

## Report of NATCON IASO 2019

IASO was kind enough to give Saroj Gupta Cancer Centre & Research Institute (SGCCRI), Thakurpukur the opportunity to host the prestigious Annual National Conference NATCON for the 4<sup>th</sup> time. This was held in the brand new Hotel J W Marriott Kolkata from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept, 2019 with a Pre-conference Live Workshop on 19<sup>th</sup> at SGCCRI itself.

The Highlights:

- **652 Registrations**
- **13 Overseas Faculties (USA-** James Howe, Chandrakanth Are, Amit Merchea, Donald Weaver, Edson Pontes, Ismail Jatoi; **UK-** Debasish Ghosh, Sumohan Chatterjee, Prokar Dasgupta, Talvinder Gill & Prem Thambi; **Italy-** Giuseppe Spriano; **Japan-** Takeshi Sano)
- **Live Workshop:** the following operations were done: D2 Gastrectomy by Dr Takeshi Sano, Partial Laryngectomy by Dr Giuseppe Spriano, Single Port Lap LAR by Dr Talvinder Gill & Dr Prem Thambi, 2 Oncoplastic Breast Surgeries by Dr Debasish Ghosh & Dr Sumohan Chatterjee, Videos on Chemoport by Dr Shuvro Roychoudhury & Lap Colo-rectal by Dr Amit Merchea. At the end there was a satellite Transmission from UK of Robotic Prostatectomy by Dr Prokar Dasgupta. The surgeries were all nicely demonstrated, the AV transmission was of High Quality and the Workshop was well attended. All the patients had uncomplicated recovery.
- **The Main Conference (20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> Sept)** was divided into different halls on different days as per the specialty (**H& N, Upper GI/ Thoracic, HPB/ Colo-rectal, Breast, Gynae, Urology & Orthopaedics**) with options of single day registration so that many allied specialties could attend. Many of them became members of IASO.
- The Conference was **Inaugurated** by Mayor Janab Firhad Hakim who also released the Souvenir. All the Overseas Faculties and 15 IASO Past Presidents were felicitated by the Chief Guest. The cultural program that followed had the Children (undergoing treatment at SGCCRI) put up a festive theme based dance recital. This was followed by Ganesh Bandana by Dona Ganguly (wife of Sourav Ganguly) and her dance troupe Diksha Manjari. However, the Star attraction was Anjali Roy (17 yr old Cancer Survivor, an amputee) whose wonderful dances brought tears to the eyes of everyone present there.
- The following Orations were delivered: Motibhai Oration: Dr Takeshi Sano (Japan), Dr R S Rao Endowment lecture: Dr Giuseppe Spriano (Italy), Radhadevi Oration: Maj Gen Sanjay Kapoor, P B Desai Oration: Dr Ismail Jatoi (USA) and N C Misra Oration: Dr James Howe (USA).
- There were Award Videos, Keynote lectures, Debates and Panel discussions in each hall each day (theme based)
- In total there were -21 Award Videos, 34 Free Videos, 9 Award Papers, 26 Free Papers & 192 Posters
- After the GB meeting, the eminent young singer Kinjal got almost everyone on to the Dance floor with his popular Hindi songs
- The Gastronomic delights on all days, the Delegate & Faculty kits and mementos along with the Ambience of the Hotel were appreciated by all.