



# IASO

Indian Association  
of Surgical Oncology

# NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT, IASO



**Dr Sharad Desai**  
*Director*  
*Mahatma Gandhi Cancer*  
*Hospital Miraj, Maharashtra*

### PRESIDENT MESSAGE

This year, using my privileges of being the Election Officer, I insisted on all applicants to mention their promises after getting elected. Politically speaking, I expected everyone to promise, to improve the lives, well-being and careers of each member, from their respective zones. However, I noticed two constant assurances from almost everyone. The first was a pledge to improve the academics in IASO, and the second was to increase and improve the publications by the members of the IASO. That displayed the intense hunger for academics in the association from the young leaders and it commends very well for the future of IASO. The number of publications is increasing every year. I don't read between lines but it was subtle poke that there is no pause in the race of knowledge acquisition. Flanked by the Mughal Badshah of Surgical Oncology ahead of me and the Nizam of Surgical Oncology on my heels, the President and the EC team must be constantly on the toes to improve the academics.

Most of the members do participate in all academic activities of IASO. However, there are intellects and good centers who have limited participation. It is imperative to increase the participation and intensify the action. Ideas, information and wisdom flow from everywhere. Academics will grow only if it can be shared. Orthodox as it may look, I come from a background where it is unfair and unethical to hoard "knowledge, food or money" even if it is licitly and justifiably acquired. Knowledge is just to give, give and give. We must try to reach every nook and corner of the country to benefit our people. We are trying to encourage all small centers to hold academic activities. More participation is needed from all quarters, however small it may be. IASO will help create more opportunities to confabulate and debate. At the same time, people from far flung places must come forward to participate. Associations don't grow because of the leaders, but because of the efforts from all the members.

Our Association is basically very young and strong population mostly less than 45 years old. It's a sudden explosive increase of specialists. The student population is big and they are already 34-35 years old, as they qualify. Some are still studying longer. They have already sacrificed their youth and biological careers for the cancer patients. They are the future of the nation. They are the buds which must bloom. IASO must ensure them to be groomed, secure their careers, encourage their growth and take care of their needs

. Or else, these Flowers will fester, and smell far worse than weeds.

**I appeal to you for support, for help and for cooperation to all the activities of the IASO.**

**Greetings to all of you for the holiday season!**

**With profound gratitude,**

**Dr Sharad Desai**  
**President, IASO**

## FROM THE DESK OF IMMEDIATE PAST-PRESIDENT, IASO



**Dr. SVS Deo**  
**Lead Oncology & Senior Consultant**  
**Surgical Oncology**  
**Indraprastha Apollo Hospital, New Delhi**

**Dear Members, Colleagues, and Friends,**

As I reflect on my time as President of IASO, I am filled with gratitude and pride for the incredible journey we've shared. Serving this esteemed community has been one of the greatest honours of my professional career. During my tenure, we faced challenges and celebrated remarkable milestones. Together, we advanced our commitment to education, patient care and research.

I am especially proud of following initiatives and achievements of IASO during my tenure as President

1. Strengthening organization, Increasing Membership drive and expand the footprint of IASO at National and International level.
2. Organizing and supporting various academic activities across India, including Zonal meetings, CMEs, Webinars and Master classes including highly successful MIDCON at Hubballi and NATCON at Bengaluru.
3. Supporting the TASO initiative of "Oncology Updates" for undergraduate medical students.
4. Involving younger IASO members as faculty from different regions of the country at MIDCON and NATCON.
5. Expanding opportunities for trainees and students to present quality scientific work in IASO events and substantially increase the number of awards and prizes to attract young talent.
6. International Collaborations: Signing MOUs with Society of Surgical Oncology (SSO), USA and Brazilian Society of Surgical Oncology (BSSO) for Academic collaborations, Leadership and Traveling fellow exchange programs.
7. Showcasing IASO presence and strength at prestigious international events including SSO Atlanta, ESSO Brussels and BSSO Rio-De Janeiro.
8. Expanding International partnerships with NOGU(UK) and BASO to start Early career International Fellowship for young IASO practicing Surgeons.
9. Implementation of IASO Oration reforms and institution of Dr Ashok Mehta Oration.
10. Implementation of IJSO Expert Committee Recommendations and formation of New IJSO Editorial team.
11. Streamlining online membership enrolment process and membership database.
12. Website Improvements, launching IASO Merchandise and Membership cards.
13. Streamlining IASO Audit & Accounts and initiating GST compliance process.
14. Initiating the process for IASO Text Book of Surgical Oncology.
15. Preparation of "IASO - Vision Document for Research"
16. Liaisoning and collaborating with NBE & NMC for strengthening Surgical Oncology Education and training.

None of this would have been possible without the dedication of our members, guidance of our executive committee, and the tireless efforts of my predecessors Arnab Gupta, Rajendra Toprani and PK Das, President elect Sharad Desai, Vice president Subramanyeshwar Rao and treasurer Shaikat Gupta. I was fortunate to have a dynamic and hardworking Secretary Rudra prasad Acharya and Editorial and Web secretary Ashutosh Mishra. I would like to congratulate the Organizing committees of MIDCON Hubballi and NATCON Bengaluru for conducting highly successful landmark academic events. Your passion and commitment continue to inspire me and drive the mission of our society forward.

As I pass the torch to our new leadership, I am confident that the new team will lead us to even greater heights. We as a society are at a pivotal moment and the future of IASO is bright. I look forward to contributing as a proud IASO member and continue to advocate for our shared goals.

Thank you for entrusting me with this privilege. Let us continue to collaborate, innovate, and inspire for the betterment of our profession and the patients we serve.  
With gratitude and best regards,

**Prof. SVS Deo**  
**Past President (2023-24)**  
**IASO**

## FROM THE DESK OF HONY SECRETARY, IASO



**Dr. Rudra Prasad Acharya**  
Secretary

Director, Dept of Surgical Oncology  
Paras Cancer Center, Paras Hospitals, Gurgaon

Dear IASO members

Cancer patients diagnosed with cancer in India per year is reaching to almost fifteen lakh new cases per year and more than half of these patients are dying of cancer sooner or later. Non-uniformity of treating facilities across the country making it difficult for cancer control. Canceronomics is a big challenge today with high rise of treatment cost and affordability disparity. Most of these cancers are solid tumors and cancer surgery is an integral part of the treatment and contributes significantly to the survival of the patient as R0 resection only way to achieve the desired outcome.

India is vast country with variable treatment facility at first second and tier three cities. For the country at large, proper training in cancer surgery and availability of trained man power in cancer surgery are real needs of the hour with growing armamentarium like laparoscopic / robotic cancer surgery. At present per year nearly 350 new cancer surgeons are getting trained all across India. There are many hinderances in uniformity in training across country unable to give a back up bench strength for cancer control.

This include issues like uneven distribution of the training facilities in the country, non-uniformity of training modules across various institutions, lacunae in skill and knowledge updation of the practising surgical oncologists and lack of job opportunity for passing out cancer surgeons. Leaders in oncology heading various major institutes, many are members in committees deciding the curriculum of medical education and public health care in the country and many are involved in training a large number of surgeons in Surgical Oncology. I strongly feel that it is the responsibility of IASO is to act as conduit between these leaders who are also international stalwarts in surgical oncology, to young budding onco-surgeons and use their collective opinions, power and actions to create better environment for the younger onco-surgeons and cancer surgery in the country.

IASO now with the vibrant leadership is growing well and spreading its wing across India and abroad, by its efforts and also collaborating with many national and international associations like SSO ESSO BASO Brazil SO society.

I am sure all these attempts are going to brighten the scope of specialty of Surgical Oncology in the country. I am happy that I got the mandate to serve this association in a key role and I assure you that surgical oncology will prevail. Will be happy to connect on one to one basis to solve all roadblocks across the country.

With profound gratitude,  
**Dr Rudra Prasad Acharya**  
Hon.Secretary



## FROM THE DESK OF HONY TREASURER, IASO



**Dr Shaikat Gupta**  
**Director of Surgical Oncology,**  
**Apollo Cancer Hospital**  
**Apollo Multispeciality Hospitals**

IASO is an Academic Body , which has its own Bank account and also its own PAN number. It files the Income Tax returns every year as per the Law of the land. The source of Incomes are Membership amount and Contribution from the Conferences. It will be our aim to preserve the tradition and ethos of IASO and take it to even greater heights during our term

IASO Current Bank Account is in Bank of Baroda and has been transferred from Bangalore to Kolkata Branch.

Following is the Statement :-

Total FD Amount: Rs.3,22,74,864.00 (Sept 2024)

Total amount in Current Account-

Total Income	:	Rs. 41,15,813.00 (01/04/2024 to 31/08/2024)
Total Expenditure	:	Rs. 15,90,693.61 (01/04/2024 to 31/08/2024)
Net Gain	:	Rs. 2,52,8119.39

With Warm Regards,

**Dr. Shaikat Gupta**  
**Treasurer, IASO**

## FROM THE DESK OF EDITORIAL SECRETARY, IASO



**Dr Ashutosh Mishra**  
**Associate Professor**  
**Department of Surgical Oncology**  
**DR BRA-IRCH & National Cancer Institute (NCI)**  
**All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi India**

Dear Members,

It's evident that IASO is dedicated for enhancing the organization's online presence and providing valuable resources to its members. In my last tenure as Web-secretary, we have made lot of improvements to the IASO website, such as the updated IASO history, gallery, award testimonials, career opportunities, and a streamlined membership application process, reflect our commitment to making information more accessible and user-friendly

The integration of easy access to IJSO for IASO members is a significant step toward fostering a seamless experience for those interested in scientific research in oncology. By ensuring hassle-free access to masterclasses, newsletters, journals, we are contributing to the dissemination of knowledge among our members and the community.

My vision for the IASO website as a source of guidance for practicing surgical oncologists and budding surgeons, helping them navigate their career paths and providing a platform for interaction with our leaders through different IASO activities. It's crucial to have a centralized hub that not only showcases academic achievements but also facilitates networking and collaboration.

My plan is to bring even easier access and more academic content to the platform aligns with the evolving needs of the academic and surgical communities. Continuously enhancing the website's features and content will undoubtedly contribute to the organization's mission of providing valuable and high-quality material on scientific research in oncology and beyond.

Best wishes for the future endeavours of IASO, and may the website & newsletters continue to serve as a valuable resource for the academic and professional growth of its members in the field of oncology.

Warm Regards,

**Dr Ashutosh Mishra**  
**Editorial & Web Secretary, IASO**

## IASO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (2024-25)



**Dr Sharad Desai**

**President IASO**

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Maharashtra



**Dr SVS Deo**

**Immediate Past president**

**Lead Oncology & Senior Consultant**

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New Delhi



**Dr T Subramanyeshwar Rao**

**President Elect IASO**

**Chairman Academic Council**

Medical Director, Basavatarakam Indo American  
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**Vice president**

**Addl Professor in Surgical Oncology  
Chest and GI Services**

Regional Cancer Centre, Trivandrum, Kerala



**Dr Rudra Prasad Acharya**

**Secretary**

**Director of Surgical Oncology and Robotic  
Surgery**

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**Treasurer**

**Director of Surgical Oncology**

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**Dr Ashutosh Mishra**

**Editorial & Web Secretary**

**Associate Professor Dept of Surgical Oncology  
AIIMS, New Delhi**



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**Senior Consultant ,Surgical Oncologist Breast  
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Associate Professor and Head

Department of Surgical Oncology AIIMS PATNA



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Command Hospital Central Command, Lucknow



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Director & Chairman Tatwadarsa Hospital ,  
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**Dr. Sabita Jiwnani**

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Professor, Thoracic Surgery

Department of Surgical Oncology, Tata  
Memorial Hospital



**Dr Venkatachala**

Co-Opted EC

Surgical oncologist

Surabhi Oncology Clinic Bengaluru/ Hassan

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Dean Graduate Medical Education (DIO) Vice  
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Oncoplastic & Reconstructive Breast Surgeon  
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Tumour Group, Chair, Breast, South East London  
Accountable Cancer Network.



**Dr Alok Pathak - Canada**

Professor of Surgery, Head & Neck Oncology  
Director of Surgical Fellowship and Surgical  
Oncology Research  
the University of Manitoba, Canada



## History

President	Secretary	Treasurer	EditorialSecretary	Year
Dr. D J Jussawala	Dr. Ashok Mehta	-	-	1977
Dr. P B Desai	Dr. Ashok Mehta	-	-	1979
Dr. MP Vaidya	Dr. NC Misra	-	-	1981
Dr. Ashok Mehta	Dr. NC Misra	-	-	1983
Dr. DD Patel	Dr. NC Misra	-	-	1984
Dr. AP Majumdar	Dr. NC Misra	-	-	1985
Dr. RS Rao	Dr. NN Khanna	-	-	1986
Dr. NC Misra	Dr. NN Khanna	-	-	1987
Dr. NN Khanna	Dr. SG Deshpande	-	-	1988
Dr. BML Kapoor	Dr. SG Deshpande	-	-	1989
Dr. SK Sarkar	Dr. SG Deshpande	-	-	1990
Dr. PM Trivedi	Dr. HS Shukla	-	-	1991
Dr. KK Pandey	Dr. HS Shukla	-	-	1992
Dr. SK Shukla	Dr. HS Shukla	-	-	1993
Dr. JB Venkatrao	Dr. HS Shukla	-	-	1994
Dr. Shambhu Pal	Dr. Sandeep Kumar	-	-	1995
Dr. CK Gupta	Dr. Sandeep Kumar	-	-	1996
Dr. HS Shukla	Dr. Sandeep Kumar	-	-	1997
Dr. SP Kharey	Dr. Sandeep Kumar	-	-	1998
Dr. P Subhas	Dr. Kiran Kothar	-	-	1999
Dr. KK Maudar	Dr. Kiran Kothari	-	-	2000
Dr. K Panda	Dr. Ravi Kant	-	--	2001
Dr. RI Dave	Dr. Ravi Kant	-	-	2002
Dr. KS Gopinath	Dr. L Sarangi	-	-	2003
Dr. K Kothari	Dr. L Sarangi	-	-	2004
Dr. Sandeep Kumar	Dr. R Karwasara	-	-	2005
Dr. Ravi Kant	Dr. R Karwasara	-	--	2006
Dr. S Sadasivam	Dr. Sanjeev Misra	-	-	2007
Dr. Sanjay Sharma	Dr. Sanjeev Misra	-	-	2008
Dr. L Sarangi	Dr. MVijyakumar	-	-	2009
Dr. Arun Chaturvedi	Dr. MVijya kumar	-	-	2010
Dr. E Hemant Raj	Dr. Manoj Pandey	-	-	2011
Brig Manomoy Ganguly	Dr. Manoj Pandey	-	-	2012
Dr. Sanjeev Misra	Dr. Dhairasheel Savant	-	-	2013
Dr. R Rajaraman	Dr. Dhairasheel Savant	-	-	2014
Dr. MVijayakumar	Dr. T Subrahmanyeswar Rao	Dr. Rajendra Toprani	-	2015
Dr. Harit Chaturvedi	Dr. T Subrahmanyeswar Rao	Dr. Rajendra Toprani	Dr. Chandramohan K	2016
Dr. BKC Mohan Prasad	Dr. Rajendra Toprani	Dr. Prafulla K. Das	Dr. Ashutosh Chauhan	2017
Dr. Sanjay Kapoor	Dr. Rajendra Toprani	Dr. Prafulla K. Das	Dr. Ashutosh Chauhan	2018
Dr. Dhairasheel Savant	Dr. Sharad Desai	Dr. Chandramohan K	Dr. Ashutosh Chauhan	2019
Dr. Arnab Gupta	Dr. Sharad Desai	Dr. Chandramohan K	Dr. Ashutosh Chauhan	2020
Dr. Arnab Gupta	Dr. Sharad Desai	Dr. Chandramohan K	Dr. Ashutosh Chauhan	2021
Dr. Rajendra Toprani	Dr. Chandramohan K	Dr. Somashekhar SP	Dr. Shaikat Gupta	2022
Dr. Prafulla K Das	Dr. Chandramohan K	Dr. Somashekhar SP	Dr. Shaikat Gupta	2023
Dr. SVS Deo	Dr. Rudra Prasad Acharya	Dr. Shaikat Gupta	Dr. Ashutosh Mishra	2024
Dr. Sharad Desai	Dr. Rudra Prasad Acharya	Dr. Shaikat Gupta	Dr. Ashutosh Mishra	2025



**Notification for Election of IASO Office Bearers, 2025**  
*(Approved by IASO Election Committee dt 20/05/2025)*

The President and Secretary of IASO hereby notify the **Elections for IASO 2025** for the following posts:

- **Vice President – 1**
- **Hon. Secretary – 1**
- **Treasurer – 1**
- **Editorial Secretary – 1**
- **Executive Committee Members – 4**
  - East Zone – 1
  - West Zone – 1
  - North Zone – 1
  - South Zone – 1

**Eligibility for IASO Posts**

1. **Vice President** – A full life member of IASO who has completed 10 years (up to 31st July 2025) and has served at least one term as an elected/nominated Executive member.
2. **Secretary / Treasurer / Editorial Secretary** – A full life member who has completed 7 years (up to 31st July 2025) and served at least one term as an elected/nominated Executive member.
3. **Executive Committee Member** – A full life member who has completed 5 years (up to 31st July 2025).

*Any office bearer/EC member should complete their current term before taking over another assignment.*

**Note\*** A member can apply for only one post in the election.

**Application Process**

Every Application must be:

- Proposed and seconded by two full members of IASO.
- One member can propose or second only one candidate.
- Submitted along with:
  1. **Signed Application Form** (format enclosed)
  2. **Brief Biodata** (Max 250 words, signed, with photo)
    - Including academic/scientific contributions, role in IASO, and IASO conference attendance in the last 5 years.





## Submission of Application

- **Last Date:** 31st August 2025, 5:00 PM
- **Email To:** [iasosecretariat@gmail.com](mailto:iasosecretariat@gmail.com)
- **CC:**
  - IASO President: [drsharaddesai@gmail.com](mailto:drsharaddesai@gmail.com)
  - IASO President Elect: [subramanyesh@gmail.com](mailto:subramanyesh@gmail.com)
  - IASO Vice President: [drchandramohan@gmail.com](mailto:drchandramohan@gmail.com)

## Withdrawal of Application

- **Deadline:** 5th September 2025, 5:00 PM
- **To:** [iasosecretariat@gmail.com](mailto:iasosecretariat@gmail.com) (with CC :- President: [drsharaddesai@gmail.com](mailto:drsharaddesai@gmail.com) , President Elect: [subramanyesh@gmail.com](mailto:subramanyesh@gmail.com) , Vice President: [drchandramohan@gmail.com](mailto:drchandramohan@gmail.com) )

The applications that are received in time will be scrutinized by the Election Committee comprising of President, President Elect, & Vice president. The Secretary will guide the election process. The President Elect will be the Returning Officer.

## Election Process

- Conducted under supervision of the Election Committee: President, President Elect, Vice President.
- Secretary will guide the process.
- President Elect will serve as **Returning Officer**.
- **Voting Mode:** Online
  - Voting window: **8th to 17th September 2025** (9 AM to 5 PM)
- **Cut-off Date for Voting Eligibility:** Full Life Members inducted **on or before 31st July 2025**.
- **Updated Voter List Ready By:** 20th August 2025

**Note:** No campaigning via personal calls, emails, letters, or social media is permitted. Only official biodata will be circulated to voters.

## Declaration of Results

- Results will be declared during **NATCON 2025** at EC and GB meetings.
- If no contest exists, the President may declare the post filled in the GBM.
- If no application is received, the President and President Elect may nominate a suitable member for that post (term: 1 year).

IASO Election Application 2025

I, Dr..... (IASO member ship No... ..) )  
propose the name of Dr..... for the post of  
..... of IASO.

Signature

Date

Place

I, Dr.....(IASO member ship No... ..) )  
second the proposal of Dr.....for the post of  
..... of IASO.

Signature

Date

Place

I, Dr.....(IASO member ship No... ..) )  
agree for proposal of my name for the post of ..... of IASO.

Signature

Date

Place



## **IASO Participation at SSO 2025 Annual Meeting**

**March 26–29, 2025**

**Tampa Convention Center, Florida, USA**



### **Celebrating Global Collaboration and Academic Excellence**

The Indian Association of Surgical Oncology (IASO) proudly marked its significant presence at the SSO 2025 Annual Meeting, held in Tampa, Florida. The event brought together over 4,000 delegates from 60 countries, creating a vibrant nexus of academic brilliance, surgical innovation, and meaningful collaborations.

### **Highlights of IASO Participation**

#### **Global Partner Recognition**

IASO's active collaboration with the Society of Surgical Oncology (SSO) as a Global Partner continued to flourish at this year's event. This partnership underscores IASO's commitment to advancing surgical oncology on a global stage.

#### **Poster & Award Achievements**

We are proud to share the outstanding achievements of IASO members at the Society of Surgical Oncology (SSO) 2025 Annual Meeting.

This year, the SSO extended 10 exclusive Global Poster presentation slots to IASO international awardees—doubling the previous number of 5. This expansion was made possible through sustained efforts and mutual collaboration during the presidencies of Dr. Shard Desai, Dr. S.V.S. Deo, Dr. Prafulla K. Das, and Dr. Rajendra Toprani. Their commitment to advancing international opportunities for our members has been instrumental in this success.

To support participation, IASO provided each awardee with a grant of USD1000 toward travel and registration expenses.

Following multiple rounds of rigorous evaluation and presentations, 20 delegates were selected for International Fellowship Awards. Based on eligibility and merit-based counselling, 11 candidates chose to participate in the SSO Global Awards Program including one ICDE International Fellowship recipient, one podium poster presenter, and nine global poster presenters.

#### **Poster & Award Achievements**

##### **•2025 ICDE Award Recipient:**

**Dr. Anand Ebin Thomas**

**(Award includes complimentary registration, USD 3000 in prize money, and a one-week observership in the U.S.)**



## SSO - Global Poster presentation

- o Dr. Rajkumar Kottayasamy Seenivasagam
- o Dr. Dhiraj Haribhau Kachare
- o Dr. Harish Neelamraju Lakshmi
- o Dr. Dimple Gupta
- o Dr. Bhagyashree Deshmankar
- o Dr. Pratap Kumar Deb
- o Dr. Shubhashree Muralidhar
- o Dr. Saumya Mishra

Congratulations to all the awardees for their exceptional contributions and for representing IASO on the global stage!



## IASO Leadership Representation at SSO 2025





The Indian Association of Surgical Oncology (IASO) was represented by a robust leadership contingent at SSO 2025, underscoring India's growing prominence in global surgical oncology.

#### Leadership Presence:

- Dr. Sharad Desai, President of IASO, attended as a VIP Registrant, Global Partner Leader, and a special Invitee to the prestigious SSO Presidential Dinner.
- The IASO leadership team—including Dr. Rudra Acharya, Dr. Chandramohan K, Dr. Arnab Gupta, and Dr. Ashutosh Mishra—actively participated in the Global Partner Leadership Summit and contributed to the Scientific Program Committee, championing India's presence on the international stage.



#### Strategic Engagements and Global Collaborations

IASO leaders engaged in several high-level bilateral meetings with key global partner societies, including:

- Society of Surgical Oncology (SSO), USA
- Brazilian Society of Surgical Oncology (BSSO)
- European Society of Surgical Oncology (ESSO)







These interactions focused on deepening strategic collaborations through:

1. Fellowship exchange programs
2. Joint scientific sessions and webinars
3. Emphasis on high-quality research and academic partnerships
4. Expanded Observership opportunities beyond ICDE and ESSO awards

### **Strategic Engagements and Global Collaborations**

IASO leadership actively participated in a series of critical meetings aimed at advancing international cooperation:

1. SSO Global Partnership Leadership Summit
2. IASO-SSO Global Partner Society Meeting
3. Global Forum of Cancer Surgeons (GFCS)
4. Symposium on Quality Metrics in Cancer Surgery – GFCS
5. Symposium on International Surgical Innovations
6. IASO–BSSO Bilateral Meeting
7. SSO Presidential Dinner
8. IASO Delegation Dinner

These forums facilitated strategic discussions on:

- Enhancing academic and research collaboration
- Fellow/student exchange mechanisms
- Promotion of quality metrics and innovation in cancer surgery







## Key Outcomes and Commitments

Significant progress was achieved during the summit:

- Increased Indian participation through more poster presentations and observerships
- Joint webinars with SSO faculty involvement
- Expanded Observership opportunities, both IASO/SSO-funded, modelled after the ICDE initiative
- Scholarship model revised: Going forward, IASO will provide \$3,000 (or equivalent) to ICDE scholars, while SSO will offer a similar grant for the Sushruta scholars

## Acknowledgments

These achievements reflect the collective dedication of IASO leadership, past and present. Special recognition goes to **Dr. Sharad Desai, Dr. SVS Deo, Dr. Prafulla Das, Dr. Rajendra Toprani, Dr. Arnab Gupta, the late Dr. Dhairyasheel Sawant, Dr. TS Rao, Dr. Rudra P. Acharya, Dr. Chandramohan K,** and all past presidents, secretaries, and executive members.

A special mention goes to **Dr. Chandrakant Are, IASO International Coordinator,** whose **instrumental role in facilitating coordination and communication** was pivotal in strengthening the IASO–SSO partnership.

Deepest gratitude also goes to **SSO President Dr. Ronald P. DeMatteo, BSSO President Rodrigo Nascimento Pinheiro,** and their respective teams for their continued cooperation and friendship.









## SSO 2025 Tampa, Florida, USA



### SSO ICDE fellowship awardee

**Dr. Anand Ebin Thomas**

#### Testimonial

I am deeply grateful for the invaluable opportunity to spend time at Stanford Medicine as part of the ICDE fellowship. The Stanford campus is nothing short of breathtaking—like a piece of heaven brought to life. From the moment I arrived, the warmth and hospitality extended by everyone were extraordinary.

*At times, I even wondered if there had been a case of mistaken identity — either they hold IASO leadership in the highest regard, or they are simply some of the kindest and most generous professionals one could hope to meet. I believe it was a perfect blend of both.*

The onboarding process was seamless, and I was especially appreciative of the team's openness in understanding my objectives for the visit well in advance. They went above and beyond to adjust operating room schedules to maximize the learning experience. Their receptiveness to ideas and genuine enthusiasm about our presence made the time all the more fulfilling.

With sincere humility, I extend my heartfelt thanks to the leadership of IASO for facilitating this exceptional opportunity.

It has been a truly rewarding experience that I will always cherish.

Regards

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## *SSO 2025 Tampa, Florida, USA*

### *SSO - Global Poster presentation*



### **Dr. Rajkumar Kottayasamy Seenivasagam**

#### *Testimonial*

I attended the Society of Surgical Oncology (SSO) Annual Meeting 2025 at Tampa, Florida USA from March 26-29, 2025 through the IASO-SSO Global Partner Programme.

I was given the opportunity for a podium presentation of my research study titled “Understanding the Correlation Between Social Determinants of Delays in Diagnosis Management and Outcomes for Solid Cancers in Tamil Nadu - A Multicentric Mixed Method Study” on March 27th 2025. The presentation was well received and appreciated by the audience.

I was also invited as a faculty on behalf of the SSO International Committee, to participate in the SurgOnc Today podcast to share my past experience with SSO's International Career Development Exchange (ICDE) Program on March 28, 2025. I was the SSO – IASO ICDE awardee for the year 2015. I had an opportunity to interact with SSO International Committee Dr. Gabrielle van Ramhorst, Dr. Shruti Zaveri, and Dr. Ana Paula Correa Refinetti.

I was also able to catch up and interact with my ICDE 2015 mentors Prof. Henry Kuerer from MD Anderson Cancer Center and Prof. Chandrakant Are from Nebraska. I had the opportunity to interact with outgoing and incoming SSO Presidents Dr. Ronald DeMatteo and

Dr. Russell S. Berman.

I also had the opportunity to interact with the IASO leadership Dr. Sharad Desai, Dr Chandramohan, Dr. Ashutosh Misra and other IASO members from India who participated in the SSO meeting.

I went out for some sight-seeing in Tampa and New York along with friends. Overall, it was thoroughly an enjoyable experience.

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## SSO 2025 Tampa, Florida, USA

### SSO - Global Poster presentation



#### **Dr. Dhiraj Haribhau Kachare**

#### *Testimonial*

I am deeply grateful to IASO for providing me the opportunity to attend an international conference—an experience that marks a milestone in any academic journey. My path to this event began with the submission of an abstract to NATCON 2024, held in Bengaluru. I am sincerely thankful to my mentors at the National Cancer Institute, Nagpur—Dr. Gopal Gurjar sir and Dr Abhishek Vaidya sir—for fostering an environment that allowed me to grow and express myself.

Winning the award for both paper and video presentation at NATCON 2024 was a moment of pride, as it marked my first recognition at a national-level conference. The prizes ranged from national to international fellowships, and while I had recently become an IASO member and was hence ineligible to avail the fellowships, I was encouraged by the words of IASO President Dr. Sharad Desai sir, who appreciated my choice of attending the SSO 2025 conference in the United States—calling it, and I quote, “an excellent choice.”

Emboldened, I began preparing for the journey. A small group of fellow Indian delegates formed an informal support group. From booking tickets and organizing shared accommodation to planning travel itineraries, the experience helped cultivate personal responsibility and broaden my perspective on managing such academic travels.

Before reaching Tampa, I visited a few U.S. cities and arrived a day before the pre-conference events. Though not formally registered for the pre-conference, the organizers graciously allowed us to attend sessions, where I gained significant insights—especially in robotic surgery, a domain previously unfamiliar to me. Visiting the UCSF CALMS lab was eye-opening; observing how their residents are trained on surgical robots made me realize how rapidly the global surgical landscape is evolving. That day, under the guidance of Dr. Arnab Gupta sir and Dr. Harish NL sir, who generously shared their experiences, was truly inspiring.

Meeting the IASO delegation was another highlight. Our contingent stood out not only for its youthful enthusiasm but also for active involvement—whether it was participating in the Scavenger Hunt, the Surg Onco Bowl quiz (where an Indian team member was among the winners), or academic sessions. Presenting my electronic poster to esteemed seniors including Dr. Sharad Desai sir, Dr. Ashutosh Mishra sir, and Dr. Arnab Gupta sir—who listened patiently—was a moment of validation and joy.

The conference also allowed for meaningful networking. I connected with surgeons from across the world, and I’m now exploring possibilities of pursuing an international fellowship. Although the USMLE remains a prerequisite for many programs—a challenge I hadn’t initially anticipated—I am determined to pursue this path to enhance my skills and broaden my perspective.

As a third-year resident, this experience has been a timely eye-opener. I remain immensely grateful to my institute, the IASO office, the NATCON 2024 organizing team, and my colleagues, friends, and family for their constant support.

The camaraderie within the Indian delegation, culminating in a dinner hosted by Dr. Desai sir's family, beautifully reflected the spirit of IASO—nurturing, supportive, and visionary.

I look forward to continuing my association with IASO, participating in future conferences, and hopefully mentoring the next generation of surgeons in years to come.

Jai Hind! Jai IASO!

## **SSO 2025 Tampa, Florida, USA**



### **SSO - Global Poster presentation**

#### **Dr. Harish Neelamraju Lakshmi**

#### ***Testimonial***

Attending the Society of Surgical Oncology (SSO) 2025 conference in Tampa, Florida, was an unforgettable experience. This event provided a remarkable opportunity to gain insights into the latest advancements in robotic surgery, particularly for upper gastrointestinal (GI) and hepatobiliary surgeries. I had the privilege of hands-on training with the cutting-edge Da Vinci DV5 robotic system, as part of the preconference workshop.

One of the most rewarding aspects of my participation was the opportunity to learn directly from renowned mentors at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC) and the University of Texas Southwestern (UTSW). The sessions on robotic pancreatoduodenectomy were especially enlightening and have greatly enhanced my knowledge and skills in this field.

In addition to the surgical training, the conference provided a dynamic platform for academic exchange. It was an invaluable networking opportunity, where I had the pleasure of connecting with leaders in the field of surgical oncology, as well as fellow young surgeons who presented their cutting-edge research. I was honored to present my own work on endometrial cancer as an eposter contributing to the broader conversation on innovative treatments in oncology.

I also had the chance to participate in the Surgical Oncology Quiz (SurgoncBowl) where I was fortunate to win the quiz which was held in two rounds. Additionally, I took part in the scavenger hunt and stood first, which further enriched the experience and fostered a sense of camaraderie among the attendees.

The presidential address by Dr. DeMatteo was a true inspiration, and several sessions stood out as particularly impactful. These included the James Ewing Featured Lecture on "Genetic Testing in Cancer Patients," the Great Debate on "Gastroesophageal Cancers," discussions on HIPEC in gastric cancers, as well as expert video sessions on oncoplastic surgeries and esophageal cancers. These sessions deepened my understanding of the complex challenges we face in surgical oncology and offered practical insights that I can apply in my own practice.

I am profoundly grateful to the Indian Association of Surgical Oncology for their unwavering support in facilitating my presentation on such an esteemed international platform.

The knowledge and experiences gained at this conference will undoubtedly contribute to the continued advancement of my work in surgical oncology.

## **SSO 2025 Tampa, Florida, USA**



### **SSO - Global Poster presentation**

#### **Dr. Bhagyashree Deshmankar**

#### ***Testimonial***

SSO 2025 Annual Meeting in Tampa was a life changing experience for me. This three day program opened new horizons in the medical world. Opportunity to attend great presentations like biomarkers in gastric and esophageal cancer to learning the skill of individualizing breast cancer management, getting insights into a surgeons role in immunoncology to getting introduced to becoming a "Surgeon- Scientist";

SSO had all that it requires to stir a young mind. It also provided an opportunity to interact with residents in surgery in United States and present our poster at a global forum. Our IASO leadership was kind enough to stay with us all the time and also make us meet the likes of SSO president Dr.

Ronald DeMatteo and Dr. Balachandran. We also got to interact with fellowship directors of breast oncology fellowships in USA. And could visit MOFFIT cancer center and have their hospital tour and OR tour.

The most influential however for me was Dr Balachandran's John Wane Featured Lecture on Pancreatic cancer survivors to Solution where Dr Balachandran put forward his years of work on developing the first PDAC RNA vaccine. The most beautiful part was- how a simple question "what makes long term pancreatic cancer survivors different from other patients"; can lead to a majestic answer – the vaccine.

All in all, it was an enthralling experience, and I hope to build on it and making contributions to medical research in our country

## **SSO 2025 Tampa, Florida, USA**



### **SSO - Global Poster presentation**

**Dr. Dimple Gupta**

#### **Testimonial**

My E POSTER presentation was on : CAN MUTATIONAL ANALYSIS OF NAÏVE NMIBC TUMORS REVEAL AGGRESSIVE TRAITS AND IMPROVE CLINICAL EVALUATIONS?

The session enabled active interaction with peers and the faculty alike. I was able to answer questions and many were interested to know about the methodology. It was a proud moment to represent my institute and country on an international platform and contribute to the scientific research.

**SURG ONC BOWL :** This was probably the highlight of the entire conference for me. The quiz not only tested each and every concept of surgical oncology but was also fun and competitive. The energy of the host was through the roof and she made sure everyone was all ears.

The next day we were addressed by the President himself. His talk was as inspiring as the work he had done for SSO. He showed us how to be a leader, bring innovation while keeping it fun and also how can one be an exceptional oncosurgeon and work towards global collaboration.

In addition to the academic sessions, we had the opportunity of touring the Moffit Cancer Centre, a premiere institute known for their excellence in cancer centre and innovation and research

The visit offered an eye-opening look into the state of art diagnostic and treatment technologies and a streamlined multi-disciplinary care model.

I was particularly impressed by the research lab which was motivated to offer the best treatment with the lowest possible expense to the patient

This three day academic journey was not only educationally enriching but also broadened my clinical research acumen. It offered valuable mentorship and networking opportunities and has left an imprint on my mind. Thankful to IASO and SSO for such an opportunity. It was not only academically enlightening but it was culturally enriching as well.

## **SSO 2025 Tampa, Florida, USA**



### **SSO - Global Poster presentation**

**Dr. Shubhashree Muralidhar**

#### **Testimonial**

I am Dr Shubhashree, 3rd year surgical oncology resident from Vydehi Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Centre Bangalore. I have immense gratitude for this amazing opportunity of taking part in SSO 2025 conference as a part of Global Partner poster program. The experience proved to be immensely enriching, offering valuable opportunities for learning and professional growth.

I had the chance to connect with a diverse group of individuals, which broadened my perspective and enhanced my exposure in the field and gave me new ideas for research opportunities.

I am deeply grateful to Dr Sharad Desai sir, Dr Ashutosh Mishra, Dr Chandramohan sir, Dr Arnab Gupta sir, Dr Rajkumar sir, Dr Jeewan sir, Dr Srijan Shukla sir for sharing their experience, knowledge and gave us better perspective for the dreams i am carrying.

The brilliant talks and inspiring walks of Dr Ronald P DeMatteo sir and Dr Vinod Balachandran sir added so much perspective in research ideas and opportunities. Additionally, the location itself was remarkable and added to the overall impact of the event.

Will carry the experience for life and utilise the ideas to do better in this field of oncology. Thank you for your continued support and the opportunity to be a part of this experience.



## SSO 2025 Tampa, Florida, USA



### SSO - Global Poster presentation

**Dr. Pratap Kumar Deb**

#### Testimonial

I presented my e-poster on:

“Response of Gastric Cancer to Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy with Respect to HER2 Overexpression Status.”

The session enabled active engagement with peers and senior clinicians, and the feedback received was constructive and insightful. It was a proud moment to contribute to the scientific discourse and represent our research.

Session on Top-Rated Surgical Videos: A highly educational session where I observed advanced surgical procedures performed by experts. The visual learning experience offered exposure to real-world technical challenges and refined my understanding of surgical precision.

Surgery Bowl: Surgical Oncology Quiz: Participating in this quiz was a highlight. It tested core surgical oncology knowledge, encouraged teamwork, and provided a fun, competitive learning environment. The experience was both educational and energizing.

I had the opportunity to interact with faculty, fellows, and coordinators from various reputed institutions. These conversations were incredibly valuable in understanding different fellowship programs, research opportunities, and institutional cultures.

## SSO 2025 Tampa, Florida, USA



### SSO - Global Poster presentation

**Dr. Saumya Mishra**

#### Testimonial

My poster being selected as the TOP poster presenter from the Indian global presenters, I presented it, with a flex printing poster on a dot board. My topic was “A prospective randomized pilot study to compare long-course chemo-radiotherapy followed by surgery and adjuvant chemotherapy versus total neoadjuvant therapy followed by surgery in locally advanced rectal cancer.”

Surgery bowl: surgical oncology quiz

awesome experience of attending a quiz with all the pioneers as team head, participating in a quiz is one of the lifetime experiences full of entertaining knowledge, enjoyment with academic wonderful collaboration. Enjoyed this event.

Networking and Interactions :

Interacted with many good faculties and their welcoming nature in their country is very impressive. Interacted with fellow residents and discussed their curriculum and process of becoming an oncologist, and shared our country tenure for the same.

Many commercial stalls in a hall, there were many new technologies, intraop mammography machine, intra op USG, or detecting post-neoadjuvant setting intra op detection, new machines and new ideas, and innovations, practiced in different parts of the world .

These 3 days, in SSO given us a new horizon in the field of surgical oncology, not only about the subject but also in the field of research, different perspectives to deal with different scenarios. over an awesome experience, the teachers from India were guiding us in every aspect so that we could use the opportunity to the fullest. So thankful to IASO for providing me with this opportunity.



## **Oncoplastic Breast Surgery Training Workshop Series 2024-2025**

**Hosted by Oncoplastic Breast Surgeons Collaborative Group (OBSCG)- India  
Under the Aegis of ABSI and IASO  
Course director- Dr Sanjit Agarwal & Dr Ashutosh Mishra**



We are proud to announce the successful completion of the Oncoplastic Breast Surgery Workshop Series 2024-2025, a high-end, first-of-its-kind educational initiative designed to elevate surgical excellence across India. With over 60 delegates and 30 expert faculty, the series emphasized 1-on-1 mentorship, interactive learning, and hands-on surgical training. This initiative has been a landmark step in expanding the spectrum and quality of breast surgery practices nationwide. This program has laid the foundation for an educational program that truly meets the evolving needs of the breast surgery community.

### **\* Three-Module Structure for Progressive Learning:**

#### **\* Module 1 – Ahmedabad | 9–10 November 2024**

Focus: Level 1 Oncoplasty & Axillary Surgery  
Basic oncoplastic techniques  
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#### **\* Module 2 – Kolkata | 1–2 Feb 2025**

Focus: Level 2 Oncoplasty & Therapeutic Mammoplasty  
Volume displacement strategies  
Therapeutic reduction mammoplasty  
Case-based discussions and planning

#### **\* Module 3 – AIIMS New Delhi | 2–4 May 2025**

Focus: Whole Breast Reconstruction & Advanced Techniques + Cadaver Workshop  
Autologous recon (LD flap, TRAM flap)  
Implant-based recon (ADM, mesh)  
Lipofilling  
Hands-on cadaveric sessions  
Robotic mastectomy demonstrations  
Live marking and implant preparation

#### **\* Looking Ahead: Workshop Series 2026**

We're excited to announce the launch of the **Oncoplastic Workshop Series 25-2026**, redesigned into a 2-module format for greater accessibility and depth.

#### **\* Seats are already filling fast – don't miss your chance!**

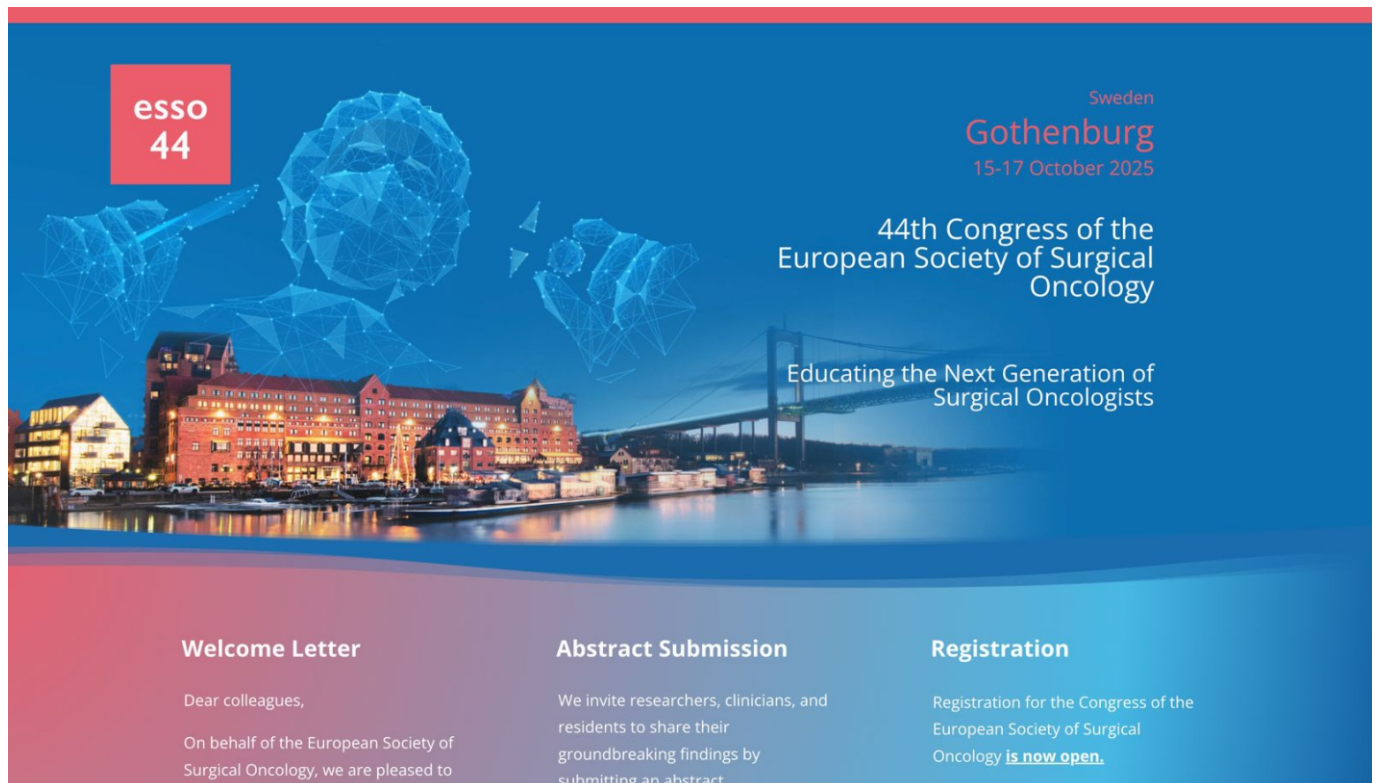
Registration Link for 2025-26 workshop- <https://lnkd.in/gTyVHu4S>







## Upcoming International surgical Oncology events



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15-17 October 2025

44th Congress of the  
European Society of Surgical  
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Educating the Next Generation of  
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**Welcome Letter**

Dear colleagues,

On behalf of the European Society of Surgical Oncology, we are pleased to

**Abstract Submission**

We invite researchers, clinicians, and residents to share their groundbreaking findings by submitting an abstract.

**Registration**

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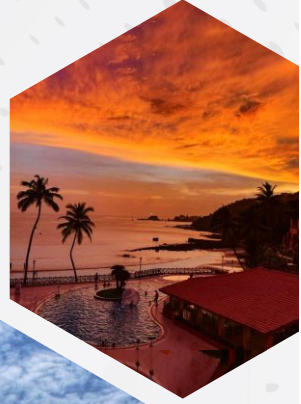
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# IASO-NATCON 2025

38<sup>th</sup> National Conference of  
the Indian Association of Surgical Oncology



**16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> October, 2025**

Taj Cidade De Goa Horizon, Goa, India

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# Welcome Message

Dear Colleagues,

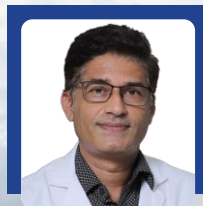
On behalf of the organizing committee and IASO, it is our pleasure to warmly welcome you to the **Indian Association of Surgical Oncology National Conference - 38<sup>th</sup> IASO NATCON by GOKARMA Oncology Association at Goa from 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2025.**

It is with great pleasure that we, on behalf of the organizing committee, welcome you all to this gathering of esteemed Surgical Oncologists, Radiation and Medical Oncologists, Researchers, Healthcare Professionals and Industry Partners dedicated to advancing the field of surgical oncology. This conference brings together the best minds to share knowledge, discuss innovations, and foster collaborations that will shape the future of cancer treatment.

Our program includes a series of insightful presentations, hands-on workshops, panel discussions and symposia that cover the latest advancements, challenges, and opportunities in surgical oncology and oncology in general. We hope that each session will inspire new ideas, deepen your expertise, and strengthen your connections with colleagues from around the world.

Thank you for joining us, and for your commitment to improving patient outcomes and pushing the boundaries of cancer care. Let's make this conference a memorable and impactful experience.

Welcome, and let's get started on a journey of discovery and progress!



**Dr Sanjeev Kulgod**  
Organising Secretary  
NATCON 2025



**Dr Shekhar Salkar**  
Organising Chairman  
NATCON 2025





## Why you need to be here at IASO NATCON GOA by GOKARMA

- This conference is the most eagerly awaited NATCON by nearly 2500 Surgical Oncologists from across India and abroad.
- This conference shall be expected to be the largest IASO NATCON gathering in the history of all the NATCONs.
- This conference shall be attended by stalwart and eminent Surgical oncologists from India and abroad and opens opportunities for networking and collaboration.
- It shall be the largest inhouse delegation - nearly 600 delegates, the attendance for the trade , exhibition and for the scientific sessions is likely to be the highest.
- We are expecting highest footfalls to the trade areas and trade and exhibition area will be open till dinner time.

### Here are several reasons why this partnership is valuable:

1. **Advancing Cancer Treatment and Research:** This IASO NATCON conference shall focus on sharing the latest research findings, surgical techniques, and treatment options. By sponsoring these events, industry partners can contribute to the acceleration of knowledge that directly impacts cancer care. Their support helps fund presentations, workshops, and discussions that bring the most cutting-edge techniques to the forefront.
2. **Networking and Collaboration Opportunities:** We will assure you 38th IASO NATCON by GOKARMA at GOA offer an ideal setting for networking between healthcare providers, researchers, and industry professionals. Sponsors have the chance to engage with leading experts, which can open doors for collaborative research, clinical trials, or new product development. These connections can drive innovation and help bring new solutions to market.
3. **Demonstrating Industry Innovations:** For healthcare sponsors, IASO NATCON provide a platform to showcase their latest products, technologies, and services directly to their target audience— thousands of surgical oncologists and trainees alike. Exhibiting at these events allows sponsors to introduce new surgical tools, pharmaceuticals, or medical devices to professionals who will be using them, gathering feedback and building awareness.
4. **Education and Training Support:** At IASO NATCON conference shall incorporate hands-on training sessions for trainee surgical oncologists . Sponsors can support these educational workshops by supplying materials, equipment, or expertise, enabling surgeons to develop new skills and familiarize themselves with the latest tools. This support not only promotes industry advancements but also helps ensure that cancer patients receive the highest quality of care.
5. **Enhancing Brand Image and Trust:** Sponsoring educational conferences like IASO NATCON allows companies to demonstrate their commitment to improving cancer care. By visibly supporting oncologists and the medical community, healthcare industry sponsors build credibility and trust among healthcare providers and patients, which can improve their reputation in a field where ethical considerations are paramount.
6. **Access to Direct Feedback and Insights:** IASO NATCON allow sponsors to gather valuable, real-time feedback from surgical oncologists and healthcare providers who work directly with patients. Engaging with practitioners at these events provides insights into the practical needs and challenges in cancer care, which can inform product development and marketing strategies, ensuring that products better meet clinician and patient needs.
7. **Accelerating Adoption of New Technologies:** IASO NATCON conference is an opportunity for sponsors to introduce new technologies or treatment solutions to practitioners who could benefit from them. By creating awareness and offering training at these conferences, sponsors can help accelerate the adoption of innovations that improve cancer treatment outcomes and streamline surgical procedures.

Hence in nut shell, sponsoring 38th IASO NATCON surgical oncology conferences aligns the healthcare industry with the mission to advance cancer care. It allows companies to actively participate in meaningful collaborations, gain visibility among leading experts, and contribute directly to the evolution of cancer treatment. This partnership is not only strategic but also essential for continuous innovation and improving patient outcomes.



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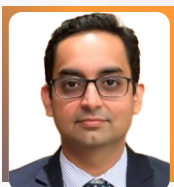
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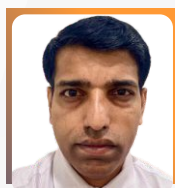


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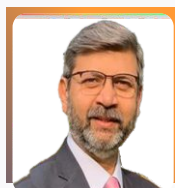


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# IASO



Indian Association of Surgical Oncology is one of the oldest Surgical Oncology Societies formed by the Doyens of Cancer Surgery in 1977. Over last 4 decades the society has grown to one of the largest and active Superspecialty Associations with 2000 odd members all across India.

Cancer often appears to be like a Death sentence. Many lives are lost every year from this dreaded disease mostly from late presentations. No job can be more satisfying when some of these lives can be saved. Surgery remains the mainstay of curative treatment for Cancer especially in early stages. The techniques are ever evolving especially with better understanding of the biology and genomics of the disease and also for the advent of newer technologies. Hence Minimal Access Surgery including Robotics, LASER, Surgical Staplers, RFA have reduced the morbidities of radical surgeries and often can give a much better quality of life with Organ conservations. IASO has been very keen from the beginning in Knowledge sharing and Skills development by involving eminent National & International faculties in different Scientific conferences, Live Workshops and more recently through Webinars. Its official Journal- Indian Journal of Surgical Oncology- is extremely popular for its scientific contents and has high impact factor.

## GOKARMA Oncology Association

GO - KAR - MA | Goa - Karnataka - Maharashtra

- GOKARMA has humble beginning, envisioned by like minded 15 oncologist from few cancer centres ( Only two comprehensive cancer centres with 2 LINAC) from Goa, northern Karnataka and southern Maharashtra. The first meeting was hosted by Late Dr Sandip Madhwapathy in 2010, then conceptualised in Goa International Centre in mid 2011 by Dr Shekhar Salkar and Sharad Desai and registered it under societies act 1860 on 14/9/2011(Registered no-901/GOA/2011).
- Similarly we established GOKARMA ONCOLOGY MEDICAL TRUST on 14/03/2013 to support the cancer awareness, early detection camps, anti tobacco campaigns.
- GOKARMA Oncology Association has been established in pursuit of creating a platform for scientific activities, nurturing and supporting oncologists, enhance oncology knowledge to peer groups of medical community in the underprivileged area of the country.
- **Today GOKARMA has grown to be the largest private organisation in the country with more than 100 oncologists.** hail from nearly 16 comprehensive oncology centres with 21 LINACS in the region. We are proud to say that with cooperation, collaboration and cross learnings, we are producing excellent oncology outcomes for needy 2 crore plus population.
- We conduct regular scientific events to impart and enhance oncology knowledge across Goa, Karnataka and Maharashtra. Our regional associations conduct monthly oncology meets at various places across different cities.







# The Venue

## Taj Cidade De Goa Horizon, Goa

Nestled on a verdant hillside with commanding ocean views, Taj Cidade de Goa Horizon is a sprawling, luxurious haven. With airports and Panjim City within easy reach, our resort is elegant, bold and warm with breath-taking vistas of the Arabian Sea, Vanguinim Beach and the Zuari River.

- Dabolim International Airport in South Goa is 26 km away, approximately a 35-minute drive.
- Manohar International Airport in North Goa is 41 km away, approximately a 1-hour drive.

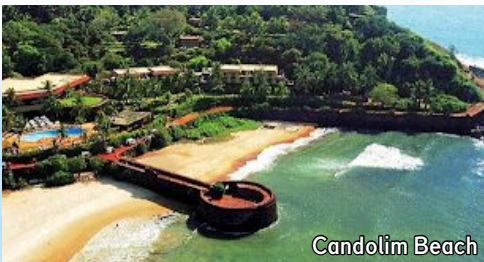


## Goa - The Host City



Basilica of Bom Jesus

Ah, Goa! The very name conjures up images of sun-kissed beaches, swaying palm trees, and a laid-back vibe that is as contagious as a beachside melody. Come dive into this coastal paradise and explore its magic. From the bustling shores of Baga and Calangute to the serene sands of Palolem and Agonda, each beach has its unique flavor. Picture yourself sipping coconut water under the shade of a palm tree, the waves gently lapping at your toes.



Candolim Beach

Goa knows how to celebrate life! Whether it's the colorful Carnival, the spiritual Shigmo festival, or the pulsating Sunburn music festival, there's always something happening. The air is charged with excitement, and locals and tourists alike dance to the rhythm of the drums. It's a kaleidoscope of colors, music, and joy. Goan cuisine is a delightful fusion of Indian, Portuguese, and Konkani influences. Seafood lovers rejoice—the fish curry, prawn balchão, and xacuti are legendary. And don't forget the bebinca for dessert—a layered cake that's pure indulgence.



Shree Mangueshi Temple



Dudhsagar Waterfall





# Registration Details

Categories	Early Birds	Late Birds	Tortoises
	(Till 31st Dec'24)	(1st Jan'25 - 31st Mar'25)	(1st Apr'25 onwards)
<b>CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEE</b>			
<b>Delegate</b> (IASO Members / GOKARMA Invitees)	<b>₹ 17700</b> (15000+2700 GST)	<b>₹ 20060</b> (17000+3060 GST)	<b>₹ 23600</b> (20000+3600 GST)
<b>PG Students</b>	<b>₹ 14160</b> (12000+2160 GST)	<b>₹ 16520</b> (14000+2520 GST)	<b>₹ 18880</b> (16000+2880 GST)
<b>International Delegate</b>	<b>\$224</b>	<b>\$266</b>	<b>\$301</b>
<b>WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FEE</b>			
<b>Workshop Fee</b> (On-spot registration will be allowed only if seats are available)	<b>₹ 4720</b> (4000+720 GST)	<b>₹ 5900</b> (5000+900 GST)	<b>₹ 8850</b> (7500+1350 GST)
	<b>\$60</b>	<b>\$75</b>	<b>\$115</b>

## CONFERENCE REGISTRATION + WORKSHOP REGISTRATION + ACCOMMODATION PACKAGES Taj Cidade Goa Horizon (3 Nights & 4 Days)

Categories	Early Movers
	(2nd 50 Rooms)
<b>Double Occupancy with Accompanying Person</b> (Registration fee for 1 delegate & 1 non-academic accompanying person is included)	<b>₹ 75,520</b> (64,000 + 11520 GST)
	<b>\$904</b>
<b>Twin Sharing Occupancy</b> (1 registered delegates sharing room with another registered delegate - Registration fee included)	<b>₹ 43,660 per person</b> (37,000 + 6,660 GST)
	<b>\$ 523 per person</b>
<b>Double Occupancy with 2 Full Registration</b> (2 full registered delegates sharing room - Registration fee for both included)	<b>₹ 87,320</b> (74,000 + 13,320 GST)
	<b>\$1046</b>

- 16-Oct Check-in and 19-Oct Check-out, with access to Scientific Halls & Exhibition Halls and your choice of workshop.
- Breakfast on 17-18-19 Oct, Conference Lunches on 16-17-18-19 Oct and Conference Dinners on 16-17-18 Oct, 2025.
- Choice of workshop for delegates with full registration.
- Room rates follow a dynamic pricing . Book early to avail the best rate.
- Extra person (above 12 years) - Additional INR 7500 plus 18% tax with an extra bed on per person per night.

## CONFERENCE REGISTRATION + ACCOMMODATION PACKAGES Taj Cidade Goa Horizon (2 Nights & 3 Days)

Categories	Early Movers	Early Birds	Late Birds
	(1st 75 rooms)	(2nd 50 rooms)	(3rd 50 rooms)
<b>Double Occupancy with Accompanying Person</b> (Registration fee for 1 delegate & 1 non-academic accompanying person is included)	<b>₹ 53,100</b> (45,000 + 8100 GST)	<b>₹ 59,000</b> (50,000 + 9000 GST)	<b>₹ 64,900</b> (55,000 + 9900 GST)
	<b>\$636</b>	<b>\$706</b>	<b>\$777</b>
<b>Twin Sharing Occupancy</b> (1 registered delegates sharing room with another registered delegate - Registration fee included)	<b>₹ 31,860 per person</b> (27,000 + 4860 GST)	<b>₹ 34,810 per person</b> (29,500 + 5310 GST)	<b>₹ 37,760 per person</b> (32,000 + 5760 GST)
	<b>\$382 per person</b>	<b>\$417 per person</b>	<b>\$452 per person</b>
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	<b>\$764</b>	<b>\$834</b>	<b>\$904</b>

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- You can register online using your Debit/ Credit Card/ UPI/ Money Transfer.
- Bank convenience fee will be charged additionally @ 4.5% for all online transactions.
- Registration is mandatory & will be only considered as confirmed on receipt of the full amount/ fee.
- Conference registration is mandatory to register for the workshop/s.
- While your safety is of utmost importance, the organisers will take no responsibility for loss of belongings/ valuables or damage to your property.
- The registration fee does not include any travel cost, insurance, accommodation (unless you have opted for accommodation package), sightseeing tours or airport transfers.
- For Non IASO members to register for the conference, GOKARMA invite is mandatory. You may collect the same from the Conference Secretariat. Please contact Ms. Ayushi Bhat (+91 86522 59777 / admin@iasonatcon2025.com)

## Inclusions:

- Conference kit/ bag with all conference information.
- Access to technical sessions & exhibition area. Accompanying Persons including spouses will not be allowed to attend technical sessions, unless they have full registration.
- Conference luncheons and welcome/ gala dinner.
- Separate registration is required for respective tutorials/ workshops.

## Cancellation Policy:

- Kindly send the cancellation requests to admin@iasonatcon2025.com, on or before March 31, 2025.
- Refunds will be made after deducting the GST amount and a processing fee of Rs. 500/-.
- Refunds will be processed within 30 days after the completion of the conference, if not earlier.
- No refunds will be entertained post March 31, 2025; except in case of any travel restrictions imposed by the government. The Organising Committee's decision will be final in this regard.
- Cancellations or changes will NOT be accepted on the phone. Only written email requests will be considered.

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