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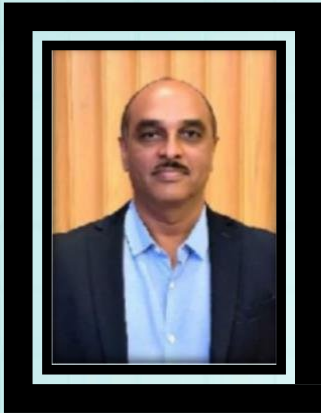
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## Message from the President

### **Dr TS Rao**

Chairman Academic Council

Medical Director

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Hyderabad

Dear Members,

It is my privilege to address the members of the Indian Association of Surgical Oncology (IASO) at a time when Surgical Oncology in India is undergoing remarkable transformation. Rapid advances in precision surgery, robotics, technology, and multidisciplinary cancer care have significantly improved outcomes, while reaffirming the central and irreplaceable role of the surgical oncologist in comprehensive cancer management.

For over five decades, IASO has served as the unified national voice of surgical oncologists, committed to academic excellence, ethical practice, and professional advocacy. As our specialty evolves, IASO remains steadfast in safeguarding the interests of its members while advancing the highest standards of cancer surgery across the country.

Empowering young surgical oncologists remains a core priority. IASO is dedicated to fostering structured training, mentorship, academic opportunities, and leadership development, with a firm commitment to strengthening capacity not only in urban centres but also across underserved and remote regions of India.

IASO is actively engaging with the National Medical Commission (NMC) to advocate for uniform, competency-based standardisation of Surgical Oncology training. Such reform is essential to ensure consistent, high-quality cancer care and to prepare our workforce for future challenges. We also strongly support the responsible and ethical adoption of emerging technologies, including robotics and image-guided surgery, to enhance precision, safety, and patient outcomes.

As we move forward, IASO envisions an India where every patient has access to quality surgical cancer care, every young oncologist is empowered with world-class training, and every region is strengthened with skilled cancer surgeons. Guided by unity, integrity, and innovation, IASO will continue to advance the frontiers of Surgical Oncology and serve the nation with unwavering commitment.

With warm regards,

Dr TS Rao

Hony President, IASO



## **Message from the Past President**

**Dr Sharad Desai**

Director

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Dear Members,

As I complete my term as President, I do so with deep gratitude—for the trust you placed in me, the collective wisdom of our members, and the unwavering commitment of our Executive Committee. Serving this Association has been both a privilege and a profound learning experience.

It is now my great pleasure to hand over the responsibility of leadership to our new President and the incoming Executive Committee. They bring with them fresh energy, insight, and a shared sense of purpose that gives me immense confidence in the road ahead.

Cancer care in India continues to face a dual challenge: excellence at the cutting edge, and equity at the grassroots. The future of our Association, I firmly believe, lies in addressing this gap. Improving access to quality cancer care for the economically and socially disadvantaged, reaching patients in distant and underserved regions, and ensuring that standards of surgical oncology are homogeneous across the country must remain central to our mission.

I am confident that the new leadership will take this agenda forward with resolve—strengthening outreach, fostering collaboration, and building systems that ensure every patient access to timely, cost effective, viable, and competent cancer care because of geography or any circumstance.

I thank every member for their support during my tenure and urge you to extend the same wholehearted cooperation to the new President and Executive Committee. Together, as one Association, we can continue to shape a future where high-quality cancer care is not a privilege, but a promise—available to all.

With warm regards and best wishes,

Dr Sharad Desai,

Immediate Past President



## **Message from the Vice President**

### **Dr K Chandramohan**

Professor, Dept of Surgical Oncology  
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Kulasekharam

My esteemed colleagues,

It is with immense honour and a deep sense of responsibility that I assume the role of your President-Elect. The Indian Association of Surgical Oncology (IASO) stands as the nation's largest and most vital professional body for cancer surgeons, and I am committed to building upon its strong foundation.

My vision for our tenure is centred on growth, collaboration, and empowerment. We will focus on several key pillars:

1. **Strengthening Our Community:** We will actively grow our membership to unite every Surgical Oncologist across the country, fostering a powerful, inclusive network for support and advocacy.
2. **Building Global Bridges:** A major priority is expanding international collaborations. This includes creating short-term fellowship opportunities for our young surgeons abroad and inviting international trainees to our renowned Indian institutions for mutual knowledge exchange.
3. **Enhancing Knowledge & Skills:** We will increase the number and quality of workshops, seminars, and meetings. A special focus will be on region-centric refresher courses and targeted training to empower our students and residents to excel in their exit examinations.
4. **Streamlining National Training:** We will proactively engage with the National Medical Commission (NMC), and the National Board of Examinations (NBE), to help standardize and improve surgical oncology training across India.
5. **Partnering for National Health:** We pledge to actively assist the Government of India and the National Cancer Grid (NCG) in planning and executing the National Cancer Control Programme, ensuring our expertise contributes directly to national policy.

Together, we can elevate the standards of cancer surgery, empower the next generation, and amplify India's voice on the global oncology stage. I eagerly seek your ideas, participation, and energy. Let us work as one to advance our noble specialty.

Warmly,  
Chandramohan K



## **Message from the Secretary**

### **Dr Narendra Hulikal**

Professor & HOD  
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Tirupati

Dear Members,

Warm greetings from the Indian Association of Surgical Oncology (IASO). It is a pleasure to connect with you through this quarterly newsletter as we reflect on recent milestones and look ahead to an exciting year of academic engagement and Golden Jubilee celebrations.

IASO has begun its new term (2025–2026) with a change in Office Bearers. I have assumed charge as Honorary Secretary, succeeding Dr. Rudra Acharya. I express my sincere gratitude to the outgoing leadership for their dedicated service and seek the continued support of all members as we work to strengthen IASO's academic, training, and outreach initiatives during this historic Golden Jubilee phase.

The recent Annual NATCON held in Goa was a major success, marked by excellent academic content, multidisciplinary collaboration, and warm fellowship. On behalf of IASO, I sincerely thank the organizing committee, faculty, sponsors, and delegates for making NATCON one of the most memorable conferences in recent years.

As IASO enters its Golden Jubilee cycle (2025–2026), we honour our founders, celebrate our journey, and look ahead to the future of surgical oncology in India. A series of academic and outreach activities are planned over the coming year, including national and regional workshops, collaborative webinars and tumour boards, IASO–NCG Travelling Fellowships, public awareness initiatives, and the publication of a special Golden Jubilee Yearbook. Members are encouraged to actively participate and contribute to these initiatives.

We are pleased to announce that MIDCON 2026 will be held in Raipur in February 2026, which will focus on practice-changing techniques, skill development, and innovations relevant to surgeons working in tier-2 and tier-3 settings, serving as an important academic bridge to the Golden Jubilee NATCON.

As we commemorate fifty years of IASO, let us continue to uphold our shared values of integrity, innovation, inclusion, and excellence, and work together to advance cancer care across India.

Warm regards,  
Dr. Narendra Hulikal  
Honorary Secretary, IASO



## **Message from the Treasurer**

### **Dr Ashutosh Mishra**

Asso. Professor, Surgical Oncology  
All India Institute of Medical Science  
New Delhi

The Indian Association of Surgical Oncology (IASO) stands today as a vibrant academic 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  
Treasurer, IASO



## **Message from the Editorial Secretary**

**Dr (Col) Arnab Bandyopadhyay**

Senior Adviser (Surgery & Oncosurgery)

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Dear Members,

It is a privilege to address the members of the Indian Association of Surgical Oncology (IASO) through this newsletter at a time when the association is steadily strengthening its academic and digital footprint. I take this opportunity to place on record my sincere appreciation and gratitude to my predecessor for the exemplary work done in strengthening and modernising the IASO digital presence. The foundation laid has been strong, professional, and forward-looking. As I assume this responsibility, I remain committed to building upon this excellent work through regular and timely updates of the IASO website, ensuring accuracy, relevance, and ease of access for all members.

IASO has adopted a clear, forward-looking vision aimed at achieving seamless integration between the *Indian Journal of Surgical Oncology (IJSO)*, international partner society platforms, and the activities of the *National Cancer Grid (NCG)*. This alignment is vital to enhance academic exchange, promote collaborative research, and ensure wider dissemination of high-quality oncological knowledge

In today's rapidly evolving digital landscape, there is also a pressing need for a more impactful and strategic presence of IASO across social media platforms. Strengthening our engagement in the digital space will not only improve visibility and outreach but also help connect meaningfully with younger colleagues, trainees, and the global oncology community.

In the forthcoming Golden Jubilee year, we also look forward to introducing new, user-friendly features that will further enhance engagement, academic exchange, and connectivity within our fraternity.

Working in close coordination with the IASO leadership, the editorial team remains committed to advancing the collective goals and ensuring that IASO continues to be a strong, relevant, and influential voice in surgical oncology—both nationally and internationally.

Warm regards,

Jai Hind

Dr (Col) Arnab Bandyopadhyay

Hony Editorial Secretary

# IASO Executive Committee (2025-2026)



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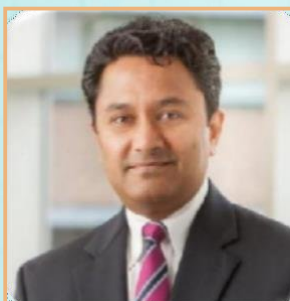


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## IASO Executive Body Election Results

SN	Post	Name	Remarks
1	Vice President	Dr Subbiah Shanmugam	Elected (Unopposed)
2	Secretary	Dr Narendra Hulikal	Elected
3	Treasurer	Dr Ashutosh Mishra	Elected
4.	Editorial Secretary	Dr Arnab Bandyopadhyay	Elected (Unopposed)
5.	EC: North Zone	Dr Navin Kumar	Elected
6.	EC: East Zone	Dr Jayanta Chakrabarti	Elected
7.	EC: South Zone	Dr K Venkatachala	Elected
8.	EC: West Zone	Dr Jeewan Ram Vishnoi	Elected (Unopposed)

## IASO Fellowship Awards 2025-26

Sl No	Award Name	Name of Awardee
1.	SSO-ICDE	Dr Shihana Hameed
2.	SSO Poster award 1	Dr Niveditha Puthalath
3.	SSO Poster award 2	Dr Saurin Bharatbhai Chaudhary
4.	SSO Poster award 3	Dr Pradeep S
5.	SSO Poster award 4	Dr Saravanan Moorthy
6.	SSO Poster award 5	Dr Ameenuddin Khan
7.	SSO Poster award 6	Dr Gajendra Pandit
8.	SSO Poster award 7	Dr Manikandan Venkatasubramaniyan
9.	SSO Poster award 8	Dr Dhaval Vasa
10.	SSO Poster award 9	Dr Desiraju Yajushi
11.	SSO Poster award 10	Dr Nirmal Ganesh N
12	IASO=NOGU MIS UGI Fellowship	Dr Syed Nusrath
13	ESSO Award	Dr Karthik H K
14	ESSO Poster Award 1	Dr Rajkumar Kotayasamy Seenivasagam
15	ESSO Poster Award 2	Dr Shraddha Patkar
16	ESSO Poster Award 3	Dr Ramanuj Mukherjee
17	BASO Fellowship	Dr Rajeevan Philip Sridhar
18.	Indo-American IASO travelling fellowship	Dr Monika Pohekar
19	Ludhiana Fellowship	Dr Rao Bhupender Yadav

## **Minutes of joint meeting with IJSO & IASO secretariat dt 17 Oct 2025**

### **1. Welcome Address**

The meeting began with a welcome address by Dr. S. P. Somashekhar, Chairman and Editor-in-Chief, Indian Journal of Surgical Oncology (IJSO). He welcomed the newly constituted Editorial Board and expressed appreciation for the contributions of the previous board in strengthening the journal's academic standing.

### **2. Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the previous joint IJSO-IASO Editorial Board meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at Bengaluru were confirmed.

### **3. Presentation by Springer Nature (India)**

Ms. Deepshikha Chauhan, representing Springer India, presented the annual performance report of IJSO. Key highlights included:

- The median time to acceptance has reduced significantly to 79 days.
- The Impact Factor of IJSO increased from 0.62 to 0.77 for the year 2024.
- The number of manuscript submissions has shown a consistent upward trend over recent years, reflecting the growing visibility of the journal.

### **4. New Editorial Board Initiatives**

Dr. Pankaj Kumar Garg, Executive Editor, presented the new initiatives launched under the guidance of Dr. S.P.Soma shekhar, Editor-in-Chief:

a. **Reviewer Recognition:** Six top reviewers were felicitated based on the quantity and quality of their reviews. Awardees: Dr. Anand Raja, Dr. Deepti Chaudhary, Dr. Kanika Kapur, Dr. Ankit Jain, Dr. Kazi, and Dr. Garvit Chitkara. Each received a certificate, a Springer Gold Medal, a US \$300 voucher, and a token of appreciation.

b. **Author Awards:** Authors of the three most cited and three most downloaded articles were felicitated to acknowledge their contribution to the journal's impact.

#### **c. Three Most Downloaded Papers**

Competency-Based Medical Education (CBME): an Overview andbRelevance to the Education of Future Surgical Oncologists *Premila D. Leiphakpam, Chandrakanth Are* Biomarker in Hepatocellular Carcinoma *Pooja Basthi Mohan, Rajiv Lochan, Shiran Shetty* Liver Transplantation for Nonresectable Colorectal Liver Metastases (CRLM) *Abdullah K. Malik, Balaji Mahendran, Rajiv Lochan, Steven A. White*

#### **d. Most Cited Papers – IJSO 2025**

(i) Ethical Considerations and Equipoise in Cancer Surgery *Mohammad Vakili-Ojarood, Amirhossein Naseri, Ahmad Shirinzadeh-Dastgiri, Ali Saberi, Seyed Masoud Haghighikian, Amirhossein Rahmani, Nazila Farnoush, Nahid Nafissi, Naeimeh Heiranizadeh, Mohamad Hossein Attarichi, Nima Narimani, Mohammad Mehdi Atarod, Maryam Yeganeje, Hossein Neamatzadeh*

(ii) Understanding the Rising Breast Cancer Among Young Women: Biological Insights, Projections, and an Opportunity Window Leading up to 2040 *Rakesh Kumar*

(iii) Competency-Based Medical Education (CBME): an Overview and Relevance to the Education of Future Surgical Oncologists *Premila D. Leiphakpam, Chandrakanth Are*

c. **IJSO Workshop:** A workshop on “Writing, Publishing, and Thriving in Surgery” was conducted for young surgeons. Participants were trained on manuscript preparation, publication ethics, and the editorial process. A post-workshop assessment identified three top participants, with the highest scorer offered a three-month Guest Editorship with IJSO.

#### **d. Dissertation-to-Publication Initiative:**

Dissertation-to-Publication Initiative (New): The Editorial Board proposed a new initiative titled "Dissertation to Publication." Newly qualified DNB and MCh graduates will be encouraged to convert their dissertations into manuscripts and submit them to IJSO. The IJSO Editorial Board will identify high-quality dissertations and provide guidance, mentoring, and editorial support to help these trainees publish their work in IJSO. Detailed guidelines will be circulated soon.

#### **5. Reimbursement of Travel Charges**

The matter was discussed in detail with the Executive Committee of the IASO. It was unanimously decided that a total of five travel grant reimbursements for the travel expenses of the IJSO Editorial Board will be provided to the Editor-in-Chief, Executive Editor, and three Joint Editors (or their representatives) attending NATCON 2025 as part of the IASO Executive Committee. The Secretary, IASO, confirmed that the proposal would be placed before the IASO General Body Meeting for final approval.

#### **6. Proposal to Increase Publication Frequency**

Considering that more than 200 manuscripts are currently pending publication and in issue, the Editorial Board recommended increasing the publication frequency of IJSO from bimonthly to monthly. It was also shared with the Executive Committee of the IASO that the number of manuscript submissions has risen substantially, demonstrating the journal's growing credibility and reach. After a detailed discussion, the proposal was unanimously approved.

#### **7. Statement of Accounts**

The annual financial report of IJSO was presented by Dr. S. P. Somashekhar, Editor-in-Chief, and was noted by all members.

#### **8. Any Other Matter**

No additional items were raised for discussion

#### **9. Vote of Thanks**

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. S. P. Somashekhar, who appreciated the active participation and continued support of all board members and the Springer representatives.



## **Minutes of the IASO AGM held During NATCON 2025**

### **1. Call to Order and Welcome Address**

The Annual General Body Meeting of the Indian Association of Surgical Oncology (IASO) was formally called to order by **Dr Sharad Desai**, who delivered the opening remarks. He welcomed all members present and thanked them for their continued support and active participation in the association's activities.

### **2. Secretary's Annual Report**

The Annual Report was presented by the **Secretary, Dr Rudra Prasad Acharya**, covering the following key points:

#### **a. Membership Status**

The total number of IASO members as on **01 October 2025** was reported to be **2,551**, reflecting the steady growth of the association.

#### **b. IASO Elections 2025**

The Secretary formally declared the results of the **IASO Elections 2025** and congratulated the newly elected office bearers and Executive Committee members.

#### **c. Academic and Educational Activities**

An overview of various academic initiatives and educational programmes conducted under the aegis of IASO and its members was presented. These included, but were not limited to:

- SCOPE and Cadaveric Workshops
  - Skill Enhancement Workshops
  - Oncoplastic Breast Surgery Workshops
  - CME programmes organised by the Andhra Pradesh Association of Surgical Oncology
  - East Zonal Oncology Conference
- These activities were highlighted as significant contributions towards capacity building and academic excellence in surgical oncology.

#### **d. Financial Contributions to IASO**

The Secretary acknowledged and recorded the following contributions:

- **NATCON Bengaluru Organising Committee:** ₹10,00,000/-
- **Dr Arnab Gupta,** East Zonal Oncology Conference: ₹25,000/-

#### **e. International Collaborations**

Members were informed about the strengthening of international academic partnerships through the signing of Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with leading global surgical oncology societies, namely:

- Society of Surgical Oncology (SSO)
- British Society of Surgical Oncology (BSSO)
- European Society of Surgical Oncology (ESSO)

### 3. Treasurer's Report

The **Outgoing Treasurer, Dr Saikat Gupta**, presented the Annual Income and Expenditure Statement of IASO. He informed the members that all pending **GST liabilities** had been amicably resolved with the assistance of the GST consultant, **Dr Aranya Krishna**.

The Income-Expenditure Statements along with Income Tax filings for the financial years **2023-24** and **2024-25** were placed before the General Body. After due discussion, the accounts were **approved and passed unanimously** by the members present.

### 4. Conference Updates

The **Outgoing Secretary** updated the members on the preparedness of **MIDCON 2025**, scheduled to be held on **7th and 8th February 2025 at Raipur**.

Subsequently, the **Organising Secretary of NATCON 2026** briefed the General Body regarding the progress and preparedness for **NATCON 2026**, scheduled to be held on **9th, 10th, and 11th October 2026 at Lucknow**, and extended a warm invitation to all members.

### 5. Finalisation of MIDCON 2027 Venue

The venue for **MIDCON 2027** was discussed. Three bids were received from **Varanasi, Jaipur, and Rajahmundry**. After due deliberation and voting by the General Body, **Jaipur** was selected and awarded the hosting rights for MIDCON 2027.

It was further informed that **NATCON 2027** would be **amalgamated with the International Cancer Congress (ICC)** scheduled to be held at **Chennai**.

### 6. Closure of Meeting

As there were no further points or queries raised by the members, the meeting was formally concluded. The outgoing office bearers welcomed and congratulated the **newly elected Executive Committee and Office Bearers**, wishing them success in their forthcoming term.



## **ORGANISING SECRETARY'S REPORT – IASO NATCON 2025**

The 38th Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Surgical Oncology (IASO NATCON 2025) was successfully conducted from 17th to 19th October 2025 at Cidade de Goa and Taj Heritage, Goa, jointly organized by the Indian Association of Surgical Oncology (IASO) and Gokarma Oncology Association.

The conference was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa, Dr. Pramod Sawant, in the presence of Hon'ble Shri Sadanand Shet Tanawade, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), who graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour. The inaugural function was attended by senior members, past presidents, national and international faculty, and delegates from across the country.

The scientific program was comprehensive, featuring plenary sessions, keynote lectures, master videos, panel discussions, and orations, covering recent advances in surgical oncology and emerging trends in cancer care. The academic content was curated to highlight the conference theme — *“OncoVoyage :sea to Summit , Navigating the cancer surgery .”*

The conference witnessed the participation of over 800 delegates, with representation from all major oncology centres of the country. The program was enriched by contributions from eminent international faculty, including **Dr. Chandrakanth Are (USA), Dr Peter Cordeiro (USA), Dr Russel Berman ( SSO president USA), Dr Suzanne Gisbertz ( Netherlands), Dr Kheng Seong ( Australia), Dr Amit Goel ( UK), Dr Ananth Desai ( UK), Dr Rodrigo Pinheiro ( Brazil) , Dr Bruno Azevedo ( Brazil) , Dr Sumohan Chaterjee (UK), Dr Vinayak Rohan ( USA) ,Dr Yogesh Vasisht ( Germany), Dr Sankaran Narayanan ( UK) , Dr Rasita Manatunga ( Shrilanka) , Dr Sagar Khatiwada ( Nepal )** whose deliberations added immense academic value and global perspective. Eminent National Faculty and Past Presidents of IASO who have enriched this conference with their presence, knowledge and wisdom.

Pre-conference **hands-on workshops on “Advanced Stapling Devices and Surgical Energy Sources” , “Breast Oncoplasty” and “ Complex Sinonasal Tumors : planning and execution** “were conducted successfully and well received by postgraduate trainees and young surgical oncologists.

The social and cultural evenings showcased the vibrant Goan spirit, fostering interaction and camaraderie among members. The Alumni meets were memorable highlight, rekindling old associations and celebrating collective achievements.

The success of IASO NATCON 2025 is attributed to the dedicated efforts of **the IASO leadership - President Dr Sharad Desai , Honorary Secretary Dr Rudra prasad Acharya & Executive Committee, the Organizing Committee of Gokarma Oncology Association , and the support extended by scientific, hospitality, and logistics teams, along with PCO Elisyan and all our industry partners.**

IASO NATCON 2025 will be remembered as an outstanding academic and social event, setting high standards in organization, participation, and scientific content.

**Dr Sanjeev Kulgod**  
Organising Secretary

**Dr Sekhar Salkar**  
Organising Chairman

## Glimpses: NATCON 2025, Goa



## Minutes of the EC Meeting (Virtual) dt 28 Oct 2025

### 1. Opening of the Session

Secretary **Dr. Narendra Hullikal**, with the permission of President **Dr. T. S. Rao**, commenced the meeting and announced the agenda for the Executive Committee (EC) meeting.

### 2. Presidential Address

President **Dr. T. S. Rao** delivered the opening address, warmly welcoming the new EC members and office bearers. He encouraged all members to work with renewed vigour and commitment to uphold the prestige of IASO.

### 3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Web Secretary **Dr. A. Bandyopadhyay** presented the minutes of the EC meeting and GBM held during NATCON Goa.

### 4. Treasurer's Report & Appointment of Chartered Accountant

During the discussion of the previous year's treasurer report, the need for a **single comprehensive Chartered Accountant (CA)** to manage IASO's IT and GST matters was strongly emphasised and unanimously agreed upon. Accordingly, the decision was taken to discontinue the services of **Mr. Tiwari**. The President assigned **Dr. Ashutosh Mishra, Treasurer**, as the nodal officer to identify and appoint a suitable CA capable of managing all financial compliance issues.

### 5. Point Raised by Dr. Venkat

It was proposed that the **previous AGM minutes be shared ahead of every EC meeting**. The committee agreed to implement this.

### 6. Discussion happened regarding inclusion of new overseas members who are actively contributing to IASO activities. Accordingly the name of Dr Anant Desai and Dr Yogesh K Vashisht was proposed in place of Dr Ashutosh Kothari & Dr Alope Pathak. After deliberation all EC members agreed for inclusion of the same.

### 7. Re-launch of the IASO Travelling Fellowship in NCG Affiliated Institutes

- a. **Dr. Anand Raja** will coordinate with NCG to formulate the fellowship framework.
- b. Discussions will be held with NCG regarding **equal contribution**, which will help increase the number of fellowships and further encourage young surgical oncologists.

### 8. IASO Awards: Age Criteria & Attendance Requirement

- a. The age criterion for IASO awards was fixed at **40 years**. *Unanimously approved.*
- b. Mandatory presence during the valedictory function was deemed **not necessary**. *Unanimously approved.*

### 9. Formulation of Guidelines for Education & Public Awareness Grants

**Dr. Jayanta Chakraborty** (EC Member, East Zone) was entrusted with drafting the guidelines.

### 10. Approval of Golden Jubilee Logo

The Golden Jubilee logo was **unanimously appreciated and approved**. The EC and Secretary congratulated **Dr. Naveen** for his efforts and valuable contribution.

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**11. Golden Jubilee Outreach Program**

Ideas such as a **walkathon, bike ride, or awareness run during NATCON** were discussed. Members were encouraged to explore further possibilities and contribute additional suggestions.

**12. Online Meeting Platform Subscription**

**Dr. Ashutosh Mishra** was assigned to evaluate and report the cost and suitability of platforms such as **Zoom, Google Meet, or WebEx** for IASO use.

**13. Update on Upcoming Mock Examination –**

**“SCOPE” Dr. Anand Raja** provided an update regarding the upcoming SCOPE mock examination for residents at Adyar, Chennai.

**14. MIDCON 2026 – Update by Organizing Secretary**

- a. **Dr. Mou Roy** reported that an exclusive session by women oncologists is planned, with **Dr. Savita** coordinating and assisting in program formulation.
- b. It was decided that **no orations** will be included; however, **keynote lectures** may be part of MIDCON.
- c. Overseas speakers may be invited, provided they keep the EC informed and all communication is routed through IASO.

**15. NATCON 2026 – Lucknow Update**

**Dr. Akash and Dr. Sameer** briefed the EC on the preparations and requested a message from the IASO President and Secretary for inclusion in the event brochure.

**16. ASICON 2025 – IASO Section**

Vice President **Dr. Chandramohan** reminded the committee about the IASO section in ASICON 2025, scheduled in December at Kolkata, and urged preparations for a strong representation.

**Conclusion**

With no further points to discuss, the meeting concluded with closing remarks from the President, who commended all members for their sincere efforts and contributions.

## Activities across India: CME By AP Assoc of Surg Oncology (APASO)

APASO Inauguration and CME on GI Luminal Malignancies Successfully Held at SVICCAR, Tirupati on July 13, 2025.

Sri Venkateswara Institute of Cancer Care and Advanced Research (SVICCAR), Tirupati, a unit of the Tata Cancer Care Foundation, successfully hosted a landmark two-day academic event on July 12-13, 2025, marking the inauguration of the Andhra Pradesh Association of Surgical Oncology (APASO) along with a Continuing Medical Education (CME) program on GI Luminal Malignancies.

The inauguration commenced with a welcome address by Dr. Prasanth Penumadu, Medical Director & Head, Surgical Oncology, SVICCAR and Secretary, APASO. Dr. T. Subramanyeshwar Rao, Medical Director & Head of Surgical Oncology, BIACH & RI, Hyderabad, graced the occasion as Chief Guest, formally inaugurating APASO and delivering the keynote address titled *"Redefining Boundaries in Esophageal Surgery: Lessons from the Past, Vision for the Future."*

The ceremony was further enriched by the presence of distinguished Guests of Honour, including Dr. Sharad Desai (President, IASO), Dr. Rudra Prasad Acharya (Secretary, IASO), Dr. Narendra Hulikal (President, APASO), Dr. Murali Krishna Voonna and Dr. M.G. Naga Kishore (Patrons, APASO), and Dr. E. Hari Krishna (Observer, Andhra Pradesh Medical Council). Their participation highlighted the collective commitment to strengthening surgical oncology in the state.

The scientific program focused on esophageal, gastric, and colorectal malignancies, featuring expert lectures, multidisciplinary panel discussions, and MDT sessions emphasizing evidence-based and practical decision-making. The CME witnessed enthusiastic participation from over 280 delegates, including faculty, postgraduates, and practicing clinicians from Andhra Pradesh and neighboring states.

The event provided a valuable academic platform for learning, discussion, and mentorship, with senior faculty sharing extensive clinical insights into the management of luminal GI cancers. The successful organization of the program, led by Dr. Prasanth Penumadu, was widely appreciated.

The inauguration of APASO and the successful conduct of CME 2025 reflect a significant step forward in fostering collaboration, academic excellence, and high-quality oncology care in Andhra Pradesh, setting a strong benchmark for future educational initiatives.



## **Testimonial from Fellowship Winner (ESSO-44): Dr.Shouptik Basu**

I had the privilege of attending the 44th Congress of the European Society of Surgical Oncology (ESSO 44), held in Gothenburg, Sweden, from 15 to 17 October 2025. The meeting brought together surgical oncologists from diverse subspecialties across the world, providing an outstanding platform for academic exchange, collaboration, and professional development. I presented two research works as e-posters, which generated thoughtful discussions and elicited valuable feedback from fellow delegates and leading experts in the field.

### **Day-wise Summary**

#### **1. Day 1 (15 October)**

The congress opened with plenary sessions highlighting recent advances in surgical oncology and the expanding role of multidisciplinary cancer care. I attended a broad spectrum of scientific sessions encompassing upper gastrointestinal, hepatobiliary, breast, colorectal, and peritoneal surface malignancies, including focused discussions on intraperitoneal immunotherapy and its emerging clinical applications. These sessions provided valuable insights into evolving treatment strategies and innovation across key oncologic subspecialties. In addition, I participated in an industry symposium on 3D intraoperative specimen imaging, including 3D mammography using the Kubtec Mozart system, which showcased advanced technologies aimed at improving surgical accuracy and pathological assessment. During the meeting, I presented a novel and unique e-poster titled *iCRS Alert*, a predictive model and smartphone application utilizing inflammatory biomarkers to anticipate postoperative complications in carcinoma ovary patients undergoing interval cytoreductive surgery (CRS) and HIPEC. The presentation generated significant academic interest and facilitated stimulating discussions with international experts and peers, providing a collaborative platform for knowledge exchange and professional learning.

#### **2. Day 2 (16 October)**

It was a distinct pleasure to meet the ESSO President, **Geerard Beets**, and to engage in a constructive discussion on current and future research directions within surgical oncology. The Young ESSO networking event provided an excellent opportunity to connect with peers and senior representatives, who shared valuable insights and guidance on international collaboration and early-career professional development. In addition, the dedicated sessions on breast surgery, colorectal oncology, and career development were particularly insightful, offering both practical perspectives and strong motivation for continued academic and clinical growth.

#### **3. Day 3 (17 October)**

The final day of the congress focused on tumor-site updates in sarcoma and peritoneal malignancies, followed by forward-looking discussions on the future of global surgical oncology training. Particularly thought-provoking debates centered on pseudomyxoma peritonei, with expert contributions from Lana Bijelic and Faheez Mohammed, highlighting emerging evidence and ongoing controversies in disease management. New studies exploring the molecular underpinnings of peritoneal surface malignancies were especially compelling, offering insights into potential novel therapeutic targets. Sessions also addressed evolving treatment modalities, including discussions on gastric carcinoma managed with PIPAC and HIPEC, further elaborated by Dr Bijelic. Before the congress concluded, I revisited several posters focused on surgical innovation leaving Gothenburg with a wealth of new ideas, perspectives, and professional connections.

### **Key Summaries**

- Presentation of a **novel and unique e-poster titled *iCRS Alert***—a predictive model and smartphone application that utilizes inflammatory biomarkers to anticipate postoperative complications in carcinoma ovary patients undergoing interval cytoreductive surgery (CRS) and HIPEC, generating significant academic interest and expert discussion.

- Broad exposure to contemporary advances in surgical oncology through plenary lectures and subspecialty sessions spanning upper gastrointestinal, hepatobiliary, breast, colorectal, sarcoma, and peritoneal surface malignancies, with focused attention on intraperitoneal immunotherapy.
- Insight into emerging technologies and evolving treatment strategies, including 3D intraoperative specimen imaging and 3D mammography (Kubtec Mozart), as well as innovative applications of PIPAC and HIPEC in gastric and peritoneal malignancies.
- Valuable professional engagement through interactions with ESSO leadership, including **Geerard Beets**, and participation in the Young ESSO networking event, fostering international collaboration and early-career development.
- Thought-provoking debates and novel molecular insights into pseudomyxoma peritonei and peritoneal surface malignancies, featuring expert contributions from **Lana Bijelic** and **Faheez Mohammed**, culminating in renewed academic motivation and strengthened professional networks.

### Conclusion

Attending ESSO 44 was an academically enriching experience that significantly broadened my international perspective and strengthened my understanding of contemporary advances in surgical oncology. The congress provided a valuable global platform to present my **unique research** through an e-poster, allowing me to showcase my work to an international audience and engage in meaningful scientific discussions with experts and peers from across the world. The interactions and feedback received will meaningfully inform my ongoing research and clinical training. I look forward to remaining actively involved with ESSO and Young ESSO initiatives in the future.

I am sincerely and humbly grateful to the Indian Association of Surgical Oncology (IASO) for their generous support, which made my participation and presentation at this prestigious international meeting possible. This opportunity to present my research on a global stage represents a significant milestone in my academic journey, and I deeply appreciate IASO's continued commitment to supporting the professional growth of young surgical oncologists.

### **Dr.Shouptik Basu**

MBBS, MS, DNB , MNAMS, MCh (AIIMS), MRCS (Edin.), MRCS (Glasg.), Fellowship (Robotic Surg), FMAS, FSSO  
Consultant Surgical Oncologist and Robotic Surgeon  
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## Testimonial from Fellowship Winner Dr.Varun

To

The Secretary,

Indian Association of Surgical Oncology (IASO)

Subject: Report on IASO-BSSO Fellowship visit to XVII Brazilian Congress of Surgical Oncology, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

I, Dr. Varun T N, attended the XVII Brazilian Congress of Surgical Oncology held at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 5th to 8th November 2025, as part of the IASO-BSSO Fellowship program. During the congress, I participated actively in scientific sessions and delivered two invited oral presentations. On 6th November 2025, in the "Congress of the World Society of Surgical Oncology" session, a new initiative which was introduced in the XVII Brazilian Congress of Surgical Oncology, where speakers from different nations were brought together, I presented a talk titled "Mastering the Ivor Lewis Esophagectomy: A Step by Step Operative Video with Technical Considerations from a High Volume Oncology Center" from 2:30 PM to 2:40 PM in Room 1, in the capacity of Speaker. This session enabled discussion on operative nuances, peri-operative strategies, and standardization of complex operative techniques.

On 7th November 2025, I delivered a second oral presentation in the "Translational Research - Publications" session from 2:00 PM to 3:45 PM in Room 6. The theme of my presentation was "Striving for Textbook Outcomes in Esophagectomy - Experience of First 100 Patients from a Tertiary Cancer Care Center in Southern India," wherein I presented original institutional data on outcomes, complications, and quality indicators in esophageal cancer surgery. This facilitated valuable academic exchange, with queries and feedback from international faculty on methodology, benchmarking, and implementation of textbook outcome metrics in low- and middle-income settings.

In addition to my own talks, I attended multiple plenary lectures, video sessions, and panel discussions on upper gastrointestinal, hepatopancreatobiliary, colorectal, and breast oncology. These sessions provided updated evidence on minimally invasive and robotic approaches, peri-operative care pathways, neoadjuvant treatment protocols, and survivorship issues.

The fellowship-supported participation in this congress has significantly contributed to my professional development as a surgical oncology trainee.

I hereby submit this report to IASO as documentation of successful completion of the IASO-BSSO Fellowship component related to participation in the XVII Brazilian Congress of Surgical Oncology.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Varun T N

Department of Surgical Oncology

KMC Manipal



## Testimonial from Fellowship Winner : Dr Aditi Komandur

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From: **aditi komandur** <aditikomandur@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, Nov 18, 2025 at 11:41 AM

Subject: ESSO 2025 grant

To: Subramanyeshwar Rao Thammineedi <subramanyesh@gmail.com>, Secretary IASO  
<iasosccrctaniat@gmail.com>, Dr. Ashutosh Mishra <drashutoshmishra11@gmail.com>

Respected sir ,

I was honored to receive the IASO travelling Award last year ( NATCON , Bangalore), which granted me the opportunity to attend ESSO 2025 in Gothenburg. This recognition not only validated my commitment to surgical oncology but also opened doors to learn, present, and grow on an international platform.

Attending the European Society of Surgical Oncology (ESSO) 2025 Congress in Gothenburg was an enriching, inspiring, and truly transformative experience. As a young surgical oncologist, being part of this global gathering reaffirmed my commitment to evidence-based, patient-centered cancer care and exposed me to some of the most innovative work currently shaping our field.

The congress brought together leaders in surgical oncology, translational research, and multidisciplinary cancer care from across the world. Each session offered unique insights—ranging from advances in minimally invasive oncologic surgery to the latest updates in molecular profiling, precision staging, and organ-preserving strategies. The scientific rigor, clarity of presentations, and openness of faculty to discuss challenges and unanswered questions made every interaction meaningful.

A particularly memorable aspect was the energy within the poster and networking sessions. Presenting my own work to an international audience was both humbling and motivating. The feedback I received—from seasoned experts as well as peers—provided invaluable perspective and strengthened my direction for future research. The collaborative spirit at ESSO was evident everywhere; discussions continued well beyond scheduled hours, turning hallways and lounges into hubs of scientific exchange.

Gothenburg itself added to the experience—its welcoming atmosphere, efficient organization, and commitment to sustainability made the event seamless and enjoyable. The congress venue, the logistics, and the hospitality of the ESSO team were exceptional.

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ESSO 2025 not only broadened my clinical knowledge but also deepened my sense of belonging within the global oncology community. I returned home with renewed enthusiasm, practical learnings ready to be applied to patient care, and a clearer vision of the innovations that will shape the future of surgical oncology. I am grateful for the opportunity and look forward to contributing even more actively in future ESSO meetings.

I have hereby attached the certificates granted by ESSO . Kindly consider this as a plea for the grant as discussed .

I thank you



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presented an abstract titled:

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### Certificate of Attendance

The European Society of Surgical Oncology hereby certifies that

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### Day-wise Summary

Day 1 (15 October):

The congress opened with plenary sessions highlighting advances in surgical oncology and multidisciplinary cancer care. I attended sessions on upper gastrointestinal, hepatobiliary, and colorectal oncology, as well as an industry symposium exploring 3D intraoperative specimen imaging. Later in the day, I presented my E-Poster and participated in poster viewing discussions, which offered an enjoyable space for sharing ideas and learning from peers from various countries.

Day 2 (16 October)

This was the most academically active day for me. I delivered my Spotlight Poster presentation, which drew engaging questions and interest from both faculty and trainees. It was also a pleasure to meet ESSO President Dr. Geerard Beets and discuss research directions within surgical oncology. During the Young ESSO networking event, I connected with representatives Dr. Nada Santrac and Dr. Eduard-Alexandru Bonci, who shared valuable advice on international collaboration and early-career development. The sessions on breast surgery, colorectal oncology, and career growth were particularly insightful and motivating.

Day 3 (17 October)

The final day focused on tumour-site updates in sarcoma and peritoneal malignancies, followed by discussions about the future of global surgical oncology training. I spent time revisiting several posters on surgical innovation and artificial intelligence before the congress concluded, leaving with many new ideas and connections.

### Key Outcomes

- Presented both a Spotlight Poster and an E-Poster successfully.
- Networked with senior ESSO leadership and Young ESSO members.
- Gained valuable insights into current trends such as localisation technologies, intraoperative imaging, minimally invasive surgery, and evolving models of surgical oncology education.
- Identified potential areas for collaboration and trainee-led research initiatives.

### Conclusion

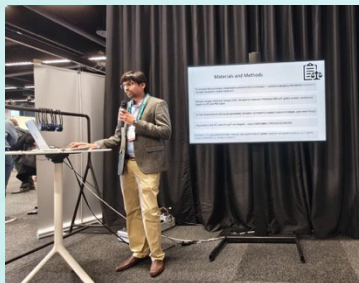
Attending ESSO 44 was an academically enriching experience that broadened my international exposure and strengthened my understanding of contemporary trends in surgical oncology. The interactions, feedback, and scientific content from this congress will significantly inform my ongoing research and clinical training. I plan to stay actively involved with ESSO and Young ESSO initiatives in the future.

I am sincerely grateful to the Indian Association of Surgical Oncology (IASO) for supporting my participation. This opportunity represented a meaningful step forward in my academic journey and professional development.

Dr Chinmay Bagla

MCH Surgical Oncology resident

AIIMS, New Delhi





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**MIDCON RAIPUR 2026**

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## WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Greetings from **MIDCON 2026, Raipur!**

It is with immense pleasure that we extend our invitation to you for the Mid-Term Conference of the Indian Association of Surgical Oncology, "MIDCON 2026."

The event is scheduled to take place on **7th and 8th February 2026** at the **Courtyard by Marriott, Raipur, Chhattisgarh, INDIA.**

Our objective for this conference is to bring together distinguished oncologists from across the country to exchange knowledge, share experiences, stay updated on the latest innovations and trends, and provide valuable guidance to young and emerging oncologists. The success of this event depends on the active participation of our esteemed members in large numbers.

**Raipur**, known for its vibrant culture and hospitality, is easily accessible by air, rail, and road. The Courtyard by Marriott, our conference venue, offers state-of-the-art facilities to ensure a comfortable and enriching experience for all participants.

We eagerly await your confirmation of participation and look forward to your gracious presence at **MIDCON-IASO 2026**

Let us come together once again to share knowledge, strengthen collaborations, and shape the future of surgical oncology.

Looking forward to your enthusiastic response.



**Dr. Mou Roy**  
Org. Chairperson



**Dr. Yusuff Maman**  
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**Dr. Ashutosh Gupta**  
Org. Secretary



**Dr. Amit Verma**  
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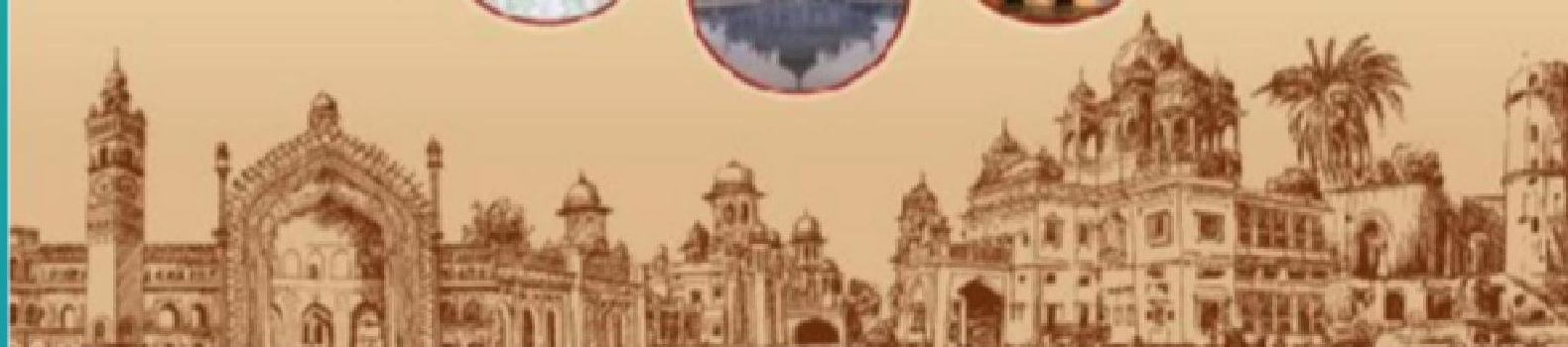
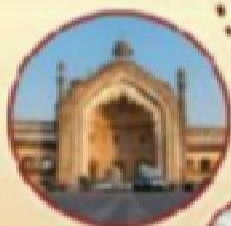
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Dear Friends & Colleagues,

We are looking forward to welcoming you for the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Surgical Oncology (IASO-NATCON 2026), to be held from 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> October 2026 at Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.

This meeting is being hosted by the Lucknow Oncology Association (LOA) under the aegis of the Indian Association of Surgical Oncology (IASO). This event will also mark the Golden Jubilee Year of Indian Association of Surgical Oncology. The conference will provide a platform for surgical oncologists to share their expertise, innovations, showcase their latest research and technical advancements, establish new collaborations and network with peers from across the country and beyond. Young surgical trainees will have an opportunity to update their knowledge, enhance their skills and interact with senior surgical oncologists.

The theme of this conference is *"Extending reach, enhancing precision - Uniting Surgical Minds."* This theme has been chosen keeping in mind the need to increase access to surgical oncology services to the underserved areas of the country while also making an effort to provide treatment to which is precise, improves outcomes and best aligns with the needs and expectations of the patient.

Over the course of this landmark event, participants will benefit from:

- **Orations and keynote addresses** by eminent national and international surgical oncology experts.
- **Interactive Panel discussions** addressing current challenges and future directions in surgical oncology.
- **Hands-on skill workshops** focusing on advanced surgical techniques, minimally invasive oncology surgery, and robotic approaches.
- **Scientific Paper and Poster presentations** highlighting cutting-edge research, clinical outcomes, and translational innovations.
- **Special sessions** on multidisciplinary cancer care, innovations in tumor biology, precision surgery, and survivorship.
- **Case-based learning** to enhance decision-making in complex oncological scenarios.
- **Networking opportunities** with leaders, peers, and industry partners committed to advancing cancer care.

Lucknow, the **City of Nawabs**, known for its rich history, cultural heritage, and gracious hospitality, offers the perfect backdrop for this academic extravaganza. Beyond the academics, delegates will have an opportunity to experience the old-world charm and warmth of a city where tradition harmoniously meets modernity. Only the second city in the country to be declared a **UNESCO 'Creative City of Gastronomy'**, Lucknow, known for its timeless, artistic and flavourful culinary heritage, is a paradise for food lovers.

We look forward to welcoming you for four days of enriching academic experience with perfect blend of learning, collaboration and innovation along with a delightful opportunity to explore the city of Lucknow, where one can experience hospitality like nowhere else.

Warm regards,

**Organizing Committee**

NATCON IASO 2026 | Lucknow



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## Conference Registration

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IASO Member	INR 17,700 (15,000+2,700 GST)	INR 20,060 (17,000+3,060 GST)	INR 23,600 (20,000+3,600 GST)	INR 29,500 (25,000+4,500 GST)
Non-Member	INR 18,800 (16,000+2,800 GST)	INR 21,240 (18,000+3,240 GST)	INR 24,780 (21,000 + 3,780 GST)	INR 31,860 (27,000+4,860 GST)
PG Students	INR 9,440 (8,000+1,440 GST)	INR 9,440 (8,000+1,440 GST)	INR 10,620 (9,000+1,620 GST)	INR 12,980 (11,000 + 1,980 GST)
Accompanying Person	INR 10,620 (9,000+1,620 GST)	INR 10,620 (9,000+1,620 GST)	INR 10,620 (9,000+1,620 GST)	INR 10,620 (9,000+1,620 GST)
International Delegate	USD 210	USD 240	USD 280	USD 350

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Workshops	INR 4,720 (4,000+720 GST)	INR 4,720 (4,000+720 GST)	INR 5,900 (5,000+900 GST)	INR 8,850 (7,500+1,350 GST)

## Important Notes

- The registered Delegate/ Faculty will get a registration confirmation within 24 working hours via email after successful completion of the payment process at their registered email address, along with their Registration ID.
- Kindly check Spam/ Junk Mail folder if the confirmation is not received in inbox, or contact Mr. Narendra Apamathi at +9188661 20537 for assistance.
- Registration is mandatory for all participants.
- The registration fee includes:
  - Access to all scientific sessions
  - Conference meals
  - Delegate kit
- Spot registrations are not guaranteed a conference kit.
- Entry to scientific sessions and exhibition areas is restricted to registered delegates only.
- Accompanying persons, including spouses, will not be allowed to attend scientific sessions unless they have completed full registration.
- Separate registration is required for each workshop.
- Conference Registration is mandatory for abstract submission.
- Students must upload or submit a Bonafide Certificate from the Head of Department/Institute at the time of abstract submission. If the Bonafide Certificate or Student ID is not submitted, the committee reserves the right to cancel the registration under the PG category.

