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Dear Surgeons,

'Samvaad' was started as a requirement by ASI for its State Chapters, which can also be used to share information and activities going on in every corner of our State in the field of Surgery. Infact, more and more City Chapters should be encouraged to send in data of their activities to the Editors, without worrying whether it is news worthy or not, let us worry about it.

My suggestions to the City Chapters is that, when they prepare and send a report to MASI Secretary, mark a copy to us on 'samvaadmasi@gmail.com' with correct information. Make sure that data includes: Date of the event, Name of the event, Venue including the name of the City, complete Name of dignitaries in the picture and the event with designations in full. Many a times, we get a pic with minimum data, and have to enlarge the pic to see the Name of the Program, City, date! Plus, names are incomplete, for example: 'Dr. Patil Sir, Inaugurated the program' or 'Senior SHO of so and so District hospital'! Very difficult! Make it simple for us, otherwise, in the process of 'pehchan kaun?' we give up! Just follow the above suggestion and do a 'fill in the blanks. Actually, we have written this earlier, and hope to have a change soon, as it is said, that change is the only constant.

Specially, your Annual Conferences details should be published. Teaching and Social activities are an inspiration, should be published. As you will see, Messages and Speeches have not been included in Samvaad, as they belong to the Souvenir! Unless it is an important message, its only pure news! Make sure that it is complete in all aspect and you are proud of it and want to share it with everyone.

I compile the newsletter myself, and it takes time, to do it professionally, is simpler, but, still, the data has to be complete in all aspects.

Social media and Digital media are two very powerful tools that can disseminate good and the bad to every corner of the world within minutes.

Happy reading!

The Editors

MASICON 2025:

Another successful edition MASICON, was held from 6th to 9th Feb. 2025, recently concluded in Kolhapur. Not only a fantastic Scientific Program by MASI-KSS, a fabulous Hospitality to match! Kudos to Kolhapur Surgical Society. Salute to Team MASICON 2025.

It was the 47th Annual Conference of the Maharashtra State Chapter of Association of Surgeons of India. Soon, it will be the 50th year, a Golden year in the history of MASI. There should be a year long celebration in different parts of the State. Since the 1st MASICON held in 1979, in Pune and the 25th MASICON in 2003, in Nagpur, we have grown in numbers, strength and attendance too! The year 2028 will be considered as the 'Golden' year for Surgeons of Maharashtra State. We urge all the City Chapters to organise 'Golden Jubilee programs' in their respective cities all the yearlong. Have a different theme, start something new ours is the only profession with an in built 'Corporate Social Responsibility'! We all do free cases, organise Camps, form Trusts, all to do with our contribution towards Society at large, make it a part of MASI. Along with honing Academic Skills, let us help each other to look for ways to relax and de-stress, retirement plans and hobbies, etc.

Enough of rambling and coming back to Kolhapur:

6th Feb.: Day 1

Teachers from across the State lectured on various topics, delivered lectures and Panel discussions.



Dr. Siddharth Dubhashi, CG-ASI, speaking on 'Hand Infection', a very basic, but important topic.

'Surgeon's Day' to be celebrated on 15th June & 'Surgeon's Week' on 2nd week of June every year. This can be done with various activities and further details would be given by ASI HQ.



Dr. Prashant Rahate, talks on 'Role of ICG in Surgery'. A recent advances in surgical practice, slowly gaining prominence.

CME Inauguration: Dr. Ajay Punpale, President, MASI, Inaugurated the CME on Day 1, by lighting the Lamp to spread the knowledge!

7th Feb.: Day 2:

Live Operative Workshop: Open and Lap. Being relayed from Multiple Centres, simultaneously, in HALL A and Hall B.



Transmission from Zen Hospital, Mumbai, By Dr. Roy Patankar.

Dr. Amit Maydeo from H. N. Reliance Hospital, Mumbai.



Dr. Ajay Punpale, President-MASI, Lap. Cholecystectomy.

Other Centres of excellence relayed transmission from their respective centres, keeping in live with guidelines of Live Operative Workshop, like: Dr. C. Palanivelu for GEM Coimbatore; Dr. Sailesh Shrikhande from TMC, Mumbai; Robotic Surgery by Dr. Suraj Pawar from KCC, and many more.

The Masters held various 'Masterclasses': on 'Abdominal wall Closure', 'Upper GI Scopy' and 'Lasers in Proctology, by a panel of experts consisting of Dr. Kamal Gupta-Hon. Sec. ACRSI, Dr. Kushal

Mittal-Pres. Elect-ACRSI, Dr. Niranjana Agarwal EC-Mumbai & Past-President- ACRSI along with Dr. Prashant Rahate and others.

A parallel 'PG Masterclass' by the 'Grand Masters'! a 3 hours session was organised by Dr. Santhosh John Abraham and Dr. Pratap Varute. All the Halls were full to capacity.

Inauguration:

Dr. Pravin Suryavanshi, President-ASI; Dr. Gaddi Diwakar, Hon. Sec.-ASI, Dr. Madhumita Mukhopadhyay, Treasurer-ASI; Dr. Ajay Punpale, President-MASI; Dr. Sachin Naik, Hon. Sec.-MASI, Dr. Sanjay Ghate, Treasurer-MASI; Dr. Sanjay D. Patil, Chancellor-D. Y. Patil Educational Society, Kolhapur; Dr. Prakash Shahpurkar, Dr. Pratap Varute, Dr. Bhawarlal Yadav, Dr. G. Siddesh, Dr. Santosh John Abraham; all the 4 GC Members: Dr. Pramod Shinde, Dr. Rajendra Ganeriwal, Dr. Rajendra Shinde & Dr. Siddharth Dubashi, Dr. Deepak Patil, Dr. Mahesh Malu, Members of the Organising team and others, to name a few, were present on the dais during the Lighting of the Lamp.

Dr. Gaddi Diwakar, Hon. Sec.-ASI collared The President-ASI & Dr. Sachin Naik, Hon. Sec. MASI, collared The President-MASI.



Felicitation of the Chief Guest, Dr. Pravin Suryawanshi, President-ASI, by Dr. Deepak Patil, Org. Chair. In presence of the rest of the Organising team of MASICON 2025, Kolhapur.



Conference Souvenir was released to mark the occasion of MASICON 2025:

Patient's convenience and safety is our prime concern.



City Chapter award for Best City-Academics & Social activity was awarded to Nagpur Surgical Society.



Surgical Site Infection/Surgical antisepsis.
Dr. G. Siddesh, Past President-ASI, Director-Social Welfare Council, ASI.



Demystifying GIST.
Dr. Pratap Varute, Ex Hon. Sec.-ASI.



Coping with failures.
Dr. Roy Patankar. Sounds philosophical, something most of us have faced or will face in our journey on this earth!



8th Feb.: Day 3. 1st Day of the Conference:

5 parallel Halls, Hall A to E! Some highlights:



Management of Para-Oesophageal & Diaphragmatic Hernia.
Dr. Pramod Shinde, CG-ASI Maharashtra State.



Dr. Rajendra Ganeriwal, GC-ASI, participating in a Panel Discussion on: Inguinal Hernia Repair: Contemporary Concepts &

Techniques.

Open Hernia Repair.
Dr. Sachin Naik, Hon. Sec. MASI.



Surgical Workshop: How much essential?
Dr. Abhay Dalvi, Past President-ASI.



The Lady & The Surgeon: The Indian Perspective.
Dr. Madhumita Mukhopadhyay, Treasurer-ASI. A very opt topic for a dynamic lady!

Dr. G. Phadke Oration:

This years Oration was delivered by Dr. Satish Dharap, Deac-Academics, BMC Colleges; HOD Surgery, TNMC & Hon. Secretary-MSS!

Orated on 'The Golden hour – A reflection on Trauma care', his passion, and how to deal with it. A Professors-Teacher's Oration, as everyone around commented. Sharing some pictures:



Mementos, along with Citation, Shriphal and Shawl being received



by the Dharaps from the hands of Dr. Ajay Punpale, President-MASI and Dr. Deepak Patil, Org. Chairman, MASICON 2025.

The other halls had a galaxy of stars lecturing on various topics with debates and panel discussion, will try to do justice to the proceedings!



Laparoscopy in Adrenal Tumours.

Dr. Pravin Suryawanshi. President-ASI

Surgeon & Stress. Dr. Gaddi Diwakar. Hon. Sec.-ASI.



What General Surgeons should know about Circumcision? Dr. Sanjay Ghate, Treasurer-MASI



Ileocecal Mass: Diagnosis & Management. Dr. Mahesh Malu, V.P.-MASI.



Laparoscopic Complications: Navigating Challenges.

Dr. Anand Kamat, Org Sec. MASICON 2025.

There were many Debates, Panel Discussions, simultaneously, in various Halls.



Debate:

Ventral Vs Posterior Rectopexy: Surgical approach.

Dr. Nitish Jhaver & Dr. Vikas Jain.

Panel Discussion: Advances in Fistula Surgery. Moderated by Dr. Niranjana Agarwal.



Ethical Grey Zone in Surgical Practice.

Moderated by: Dr. Sachin Jamma.



9th Feb.: Day 4:



Post Operative Biliary Leak after Lap. Chole.
Dr. Sameer Rege.

Challenges in Lap. Appendectomy.

Dr. Rajendra Shinde. CG-ASI.



Dr. K. C. Gharpure Oration:



Dr. Suraj Pawar, 'Paying back to Society', Orator of this prestigious Oration. Spoke about his struggle in the setting up of his hospital and practice. The emotional journey was visible in the presentation.



The Plaque being presented by Dr. Sachin Naik, Hon. Sec. MASI and Dr. Anand Kamat, Org. Sec., MASICON 2025, to the Pawars.

'AVANI' an initiative started by them for the empowerment of Women & Children of the Communities along with Cancer Care.

Best Paper Session & Valedictory Function:



Awards being distributed during the Valedictory Function.

Best papers and Best videos were presented on the same day. There were 8 Best papers and Best videos being presented each and were judged by eminent faculties. The winners for best videos were: 1. Dr Tejas Mhatre, 2. Dr Manasi Barve, 3. Dr Suprashant Kulkarni. The winners for best papers were: 1. Dr Settipalli Sai Shree, 2. Dr Rohan K J, 3. Dr Abhijit Vinod.



Change of Guard: Dr. Ajay Punpale collared Dr. Mahesh Malu, to carry forward the baton of Presidentship of MASI.



The EC MASI with outgoing President: Dr. Ajay Punpale.

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Till we meet again in Gondia, and with a new addition of Samvaad, Happy reading.