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Message from the President (2008) : Prof V Bhattacharya



Dear Esteemed Members,

I am indeed grateful to you all for having bestowed upon me the honour by electing me unanimously as your President. I am conscious of this responsibility, especially when I recall to memory the sincerity and capabilities of the founder members followed by recent predecessors. I have been attending annual conferences since 1977. The Association of Plastic Surgeons of India has come a long way and has a rich legacy.

We as Plastic Surgeons, have the most sophisticated understanding of the functional anatomy of skin, soft tissues and even the bones, than any other surgical specialty. The word 'Plastic' termed 'Plastikos' in Greek has been derived from Greek literature. It means malleable nature. Now the plasticity of plastic surgery has enhanced with the emergence of sub-specialties to the extent of the differential potential of stem cell. I have had the opportunity to witness a sea of progressive changes in our specialty and its effect on our members, who have adopted them.

Changes are the law of life and

Challenges are the aim of life

We have to challenge the changes and

Not change the challenges.

With the fast changing global scenario and patient knowledge regarding our specialty through media and literature, there is high expectation regarding the quality of life irrespective of the nature of surgery. Knowledge coupled with technological advancement persuades us today to get proper exposure and training in order to update ourselves regularly. The essence of a deliberation based organization (conference, deliberations) is to promote extensive discussion and debate for better execution of rationale based procedures. It helps to build bridges between specialties and to extend network. It brings countries together. Since Plastic Surgery does not deal with one tissue, it has become an organ. That is why this association is an organization.

I am convinced that many members of this august body are amongst the top craftsmen of the world. There are disproportionately a low number of Plastic Surgeons in our country in comparison to the abundance of clinical material available here. So they are over burdened. I feel that this is one of the reasons why we contribute relatively less in literature. We should attempt to strike a balance because for a claim in the scientific world, the most major yardstick is publication and presentation. This will further enrich our status. I observe that there is not enough awareness about our

specialty amongst the general public. The picture is not very clear to professionals belonging to other medical fraternity too. We have the privilege of dealing with the body from head to toe. However, the government does not realize the full utility of our skill and spectrum. The net result is that many of the teaching institutions are devoid of a full fledged department. Many of our colleagues are unable to give shape to their dreams suitably and are left alone to struggle. It is time therefore, to draw the urgent attention of MCI and central administration and pass a resolution. This is essential for adequate service conditions and man power to maintain the academic status for consistent progress.

As a member I am delighted and honored to have the privilege of propelling further the journey of this organization. I humbly acknowledge the great visionaries of the past because of whom, we are, what we are, today. The future is now in our hands and there is no doubt that exciting times are ahead.

I would like to conclude by earnestly inviting all the members with their families to APSICON 2008. Visiting the sacred land of Lord Viswanath is pilgrimage for all of us. With magnificent Ghats of holy Ganges, Varanasi is the centre of our great Ganga Jamuna culture where knowledge and creativity, education and research, art and literature have flourished over centuries. Our Association was established by seven founder members on 26th December, 1957. Therefore during the forthcoming conference we shall be celebrating the **Golden Jubilee completion year of APSI** in holy Varanasi, the city where Sush`ruta practiced. What could be better coincidence than this!

Thank you once again for giving me this unique opportunity.

S/d - Dr. V. Bhattacharya.

KNOW YOUR EXECUTIVE

President Elect (2008) : Dr G Balakrishnan



Dr G Balakrishnan is currently Prof Emeritus of M G R Medical University. He is also the Medical Director of Right hospitals, Chennai.

He has a good undergraduate and postgraduate career. He was awarded the Best outgoing student award during his

MS training at Madras Medical college. He also received the Dr. Edmund Lerde Chalke Memorial Prize for proficiency in Surgery

He started his career from the Provincial Medical Services and was awarded the Best Medical Officer Award (1972) in Ramnad District. Subsequently he rose to head one of the

most prestigious hand surgery centres of the country – the dept of Plastic Surgery at Stanley Medical College, Chennai.

He is an accomplished microsurgeon and has received advanced training under a number of stalwarts - Prof. R.Venkataswami, Bruce Bailey, (UK), David Chuang (Taipei), Wayne A. Morrison and O' Brien (Australia), Koshima, Okayama and Doi Yamaguchi (Japan).

Dr Balakrishnan has been academically active and has been recipient of many awards, namely - Peet prize for best paper in Plastic Surgery –APSI (1987), R.G.Saraiya International Training Fellowship (of APSI) to Taipei and Australia (1997), Army Day oration Award by the Armed Forces Medical College, Pune (1998), Sushruta Oration Award of APSI, Col. Pandalai Oration Award (2003) of Association of Surgeons of India, Prof. R.N. Sinha Oration Award (2008) of Bihar and Jharkhand Association of Plastic surgeons.

He has also been an examiner to a number of Universities.

He is Past President of the Indian Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery, and Past President of the Indian Society for Surgery of the Hand. He organised the combined Congress of Asian Pacific Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand, the Indian Society for Surgery of the Hand and Indian Society for Reconstructive Micro Surgery.

He is a member of the World Society for Reconstructive microsurgery, Managing trustee Indian Society for Surgery of the Hand, Managing Trustee – Indian Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery

Executive members (2008 – 2010)

Dr Prabha Yadav



Dr Prabha Yadav, is currently the chief of Plastic Surgery at Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai. She had her schooling in Mumbai which she completed with flying colours. She received training in Plastic Surgery at Grant Medical College, Mumbai and completed her MCh in 1982. Subsequently, she received training in

microsurgery in Italy. Her main area of interest is head and neck reconstructive surgery.

Till the year 2005, she was heading the department of Plastic Surgery at St George's hospital, Grant Medical College. She has been decorated with a number of awards. She is also on the executive of the Indian Society of reconstructive microsurgery.

She is a silent worker and an unassuming person, admired by all her colleagues.

Dr Tejinder Singh Bhatti



Born at Tarn Taran (Punjab) and an old boy of Welham Boys School, Dehra Dun and St Michaels, Patna, Dr Tejinder Bhatti completed MBBS from Armed Forces Medical College in 1985, MS (Gen Surg) in 1991 & MCh in 1998.

He is a Fellow of the International

College of Surgeons (2000), Fellow Association of Surgeons of India (2000) and Fellow International Medical Sciences Academy (2001).

He has visited several centres of excellence in plastic surgery. On IX IPRAS International Travelling Fellowship of APSI, he trained for 4 months at Institute for Reconstructive & Craniofacial Surgery at Southfield, Michigan (USA) in 2001. Thereafter, he trained for 3 months at Mercy Hospital, Buffalo & Manhattan Ear Nose & Throat Hospital (New York) as a beneficiary of Sir Arthur de Sa Travelling Fellowship. He has undergone rigorous training in Reconstructive Microsurgery at Ganga Hospital as Ganga Hospital-Carl Zeiss fellow (2 months).

An avid writer having authored 3 books, he has published articles in national & international journals. He has completed 3 research projects of the Ministry of Defence and has presented papers in national & international fora.

He is an examiner at Pune University, Maharashtra University of Health Sciences and National Board of Examinations (Surgery & Plastic Surgery).

He is a member of various national and international associations in general surgery & plastic surgery. A member of the Northern Chapter of the Association and Pune Association of Plastic Surgeons, he is presently the Secretary of the latter body.

Before his present assignment, he was posted as plastic surgeon at Command Hospital Lucknow (1998-2001) & Command Hospital Chandigarh (2001-2006). He has been selected for promotion to the next rank.

He is an adviser to the Times Group on plastic & aesthetic surgery.

He has an unflinching interest in adventure sports having participated in Himalayan Car & Motorcycle Races.

APSI FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Applications are invited on plain paper for the following awards and fellowships of the association:

Kilner Essay Award

1. On any topic
2. Open to all full or associate members of the Association of less than 10 years standing after post-graduation.
3. Four copies of the essay to be sent to the Secretary, APSI before 30th Aug, 2007.
4. It should not be more than 5000 words, excluding references, charts, tables and photographs, etc.
5. It should include author's original work in sequence, introduction, material and methods, review of literature, observations, discussion, summary and conclusions. Photographic representation of quality is essential to substantiate the original work.

Peet Prize

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.

The papers to be presented in “Peet Prize Session” should be marked on the envelope. Each participant should send 4 copies of the full text of the paper along with photographs and illustrations etc. to Secretary, APSI. The last date for sending the paper is 30th Aug, 2008. The author also needs to submit an undertaking that the same work has not been published earlier.

Acceptance: The final acceptance of the paper will be communicated to the participants by the Secretary, APSI.

Authors who still wish to present their papers in APSICON for the year if their papers are not accepted for the Peet Prize Session will have to themselves submit the same to the organising secretary of the conference.

Time of Presentation: 10 minutes will be allowed for presentation, to be followed by 3 minutes discussion. Anybody from the audience is free to ask questions on the presentation.

APSI Junior best paper award

Eligibility: Junior Plastic Surgeon undergoing post doctoral training, or not more than one year after training. The paper should not have any co-author.

Submission:

1. While submitting the abstract of the paper please indicate on top that the paper be considered for this particular session.
2. The abstract should be accompanied by a certificate from the Head of the Deptt. where the participant is undergoing training.
3. The abstract should be **submitted to the Organising Secretary** of the conference where it is supposed to be presented, (at Varanasi) by the due date announced.

Presentation:

1. The title slide should **NOT indicate** the name of the institution.
2. The work should reflect that it has been carried out by the junior plastic surgeon.
3. Ten minutes will be allowed for presentation, to be followed by 3 minutes discussion.

4. Anybody from the audience is free to ask questions on the presentation.

Applications are invited for the following Training Fellowships and activities for the year 2008.

- Ethicon Training Fellowship in Plastic Surgery-One
- Ethicon Training Fellowship in Cosmetic Surgery - One
- Ethicon Training Fellowship in Microsurgery - One
- R.G. Saraiya International Training Fellowship - One
- Myovatec Training Fellowship in Plastic Surgery - One
- Vasudhan Arjin Fellowship in Laser Surgery–One
- Brig Kathalia fellowship in Hand Surgery – One
- Gen. N. C. Sanyal Fellowship - One
- APSI sponsorship for PG trainee to attend APSICON 2007 – Two
- Promotion of Scientific Activity (Plastic Surgery) at Mumbai fund – One
- Maharashtra Chapter Fund For CME program / workshop in Mumbai (Proposal to have prior approval of Executive Committee of Maharashtra Chapter) - One
- Promotion of Scientific Activity in Gujarat Fund - One
- Plastic Surgery Venture Fund – One
- KEM Microsurgery fellowship- one
- IX IPRAS Awards (subject to availability)
 - a) For CME/Workshop - One
 - b) International Travelling Fellowship - One
 - c) National Travelling Fellowship - One
- Chennai Fellowship in Tamil Nadu – to be given to any junior plastic surgeon (within 5 years of M.Ch./DNB) or plastic surgery trainee from anywhere in the country - to visit one centre for training in Tamil Nadu.
- Chennai Fellowship outside Tamil Nadu – to be given to a junior plastic surgeon (within 5 years of M.Ch./DNB) or plastic surgery trainee from Tamil Nadu to visit a centre outside Tamil Nadu for training.
- N.H. Antia Best Article – Publication in any indexed Journal (Indian or Foreign) including IJPS during the year 2007. Kindly send four reprints of the article to the secretary latest by 30th Aug. 2007.

Applications along with short CVs in **triplicate** should reach the Secretary, APSI by **30th September, 2008.** (except for those specifically mentioned in the award) The Training fellowships are for a period of 4 weeks. Applicants should

submit their applications with the approval of the Consultants under whom they wish to train. Applications received after the due date will not be entertained. Successful applicants are required to maintain a daily diary during the period and obtain a certificate of attendance from the consultant. Application from PG trainees to attend APSICON should include acceptance letter for their presentation, a short CV and a forwarding letter from HOD.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 7th Annual; conference of Plastic Surgeons Association of Andhra Pradesh, at Hyderabad, 7th & 8th June 2008

For details contact Dr Lakshmi Saleem - Mobile No: 9949056736 lakshmi.saleem@gmail.com

- 12th KSA insrtructional course , 9th - 10th Aug. 2008, Angamally, Kerala. For details pl contact philiputu@sify.com
- **APSI-Ethicon accredited Course in Cleft surgery Management of Cleft Lip and Palate 14th - 15th June 2008**

APSI has developed and planned CME courses spread over three years to complement the training of postgraduate students of plastic surgery and qualified plastic surgeons. This course would provide holistic approach to the management of Cleft Lip and Palate and will provide time for academic discussion. A certificate of CME credits will be provided to all participants.

The courses will be limited to 40 participants (approximately) and request you to register the earliest. The course fee will be Rs. 2,500 per course. ***This is fully refundable to all APSI members and bonafide plastic surgery students who attend the course.*** Application should include Name, correspondence address, mobile phone number or contact number and email. Application should be accompanied by Draft/ On Par Cheque of Rs. 2,500 payable at Chennai in favour of "Cleft CME" PG's should include certificate from the head. Convenor : Dr. Jyotsna Murthy, +91 44 2476 5614 Fax : 91 44 2476 7008 Mobile : 98410 39820 jmurthy@satyam.net.in; srmc.chennai@smiletrainasia.org

- Amrita Microvascular Training Program

A practical laboratory course in microvascular surgery

Batch I: June 09 – June 13, 2008

Batch II: June 16 – June 20, 2008

Flap Harvesting Course: 14th-15th June, 2008 Head and Neck Institute, Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences, Kochi, Kerala.

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- IMCAS ASIA Congress will take place at Suntec Convention Centre (Singapore) on 14th – 15th July, 2008. IMCAS <imcas10@wanadoo.fr>

- 2nd Hypospadias Workshop on 22 to 24 August 2008 at JIPMER Pondicherry. For details contact Dr Karoon Agarwal karoonaaparna@yahoo.co.in
- Flap for surgeons: Instructional course regarding flaps. Sept.2008. Dept of Plastic Surgery C.S.M.Medical University (Upgraded KGMC Luknow) for detail Please contact at info@kgmuplasticsurgery.edu.in, singhkarun@hotmail.com
- TMJ Stack: Seminars on Craniofacial Pain, TMJ / TMD tmjstackinfo@tmjstack.com; tmjstackinfo@tmjstack.com 10th- 11th Oct, 2008
7th – 8th Nov, 2008

43rd Annual conference of the association of Plastic Surgeons of India, 11th – 15th Nov. 2008 at Institute of Medical Sciences, BHU, Varanasi

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- 7th biennial conf on Pripheral Nerve Surgery at Bhairahawa, (near Lumbini) Nepal 18th – 19th Nov 2008, For details contact Dr F M Tripathi at drmayank@sify.com or ucmsth_btw@wlink.com.np
- 32nd Annual Meeting of the Indian Society for surgery of Hand [combined meeting with British Society for Surgery of Hand 27-30 Nov,2008
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- 4th International Tutorials in Aesthetic Plastic Surgery planned to be held from 21st to 25th January 2009, Mumbai. Please contact Dr. Ashok Gupta at ashok@bom5.vsnl.net.in

IPRAS 2009 – The 15th World Congress of International Confederation for Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery. 29th Nov. to 3rd Dec, 2009

Venue: India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, INDIA

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- 11th International congress on cleft and related cranofacial Anomaties, Fortelexa, Brazil 6th-11th Sept. 2009. Details at www.cleft2009.org.br.
- 7th Asia Pacific Burn Congress at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, INDIA, 18th -20th Jan. 2009.**Contact:** B-18, Swasthya Vihar, Vikas Marg, New Delhi-110092, INDIA.
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The 8th National Conference of Indian Society of Cleft Lip, Palate and Craniofacial Anomalies will be held at JIPMER, Pondicherry from 12th to 15th Feb. INDOCLEFTCON 2009 and the details can be seen at the conference web site: www.indocleftcon2009.org, Dr. K.N.Panda

- “Instructional Course for Adult Brachial Plexus Injury”, 10-11 Nov, 2009, Taiwan <http://bpi2009.idv.st>

ACHIEVEMENTS OF MEMBERS

- Dr. P. K. Bilwani : Awarded the prestigious **B.C.Roy award** of the Medical council of India. He has been the Treasurer and President of APSI. Congratulations !
- Following members have inducted in the **Editorial Advisory board of JPRAS**
R.B.Ahuja
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V.Bhattacharya
S.Kumta
M.Reddy
S.R.Sabapathy
M.Thatte
- Dr. Ajoy Kumar Singh
National Vice president IMA
I/c. Public Relations & Membership Drive IMA
- Dr Ashok Gupta : Elected to the Executive Committee of the World Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery and Member Of Membership Committee
- Dr. Surajit Bhattacharya has been appointed as an Examiner for fellowship for Malasian Board of Plastic Surgery.
- Dr S B Gogia : President of IAMI (Indian Association of Medical Informatics)
- Dr. Arun Kumar Singh- Invited as guest speaker in health care Asia 2008, Karachi, Pakistan

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Prof S Jamal, one of our very senior and respected member died after a long illness on 23rd January. 2008. He was a giant in lymphology and a pioneer for Nodo-venous shunt.

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