

Message from the President, IAPS

Dear fellow IAPS members,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve our prestigious association as President. In the current pandemic my predecessor Dr Parthapratim Gupta has achieved many milestones which you all are aware of. The first ever E-IAPSCON has been a grand success with more than 600 delegates and nearly 450 papers and posters presented over 5 days. It will be remembered as a historic event for many decades. The first ever combined elections of IAPS with PESI, SPU and SOS chapters were conducted online successfully with record 899 members. The webinars have been very successful. I thank members of IAPS for participating in all these activities with great enthusiasm.

The executive committee IAPS has been very active this year with a number of goals achieved. Luckily we have the support of the same young, active and enthusiastic executive committee led ably by IAPS secretary Ravi Kanojia and Joint secretary Amar Shah. This year hope we can address several issues like information about availability of Pediatric Surgical Services in all 739 districts of India, inclusion of Pediatric Surgery in the MBBS curriculum which will help setting up pediatric surgery departments/units in 542 medical colleges across the country (IAPS member Dr Vijendra Kumar from Patna is member of the new National Medical Commission and we all should provide full support to him to achieve this goal), continuing work on the ongoing project of Insurance cover for congenital malformations, proposal and setting up of minimum common training program in Pediatric Surgery for MCh / DNB (with feedback from the trainees) and encouraging common PG activities shared online with all the trainees to learn from masters across the country. There are many other issues under consideration for which active participation and co-operation of IAPS members will be required. I am sure the online education by webinars will continue. I am hoping that if possible we will be able to arrange a physical conference next year to meet and greet our fellow members.

With the current reports of declining numbers of Corona patients, we should not become complacent. Please take care in your clinic, hospital, ICU, and operation theaters as the pandemic will continue for an unknown period in future. With the festive season of Diwali please take care of yourselves and your loved ones. Stay safe and stay healthy.

Wishing you all a very happy Diwali in advance God bless you all, Long live IAPS Jai Hind

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