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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dr Amresh Baliarsing
President –APSI



Greetings of the season.

I am looking forward to welcome one and all to Bhubaneswar for APSICON 2019. The recent cyclone Fani tested the resilience and resolve of the people of Odisha. Almost all the infrastructure related to our conference organisation was left untouched. The state and its people will fully recover from the calamity and be ready to welcome you all for the special event. We are on course to treat you with a scientific extravaganza. Eminent numerous international faculties, our own national stars and the young talented gems of this country will share their knowledge and wisdom. We are taking special efforts to make the parallel split sessions of high quality, theme based and pertinent to our population. The state of Odisha offers the best of beaches, lakes, cuisine, dance forms, temples, handicrafts and traditional textiles. The elements of pleasure and peace will be abundant for family travelling with you.

Midway of my presidential term I cannot but help take stock of some of the challenges facing our Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery speciality. The encroachment from other specialties will possibly lead us to an existential crisis in the next few decades or so. We need to increase our numbers; the increasing subspecialisation will skew the distribution of plastic surgeons choosing a particular subspecialty. We need to have abundant numbers to meet a spike in demand from one subspecialty as it emerges or we risk infringement from others, case in point being hair transplant. At the same time, we need to attract the best minds into plastic surgery to augment our talent pool. To do this, we need to sell our speciality better to general surgery residents aspiring to become super

specialists, just as we need to publicise and market our speciality better to the common man. Just selling will not cut ice, we need to become better plastic surgeons, starting at the resident level.

Can we do something for our residents that they are better trained and more ready for life after residency. Our theme for APSICON 2019 'Standardisation in Training and Practice' was aimed at this. We need to augment our infrastructure for training. For a country of our size we lack in cadaveric labs, microvascular training labs, original books available, basic research facilities and online resource portals and centres. We need to actively hunt for money if any of this has to reach fruition.

Sub super specialisation is now a truth of Plastic Surgery each of us needs to accept and the young ones need to embrace. The variety of plastic surgery becomes an impediment to achieving expertise in short time. Add to this that most residency programs are at centre where faculty expertise and work load is limited to one or a few specialities only. We need a 'Complementary and Supplementary Residency Program'. The resident needs to observe at some other centre, attend specialised workshops or conference in specialities not existing at his centre. They might not become experts but will have enough exposure to make an informed choice or might find a lifetime worth of inspiration to pursue a subspecialty. Each of the major cities having plastic surgery residency programs have a pool of plastic surgeons, including

all private practices, which can cover all possible subspecialties. We need a public private partnership to teach our children! Once the intent is well established it will need a practical path to execute it. The APSI can bestow 'APSI credited Mentors/ Masters' tag to people volunteering from private practice. This could initially be based on credentials, renewed every three years based on 'Mentee' feedback, number of people and hours trained. The process could be centralised by APSI on a Web based platform or app.

The problems of infringement will disappear if our residents are numerous and well trained. We should not be worried about infringement but we should be very worried if they actually do something better than us.

We need cooperation. The fear of competition from other specialities must give way to a yearning for cooperation for us to grow faster, bigger and better. We need to cooperate with each other to train our residents better. We need to cooperate better with industry to fund our research and training programs. We need to cooperate to survive as a tribe.

Wishing for more power to the young residents, cooperation and coexistence with our own and others.

Looking forward to welcome you at Bhubaneswar

Amresh Baliarsing

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE



Dr Vijay Kumar
Hon. Secretary-APSI

I would like to thank all the members of APSI for electing me as Secretary of our beloved Association. I thank previous secretaries Dr Parag Sahasrabudhe, Dr Atul Shah, Dr A K Singh sir for their gracious help at every step of understanding of working of secretary office.

Committee formed by APSI has finalized the Plastic Surgery curriculum for standardizing Plastic surgery training across the country and it has been submitted to MCI.

Please send information regarding recently concluded meetings, upcoming meetings or any other academic and other initiatives by members so that the same may be circulated to our members.

Please be free to contact regarding improvements in working of APSI, suggestions to help members

I would like to thank all the Trustees, President Dr. Amresh Baliarsing, Executive Committee members, and all members for their help, cooperation and guidance.

Vijay Kumar

LAURELS

- **Prof. Venkataswamy - Awarded Padamshree**
- **Prof. V. Bhattacharya - Chairman Ethical committee BHU**
- **Dr Dinesh Kadam - got Rajyotasav Civilian Award in field of Medicine by Government of Karnataka**

CONCLUDED CONFERENCE

2nd CME on Vascular access for Hemodialysis 13-01-2019, Kapila Business Hotel, Pune

Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at B. J. Govt. Medical College and Sassoon General Hospitals conducted 2nd CME on Vascular access for Hemodialysis on 13th January, 2019 at Kapila Business Hotel, Pune. The meeting was conducted in association with MAHA association of Plastic surgeons (MAPS) and endorsed by Association of Plastic Surgeons of India (APSI) and a discount of about 20% was offered in Registration charges to the members of the association. The meeting was also awarded 2 credit hours by the Maharashtra Medical Council (MMC).

The CME received an overwhelming response with a need to deny spot registrations and was attended by senior faculty as well as delegates from across the country with one international registration as well. The total attendance was 125, including 115 delegates and 10 faculty members. Dr. Muralidhar Tambe (Dean, B.J.G.M.C. and Sassoon Hospital) and Dr. Amaresh Baliarsing (President, APSI) were the Chief Guests for the inauguration function, along with Dr. Parimal Kulkarni (Treasurer, MAPS) and Dr. Ravi Mahajan (President, ISSH) on the dias.

The Scientific programme was the highlight of the conference with an array of lectures from eminent faculty members covering the entire spectrum of AV Fistula creation for hemodialysis with the aid of lucid presentations and edited videos. The nephrologists' and interventional radiologists' perspective was well received by the delegates.

The interactive panel discussion was very comprehensive as well as informative and appreciated by the delegates.

Post lunch session was a Hands-on Workshop for AV Fistula creation on porcine vessel model sponsored by Ethicon division of Johnson and Johnson was attended by 34 delegates with majority being Post Graduate students, who were offered complementary workshop with CME.

registration. The workshop was supervised by 15 senior faculty members.

The CME programme was a great success with very positive feedbacks from the registered delegates as well as faculty members. We hope to continue our association and conduct similar programmes in the future.





**Aesthetic Surgery course at Dept. Of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Armed Forces Medical College & command hospital (sc), pune
2nd & 3rd March, 2019.**

This was a part of the association of plastic surgeons accredited aesthetic surgery course supported by Ethicon.

The course was planned as didactic instruction with emphasis on practical understanding of basic and advanced techniques in various cosmetic surgeries used in plastic surgery practice.

The programme principally targeted residents and young practicing plastic surgeons to provide an intense academic environment with interactive sessions, live faculty lectures, and video presentations for a wide range of cosmetic surgery procedures. Eminent faculty from all across country were involved by Skype conferencing.

Topics covered ranged from basic cosmetic procedures viz. abdominoplasty, liposuction, hair transplant, rhinoplasty, breast augmentation & reduction, facial cosmetic surgery etc. to seldom discussed ones like how to set up a cosmetic surgery practice and legal aspects in cosmetic surgery practice.



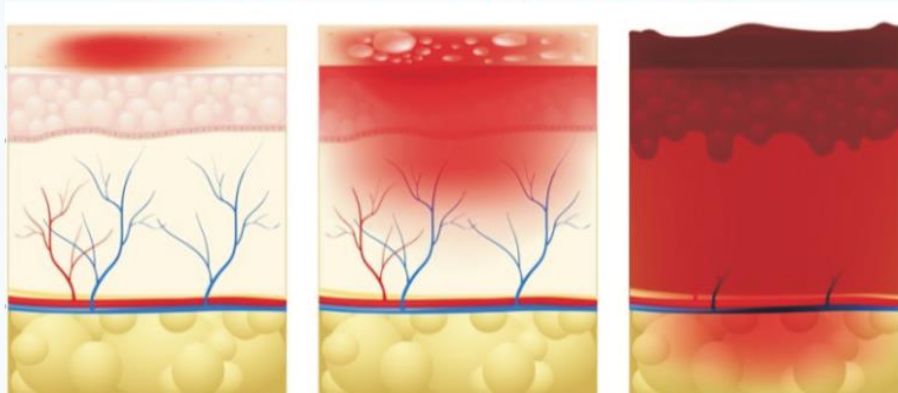
UPCOMING CONFERENCES



APSICON 2005 – APSI – ETHICON Accreditation Course in Plastic Surgery

Topic: A2B: All About Burns

Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th June 2019



Venue

3rd Floor Auditorium

**Tamilnadu Government Multi-Super Speciality Hospital
Omandurar Government Estate, Chennai**

Organised by



**Department of Hand and Reconstructive Microsurgery
Tamilnadu Government Multi-Super Speciality Hospital
Omandurar Government Estate**

Opposite to The Hindu Office, Anna Salai, Chennai, Tamil Nadu 600002

ISSHCON 2019



www.isscon2019.org



43rd

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

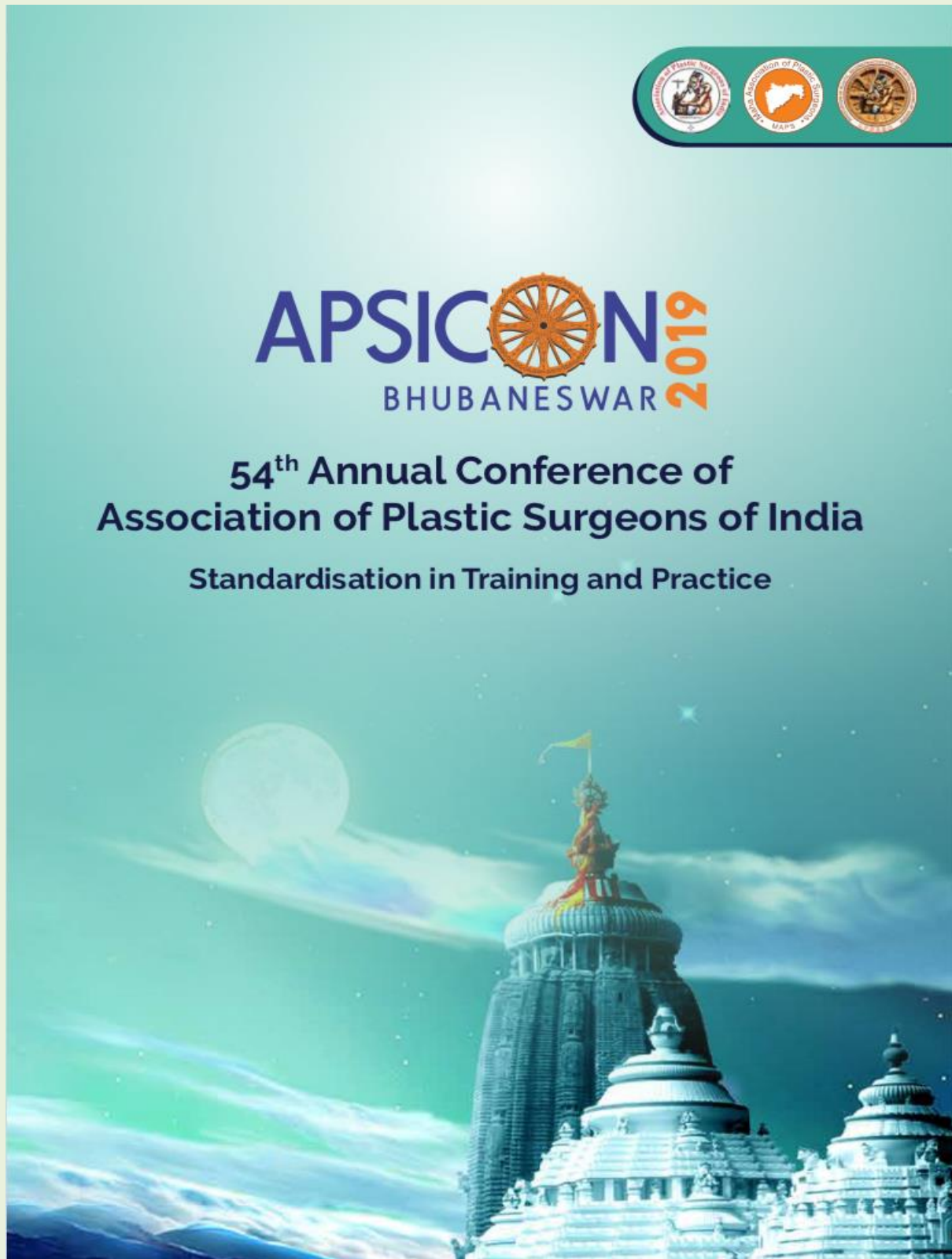
13th - 15th September 2019 | Hotel Holiday Resort, Puri

Theme: Evidence in Hand Surgery Practice



Announcement Brochure

APSICON 2019



APSICON 2019 Organising Team

Host Chairman

Dr. Sudarshan Baliarsing

Organizing Chairman

Dr. Amresh Baliarsing

Organizing

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Dr. Arun Choudhary
Dr. Vinay Shankhdhar
Dr. Vinay Jacob

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Dr. Nilesh Satbhai

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Dr. Dushyant Jaiswal
Dr. Sunil Kumar Rout

CME Chairpersons

Dr. Vinita Puri
Dr. Jayant Kumar Dash

Video workshop

Chairpersons

Dr. Mukund Jagannathan
Dr. Akshay Kumar Rout

Conference Secretariat

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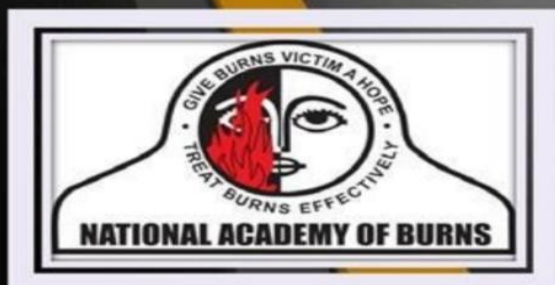
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NABICON 2020



**Theme: Pain management,
rehabilitation,
Innovation and Research in Burns**

**The 28th Annual
Conference of the
National Academy of
Burns - India**



**Feb 21-22- 23, 2020
Kandaghat, Shimla Hills
Himachal Pradesh**

Various APSI Sponsorship and Grants for use in 2019

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 2019.

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 2019.....TWO

Apply in prescribed form so as to reach Secretary-APSI by 31st July, 2019.

Applicant may not be a member of APSI but must have registered for APSICON 2019.

APSI Sponsorship Grants for use in 2020 till September 2020

- 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 UP..... One

Prescribed form available with Secretary-APSI, Last date 31st July, 2019.

Training Fellowships to be utilized in 2019

- GOA APSICON 2010 - International Training 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.

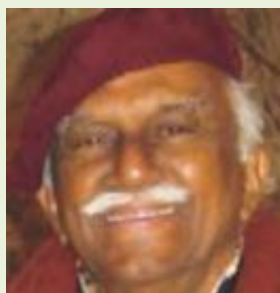
Application from PG trainees to attend APSICON should include acceptance letter for their presentation, proof of registration, a short CV and a scanned forwarding letter from Head of the department. PGs who are not members of Association can also apply in this category.

- IX IPRAS Fund International Traveling FellowshipOne
- Prof. S. R. Tambawekar KEM Microsurgery fellowshipOne
- Myovatec Training Fellowship in Plastic SurgeryOne
- Vasudhan Arjin Fellowship in Laser SurgeryOne
- Brig Kathpalia fellowship in Hand Surgery /Gen N C Sanyal Armed forces Professorship.....One
- IX IPRAS Fund National Traveling FellowshipOne
- Chennai Fellowship for training in and outside Tamil Nadu (Junior Plastic Surgeon).One *(Within 5 years of M.Ch./DNB) or plastic surgery trainee from anywhere in the country ...One*
- APSICON 2010 Goa Research AwardOne
- APSI Raja Sabapathy Leadership award (supported by Dr. S. Guha).....One

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 2018.
- R.N. Sinha Award for Best paper published in IJPS
- Armed Forces endowment Best Case Report / Ideas and Innovation Award published in IJPS in 2018.



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 2019 website, select the category as "Best Paper Award" on audit and Research in Plastic Surgery". Depending on planning of Scientific Sessions at APSICON 2019, such papers may or may not be grouped for presentation simultaneously. Panel of Judges will choose winner from presentations.

15th IPRAS 2009 Humanitarian Activities Fund

1. The fund will be governed by general rules applicable to all corpuses 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. The organizers will ensure this.

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 that included 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 APSICON 2012

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 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 institutes 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, 2018 for the fellowship commencing in the year 2019) 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.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 APSICON2014, 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 2019.

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.

Goa-APSICON-2010 Research Award (One)

APSI members may send application with approval from proposed centre of visit to Secretary - APSI by 31st July 2019.

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, 2019.

APSI – Plastic Surgeon for the Year 2018 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, 2019. Please email to secretary.apsi@gmail.com to obtain the proposal form.

Peet Prize – APSICON 2019

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, 2018. 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 2019

- 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 2018. 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.
- 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
- It should not be more than 5000 words, excluding references, charts, tables, photographs, etc.
- 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.
- 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 2019

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 apsicon2019@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 APSICON 2019 through their website.

For more details go to the end of page at:

<http://www.apsicon2019.com>

APSICON 2019 Professorships

As decided by the GB 2017, the ETHICON visiting professorships were abolished by the GB 2017 because of lack of funds from ETHICON. As per wishes of APSICON 2018 AND approval given by the Midterm Executive Council, APSICON 2019 will be honouring following fellowships for the year 2019:

- **APSICON 2019 PROFESSOR Plastic surgery:**
Dr R P Narayan
- **APSICON 2019 PROFESSOR Micro surgery:**
Dr Vinay Jacob
- **APSICON 2019 PROFESSOR Cosmetic surgery:**
Dr Medha Bhawe

Notice for General Body Meeting

The General Body meeting shall be held on 14 December 2019, 5:00 p.m., at the SOA University Auditorium, Bhubneshwar

The detailed agenda of the meeting will be published in the Newsletter dated August 2019

ATTENTION!

- The Draft Minutes of General Body Meeting 2017 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:
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He was commissioned in AMC on 25 December 1987 and had put in more than 31 glorious years of distinguished service in prestigious professional, academic and staff appointments.

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