



Annual National Conference  
Organised by  
Department of Surgical Oncology, Madurai Medical College in Association with TASO  
06<sup>th</sup> October 2022, Pre Conference Workshop | 07<sup>th</sup> - 09<sup>th</sup> October 2022, Conference  
Venue: Courtyard by Marriott, Madurai

## REPORT ON IASO NATCON 2022 AT MADURAI

The conduct of the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference of Indian Association of Surgical Oncology (IASO NATCON 2022) was handed over to the Department of Surgical Oncology, Government Rajaji Hospital & Madurai Medical College, Madurai in Association with TASO (Tamil Nadu Association of Surgical Oncologist) on 30<sup>TH</sup> October 2021 at IASO NATCON 2021 conference, Delhi, by the National Body of IASO.

IASO NATCON 2022, held in Madurai, Tamil Nadu, **India** from **6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> of October 2022** was the first post covid - physical National conference of IASO. This is also the first of its kind to be held at the temple city Madurai.

The charge of IASO NATCON 2022 was given to **Dr. M. Ramesh** as Organizing Secretary of NATCON 2022 (Head of Department of Surgical Oncology, Madurai Medical College & Govt Rajaji Hospital), under the guidance of Organizing Chairman Dr. B.K.C Mohan Prasad, along with Senior Surgical Oncologists of Tamil Nadu as advisors and patrons. Fourteen (14) of the Surgical Oncologist of Madurai formed the core organizing committee for the conduct of this mega event. Various committee were formed from the members of TASO, (Patrons/ Core Committee/ Advisory Committee/ Scientific Committee/ Trade/ PG Trainee coordination/ Accommodation/ Tour committee).

The preparation for the conference had begun as early from the December 2021, when Event organizers and Audio-Visual team were fixed. Venue for the Conference was finalized in Hotel Courtyard by Marriott, Madurai, where 4 Halls, Board Room, lawn, parking space for stalls were booked.



Gross outline of the scientific program and rest of the conference was drafted and presented during the MIDCON conference 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022 in Shillong to the National committee. Subsequently the first Brochure was released in February 2022 and online registration also started during same month.

The promotion for the NATCON 2022 started way back in MIDCON - March 2022 followed by KASOCON -May 2022, ABSCICON August 2022, West ZONE CME IASO/AROI INDORE 2022, ASI Tamil Nadu by the organizing Secretary and other organizing committee members, briefing about the conference in these events.



The Promotion for conference was also done with frequent videos, presentations, and fliers, through social media (whatsapp/telegram/facebook) and through conference portal and IASO portal ([secretariat@natconiaso2022.com](mailto:secretariat@natconiaso2022.com)).

The database of members was retrieved from the IASO office and all the members were reached through official mail communications, messages and subsequently we reached almost all through phone calls. Fliers and Posters were sent to all teaching institutions of surgical oncology (DrNB & MCh) across India. All HOD's of the surgical oncology teaching institutes all over India were directly communicated on call to promote registrations of faculties and residents. Also, postgraduates in Gynecology, General surgery, ENT, orthopedics in various medical colleges of Tamil Nadu, likely to take up Oncology in future, were encouraged with single day registrations.

Scientific committee for NATCON 2022 was formed by President IASO which met almost 10 times through virtual platform and physical meetings twice at Indore and Madurai. There were frequent visits and meeting at venue with hotel officials, AV team and Event team to finalize the course of conference. President IASO, Secretary IASO visited the Venue for Inspection on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2022 to supervise the arrangements of conference.



In month of July 2022 the NATCON faculties were decided for the scientific program via online/zoom meetings and with physical meetings at Indore conference (AROI/IASO 2022). The chosen faculties were contacted through phone and mail communication. Along with National faculties, 9 international faculties from USA, Brazil, UK, Sweden were invited, of which 6 faculties visited the conference physically, whereas 3 foreign faculties and one national faculty (Dr. Shailesh Shrikhande) who couldn't attend the conference, were made themselves available through online platform. The IASO NATCON 2022 also gave opportunity to many younger faculties to showcase their work in such a grand event. Overall, 245 faculties participated in the conference across the country.





The NATCON 2022 programme consisted of 4 days schedule with workshop held on 6<sup>th</sup> October and main conference events from 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> October 2022. The Pre-conference workshop demonstrated 32 operative videos by eminent faculties followed by 3 lectures for residents on related specialties like Onco-pathology, Interventional Radiology and Radiology. Hands on Training was organized for residents on bowel Stapling and Microvascular anastomosis which had enormous participation and phenomenal appreciations.



The main conference event covered the important and recent advances of all the subspecialties of surgical oncology and consisted of 29 master videos (operative technique video demonstrated by experts), 22 group discussions (Panel discussion, Symposium), 33 keynote lectures, 6 Debates, 5 Orations. There was one formal Meet the Professor sessions for budding Surgical Oncologist to discuss their future perspective which was conducted by Dr. Chandrakant Are (USA) through Zoom Meeting. Besides, many young delegates took the opportunity to interact with the foreign faculties and senior faculties in the interval times for their career prospects.



On the last date of the abstract submission we had flooding of the abstracts submission (504) which Organizing Committee found difficult to sort it out. Dr. P.K. Das (President Elect IASO) and Dr. Chandramohan K (secretary IASO) came to Madurai to sort it out with the help of rest of the scientific committee member through online. Finally 428 were permitted for presentation including the IASO awards.



Inaugural Function was held on 7<sup>th</sup> October with Dr. Ashok Mehta (Founder Secretary IASO & Past president IASO) as Chief Guest, Dr. Anil D’Cruz (President UICC) as Guest of Honour, along with Dr. A. Rathinavel (Dean Madurai Medical College) and the function started in the traditional way of lighting the lamps.

First time our own legends were invited as Guest for the Inaugural function. Similarly, all the past presidents present during the conference were honoured by the IASO President for the first time. All the Foreign Faculties were also honoured on the occasion. NATCON Souvenir was also released during the Inaugural function.





Executive committee meeting and IJSO meeting were conducted on pre-conference day. The General body meeting was conducted on 8<sup>th</sup> October and various issues were discussed. On 9<sup>th</sup> October the New EC committee had meeting to discuss the forthcoming issues of IASO.



IASO NATCON 2022 had 935 registrations (including National and foreign faculty, delegates, Medical and Radiation Oncologist, Nuclear medicine physicist and post graduate students of Urology, Gynecology, ENT, Orthopedics, surgical gastroenterology), highest number in the history of NATCON. Single day registration was promoted to encourage post graduate student participation of other surgical specialties. Delegates were from Kashmir to Kanyakumari and from Jodhpur to Shillong.



On all 4 days lunch were served at Venue and Dinner was provided for 3 days. Banquet was arranged at Hotel Fortune Pandiyan on 8<sup>th</sup> October for all delegates which had many dance and singing shows by professionals, fireworks and DJ followed by Grand gala dinner.



Except the Foreign faculties and guest faculties for whom registration was provided complimentary, other faculties and delegates made their registration and transport arrangements by themselves, which shows the keenness of our IASO members in making it to the NATCON.

During the conference there were only 4 last moment dropouts in faculty position, for which replacements were timely arranged so as to avoid any pause in flow of conference scientific agenda. This figure is very insignificant and shows the commitment of the faculties to the IASO. Another best thing observed during conference was that all the faculties adhered to the timings which made the job of Organizing committee easy. Adherence to timings and seamless event was well appreciated by everyone and largely due to the meticulous planning by the organizing committee and cooperation by the faculties.

Air-conditioned exhibition areas were provided for all the Surgical/Pharmaceuticals company for display of their products during the event.



The conference was concluded with valedictory function on 9<sup>th</sup> October with all Organizing committee members in Traditional Attire with vote of thanks for all the teams involved in making conference successful. There were multiple awards distributed (IASO & NATCON) in various categories (Paper/ Poster/Videos presentation) with Certificates and Prize money for each Awardee. Tamil Nadu Medical Council President, Dr. K. Senthil was the Chief Guest and IASO Academic council Chairman, Dr. T. Subramanyeshwar Rao handed over the awards to the winners of IASO/NATCON Paper/Poster/Video presentation and Gopinath-Panda Quiz.





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**THANK YOU ALL**



**A BIG THANKS FROM TEAM NATCON 2022.....**

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**ORGANIZING SECRETARY**  
**IASO NATCON 2022**