

28th SZUSICON - a report by Dr Arun Chawla, Organizing secretary.

Twenty eighth Annual Conference of Association of Southern Urologist was held in Manipal from 11th August 2017 to 13th august 2017. This event was hosted by Department of Urology, under the aegis of Manipal University.

The conference had a record number of delegates totaling more than 900 including participation from industry. In addition to the annual features of ASU, innovative scientific program covering all aspects of Urology laced with thematic operative sessions was the soul of the conference. First time sessions namely 'Grey Matters in Urology', 'Top Secrets' and 'Journal scan' were highlights of day 1. Dr N Vijaya Sankaran delivered the Prof H S Bhat Oration. Prof. P B Sivaraman lecture was delivered by Dr Aruna Vaniker, Ahmedabad. Dr Ganesh Gopalakrishnana moderated the ASU-NU Hospitals, Pediatric urology debate. Khivraj Symposium was convened and conducted by Dr M G Kamath. There were a total of 143 scientific presentations (74 free papers, 18 videos and 51 posters)

The conference was formally inaugurated on day 1 by Professor H S Ballal, Pro-Chancellor of Manipal University in the presence of Dr P N Dogra, President of Urological society of India and other university officials namely the VC, Dr H Vinod Bhat, Pro-VC Dr Poornima Baliga and Dean KMC Mnaipal Dr Pragna Rao

All the three days began with live operative sessions on topics which included PCNL, Prostatic enucleation, Uro-gynaecology procedures, Lap Pyeloplasty and Lap Adrenalectomy. The various procedures were demonstrated by celebrated faculty in the respective fields. This was well appreciated by the attendees.

Professor Dirk De Ridder, from Brussels, Belgium was the international faculty for BOE program on Female Urinary fistulas. Earlier, he demonstrated repair of anterior compartment prolapse causing SUI during the operative session of the day.

Dr. Anil Kapoor, Professor of Urology, McMaster University, Canada, in his live transmitted lecture spoke on role of Nephrectomy in Metastatic renal cancer. The event was attended by delegates and faculty outside South zone also.

For the first time, there was a pre conference, half day conference for nurses on Urological nursing with resource faculty from CMC Vellore.

Spouses and children were kept busy and occupied by structured entertainment programs. This comprised of a magic shows, sessions on boat riding and a workshop on Zumba dance. There was also a workshop on baking and using tandoor by the faculty of Welcomgroup Graduate School of Hotel Administration (WGSHA).

The two sessions on last day added luster to the conference. These were a medico-legal session convened by Dr Joseph Thomas and a life style session to enhance emotional agility.

The inaugural dinner on day 1 and Gala dinner on day 2 with delicious cuisine, stage entertainment by professional artists and the never ending fellowship made both the evenings memorable.