Editorial

Dear IAGESians,

New-year Greetings to you.

It is once again my pleasure to bring to you this last issue of the e-newsletter of the year 2019-2020. The IAGES 2020 is round the corner and is going to be held in Guwahati, the Gateway to the North-East India.

I am sure you are all geared up to attend the conference and enjoy the hospitality of the people of Assam and Northeast. This issue of the E-newsletter although covers all the achievements and honours of our members & the events held in the last 3 months but I would like to take this opportunity to invite you and your family to be our guest during the event. I hope by now you have received the conference details and also have had a glance at the scientific programme. If so, I would like to request you to plan your travel a bit early as accommodation is getting sold out very fast. I assure you that our team shall put the best forward to give you the most pleasant and friendly stay while you are here.

Hope to see you all soon.

Long Live IAGES

Prof (Dr) Subhash Khanna
Dear IAGES-ians,

This has been a fantastic academic year and we had an excellent run. We still have 2 more events lined up in January, FIAGES courses in Dibrugarh and Kanpur, before we head to Guwahati for the mega show— IAGES 2020. I hope you have registered by this time. Besides the who’s who of minimally invasive surgery in India, we will have nearly 30 international faculty participating in this mega event. Please don’t miss.

In spite of difficulties and monetary constraints, the members of the EC and some ordinary members conducted different courses in all parts of India. I salute all of them.

Also, I am grateful to all the faculty members who travelled from all parts of India to impart their knowledge. They repeatedly took leave from their busy schedules and from their families to do such wonderful job.

Our President Elect has already planned the academic program of the coming year and I am sure that it will be wonderful. As a teaser, I can share with you a secret. There will be a Joint conference of IAGES and the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh, in the middle of next year, to be held at Edinburgh itself. The announcement will be coming soon, so start packing your bag in preparation for a visit to Scotland.

Hoping to see you all in Guwahati soon and wishing you and your family a very Happy and Prosperous 2020.

Dr. Sayandev Das Gupta
President, IAGES

From the Secretary’s Desk

Dear Iages Friends & Colleagues,]

It gives me immense pleasure to meet you through this News Letter.

I wish a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year 2020 to you and your family.

Iages is progressing very fast through its academic activities across all parts of India. Our Membership Strength has gone beyond 7600 now. We have received Members from The Remotest Places like Arunachal Pradesh, Port Blair and various corners of our vast Country. We have now members from Kashmir to Kanyakumari, Leh to Lucknow, Punjab to Port Blair, Arunachal Pradesh to Ahmedabad.

We had a very successful FALS Hernia at Gurugram- Delhi in November organised by Dr Meenaxi Sharma and Team. The Event was a grand academic success. FALS Hernia has made a very big name in the field of Herniology.

We had FALS UGI in the end of November at Chennai organised by Dr Kanagvel and Dr Balajisingh. It was a very well organised Program with participation from many foreign countries. This Program is now getting momentum and more and more surgeons are getting attracted to Foregut Surgeries.

Dr Govindraj, Dr Zameer Pasha and Team organised FAGIE at Trichy in December. This is an advanced Fellowship Program on GI Endoscopy. The Program was a great success and attended by Surgeons across the Country. IAGES has taken on itself the giant work of training Surgeons in GI Endoscopies and it’s working really well. The Central & Local Organizing Committees are working really hard for the forthcoming National Congress - Iages 2020 at Guwahati. Many of you have already registered. Those of you who haven’t yet registered, please do so asap. Guwahati has a beautiful weather in February and with “Scotland of India” around, this event is not to be missed.

Iages is planning its 3rd Overseas International Conference in July 2020, Iages & The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh are joining hands to have Indo UK Surgicon 2020 at Edinburgh on 23-24 July. Registrations have already started and Early Bird Registration Slot is soon to be exhausted. Please visit IAGES Website for more details.

There are 2 more FIAGES Programs coming up in January, one in Dibrugarh and second in Kanpur. It provides great opportunity to do your FIAGES at these great places.

I look forward to welcome you at Guwahati for IAGES 2020.

Dr Sunil Popat
Honorary Secretary, IAGES
Dr John ThanaKumar delivered Dr Jayaseelan Mathias oration on the 12th October in the ASRI conference 2019 in the presence of ASI President Elect, Dr Raghu Ram at Kanyakumari and his topic of oration was "Minimal Access Surgery in Rural Setup".

Dr Abhay Dalvi delivered the keynote address "Looking back - Looking forward" at the 25 years of laparoscopic surgery at Seth GS Medical College & KEM Hospital.

Dr Abhay Dalvi made a history on being elected to the post of Vice President (2020) and President (2021) of the Association of Surgeons of India. Prof. T. E. Udwadia and Prof. B. Krishna Rau are the only two presidents of IAGES who had achieved this rare feat and honour in the past.
Dr Ramesh Agarwalla

Dr Ramesh Agarwalla honoured to be invited as faculty to the annual conference of Endoscopic and laparoscopic Society of Asia (ELSA) held at Chiang Mai, Thailand from 21st to 23rd November 2019. Delivered two talks and also attended the board of Governors meeting as one of the Governors from India.

Dr Pradeep Chowbey

Dr Pradeep Chowbey delivered the prestigious Dr. C.L. Jhaveri Oration during the AMCON- FAMICON 2019 Congress at Mumbai. The AMCON FAMICON is an Association of Medical Consultants, Mumbai and Federation of Association of Medical Consultants.
Dr. Parveen Bhatia delivered plenary session lecture on "There is safety in more safety" and invited lecture on "Robotic Surgery: present or future?" at the International Surgical Congress, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Dr. Elbert Khiantge, EC member (East Zone) was invited to the 15th International Surgical & SAARC Surgical Care Society Meeting 2019 which was held in Dhaka, Bangladesh on the 7th and 8th December 2019. He was honoured to be an invited foreign operating faculty organized by the Society of Surgeons of Bangladesh at Dhaka medical College. In the pre-congress workshop held on the 6th December 2019 he demonstrated a case of TAPP for inguinal hernia and a case of IPOM plus for a ventral hernia. He also delivered two lectures at the conference.
Convocation News

Important Information of Convocation Ceremony IAGES 2020

Dear All,
Season's Greetings!
The North East Zone of IAGES is hosting the 17th Annual Congress of Indian Association of Gastrointestinal Endo Surgeons (IAGES 2020) at Srimanta Sankardeva International Auditorium, Guwahati from 7th – 9th February 2020.

The President, President Elect, Honorary Secretary and the Organising Committee extends its warm invitation to all new fellows who are going to be honoured in various sub disciplines in MAS. This year the convocation ceremony shall be held on the 9th February 2020 at the conference venue. We request all the various course participants to register early for the IAGES 2020 convocation ceremony, please ignore if already registered. Please find the guideline for the convocation ceremony as below.

1. The convocation ceremony is scheduled on 9th February 2019 at 12.30 PM– 03:30 PM
2. All the participants should register for the IAGES 2020 conference under Convocation and registration category.
3. Participants have to wear the traditional gown and cap to receive the fellowship certificate.
4. Participants can collect Gown and cap from the registration area on depositing refundable amount of Rs. 500/-. 
5. No personal photography shall be allowed in convocation ceremony. All the photographs taken by official photographer will be uploaded in the congress website after the convocation ceremony.
6. Please don’t forget to return the Gowns and collect your security deposit.
7. All other details and flow chart of the ceremony shall be shared with you soon.

Please visit www.iages2020.com for IAGES 2020 registration, accommodation and other information.
Hope to welcome you in person,

Prof. (Dr.) Subhash Khanna
Immediate Past President
Organising Secretary, IAGES 2020
FIAGES Amravati – 2019  
1st- 3rd November, 2019

FIAGES Amravati – Organized for the 1st time in the people’s capital Amravati, the newly formed state of Andhra Pradesh. The conference was conducted at NRI Medical College & Superspeciality Hospital, planned and executed by a young and enthusiastic surgeons of the Department of General Surgery & Surgical Gastroenterology headed by Dr A Dinakar Reddy Surgical Gastroenterologist.

The organizers had a motto of reducing the wastage of paper, spreading green (desert rose sapling plantation) and encouraging local artisans. All promotions were carried out on social media platform and we could attract a total of 116 delegates for the fellowship course not only from all over India, but also from abroad (Oman, UK, etc). 21 faculty from all over India attended this fellowship programme, imparting and enhancing the knowledge of the young delegates. The three days long program had a surprise every day for the delegate and the faculty which ranges from a complimentary book on laparoscopic surgery i.e., “Comprehensive Text Book of Laparoscopy” by IAGES on day 1; first time in the history of FIAGES, a boom box for relaxation on day 2 and promoting the local handicrafts”Kondapalli Bommalu” on Day 3.

The Organizing Committee took the responsibility of registering 120 delegates for the IAGES 2020 @Guwahati. The conference was presided by IAGES President Dr Sayandeep Dasgupta, FIAGES Chairman Dr John Thanakumar, Conveners Dr Meenakshi Sharma & Dr Achal Gupta.
The fourth Fellowship course in Advanced Laparoscopic Surgeries for Hernia (FALS Hernia) course was held under the banner of IAGES at Paras Hospitals, Gurugram from 15th to 17th November 2019. The fellowship was attended by 65 delegates from all over the country.

The course comprised of two and a half days. First day covered Groin hernia and the second day was all about ventral hernia. Leading experts from all over the country covered all aspects ranging from basics of hernia repair to all the latest developments in the field. The delegates had ample opportunity to interact with the Faculty in the ‘Meet the Professor’ session on the second day as well as during the course. On the last day, a live operative workshop was held where ten live surgeries were demonstrated by the leading national faculty.

The inauguration was done on the second day in the presence of the Chief Patron, Dr Dharminder Nagar, MD of Paras Hospitals. Leading national IAGES faculty included President Dr Sayandeep Dasgupta, Honorary Secretary Dr Sunil Popat, Trustees Dr Ajay Kriplani and Dr John Thanakumar, President Elect Dr Ramen Goel and FALS Convener Dr Ramesh Agarwalla.

The theory examination was held on the evening of 16th November whereas the interviews with Viva for the Exam and Non exam category were held on the last day.
The 2nd National Hands on Training Course and Fellowship in Advanced Gastro Intestinal Endoscopy course of Indian Association of Gastrointestinal Endo Surgeons was held in Trichy from 6th December to 8th December, 2019. This was jointly organized with Dr. G. Viswanathan Speciality Hospitals, Trichy. The first day of the course was held at Hotel Sangam, Trichy and second and third day at Dr. G. Viswanathan Speciality Hospital. Delegates from all over India attended the Advanced fellowship course and hands on course. International faculties from United Kingdom, Malaysia and National faculties from all over India took various lectures on upper GI scopy, colonoscopy and ERCP endoscopy, live demonstration of diagnostic GI endoscopy under supervision. There were live Endoscopic polypectomy, lapro endoscopic procedures from Northern Lincolnshire & Goole, NHS, Foundation Trust Hospital, Yorkshire, UK. Another live telecast from Pune III space Endoscopic Resection (EMR) and ESD by Dr. Amol Bapaye and Endoscopic Sleeve Gastro Plasty by Dr. Mohit Bhandari from Indore. The fellowship course was inaugurated by Dr. B. Krishna Rau the Chief Advisor of IAGES.

During the inauguration of conference at Hotel Sangam, Dr. G. Viswanathan Group of Hospitals proudly launched the 1st Endoscopic Ultrasonography System (EUS) in Trichy which is the state of art technology for diagnosing and treating gastrointestinal and hepatobiliary malignancies. The EUS was inaugurated by Immediate Past President Dr. Subhash Khanna.
Department of Surgery Assam Medical College, organized FIAGES at AMCH, Dibrugarh on 10-12 January 2020 under the aegis of IAGES where more than 160 delegates attended including 83 fellows from across the country. Around 20 Eminent laparoscopic Surgeons and speakers from all over India including Dr. Raman Goel, Dr. Abhay Dalvi, Dr. Sayandeep Dasgupta, Dr. Achal Gupta, Dr. Rajesh Khullar, Dr. Satyapriya De Sarkar, Dr. Ramesh Agarwal, Dr. Suviraj John, Dr. Elbert Khiengte, Dr. Sidharth a S Bhattacharjee, Dr. Chaidul Islam, Dr. Alhilal Choudhury delivered lectures and performed live operative Surgery. Event was inaugurated by the Chief guest Principal of AMCH Dr. H.K. Goswami Sir and guest of honor Dr. I.N. Sutia Sir, Superintendent of AMCH.

Two eminent Surgeons from Dibrugarh Prof MZ Ahmed Sir and Prof GMS Chowdhury Sir was felicitated in the inaugural ceremony.
Organising Committee IAGES 2020

Organising Committee meets the President and Central Scientific Committee at Guwahati on 27th December, 2019
Indian Association of Gastrointestinal Endo-Surgeons (IAGES)

NOTICE OF ELECTIONS 2020-2022

Dear IAGES Members, Greetings,

Nominations had been invited from eligible members for the post of President Elect for the year 2020, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Zonal Vice Presidents and Zonal Executive Committee members for the year 2020-2022. The election is being conducted electronically (E-Voting). The members are requested to go through the general rules of election process and understand the instructions for E-voting. I hope that all the members shall cast their valuable votes to elect a democratic executive body and leaders. Kindly note the following details of the election schedule.

ELECTION SCHEDULE

- E-voting has already been started from 1st December 2019.
- E-voting ends on: 05th February 2020 at 5 PM
- Declaration of online results on: 6th February 2020 at 6:00pm.
- Please cast your valuable vote and help us elect a democratic body.

With best wishes,

Dr Ramen Goel
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FIAGES, FALS President Elect and Election officer (IAGES)
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Notice

General Body Meeting, IAGES

Notice is hereby for General Body Meeting of the IAGES to be held on 8th February 2020 at 7.00 PM., during the 17th National Congress of IAGES at Srimanta Sankardeva International Auditorium, Guwahati, Assam, India.

- Agenda
- Meeting called to Order
- Roll Call
- Condolences
- Passing of the Minutes of Last GBM at Bhubaneswar
- Report by Treasurer
- Report by Zonal Vice Presidents
- Reports by Fellowship Convenors
- Report on Preparations for IAGES 2021
- Bids & Selection of Venue for IAGES 2022
- Reports on ELSA, IFSES and World Congress 2024
- Reports on Election 2019
- Any Other Matters
- Garlanding of Incoming IAGES President and His Thoughts
- Vote of Thanks
- National Anthem

All Members are requested to attend

Prof. (Dr.) Sunil D Popat
Hon. Secretary, IAGES
### IAGES 2020

#### Scientific & Social Events

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### UPCOMING Events

#### INDO-UK SURGICON 2020

3rd International Annual Conference
IAGES-RCSED Collaborative Meeting
23rd – 24th July 2020

#### FIAGES

Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, Scotland, UK.

**Hurry up!! To avail early bird offer**
17th Annual Congress of The Indian Association of Gastrointestinal Endo Surgeons

Welcome to Guwahati

IAGES 2020

Innovations, Technological Advances & Safety in Minimal Access Surgery

DATE
7th - 9th February 2020

Register Now for IAGES 2020

Venue
Srimanta Sankardeva International Auditorium
Panjabari, Six Mile, Guwahati,
Assam, India

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International Event

SAGES 2020
SAVE THE DATE
APRIL 1-4 2020
HUNTINGTON CONVENTION CENTER
CLEVELAND, OHIO
PROGRAM CHAIRS:
MATTHEW GOLDBLATT, MD & LEENA KHAITAN, MD
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All members are requested to send their achievements to the secretary at drsdpopat1@gmail.com or to the Editor at profsubhashkhanna@gmail.com at the earliest for the next issue of the E- Newsletter “IAGES Times”.

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