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President's Message



Dr. Subramania Iyer
President - APSI

Senior Colleagues, Friends,

It is with great pleasure and sense of humility that I write to you for the first time after assuming the office of President of our esteemed association. The sense of humility stems from the greatness of the people who have preceded me with in this office. The medical community in general, including our plastic surgery fraternity, is facing immense challenges in our current environment, which needs concerted action from all of us to overcome them. I do hope that during my tenure I will be able to contribute whatever is possible in this effort.

The specialty has grown greatly in recent times with addition of number of both trained specialists and higher surgical trainees. Our spectrum of activity and number of patients being catered to by our specialty has increased. But along with this we find other specialties encroaching into what was our so called exclusive domain and due to lack of due interest in some of the areas of our work we have not been able to sow an increased

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Secretary's Message



Dr. Parag Sahasrabudhe
Hon. Secretary - APSI

Dear Esteemed Members of the APSI

It is my privilege and honour to present to you the April 2017 Newsletter of our Association.

Many events have taken place after the last annual general body meeting.

The Association has filed written statement in the Court of Law in the case of Civil Suit filed against the association. I would like to thank all the members of the association who contributed to the matter related to the civil suit.

In the recently held mid-term Executive Committee Meeting crucial decisions were made that will have long-lasting impact on the progress of our Association.

Decision was taken to form a legal cell of APSI.

Strategic planning committee of APSI was formed to prepare five year vision document for the APSI.

Special publicity cell of APSI was formed which will look into marketing of our speciality and creating public awareness.

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President's Message *(from page 1)*

activity. Aesthetic procedures fall in the first category and reconstructive surgery like that of breast can be included in the second. The public perception of plastic surgery still remains that of on an elite surgical specialty dealing with not so necessary services. This perception percolates down into the health administrators and insurance companies. Even though the trend of young postgraduates joining plastic surgery training programmes is showing a healthy increase we still lack uniformity in achieving excellence in training throughout the country. Research in plastic surgery is still in the infancy.

The association has recognized the need for assuming a proactive role in addressing some of these issues. Deliberations have been extensive and meaningful in the Past Presidents forum and the executive committee, which has come out with good suggestions. Accordingly the website is to be revamped completely making it useful for both members and the public. The curriculum committee has made its report on unified training pattern, which will be taken up to the concerned authorities. Dabbling of untrained persons into the plastic and reconstructive surgery procedures are being resisted by taking this matter to the licensing agencies highlighting the danger to the public. A legal cell and getting a PR agency involved in improving the public perception of the specialty is in the offing. Considering the fact that we need long term planning and continuity of efforts over several years, a strategy planning committee has been formed to provide the members with a vision statement by the end of this year.

Our team wishes to thank you all for the faith reposed in us to serve the association and welcoming you all to Kochi for our next annual meeting.

Yours Sincerely

Dr. Subramania Iyer
President, APSI

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Dr. Karoon Agrawal has been invited as Member of International Advisory Board – Smile Train Foundation.

Secretary's Message *(from page 1)*

The vendor, for new website of the association, was finalised and the work will be started soon so as to revamp our association's website

The MCH curriculum will soon be finalised and will be communicated to various authorities and to the members of the Association.

Some modifications in the election process have been approved and the same shall be implemented from this year onwards, the details of which are published in this newsletter.

I would like to thank all the members of the Association and the members of the Executive Council for their cooperation. I would like to thank President Dr. Iyer and the Trustees of the Association for their constant guidance and support.

Yours Sincerely

Dr. Parag Sahasrabudhe
Hon. Secretary, APSI

RECENTLY CONCLUDED CONFERENCES

Craniofacial Cadaver Workshop – Hands on Training for Plastic Surgeons

23-24 February, 2017

Hands-on training Craniofacial Cadaver Workshop for Plastic Surgeons, conducted at Ramaiah Advanced Learning Centre, Bengaluru, Karnataka, was organised by the Department of Plastic Surgery, Ramaiah Hospital. This was attended by 25 delegates.

The rating from the delegate feedback was excellent. They were of the opinion that since most of the Plastic Surgeons were not exposed to craniofacial surgery during their training period a program of this magnitude was necessary to understand the complex procedures in this area. The faculty felt the need to conduct this course annually to create awareness among the budding Plastic surgeons and demystify Craniofacial surgery.



Important Decisions made by APSI Executive Council in its Midterm Meeting

The Mid-term Executive Committee meeting was held on 11th March 2017 at Munnar. In the past president's meetings held during APSICON 2016 valuable suggestions were given by the Past Presidents - To form Scientific Committee of APSI, New Executive Body should meet before the end of the conference, President Elect should also be invited to this meeting of Past Presidents, Create a Legal Cell in APSI, Create a Publicity Cell of APSI and concentrate on Public Awareness Programme. These were sincerely considered and important decisions were taken by the Executive Council.

The APSI Executive after due deliberations has taken following decisions –

1. There will be **National Scientific Committee** for each APSICON. They will give suggestions to the local scientific committee. The scientific committee chairman of the APSICON will be the final authority in deciding scientific programme.
2. The **past presidents meeting will be held before the Annual executive committee meeting**. The president elect will be invited for the same. The agenda of the same will be circulated by immediate past president in coordination with the current president. The invitations to the past presidents will be responsibility of the current president.
3. The EC has formed a committee headed by Dr. Mukunda Reddy including Dr. Satish Bhat and Dr. Atul Shah as its members to take quotations from legal firms in order to form **Legal cell at APSI**.
4. The EC has formed a committee headed by Dr. Surajit Bhattacharya including, Dr. Raja Sabapathy, Dr. V. K. Tiwari and Dr. Shailesh Ranade as its members to take quotations from PR firms regarding **publicity cell of APSI**.

As per discussion in the GB 2016 - President Dr. Iyer had agreed to give time to the aspiring **vice presidential candidates to express their vision for APSI from the podium** from this year itself. The candidates will be given time of 3 minutes to express their thoughts after withdrawal time is over. **The withdrawal time will be preponed to 2 pm from current 5 pm**. It was also unanimously decided that **if candidate is found campaigning near the booth he will be debarred from the elections**. This will be implemented from APSICON 2017 onwards.

As per suggestion received from Dr. Lokesh Kumar during the last GB 2016, after discussion on pros and cons it was decided to form a **strategic planning committee** of APSI consisting of Dr. Iyer, Dr. Raja Sabapathy and Dr. Mukund Thatte to prepare 5 year vision document for APSI. It will be document for future presidents to refer to.



UPCOMING COURSES & CONFERENCES



Professional Development Course: Association of Plastic Surgeons of India APSI- APSICON2005- ETHICON 27-28 May 2017 First Announcement

Registration fee Rs 2500: First 10 registrations are refundable

APSICON 2005 - APSI-ETHICON ACCREDITED COURSE IN PLASTIC SURGERY

27th & 28th May, 2017
Command Hospital
(Southern Command), Pune

■ Topic: Flaps in Plastic Surgery

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Flaps in Plastic Surgery

27-28 May 2017

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Topics

Flap physiology and perfusion
Flaps- What, when, where, how?
Flap monitoring, salvage, & preventing complications
Myocutaneous and fasciocutaneous flaps
Deltopectoral & Pectoralis major flaps
Flaps for Eyelid reconstruction
Flaps for Lip & tongue reconstruction
Nasal reconstruction
Flaps for Breast Reconstruction incl TRAM & DIEP
LD & TDAP flaps
Reconstruction of defects on hand and forearm
RAFF: Pedicled and Free
Posterior Interosseous artery flap
Groin and abdominal flaps for coverage of hand defects
Flaps for finger reconstruction
FDMA & Quaba flaps
Principles of flap surgery and Biogeometry
What I would have liked to do as a resident?

History and evolution of flaps
Flaps for reconstruction of upper third of leg
Flaps for reconstruction of mid third of leg
Flaps for lower third leg
Local flaps in Foot
Distally based sural artery flap
Perforator flap and perforator plus flaps

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BRACHIALCON 2017

9th Biennial
National Conference of
Brachial Plexus Surgery
Group of India

28 - 30th July 2017



28th - 30th July, 2017

Venue: A. J. Hospital & Research
Centre, Kuntikana, Mangalore

Conference Secretariat:

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& Reconstructive Surgery

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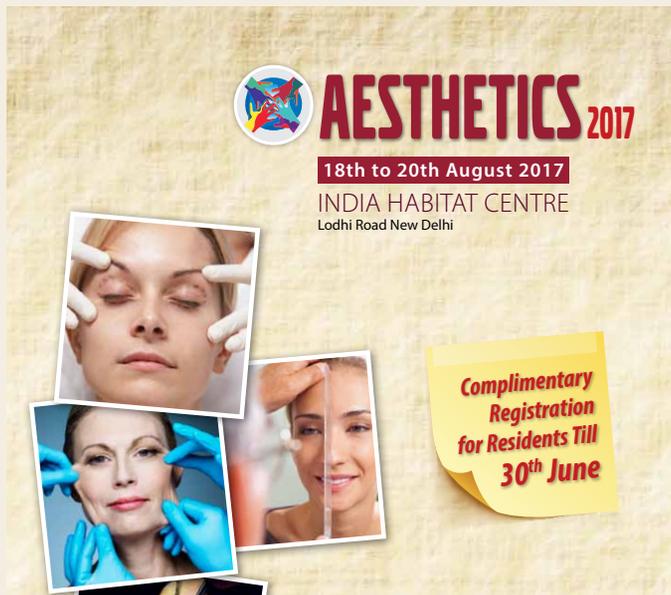
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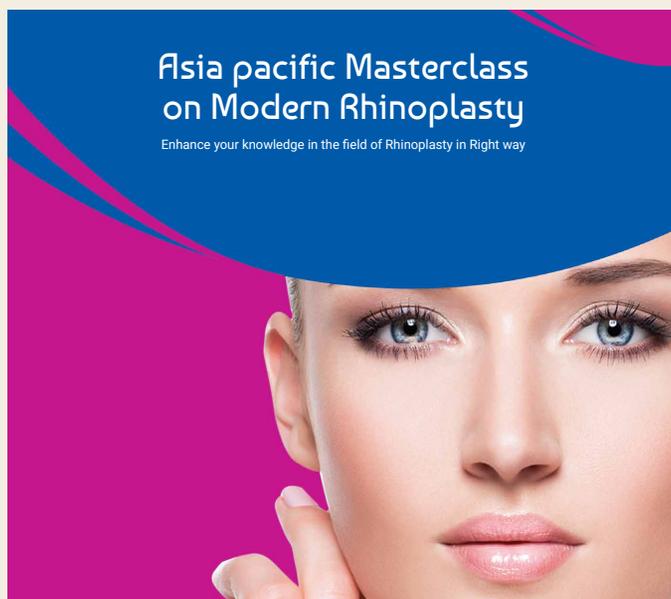
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18th - 20th August, 2017
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ISSHCON2017 MUMBAI



41st Annual Conference of Indian Society for Surgery of the Hand (ISSH)

Co-hosted by Singapore Society for Hand Surgery (SSH)

Dates: 21st, 22nd & 23rd September, 2017 Venue: Hotel JW Marriott, Juhu, Mumbai - 400049.

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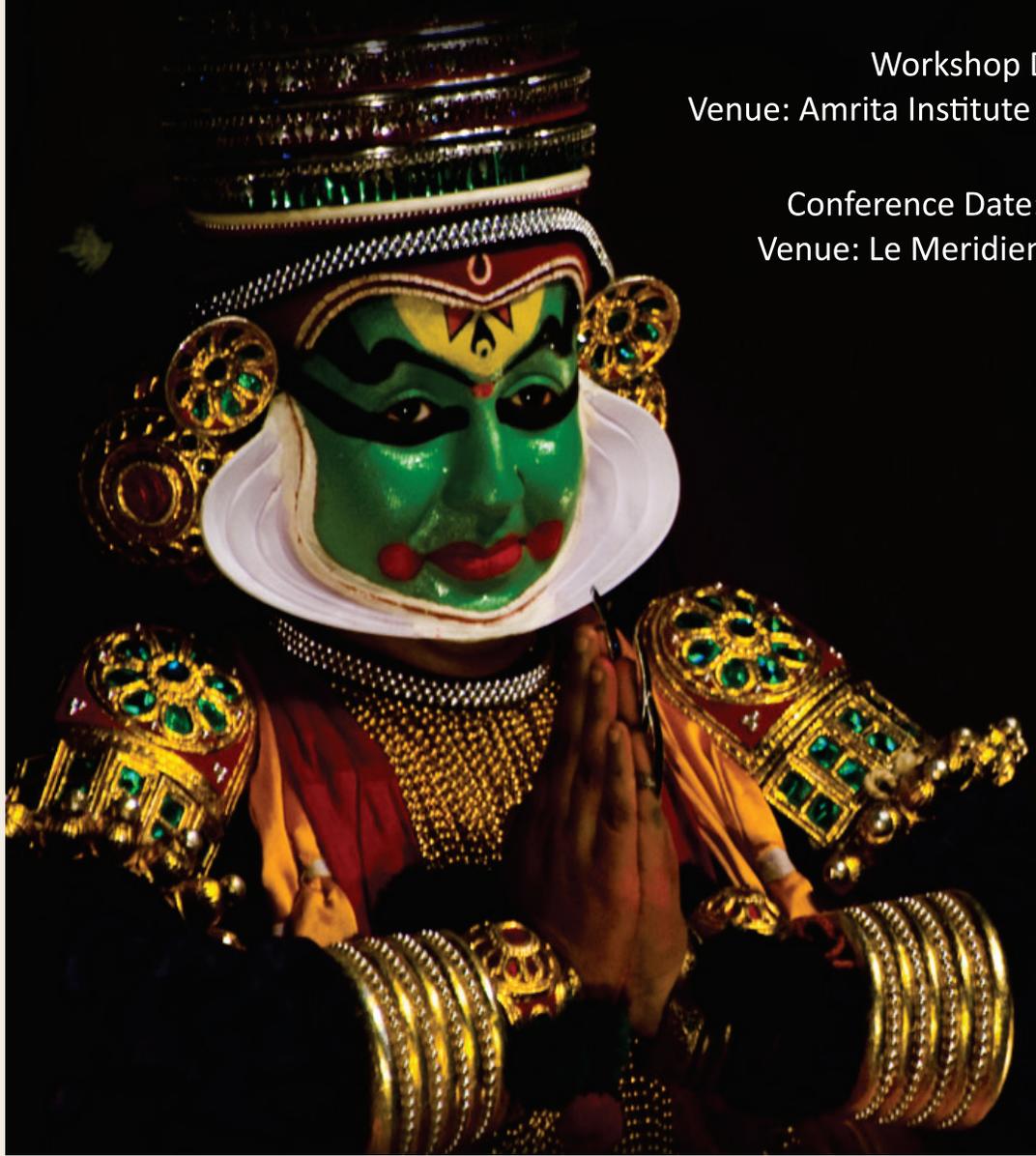
Conference Secretariat: VAMA EVENTS PVT. LTD.
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Samhita APSICON 2017 Kochi



52nd Annual Conference of Association of Plastic Surgeons of India

Reclaiming Lost Bastions | Conquering New Domains



Workshop Date: 15th November
Venue: Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences

Conference Date: 16th -19th November
Venue: Le Meridien Convention Centre



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Category	Delegate Fees	Trainees	Accompanying Person
Early Bird Till 15 March 2017	INR 10000	INR 8000	INR 8000
Regular Registration Till 30 September 2017	INR 12000	INR 9000	INR 8000
Regular Registration Till 10 November 2017	INR 13000	INR 10000	INR 9000
On Spot	INR 15000	INR 12000	INR 10000

Attractive Accommodation Packages will be available on website soon. Registered delegate will be intimated directly

Registration Inclusions

- 40 Hrs of Lectures and Discussions on Contemporary Plastic Surgery Topics with Participation from the Best and the Brightest National and International Experts
- **5 Lunches (15 - 19 Nov), 2 Dinners (16 & 17 Nov) and 10 Tea/Coffee Breaks**
- Entry to Scientific Hall and Exhibition Area
- Conference Kit (including Bag, Badge, Certificate, Note Pad and Pen)

**Banquet Included
in Early Bird
Registration**

Accommodation Package

Package at Venue Hotel Le-Meridien, Kochi

Accommodation Package for 3 Nights and 4 Days (Check in : 16 Nov - Check out 19 Nov)

Rooms Category	Room Type		
	Twin Sharing per person	Single	Double
Deluxe Room (Main Block)	INR 13500	INR 25500	INR 27000
Club Room (Main Block)	INR 14250	INR 27000	INR 28500
Classic / Superior Room (Tower Block) (3 minute boat transfer from the main block)	INR 12000	INR 21000	INR 24000

Package available for 4 Nights & 5 Nights. For Registration & Accommodation Booking log on to www.apsicon2017.com

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Various APSI Sponsorship and Grants for use in 2018

Financial Assistance is provided based on the available interest from respective corpus.

Applications in prescribed format along with short CVs as attachment in email should reach the Secretary, APSI by 31st July 2017.

The Training fellowships are for a period of 4 weeks. Applicants must be **Associate or Full Life members of the Association** and should submit their applications with the scanned approval of the consultants under whom they wish to train. Applications received after the due date and without accompanying approval letters will not be entertained.

APSI sponsorship for PG trainee to attend APSICON 2017

Apply in prescribed form so as to reach Secretary-APSI by 31st July, 2017.

Applicant may not be a member of APSI but must have registered for APSICON 2017.

APSI Sponsorship Grants for use in 2018 till September 2018

- Dr. C. R. Sunderrajan National CMEOne
- 15th IPRAS 2009 Humanitarian Activities FundOne
See separate rules
- Plastic Surgery Venture FundOne
- Promotion of Scientific Activity in Gujarat FundOne
- UP APSICON award for Promotion of Scientific Activity in UPOne
- APSI Sponsorship to attend APSICON 2017 .. Two

Prescribed form available with Secretary-APSI, Last date 31st July, 2017.

Training Fellowships to be utilized in 2017

- GOA APSICON 2010 - International Training FellowshipOne
- R.G. Saraiya International Training FellowshipOne
- IX IPRAS Fund International Traveling FellowshipOne

Successful applicants are required to maintain a daily diary as per proforma during the period and obtain a certificate of attendance from the consultant. Failure to submit report after being awarded the fellowship or grant will amount to default and the applicant will not be allowed to apply for fellowship or grant for period of three years.

Application from PG trainees to attend APSICON should include acceptance letter for their presentation, proof of registration, a short CV and a scanned forwarding letter from Head of the department. PGs who are not members of Association can also apply in this category.

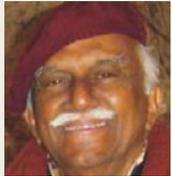
- Ethicon Training Fellowship in Plastic SurgeryOne
- Ethicon Training Fellowship in Cosmetic SurgeryOne
- Ethicon Training Fellowship in Microsurgery.....One
- Prof. S. R. Tambawekar KEM Microsurgery fellowshipOne
- Myovatec Training Fellowship in Plastic SurgeryOne
- Vasudhan Arjin Fellowship in Laser SurgeryOne
- Brig Kathpalia fellowship in Hand SurgeryOne
- IX IPRAS Fund National Traveling FellowshipOne
- Chennai Fellowship in Tamil Nadu (Junior Plastic Surgeon)One
(Within 5 years of M.Ch./DNB) or plastic surgery trainee from anywhere in the country - To visit one center for training in Tamil Nadu.)
- Chennai Fellowship outside Tamil Nadu (Junior Plastic Surgeon)One
(Within 5 years of M.Ch./DNB) or plastic surgery trainee from Tamil Nadu. To visit a center outside Tamil Nadu for training.)
- APSICON 2010 Goa Research AwardOne
- Assistance to attend APSICON2017 (Junior Plastic Surgery Resident) Two

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■ Publication Awards

Kindly use email mode, send hot link of article or send pdf reprint of the article along with the application form.

- N.H. Antia Best Article Published in any Journal including IJPS during 2016.
- Armed Forces endowment Best Case Report / Ideas and Innovation Award published in IJPS in 2016.



**Dr. Sam C. Bose
&
Saroja Bose**

■ Best Paper on Audit & Research in Plastic Surgery

Anyone of the members of APSI from the junior most to the senior most either individually or in combination can submit their paper for this category with the name of the principal presenter first.

While submitting the abstract of the paper on APSICON 2017 website, select the category as “Best Paper Award” on audit and Research in Plastic Surgery”. Depending on planning of Scientific Sessions at APSICON 2017, such papers may or may not be grouped for presentation simultaneously. Panel of Judges will choose winner from presentations. More details at end of the instructions on the page.

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15th IPRAS 2009 Humanitarian Activities Fund

1. The fund will be governed by general rules applicable to all corpus managed by APSI Trust, i.e. the usual rules of APSI Trust will apply in disbursing the interest and in augmenting the corpus on an annual basis.
2. If there is no proposal in a financial year the entire interest generated will be used to augment the corpus.
3. It will be specifically used for organizing humanitarian activities on behalf of APSI, like organizing ‘Surgical Camps’ at remote places

with the help of local charitable groups or medical colleges, where Plastic Surgery facilities don't exist.

4. The first such disbursement was in the year 2013.
5. The proposals will be submitted to Secretary, APSI at least 8 months before the camp activity.
6. All proposals should include the complete plan, the co-hosts (and their role), financial details, list of surgeons and other staff, food and stay arrangements, venue of surgery etc. Proposals should be comprehensive in all aspects.
7. The Committee to consider such proposals will consist of the President and Secretary of APSI; President, Chairman and Secretary General of IPRAS-2009, and Dr. Chanjiv Singh (Chairman-Humanitarian Committee-IPRAS). This group (Secretary APSI) will present the proposal to the APSI Executive and an electronic approval of the APSI Executive will be taken by him/her to expedite the decision.
8. Surgeons from overseas will need MCI and / or State Medical Council Registration as per rule applicable at the time. This will be ensured by the organizers.
9. A separate bank account will be opened for this purpose by the Chief Organizer and it will have a minimum of two signatories, who will be authorized by APSI Executive to operate this account jointly,
10. This is a financial support of the nature of one time lump sum grant
11. APSI or IPRAS or IPRAS 2009 Organizing committee will take no responsibility in the conduct of the camp. APSI is only a disbursing agency in this regard. The Chief Organizer will furnish a signed statement absolving the above agencies from all risks and liabilities – clinical social and legal - in the conduct of the camp.
12. APSI or IPRAS or IPRAS 2009 Organizing committee will not accept or entertain any demands if there are shortfalls of any manner in the conduct of the camp.
13. The surgical camp will not be conducted in a personal nursing home of a member of APSI. However, it may be carried out in a nursing home where Plastic Surgery facilities don't exist in the Region.
14. Chief Organizer of the camp is to furnish a full

audited statement of accounts within 2 months of the conclusion of the activity. If there are any savings from the amount disbursed they will be returned along with the audited statement.

15. The Chief Organizer will also be responsible to furnish a report of the camp which includes the proceedings, number of cases operated (their detailed list) and some pictures of activity as well as clinical results.
16. All branding for the Camp will bear IPRAS, IPRAS 2009 and APSI Logo. Branding will also have the words inscribed, 'Supported by

Association of Plastic Surgeons of India'.

17. No personal promotion by way of pictures or names etc will be permissible.
18. Any misconduct during the 'Camp' which brought to the notice of APSI Executive will invite disciplinary proceedings according to 'Rules & Regulations' governing APSI.
19. The Chief Organizer requesting APSI funds will sign the 'Rules' mentioned above from serial 3-18 on a Rs. 100 non judicial stamp paper, as a token of acceptance, and get it notarized.

Guidelines - International Visiting Scholar Programme APSICON2012

Introduction

- The Association of Plastic Surgeons of India (APSI) awards Two International Scholarships per Calendar year to a suitable overseas candidate for visiting Plastic Surgery centers in India to enhance his/her professional and academic career. The last date for application is 31st July 2017.
- The Fellowship was established in the year 2014 through a generous grant from the proceeds of APSICON2012, the 46th Annual meeting of the Association of Plastic Surgeons of India held at Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, India in the year 2012.
- The Fellowship provides financial support to the tune of Indian Rs. 1,50,000 (One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Only) which is inclusive of the Early Bird Registration for the Annual Meeting of the APSI (APSICON) usually held towards last quarter of calendar year. It will be paid in Indian Rupees to the candidate or to any one of the host institute to be passed on to the scholar.
- The award amount is fixed and is intended to cover the travel costs and stay in the host institute. It can be used to cover costs for visa, passports, airport taxes etc. The award does not cover medical care, insurances or taxes in the country of the scholar; none of which the APSI will be liable for. They also should not be used to provide support for accompanying dependents.
- The Fellowship is not granted for basic training, courses, lectures, meetings, conferences, congresses, etc. It cannot be granted to candidates who are already physically present at the proposed host institute whilst their applications are under consideration.

- The period of fellowship in general will be for 3 months, which can be extended by the Fellow with mutual consent of the host institute for a period not more than another three months. The fellowship amount granted by the APSI will remain the same.
- The original Fellowship cannot be prolonged, or run concurrently with other awards, even those funded by other agencies. These Fellowships may not be financially supplemented by agencies other than the home or host institutes, or the Fellows personally.
- The candidate may choose to visit any center of his/her choice subject to approval from the Executive Committee of the APSI. In case the candidate is unable to find a placement, the association may assist him in the matter.
- The candidate shall be responsible for communicating directly with the centers that he or she wishes to visit and obtaining their approval, which then has to be communicated to the APSI before the application can be considered for approval.
- The candidate shall be responsible for making his or her own travel and lodging arrangements and visa formalities.
- If an individual is selected as an International Scholar and is unable to obtain a visa, APSI is not responsible for continuation of the offer beyond a reasonable date, in which case the offer shall be extended to next candidate in waiting.
- The APSI shall ask the host institute to furnish a

letter of acceptance to the fellowship program should the candidate require such a documentation for visa purposes.

- The candidate has to plan his or her itinerary such that he or she should be able to attend the Annual Conference of the Association of Plastic Surgeons of India (APSICON), which is usually held in the last quarter of the calendar year.
- The fellowship certificate shall be awarded to the candidate at this Annual Conference of the APSI.
- The fellowship award is inclusive of the Early Bird Registration fee of the candidate for attending the Annual Conference of the APSI following which the candidate shall be eligible to apply for the Overseas Membership of the APSI at prevailing rates.
- Majority funds shall be sent to the candidate or the host institute by APSI on receiving intimation of arrival of the scholar. The remaining remuneration if any shall be awarded to the candidate upon completion of the fellowship.
- The completion report along with a daily log of activity at the centers visited shall be submitted compulsorily to Secretary - APSI, before the award can be completed. The completion report should include details regarding the candidates' experience in India, what objectives were achieved and how the experience will affect their career goals.
- The candidates should, in their report, evaluate the program and the centers they visited and offer suggestions for modification and improvement.
- The report should be submitted preferably at the completion of the Fellowship related to visit of each of the centers.

Eligibility

- The candidate has to be a Plastic Surgeon/Surgeon practicing plastic surgery in his/her native country in the early stages of his/her plastic surgical career.
- Candidates who have passed the eligibility exam of their respective country within ten years of the date of application shall be preferred.
- Candidate should be residing outside India.
- Candidate has to be a surgeon of good standing among his peers as attested by the recommendations required by the application process.
- Each applicant should submit a short project summary of the objective of the visit, the reasons for selecting the host supervisor and the way the experience will be utilized after return from India.

Hence, preference will be given to candidates who have shown adequate inclination to the sub-specialty they have chosen as well as their future prospects of utilization of the training obtained.

- The candidate has to be in good health and not suffering from any communicable diseases and has to furnish sufficient documentation to the effect.
- Candidate should be able to communicate in English language.
- The APSI or the host centers shall in no way be responsible for any health or safety issues that may arise during the course of the fellowship. The candidate should be suitably insured for the same.

Application process

- The application process has to be completed and submitted to the APSI Secretary usually before 30th July of each year (30th July, 2017 for the fellowship commencing in the year 2018) for the fellowship program that begins the next year.
- The application has to be on the prescribed format downloadable from the Association's (APSI) website (www.apsi.org.in)
- The application has to be bolstered by the necessary documents as mentioned in the concerned section.
- The application has to be submitted electronically to the Secretary of the Association of Plastic Surgeons of India (APSI) at email address specified in the form, and the same to be copied to singhkarun@hotmail.com
- The candidate may re-apply for a maximum of three years in continuity.

Documentation

- Application completed in all respects along with one recent frontal photograph and documents as demanded in application.
- Two recommendation – one from the Head / Director / Dean of the Department from where the candidate has passed the eligibility exam and another from the Secretary, President or any office bearer of the National Organization of the candidates specialty. In case there is no association then he may send the recommendation letter or from the association of his basic specialty.

PGIMER-IT Jackson Cleft & Craniofacial Surgery Award

The award will be open to full members of APSI working in the field of cleft and craniofacial surgery.

The applicant will have to send the manuscript relating to his or her work to the selection committee well in advance of annual meeting.

The selected entry will be presented (10 minutes, Podium) in the annual meeting followed by its publication in IJPS. The award will carry a certificate, medal and cash reward.

Eligibility:

1. Only a full member of APSI is eligible to apply for the award

Selection Committee:

1. Chairman: Dr. Ramesh Sharma
2. Current President of APSI shall serve as member secretary
3. The chairman can co-opt one or more members as per discretion

Procedure:

The submission shall be in the form of original article format for IJPS in single .pdf file which shall be sent to Secretary, APSI by 31st July every year. Nowhere in the submission, should name of author or organization be revealed. Entry will have to be accompanied by application form available by email from the secretary. Author also needs to submit an undertaking that work has not been published or presented earlier.

The winner will be chosen based on the subject matter, content and outline of the submission. All participants will be informed about result six weeks before the APSICON. Winner shall have to register for APSICON and present the topic from podium. The organizing committee will ensure the slot of the paper as a Keynote Address preferably just prior to Cleft and Craniofacial surgery session. The said submission will afterwards be published in IJPS with the superscript "PGIMER-IT Jackson Cleft & Craniofacial Surgery Award paper"

PGIMER-Sawhney Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award

Prof. C.P. Sawhney, has donated amount of rupees 4 lakhs to start an award to be known as "PGIMER - Sawhney Outstanding Teacher of the Year" award that shall be given to one of the teachers of plastic surgery.

From the savings of APSICON 2014, Rs. 11 lakhs have been added to this corpus.

Members are requested to submit nominations for the teachers.

Please email to drsharmark@gmail.com before 30th September 2017.

Eligibility:

1. A younger surgeon below 65 years of age
 2. Should be within 5 years of superannuation
 3. Should be a full member of APSI
 4. Should be a skillful professional actively involved in teaching and training of Plastic Surgeons
- Competence and expertise will be the sole criterion.

If there are two candidates of equal competence, senior person will be given due consideration

Sponsorship:

1. Any Full member of APSI can sponsor

Selection committee:

4. Chairman: Dr. C P Sawhney
5. Member Secretary: Dr. Ramesh Sharma.

He shall assume the role of Chairman in the absence of Dr. Sawhney

6. Current President of APSI shall be ex-officio member
7. The chairman and the member secretary can co-opt one or more members as per their discretion

Presentation of Award:

Award shall be presented during the main Inaugural ceremony of the annual APSICON. The award will carry a certificate, medal and cash reward.

Goa-APSICON-2010 International Training Fellowship (One)

Made available from the savings of APSICON 2010 held in Goa. The award amount is likely to be around Rs. One Lakh subject to realization of interest on the corpus and subject to TDS. The selection shall be done along with other fellowship applications.

APSI members may send application with approval from proposed centre of visit to Secretary - APSI by 31st July 2017.

Goa-APSICON-2010 Research Award (One)

Made available from the savings of APSICON 2010 held in Goa. The award amount is likely to be around Rs. One Lakh subject to realization of interest on the corpus and subject to TDS. Recently concluded prospective and clinical research will get priority. The applicant will have to declare about all financial, departmental and other help received for the research. The application has to be done by the candidate with research results in the pattern of IJPS article. The three judges for selection are Dr. Mukund Thatte,

Dr. Rajeev Ahuja and Dr. K. Sridhar.

IJPS will have first right to publish the research. Winner will be free to submit it elsewhere if IJPS does not communicate within six months of declaration of selection.

Send entry in PDF format to Secretary APSI along with application form and letter from Head of the unit by 31st July, 2017.

APSI – Plastic Surgeon for the Year 2017 Award

The Dr. K.S. Shekar endowment

Members can nominate by sending proposal in a prescribed form to The President of the year. Forms can be obtained by email to the secretary. The proposal

must reach the President by 15th September, 2017. Please email to secretary.apsi@gmail.com to obtain the proposal form.

Peet Prize – APSICON 2017

Entries are invited from APSI members. The award is given for presentation of the paper after preliminary selection.

Eligibility: All full / life members of APSI

Submission of papers: The paper should be of high standard and should have originality. It should be relevant to the Indian context. If experience of a long series of cases is being presented, it is preferable to include a statistical analysis also. New ideas and innovation / new achievements and feats can be presented. Modification of techniques, highlighting cost effectiveness and superiority of results, development of newer instruments, etc. Necessary Application Form should be obtained from Secretary by sending email to secretary.apsi@gmail.com. Send the same after signing as PDF.

Later entry is to be sent as One PDF attachment to email along with all photographs as well as

illustrations, in the same PDF so as to reach him before 31st July, 2017. Author also needs to submit a separate undertaking in another PDF that work has not been published. The format can be obtained from the Secretary APSI. Nowhere in the submission, should name of author or organization be revealed.

Acceptance: The final acceptance of the paper for podium presentation will be communicated to the participants by the Secretary, APSI. Authors who are not selected under Peet Category and still wish to present their papers in APSICON for the year if their paper is not accepted for the Peet Prize Session will have to themselves submit the same to the organizing secretary of the conference.

Time for Presentation: Ten minutes will be allowed for presentation, to be followed by 3 minutes of discussion. Anybody from the audience is free to ask questions on the presentation. The title slide should NOT indicate the name of the institution.

Kilner Essay Award – APSICON 2017

1. Essay on any topic has to be submitted in the same way as IJPS submission, in single PDF by email attachment so as to reach the Secretary, APSI by 31st July 2017. Entry will have to be accompanied by application form available by email from the secretary. Author also needs to submit an undertaking that work has not been published. Nowhere in the submission, should name of author or organization be revealed.
2. Open to all Full or Associate Life members of the association of less than 10 years standing after post-graduation. Please attach scanned copy of MCh/DNB degree certificate
3. It should not be more than 5000 words, excluding references, charts, tables, photographs, etc.
4. This is an essay. It may also include author's original work in this suggested sequence, introduction, material and methods, review of literature, observations, discussion, summary and conclusions.
5. The winner will be chosen based on the subject matter, content and outline of the essay. Judges may also refuse selection for the award if entries are not up to the mark. All participants will be informed about result three weeks before the APSICON. Winner shall have to register for APSICON and present the topic from podium.

APSI Junior Best Paper Award – APSICON 2017

Eligibility: Junior Plastic Surgeon undergoing post doctoral training, or not more than one year after training.

Submission: While submitting the abstract of the paper, select the category as “ APSI best paper ”. The paper should not have any co-author. The title should not indicate the name of the institution. After submitting the abstract, please also send a covering letter with scanned copy of certificate from the Head of the Dept. (where the participant is undergoing training) to apsicon2017@gmail.com

Presentation: Seven minutes will be allowed for presentation, to be followed by 2 minutes discussion. Anybody from the audience is free to ask questions on the presentation. Submission is to be done to APSICON2017 through their website .

For more details go to the end of page at:

<http://www.apsicon2017.com>

! ATTENTION

The Draft Minutes of General Body Meeting 2016 are circulated as a separate file along with this Newsletter.

The Draft Minutes will be available in the Members Area on the website of the association.

This Newsletter is also available on the website of the association:

www.apsi.org.in

Notice for General Body Meeting

The General Body meeting shall be held on 18th November, 2017, 5:00 p.m. at venue of conference, Hotel Le Meridian, Kochi.

The following shall be the agenda:-

1. Opening remarks by the president.
2. Reading the notice of the meeting.
3. Condolences to deceased members.
4. Laurels
5. Confirmation of the minutes of the last general body meeting held at Mumbai
(Already circulated along with Newsletter Vol. 76 of April 2017)
6. Secretary's report.
7. Editor's report and accounts for 2016-2017.
8. Treasurer's report and Accounts for 2016-2017.
9. Accounts- Year Ending 31st March 2017.
10. Trustee's report for the year 2016-2017.
11. Matters arising out of executive council meetings held on 11.03.2017 and 15.11.17.
13. New memberships & distribution of certificates.
14. Results of awards:
Peet Prize, APSI best paper (Junior), Dr. S. K. Bhatnagar Quiz, Dr. Sam and Mrs. Saroja Bose Research and Audit paper, Kamath best poster, McNeil best audio-visual, R.N. Sinha best paper, NH Antia best publication, Armed Forces Best report, etc.
15. Elections to the following posts:
 - a) President - One (for 2018)
 - b) Vice President - One (for 2018)
 - c) Hon. Treasurer - One (for 2018-2020)
 - d) Hon. Editor - One (for 2018-2020)
 - e) Executive members - Three (for 2018-2020)
16. Remarks by the incoming President, and outline of activities and 53rd APSICON-2018
17. Welcoming the new President Elect and permission for Bank Accounts for APSICON 2019
18. Any other matter with permission of the chair.
19. Thanks to the chair.

New Scheme of Election

- i) Two Election Officers shall be appointed by the President for supervision of election process.
- ii) Nominations, duly proposed and seconded by members, can be submitted to Secretary, on the day of Charles Pinto CME and day one of conference i.e. 16th and 17th November 2017 till noon 12.00 hours.

Application forms for the same shall be available with the Secretary. Candidates can write to secretary.apsi@gmail.com for the same.

- iii) Scrutiny of nominations shall be done between 12 noon - 1 p.m. on day one of conference
- iv) The list shall be displayed on the notice board by 1 p.m. on the same day
- v) **Withdrawal shall be permitted till 2 p.m. on same day**
- vi) The final list of contestants will be put on after 2 p.m. on day one of conference.
- vii) The candidates contesting for post of Vice president will be given time of 3 minutes to express their

thoughts from the podium at a separate session after 2 p.m. during the conference on day one. No questions will be allowed from the floor. No PowerPoint presentation is allowed

- viii) Ballot paper shall be distributed and submitted between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on 18th November, 2017.

The candidates contesting elections should not campaign near the election booths. If found doing so they will be debarred from contesting the elections

- ix) Counting shall be done 4 p.m. onwards.

Once the counting has started no ballot papers shall be issued.

Two members nominated by the President with the help of the Secretary and Treasurer of APSI shall scrutinize the list of delegates for their good standing. The result shall be declared at appropriate time during the general body meeting, on 18th November 2017

Members are requested to take note of this scheme and make it convenient to visit the election polling booth at specified time to be able to cast their vote.

Proposed Changes in Association Byelaws

Following changes are proposed in the bylaws of the association as discussed in the General Body Meeting in 2016.

Existing	Proposed
2. The local organising secretary shall be responsible for the administration and financial conduct of the conference and shall be authorised to open and access regional account of APSI by the resolution of the council.	2. The President for the year shall be responsible for the administration and financial conduct of the conference and shall be authorised to open and access regional account of APSI by the resolution of the council.
3. The Local organising secretary shall have power to organise and constitute various committees for the proper conduct of the conference.	3. The President for the year shall have power to organise and constitute various committees for the proper conduct of the conference.
4. It shall be the task of local organising secretary to ensure that the conference is founded on basis of self sufficiency and the APSI will not make good any loses sustained.	4. It shall be the task of President for the year to ensure that the conference is founded on basis of self sufficiency and the APSI will not make good any loses sustained.
5. All the surplus funds of the regional account shall vest in APSI. The council shall however give due weightage to the wishes of local organising committee and the local organising secretary to the utilisation of such surpluses.	5. All the surplus funds of the regional account shall vest in APSI. The council shall however give due weightage to the wishes of President for the year to the utilisation of such surpluses.

New additions to be made in bylaws:

- The responsibility of payment of Service Tax / any other applicable taxes related to APSICON lies with President for that year. In case of requirement of additional payment for any tax and or penalty imposed post facto, related to APSICON, President APSI, who conducted APSICON will be responsible. He may be allowed to pay the money from surplus from the conference if any. In case, the amount to be paid towards the Tax is more than surplus from the conference, President APSI for that year will have to pay the amount. APSI Treasury will not be responsible for payment of service/ any other applicable tax, for APSICON at any given time. APSI will not be responsible for any Financial, Tax related or Legal issues related to APSICON. It will be sole responsibility of the President APSI.

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Sad Demise



Dr. Anju B. Singh

M.S., M.Ch.

23.09.1969 - 01.12.2016

Dr. Anju B. Singh passed away on 1st December 2016 after fighting for 6 years with serious illness of Stage IV Cancer.

Dr. Anju completed her plastic surgery training in year 2007 from Christian Medical College, Ludhiana. At the time of her death she was working as Associate Professor in the Department of Plastic Surgery, PGIMER & Dr. RML Hospital, New Delhi.

She was an excellent clinician and efficient administrator with keen interest in teaching. She was a big fighter and despite her illness she worked in the Department till her last moments. She has worked in various reputed hospitals like Safdarjung Hospital (Delhi), Maharaja Agrasen Hospital (Delhi) before joining as Assistant Professor in Department of Plastic Surgery, RML Hospital, New Delhi.



Dr. Ashok Raj Koul

M.S. M.Ch., Fellowship in Hand & Microsurgery.

13.7.1963 - 20.3.17

Untimely exit of Dr. Ashok Koul has left us all in deep grief. He was a teacher to many of the Plastic surgery colleagues and great human being. He was a micro surgeon par excellence. He often extended the boundaries for reconstruction with his brilliant innovations. He was unfazed by technical difficulties, would not accept a mediocre or incomplete result and was willing to undertake heroic procedures to achieve his desired target. His range of interests was wide - art to literature to all aspects of microsurgical endeavours.

He was Life Member and Honorary Secretary/ Treasurer: ISRM Indian Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery. Life Member and Executive Council Member: APSI, Association of Plastic Surgeons of India. Life Member and Past Executive Council Member: ISSH Indian Society for the Surgery of Hand.

Notice of Disposal of Used and Unused Ballot Papers and Election Related Stationary

These material of all previous Executive council elections held at past general body meetings shall be disposed off by 30th June, 2017. Objections, if any may please be sent to The Secretary.

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