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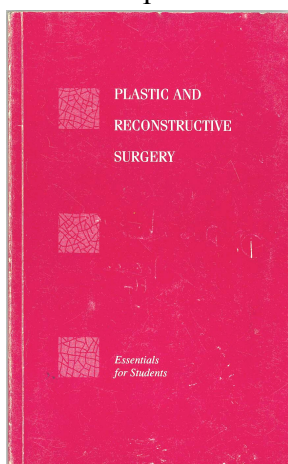
Dear Colleagues,

We met at Pune last year. It is now going to be nearly a year since the last APSICON. Its memories are still very vivid and clear. The conference was executed with military precision. Kudos to the team led by Dr. L.P. Sadhotra, and

the efforts put on by Dr. Pradeep Bhargava, Dr. T.S. Bhatti and many other colleagues from the armed forces.

We are looking forward to meet once again. This time at the holy place of Varanasi. The city has special relevance to our specialty. 'Sushruta' was born and practiced here. The place can be called as the 'cradle of plastic Surgery'.

Even today, few thousand year later, the West still recognizes the origin and birth of this super specialty. I am excerpting from the introduction of a booklet 'essentials of plastic surgery' circulated by the Plastic Surgeons Education Foundation of USA. The preface states....



*"This book has been written primarily for medical students, with constant attention to the thought, "Is this something a student should know when he or she finishes medical school?" It is not designed to be a comprehensive text, but rather an outline that can be read in the limited time available in a burgeoning curriculum. It is designed to be read from beginning to end.*

*Plastic and reconstructive surgery had its beginning before Christ, when **clever surgeons in India** reconstructed the nose by transferring a flap of forehead skin.*

*It is a modern field, stimulated by the challenging reconstructive problems of the unfortunate victims of the World Wars. The advent of the operating microscope has thrust the plastic surgeon of today into the forefront of advances in small vessel and nerve repair, culminating in the successful replantation of amputated parts as small as distal fingers. The field is broad and varied and this book covers the areas of involvement and training of today's plastic surgeon.*

*The Plastic Surgery Educational Foundation is proud to provide complimentary copies of the Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Essentials for Students handbook to all third year medical students in the United States and Canada."*

Come to Varanasi in large numbers, along with your family members. An excellent academic and social program beacons you. Dr. V. Bhattacharya, Dr. S.K. Singh and their colleagues are leaving no stone unturned to welcome you and to see that your stay in Varanasi is academically fruitful and socially pleasant.

The year has been an active one, many regional meetings and conferences, were organized under the aegis of the APSI. Many were endorsed by the APSI.

Our website which was in a limbo. After going through a number of hands has been relaunched. The plastic surgery yahoo group is continuing actively. Useful academic interactions are taking place. Dr. Sunil Soni, deserves special mention for its success.

Our journal has also done well. It is now of international standards. The previous editors, Dr. P. Kumar, Dr. P.K. Bhilwani, Dr. R.Sabapathy, Dr. R.Chandra, contributed their might to keep it going. Dr. M.R. Thattai deserves praise for bringing it to the present pedestal. He shall be completing his second term this year, and we would require an able replacement so that journal, gets indexed and its progress ensured.

The executive trustee is also changing this year after completing the five year term. Dr. J. R. Jaju our past president has done a wonderful job as the conscience keeper of the association. We thank him for all his efforts. The 80 G exemption of the association, is under revival.

During the year 2009, we shall be hosting two great international events. The 7<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Burns Congress from 18<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> Jan.09 and the International Congress of Federation of the Plastic Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery from 29<sup>th</sup> Nov.- 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2009. The latter assumes special significance, since the previous IPRAS event was held in 1987 (organized by Dr. Suresh Gupta). Overseas delegates who attended that conference fondly remember it. We are also proud of it. 'The 2009' IPRAS meet is being organized by

Dr. R.B. Ahuja, He is now a veteran conference organizer. Let us join hands and make this conference an outstanding one, which shall be remembered by the delegates, in the years to come.

Due to this our own APSICON for 2009 has been postponed for Aug. (2009) Dr. G. Balakrishna has already started the preparations.

Dr. Jyotsana Murthy and Dr. Prabhat Srivastava shall be completing their three year term as executive members. I thank them for their valuable inputs and cooperation.

I shall look forward to meet you personally during APSICON 2008 at Varanasi.

With best wishes and kind regards.

Arun Kumar Singh  
Hon. Secretary,

### **Communication from the legal cell**

The Professional Tax is likely to triple from Rs 2,500 a year to Rs 7,500 from the next financial year.

With a view to increasing the revenues of state governments and local bodies, the central government has decided to raise the ceiling on professional tax.

Since a Constitutional amendment is required to enable any increase in professional tax, the government has drafted a Bill for the 109th amendment of the Constitution. The Bill will be introduced in the next session of Parliament that commences on October 17.

Professional tax is levied by state governments or local municipal bodies and is in addition to the income tax that the central government collects from you.

Earlier too a similar Bill for the 94th amendment of the Constitution, readied by the Union ministry of finance in 2001, aimed at amending Clause 2 of Article 276 to increase the professional tax ceiling was moved. But the then Cabinet deferred decision on it in January 2002 to examine an alternate scheme.

When no decision to increase professional tax was taken, a proposal was mooted to amend Article 276 to empower Parliament to fix or raise ceiling of the professional tax through a parliamentary law instead of requiring amendment in the Constitution to raise

the limit. However, the Union law ministry rejected the proposal saying that the scheme of the Constitution does not permit such leeway.

Article 276 of the Constitution empowers the state to levy the tax in respect of profession, trade, calling and employment, but it also fixes the ceiling that can be amended only through the Constitutional amendment by Parliament.

Currently, 24 Indian states collect revenue through this source and most of them have already imposed the maximum permissible levy of Rs 2,500 a year. Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal, Jharkhand and Arunachal Pradesh are the only exceptions and have not levied professional tax.

Gujarat, Goa, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Rajasthan, Bihar, Punjab and Tamil Nadu have empowered their municipal bodies to collect professional tax while Jammu & Kashmir, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh State Governments impose this tax themselves.

State assemblies have enacted either the state law or the local body law to enable imposition of this tax. Once Parliament adopts the amendment in the Constitution to raise the ceiling to Rs 7,500 a year, state assemblies will amend their own laws to clamp the tax.

The original ceiling on the professional tax, as prescribed in the Constitution passed by the Constituent Assembly, was Rs 250 a year. It was raised to Rs 2,500 a year in 1988 and since then both the 11th and 12th Finance Commission have called for its upward revision.

Dr. Atul K. Shah  
Convener legal cell: APSI.

### **Notice for General Body meeting**

The General body meeting of the APSI association of Plastic Surgeons of India. (APSI) shall be held on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30 p.m. at Swatantra Bhawan, B.H.U. Varanasi.

The following shall be the agenda :

1. Opening remarks by the president.
2. Reading of the notice of the meeting .
3. Condolence to deceased members.
4. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous general body meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec.08,t 6:30 p.m. at NDA, Pune, circulated vide news letter no. 48 of Nov 2007.
5. Secretary's report

6. Editor's report and accounts for 2007- 2008.
7. Treasurer's report and accounts for 2007-2008.
8. Trustee's report.
9. Matters arising out of the executive committee meetings held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June '08 and 11<sup>th</sup> Nov.08
10. Professional development course of APSI.
11. Progress regarding IPRAS 2009 at Delhi.
12. Letter received from Dr. A.K. Khan
13. Appointment of Reviewers / Judges for various awards of APSI.
13. Result of awards : Peet Prize, APSI best paper ( Junior), Kamath poster, McNeil best audio visual, R.N. Sinha best paper, NH Antia best publication, etc.
14. Election to the following posts :
  - a) President (one) for 2009
  - b) Vice President (one) for 2009
  - c) Editor (one) for 2009-11
  - d) Executive Members (two) for 2009-11
15. Any other matter with permission of the chair.
16. Remarks by incoming president and outline of activities for 2009 .
17. Thanks to the chair.

S/d- Hon Secretary

### New Full Life members

- FL - B 088 L2008 Dr. Dinesh Bhargava, TG 2C/15, Garden Estate M.G. Road Gurgaon Haryana 120022
- FL- G 063 L2007 Dr. Swapnil Garg, Flat No. 4 Shah Satnamji Speciality Hospitals Campus Sirsa, Haryana- 125055
- FL- S 208 L2008 Dr. Vipul Sud, E- 41, Greater Kailash Enclave-2 New Delhi 110048
- FL- S 210 L2008 Dr. A Sivakumar, A-2, Anandham Flats, 53, Londons Road Kilapauk Chennai Tamil Nadu- 600010
- FL- K 087 L2007 Dr. Manoj Kumar, Sr Plastic Surgeon, Max Institute of Aesthetic and Reconstructive Plastic Surgery, Saket, New Delhi
- FL- R 066 L2008 Dr. Madhusudan Gururaja Rao, No. 92, 2nd Cross, 16th Main Road, Bank of Baroda Colony J.P. Nagar, 7th Phase Bangalore Karnataka 560078
- FL- K 089 L2008 Dr. Anand Jayant Kale, S-5, Anchal Apartments, Professor's Colony Bhopal-462001
- FL- S 209 L2008 Dr. Gurinder Singh, 157, Majitha Road, Near Verma Dry Cleaners Amritsar Punjab 143001
- FL- M 082 L2007 Dr. Hari Kumar Menon, 'Bharati' Kanjiramattom Ernakulam Kerala 682315
- FL- S 206 L2007 Dr. Dakshesh R. Shah, Sanmati Nagar, (near Jain Temple) Lane 4 Old Fafahid Naka Raipur Chattisgarh- 492009.
- FL- S 207 L2007 Dr., R. K. Srivastava 267, Laxmi Bai Nagar New Delhi.
- FL- N 037 L2008 Dr. Sachin Sheriar Nooreydzan, C-26, Pamposh Enclave, Ground Floor, New Delhi.
- FL- M 088 L2007 Dr. Laxmi Kant Mishra, Chandra Prabha Street-1 Berhampur, Ganjam, Orissa.
- FL- N 036 L2007 Dr. Ravindra Kiran Naik, D-13, Ashokvilla CHS., Shivvallah Rd., Ashokvan, Borivli (E) Mumbai 400066
- FL K 090 L2008 Dr. Sivakumaar Sathyamoorthy Koothaippar, 11-A, Parmeshwari nagar Adyar, Chennai Tamilnadu
- FL - M 085 L2007 Dr. Sandeep Mehrotra, Command Hospital (Eastern Command), Alipore Kolkata - 700027
- FL- C 038 L2007 Dr. Ramesh Chepauk, 51, K.B. Dasan Road, Teynampet, Chennai-600018
- FL- D 051 L2008 Dr. Thomas M David Mundackal, CMS College Valley, Kottayam, Kerala-686001.
- FL - K 091 L2008 Dr. M.N. Kunaresan, No.4, Sullivan Street, Santhome Chennai Tamilnadu 600004
- FL - M 086 L2007 Dr. Anil Kumar Murarka, House No.1, Ground Floor, Friends Enclave, Opposite Apna Ghar Society, Pitampura, New Delhi 110034
- FL - S 211 L2008 Dr. Sharad S. Sawant Aaditya Hospital, Burns, Accident, Plastic Surgery, Main Chowk, Vishram Bagh, Sangli - 416410
- FL - S 212 L2008 Dr. Vijayaragaran Shenbalamurthy 1366, Golden Colony 5th, Street, Anna Nagar (w) Extension Chennai- 600250
- FL - J 049 L2008 Joshi, Sanjay Jayant 36, Ashok Nagar, Gangshkhind Road, Pune Maharashtra 411007
- FL - R 067 L2008 Dr. Sapna V. Roshni, Flat 2483, C-2 Vasantkunj New Delhi 110070
- FL - A 079 L2008 Dr. Kapil Kumar Agarwal, No.17, Anand Bhavan, B-Building, Nair Hospital, Mumbai Central Mumbai- 400011
- FL - R 068 L2008 Dr. Rao Babu Ravuri, C/o, Dr.Sidhaiah, P.N.Road, 9-69, NEWPET, Chandrgiri, Chittoor Andhra Pradesh

- FL - K 092 L2008 Dr.Pradeep K. Kesavan, Plastic Surgeons Elite Mission Hosp. Thrissure- 680007
- FL - G 064 L2008 Dr. Paryesh Gupta 333, E-Block, Ranjit Avenue, Amritsar- 143001
- FL - N 038 L2008 Dr.Hemanth K. Nannapaneni , 406,Manbhoom Sumukha, Indian Air Lines Colony, Begumpet Hyderabad
- FL - G 065 L2008 Dr.Nitin Gupta, C/o Mr. K. K. Gupta, H.No.911/15, Adarsh Nagar Bulandshahar, Uttar Pradesh
- FL - S 214 L2008 Dr. Sanjay Sheoran, Malik Nursing Home, Hisar , Haryana 125001
- FL - M 087 L2008 Dr.Anshuman Manaswi, C(A)/14, Peoples Co-operative colony Kankarbagh Patna., Bihar
- FL - M 089 L2008 Dr.Vengadessin Mourougayan, 13, Fifth Cross Street Tagore Nagar, Pondicherry 609 008
- FL - C 039 L2008 Dr.VidyaPati Choudhary 3, M.O.Flat ,P.M.C.H. Campus Patna Medical College Hosp. Patna Bihar 800004
- FL - A 080 L2008 Dr. Amit Ararwal, 270, Jiwaji Nagar, Thatipur, Gwalior Madhya Pradesh 474011
- FL - P 087 L2008 Dr. Rujvij Bharatbhai Parikh, 201, Dhan Appt, 65 Brahmakshatriya Society, Ellis Bridge Ahemdabad, Gujrat 380006
- FL- P 088 L2008 Dr Ponniah, Thulasi Das 5-C, Papanasam Sivan Salai, Santhome, Chennai Tamilnadu 600004
- FL - B 089 L2008 Dr. Harpreet Singh Bakshi, House No.25, Sector-7, Panchkula Haryana- 134109
- FL – D 052 L2008 Dr. V.M. Dharmeshwaran 'Subhiksha' 401, Pervndurai road, Erode 638011
- FL - R 070 L2008 Dr. Gundewar Sagar Ramarao, Flat no. L502, Rail Vihar CHS, Sect. 4, Kwarghar, Navimumbai Mumbai 410210
- FL - G 066 L2008 Dr. Mahendra Mohan Gupta, C/o Mr. R.P.Gupta, 91/12, Jadu-nath Sanyal Rd, (Near Hewett road) Lucknow 226018 U P
- FL - B 090 L2008 Dr. Sanath Bhandary, A .J. Hospital & Research Centre, Kuntikana, Mangalore - 575004
- FL - M 090 L2008 Dr. Prashant M. Murugkar, 63/4B, Jai-Vijay Society, Andheri-Sahar Road, Sahar, Mumbai 400099 Maharastra

- FL - J 050 L2008 Dr. Manish Samanti Jain, E-22, Janta Garden, Pandav nagar, Patparganj, Delhi 110091

### Conversion to Full Life

- FL - K 076 A05F07 Dr. Durga Karki, Sector C, Pocket -8 House no 8534 Vasant Kunj New Delhi- 110 070
- FL - J 007 L2007 Dr. Sandip Jain, 801-Pushpanjali Apartments Old Prabhadevi Road, Prabhadevi Mumbai-400 025
- FL - G 055 A04 F07 Dr. Rustom Farhad Ginwalla 'Rutton Manor' Garden Road, Apollo Reclamation, Mumbai- 400 039
- FL - M 073 A05F08 Dr. Brijesh Mishra, MM 4/88, Vinay Khand GomtiNagarLucknow 266010
- FL - B 076 L04 F07Dr. Ankur Bhatnagar, F-2314, Rajaji Puram Lucknow- 226 017
- FL - B 091 L2008 Dr. Salil Bharadwaj, G-5, silver Oaks Garden Appartments, Vittal Mallya Road, Banglore- 560001
- FL - B 092 L2008 Dr.GautamBasu, 1/13,C-Westwind S. C. Mullick Road, Kokatta- 700084

### Life Associate members

- LA - B 073 A03 Dr. Surajit Basu Lt.Col. C-6/1Salunke Vihar Pune , Maharashtra 411048
- LA - A 078 A07 Dr. Faisal Ameer, 202, Arif Ashiyana Building, Chowk, Lucknow- 226003
- LA - B 087 A07 Dr. Partha Sarathi Barooah, P.O. Chengaligoan, Kenduguri, Jorhat- Assam
- LA - P 086 A2008 Dr. Nikhil Srikrishna Panse, Vimal Niwas, Sudarshan Society, Near Model Colony, Shivaji Nagar, Pune -411016
- LA - S 213 A08 Dr. Saiarul Kumaran Sachithanandam, No.2, Ramasamy Street, Gandhinagar, Erode 638009
- LA - S 215 A08 Dr. Sukhbir Singh, S-212, Greater Kailash Part –II, New Delhi 110048
- LA- D 050 A07 Dr. Animesh Damani, I.W.P. Co. Ltd. Izzatnagar, Bareilly 243122 Uttar Pradesh
- LA - M 083 A07 Dr.,Binayak Mishra, Megheswar Colony P.O. Brit Colony Bhubaneswar Orissa 751018
- LA - P 085 A07 Dr. Shammi Purwar, S/o Dr. M.L. Purwar, Mohammad Road, Gola Gokaran Nath, Kheri- 262802

- LA - M 084 A07 Dr. Devi Prasad Mohapatra, Department of Plastic Surgery, C.S.M. Medical University, Lucknow- 226003

### Associate Annual Members

- AA B 0 A2008 Dr Sonalli N Babhulkar, Flat No 13, Sarjai, Apt Gururaj Society, Paud Road, Pune Maharashtra 411038

### Pending

- Dr V Srinivasan, Chennai – No form
- Dr. Mehinoor Feroz Desai, for Associate Member
- Dr.Sonali Narayan Babulkar for Associate Member
- Dr.Ramesh Podabidri for Associate Member
- Dr. Ambresh Gupta
- Dr. P. Nellaiappar for life member

### Change of Addresses

**Dr. Prabha Yadav** – 701, Maitri Kunj Society, Postal Colony Road, Chembur (East) Mumbai. 400 071.

**Dr. Surinder Makkar** – 9, Teachers Flats, Post Graduate Institute for Medical Education and Research ( PGIMER) Sector 12, Chandigarh.

**Dr. K. K. Mangal** – 1/3, Hirabag flat, Jaipur – 302 004.

**Dr. Ashutosh Soni** – 80, Adinath Nagar , Sewa Mandir Road, Fatehpur, Udaipur- 313004

**Dr. Antony Arvind** – Flat 2B, ‘Trellis’ Door No. 3, Arundale Beach Road, Kalakshetra colony, Beasant Nagar, Chennai – 600 090

**Dr. Sanjay Kumar Gupta** – Jeevak Shalya Chikitsalya. Opp. Middle School, Saidpur Road, Patna, 800 004

**Dr. ( Brig) Raj Kumar Mehta** – DDM S-8 H. No.21 corps, Pin – 908 521 , 56 APO

**Dr. Sunil Kumar Rout-** HIG-114, Phase7 Sallashre Vihar, Bhubneshwar, Orrissa. 751 021

**Dr. Brahm Bhatt Jageshwar Mulibhai-** E-2/5, Professor’s Quarters new Civil Hospital campus, Majura Gate, Surat – 395 001

**Dr. Sumita Shankar-** BH 3/6, 1AS /IPS Quarters, Road no. 10, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad. 500 004.

**Dr. Sunil Srivastava** – A -1/76, Chitrakoot Scheme, Jaipur.

**Dr. (Lt Gen. Rtd) L.P.Sadhotra-** Lane No. 24, House No. 6-B, Tawi Vihar, Sidhra, Jammu Tawi. 180019.

**Dr. Pankaj Jindal-** A-704, 10, Kasturkunj, ICS Colony, Ganeshkhind Road, Pune 411 007

**Dr. Rakesh Pandey** – Senior Consultant, Plastic Surgery and burns, Apollo Hospitals Bilaspur, Chattisgarh- 495 006

**Dr. Vijay Kumar** – 1/78, Vishesh Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow-226010

### Forth coming events

- Cosmo Laser con 2008- 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> Sept. Mumbai , organizer Dr. L.D.Dhami and Dr. Udhav Patil For details please visit [www.iacls.com](http://www.iacls.com) or email at [info@icls.com](mailto:info@icls.com).
- Annual conference on wound care – 26<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2008, Trivandrum, for details please contact Dr. Padma Kumar at [gopinathpadmkumar@yahoo.co.in](mailto:gopinathpadmkumar@yahoo.co.in).
- CME on trauma care, 5<sup>th</sup> Oct.2008 at Sushruta Institute of Plastic and Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery, Thissur, Kerala. For details please visit [www.thissurplasticsurgery.com](http://www.thissurplasticsurgery.com) or email at [sushrutainstitute@gmail.com](mailto:sushrutainstitute@gmail.com)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Craniofacial pain seminars : 10<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> Oct.2008, Virginia, USA. For details please contact Brendon C Stock at [mili@mjstock.com](mailto:mili@mjstock.com)
- Instructional course on Beauty Art and science. Oct 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> , 2008 Beirut, Lebanon, For details please contact [informed@infomedweb.com](mailto:informed@infomedweb.com) or visit [www.informedweb.com](http://www.informedweb.com)
- CME cum workshop on cleft lip and palate on 20<sup>th</sup> Oct 2008 at Patna Medical College, Patna. For details please contact Dr. V.P.Chowdhary at [drvidyapati@yahoo.co.in](mailto:drvidyapati@yahoo.co.in),
- CME on burns 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> Oct.2008 by Sushruta Institute of Plastic Surgery Lucknow. for details please contact at [drkmishra@hotmail.com](mailto:drkmishra@hotmail.com)
- APSI - Ethicon Professional Development Course – on Hand Surgery, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> November 2008, at BHU ,Varanasi , Course convenor Dr. Mukund Thatte. Course is limited to 40 participants, on a first come first serve basis. The course fee is Rs 2,500/- It shall be refunded to all APSI members and bonafide students who attend the course. For details please contact Dr. Subhash Kumar Singh at [singhsubodh@satyam.net.in](mailto:singhsubodh@satyam.net.in).

- 47<sup>th</sup> Annual conference of the Association of Plastic Surgeons of India ( APSICON -2008) – being held at Institute of Medical Sciences, BHU, Varanasi, from 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2008. For details please visit [www.apsicon.com](http://www.apsicon.com) or email at [singhsubodh@gmail.com](mailto:singhsubodh@gmail.com).
- 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual meeting of Indian Society for surgery of Hand (ISSH) combined with British Society for Surgery of Hand (BSSH)- 27<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> Nov.,2008, Bangalore. For details Please visit [bangaloreconf.org](http://bangaloreconf.org). or email at [dlhs1979communications@gmail.com](mailto:dlhs1979communications@gmail.com).
- Trauma 2008 at 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> Nov . 2008 at JPN Apex Trauma centre , AIIMS , New Delhi, Organized by Indian Society for Trauma and Acute Care.(ISTAC), for details please visit [www.traumaindia.org](http://www.traumaindia.org).
- International Masters Course Aging Skin (IMCAS) India -1<sup>st</sup> -2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2008. for details please visit [www.incosweb.com](http://www.incosweb.com) or contact Dr.Neeta Patel at [neetapatel@hotmail.com](mailto:neetapatel@hotmail.com) .
- 7<sup>th</sup> Asia – Pacific Burn congress and 17<sup>th</sup> annual conference of NABI. 18<sup>th</sup>- 20<sup>th</sup> Jan.,2009, India Habitat Centre, Delhi, Chairperson Dr.R. B.Ahuja & Secretary Dr. Prabhat Srivastava. For details please visit [www.apbc.org](http://www.apbc.org) or contact desk@apbc.org.
- 4<sup>th</sup> International tutorials in Aesthetic Plastic Surgery 21<sup>st</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup> January , 2009, Mumbai. For details please contact at Dr. Ashok Gupta at [drashokgupta@vsnl.net](mailto:drashokgupta@vsnl.net) or [tutorials2009@gmail.com](mailto:tutorials2009@gmail.com)
- Maharashtra State Congress ( MAPSICON 2009) 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> Feb 2009, at Mahabaleshwar, Mumbai. For details please contact Dr. Nitin Mokal or email : [nitin@gmail.com](mailto:nitin@gmail.com)
- Annual meeting of Indian cleft lip, palate and craniofacial Anomalies ( Indo Cleft Con- 2009) 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2009 . For details please contract. Prof Karoon Agarawal at [karoonaperna@yahoo.co.in](mailto:karoonaperna@yahoo.co.in)
- 14<sup>th</sup> Annual conference of Association of Plastic surgeons at Lahore – 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2009, Lahore, Pakistan , for details please contact Dr .Ghulam Qadir Fayyaz at [gqfayyaz@hotmail.com](mailto:gqfayyaz@hotmail.com)
- Annual conference of Indian Association of Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons. (IAAPS) 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> Mar, 2009 at Khajurao, M.P. for details please visit [www.iaaps.net](http://www.iaaps.net) or contact Dr. Lokesh Kumar at [drlokesh@airtelmail.in](mailto:drlokesh@airtelmail.in) .
- Annual conference SOFACEP Congress – 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> April. 2009. Cannes France for details please visit [www.sofacep2009.isonintel.com](http://www.sofacep2009.isonintel.com)
- 20<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of EURAPS – May 28 to 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Barcelona, for details please visit at [www.euraps.org](http://www.euraps.org) or [euraps.org](http://euraps.org) contact Dr. Juan Barret, at [euraps@umcutvech.in](mailto:euraps@umcutvech.in)
- International Masters Course on Aging Skin (IMCAS) ASIA – 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> July 2009 , Singapore for details please visit [www.imcascongress@wandoo.fr](http://www.imcascongress@wandoo.fr)
- International congress on Cleft Lip and Palate and related craniofacial anomalies -10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at Fortaleza, Brazil, for details please visit [www.cleft2009.org](http://www.cleft2009.org).
- Instructional course for Adult Brachial plexus injury- 10<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2009, Taiwan : for details please visit [www.bpi2009.idy.st](http://www.bpi2009.idy.st).
- 8<sup>th</sup> Asian Pacific Federation of Social for Surgery of the Hand. ( APFSSF) 13<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> Nov.2009, Chang Gung Memorial hospital. Taipei, Taiwan for details please contact Dr.David Chin Chuang at [dearchang@gmail.com](mailto:dearchang@gmail.com).
- 15<sup>th</sup> World Congress of International confederation for Plastic , Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery (PRAS-2009) 29<sup>th</sup> Nov. – 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2009. Chairperson Dr. R.B. Ahuja and General Secretary Dr. R. K. Khazanchi. For details please visit [www.ipras2009.org](http://www.ipras2009.org) or email [desk@ipras.org](mailto:desk@ipras.org)

### Achievements of Members

- Dr. R.B.Ahuja – Elected General Secretary of the International Society ,Burn Injuries (ISBI) at Montreal.
- Dr.Ashok Gupta – Elected to the nomination committee of ISAPS & WSRMS ( and member executive committee) . He has also been nominated member of the editorial board of Aesthetic Surgery Journal.

- Dr. P.V.Sudhakar- Best Teacher Award of Govt. of Andhra Pradesh. Awarded by the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh.
- Dr.Jyotna Murthy and Dr.A.K.Singh.- Invited as faculty to 5<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Cleft Lip and Palate., Dallas, USA
- Dr. K.S.Shekhar- He has written a book titled “ Purushottam the Best of Men”.

### **New Courses**

- DNB Course in Plastic Surgery at Vivekanand Hospital , Lucknow.
- MCh Plastic Surgery course , at Deccan College of Medical Sciences, Hyderabad

### **Obituary**

Dr. C.V. Mchendale - A very senior and respected member of our Association passed away on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2008, at Edinburg. He has been residing in Scotoland. With his daughter Felcity Mehendale, who is also a plastic surgeon.

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