EC members. Possible avenues of expenditure discussed were:-

- (i) Increase the number of and amount of prize money as awards .
- (ii) Deploy funds to support IASO CMEs in Northeast and other underrepresented areas, esp Tier 2,3 cities
- (iii) Develop training modules.

13. NEET Exam :

Dr Harit appraised the board of latest on NEET issue. The meeting with MCI was inconclusive as the MCI governing board has referred the matter to Ethics committee. It is his considered opinion that MCI is in state of suspended animation and unlikely to deal with this issue. On the other hand , the case filed by a

consortium of 40 candidates is under consideration in the SC. A draft PIL is ready with the lawyers engaged by Dr Rudra on behalf of IASO. The decision to file the same will be taken seeing the outcome of the case filed by the students. The EC has authorised Dr Harit, Dr Sanjay Kapoor, Dr BKC Mohan Prasad supported by Dr Rudra and Dr Das to take necessary decisions in this matter

14. **Website Vendor:** The secretary informed the EC that the contract with the current vendor is in force till Dec 2017. With effect from Jan 2018 the website developer suggested by Dr Somshekhar will be engaged. Dr Shubham Jain will continue to coordinate the Website development
15. **Permanent IASO Office:** The Secretary apprised the EC about proposal sent by Mr Rajesh Sharma to set up a backend office for IASO to undertake all secretarial work. However, the asking price of Rs 20000/- was considered too steep by the EC. Dr Somshekhar has been entrusted with the task of calling quotations from multiple vendors and looking into this matter.
16. **Guideline for Surgical Oncology Training.** Dr Sanjeev Misra has requested for more time on this matter. The request acceded to.
17. **Detroit fellowship:** The secretary informed the EC the said fellowship will be discussed with Dr Donald Weaver as to if the said fellowship is to be continued
18. **SSO Registration:** The secretary informed the EC that SSO is ready to provide subsidised membership to IASO members. After much deliberations, it was decided by the EC that IASO will just be an intermediary to negotiate a subsidy on SSO registration fees. Thereafter it is onus of individual IASO members to subscribe to the same. The IASO, on its part, will NOT pay the subsidised portion of fees
19. **Website academic development:** The Secretary noted with concern that the plan of developing a academic content for website under guidance of Dr Mallika has not materialised, primarily because she hasn't received support from others. Dr Sanjay Kapoor mentioned that this was probably because other members do not have a template/format to develop contents on individual topics. He volunteered to help Dr Mallika in this exercise. The EC agreed to this suggestion and has given Dr Mallika more time to develop the site.
20. **Elections :** The secretary informed that following nominations have been received in response to call for elections for various posts:

- (i) Vice President : Dr Arnab
- (ii) EC North : Dr Mudit Agarwal
- (iii) EC East : Dr Aditya Narayan Sen
- (iv) EC West : Dr Jayeshpatel
- (v) EC South : Dr Arvind Krishnamurthy

21. Any other points:

Dr Somashekhar inquired about election/selection of members IJSO editorial board. He was informed that elections took place in 2016 and next due in 2021.

Dr Sanjay Kapoor inquired about possibility of starting a Oration in name of Dr N Kannan. He was informed that there are enough orations on agenda. No more orations will be instituted. However in order to honor a particular individual, we can consider naming one session in one NATCON in honour of the individual

Dr Harit informed the President that he has been nominated for the National Cancer Grid – Choosing Wisely India Program

22. The secretary proposed Vote of Thanks

MINUTES OF GENERAL BODY MEETING OF IASO AT ICC 2017 AT BENGALURU

Venue: Hall 10, Clarks Exotica

Time : 1730-1930 hrs

Members attended : 121

Presentation about NATCON 2018> Dr Chandramohan made a presentation about the NATCON 2018 scheduled to be held at Trivandrum from 20-23 Sept 2018. The venue decided is Hotel UdaySamudra, Trivandrum . He informed the house that the Early Bird Registration as well as Conference Package is now ready and available.

Presentation about MidTerm 2018>Dr M Ramesh made a presentation for bid to host the IASO MidTerm Conference 2018 at Rajaji Govt Medical College , Madurai. He proposed one day pre-conference workshop followed by two days CME on a Friday-Sunday slot in the 3rd or 4th week of February.

Bid for MidTerm 2019 > The GBM was informed that two bids have been received for hosting Midterm 2019 . One from Dr JayeshRawal, on behalf of Gujrat Surgical Oncology Society for Mount Abu and another from Dr BR Patil, on behalf of GOKARMA for Hubli. However, the President ruled that since the bid by the Hubli team was received AFTER the cutoff date, it stands disqualified. The MidTerm 2019 was awarded to Dr JayeshRawal.

Bid for NATCON 2019>The GBM was informed that there was one bid for the same. Dr Arnab made a presentation towards the same. The NATCON2019 stands awarded to Kolkatta. Possible venue JW Marriot .

Bid for ICC 2021>The GBM was informed that though initially there were two contenders for ICC2021., Dr Harit, on behalf of Oncology Forum NCR, has decided to withdraw bid from Delhi in spirit of cooperation with Mumbai. The ICC 2021 was thus awarded to Mumbai.

Dr Harit addressed the GBM and recounted the principles and ideals based on which ICC was conceived. He enumerated the factors which must be taken into account when bidding for and subsequently organising the same. He mentioned that as per SOP

guidelines promulgated, though Mumbai has been awarded the ICC, Delhi will remain city in waiting. Team Mumbai would be advised to form a National Coordination Committee which should include representation from all major associations. The NCC should meet every third month to review the preparation and during NATCON2018 this NCC should table its progress report in front of GBM of IASO.

Dr Sanjay Sharma, organising chairman of ICC 2021 from Mumbai, lauded Dr Harit for the great achievements in the inaugural ICC in 2013 and thanked him for the support extended by Team Delhi. He assured the GBM that Team Mumbai will carry out all necessary groundwork to make brand ICC to grow bigger and better. He proposed that Dr Harit and Dr Billimagga will both be incorporated in the NCC as that their experience of organising the two ICCs so far will be invaluable.

Separation from ASI :The Secretary informed the GBM that there is lot of problem being faced to enrol new members. The possible members are not ready to become member is that they do not wish to become member of ASI which , in present circumstances, is mandatory . More over GynaeOnco and Head and Neck Onco surgeons derived from basic specialities of Gynae and ENT cannot become full members of IASO .The Committee consisting of Dr Vijayakumar , Dr Sanjay Sharma and Dr Ashutosh Chauhan submitted their report. Dr Sanjay Sharma informed the GBM that legal opinion has been taken. The legal position is that since the IASO is a separately registered society and has an independent PAN card and accounts, on event of separation from ASI, the latter cannot get the accounts seized or frozen and that though the ASI is free to and expected to approach court of law, the latter will not entertain its plea. Dr Sadashivanand some other members opposed the motion mentioning that ASI is a parent body and that attempts should be made to find a middle path. Dr Toprani addressed these issues saying that current linkage of IASO with ASI serves no benefit to IASO and moreover is deleterious to latter's interest as it prevents membership from growing. Dr SanjeevMisra too lent his support pointing that similar subspecialties as urology and plastic surgeons have completely disassociated from ASI with no adverse consequence. The motion was put to hand vote and majority of members supported separation. Secretary noted that as this motion for separation has been discussed in two consecutive GBMs and has

received support on both instances, the motion stands passed. The EC IASO will now initiate formal proceedings of notification of separation

Constitutional Amendments: Following amendments to IASO constitution were put up for consideration:

- a) Change of guard: The new EC should take over during NATCON rather than in December as is current practice. Motion carried without debate
- b) Duration of nominated EC members should be One year > Motion carried without debate
- c) Seed money for MidTerm to be Rs 50000/- and for NATCON 100000> Motion carried without debate
- d) Eligibility for IASO membership: after much debate by GBM , the following motion carried
- e) General Surgeons/ ENT/Gynaecology surgeons devoting more than 50% of their practice to oncology will be permitted to become full members of the IASO based on a self-declaration and support of two full members of IASO
- f) Candidates who are pursuing MCh and DNB currently can be enrolled as Associate members during their course of study and will be converted to full membership on completion of same WITHOUT extra charge.

Eligibility criteria for Awards : there was much deliberation about removal of mandatory 5 years membership criteria to avail award . Dr SanjeevMisra and Dr Somshekhar opposed the motion on grounds that individuals would only enrol only for award session and thereafter not attend any meeting. The consensus arrived was *that a member should have attended TWO NATCONs to become eligible for these awards. Age limit is 40 years for SSO award and 45 for others.*

Ludhiana Fellowship. The Secretary informed the GBM about the non-utilisation of the said award and about EC decision to open this award to *anyone who has lived in Punjab/will live in Punjab/ belongs to Punjab and/or is engaged in work which is beneficial to Punjabi people.* The GB endorsed the decision with a voice vote

Treasurer Report. Was passed by voice vote. In addition, the Secretary informed the GB about descion of the EC to utilise funds to support awards and CME. The support to

Posters being presented at SSO be raised from current 500 USD to 1000 USD. The Prize money for Gopinath Panda Quiz to be increased. The number of best papers and the cash prize for them to be increased. The motion was endorsed with voice vote

Stand of IASO on NEET. Dr Harit apprised the GB of latest on NEET issue. The meeting with MCI was inconclusive as the MCI governing board has referred the matter to Ethics committee. It is his considered opinion that MCI is in state of suspended animation and unlikely to deal with this issue. On the other hand, the case filed by a consortium of 40 candidates is under consideration in the SC. A draft PIL is ready with the lawyers engaged by Dr Rudra on behalf of IASO. The decision to file the same will be taken seeing the outcome of the case filed by the students. The EC has authorised Dr Harit, Dr Sanjay Kapoor, Dr BKC Mohan Prasad supported by Dr Rudra and Dr Das to take necessary decisions in this matter. The GB endorsed this decision with a voice vote

Election for Office Bearers: Secretary apprised the GB that only one nomination was received for each of the EC posts advertised. Details as under:-

Vice President : Dr Arnab

EC North : Dr Mudit Agarwal

EC East : Dr Aditya Narayan Sen

EC West : Dr Jayeshpatel

EC South : Dr Arvind Krishnamurthy

The GB endorsed all appointments by voice vote

Miscellaneous Points

Dr NareshSoni suggested that IASO institute a Fellowship on lines of FAIS and FICS. No consensus reached in the GBM

Dr NareshSoni also suggested that in all CME/Conferences, IASO members should be given 70% of all Chair posts/Podium Speakers/Panel Discussion. The General Body was supportive of this suggestion

VOTE OF THANKS.

MINUTES OF EC MEETING 29th DEC 2017 DURING ASICON 2017

Venue L Meeting Hall 2 , Birla Auditorium

1. **Welcome Note by the Prseident , Dr BKC Mohan Prasad :** Dr Prasad welcomed the EC members to the meet . As the outgoing President, he expressed warm gratitude to the EC for working with him to make his tenure fruitful. He recounted major achievement of IASO during his tenure at helm of affairs. He informed the EC that the IASO attracted 120 new member this calendar year. The number of awards and cash grants were increased to encourage young oncologists. All accounts of the IASO could be consolidated into one single account and that all tax related queries have been settled. He recounted the efforts of IASO in regards of streamlining the NEET super speciality imbroglio. He also mentioned the continued dialogue with ASI regarding enrolling members into IASO without mandatory ASI membership
2. **MIDCON2018 at Madurai .** Dr BKC Mohan Prasad, the Organising Chairman, presented the detailed plan for the said MIDCON on behalf of the Organising Secretary. The date finalised are 1st March for workshop followed by 2 and 3 March for Conference proper
3. **NATCON2018 at Trivandrum ;** Dr Chandramohan provided a update on the preparations for NATCON2018. He mentioned that a society CASO has been formed to oversee the preparation and that the CASO proposes to organise small meets in other cities of Kerala in the run-up to the main. He expressed confidence that this would increase the awareness about IASO in surgical oncologist as well as non oncosurgeon and that this would result in good participation during NATCON.
4. **ICC 2021:** Dr Dairyasheel updated the EC members about preparations for ICC 2021. He mentioned that the Website for ICC 2021 is up and running and that about 400 delegates have already registered under the special concessionary fees of Rs 2500/-. He informed the EC that a core committee of oncosurgeons has been formed and by March they would be sitting down with reps of other associations too. The duties would be assigned and formal MoU and Charter formulated. He informed that there is a scheme of block booking for Institutions available. He urged the EC members to give wide coverage to this option and enrol as many Institutions as possible.

Dr Somshekhar suggested a modification in way of conduct of ICC . He mentioned that instead of duplicating the same topic across programs run by individual associations , we must strive to have organ specific halls where all programs related to that particular organ system is presented by each association. Dr Savant agreed to look into feasibility of the same

5. **Dissociation with ASI** : Dr Mohanprasad appraised the EC that he has had several conversation with the ASI president regarding IASO's concern about inability to enrol more member. Dr Mohanprasad expressed his opinion that the ASI leadership is past the crisis issues plaguing them in past and are more amenable now to IASO concern. It is his considered opinion that IASO should explore possibility of remaining with ASI while working out IASOs core issues. Dr Subramehywar Rao seconded Dr Mohan Prasad's view. He summarised that the two point of contention with ASI is that as ASI and IASO constitution mandates ASI membership compulsory before becoming ASI member AND that IASO sessions in ASI are poorly attended. To this he had two suggestions :

- (a) ASI amends its constitution to remove compulsory ASI membership clause
- (b) IASO gives up its separate sectional meet, rather it merges its meet into ASI's main program. This would give IASO a larger audience

Dr ShubhamJain, supported by Dr Sandeep Kumar, mentioned we can explore a possibility of a composite membership wherein an individual pays one membership fees and gets full membership of IASO and associate member ship of ASI. Other EC members agreed to this suggestion.

After much deliberation, the motion carried was that IASO should defer its plan of disassociation from ASI for now. Rather initiate dialogue about possibility of ibid composite membership OR else removal of clause of compulsory ASI membership. Plus possibility of merging the sectional meet of IASO with ASI main program in return for slots for IASO speakers in the ASI main program itself.

6. **Outreach program by IASO** : Dr Toprani expressed concern that some EC members have completed their tenure without any active contribution to the cause of IASO. He urged that each EC member should aspire to organise at least two MIDCON level program/ CME during his/her tenure. To this Dr Sanjay Kapoor, the President Elect, added that we should target underrepresented geographical regions where a local

resource faculty takes the initiative of organising the CME and the IASO can back him with travel and stay arrangement of the resource faculty from IASO side. The EC agreed to this plan of action and motion carried

7. **Shift of Website Vendor** : Dr Shubham is supposed to facilitate transfer of website vendorship from the current incumbent to the one arranged by Dr Somshekhar
8. **Travel Re imbursement of EC Members** :It was proposed that EC members should receive travel reimbursement if attending any meeting on behalf of the IASO.
 - (a)Reimbursement of travel expense for attending EC meeting (Rs 10000 or actual whatever is less)
 - (b)Reimbursement for attending SSO meet on behalf of IASO (1000 USD - 65000/=)
 - (c) Office bearers attending any official meeting on behalf of IASO as in meets with ASI office-bearers/ other associations and for delivery of talk at zonal CMES to be reimbursed as per as actuals

MINUTES OF EC MEETING at Midterm Conference

Madurai 2018

Time :- 5:00 pm onwards, 3rd March 2018

Following members attended:

1. Dr Sanjay Kapoor
2. Dr Rajendra Toprani
3. Dr PK Das
4. Dr BKC Mohan Prasad
5. Dr Dhairyasheel Savant
6. Dr Kiran Kothari
7. Dr. Arnab Gupta
8. Dr. Jayesh Raval
9. Dr. Rudra Acharya
10. Dr. Padmalaya Devi
11. Dr. Sadashivam

1. Secretary called meeting to order
2. Welcome address was delivered by Dr. Sanjay Kapoor
3. Discussion of Minutes of previous EC Meeting at ICC 2017
 - a) Out reach programmes, CMES to be conducted under banner of IASO.
 - b) All EC members to organize at least 1 meeting in their 2 years of tenure .
 - c) Dr. Ashutosht to coordinate for the CME proposed by Dr Sandeep Kaul on 21st April at Jammu
 - d) Dr. Arnab Gupta to coordinate with Dr. Om Tatia for CME at Agartala
 - e) One CME is to be organized between April to September 2018 at Bhopal/Nashik/Nagpur – Dr. Dhairyasheel Savant to talk to Dr. Ajay Mehta
 - f) Dr. Sanjay Kapoor to conduct one CME at Bareilly on 8th April 2018 (One Day Breast CME)

4. Dr.Chandramohan gave update about preparation for NATCON2018
5. Dr.JayeshRaval gave update upon the Midterm 2019 which is to be conducted at Mt. Abu and probable dates being 1st-3 March 2019.
6. NATCON 2020 – Proposal to be invited in Newsletter and discussed in next GBM of NATCON 2018.
7. Dr.DhairyasheelSavant provided an Update about preparations for ICC2021 and that 600 Registration have already been done.
8. Discussion about ASI .Dr. B K C Mohan Prasad, Dr.Dhairyasheel and Dr.Toprani will attend meeting with ASI on 11th March 2018 and discuss the issues discussed in the previous EC.
9. Treasurer’s Report about update about Sec 12A exemption
IT scrutiny has been solved for previous matters and documents filed for year 16/17 and 17/18. Exemption under Section 12 A has been applied for which requires three documents (Rent Agreement , Change of accounting year March / April as per rules of Govt. Of India and Change in Bylaws) .Additional Rs. 3000/- per month needs to be paid to Auditor for establishment of a permanent office address of IASO .An amount of Rs. 64,000/- needs to be paid to IT department for queries of year 2014/15needs
10. NEET Stand by IASO - Update by Dr.Harit, Dr. Mohan Prasad, Dr. Sanjay Kapoor and Dr. P. K. Das. MCI has accepted that 70% of the questions asked should pertain to surgical oncology. However , MCI has not accepted the IASO contention regarding eligibility of MS(ENT) and MD(Gynec) as the matter is currently subjudice
11. Website Vendor /Development – Currently being coordinated by Dr.Shubham Jain. It was decided that we continue with present vendor till a better option is found
Dr.Rudra, Dr. Sanjay Kapoor, Dr.Shubham will also meet representative from “Wish a cloud”
12. IJSO online access – Dr.Shubhamto coordinate with Dr.Gopinath for IJSO online access on IASO website
13. National Cancer Grid – Dr. Sanjay Kapoor to discuss withDr.Pramesh about scope and concept of proposed National Cancer Grid and explore how IASO can contribute in the said project
14. Website Academic Development

Dr. KVVN Raju has been appointed for Academic Development of IASO website
He will be assisted by Dr. Rudra and Dr. Sandeep Nayak under guidance of Dr. Sanjay Kapoor

15. Guidelines for Surgical Oncology Training – White Paper on the said topic is still awaited from Dr. S. V. S. Deo & Dr. Sanjiv Misra
16. Past President Club – Proposal received from Dr. Harit that the current executive committee (EC) should have President IASO and Immediate Past President as members. The past presidents could instead constitute an informal club. The club can conduct a separate meeting during NATCON. The EC can turn to this Club for advice but the Club itself will not have voting rights in the decision-making process of the EC. The EC has put this proposal on hold till the next EC meet wherein Dr. Harit may elaborate further on the proposal.

Change in Byelaws

During interaction with Tax authorities , a point was put forth by the same that as a registered Association , it is onus of the IASO to put in place a byelaw in its constitution that would specify what would be done with latters assets in event of dissolution of the association

To this effect the following amendment to byelaw has been framed by the EC and is to be put forth in next GBM

“ In the event of dissolution or winding up of the society the assets remaining on the day of dissolution shall not be distributed amongst the constituent members of the association/ managing committee/ governing body but shall be transferred to a special purpose vehicle (SPV) constituted specifically to execute the objectives of the Association and which will enjoy recognition under section 80G of IT Act 1961 . The specific and sole purpose of this SPV would be to utilise the ibid assets in pursuance of stated academic activities of the Association”

NATCON 2018 : Message from Organisers

Dear Colleague,

Welcome to the **32nd NATCON IASO National Conference 2018,**

Kerala Association of Surgical Oncologists(KASO) in association with **Regional Cancer Centre (RCC)** proudly announces the **32nd NATCON IASO - Annual National Conference of "Indian Association of Surgical Oncologists"** at **Hotel UdaySamudra**

Trivandrum from **20th - 23rd September 2018**.Surgical Oncology has evolved from radical surgeries to extended radical surgeries and then with the introduction of adjuvant therapies, has now become more and more conservative and organ preservatives like breast conservation, minimal access surgery, microvascular reconstruction, limb-preserving surgery, robotic surgery and others. With the advances in all fields of oncology, the present era now has humane treatment methodology tailor-made to suit every patient.

The conference aims at bringing in the best practices from distant lands, and to extend indigenous expertise and findings to other areas. The Scientific programme will comprise of a generous mix of orations, master videos, research presentations, satellite symposia, panel discussions, poster presentations among others. Renowned experts from the country and across the Globe will give their deliberations.

Any gathering without cultural intermissions would be a dull affair. Fun filled evenings with the various cultural programs from Kerala would bring the artistic excellence to fore. With the Kovalam beach hardly 15 meters away, this promises to be one conference with an unbeatable ambience.

Conf. Web - www.iasonatcon2018.com

Conf. Email - iasonatcon@gmail.com

Thanks & Regards,

Iqbal M Ahamed

NATCON IASO 2018

Organizing Chairman

iqbal.m.ahamed@gmail.com

Dr Chandramohan K

NATCON IASO 2018

Organizing Secretary

drchandramohan@gmail.com

Conference Secretariat:

Mr. Rajesh Sharma



M. 9374073512

E. rajesh@miceideas.in

A-1107, Siddhi Vinayak Tower,

Near Kataria Motors, Makarba, Off. S.G. Highway,

Behind D. C. P. Office, Ahmedabad – 380051

Invitation for Nominations for Election of Office Bearers

Elections for the post of **Vice President ,Secretary , Treasurer, Editorial Secretary** and for **One Executive Committee Member each from North/South/West /East Zone** will be held in the Annual Conference of IASO during forthcoming NATCON2018 scheduled at Trivandrum. Nominations for the same are invited. Attention is drawn to following important points:-

(i) **Eligibility for elections–**

- (a) 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.
- (b) Secretary – A Full life member of IASO who has completed 7 years (up to 31st March of the year of applying) as full life member and has served at least one term as an elected/nominated Executive member is eligible to contest for the post of Secretary.
- (c) Treasurer – A Full life member of IASO who has completed 7 years (up to 31st March of the year of applying) as full life member and has served at least one term as an elected/nominated Executive member is eligible to contest for the post of Treasurer
- (d) 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.

(ii) **The last date for nomination** is 31 August 2018. The nominations are to be sent to the Secretary, IASO.

(iii) 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

(iv) 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.

(v) **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 and signed by him/her . This should also have a mention of IASO conferences attended in last 5 years. This should be signed and dated by the candidate. This information will be put forward to the members before the voting

- (vi) **Withdrawal of Nomination** – The candidates can withdraw their nominations till the executive meeting or 5.00PM on first day of NATCON IASO 2018

Invitations for proposal for hosting NATCON 2020 and MIDCON 2020

Proposals are invited to host NATCON 2020 and MIDCON 2020. Interested parties may send in their proposal to the Secretary in email or normal mail before 31st August 2018.

1. The proposal should mention the names of Organising Chairman and Organising secretary . It should include support letter from the Organisation/Institution under whose aegis the event is proposed to be conducted and details about the venue.
2. Attention is further drawn to the” **Guidelines for Invitation for NATCON**” available at <https://www.iasoindia.in/bylaws/>