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Message from the desk of The President



Dear Members,

It is a matter of immense pride and privilege to connect with the fraternity of the Indian Association of Surgical Oncology through this September 2026 edition of our Newsletter, at a time when IASO stands at an important inflection point in its remarkable journey.

I take this opportunity to place on record my sincere appreciation to the present Office Bearers and Executive Committee, as well as our esteemed Past Presidents, Office bearers and leaders, whose collective wisdom, perseverance and commitment have culminated in the comprehensive refinement and updating of the IASO Bylaws. This was undoubtedly an uphill task, requiring meticulous deliberation, consensus and foresight. The revised Bylaws provide a stronger, more contemporary framework for the continued growth, inclusivity and professional advancement of our Association.

We stand today at an extraordinary juncture in oncology. Artificial intelligence, robotics and rapidly evolving technology are transforming the landscape of cancer care and often grabbing the limelight. Yet, technology can never replace a good surgeon—with balanced judgement, a curious and questioning mind, skilled hands and, above all, an empathetic heart. Technology must remain our enabler, never a substitute for the human wisdom, compassion and ethical responsibility that define surgical oncology.

The endeavour of IASO must therefore extend beyond academic excellence. We must reach the masses, penetrate the last echelon, innovate and deliver affordable, ethical and quality cancer care to every patient, irrespective of geography or socioeconomic status.

The future of IASO rests firmly in the hands of our young surgical oncologists, who will carry our flag forward with energy, innovation and integrity. They are the custodians of our legacy and the flag bearers of IASO into the future. It is our collective responsibility to mentor, empower and inspire them to lead with competence, compassion and integrity.

I look forward to welcoming you all to NATCON Lucknow—which promises to be not only an academic extravaganza, but also an equally memorable gastronomic delight!

See you all in Lucknow!

Dr T Subramanyeshwar Rao
Chairman Academic Council
Medical Director
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Message from the desk of President Elect



Dear Members,

The Indian Association of Surgical Oncology (IASO) is on a transformative path to strengthen the specialty of surgical oncology across the country through a comprehensive spectrum of activities. With a focus on education, collaboration, and capacity building, the association is expanding its global footprint while reinforcing its national presence.

Expanding International Collaborations: IASO is steadfastly increasing its international collaborations, adding new partner countries each year. These partnerships are designed to facilitate bilateral exchange programs that benefit both Indian and international trainees. Indian junior doctors will have opportunities to visit foreign institutions for advanced training, observation, and skill enhancement. Visiting fellows from other countries will be invited to India to participate in short, fellowships that showcase India's clinical and academic strengths.

Evolving Educational Platforms: The association is enhancing its educational offerings to reach a wider audience. Academy programs, initially conducted as online national initiatives, are soon to be transformed into international programs through collaboration with international faculty and experts. This shift will enable cross-border learning and knowledge sharing. **Benchmark National Events:** IASO is preparing a series of high-impact meetings that will serve as landmark events in the Indian oncology calendar. National Meeting in Lucknow – A premier gathering bringing together surgical oncologists from across the country.

Peripheral Meetings: Regional events aimed at reaching surgeons in diverse locations, promoting grassroots participation and skill development.

Indian Cancer Congress (next year) – The flagship event, set to be a benchmark congress in the oncological landscape of India, showcasing cutting-edge science, clinical innovations, and international collaborations.

Strengthening the Specialty: Collectively, these initiatives—international exchanges, upgraded online programs, and a robust national meeting calendar—reflect IASO's commitment to Enhancing training pathways for young surgeons, positioning India as a hub for surgical oncology education and collaboration fostering a cohesive community that advances cancer care standards across the country.

With a clear vision and a growing network of global and national partners, IASO is poised to lead the next phase of growth for surgical oncology in India.

Warm regards,

Dr K Chandramohan

Professor, Dept of Surgical Oncology

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Message from the desk of the Honorary Secretary



Dear Members and Friends of IASO,

It gives me immense pleasure to welcome you to the September issue of the IASO Newsletter. As we move forward through another exciting year for the Association, it is encouraging to see IASO continuing to expand its academic, educational and professional initiatives, with several important programs taking shape.

One of the significant upcoming milestones in the history of IASO is the **proposed** launch of the **Textbook of Surgical Oncology during NATCON IASO (Lucknow)**. This endeavor brings together the collective knowledge and experience of surgical oncologists from across the country and is intended to provide a comprehensive, contemporary and Indian-context reference for trainees, young surgeons and practicing surgical oncologists. The editorial team, under the guidance **of Dr. Arnab Gupta, Dr. Rajendra Toprani, Dr. S. V. S. Deo and Dr. P. K. Das**, is making every effort to ensure its timely completion. I am confident that this textbook will become an important academic resource and contribute meaningfully to the continued development of surgical oncology in India.

Another important new initiative is the **IASO–National Cancer Grid (NCG) Joint Fellowship Program**, which represents an important step towards strengthening structured subspecialty training and facilitating access to high-quality learning opportunities across NCG-affiliated centers. Through this collaboration, we hope to provide young surgical oncologists with focused exposure, mentorship and hands-on experience in areas of contemporary surgical oncology. I believe this program will evolve into an important component of IASO's commitment to postgraduate and continuing professional education.

We are also looking forward with great enthusiasm to **NATCON IASO 2026** in October. The Annual Conference remains one of the most important platforms for our members to come together, exchange ideas, share research and experience, and discuss the rapidly changing landscape of cancer care. The scientific program is being developed with an emphasis on contemporary practice, multidisciplinary care, innovation, technology and issues particularly relevant to surgical oncology in India. **The Organizing Committee, headed by Prof. Sanjeev Misra**, is working tirelessly to make this a memorable event, particularly as we celebrate the **Golden Jubilee year of IASO**. I look forward to welcoming colleagues, trainees and young surgeons from across the country.

These initiatives reflect an IASO that is not only committed to maintaining the highest standards of surgical oncology, but is also actively investing in education, training, collaboration and the next generation of surgical oncologists. Our collective responsibility is to ensure that the growth of our specialty translates into better access, better training and, ultimately, better outcomes for our patients.

I encourage all members to actively participate in these initiatives and continue to contribute to the academic and professional growth of our Association. I wish you an engaging and informative reading of this issue of the IASO Newsletter and look forward to meeting you all at the forthcoming programs.

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Message from the Desk of The Treasurer



Dear Members,

The Indian Association of Surgical Oncology (IASO) stands today as a vibrant ac body, dedicated to advancing the science and practice of surgical oncology across the country. In keeping with its legal status as a registered society, IASO maintains its own independent bank account and a valid Permanent Account Number (PAN), and fulfils all statutory responsibilities by filing Income Tax Returns every year in accordance with the law of the land.

Over the last two years, we have all worked diligently to streamline all account data of IASO and successfully applied for GST registration. After this concerted hard work, we are proud to have our society registered with GST, marking a significant milestone in our financial compliance and operational maturity.

The principal sources of income for the Association are the membership fees and contributions from conferences and academic activities, which enable us to support education, research, training programs, and collaborative initiatives for cancer surgeons nationwide.

As Treasurer, the commitment is to ensure transparent, accountable, and prudent financial management, so that every rupee received is optimally utilized to strengthen IASO's academic mission and member services.

In the coming term, it will be our collective aim to preserve the rich tradition, values, and ethos that our founders and past leaders have nurtured over decades, while building on this strong legacy to take IASO to even greater heights. With the continued trust and active participation of our members, IASO is well positioned to lead transformative initiatives in surgical oncology training, multidisciplinary care, and equitable access to quality cancer surgery across India.

Long Live IASO Jai Hind

Dr Ashutosh Mishra
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Message from the desk of Editorial Secretary



Dear Members,

It is a matter of immense pride and privilege to present this special edition of the IASO Newsletter, dedicated to the updated and consolidated Bylaws of the Indian Association of Surgical Oncology (IASO).

As we celebrate the Golden Jubilee of IASO, this edition is particularly significant. The Bylaws represent not merely a framework of governance, but the collective wisdom, vision and institutional maturity that have evolved over five decades.

I take this opportunity to acknowledge with deep respect the past and present Presidents, Office Bearers and Executive Committees, whose steadfast commitment, leadership and tireless efforts have nurtured IASO and strengthened its foundations.

The remarkable standing that IASO enjoys today is a testament to the legacy, perseverance and hard work of our predecessors. Over five decades, their contributions have transformed IASO into a strong, cohesive and respected professional organisation, and today it stands as the largest independent body representing Surgical Oncologists in our country.

This Golden Jubilee year is therefore both a celebration of our heritage and an opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to academic excellence, professional development, inclusivity and the advancement of cancer surgery in India.

As the year progresses, the IASO family eagerly looks forward to NATCON 2026 in Lucknow—our annual academic extravaganza, which promises to be another landmark gathering of knowledge, collaboration and fellowship.

May this special edition serve as a reminder of where we have come from, and inspire us towards an even more purposeful and distinguished future.

With warm regards,

Dr (Col) Arnab Bandyopadhyay
Senior Adviser (Surg & Surg Onco)
Command Hospital (Central Command)
Lucknow



HISTORY



President	Secretary	Treasurer	Editorial Secretary	Year
Dr. D J Jussawala	Dr. Ashok Mehta	-	-	1977
Dr. P B Desai	Dr. Ashok Mehta	-	-	1979
Dr. M P Vaidya	Dr. N C Misra	-	-	1981
Dr. Ashok Mehta	Dr. N C Misra	-	-	1983
Dr. D D Patel	Dr. N C Misra	-	-	1984
Dr. A P Majumdar	Dr. N C Misra	-	-	1985
Dr. R S Rao	Dr. N N Khanna	-	-	1986
Dr. N C Misra	Dr. N N Khanna	-	-	1987
Dr. N N Khanna	Dr. S G Deshpande	-	-	1988
Dr. B M L Kapoor	Dr. S G Deshpande	-	-	1989
Dr. S K Sarkar	Dr. S G Deshpande	-	-	1990
Dr. P M Trivedi	Dr. H S Shukla	-	-	1991
Dr. K K Pandey	Dr. H S Shukla	-	-	1992
Dr. S K Shukla	Dr. H S Shukla	-	-	1993
Dr. J B Venkatrao	Dr. H S Shukla	-	-	1994
Dr. Shambhu Pal	Dr. Sandeep Kumar	-	-	1995
Dr. C K Gupta	Dr. Sandeep Kumar	-	-	1996
Dr. H S Shukla	Dr. Sandeep Kumar	-	-	1997
Dr. S P Kharey	Dr. Sandeep Kumar	-	-	1998
Dr. P Subhas	Dr. Kiran Kothari	-	-	1999
Dr. K K Maudar	Dr. Kiran Kothari	-	-	2000
Dr. K Panda	Dr. Ravi Kant	-	-	2001
Dr. R I Dave	Dr. Ravi Kant	-	-	2002
Dr. K S 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. M vijayaKumar	-	-	2009
Dr. Arun Chaturvedi	Dr. M vijayaKumar	-	-	2010
Dr. E HemantRaj	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. M Vijayakumar	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. ChandraMohan K	Dr. SomaShekhar S P	Dr. Ashutosh Chauhan	2021
Dr. Rajendra Toprani	Dr. ChandraMohan K	Dr. SomaShekhar S P	Dr. Shaikat Gupta	2022
Dr. Prafulla K Das	Dr. ChandraMohan K	Dr. SomaShekhar S P	Dr. Shaikat Gupta	2023
Dr. SVS Deo	Dr. RudraPrasad Acharya	Dr. Shaikat Gupta	Dr. Ashutosh Mishra	2024
Dr. Sharad Desai	Dr. RudraPrasad Acharya	Dr. Shaikat Gupta	Dr. Ashutosh Mishra	2025
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Dr Subbiah Shanmugam.

Dr Narendra Hulikal



SECTION 1 : PREAMBLE & REGISTRATION

1.1 Registration & Legal Status

IASO has been registered under the Societies Registration Act at Varanasi (UP) in the year 2004-5 bearing registration number **627**.

Tax Details:

- Income Tax PAN Number: **AAAT14187N** (issued 27th August 2004)
- Tax Deduction Account Number (TAN): **ALDI00544F** (issued 27 September 2011)

1.2 History of Bylaws

The bylaws of IASO have been adopted at a General Body Meeting held in **December 1997, Mumbai** and amended from time to time.

Last Amendment: Accepted by the General Body on **28th September 2024** at NATCON Bengaluru (Clarks Convention Centre). Pending re-registration with the Society of Registration, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.

Supersession: These bylaws supersede all previous bylaws of IASO.

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SECTION 2: NAME, ADDRESS, OBJECTIVES & DEFINITIONS

2.1 Definitions & Interpretation

In these bylaws, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context:

IASO means "Indian Association of Surgical Oncology", **EC** means **Executive committee**, **GBM** means **Annual General Body meeting** **GOI** mean **Government of India**, **IJSO** means **Indian Journal of Surgical Oncology**, **NATCON** means **Annual national conference** and **MIDCON** means **Midterm national conference** of IASO.

2.2 Name of the Association

The name of the Association is "**Indian Association of Surgical Oncology**"

2.3 Registered Address & Office Location

- The office of IASO is the place from where the Secretary functions
- The registered office for all financial documents is located at:
 - o 5B Kasturba Nagar, Varanasi, UP 221010
 - o (Amended: GBM Delhi 2013)

Amendment (GBM Nov 2023):

There was a discussion on establishing a permanent IASO office in the future.

- (EC 9/10/2022, Newsletter November 2022, Ratified in GBM Nov 2023)

2.4 Objectives of IASO

- IASO was formed as per guidelines set in Schedule II of the memorandum of ASI and was approved as a section in 1977. At present IASO is independent of ASI. IASO will maintain cordial relations with ASI (GBM Bangalore, GBM Trivandrum and EGBM Mt Abu)

Primary Objectives:

- Encourage and advance the study and practice of the science and art of surgical oncology
- Support allied organizations concerned with cancer problems

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IASO will have its own logo. Amendment – IASO Logo (GBM October 2022):

A new logo for IASO (without mention of ASI) was designed by Dr Narendra Hulikal. Modification of the design of logo on the IASO tie was approved by EC.

- *(ECM 29/02/2020 Tirupati, Newsletter May 2020, EC 29/10/2021, GBM 2021 New Delhi, Ratified in GBM October 2022 Madurai)*

2.5 Association Year

The year of IASO runs from the **valedictory function of Annual NATCON to the next.**

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SECTION 3: MEMBERSHIP, PRIVILEGES, TERMINATION & GRIEVANCES

3.1 Membership General Principles

All members are expected to:

- Abide by the rules of the IASO constitution
- Work with integrity and practice ethically
- Be committed to uphold the interests of IASO

3.2 Life Membership

3.2.1 Eligibility Criteria

All surgeons exhibiting interest in cancer surgery sufficiently demonstrated in their work, practicing cancer surgeons, or surgeons who have completed acceptable training in cancer surgery are eligible for Life Membership.

Eligible Categories:

Category A – General Surgeons:

- Have an additional qualification in Surgical Oncology (MCh or Dr.NB or DNB Surgical Oncology),
- OR
- Are undergoing similar training (*MCh, DNB, equivalent foreign degree, or regular 3-year training in a Cancer Hospital or Medical college or Institute*)

Category B – Surgeons from other Surgical Disciplines Involved in Cancer Treatment: such as Gynecology, Head and neck Oncology etc

- Have an additional qualification, OR are undergoing similar training
- (*MCh, DNB, or equivalent regular 3-year training program in a Cancer Hospital or Medical college or Institute*)

Category C – Surgeons from Any Surgical Discipline with acceptable experience and or training in cancer surgery:

- Recommendation letters from two IASO members with more than 10 years standing in IASO
- Letters must state a) applicant's interest in Surgical Oncology and b) integrity
- (*Formation of recommendation letter provided in annexure*)

Category D – Automatic Promotion:

- Any past Associate Member from surgical disciplines who fulfills above criteria will automatically be promoted as full Member without any additional fees

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3.2.2 Life Membership Fees

- An applicable fee, subjected to revision from time to time, along with any applicable tax as per law will be charged at the time of admission.
- **The latest revision was effective from 1st November 2021 onwards: Rs. 10,000 (Rs. Ten thousand only) (As per EC meeting on 20th Aug 2021, approved by GBM 2021, New Delhi, ratified in GBM 2022, Madurai)**
- *Applicable GST or any other tax is to be collected over and above this fee.*
- *Executive committee has the sole discretion to revise fee from time to time, to be implemented after approval of GBM.*

3.2.3 Application Requirements

All applicants must submit:

- Photo ID
- Recent photograph
- Proof of qualifications
- Postal address
- Mobile number
- Email address

Approval & Certificate:

- Membership approved by the Secretary
- Certificate mailed to applicant upon acceptance
- Applicants not accepted shall have application fees refunded
- **The EC has the sole right to decide eligibility in case of a dispute.**

3.3 Associate Membership

3.3.1 Eligibility

Those who are:

- Interested in cancer surgery but belong to other non-surgical specialties such as:
 - Medical Oncology
 - Radiation Oncology
 - Radiology
 - Pathology
 - Biochemistry
 - Basic Sciences

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3.3.2 Associate Membership Fee

Will be same as prevailing Life member fee, which is at present Rs. 10,000 (Rs. Ten thousand only) along with applicable GST.

3.4 Honorary Membership

3.4.1 Eligibility

An internationally renowned Surgeon who has:

- Made outstanding contribution to Surgical Oncology
- Shown keen and consistent interest in development and growth of Surgical Oncology in India

3.4.2 Selection Criteria

- Proposed and seconded by IASO members of long standing, to be discussed and approved by EC and GBM.
- **Maximum:** Not more than two honorary members per year
- **Limitation:** Total number does not exceed one-tenth of total Full Life Members at that time (*Approved GBM Ludhiana Sept 2007*), *DONOT have voting rights or election to EC.*

3.5 Overseas Membership

3.5.1 Eligibility & Admission

A Surgical Oncologist practicing abroad who is:

- Duly proposed and seconded by a Member of IASO
- After proper scrutiny, recommended by Executive Council
- Approved by General Body
- On payment of prescribed dues
- Admitted as Overseas Member for Life

3.5.2 Rights & Privileges

1. Participate in all activities of IASO
2. Attend Business Meetings/General Body Meeting with other members
3. Membership and privileges from IASO's affiliation with various international bodies
4. **NOT eligible** for election to Executive Committee

EC shall suspend the member and recommend termination to GB

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3.7.4 Misconduct & Disrepute

If member indulges in activity bringing:

- Financial disrepute
- Moral disrepute
- Electoral disrepute
- Criminal disrepute
- Acts against IASO interests

Process:

1. Honorary Secretary gives memo on advice of EC or GB
2. Member asked to give reply to show cause notice within **15 days**
3. If reply satisfactory: suspension may be revoked
4. If dispute: Grievance committee given **3 months** to hear member and submit findings to EC
5. EC notifies GB

3.7.5 Final Approval

All terminations are to be finally approved by General Body.

3.8 Complaint & Grievance Committee

3.8.1 Committee Composition

- **Members:** Immediate three Past Presidents
- **Chairman:** Senior-most Past President
(Approved GBM Hyderabad 20 Sept 2008)

3.8.2 Committee Scope

In addition to election disputes, addresses following complaints:

- a. Assignment of membership category
- b. Admission to membership
- c. Member-to-member feud

3.8.3 Committee Process

- Conduct inquiry
- Submit observations and recommendations to Executive Committee
- EC makes final decision, to be ratified by GBM

3.8.4 Grievance Raising Process (Amendment GBM Oct 2021)

- a. Any Full Member of IASO can raise grievance to Honorary Secretary
- b. Honorary Secretary on advice of Executive Body forwards dispute to Grievance Committee
- c. Decision of Executive Body on advice of Grievance Cell is **final and binding** to all parties

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SECTION 4: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & MANAGEMENT

4.1 Executive Committee Composition

IASO is managed by an Executive Committee consisting of: Office bearers, Elected EC members, coopted members and Chairman, Academic council.

4.1.1 Office Bearers (Fixed Positions)

1. President
2. President Elect
3. Vice President
4. Honorary Secretary
5. Treasurer (*Approved GBM Delhi 2013*)
6. Editorial Secretary
7. Immediate Past President (Member of EC)

4.1.2 Elected EC Membership

- Total **9 members** constitute the elected executive committee members (GBM November 2023)
- EC would have zonal representation meaning each member belongs to the state or union territory belonging to the zone, which he represents.

4.1.3 Zonal Distribution of Elected EC members (Approved GBM Ludhiana 22 Sept 2007)

The executive committee should have representation from North, East, West and South zones (NEWS) comprising of states and union territories divided as follows.

Zone	States
North Zone	Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir including Ladakh, Chandigarh, Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal
East Zone	Bihar, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Orissa, West Bengal, Assam, Northeastern States
West Zone	Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Goa, Daman & Diu, Dadar & Nagar Haveli,
South Zone	Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Pondicherry, Andaman & Nicobar, Lakshadweep

Table 1: IASO EC member Zonal Distribution

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Amendment – Zonal EC member Seat Redistribution (GBM November 2023 ICC Mumbai)

- The Executive committee member strength has been increased from eight (8) (2 for each zone) to Nine (9) (2 for each zone except South zone, where at any given time 3 elected EC members exist in the EC), with effective from 2024 onwards. (GBM November 3rd, 2023 ICC Mumbai):
- South Zone to have 3 EC members instead of 2 from 2024 onwards
Numbers of EC members for other zones remain the same

(EC 29/06/2023, Newsletter August 2023, GBM 3rd November 2023 ICC Mumbai)

4.1.4 Lady Members Representation (GBM November 2023 ICC Mumbai)

Gender neutrality should be observed, **no separate seat reservations** for lady members.

Interim Measure: In the event, that EC has no female representation through elections, the President shall have the prerogative to **co-opt a lady member into EC for duration of one year** (EC 7/10/2022, GBM 8/10/2022, Newsletter November 2022, Ratified GBM November 3rd 2023 ICC Mumbai).

4.1.5 Academic Council Representative (Amendment GBM October 2022)

Chairman, Academic Council to be made part of EC (EC November 2020, Newsletter March 2021, GBM October 2021 New Delhi, Ratified in GBM October 2022 Madurai).

Amendment (GBM 2023):

The post of Chairman of Academic Council to be **nominated by consensus by new EC**.

4.1.6 Co-opted Members

- Past Presidents may be invited to EC meetings, but do not have voting rights.
- Immediate Past Secretary: Co-opted member of EC (Amendment approved GBM Lucknow 2011) – Term: one year only
- Organizing Secretary of immediate past NATCON: Co-opted member
- Organizing Secretary of future NATCON: Co-opted member
- Organizing Secretary of IASO mid-term conference: Co-opted member (Approved GBM Lucknow 2011)
- All the above coopted member does not have voting rights and other privileges of an elected EC.

4.3 EC Member Responsibilities

Members of the Executive Committee will:

- Help organize regional Continuing Medical Education programs to promote Surgical Oncology specialty

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- Help Secretary with updating members list and other activities of the association whenever the need arises, or as assigned by the President.
- *(Approved GBM Ludhiana 22 Sept 2007)*

4.4 Eligibility Criteria for EC Membership

4.4.1 General Eligibility for EC Member

Candidates must have put in **minimum 5 years life membership** of IASO till 31st July of the year of applying for Executive Committee member. (GBM 2023, Mumbai)

4.4.2 Co-option Powers

- EC has power to co-opt any member
- Co-opted members will **NOT have same powers** as elected members
- Term served as co-opted member **CANNOT be counted** as EC term for applying for other posts *(Approved GBM Hyderabad 20 Sept 2008)*

4.5 Tenure & Term Limits

4.5.1 General Tenure Rules

Save and except President, President Elect, and Vice President, tenure of all office bearers and members is **TWO YEARS**. *(Approved GBM Varanasi 23 Sept 2006)*. *The year for the term of the IASO office bearers and other EC members start from the valedictory function of NATCON following GBM to that of next NATCON.*

4.5.2 President Tenure

- President holds office for **ONE YEAR** *(Approved GBM Varanasi 23 Sept 2006)*

4.5.3 President Succession

- President Elect will become President after expiry of President's term
- Vice President will become President Elect after President Elect's term
- **Unless:** President Elect/Vice President has resigned, is indisposed, or is disqualified *(Approved GBM Varanasi 23 Sept 2006)*

4.6 EC Member Attendance in EC meetings

Any EC member **not attending two consecutive meetings without prior intimation and approval** by the President, should be removed from post. Agreement by EC: President authorized to take necessary steps.

4.7 One Term Rule

One executive should complete their term before taking over another assignment. *(Approved GBM Hyderabad 20 Sept 2008)*

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4.8 Powers of Executive Committee

4.8.1 General Management Powers

- a) Resolutions of EC regarding management and administration (not contrary to constitution) ordinarily bind the Association
- b) EC may appoint:
 - Full-time Staff (non-members) with specific duties and take decision on their wages or salaries.
 - Day-to-day management personnel
 - Lawyers or other required professionals as deemed fit
- c) Affairs of Association managed by EC duly elected as per constitutional procedures
- d) Association authorized EC to:
 - Receive donations, grants, subscriptions from India and abroad
 - Hold funds
 - Utilize funds for fulfilling Association objectives
- e) Income and property applied solely toward promotion of objectives; **no portion paid to individual members** as dividend, bonus, or gifts
- f) EC has full power of control and management of Association affairs, property, engagement of officials, staff, or persons necessary for proper conduct of the business of the association.
- g) EC has power to invest and deal with Association money
- h) EC may borrow sums of money with General Body approval as beneficial to Association
- i) Executive committee has all the rights to introduce, revise, reframe or increase the monetary and other benefits of any of these orations, fellowships, awards and grants with the approval of General body of IASO.

4.8.2 Property & Asset Powers

Association through EC and GBM has power to:

- Purchase, construct, or acquire on lease property
- Exchange, hire, receive as gift any real or personal property
- Hold rights or privileges necessary for Association purposes
- Improve, manage, sell, lease, mortgage, dispose of, turn to account any property

4.8.3 Dissolution & Asset Distribution

Upon dissolution after satisfying all debts and liabilities:

- Remaining property **NOT distributed** among members
- Given/transferred to similar Association/Institution (as determined by votes of not less than 3/4 of members present personally or by proxy)
- If no determination: Competent court based on Rule of Cypres will decide
- Competent court appoints receiver to guard properties.

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4.8.4 Financial Emergency Powers (Amendment GBM November 2023 ICC Mumbai)

In case of financial emergency situations, the Executive Committee can authorize financial transactions without any ceiling on the amount provided:

a) **Qualifying Emergency Situations:**

- Organization of conferences (funding shortfalls, late disbursements, etc.)
- Paying back tax liabilities (GST, Income Tax, TDS, etc.)
- Loan transfers to other sister organizations
- Any other critical financial obligations of IASO

b) **Authorization Requirements:**

- Proper reasoning and documentation of the transaction must be provided by both parties involved
- Written approval from at least President and/or Secretary required
- All transactions must be recorded in financial ledgers with complete audit trail
- Transaction details and rationale to be reported to next General Body Meeting

c) **Accountability & Review:**

- All such emergency financial transactions will be subject to audit and review by the auditor
 - Ratification by General Body may be sought in subsequent meeting if required
 - EC to ensure such powers are not misused and are exercised strictly for IASO benefit
- (Amendment approved GBM November 2023 ICC Mumbai – Emergency Powers for Financial Crisis Management)*

4.8.5 Rule Making Authority

EC may make new or modify:

- Rules and Regulations
- Bylaws
- As necessary per UP Societies Registration Act provisions

4.9 Filling of Casual Vacancies


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4.9 Filling of Casual Vacancies

4.9.1 President Vacancy

President Elect takes over as President for residual term.

4.9.2 Secretary Vacancy

EC appoints someone from within EC to vacant post for residual term.

4.9.3 Editorial Secretary Vacancy

EC appoints someone from within EC to vacant post for residual term

4.9.4 EC Member Vacancy

President/President Elect nominates eligible full life member from same zone for residual term.

(Approved GBM Hyderabad 20 Sept 2008)

4.10 Functions and Responsibilities of Office Bearers

(i) The **Treasurer** will:

- Maintain and present the audited accounts each year at the annual conference
- EC meeting decision to appoint a person for managing Secretary's Office with salary Rs. 25,000 per month was confirmed
- Assistants for Treasurer and Editor of IJSO to be paid Rs. 7,000 and Rs. 15,000 per month respectively
- EC has the sole discretion to revise wages or salaries from time to time depending on prevailing circumstances.

(ii) The Editorial Secretary will be in charge of timely bringing out quarterly newsletters, taking minutes of all the meetings including EC, GBM and other meetings.

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SECTION 5: ELECTIONS & GOVERNANCE

5.1 Election Timeline & Procedures

5.1.1 Annual Election Schedule

- Each year, Elections to be held for vacant posts in EC, before Annual General Body Meeting, through physical or online voting by all eligible full time life members of the association. (online voting amendment: GBM, New Delhi 2021 dated 30-10-2021)

5.1.2 Nomination Period

Nomination Announcement:

- Called in March/April of election year
- Advertised in Newsletter – December issue of preceding year
(Approved GBM Ludhiana 22 Sept 2007)

Nomination Deadline:

- Last date: **31st August** (or next working day if holiday) (Amendment GBM 2022)
- **Mode:** Routine mail and/or email

(ECM 29/02/2020, Newsletter May 2020, GBM October 2021, Ratified GBM October 2022 Madurai)

5.2 Nomination Requirements

5.2.1 General Rules

- No member can contest for more than one post simultaneously
- Every eligible member proposed and seconded by two full IASO members
- One member can propose or second only one candidate
- Signed No Objection Certificate required from candidate
- Candidate consent with nomination

5.2.2 Required Information

Candidates must submit information not exceeding **250 words** including:

- Brief summary of achievements
- Background about achievements and contributions
 - Publications
 - Conferences organized
 - Scientific contributions
- Contribution to IASO
 - Bio-data
 - IASO conferences attended in last 5 years
 - Must be signed and dated by candidate
 - (Approved GBM Ludhiana 22 Sept 2007)
- This information will be presented to members before voting.


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5.2.3 Invalid Nominations

If found invalid, candidate informed with reason for invalidity.
(Approved GBM Ludhiana 22 Sept 2007)

5.2.4 Withdrawal of Nominations

Candidates can withdraw nominations until:

- EC executive meeting, OR 5:00 PM on first day of NATCON IASO
(Approved GBM Ludhiana 22 Sept 2007)
or
before a cutoff date communicated in the call for nominations.

5.3 Nomination Scrutiny & Returning Officer

5.3.1 Scrutiny Process

- Nominations received in time scrutinized by the President Elect
- President Elect acts as Returning Officer

(Approved GBM Hyderabad 20 Sept 2008)

5.4 Voting Procedures

5.4.1 Voting Method & Timing

- **Method:** Secret ballot every year either physical or online mode.
- **Timing:** Before Annual General Body Meeting

5.4.2 Voter Registration

- All eligible full-time members registered before 31st July of the election year are eligible to vote. Other categories of membership like Associate, Honorary and Overseas members are not eligible to vote.

5.4.3 Election Administration

- President IASO, President Elect, Vice President, Secretary guide election process
- Counting done under their supervision
- Election officer: President or President Elect

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5.4.4 Ballot Counting

- A nominee of candidate/candidate, themselves present during counting in case of physical voting (*Approved GBM Ludhiana 22 Sept 2007*) only.

5.4.5 Results Declaration

- Results declared during GBM(*Approved GBM Ludhiana 22 Sept 2007*)

5.4.6 Uncontested Elections

- If no contest: President declares member as elected for post in GBM (*Approved GBM Ludhiana 22 Sept 2007*)

5.5 No Nominations Scenario

5.5.1 Nomination by Leadership

If no nomination is received:

- President and President Elect nominate one person for that post
- Nominated candidates have same rights and powers as elected candidates except that the **Term for nominated members:** One year only

5.6 Eligibility for Specific Posts

5.6.1 Vice President Eligibility

- Full member of IASO
- Completed **10 years** as full life member (up to 31st July of year applying)
- Served at least **one term** as elected/nominated Executive member
- (*Approved GBM Varanasi 23 Sept 2006 and Approved GBM Hyderabad 20 Sept 2008*)

5.6.2 Secretary Eligibility

- Full life member of IASO
- Completed **7 years** as full life member (up to 31st July of year applying)
- Served at least **one term** as elected/nominated Executive member
- (*Approved GBM Hyderabad 20 Sept 2008; Nominated: Approved GBM Delhi 2013*)

5.6.3 Treasurer Eligibility

- Full life member of IASO
- Completed **7 years** as full life member (up to 31st July of year applying)
- Served at least **one term** as elected/nominated Executive member
- (*Approved GBM Delhi 2013*)

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5.6.4 Editorial Secretary Eligibility

- Full life member of IASO
- Completed **7 years** as full life member (up to 31st July of year applying)
- Served at least **one term** as elected/nominated Executive member

(Approved GBM Hyderabad 20 Sept 2008)

5.6.5 Executive Committee Member Eligibility

- Minimum **5 years** full life membership of IASO till 31st March of year applying

(Approved GBM Hyderabad 20 Sept 2008)

5.7 Eligibility Cutoff Dates & Amendments

5.7.1 Voters Eligibility

- Cutoff date for Full life Members: **31st July** of same year of election for voting rights

5.7.2 Unified Eligibility Dates – Applicants & Voters (GBM 2023, Mumbai)

Category	Existing Deadline	Proposed Amendment
All Applicants	31 March same year	31st July same year
Voters	31 Dec of previous year	31st July same year

Table 2: Eligibility Date Amendment

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SECTION 6: MEETINGS, CONFERENCES & ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING

6.1 General Meeting Framework

6.1.1 Meeting Types

IASO holds:

- **Annual General Body Meeting** during the Annual conference
- Other meetings: Scientific, Social, Executive Committee, General Body as per IASO requirements

6.2 Annual General Body Meeting (AGM)

6.2.1 AGM Frequency & Timing

- Held **once every year** during Annual conference of IASO (NATCON IASO)

6.2.2 Business Transacted in AGM

- i. Annual Report covering the activities of the year will be presented by the Secretary
- ii. Audited accounts of previous year by Treasurer
- iii. Programme and budget of next year
- iv. Recipients of various orations for next year
- v. Venue of Annual conferences and appointment of Organizing Secretary
- vi. Declaration of election results of office bearers and EC members
- vii. Any other business with President's permission
- viii. IJSO report

Note: Topics of symposia and conveners, theme of CME, workshops and programme outline NOT discussed in General Body Meeting.

6.3 Annual Conference (NATCON)

6.3.1 NATCON Schedule & Purpose

- IASO endeavorsto organize Annual conference **at least once every year** Organizing Secretary appointed in Annual General Body Meeting
- **Conference Dates:** Third/fourth weekend of September or any suitable date as decided in the GBM.

6.4 Mid-Term Conference (MIDCON)

6.4.1 MIDCON Schedule & Purpose

- IASO endeavors to organize mid-term conference **once every year**
- **Organizing Secretary appointed in Annual General Body Meeting**
- **Conference Dates:** Second weekend of April or any suitable date within first quarter of the
- **year as decided in the GBM.**
- **Target Audience: Surgical oncology postgraduates**
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6.5 Indian Cancer Congress (ICC)

6.5.1 ICC Scheduling Rule (Amendment GBM 2022 & 2023)

Henceforth:

- NO NATCON or MIDCON in the year of ICC
- All Zonal CMEs of IASO should NOT be held within 6 months prior to ICC

6.5.2 Strategy for Future ICCs (Amendment GBM 2023)

- Clear Strategy to be established
- MoU to be signed with ICC Organizing Committee
(Newsletter Nov 2023)

6.6 Zonal CME Programs

6.6.1 CME Organization

- Regional CME programs organized by EC members
- Promote specialty of Surgical Oncology
- Focus on underrepresented areas

6.6.2 IASO Banner Usage Guidelines

Token Amount for IASO Banner Usage: IASO may share a fee for sharing its logo

For CME where delegation fee charged:

- **Rs. 5,000 OR Rs. 50 per delegate** (one-day event)
- **Rs. 75 per delegate** (two-day event)
- *Whichever is more*

For Private Institutes:

- **Rs. 1–2 Lakhs** (depending on metro/non-metro location)
- Three local IASO members must be members of Organizing Committee
- Same contribution clause applies as for Non-Private Institutes Organizing Secretary appointed in Annual General Body Meeting
- Conference Dates: Second weekend of April or any suitable date within first quarter of the year as decided in the GBM.
- Target Audience: Surgical oncology postgraduates
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6.7 Conference Accommodation & Travel Reimbursement

6.7.1 Complimentary Accommodation (Amendment GBM 2022)

Convention:

- President and Secretary: Get complementary accommodation (but must register for conference)
- EC members: Discretion of Organizing Secretary

6.7.2 Travel Reimbursement for NATCON & MIDCON

- **Maximum cap:** INR 15,000 in economy class per member, revised from time to time with approval of GBM Or actual cost, whichever is less

(EC 29/10/2021, Newsletter Dec 2021, Ratified GBM October 2022 Madurai)

6.7.3 Accommodation & Hosting for Conferences & Meetings

IASO shall bear cost of travel and stay at a reasonable place for:

- **IJSO Office Assistant:** One day duration
- **IASO Secretary's Assistant:** Full duration of conference

(EC 29/10/2021, GBM 2021 New Delhi, Newsletter Dec 2021, Ratified GBM 2022 Madurai)

6.8 Conference Financial Guidelines

6.8.1 Seed Money for Conference Organizing (Amendment GBM 2023)

- **ICC:** Up to **Rs. 10 Lakhs** (repayable in 6 months)
- **NATCON:** Up to **Rs. 3 Lakhs** (repayable in 6 months)
- **MIDCON:** Up to **Rs. 1 Lac** (repayable in 6 months)

(Emergency EC meeting 13/09/2023, GBM 2023 ICC Mumbai)

6.8.2 Per Delegate Contribution to IASO from NATCON & MIDCON

- **Minimum:** Rs. 1,000 per registered delegate to IASO (effective from 2014)
- Or: Rs. 500 per delegate OR 10% of registration money (whichever is higher) per delegate *(Amendment approved GBM ICC 2013 Delhi)*


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6.8.3 NATCON/MIDCON Surplus Contribution (Amendment GBM 2023)

- **Minimum 50%** of conference surplus should go to IASO

6.8.4 Audited Accounts Submission

- Audited accounts of NATCON/MIDCON submitted to IASO Secretary within **6 months** of conference completion
- Published in newsletter and circulated to members

(Amendment approved GBM Lucknow 2011)

6.8.5 Taxation Arrangements

To simplify IASO taxation liability:

- Local Organizing Committee uses **own PAN card** (not IASO's)
- Local Committee prepares own audited statement
- Local Committee discharges own tax liability
- Copy submitted to IASO
- Audited accounts incorporated in IASO annual accounts

6.9 NATCON Speaker Guidelines

6.9.1 Sponsored Speeches Scheduling

- Sponsored speeches should be during: Breakfast, Lunch and or Dinner.
- During prime hours: Speakers should **NOT** be repeated more than once
- Aim: Provide platform for diverse experience presentations

6.9.2 Faculty Participation Rules

- One person participating in **one program** (maximum two)
- EC members and seniors from each area should identify faculty
- Secretary to be informed before speaker finalization deadline

6.9.3 Faculty Dropout Policy (Amendment GBM 2022)

- Faculty dropping out after confirmation to be noted by Organizers
- List passed to next Organizing Secretary

(ECM 29/02/2020 Tirupati, Newsletter May 2020, GBM 2021 New Delhi, Ratified GBM 2022 Madurai)

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6.10 Conference Content Monetization

6.10.1 Online Conference Proceedings

- (i) Contents put online immediately after Conference
- (ii) Subscription charge equal to spot registration OR **Rs. 4,000** (agreed figure)
- (iii) Charges reduce monthly till 4 months later when reduced to **Rs. 1,000**
- (iv) Orations and Keynote address initially included
- (v) Pricing and contents reviewed after response assessment
- (vi) No timelines fixed for this

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SECTION 7: FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT & ACCOUNTS

7.1 Income Sources

7.1.1 Membership Dues

- Admission fees and subscriptions from:
 - Life members
 - Associate members
 - Overseas members

7.1.2 Conference Surplus

- Excess of income over expenditure in:
 - Annual conference
 - Mid-term conference
 - Zonal CMEs
- Constitutes income of IASO
- **Note:** Savings from conference cannot be used to create fellowship, orations, or institute award as it is IASO income (*GBM Lucknow 2011*)

7.1.3 Donations & External Income

- Donations
- Grants
- Subscriptions-royalty from IJSO, IASO logo etc
- Fees
- Sponsors
- Other payments from India and abroad

7.2 Bank Accounts & Account Management

7.2.1 Account Operations

- IASO shall have account with nationalized or reputed bank
- Account operated by persons authorized by General Body
- Account year: **31st September closing date**

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7.2.2 Fund Transfer & Auditing

- Balance fund transferred to next secretary in October
- Audited report sent to next secretary
- Next secretary files income tax return by **30th July** for particular financial year
- For multi-city account: Operations transferred to next secretary in EC meeting during NATCON

(Approved GBM Lucknow 2011)

7.3 Investment of Funds

7.3.1 Investment Policy

- Surplus fund after meeting statutory annual expenditure invested in:
 - Fixed deposits of nationalized/approved banks
 - Approved securities
 - Other manner as decided in General Body Meeting

7.3.2 Fund Investment Management

Funds not required for regular day-to-day activities invested in:

- Fixed deposits of nationalized/approved banks
- Approved securities
- As decided by General Body Meeting

7.4 Utilization of Funds

7.4.1 Fund Allocation Principle

- Proceeds of income from various deposits and investments spent strictly for specific purposes for which fund(s) are created

7.4.2 Financial Controls on Cheques (Amendment GBM 2022)

- Every cheque issued must be **scanned and passed by President and/or Secretary** before being issued by Treasurer

(EC 29/10/2021, GBM 2021 New Delhi, Newsletter Dec 2021, Ratified GBM 2022 Madurai)


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7.5 Annual Accounts & Auditing

7.5.1 Account Preparation & Audit

- Accounts of the year prepared by Treasurer
- Audited by auditor appointed by General Body within **6 months** of year closing
- Placed in General Body Meeting for adoption

7.5.2 Treasurer Functions

- Treasurer maintains and presents audited accounts each year at annual conference

7.5.3 Staff Salaries (EC Approved)

- Managing Secretary's Office: Rs. 25,000 per month (tentatively fixed), revised from time to time by EC approval.
- Assistant to Treasurer: Rs. 7,000 per month, revised from time to time by EC.
- Assistant to Editor of IJSO: Rs. 15,000 per month, revised from time to time by EC.


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SECTION 8: JOURNAL MANAGEMENT (Indian Journal of Surgical Oncology – IJSO)

8.1 Journal Overview

8.1.1 IJSO Details

- **Name:** Indian Journal of Surgical Oncology
- **ISSN:** 0975-7651 (print); 0976-6952 (electronic)
- **Official Journal of:** Indian Association of Surgical Oncology
- **Registration:** Varanasi, registration number 627 **Publisher:** Springer

8.1.2 Journal Year

- **January to December**

8.2 Journal Objectives

IJSO formed to fulfill IASO objectives by:

- Demonstrating IASO commitment to advancing science and art of Surgical Oncology
- Taking association beyond geographical confines
- Projecting IASO as dedicated and committed association at international level
- Promoting and showcasing basic and clinical research conducted in country

8.3 Editorial Board Structure (Revised GBM 2023)

8.3.1 Journal Hierarchy

1. **Editor in Chief (1)**
 - o Role: Chairperson and mentor
 - o Term: 5 years
 - o Eligibility: 10 years' membership, 25 publications
 - o Steps in only when problem arises
2. **Executive Editor (1)**
 - o Works with Editor in Chief
 - o Face of the journal
 - o Term: 5 years
 - o Eligibility: 10 years' membership, 25 publications

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3. Joint Editors (4)

- o One International Joint Editor among the four
- o Report to Executive Editor
- o Term: 4 years each
- o Eligibility: 8 years' membership, 15 publications

4. Sectional Editors (8)

- o Two under each Joint Editor
- o Term: 3 years each
- o Eligibility: 7 years' membership, 10 publications
- o Can be renominated multiple times based on performance

5. Reviewers (Multiple)

- o Report to Sectional Editors
- o Term: 2 years
- o Eligibility: May not need IASO membership; 5+ publications required
- o Selected from IASO members primarily

Note: From JE post upwards, can serve multiple terms; IJSO selection board decision is final, **The journal official has to complete his/her tenure in IASO/IJSO before assuming the office for any of the posts except reviewer.**

8.3.2 Conflict of Interest Rules

- Joint editors and above: Should **NOT hold post in any other surgical oncology journal**
 - Avoids conflict of interest
- (2014)

8.3.3 Selection Committee Participation Rules

- If committee member is candidate for post being considered: Must not attend selection meeting
- Must not have voting right

8.4 IJSO Selection Board & Editorial Selection Board

8.4.1 IJSO Selection Board (7 members)

Composition:

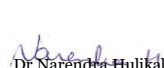
1. One Past President
2. Immediate Past President
3. President
4. President Elect
5. Vice President
6. Existing Editor in Chief
7. Executive Editor

- **Function:** Selects Editor-in-Chief, Executive Editor, and 4 Joint Editors. If committee member is candidate for post being considered: Must not attend selection meeting.
- **Tie-Breaking:** If tie, current President has veto power


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8.4.2 IJSO Editorial Selection Board (9 members)

Composition:

1. IASO President
2. IASO President-Elect
3. IASO Vice President
4. IASO Secretary
5. Editor in Chief
6. Executive Editor
7. Joint Editors (3) - excluding International JE

Function: Selects remaining editorial team

8.5 IJSO Advisory Board

- **5 National & International Advisors** for term editorial board
- Nominated by IJSO Selection Board
- All past Chief Editors can be considered for inclusion

8.6 Editorial Nomination Process

8.6.1 Notification & Timeline

- IASO Secretary invites nominations for different posts Via e-mail/newsletter/website

8.6.2 Nomination Requirements

- At time of nomination, candidate must submit:
 - Brief summary of achievements:
 - o Brief background about achievements and contributions
 - o Publications (conferences organized, scientific contributions)
 - o National and International project funding
- Contribution to IASO
- Detailed Bio-data, **Maximum: 250 words**
- Signed by candidate
- Additional requirements:
 - o Mention IASO conferences attended in last 5 years
 - o List of all publications till date
 - o Signed and dated

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8.6.3 Nomination Restrictions

- No member contest for more than one post simultaneously
- Including positions in IASO Executive Committee while still in office of IJSO editorial board
- Every eligible member proposed/seconded by two full IASO members
- One member proposes or second only one candidate
- Signed No Objection Certificate required
- Candidate consent with nomination

8.6.4 Invalid Nominations

- If invalid: Candidate informed with reason for invalidity

8.6.5 Nomination Withdrawal

- Candidates can withdraw nominations until:
 - o Executive meeting, OR 5:00 PM on first day of NATCON IASO or as informed in the call for nominations.

8.7 Eligibility for Journal Posts

8.7.1 Editor-in-Chief Eligibility

- Full member of IASO
- Completed **10 years** as full life member (up to 31st March of the year applying)
- Served at least **one term** as elected Executive member
- At least **25 indexed publications**
- National and International funding: Desirable
- **Provision:** Selection board can overrule publication criteria if required

8.7.2 Executive Editor Eligibility

- Full member of IASO
- Completed **10 years** as full life member (up to 31st March year applying)
- At least **25 indexed publications**
- National and International funding: Desirable
- **Provision:** Selection board can overrule publication criteria if required

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8.7.3 Joint Editors Eligibility

- Full member of IASO
- Completed **8 years** as full life member (up to 31st March year applying)
- Served at least **one term** as elected Executive member
- At least **15 indexed publications**
- National and International funding: Desirable
- **Provision:** Selection board can overrule publication criteria if required

8.7.4 Associate/Sectional Editors Eligibility

- Full member of IASO
- Completed **7 years** as full life member (up to 31st March year applying) Served
- at least **one term** as elected Executive member
- At least **10 indexed publications**
- National and International funding: Desirable
- **Provision:** Selection board can overrule publication criteria if required

8.7.5 Editorial Board/Advisory Members Eligibility

- National or International faculty with outstanding achievement in oncology
- Nominated by Editor-in-Chief
- Approved by Editorial Board

8.7.6 Reviewers Eligibility

- May not need IASO membership
- **Minimum:** 5 publications required

8.8 Journal Official Tenure

- Journal official must complete IASO/IJSO tenure before assuming office for any posts
- **Exception:** Reviewer position

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8.9 Duties & Responsibilities

8.9.1 Editor-in-Chief Responsibilities

- i. Nominate, appoint, secure services of editorial board members (except elected) in consultation with President and Secretary IASO
- ii. Attract appropriate submissions to journal; IASO helps achieve this
- iii. Deal with all aspects of peer review process for all articles submitted
- iv. Take final decision on acceptance/rejection of articles
- v. Ensure journal maintains high standard for refereeing and article acceptance
- vi. Ensure all articles are submitted through Springer submission system
- vii. Ensure journal periodicity maintained; issues published on time
- viii. Adhere to standards of good editorial practice per:
 - Code of Conduct for Medical Editors (Committee on Publication Ethics – COPE)
 - World Association of Medical Editors (WAME)
 - Modified/changed from time to time
- ix. Ensure appropriateness of advertisements in journal; per ethical editing practices, not directly involved with journal financial aspect
- x. Work toward journal indexing in PubMed, PubMed Central, MEDLINE
- xi. Strive to get ISI indexing and impact factor

8.9.2 Executive Editor Responsibilities

- Same primary responsibilities as Editor-in-Chief
- Working face of the journal

8.9.3 Joint Editors Responsibilities

- i. Help Editor-in-Chief achieve journal objectives
- ii. Deal with all aspects of peer review process for submitted articles
- iii. May take acceptance/rejection decisions if called upon by Editor-in-Chief
- iv. Ensure journal maintains high standard for refereeing and article acceptance
- v. Ensure all articles submitted through Springer system
- vi. Ensure journal periodicity maintained; issues not delayed
- vii. Work with Editor-in-Chief to get journal indexed in:
 - PubMed
 - PubMed Central
 - MEDLINE
 - Reuters ISI
- viii. Adhere to standards of good editorial practice per COPE and WAME guidelines

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8.9.4 General Editorial Misconduct

Any editorial misconduct or act unbecoming of editor brought to IASO EC notice:

- Discussed in Editorial board meeting
- If recommended: Removal of concerned editor/board member

8.10 Journal Annual Report

8.10.1 Annual Report Presentation

- Editor-in-Chief or assigned Joint Editor presents annual report to:
 - IASO Executive Committee
 - IASO General Body
 - Published in IASO Newsletter Circulated to members

8.11 Journal Accounts & Auditing

8.11.1 Annual Accounts

- Prepared by Editor-in-Chief
- Audited by auditor appointed by Editorial Board Completed within **6 months** of year closing Published in IASO Newsletter
- Circulated to members
- Placed in IASO General Body Meeting for adoption

8.11.2 Financial Records

- Copy of account book and bank account statement submitted to IASO Secretariat for records

8.12 IASO Newsletter

8.12.1 Newsletter Publication

- IASO shall publish its own e-Newsletter each quarter of the calendar year.
- Editorial Secretary elected, manages the timely publication of newsletters
- All-important communications including minutes of all the EC meetings, GBM etc. are published in it and circulated among the members by e-mail and uploaded onto the IASO website.
- All the official minutes are deemed to be approved if no objections are received by the secretary within 3 months.
- In cases of any objections, EC has the power to revisit the same and make necessary changes if deemed necessary.

8.13 Journal Staffing & Administration

- Editor Chief can have a personal assistant to manage the affairs of the journal who would be paid a monthly wage or salary, which is subjected to revision from time to time by the EC.

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SECTION 9: ORATIONS, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS. GRANTS & SCIENTIFIC COLLABORATIONS, SUPPORT FOR IASO LEADERS FOR INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION

9.1 Scientific Committee

9.1.1 Scientific Committee Composition

The Scientific Committee consists of:

- President
- President Elect
- Immediate Past President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Immediate Past Secretary
- Editorial Secretary
- Organizing Secretary of NATCON

(Approved GBM Varanasi 23 Sept 2006)

9.1.2 Scientific Committee Functions

Oversee scientific programs of the NATCON and MIDCON of IASO with respect to

- Orations
- Fellowships and awards
- Research grants
- Scientific works
- Symposia
- Panel discussions
- Guest lectures

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9.2 IASO Orations

9.2.1 Dr Ashok Mehta Oration (Formerly Radha Devi Oration) Original Radha Devi Oration:

- Delivered by outgoing President at annual meeting
- Rs.5,000 donated by Dr. S.P. Jain's family
- Orator receives: Plaque, certificate, medal
- Local hospitality by NATCON Organizing Secretary

(Approved GBM NATCON 2011 Lucknow)

Amendment (GBM 2022):

- Radha Devi Oration replaced with Dr Ashok Mehta Oration

Dr Ashok Mehta Oration (GBM 2024 Lifetime Approval):

Dr. Ashok Mehta, **Founder Secretary of IASO**, has made a landmark donation for instituting an oration in his name. The proposal for conversion of **Dr Ashok Mehta Oration to Lifetime Status** was: **Key Decision (EC 27/09/2024 & GBM 28/09/2024)**:

- **Converted Dr Ashok Mehta Oration to LIFETIME ORATION**
- **Donation Amount:** Rs. 10 Lakhs for lifetime endowment status
- **Focus Area: Head & Neck Cancers**
- **Delivered:** By eminent national/international speaker at Annual NATCON
- **Awards:** Plaque, certificate, medal
- **Endowment Management:** Rs. 10L+ corpus; interest utilized per policy (50% reinvestment)
- **MoU Signed Post-GBM** with Dr Ashok Mehta

Replacement Timeline (NATCON 2025 Onwards):

- **Dr Ashok Mehta Oration REPLACES Radha Devi Oration** as annual lifetime oration
- **Focus:** Head & Neck Cancers
(EC 27/09/2024, GBM 28/09/2024 NATCON Bengaluru, Newsletter Dec 2024) [file:58]

Rationale for Lifetime Oration Status:

- Recognition of Dr Ashok Mehta as **Founding Secretary of IASO** (1977)
- Seminal contributions to establishment and growth of IASO since inception
- Substantial financial contribution (Rs. 10 Lakhs+) exceeding standard thresholds
- Honors stalwarts of Surgical Oncology with permanent endowment
- Sets precedent for recognizing founders and major contributors to IASO


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9.2.2 DD Patel Oration (Past President Oration)

Formerly Motibhai Oration Structure:

- **Delivered by Immediate Past President of IASO** at Annual meeting of IASO-NATCON
- **Endowment:** Rs. 50,000 by Dr. D.D. Patel and family
- **Fund Utilization:** Only interest to be used
- **Reinvestment:** 50% of interest reinvested to maintain capital in falling interest rate era
- **Available:** Only 50% of interest available yearly for award
- **Award:** Plaque, certificate, medal
- **Local Hospitality:** By NATCON Organizing Secretary

(Amendment approved GBM NATCON 2011 Lucknow)

Oration Reforms & Conversion to Past President Oration (GBM 2024): Key Decision (EC 27/09/2024 & GBM 28/09/2024):

- **Motibhai Oration converted to DD Patel Oration**
- **Now delivered by Immediate Past President of IASO**
- **Recognizes legacy donor (Dr. D.D. Patel family)** while modernizing oration structure
- **Renamed as Past President Oration** – dedicated recognition for IASO leadership succession
- **Implementation:** From NATCON 2025 onwards
(EC 27/09/2024, GBM 28/09/2024 NATCON Bengaluru, Newsletter Dec 2024)
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Rationale for Conversion:

- Modernization of oration structure while respecting original endowments
- Direct recognition of Immediate Past President's contributions to IASO leadership
- Streamlining orations to ensure adequate funding and sustainability
- Honors both legacy donors and IASO leadership succession pathway
- Part of comprehensive **Oration Reforms** enhancing recognition of IASO leadership

9.2.3 Prof N C Misra Oration

- Preferably delivered by eminent foreign speaker
- Selection panel: President IASO, Secretary IASO, Organizing Secretary NATCON
- If selecting Indian speaker: Consultation with "Students of Dr. N.C. Misra" nominees
- **Endowment:** Rs. 3 Lakhs by Students of Dr. N.C. Misra
- **Fund Utilization:** Only interest to be used
- **Reinvestment:** 50% of interest reinvested to maintain capital
- **Available:** Only 50% or less interest per year
- **Award:** Plaque, certificate, medal
- **Hospitality:** By NATCON Organizing Secretary

(Amendment approved GBM NATCON 2011 Lucknow)


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9.2.4 Dr. P.B. Desai – UICC IASO Silver Jubilee Oration

- Delivered by national or international faculty
- **Award:** Medallion, citation, certificate
(Amendment approved GBM NATCON 2011 Lucknow)

9.2.5 Dr RS Rao Endowment Lecture

- Instituted in memory of Dr RS Rao (eminent Head & Neck Surgeon, Tata Memorial Hospital Director)
- **Endowment:** Rs. 5,00,000 from his family
- **Speaker Selection:** Consultation with Dr Satish Rao (his son)
- **Eligibility:** May be any specialty, but worthy of giving oration. Need not be Head & Neck surgeon
- **Speaker:** National or international
(EC Nov 2023, GBM 2023, Newsletter Nov 2023)

9.2.6 General Requirements for initiating New Orations (Amendment GBM 2021)

- Henceforth, the person named should be:
 - o IASO member, having made significant contributions to IASO and Society
- Fixed tenure discussed with proposed amounts:
 - o **INR 5,00,000:** 5 years
 - o **INR 10,00,000:** 10 years
 - o Unless seed money topped up
- Exact amount may be decided by EC
(EC 29/10/2021 New Delhi, GBM 2021, Newsletter Dec 2021)

Institution of Time-Bound Orations (GBM 2022):

- Named after doyens of Surgical Oncology only
- **Rs. 10 Lakhs:** 5-year oration
- **Rs. 20 Lakhs:** 10-year oration
- Exceeding this amount: Considered lifetime oration by President's prerogative
(GBM 8/10/2022 Madurai)

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9.3 Fellowships & Exchange Programs

9.3.1 Eligibility for Fellowships (General)

General Eligibility:

- IASO life membership (minimum **two years in some cases**)
- Age **below 45 years**, or **as specifically mentioned under individual fellowships**
- Should present a paper at NATCON in a international fellowship/award session, judged by a jury comprising of IASO leadership and other national and or international faculty.

9.3.2 IASO-SSO international fellowships

SSO IASO International Career Development Program (ICDE) for Young IASO members- 01

IASO Representative Selection:

- Indian recipients identified by IASO at annual NATCON

SSO Program for Indian Participants:

Eligibility:

- Successful recipient should be **45 years old or under**
- Full life member of Indian Association of Surgical Oncology
- Cannot have previously received SSO ICDE grant or attended more than one SSO Annual Cancer Symposium in past 3 years
- Must be currently employed in region
- Must have leadership potential
- Must be fluent in English (writing and speaking)
- Must be able to travel minimum 2 consecutive weeks to United States
- Preferred: Current passport; if not, must be ready to obtain one
- Must be able to obtain US travel visa if required
- Selected recipient provides IASO/SSO outline of procedures/specialties/institutions to experience
- Must specialize in one of SSO's eight disease site areas:
 - Breast, Colorectal, Endocrine/Head and Neck, Gastrointestinal, Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary, Melanoma, Peritoneal Surface Malignancy, Sarcoma
- SSO provides **US \$3,000 stipend** for international airfare, lodging, US domestic airfare during exchange
- Complimentary registration to SSO annual meeting provided
- SSO provides mentorship at annual meeting
- Small social gathering arranged to introduce recipient to pre-eminent surgeons

Post-Exchange Report:

- Within 30 days: Report on activities, experiences, goals, accomplishments
(Award recipient identified by IASO at annual NATCON)

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♦ Reciprocal IASO Fellowship for Young SSO Members Sushruta IASO ICDE Fellowship for Young SSO Members

Program Details:

1. Offer to one young SSO member, **45 years old or under**
2. Selection by SSO Board of Jury at SSO Annual meeting or prior
3. IASO provides complimentary registration for IASO/ICC Annual meeting
4. Candidate presents abstract in poster/podium presentation
5. Observer ship opportunity in 1–2 Indian centers of excellence

Financial Support & Logistics:

IASO Stipend: US \$3,000 to successful candidate for:

- o International and domestic airfare within India
- o Lodging within India for the Duration of exchange

Travel Timing:

- Minimum 2 consecutive weeks to India during **September/October**
- Preferred: Current passport (if not, must obtain)
- Must obtain valid travel visa to India

Eligibility:

- i. Cannot have previously received IASO ICDE grant
- ii. Cannot have previously attended more than one IASO Annual Meeting in past 3 years
- iii. Must have specialization in Head and Neck, Breast, Thorax, Upper GI, Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary, Colorectal, Gynecological, Peritoneal Surface Malignancy, Sarcoma, or Urogenital malignancies

Post-Exchange Report:

- Within 30 days: Report on activities, experiences, goals, accomplishments

Amendment (GBM 2023):

- Reciprocal Awards: IASO allows 5 young SSO members to present posters in IASO Annual meeting
 - SSO selects candidates at National meeting by Board of Jury
 - Candidates come on own fund and/or SSO support
- (EC 29/06/2023, Newsletter August 2023, GBM 2023 ICC Mumbai)

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♦ IASO-SSO Poster awards for IASO members- 10

○ Program Overview & Purpose

The SSO IASO Poster Award Program encourages young Indian surgical oncologists to present their research at the Society of Surgical Oncology (USA) Annual Meeting with financial support from IASO.

♦ Award Structure

Number of Awards

- Total Awards: 10 poster awards
- Award Amount: USD 1,000 per awardee for first 5 and 500 USD for next 5 awardee (GBM 2023)

♦ Award Allocation & Funding

- USD 1,000 per awardee for first 5 and 500 USD for next 5 awardee from IASO toward:
- SSO Annual Meeting registration, Travel expenses (airfare, visas), Accommodation during meeting, Food and incidental expenses (GBM 2023)

♦ Eligibility Criteria

- ♦ Full criteria as previously documented - Age ≤ 45 years, IASO member for 2 years, not attended more than 1 SSO meeting in 3 years, in SSO 8 disease sites

♦ Selection Process

- Top 10 abstracts from NATCON/ICC designated award sessions, confirmation by 30 Nov, standby system with waitlist of next 5 posters, financial disbursement upon return with proof of registration, visa, air tickets and submission of travel report.
- The abstracts will be presented at a special fellowship paper session in NATCON and adjudged by a jury comprising of any of the President, President elect, Vice President. Secretary and External experts from SSO.

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9.3.3 IASO-ESSO international Fellowships

IASO- ESSO Fellowship

Details:

- ESSO-IASO MOU fellowship for award paper winners

Eligibility:

- a. Surgical Oncologist of good standing
- b. Full member of IASO for last 2 years

Benefits:

- a. Free registration to ESSO annual Congress
- b. Eligible for poster presentation in ESSO Congress
- c. Prize money: **500 Euro** toward travel and stay
- d. 1–2 weeks visit to Surgical Oncology Department of European Institution (before or after Congress)

IASO-ESSO Poster awards

Number of Awards

Total IASO Allocation: 3 poster awards

- **Award Type:** Travel grant for ESSO Congress attendance
- **Award Amount: 500 Euro per awardee**

Award Benefits

Each of the 3 recipients receive:

- **Travel Grant:** 500 Euro from IASO toward international airfare, accommodation, local transport
- **Congress Participation:** Free registration + poster presentation opportunity

Eligibility & Selection

Full member IASO 2 years, age <45

Selection panel: VP/Secretary/Treasurer/President

Announcement at NATCON valedictory

IASO- ESSO Fellowship to ESSO young members

A grant of 500 Euro will be paid to a young ESSO member selected by ESSO reciprocating the gesture of ESSO in awarding similar kind of fellowship to young IASO member. He is eligible for attendance at NATCON and abstract presentation with registration fee waiver.

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9.3.4 IASO -Detroit Visiting Fellowship

Award Details:

- Fellowship to visit Detroit with local hospitality included by host institution (excluding travel to/from USA)

Eligibility:

- Less than **45 years of age** (cutoff date: 31st December of application year)
- Full member of IASO for minimum **2 years**

Selection Criteria:

- Based on CV and paper presentation during NATCON
- Paper must be on work done in India only

Selection Panel:

- President and Secretary of IASO
- If unavailable: Nominated person
- If nominee unavailable: President Elect
- *(Amendment approved GBM NATCON 2011 Lucknow)*
- **Amendment (GBM 2022):** Dr Maudar's name deleted

(ECM 29/02/2020 Tirupati, Newsletter May 2020, GBM 2021 New Delhi, Ratified GBM 2022 Madurai)

9.3.5 Baroda – GCRI-IASO Travelling Minimal Invasive Surgery (MIS) Fellowship

Fellowship Details:

- Called: Baroda – GCRI – IASO Travelling Minimal Invasive Surgery Fellowship
- **Fund:** Rs. 75,000 by Dr R I Dave and Dr Kiran Kothari (GCRI, Ahmadabad)
- **Selection Timing:** During NATCON IASO

Eligibility:

- Less than **45 years of age** (cutoff: 31st December of application year)
- Full member of IASO for minimum **2 years**
- Attended **two NATCON IASO** conferences

Selection Basis:

- CV and paper presentation during NATCON
- Paper must be on work done in India only

Current Location: Indo American Cancer Institute under Dr T.S Rao **Amendment (GBM2022):** Name changed from Dr RI Dave to Dr T Subramanyeshwar Rao

*ECM 29/02/2020 Tirupati, Newsletter May 2020
GBM 2021 New Delhi, Ratified GBM 2022 Madurai*


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9.3.6 IASO Ludhiana Punjab Fellowship

Fellowship Details:

- Called: IASO Ludhiana Punjab Fellowship
- **Fund:** Rs. 500,000 from Chief Minister of Punjab (Sri Prakash Singh Badal) during NATCON 2007, Ludhiana
- **Award:** Rs. 30,000 selected candidates

Eligibility:

- a. Less than **45 years of age** (as on 31st December of application year)
- b. Indian citizen
- c. Life member of IASO for at least **2 years**
- d. Attended **2 NATCON IASO**
- e. Presented scientific paper
- f. Work must benefit Punjab residents (in/outside Punjab within India)

Fellowship Details:

- **Duration:** 4–8 weeks
- **Location:** India or Abroad
- **Application:** Must submit project with institution name, department, mentor person, proposed training

Post-Fellowship Requirements:

- Submit letter of completion from institution
- Submit report to IASO Secretary for newsletter publication
- Present in next IASO meeting

Selection Committee:

1. President IASO
2. Secretary IASO
3. President Elect IASO
4. Dr. Satish Jain (Oswal Cancer Hospital & Research Centre, Ludhiana)

9.3.7 Financial Disbursement & Reporting

All Payment after complete documentation, post-award report within 30 days including poster feedback if any, learning points, dissemination plans, published in newsletter.

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9.3.8 IASO-NOGU OESOPHAGO-GASTRIC FELLOWSHIP

The IASO–NOGU Early Career Robotic Oesophago-Gastric Fellowship is a clinical exchange program with **Northern Oesophago-Gastric Unit (NOGU)** at **Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom**, led by **Prof. Arul Immanuel** (Professor of Robotic Surgery).

Program Objectives:

- Foster academic collaboration in robotic and minimally invasive OG surgery
- Provide early-career Indian surgeons exposure to advanced UK surgical techniques
- Build collaborative research opportunities between Indian and UK centers
- Establish bidirectional observer ships for knowledge exchange

Eligibility Criteria

- **Membership:** Full member IASO, minimum 2 years
- **Age:** <45 years (cutoff 31 December of application year)
- **Career Stage:** Consultant/Faculty level, NOT postgraduate trainees
- **Experience:** 3–10 years post-qualification in surgical oncology
- **Specialization:** Interest in upper GI (OG) cancer surgery
- **Language:** Fluent English (written and spoken)
- **Travel:** Able to commit 2–4 consecutive weeks, valid passport ≥6 months validity, UK visa capable
- **Career Intent:** Commitment to advancing upper GI surgical oncology in India post-exchange

Fellowship Benefits

From NOGU:

- Complimentary accommodation (2–4 weeks in Newcastle)
- Full observer ship privileges in theater
- Clinic and ward rounds participation
- MDT and therapeutic endoscopy exposure
- Da Vinci robot simulation training
- Mentorship by Prof. Arul Immanuel and NOGU faculty
- **Certification:** NHS Certificate of Clinical Attachment, possible RCS endorsement, possible Intuitive Surgical robotic training certification

From IASO:

- **USD 1,000** travel grant toward international airfare and travel expenses
- Disbursement upon proof of travel receipts, certificate of completion and a visit report which will be published in newsletter.

Selection Process

- **Application Deadline:** 31st August (preceding NATCON) or as per notification from Secretary, IASO
- **Selection Panel:** 4-member committee (out of VP, Secretary, Treasurer, President, External experts) based on eligibility as above, paper presentation at NATCON and interview.
- **Training Duration:** 2–4 weeks continuous observer ship (typically 3 weeks)

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IASO-NOGU OESOPHAGO-GASTRIC FELLOWSHIP(Contd)

Post-Fellowship Obligations

- Within 30 days of return, required to submit a visit report along with all certificates and travel and related expenses to claim the reimbursement of up to 1000 USD.

Reciprocal IASO fellowship for NOGU candidates

- A reciprocal program of observer ships will be offered to candidates recommended by IASO at NOGU, or vice versa.

9.3.9 IASO-Brazilian Society of Surgical Oncology (BSSO) Fellowship

IASO-BSSO fellowship is designed to support travel of a young IASO member, selected by virtue of his paper presentation during international award paper presentation session during NATCON to attend and present paper at any congress hosted by BSSO. He is eligible for free registration and accommodation offered by BSSO.

Eligibility:

- Should be life member of IASO for two years
- Age less than 40 years on 31st December of the application year
- Should make a paper presentation at the international award paper presentation during NATCON

9.3.10 consolation prizes for those shortlisted presentations next to Designated Fellowship awardees: Total 5

A monetary award of Rs. 15000 will be paid to cover the registration, travel and stay related expenses.

9.4 Support for International representation by IASO leaders

9.4.1 Annual SSO Congress

- As per MOU with SSO, SSO waives off registration fee and provides accommodation and invitation to presidential dinner during their annual congress for President or his nominee. Reciprocally IASO would host one representative from SSO at its annual NATCON. Privileges include free registration, accommodation and local hospitality.
- **IASO to Support two IASO leaders to attend SSO meetings with maximum 2500 USD each for: Travel expenses, Registration, Stay**
(GBM 2022 Madurai, Ratified GBM 2023 ICC Mumbai).
- As per MOU with ESSO, ESSO will host President, IASO or one of his nominee at its annual congress and cover travel expenses up to 500 Euros. Reciprocally IASO would host either President, ESSO or his nominee and cover travel expenses up to 500 Euros.

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9.4.2 IASO NOGU MOU

As per IASO NOGU, IASO would invite/host one member of NOGU/RVI or a member recommended by the NOGU lead to the IASO Annual Conference (NATCON). IASO will cover registration, social activities, accommodation, and airport transfers for the invited faculty during the congress. On reciprocal basis, a NOGU will be pleased to invite one IASO member from leadership to AUGIS/ NOGU annual conference with complimentary registration and stay.

9.4.3 IASO BSSO MOU

As per MOU with Brazilian Society of Surgical Oncology, IASO will host two leaders from BSSO in its annual NATCON with complimentary registration, accommodation and local hospitality. BSSO will reciprocate similarly by hosting IASO leaders during its annual events by providing free registration, accommodation and local hospitality.

9.5 IASO Post-Doctoral Travelling Fellowship (GBM 2023)

Program Overview:

- 1–3-month organ/technique-based focused observational module
- **Budget:** Up to INR 5 Lakhs initially (pilot project for ~2 years) covering 20 such fellowships.

Eligibility:

- Post MCh/Post DNB (Surgical Oncology) candidates only

Specialty/Technique Focus:

Fellowships offered in: Head Neck, Breast, GI, Thoracic, Uro, Gynecological, Orthopedic Oncology, HIPEC, Robotics, Minimally Invasive Techniques

Host Centre Selection:

- IASO circulates mail inviting interest letters
- Host centre/mentor requirements:
 - Adequate case numbers in training subsite/technique
 - Able to provide meaningful training
 - Good infrastructure for multidisciplinary exposure
 - Active tumor board practice
- IASO leadership judges centre eligibility
- Participating centre signs MoU with IASO

Candidate Selection:

- Interested candidates apply before **August** with brief cv, recommendation letter from home Institute or mentor
- Declare **one choice** for desired training area
- Shortlisted by 4-member committee:
 - Vice President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Editorial Secretary


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9.5 IASO Post-Doctoral Travelling Fellowship (GBM 2023); Contd

- Final interview before 3-member committee on first day of NATCON:
 - o President
 - o Immediate Past President
 - o President Elect

Award:

- Selected candidates receive **up to INR 25,000 lump sum** by IASO for:
 - o Accommodation
 - o Expenses
- Training duration: 1–3 months (candidate and host centre decision)

Fellowship Naming:

"IASO Post-doctoral Travelling Fellowship – [Specialty]"

(EC 29/06/2023, Newsletter August 2023, EC 2/011/2023, GBM 2023 ICC Mumbai)

9.6 Scientific Abstracts for NATCON

9.6.1 Abstract Award Categories

- Abstracts submitted for the NATCON are segregated based on content, scientific merit and logistics of the organizers into Oral podium presentation, Video presentation or Posters. (GBM 2023 ICC Mumbai).
- A neutral jury assesses each of these abstracts at NATCON and selects abstracts for best paper, video or poster awards.

9.6.2 NATCON Best Paper Presentation Award

Award Details:

- **Minimum:** 25 awards
- **Amount:** Rs. 15,000 towards Registration, Travel, Accommodation
- Selected by an independent jury among papers presented at NATCON

Eligibility & Membership Requirements (Amendment GBM 2022):

- Presenting author must be IASO member
- Must furnish membership number with abstract
- Selection committee ensures only members' papers are eligible for Designated Awards
- Non-members can present in free papers sessions

Presence Requirement:

- In all Physical meetings: Awardee must be present at Valedictory function to receive cheque

Dr T. Subramanyeshwar Rao.

Dr K. Chandra Mohan.

Dr Subbiah Shanmugam.

Dr Narendra Hulikal



9.6.3 NATCON Best Poster Presentation Award

Award Details:

- **Minimum:** 25 awards

- **Amount:** Rs. 15,000 towards Registration, Travel, Accommodation,

Eligibility & Requirements: Same as Best Paper Presentation Award
(Amendment approved GBM 2013)

Presence Requirement:

- In all Physical meetings: Awardee must be present at Valedictory function to receive cheque

9.6.4 NATCON Best Video Presentation Award

Award Details:

- **Minimum:** 15 awards

- **Amount:** Rs. 15,000 towards Registration, Travel, Accommodation

Eligibility & Requirements: Same as Best Paper Presentation Award
(Amendment approved GBM 2013)

Presence Requirement:

In all Physical meetings: Awardee must be present at Valedictory function to receive cheque

General Note (All Presentation Awards):

- **All award winners must be present at Valedictory function in all Physical meetings**
- **Absentees will be divested of the award; next candidate will be promoted**

Amendment (GBM 2022): Eligibility Enhancement

- Non-members encouraged to present in free papers/posters/videos
- Prize winners given cash awards to cover IASO Membership Fees if they are not members
- Membership given on-the-spot upon production of supporting documents (online mode)

(Extraordinary EC 10 May 2021, Extraordinary Newsletter May 2021,
GBM 2021 New Delhi, Ratified GBM 2022 Madurai)

Dr T. Subramanyeshwar Rao.



Dr K. Chandra Mohan.

Dr Subbiah Shanmugam.

Dr Narendra Hulikal



9.7 Quiz Award

9.7.1 Dr. K. S. Panda – Dr. K S Gopinath Onco Quiz Award

Award Details: (Amended GBM 2023)

- **Winner:** Rs. 8,000 ,**1st Runners-up:** Rs. 5,000, **2nd runners-up:** Rs 2000
- **Total Donation:** Rs. 1 Lac (shared by Dr. K.S Panda & Dr. K S Gopinath)

Eligibility:

- All delegates of NATCON

(Amendment approved GBM NATCON 2011 Lucknow)

Membership Requirements:

- If winner NOT IASO member: Prize given after becoming member
- If not eligible for life membership: Enrolled as associate member, converted to full member upon attaining eligibility

Presence Requirement:

- *Must be present at Valedictory function in all Physical meetings to receive award*

9.8 IASO Grants (GBM 2023)

9.8.1 IASO Outreach Programs at Medical colleges

Program Overview:

- Continuing PG outreach programs at Medical Colleges without Dept of Surgical Oncology
- Inculcating interest in subjects among youngsters

Program Responsibility:

- Each EC member organizes their zone
- Application to secretary, approved by President

IASO Support:

- Financial assistance: **INR 25,000** per program on submission of a report of the activity with photographs for publication in newsletter.

(EC ZOOM 1/11/2022, Newsletter November 2022, GBM 2023 ICC Mumbai)

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DrK.Chandra Mohan.

DrSubbiah Shanmugam.

Dr Narendra Hulikal



9.8.2 IASO Public awareness Camps

Any Lifetime IASO member of good standing can apply for funding for public awareness camps on cancer.

Program Overview:

- Creating public awareness about prevention, screening or management of cancers within India.
- Should be conducted under the banner of IASO
- NO support should be solicited from any pharma or industry
- Application to secretary, approved by President

IASO Support:

- Financial assistance: **INR 25,000** per program to cover the expenses towards banner, educational materials, refreshments etc. on submission of a report of the activity with photographs for publication in newsletter.
- Maximum of four (04) such camps can be permitted in a financial year

9.9 Schedule of Awards & Grants

9.9.1 Award Schedule

IASO Secretariat maintains schedule comprising:

- Various orations
- Fellowships
- Research grants & other grants
- Rules and regulations for these awards
- Management procedures

9.10 Powers of Executive committee

Executive committee has all the rights to introduce, revise, reframe or increase the monetary and other benefits of any of these orations, fellowships, awards and grants with the approval of General body of IASO.

Dr T. Subramanyeshwar Rao.

Dr K. Chandra Mohan.

Dr Subbiah Shanmugam.

Dr Narendra Hulikal



SECTION 10: INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS & AFFILIATIONS

10.1 General Affiliation Policy (Amendment GBM 2023) 10.1.1

Affiliation Parameters & Objectives

Broad parameters governing IASO participation in international meetings:

- **Objectives:**
 - Expand IASO footprint nationally and internationally
 - Increase academic networking
 - Look at membership, academic, and financial benefits

10.1.2 Types of IASO Involvement

- **Pure Academic** involvement
- **Academic with Financial** involvement
- Classified as: Lead Partner, Co-Lead, or Only Affiliation

10.1.3 Key Decision Points for Affiliations

- (1) Respective roles of IASO and participating entities:
 - Scientific programme
 - Faculty
- (2) Financial commitments:
 - Some remuneration to IASO
- (3) Logo sharing:
 - In simple scientific programs only
- (4) Website & Member Communication:
 - Can be put on website
 - Circulated to members
- (5) Membership List Protection:
 - Membership list and contact details **NOT shared** with participating organizations

10.1.4 Affiliation Decision Authority

- Final decision on affiliations left to discretion of IASO office bearers and EC
- **Uniform Policy Document:** To be prepared in future and circulated to EC members

(President Elect Dr SVS Deo presentation, EC 29/06/2023, Newsletter August 2023)

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Dr K. Chandra Mohan.

Dr Subbiah Shanmugam.

Dr Narendra Hulikal



SECTION 11: GRIEVANCE & DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

11.1 Complaint & Grievance Committee

11.1.1 Committee Composition

- **Members:** Immediate three Past Presidents
- **Chairman:** Senior-most Past President

11.1.2 Committee Scope

In addition to election disputes, addresses following complaints:

- a. Assignment of membership category
- b. Admission to membership
- c. Member-to-member feud

11.1.3 Committee Process

- Conduct inquiry
- Submit observations and recommendations to Executive Committee EC makes final decision and informs GBM
- *(Approved GBM Hyderabad 20 Sept 2008)*

11.1.4 Grievance Raising Process (Amendment GBM Oct 2021)

- a. Any Full Member of IASO can raise grievance to Honorary Secretary
- b. Honorary Secretary on advice of Executive Body forwards dispute to Grievance Committee
- c. Decision of Executive Body on advice of Grievance Cell is **final and binding** to all parties

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DrK.Chandra Mohan.

DrSubbiah Shanmugam.

Dr Narendra Hulikal



SECTION 12: AMENDMENTS & FINAL PROVISIONS

12.1 Amendment Procedures

12.1.1 Amendment Process

Any by laws of IASO maybe:

- Altered
- Rescinded
- New bylaws made at General Body Meeting by majority vote

12.1.2 Amendment Implementation

Amendment comes into force after:

- Circulated to all members
- No objection received from more than **40% of valid members** within **three months** from circulation date

12.2 Representation

12.2.1 IASO Representation

- IASO shall **NOT** be represented in the ASI
- (*Amendment approved*)

APPENDICES

Appendix A: Recommendation Letter Format for Life Membership (Category C)

To be provided by IASO – Format available in annexure

Appendix B: Contact Information

IASO Registered Office:

- D 57/58, B 5 Kasturba Nagar, Sagra, Varanasi,
UP. Pin Code: 221010
India

IASO Registration Details:

- Society Registration Number: 627 (Varanasi, UP)
- Income Tax PAN: AAAT14187N
(issued 27th August 2004)
- TAN Number: ALDI00544F (issued 27 September 2011)

Dr T. Subramanyeshwar Rao.

Dr K. Chandra Mohan.

Dr Subbiah Shanmugam.

Dr Narendra Hulikal



DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Document Compiled: January 2026

Based on: IASO Bylaws – Updated with GBM 28th September 2024 amendments

Amendments Included: All amendments through GBM 2024 (NATCON Bengaluru)

Key Updates: Section 9.3 Oration Reforms (Dr. Ashok Mehta Lifetime; DD Patel Past President Oration)

Organization: Consolidated by Related Topics

Completeness: All verbatim text and amendments preserved as per official GBM minutes [file:58]

This comprehensive document contains the complete IASO Bylaws including all amendments approved through the General Body Meeting on 28th September 2024 at NATCON Bengaluru (Clarks Convention Centre). It is suitable for sharing with stakeholders, archival purposes, official record-keeping, and submission to the Registrar for re-registration.

Status: Pending re-registration with Society Registrar, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh

Dr T.SubramanyeshwarRao.

DrK.Chandra Mohan.

DrSubbiah Shanmugam.

Dr Narendra Hulikal

IASO MIDCON 2025, PURI
INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE PERIOD ENDING
31st MARCH 2025

EXPENDITURE	Amt in Rs	INCOME	Amt in Rs
ACCOMODATION AND FOODING AT HOTEL EMPIRE	18,000,00.00	REGISTRATION & ACCOMODATION	8,32,000.00
ACCOMODATION AT HOTEL DURENE	2,50,000.00	SPONSORSHIP	23,73,00.00
PRINTING & ADVERTISEMENT	40,000.00		
MOMENTO, KIT BAG	3,00,000.00		
AUDIO VISUAL & VIDEOGRAPHY, FLOWER DECORATION, WEB DEVELOPMENT	4,50,000.00		
TRANSPORT EXPENSES	1,22,000.00		
CULTURAL PROGRAM	20,000.00		
LORD JAGANNATH DARSHAN	90,000.00		
IASO CONTRIBUTION	1,33,000.00		
TOTAL	32,05,000.00	TOTAL	32,05,000.00



For ABP & ASSOCIATES
Chartered Accountants
(FRN - 315104E)


CA. Prabhat K. Panda
Partner
ICAI. M.No-057140

NATCONIASO 2024

Summary Balance Sheet

As at March 31, 2025

All amounts in INR Unrounded, unless otherwise stated

Particulars	As at March 31, 2025	As at March 31, 2024
I. OWNERS' FUNDS AND LIABILITIES		
Capital Fund Account	30,53,414	-
Current liabilities		
Trade Payables	9,80,000	(4,95,000)
Other current liabilities	60,000	50,64,635
Short-Term Provisions	9,83,591	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	50,77,005	45,69,635
II. ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	45,23,775	41,88,872
Short-term loans and advances	5,53,230	3,80,763
TOTAL ASSETS	50,77,005	45,69,635

Financial Performance Summary - Year ended March 31, 2025

Revenue from Operations	3,07,28,100	Profit before tax	40,37,005
Total Expenses	2,66,91,095	Current Tax	9,83,591
Profit for the Year	30,53,414	Closing Cash & Bank	45,23,775

Key Ratios

Net surplus margin: 9.94%| Cash as % of total assets: 89.1%| Current asset cover: 2.51x

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the Financial Statements
As per our report of even date attached

For B V B RAO & CO
Chartered Accountants
Firm Regn No : 00157315

For NATCONIASO 2024

B V BASKAR RAO
Proprietor
Membership No : 215974
UDIN : 25215974BMLCGP2298
Place : BANGALORE
Date : Oct 15, 2025



Prof Dr.
SOMASHEKHAR S P
CHAIRMAN FINANCE

Place : BANGALORE
Date : Oct 15, 2025

Dr GOPINATH
KEDAGNUR
PATRON

Place : BANGALORE
Date : Oct 15, 2025

Dr. VIJAYA KUMAR
ORGANISING CHAIRMAN

Place : BANGALORE
Date : Oct 15, 2025

INDIAN INCOME TAX RETURN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT [Where the data of the Return of Income in Form ITR-1(SAHAJ), ITR-2, ITR-3, ITR-4(SUGAM), ITR-5, ITR-6, ITR-7 filed and verified] (Please see Rule 12 of the Income-tax Rules, 1962)			Assessment Year 2025-26
PAN	AAJAN1677J		
Name	NATCONIASO 2024		
Address	ROOM NO 313, 3RD FLOOR,, SHANKAR MATH PREMISES, Bangalore South, Bangalore , Bangalore , 15-Karnataka, 91-INDIA, 560004		
Status	AOP/BOI	Form Number	ITR-5
Filed u/s	139(1)-On or before due date	e-Filing Acknowledgement Number	820461241101225
Taxable Income and Tax Details	Current Year business loss, if any	1	0
	Total Income	1A	40,37,010
	Book Profit under MAT, where applicable	2	0
	Adjusted Total Income under AMT, where applicable	3	0
	Net tax payable	4	9,37,147
	Interest and Fee Payable	5	46,255
	Total tax, interest and Fee payable	6	9,83,402
	Taxes Paid	7	9,83,590
	(+) Tax Payable / (-) Refundable (6-7)	8	(-) 190
Accreted Income and Tax Detail	Accreted Income as per section 115TD	9	0
	Additional Tax payable u/s 115TD	10	0
	Interest payable u/s 115TE	11	0
	Additional Tax and interest payable	12	0
	Tax and interest paid	13	0
	(+) Tax Payable / (-) Refundable (12-13)	14	0
This return has been digitally signed by <u>VINAY KUMAR C H</u> in the capacity of <u>Authorised Signatory</u> having PAN <u>AGNPV6237H</u> from IP address <u>49.37.183.82</u> on <u>10-Dec-2025 11:39:55</u> DSC SI.No & Issuer <u>6423323</u> & <u>9130089294058588960CN=IDSign sub CA for Consumers 2022,OU=Certifying Authority,O=QCID Technologies Private Limited,C=IN</u>			
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Brazilian Society of Surgical Oncology IASO Travel Fellowship Visit report

I am delighted to share this visit report for the Brazilian Society of Surgical Oncology IASO travel fellowship award, which enabled me to travel to Brazil to attend the V Brazilian Congress of Digestive Cancer (ONCOGI 2026) in Recife. The selection process and counselling for award selection were conducted smoothly and efficiently. Dr Narendra Hulikal was very helpful in connecting me with the Brazilian society to proceed with the travel fellowship, and I also thank him for following up on the travel plans with me during the Visa and application process. The BSSO was very prompt and helpful in providing the invitation and other necessary help during the visa application.

The congress was well organized, and the hospitality of the BSSO governing members and other members was very impressive. I felt very welcome throughout my trip. The congress focused on various aspects of colorectal, gastric and pancreatic cancer and included a workshop on fluorescence in surgery. The conference was in Portuguese, and international speakers were translated live. I was invited as a faculty speaker at the congress. I gave three talks at the conference. My first talk was titled **“How to reduce anastomotic leak following Right colectomy?”**

I highlighted the perioperative preparations to reduce the risk of anastomotic leaks. The ESCP anastomotic safety checklist was discussed. The second talk was titled **“How to treat anorectal Melanoma?”** I was able to present data from my home institute and discuss trends in the choice of surgery between abdominoperineal resection and trans anal excision for anorectal melanoma. My last talk, “Functional Outcomes after Colorectal Surgery: Prevention Strategies, Neuromodulation and LARS Management,” was well received, during which treatments, including sacral neuromodulation and trans anal irrigation, were discussed for the management of Low anterior resection syndrome. I enjoyed being part of the expert panel discussions in all the above sessions. After the conference,

I visited the Instituto Angelita & Joaquim Gama in São Paulo for a few days. As a visiting fellow, I observed live surgeries and attended academic sessions at the hospital. I was fascinated with the lateral lymph node dissection techniques and watch-and- wait rectal cancer management strategies practiced at the institute. It was a good learning experience. I also visited a few touristy places before returning to India.

This travel fellowship from IASO helped me understand the perspectives and gave me first- hand exposure to GI cancer surgery as practiced in Latin America. I was able to make new friends and discuss ongoing research and surgical techniques with other expert surgical oncologists from Brazil and Europe. I am grateful to IASO, especially the governing council members, for assisting me in availing this travel fellowship. Thanks again

Sincerely,
Dr Rajeevan Philip Sridhar
Associate Professor
Department of General and Colorectal Surgery Christian
Medical College, Vellore, India

Glimpses from BSSO Fellowship





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6th & 7th February, 2027 Rajasthan International Centre

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Pre Conference Mock Exam 5th February



Venue: Rajasthan International Centre, Jaipur



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Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, it gives us immense pleasure to invite you to **MIDCON Jaipur 2027**, the prestigious **Mid-Term Conference of the Indian Association of Surgical Oncology (IASO)**, to be held at the magnificent **Rajasthan International Centre**, Jaipur, from **6th & 7th February 2027**, with the **Pre-Conference Mock Exam on 5th February 2027**.

MIDCON Jaipur 2027 marks a landmark occasion as IASO celebrates **50 years of excellence in surgical oncology**, commemorating its remarkable journey since its establishment in 1977. This milestone conference promises to be a vibrant academic platform bringing together leading surgical oncologists, residents, researchers, and distinguished international faculty from across the globe.

This two-day conference brings together India's foremost surgical oncologists, residents, and international faculty for an intensive exchange of scientific knowledge, clinical experience, and the latest advances in cancer surgery.

From surgical video demonstrations and case-based workshops to expert panel discussions and free paper sessions, MIDCON 2027 is designed to advance the practice of surgical oncology across every subspecialty.

The conference is designed to foster scientific exchange, encourage collaboration, and showcase the latest innovations shaping the future of cancer surgery and oncologic care.

Beyond academics, Jaipur offers a unique blend of heritage, hospitality, and culture, making MIDCON 2027 not only an intellectually rewarding experience but also a memorable one.

We warmly invite you to join us in this historic celebration of knowledge, collaboration, and progress in surgical oncology.

Warm regards,

Organizing Committee

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Local Attractions



Amer Fort

A breathtaking UNESCO World Heritage fortress located about 11 km from the city center, known for its intricate mirror work (Sheesh Mahal), grand courtyards, and scenic views over Maota Lake.

City Palace

Located deep in the walled city, this blend of Mughal and Rajput architecture is still the private residence of the royal family but includes extensive museums and galleries.



Hawa Mahal

The famous "Palace of Winds" features a stunning five-story honeycomb facade designed to let royal women observe the streets unseen.

Albert Hall Museum

Rajasthan's oldest museum houses an extensive collection of artifacts, including royal antiquities, paintings, and even an Egyptian mummy.



Nahargarh Fort

Perched high on the Aravalli Hills, this landmark offers a panoramic view of Jaipur and is highly recommended for spectacular sunset views.

Jantar Mantar

A UNESCO World Heritage site and an awe-inspiring astronomical observatory featuring 19 geometric instruments, including the world's largest stone sundial.



Jal Mahal

A tranquil "floating palace" seemingly suspended in the center of Man Sagar Lake, best viewed during peaceful evening strolls.

Patrika Gate

A highly photogenic, vividly hand-painted gateway that leads into Jawahar Circle Garden, showcasing the rich culture and colors of Rajasthan.





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Category	Early Bird Registration Till IASO-NATCON 2026, Lucknow	Regular Registration 12 October - 31 January 2027	On-site Registration from 1 st February 2027
IASO Member	₹9440 (₹8000+1440 GST)	₹10620 (₹9000+1620 GST)	₹14160 (₹12000+2160 GST)
Non-Member	₹10620 (₹9000+1620 GST)	₹12980 (₹11000+1980 GST)	₹15340 (₹13000+2340 GST)
PG Students	₹5900 (₹5000+900 GST)	₹7080 (₹6000+1080 GST)	₹8260 (₹7000+1260 GST)
Accompanying Person	₹8260 (₹7000+1260 GST)	₹9440 (₹8000+1440 GST)	₹10620 (₹9000+1620 GST)
International Delegates	₹17700 (₹15000+2700 GST)	₹20060 (₹17000+3060 GST)	₹21240 (₹18000+3240 GST)



SCAN TO REGISTER



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IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

1. Telephonic assistance will be available only during office hours (10:00 AM to 7:00 PM, working days).
2. For queries outside office hours, kindly send an email or SMS.

IASO TEXTBOOK OF SURGICAL ONCOLOGY

Salient Features

- First of its kind comprehensive Textbook on Surgical Oncology published in India, meant for surgical oncology postgraduate trainees and practicing surgical oncologists
- Covers all aspects of oncology, including basics with highlights on surgical aspects. The textbook places particular emphasis on the multidisciplinary nature of cancer care, highlighting the integration of surgery with medical oncology, radiation oncology, radiology, pathology, molecular diagnostics, and palliative care. This approach reflects the realities of contemporary cancer treatment, where optimal outcomes depend on coordinated team-based decision-making rather than surgery alone.
- High-quality contributions from the experts in different aspects of oncology
- Attractive illustrations on different aspects covered in the book, including figures, tables, flowcharts, and clinical and step-by-step surgical photographs
- Master videos of different surgeries, including laparoscopic and robotic surgeries, image-guided surgeries, and reconstructions
- The textbook also aims to bridge the gap between classical surgical principles and rapidly evolving technologies. Contemporary topics such as minimally invasive surgery, robotic surgery, image-guided procedures, precision oncology, molecular classification, enhanced recovery pathways, and evolving organ-preservation strategies are incorporated alongside established oncological principles
- Another important USP is its relevance to both learners and practicing surgeons. It provides a strong foundation for residents and fellows while offering experienced surgeons concise, clinically useful updates in rapidly changing areas of surgical oncology
- Ultimately, the textbook aspires to be more than a compilation of knowledge. It is intended to be a practical companion for thoughtful, evidence-based, patient-centered cancer care, empowering surgeons to make informed decisions and deliver safe, effective, and oncologically sound treatment.



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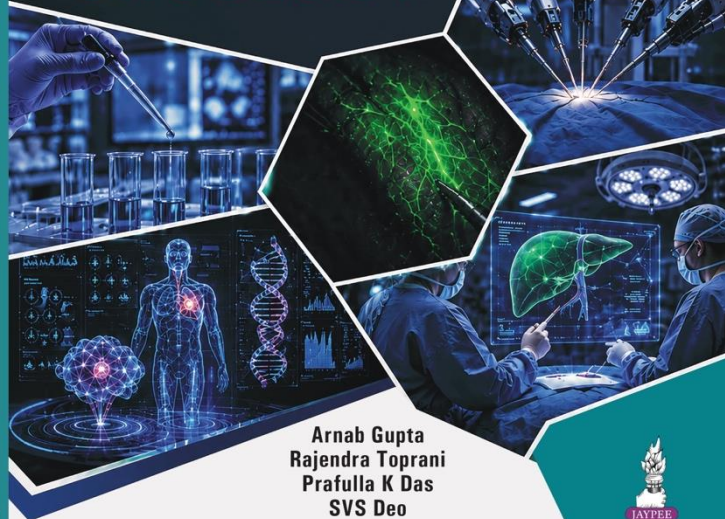
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