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Message from the desk of The President IASO

Dear Colleagues,

It is with immense pride and a deep sense of responsibility that I address you in this landmark year as the Indian Association of Surgical Oncology (IASO) celebrates its Golden Jubilee. Fifty years of IASO is not merely a passage of time—it is a testament to vision, perseverance, and the collective commitment of generations of surgical oncologists who have shaped the landscape of cancer care in India.

From its humble beginnings to its present stature as a leading academic and professional body, IASO has consistently upheld the highest standards of clinical excellence, research, and education. This legacy is built on the foundation of knowledge-sharing, mentorship, and an unwavering dedication to improving patient outcomes. As we celebrate this historic milestone, we must also reaffirm our commitment to innovation, collaboration, and inclusivity in the ever-evolving field of surgical oncology.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our members and the IASO team for their commendable performance and impactful presence at the Society of Surgical Oncology (SSO) 2026 meeting held at Phoenix Convention Center, Arizona, USA. The academic contributions, scientific presentations, and global engagement showcased the growing strength and international relevance of Indian surgical oncology. Such participation not only enhances our visibility on the global stage but also fosters meaningful collaborations that will shape the future of cancer care.

I also extend my sincere appreciation to the organisers of IASO Midcon 2026 at Raipur for delivering a truly enriching academic extravaganza. The scientific deliberations, exchange of ideas, and enthusiastic participation from across the country exemplify the vibrant academic culture that IASO continues to nurture. Such platforms are instrumental in bridging knowledge gaps and fostering professional camaraderie.

One of the most significant contributions of IASO over the years has been its pivotal role in shaping the careers of young oncologists in India. Through structured training programs, fellowships, conferences, and mentorship initiatives, IASO has empowered the next generation of surgeons to excel in both clinical practice and research. As we move forward, it is imperative that we continue to invest in our young talent, equipping them with the skills, values, and global perspective required to meet the challenges of modern oncology.

As we stand at the threshold of the next fifty years, let us envision a future where surgical oncology in India is defined by innovation, accessibility, and excellence. Let us strive to strengthen multidisciplinary collaboration, embrace technological advancements, and expand our outreach to ensure equitable cancer care across the nation.

The journey ahead is both challenging and promising. Together, with shared purpose and collective resolve, we can build on our rich legacy and create a future that truly transforms cancer care in India.

Warm regards,

Dr TS Rao

Chairman Academic Council & Medical Director

Basavakam Indo American Cancer Centre, Hyderabad.



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
Sree Mookambika Institute of Medical Sciences & Cancer Center
Kulasekharam



Message from the desk of Secretary

Dear Members,

Warm greetings to all

It is a privilege to connect with you through this edition of the IASO Newsletter in a truly landmark year, as we celebrate the Golden Jubilee of our association. Over the past five decades, IASO has evolved into a strong academic and professional body, driven by the collective vision and commitment of its members. The recent months have been particularly eventful and productive for IASO. Our participation at the SSO Annual Meeting 2026 in Phoenix showcased the growing global presence of Indian surgical oncology. The enthusiastic participation of our fellowship awardees, along with meaningful bilateral engagements, reflects our commitment to fostering international collaborations and providing global exposure to young surgeons.

The success of MIDCON 2026 at Raipur further highlights the vibrant academic culture within IASO. With excellent scientific deliberations, strong participation from across the country, and active involvement of young oncologists, the meeting reaffirmed our focus on inclusive academic growth and knowledge dissemination.

At the organizational level, several important initiatives have been undertaken. These include strengthening administrative processes, streamlining financial systems, enhancing digital infrastructure, and expanding fellowship opportunities by launching new IASO-BASO (ACS) international fellowship. As we move forward in this Golden Jubilee year, our focus will be on building a stronger, more inclusive, and future-ready IASO. Key priorities include:

Strengthening Training & Fellowships: Expanding IASO fellowships and international exchange programs to benefit young surgical oncologists across the country

Enhancing Academic Outreach: Increasing the reach of IASO educational initiatives through hybrid and digital platforms, ensuring accessibility even in peripheral regions

Promoting Collaborative Research: Encouraging multicentric studies and data sharing to generate robust Indian evidence in surgical oncology

Global Engagement: Deepening partnerships with international societies such as SSO, ESSO, BASO, Brazilian society and others to facilitate academic exchange and joint initiatives.

Inclusive Growth: Ensuring representation and opportunities for members across all regions and stages of their careers.

Advocacy & Policy Support: Actively engaging with policymakers to address issues affecting surgical oncology practice and patient access to care.

As we prepare for NATCON 2026 at Lucknow, which will also mark our Golden Jubilee celebrations, I invite all members to actively participate and contribute to making it a truly memorable and academically enriching event. IASO's strength lies in its members. With your continued support, participation, and shared vision, we are confident of taking IASO to even greater heights in the years ahead.

With warm regards,

Dr. Narendra Hulikal

Professor & HOD

Surgical Oncology Dept

Sri Venkateswara Institute of Medical Sciences

Tirupati



Message from the Desk of Treasurer

Dear Members,

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



Message from the desk of Editorial Secretary

Dear Members,

It is with great pride and optimism that I address you through this edition of the IASO Quarterly Newsletter.

The continued growth and relevance of IASO stand as a testament to the visionary leadership and dynamic guidance provided by our senior office bearers. Their unwavering commitment has not only strengthened the academic and professional fabric of our association but has also fostered a culture of inclusivity, innovation, and excellence.

A particularly proud moment for IASO and for the fraternity of Indian Surgical Oncologists has been the unanimous election of our President, Dr TS Rao, as President-Elect of the Global Forum of Cancer Surgeons at the SSO meeting. This prestigious recognition reflects not only his exemplary leadership but also the growing global stature and influence of Indian surgical oncology.

In recent months, IASO has embarked on promising collaborative initiatives with the National Cancer Grid (NCG). These partnerships are poised to significantly enhance academic opportunities, research engagement, and professional development—particularly for our Early Career Surgical Oncologists. Such synergies will undoubtedly help shape a more cohesive and forward-looking oncology ecosystem in India.

As we move forward, I warmly invite all members to actively participate in NATCON 2026, scheduled to be held in Lucknow. This landmark conference will commemorate the Golden Jubilee of IASO and promises to be a truly enriching academic extravaganza, blending scientific rigor with meaningful professional exchange. It will also serve as a platform to celebrate our collective achievements while envisioning the future of surgical oncology in India.

The landscape of oncology is rapidly evolving, with emerging technologies such as robotics and artificial intelligence redefining clinical practice. As we embrace these advancements, it is imperative that we continue to uphold the core values of ethical practice and compassionate patient care. The future lies in a harmonious coexistence—where technology and empathetic surgical oncologists work hand in hand in the fight against cancer.

With a shared vision and collective resolve, Team IASO looks ahead to a brighter, more impactful future.

Warm regards,

Dr (Col) Arnab Bandyopadhyay

Senior Adviser (Surgery & Oncosurgery)

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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 Venkatrau	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 Kothar	-	-	1999
Dr. K K Maudar	Dr. Kiran Kothar	-	-	2000
Dr. K Panda	Dr. Ravi Kant	-	-	2001
Dr. R I Dave	Dr. Ravi Kant	-	-	2002
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Notification for Election of IASO Office Bearers, 2026 **(Approved by IASO Election Committee dt)**

The President and Secretary of IASO hereby notify the **Elections for IASO 2026** for the following posts:

- Vice President — 1
- Executive Committee Members 5
 - East Zone: 1
 - West Zone: 1
 - North Zone:1
 - South Zone: 2

Eligibility for IASO Posts

1. **Vice President** — A full life member of IASO who has completed 10 years (up to 31st July 2026) and has served at least one term as an elected/nominated Executive member.
2. **Executive Committee Member** — A full life member who has completed 5 years (up to 31st July 2026). **Any office bearer/EC member/IJSO editorial board member** should complete their current term before taking over another assignment.

Application Process: Application window opens from 1st July and open till 31st August 2026, 5 PM.

Every Application must be:

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

Submission of Application: Last Date: 31st August 2026, 5:00 PM

Email To: iasosecretariat@gmail.com with cc

- IASO President: subramanyesh@gmail.com
- IASO President Elect: drehandramohan@gmail.com
- IASO Vice President: subbiahshanmugam67@gmail.com

Withdrawal of Application

Deadline: 5th September 2026, 5:00 PM



To: iasosecretariat@gmail.com with CC :- President: subramanyesh@gmail.com.
 President Elect: drchandramohan@gmail.com,
 Vice President: subbiahshanmugam67@gmail.com

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

Election Process

Conducted under supervision of the Election Committee: President, President Elect, Vice President. Secretary will guide the process.

President Elect will serve as **Returning Officer**.

Voting Mode: Online

© Tentative Voting window: **8th to 17th September 2026** (9 AM to 5 PM) * (final date may change)

Cut-off Date for Voting Eligibility: Full Life Members inducted on or before 31st July 2025. **Updated Voter List Ready By:** 20th August 2025

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

Declaration of Results

- Results will be declared during **NATCON 2026** at EC and GB meetings.
- If no contest exists, the President may declare the post filled in the GBM.
- If no application is received, the President and President Elect may nominate a suitable member for that post (term: 1 year).

Process	Cut off dates
Election Nomination opens from	1 st July 2026
Cutoff date for eligibility for Voting, Candidate's membership years	31 st July 2026
Last date for Nominations	31 st August 2026 5 PM
Withdrawal of Nominations	1 st -5 th September 2026 5 PM
Election Window*	8 th -17 September 2026 5PM

- Tentative date, subjected to change



Format for Election Nomination Form

**To
The Hon. Secretary
Indian Association of Surgical Oncology (IASO)
IASO Election Nomination 2026**

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

Signature
Date
Place

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

Signature
Date
Place

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

Signature
Date
Place



Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

Indian Association of Surgical Oncology (IASO)

Date: 07 December 2025

Mode: Virtual Meeting

Members Present:

1. Dr TS Rao, President
2. Dr Sharad Desai, Past President
3. Dr Chandramohan, President Elect
4. Dr. Subbiah Shanmugam, Vice President
5. Dr Narendra Hullikal, Secretary
6. Dr Rudra P Acharya, Past Secretary
7. Dr Ashutosh Mishra, Treasurer
8. Dr A Bandyopadhyay, Editorial Secretary
9. Dr Anand Raja, EC member (South)
10. Dr. Sanjeev Kulgod, EC member (South)
11. Dr Sabita Jiwnani, EC member (West)
12. Dr Jeevan Ram Vishnoi, EC member (West)
13. Dr. Jagjit Pamdey, EC member (East)
14. Dr Jayanta Chakraborty, EC member (East)
15. Dr. Aditi Chaturvedi, EC Member (North)
16. Dr Naveen Kumar, EC member (North)

Member Absent:

Dr Venkatachala K, EC member (South)

1. Opening Remarks

The meeting commenced with opening remarks by the Acting President, **Dr T. S. Rao**, who thanked all Executive Committee (EC) members for their active participation and contributions to IASO activities. He encouraged continued commitment and requested the Honorary Secretary to proceed with the agenda.

2. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous EC Meeting

The minutes of the previous EC meeting held on line 28/10/25 were placed before the EC and were **approved unanimously**.

3. Updates from the Previous EC Meeting

The EC noted the inclusion of new Overseas Coordinators. **Dr Yogesh Vashisht and Dr Anant Desai** were appointed, replacing **Dr Ashutosh Kothari and Dr Alok Pathak**.



4. Secretary's Update

The Honorary Secretary briefed the EC on developments since the last meeting:

- The Association's Chartered Accountant has been changed; **Mr Anant Mishra** has been appointed as the new CA.
- The IASO office address has been shifted to **Ghaziabad, UP**
- IASO Fellowship interviews have been completed and offer letters have been dispatched to selected candidates.
- Faculty list for ASICON 2025 is finalized and shared with Dr Santosh John Abraham.

5. Agenda Item 1: Advocacy for Non-MCh/DrNB Trained Surgical Oncologists

The Honorary President and Secretary informed the EC about multiple representations received from IASO members who, despite extensive training at reputed cancer centres (e.g., TMH, GCRI), do not hold formal **MCh/DrNB degrees**. Recent government policies have rendered them ineligible to perform cancer surgeries under schemes such as **Ayushman Bharat/PMJAY**. Members requested IASO's advocacy support.

Deliberations:

- **President, President elect and Vice President:** Emphasized balanced and inclusive decision-making.
- **Honorary Secretary:** Highlighted that formal degrees were not available in earlier years and many senior surgical oncologists were trained without them; existing **NMC policies** on teaching eligibility could guide decision-making.
- **Past President:** Pointed out the shortage of formally qualified surgical oncologists in several districts and the need to ensure cancer care access in remote areas.
- **Web Secretary & EC Member (West Zone):** Concurred with the above views.
- **Treasurer:** Stressed the responsibility of IASO to support its members.
- **Former Secretary:** Advised a non-judgmental approach; final eligibility decisions rest with the government or judiciary.
- **Other EC Members:** Noted that future IASO membership criteria should mandate a formal degree in Surgical Oncology

Decision:

After detailed deliberation, the EC **unanimously resolved** that IASO will issue a **support letter** for non-MCh/DrNB members who are **already registered under government healthcare schemes**, recommending continuation of their practice. However, it was agreed that **henceforth only formally qualified Surgical Oncologists (MCh/DrNB)** should be registered by government bodies and healthcare schemes.



6. Agenda Item 2: Upgradation of IASO Website

The Honorary Secretary informed the EC that website upgradation is overdue and necessary to enable secure, individual member access through **OTP-based authentication (SMS and email)**.

- Proposed annual recurring cost: **₹1.36 lakh**
- Effective from: **January 2026**

Dr J. Chakraborty (EC Member, East Zone) emphasised the need for **cybersecurity compliance** due to sensitive member data.

Decision: The EC **unanimously approved** the website upgradation and associated costs, including enhancements for improved user experience and security.

7. AstraZeneca Academic Collaboration Proposal

The Honorary President and Secretary informed the EC about an initial proposal from **AstraZeneca** to collaborate with IASO for academic activities, including sponsorship of up to six meetings per year. As details are yet to be finalized, the proposal remains at a preliminary stage. EC members noted that there should be **no exclusivity** and **no conflict of interest**.

Decision: The EC agreed to consider the proposal once detailed terms are received, following due deliberation.

8. Audited Accounts: Hubli & Bhubaneswar MIDCON

The Honorary Secretary reminded the EC that audited accounts for **Hubli and Bhubaneswar MIDCON** meetings are pending.

Decision: Organizers were requested to submit the audited statements at the earliest, Dr Rudra Acharya to co-ordinate with Dr. Dilip Mudulay and Dr. Sharad Desai to co-ordinate with Dr. Santosh Chikkareddy, for submission preferably by the **EC Meeting at MIDCON Raipur**.

9. Fellowship Award Migration Request

The EC considered a request from **Dr Nishtha**, winner of the **Detroit Fellowship 2024**, seeking migration of the award to SSO 2025 due to inability to utilize it earlier.

Decision: The EC decided that migration of the award is **not permissible under existing rules**.

10. IASO–NCG Joint Fellowship Programme

Dr Anand Raja updated the EC on the progress of the IASO–NCG joint fellowship programme, covering eligibility criteria, number of fellowships, subspecialty versus technology-focused training (e.g., robotics), participating centres, MoUs, and selection processes.

The Honorary President emphasised that the programme should aim to **“reach the unreached”** and provide appropriate preference to **trained surgical oncologists** during selection.



11. Newsletter Publication Support

The Web Secretary requested technical assistance for quarterly newsletter publication. **Decision:** It was agreed that the **Assistant to the Honorary Secretary** will provide support whenever required.

12. Collaboration with Nepal Association of Surgical Oncology

Dr Anand Raja informed the EC about a proposal from the **Nepal Association of Surgical Oncology** for mutual collaboration, including a visit by their delegation to formalize an MOU.

Decision: The EC unanimously appreciated the initiative and endorsed strengthening collaborations with international and **SAARC surgical oncology associations** to promote academic exchange and mutual growth.

13. Dr Ashutosh Mishra, Treasurer, IASO raised issue of priority for renewal of IASO registration, which expired around 18 months back, opening of Current Account with smaller amount for managing day to day expenses of IASO with HDFC or ICICI Bank and salary revision for personal Secretary to Treasurer.

Decision: After due deliberations among the EC members, it was decided to permit treasurer to open a current account in HDFC or ICICI bank with, a anytime maximum balance of around 10 lakhs only for day-to-day management of the matters of IASO. It was also agreed to revise the salary of current personal Secretary to Treasurer Mr. Shaurya Chauhan by rupees five thousand only (Rs. 5000), i.e., from 15000 to 20,000. It was also decided that he should also assist other EC members and Editorial Secretary in addition to being secretary to Treasurer.

Conclusion: As there were no further items on the agenda, the meeting concluded with thanks to the Chair.



Dr. T.SUBRAMANYESHWAR RAO

Surgical Oncology

Congratulations Dr TS Rao for being unanimously elected as President Elect of Global Forum of Cancer Surgeons at SSO meeting in Phoenix Arizona



Launch of IASO–BASO Fellowship Programme

The **Indian Association of Surgical Oncology (IASO)** is delighted to announce the formal launch of the reciprocal **IASO–BASO Fellowship Programme**, following the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the **British Association of Surgical Oncology (BASO~ACS)**.

This landmark collaboration represents a significant step in strengthening international academic partnerships and creating structured global training opportunities for surgical oncologists.

Under this programme, **one fellow each from IASO and BASO will be selected annually** through a competitive process linked to academic performance and presentations at their respective national meetings. The fellowship will run initially for a **period of three years starting in 2026**.

The selected IASO fellow will have the opportunity to:

- Present their work at the BASO Annual Meeting
- Undertake an observer ship at a leading cancer centre in the United Kingdom

Similarly, BASO fellows will visit India, present at IASO conferences, and gain exposure to high-volume oncology centres across the country.

Each fellow will be supported through:

- Complimentary conference registration
- One-year membership of the host society
- A travel bursary to support observer ship and participation

This initiative is designed to promote **academic exchange, skill enhancement, and cross-learning of diverse healthcare systems**, ultimately contributing to improved cancer care outcomes.

The IASO–BASO Fellowship Programme reflects IASO’s continued commitment to **global engagement, capacity building, and fostering the next generation of surgical oncology leaders**.

Further details regarding the application process and timelines will be communicated to members shortly.



Report on IASO Participation at SSO Annual Meeting 2026 4th to 6th March 2026, Phoenix, Arizona, USA.

Celebrating Global Collaboration and Academic Excellence

The **Indian Association of Surgical Oncology (IASO)** proudly marked its impactful presence at the **SSO Annual Meeting 2026**, held in **Phoenix, Arizona, USA**. The meeting served as a global platform bringing together leading cancer surgeons, researchers, and academic experts, fostering meaningful collaborations and scientific exchange.

Highlights of IASO Participation

Strong Leadership Representation: IASO was represented by its senior leadership comprising:

- **Dr. T. Subramanyeshwar Rao**, President
- **Dr Chandramohan K**, Vice President, IASO
- **Dr. Narendra Hullikal**, Honorary Secretary

Their participation reaffirmed IASO's growing leadership role in global surgical oncology.

Fellowship & Academic Participation

A total of **11 IASO–SSO fellowship awardees** were selected, of whom **10 actively participated** in the meeting. They are

- Dr. Shihana Hameed- SSO ICDE awardee
- Dr. Gajendra Pandit
- Dr. Dhaval Vasa
- Dr. Yajushi Desiraju
- Dr. Nirmal Ganesh
- Dr. Saurin Chaudhary
- Dr. Niveditha Puthalath
- Dr. Hethu Chebrolu
- Dr. Saravanan Moorthy
- Dr. Manikandan



Academic Contributions

IASO members made noteworthy academic contributions:

- **Two fellowship awardees delivered podium presentations**, showcasing high-quality research and representing Indian surgical oncology on a global platform.
- The remaining participants presented their work as **poster presentations**, contributing to the scientific dialogue and exchange of ideas.

This strong academic presence highlights the growing global footprint of IASO and the quality of research emerging from India.

Bilateral Engagements and Collaborations

A **formal bilateral meeting between IASO and SSO leadership** was held during the conference. Discussions focused on:

- Strengthening existing academic collaborations
- Expanding fellowship and training opportunities
- Enhancing joint educational and research initiatives including hosting joint webinars and masterclasses through online platforms.

These interactions further reinforced the long-standing partnership between IASO and SSO.

Global Recognition and Leadership Achievement

Global Forum of Cancer Surgeons

IASO leadership also actively participated in the **Global Forum of Cancer Surgeons**, an important international platform for collaboration and dialogue among surgical oncology societies worldwide.

In a moment of great pride for IASO and India, **Dr. T. Subramanyeshwar Rao, President IASO, was unanimously elected as the President-Elect of the Global Forum of Cancer Surgeons**. This recognition reflects the growing leadership role of IASO in the global oncology community.



Conclusion

IASO's participation in the SSO Annual Meeting 2026 was highly productive and impactful, encompassing:

- Strong academic representation
- Meaningful international collaborations
- Leadership recognition at the global level

The meeting further strengthened IASO's position as a key contributor to global surgical oncology and reaffirmed its commitment to advancing cancer care through education, research, and international partnerships.





Testimonial of Dr Dhaval Vasa

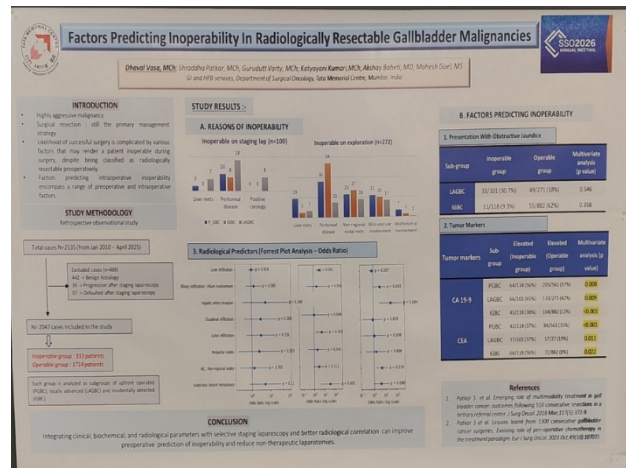
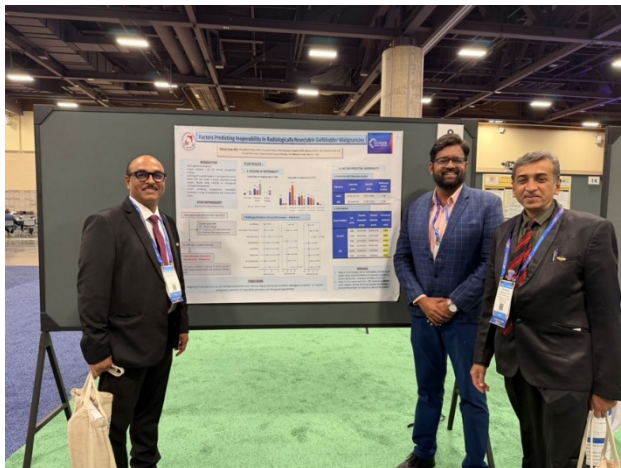
I would first like to thank IASO especially Dr. TS Rao sir and Dr. Narendra Hullikal sir for providing me with this opportunity for presenting my work at an international stage and also motivating me for representing India at a global stage. It is an honour which I received because of Sirs and IASO. Forever grateful for this opportunity. It was a roller-coaster ride to US with flights getting cancelled at last moments due to Middle East war crisis and reaching the conference venue after changing multiple flights and long journeys, but was definitely worth it.

I had this privilege of attending the Society of Surgical Oncology (SSO) Conference at Phoenix, Arizona, USA; an internationally renowned platform that brings together leading experts, researchers, and clinicians in the field of surgical oncology. This opportunity was made possible through the generous support of the Indian Association of Surgical Oncology (IASO), for which I am sincerely grateful.

During the conference, I had the privilege to attend various scientific sessions, panel discussions, and academic interactions that focused on the latest advancements in cancer surgery, multidisciplinary care, and innovative research. The exposure to global perspectives and cutting-edge developments significantly enhanced my understanding of current trends and best practices in surgical oncology. Also interacted with seniors and experts in various fields and had good interactions with the Indian surgeons practising in the US which was very helpful.

A key highlight of my participation was the presentation of my research work in the form of a poster. This provided me with an excellent opportunity to showcase my work on an international platform, receive constructive feedback from experts including the chairperson and vice-chairperson of SSO, and engage in meaningful discussions with peers from across the world. The interactions not only validated my research efforts but also offered valuable insights for further improvement and future directions. The most motivating was Dr. TS Rao sir and Dr. Narendra Hullikal sir actively interacting with us during poster presentations and motivating us to present Indian data at such international conferences frequently in future thereby highlighting the strength and expertise of Indian onc surgeons. The support from IASO played a crucial role in enabling my attendance at this prestigious conference. It has greatly contributed to my professional growth by enhancing my academic exposure, improving my confidence in presenting research internationally, and fostering valuable professional connections. This experience has motivated me to continue contributing to the field through research and evidence-based clinical practice.

In conclusion, attending the SSO Conference was a highly enriching experience that has positively impacted my career in surgical oncology. I again extend my heartfelt thanks to IASO for their support and encouragement, which made this opportunity possible.





Testimonial of Dr Manikandan Venkatasubramanian

I was selected for IASO international award – poster presentation @ IASO – NATCON held at Goa on October 2025. I had the sponsored opportunity to present my poster work @ SSO which was held @ Phoenix – Arizona granted by IASO. I took this as an opportunity to avail this grant and successfully attended and presented my work @ SSO from March 5-7th @ Phoenix under GPA (Global partner ABSTRACT program).

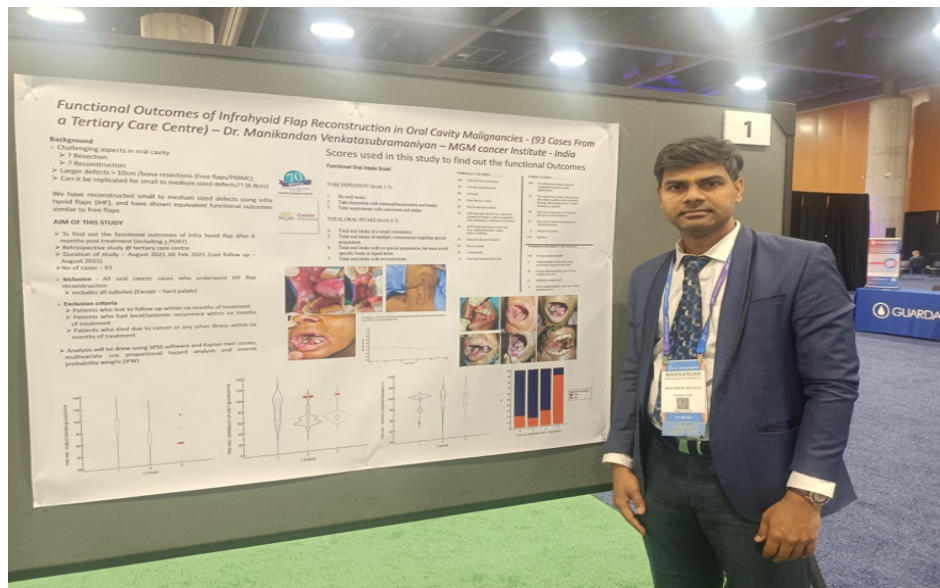
Role-played: PHYSICAL POSTER PRESENTATION UNDER GPA

Topic – Functional Outcomes of Infra Hyoid flap reconstruction in oral cancer – a report of 93 patients from tertiary care centre.

Since this was my first global presentation of my work, I sincerely extend my gratitude to IASO (Indian association of Surgical Oncology) for creating this opportunity for me. It was a well-structured conference, which helped me in gaining exposure to global forum and get global contacts in my speciality. I once again thank our association for this excellent opportunity.

Thanking you
Yours sincerely

Dr. Manikandan Venkatasubramanian
MBBS MS DrNB surgical oncology FIAGES
Senior consultant – Surgical Oncology ,MGM Cancer Institute – Chennai





Testimonial of Dr Hethu Chebrolu

I, **Dr. Hethu Chebrolu**, attended the **Society of Surgical Oncology Annual Meeting** held in **Phoenix**, with financial support through a travel grant from the **Indian Association of Surgical Oncology**. Participation in this internationally recognized conference provided a valuable opportunity to engage with global leaders in surgical oncology, review the latest scientific developments, and enhance my academic and clinical perspective in cancer management.

I presented my research work titled “**Clinicopathological Profile and Prognosis of Primary Mediastinal Germ Cell Tumours – A Tertiary Care Centre Experience**” as a physical poster at the conference. Our study represents one of the largest reported series of mediastinal non-seminomatous germ cell tumours (NSGCT). Several reviewers expressed appreciation for both the volume and quality of work presented in the poster. It was a proud moment for me to represent my institute and my country on an international academic platform.

This was my first experience presenting at an international conference. The poster presentation session significantly enhanced my confidence in scientific communication, research presentation, and academic discussion with experts in the field.

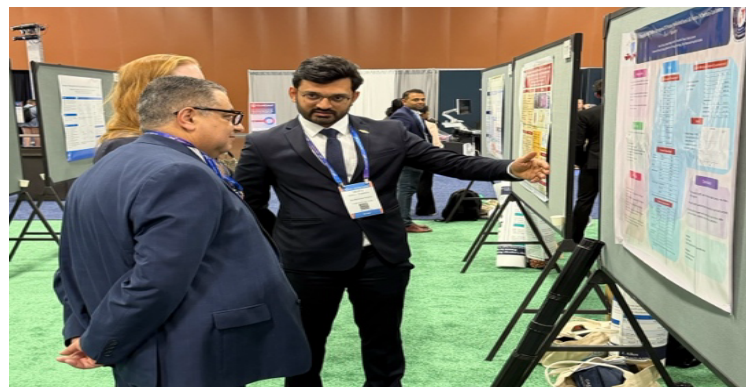
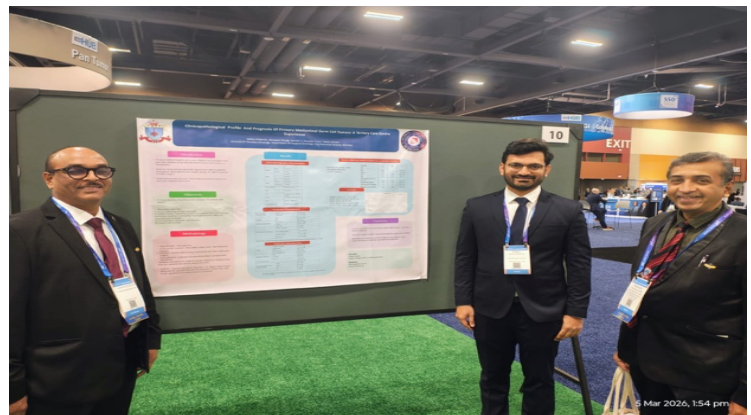
The conference sessions covered numerous advances in oncologic surgery, multimodality cancer treatment strategies, and translational cancer research. These sessions were highly inspiring and broadened my understanding of contemporary developments in surgical oncology. I was particularly impressed by the session titled “Financial Toxicity Associated with Cancer Surgery: Global Perspectives,” which was highly relevant to the patient population that I predominantly care for in my clinical practice.

The meeting also provided an excellent opportunity to interact with peers and experts from across the world. Through these discussions, I was able to exchange ideas and experiences, which helped me gain a broader perspective on how cancer care is delivered in different healthcare systems. These interactions also allowed me to reflect on the strengths and limitations of our own clinical practice environment.

In addition, I had the opportunity to engage in academic networking with surgeons from leading institutions worldwide and learn about novel approaches to cancer management and research methodologies. These interactions generated several ideas on how to design and conduct meaningful research in the Indian clinical context.

Overall, attending the Society of Surgical Oncology Annual Meeting 2026 was a highly enriching academic experience. The support provided by the Indian Association of Surgical Oncology enabled me to benefit from this global platform for learning, professional interaction, and academic development. The IASO dinner meeting, where we had the opportunity to personally interact with senior IASO mentors, was also an enriching experience.

The knowledge, perspectives, and professional connections gained from this meeting will contribute significantly to improving patient care, advancing research activities, and strengthening my career as a surgical oncologist.





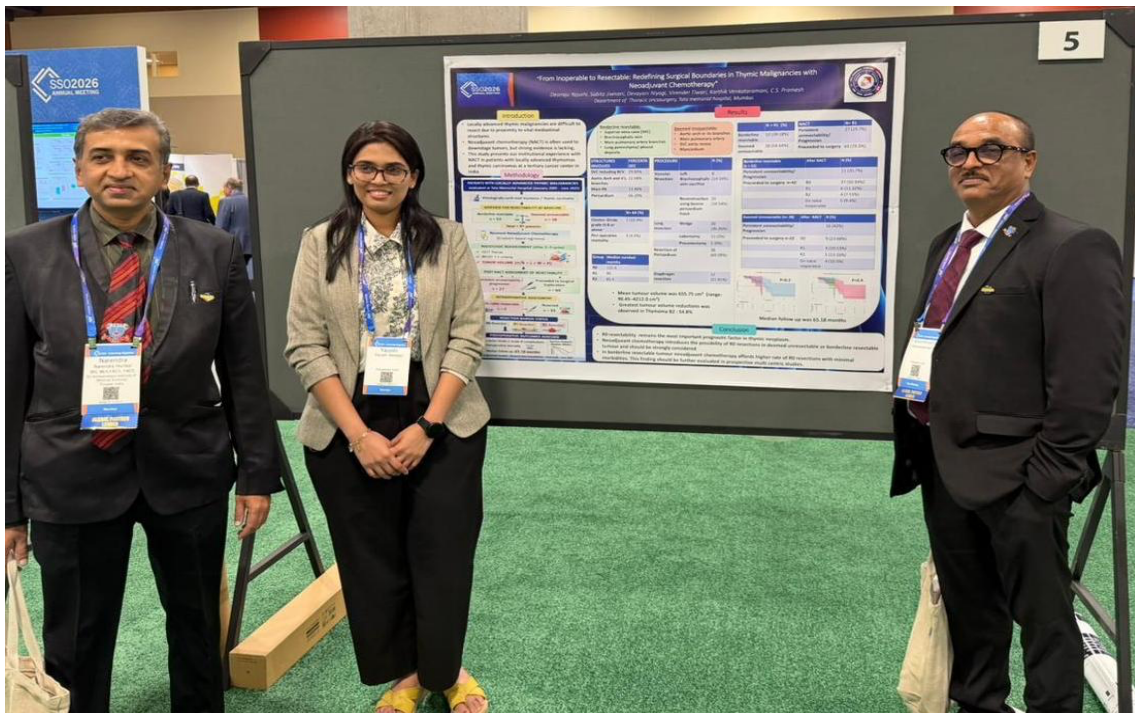
Testimonial of Dr Yajushi Desiraju

Respected Sir,

I Dr.Desiraju Yajushi attended the Society of Surgical Oncology (SSO) Congress, which gave me good exposure to recent advances in surgical oncology. I presented my work and received useful feedback from experts. The sessions and interactions helped improve my clinical knowledge and research understanding. It also helped me learn about global practices. This would not have been possible without the support from IASO, which really helped my professional growth. All thanks to the IASO team for constant support at every step.

Thanking You

Yours sincerely
Dr. Desiraju Yajushi,
MCH surgical oncology
TMH , Mumbai





Testimonial of Dr Nirmal Ganesh

Respected Sir,

I had the opportunity to attend and actively participate in the annual meeting of the Society of Surgical Oncology (SSO), held from March 5 to 7, 2026, at the Phoenix Convention Center, Arizona. This prestigious international conference brought together leading surgical oncologists, researchers, and academicians from across the world, providing a platform for exchange of cutting-edge knowledge and advancements in cancer care.

As part of my academic contribution, I presented a poster titled “**Towards Safer Exenteration**”, which focused on improving perioperative outcomes and reducing complications in pelvic exenteration surgeries. The presentation was well received and facilitated valuable discussions with international experts, offering insights into optimizing patient selection, perioperative care, and surgical strategies.

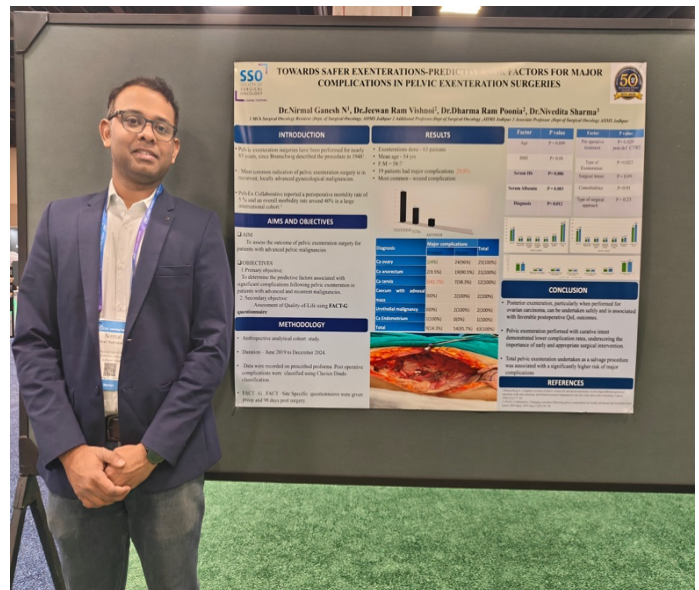
The conference featured several high-impact scientific sessions. Notably, updates on **papillary thyroid carcinoma management based on the 2025 American Thyroid Association (ATA) guidelines** provided clarity on risk stratification, extent of surgery, and tailored treatment approaches. Additionally, sessions on **microsatellite instability (MSI) in colorectal cancer** highlighted its growing significance in guiding immunotherapy and personalized oncologic treatment.

Attending this meeting enabled me to gain exposure to contemporary advancements in surgical oncology, including minimally invasive approaches, multidisciplinary cancer care, and evolving systemic therapies. It also provided an excellent opportunity for professional networking, where I interacted with renowned surgeons and researchers, fostering potential collaborations for future academic and clinical endeavours.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Indian Association of Surgical Oncology (IASO) for their generous financial support, as well as their encouragement, which played a crucial role in enabling me to attend the conference and present my work at this esteemed international platform. It not only alleviated my financial burden but also encouraged me to actively participate in academic excellence and global exposure.

Overall, my participation in the SSO Annual Meeting 2026 was highly enriching, contributing significantly to my academic growth and enhancing my perspective on evidence-based surgical oncology practice. The knowledge and insights gained from this conference will be instrumental in improving patient care and advancing my ongoing research activities.

Dr. Nirmal Ganesh
Consultant Surgical Oncologist
Rajagiri Hospital





Testimonial of Dr Gajendra Pandit

I had the privilege of attending the Society of Surgical Oncology (SSO) Congress, an internationally renowned academic platform that brings together leading experts, researchers, and clinicians in the field of surgical oncology. My participation in this prestigious conference was made possible through the generous travel support provided by the Indian Association of Surgical Oncology (IASO), for which I am sincerely grateful.

During the congress, I actively engaged in a wide range of scientific sessions, including plenary lectures, panel discussions, and focused symposia covering recent advances in oncological surgery. The sessions on breast oncology, peritoneal surface malignancies, and minimally invasive oncologic techniques were particularly relevant to my current training and academic interests. These discussions provided valuable insights into evolving surgical strategies, multidisciplinary management approaches, and ongoing clinical trials shaping contemporary cancer care.

A key highlight of my participation was the presentation of my research work in the form of a poster. This provided an excellent opportunity to showcase my academic work to an international audience and receive constructive feedback from experts in the field. The interactions during the poster session were intellectually stimulating and helped refine my understanding of the subject, as well as identify areas for further research and improvement.

The congress also facilitated meaningful networking with peers and senior faculty from across the globe. These interactions have opened avenues for future academic collaborations and have broadened my perspective on global oncology practices. Exposure to diverse clinical approaches and healthcare systems has enriched my learning experience and will contribute positively to my clinical decision-making and patient care.

The financial support from IASO played a crucial role in enabling my participation in this conference. It not only alleviated the financial burden associated with international travel and registration but also encouraged me to actively pursue academic excellence and global exposure. Such support is instrumental in nurturing young oncologists and fostering research-oriented clinical practice.

Overall, attending the SSO Congress has been a highly enriching experience that has significantly contributed to my academic growth, clinical knowledge, and professional development. I am confident that the knowledge and experience gained from this congress will translate into improved patient care and continued academic contributions in the field of surgical oncology.

I once again express my sincere gratitude to IASO for their support and encouragement.

Dr. Gajendra Pandit

Senior Resident (MCh Trainee, Surgical Oncology)
AIIMS, New Delhi





Testimonial of Dr Niveditha Puthalath

I had the privilege of attending the **SSO Annual Meeting 2026 (March 5–7, Phoenix, Arizona)**—one of the world’s leading platforms for advancing surgical oncology through multidisciplinary dialogue, and global collaboration.

My participation was made possible through the generous support of the **Indian Association of Surgical Oncology (IASO)**, whose continued commitment to nurturing young Indian oncologists and enabling them to present their work on international platforms is truly invaluable.

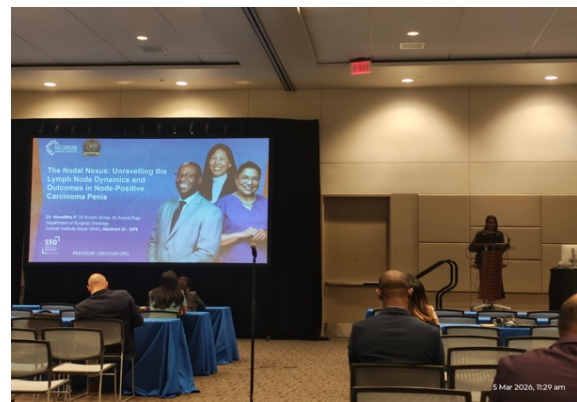
This meeting was particularly special as many young surgeons from India made the journey despite unexpected logistical challenges. Due to geopolitical disruptions in parts of the Gulf region, several of us had to cancel and rebook flights at the last minute and completely reorganize our travel plans. Yet, despite these hurdles, the determination of the Indian contingent ensured that we reached Phoenix—an effort that beautifully reflected the spirit and purpose behind IASO’s vision to empower emerging surgical oncologists from India on the global stage.

The meeting offered enriching academic exposure through high-quality scientific sessions, evolving oncologic strategies, and meaningful interactions with experts from across the world. I was fortunate to present my research and engage in stimulating discussions that greatly contributed to my professional growth. A memorable highlight was interacting with Dr Chandrakanth Are sir , Dr. T. S. Rao sir , President-Elect of the Global Forum of Cancer Surgeons, along with Dr. Narendra Hullikkal sir and Dr. Chandramohan sir , whose inspiring leadership and encouragement for young surgeons left a lasting impression.

I remain profoundly thankful to my parents and my partner and to my mentors Dr. Anand Raja, Dr. A. S. Ramakrishnan, and Dr. Arvind Krishnamurthy, along with all my teachers, seniors, and juniors. Most importantly, I am grateful to my patients whose trust and faith inspire and shape my path in surgical oncology.

Attending SSO 2026 was not only academically rewarding but also reaffirmed the growing presence, resilience, and energy of young Indian surgical oncologists on the global stage.

Niveditha Puthalath





Testimonial of Dr Saurin Chaudhary

I had the opportunity to attend the Society of Surgical Oncology (SSO) Annual Congress, which is one of the most prestigious global meetings in the field of surgical oncology. This conference brought together leading oncologic surgeons, researchers, and experts from across the world to discuss recent advances in cancer surgery, multidisciplinary care, and translational research.

During the congress, I actively participated in multiple scientific sessions, including discussions on minimally invasive oncologic surgery, advances in gastrointestinal and hepatopancreatobiliary oncology, colorectal cancer management, and innovations in surgical techniques and perioperative care. These sessions provided valuable insights into contemporary surgical oncology practices and evolving treatment strategies.

I also had the opportunity to present my research work, which allowed me to share my findings with an international audience and receive constructive feedback from experts in the field. The interaction with faculty members and fellow researchers helped broaden my understanding of ongoing global research trends and highlighted potential areas for future collaboration and academic growth.

Attending the SSO Congress significantly enhanced my academic exposure and professional development. It allowed me to learn about emerging technologies, evidence-based surgical approaches, and multidisciplinary cancer management strategies that can improve patient outcomes. The experience also strengthened my motivation to contribute further to research and clinical excellence in surgical oncology.

I sincerely thank the Indian Association of Surgical Oncology (IASO) for providing travel support that made it possible for me to attend this prestigious conference. This support played a crucial role in enabling young oncologists like me to gain international exposure, present our work, and interact with global leaders in the field. The knowledge and experience gained from this congress will greatly contribute to my future academic and clinical career in surgical oncology.

Once again, I am grateful to IASO for encouraging young surgeons and supporting academic participation at international platforms.

Dr. Saurin Chaudhary
MCh Surgical Oncology
India





IASO MIDCON 2026 — Advancing Surgical Oncology Together

The Indian Association of Surgical Oncology (IASO) successfully held its MIDCON 2026 Mid-Term Conference on 7th–8th February 2026 at the Courtyard by Marriott, Raipur, Chhattisgarh. Themed “Extending Reach, Enhancing Precision – Uniting Surgical Minds”, the conference brought together leading surgical oncologists, trainees, researchers, and allied professionals from across the country for two days of rich academic exchange, skill development, and professional collaboration.

The scientific programme showcased a broad spectrum of topics tailored to modern surgical oncology practice—from cutting-edge operative strategies to multidisciplinary approaches in cancer management. Attendees had the opportunity to engage with expert faculty through keynote lectures, panel discussions, and interactive sessions designed to deepen clinical insight and refine surgical technique. The event also emphasized the importance of innovation, precision surgery, and evidence-based patient care against the backdrop of India’s diverse healthcare landscape.

A key highlight of MIDCON 2026 was the active participation of young oncologists and surgical trainees, whose enthusiasm and contributions helped enrich discussions and bridge generational perspectives in cancer surgery. The platform also fostered meaningful networking, enabling participants to share experiences, explore collaborative research opportunities, and build professional connections that will advance surgical oncology practice nationwide.

The success of the conference was made possible by the meticulous planning and dedication of the Organizing Committee, Scientific Committee, and the leadership of the Indian Association of Surgical Oncology. Their commitment ensured a well-organized, intellectually stimulating, and extremely rewarding experience for all delegates.

As IASO continues to lead academic initiatives in surgical oncology, MIDCON 2026 stood out as a defining milestone—championing excellence, innovation, and community in cancer care. The association looks forward to future endeavours that will further strengthen oncology practice and patient outcomes across India.





Women in Oncology Session: Celebrating Leadership, Equity, and Excellence

One of the most inspiring highlights of IASO MIDCON 2026 was the dedicated Women in Oncology Session, which focused on recognizing, empowering, and amplifying the role of women in the field of surgical oncology. The session provided a meaningful platform to discuss professional growth, leadership, work-life balance, mentorship, and the unique challenges faced by women oncologists in today's evolving healthcare landscape.

Esteemed women leaders in oncology shared their personal journeys, experiences, and insights, offering honest perspectives on navigating academic excellence, clinical responsibilities, and leadership roles. The discussions emphasized resilience, confidence, and the importance of creating inclusive and supportive professional environments that enable women to thrive at every stage of their careers.

The session also highlighted the growing contribution of women in shaping the future of oncology through research, education, innovation, and patient-centred care. Interactive dialogue and audience engagement made the session both impactful and relatable, particularly for young surgeons and postgraduate trainees who found inspiration in the shared stories and guidance.

The Women in Oncology Session stood as a powerful testament to IASO's commitment to equity, diversity, and professional development. It not only celebrated achievements but also reinforced the collective responsibility to foster mentorship, leadership opportunities, and equal representation within the oncology community.

Overall, the session left a lasting impression, encouraging meaningful reflection and reaffirming the vital role of women in advancing excellence in cancer care.





A report on 6th International Conference of Global Cancer Consortium (GCC) & 15th East Zonal Oncology Symposium

The Saroj Gupta Cancer Centre & Research Institute, Thakurpukur, Kolkata, successfully hosted the 6th International Conference of the Global Cancer Consortium (GCC) in conjunction with the 15th East Zonal Oncology Symposium, in collaboration with the Indian Association of Surgical Oncology (IASO). The conference was held on 9–10 January 2026 at Taj Taal Kutir, preceded by engaging pre-conference workshops on 8 January.

Centered on the theme “*Personalized Therapy in the Era of Precision Oncology*,” the conference created a vibrant platform for interaction between scientists and clinicians, highlighting the evolving landscape of precision-driven cancer care.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from 324 delegates, including 246 scientists and 78 clinicians, alongside 170 faculty members—17 of whom were distinguished international experts. The academic programme was rich and diverse, featuring 74 posters and 7 free papers from contributors across India and abroad.

The inaugural ceremony was graced by Partha Basu as Chief Guest and Dhrubajyoti Chattopadhyay as Guest of Honour, along with eminent leaders including Vivek Rangnekar, Prasanna Venkatraman, Rudra Prasad Acharya, and T S Rao.

Prestigious orations formed a major highlight, including the Dr Saroj Gupta Oration by Partha Basu, the Henry Shaw Oration by Pankaj Chaturvedi, and the GCC Oration by Partha Majumdar. Insightful keynote lectures, dynamic panel discussions, stimulating debates, and master video sessions further enriched the scientific programme.

The pre-conference workshop on Cardio-Oncology, conducted in collaboration with the American Cardio Oncology Society and the Indian Cardio Oncology Society, marked a pioneering initiative in India. A parallel workshop on Cancer Genomics, organized at JBNSTS Auditorium in collaboration with PDXL, also drew excellent participation, with over 50 attendees in each session. The conference benefitted immensely from the presence of renowned international faculty, including Carla Kim, Debabrata Mukhopadhyay, Megan Hitchins, Michael Fradley, Sridhar Ganesan, Shyam Prabhakar, Wong-Yang Park, Ramanuj Dasgupta, Chitta Ranjan Chowdhury, and Sumohan Chatterjee.

The Organizing Committee, led by Dr Arnab Gupta (Organising Chairman), Dr Sharmila Sengupta and Dr Rahul Roychoudhury (Organising Secretaries), with strong support from the Scientific Committee and the Treasurer team, ensured seamless execution of the event.

Widely appreciated for its high academic standards, global participation, and collaborative spirit, the conference stands as a significant milestone in advancing interdisciplinary oncology and precision cancer care.





39th Annual Conference of
Indian Association of Surgical Oncology

IASO-NATCON 2026

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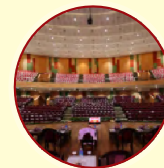
8th October 2026

Theme:

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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Registration Categories	Regular Rates (Joggers) 1 st Apr - 30 th Jun 2026	Late Rates (Walkers) 1 st Jul - 30 th Sep 2026	Spot Rates (Sleepers) 1 st Oct 2026 onwards
IASO Member	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 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 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)
International Delegate	USD 295 (250+45 GST)	USD 295 (250+45 GST)	USD 354 (300+54 GST)
Workshops	INR 4,720 (4,000+720 GST)	INR 5,900 (5,000+900 GST)	INR 8,850 (7,500+1,350 GST)

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THE CENTRUM/ CROWNE PLAZA LUCKNOW BY IHG (3 Nights & 4 Days)

Registered Delegates - Single Occupancy for IASO MEMBER (Registration fee for 1 delegate is included)	INR 51,000*
Registered Delegates - Single Occupancy for NON MEMBER (Registration fee for 1 delegate is included)	INR 53,000*
Registered Delegates - Double Occupancy Room with Accompanying Person (Registration fee for 1 delegate & 1 Non-academic accompanying person Registration and meals is included for both) (1 Conference kit included)	INR 66,000*
Registered Delegates - Twin Sharing Occupancy (1 registered delegate sharing room with another registered delegate Registration fees included)	INR 37,500*

HOTEL DAMSON PLUM (3 Nights & 4 Days)

Registered Delegates - Single Occupancy for IASO MEMBER (Registration fees for 1 delegate is included)	INR 44,500*
Registered Delegates - Single Occupancy for NON MEMBER (Registration fees for 1 delegate is included)	INR 46,500*
Registered Delegates - Double Occupancy Room with Accompanying Person (Registration fees for 1 delegate & 1 non-academic accompanying person Registration and meals is included for both) (1 Conference kit included)	INR 60,000*
Registered Delegate - Twin Sharing Occupancy (1 registered delegate sharing room with another registered delegate Registration fees included)	INR 34,000*
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