



# ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN UROLOGISTS

Newsletter  
Sept-Oct 2020

## **PRESIDENT (OUTGOING)**

Dr Nitin Kekre

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## **PRESIDENT ELECT (INCOMING)**

Dr Ganesh Kamath

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## **IMMEDIATE PAST PRESEDENT**

Dr CS Ratkal

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## **HON. SECRETARY (OUTGOING)**

Dr. Arun Chawla

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## **SECRETARY ELECT & TREASURER**

(INCOMING)

Dr. Chengalvarayan

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## **COUNCIL MEMBER**

Dr. George P Abraham

Dr. Avudiappan

Dr. Kamela Sreedhar

Dr. Shivalingaiah

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## **EX OFFICIO MEMBERS STATE PRESEDENT**

Dr. AV Abdul Aziz

Dr. S Neeli

Dr. K Purna Chandra  
Reddy

Dr. SM Kannan

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## **Message from outgoing President**

Let me at outset wish you all a very happy Deepawali & prosperous, healthy 2021.

We all have witnessed the unprecedented Covid pandemic which now threatens to become endemic.

Covid has changed the way we conduct our business, & we are no exception.

My tenure as ASU president officially would have been over by July 2020 with the annual meeting at Hyderabad. But that meeting had to be postponed due to Govt regulations & even now it is doubtful that we will be able to conduct usual meeting in December. Most likely we will have to conduct a Virtual meeting & the ASU council along with local organizing committee is exploring the best possible options.

With such situation at hand, myself & Dr Chawla decided to hand over the working reigns of ASU to the incoming President Dr Ganesh Kamath & Secretary elect Dr Chengalvarayan.

USI Central Office was informed so that incoming President Dr Ganesh Kamath could represent South zone in the USI council from September onwards.

I am confident that ASU would attain greater heights under their leadership.

I wish them all the very best for the coming year.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Dr Chawla, our dynamic secretary, all the council members & Past president Dr Ratkal for their support.

With best wishes

**Nitin Kekre**

## **Message from Hon. Secretary(Outgoing)**

Dear ASU Colleagues,  
Warm Greetings to all.

Hope you are all staying healthy in adverse times arising due to COVID pandemic. As you all understand that Covid situation has led to postponement of all physical conferences this year. Our Annual Conference to be held in Hyderabad this year could not happen and we plan for Virtual Conference from 4-6 December. As Hon Secretary of ASU I would have finished my term in July. Incoming Secretary Dr Chengalvarayan is taking all the lead initiative of conducting prestigious program under aegis of ASU, 8<sup>th</sup> ASU-Prof HS Bhat Mid term Workshop. As outgoing Secretary, pending task of making Scientific program for virtual Annual Conference is almost over.

I am pleased to place before you this newsletter. This newsletter has Highlights of our Virtual Conference of Association of Southern Urologists and List of Applicants for different posts of ASU Council. My November newsletter will have Full Program of ASU Conference(V).

Wishing you and yours a very Happy Diwali, Merry Christmas and Happy New year.

**Arun Chawla**



## ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN UROLOGISTS

### Message From President Elect

Dear friends,  
Greetings to all!

Its a tribute to the undying spirit of humankind that we are enduring what may be considered an intriguing period of anguish, especially for men of science. There have been countless tales of personal loss and hardships of unimaginable proportions and for the surviving rest, its been a test of living through 'a vacant time'.

I am glad that many of you, especially the young brigade have returned to some degree of routine work, yet my heart goes out to the PGs in training who have suffered because of the dip in surgical work and had to make countless adjustments and sacrifices because of Covid duties. Uro-education in the virtual mode is now freely available in the air, all one has to do, is take a perceptible breath.

Academic bodies and associations globally are going through the throes of difficult decision making, ASU is no exception. Earlier this year in January, I was In Hyderabad with a member of the local organising committee to inspect and evaluate the proposed venue for our Annual meeting. In the following few weeks there was a complete upheaval of 'life' as we knew it and all of us were rushing for the reset button. Its unfortunate that our Annual physical meeting, an event that we took for granted is postponed. My sympathies with the new set of office bearers whose innings are yet to start and truncated by 6 months. We as surgeons have the fortitude to handle bad outcomes and surely this will pass too. I must thank Dr Nitin our President for offering me the office sometime back, another precedent which we in this pioneering zone can be proud of, and is worth emulating by our fraternity. The executive council has rightly decided to go ahead with the virtual Annual meeting in the first week of December 2020 and I thank our hosts in Hyderabad for supporting us. I must thank Dr Arun Chawla the outgoing Secretary who has been tireless in his efforts and Dr. Chengalvarayan for working in tandem.

Stay safe and healthy, lets enjoy the the spirit of virtual camaraderie in December.

**Dr M Ganesh Kamath**

Incoming President 2020-2021

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**Upcoming Event**  
**8th ASU- Prof HS Bhat Midterm Workshop (Virtual)**  
**on 22nd November, 2020**



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## OBITUARY



**Prof Ravishankar**

It's with deep sense of sadness we inform about the sad demise of Professor K. Ravishankar, popularly known as Prof KRS. He has served as an honorary Prof of Urology at Madras Medical College with distinction till his superannuation. He was among the first of the batch of MCh Urology course of Madras University. He was a respected teacher and a great innovator.

He delivered the prestigious Pinnamaneni Oration of USI at Kanyakumari and was also the first orator of S.B. Umapathy oration of Tapasucon. On behalf of the South Zone and the Executive council we pay homage to the departed soul. Our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family of Prof K.Ravishankar.

May his soul rest in peace.



**Dr V N Bhat**

Dr V N Bhat Muliya was born in Enmakaje village in Kasargod. He studied BSc at St Aloysious college Mangalore and MBBS at Calicut Medical college. He studied MS Gen. Surgery at Trivandrum Medical College and MCh Urology at PGI Chandigarh

He worked in Kerala Medical College service, GMC Alleppey, GMC Kottayam and retired as Prof of Urology from Government Medical College, Calicut. After retirement, he moved to Mangalore and worked as Urologist at Medical chambers and as Professor of Urology at K S Hegde Medical College. He also worked in the Cooperative Medical College (now GMC) Kochi, for a short period. His career was illustrious. He was a pioneer in endoscopic Urology work in India and was first person to do TURP in Travancore.

May his soul rest in peace.



## ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN UROLOGISTS

### **Congratulations!!!**

Congratulations to Teacher – Resident, from Govt Medical College, Trivandrum, who emerged first in All India Interzonal Pediatric Urology Debate held by USI.

On behalf of all the members and Executive council of ASU we convey our Heartiest Congratulations to:



**Dr Manoj Kumar**  
Assistant Professor, GMC Trivandrum



**Amit Tripathi-**  
Resident –GMC Trivandrum

### **Nominations for the vacant post of Executive council, ASU**

#### **President Elect- One post**

Dr Malliarjuna Reddy, Nellore

#### **Secretary Elect**

Dr Surya Prakash, Hyderabad

#### **Treasurer**

One nomination received.

Not meeting eligibility criteria for the post.

#### **Council members- One post each**

##### **Tamil Nadu/Pondicherry**

Dr Santosh Kumar, Vellore

##### **Andhra Pradesh/ Telangana**

Dr V Chandra Mohan, Hyderabad

##### **Karnataka**

Dr Siddalingeshwar Neeli, Belgavi

##### **Kerala**

Vijay Radhakrishnan, Kochi



## **ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN UROLOGISTS**

**4-6 December 2020 Virtual  
Highlights**

**Prof. H S Bhat Oration-**

Speaker- Dr Mohan A, Bengaluru

**Prof. P B Sivaraman Endowment Guest Lecture-**

Speaker- Dr Sudhir Rawal, Delhi

**Khivraj Memorial Symposium-**

Convenor- Dr Reddy Mallikarjun

**ASU-NU Hospitals Medal for Paediatric Urology Debate-**

Moderator- Chandra Singh, Vellore

**Prof. Nalini Venugopal Clinico-pathological conference (CPC)**

**Bangalore Urology Society Best Video Session**

**Prof Ravindra Nath Best Paper Session**

**ASU Best Poster Session**

**Quiz-O-Mania- Paul Vincent, Madurai**

**Young Female Consultants Forum**

**Residents Corner**

**Speciality Sessions- Endourology, Uro-Oncology, Pediatric Urology**

**STAR TALK-** Dr Jaspreet Sandhu, MSKCC, USA

**MAKING GUIDELINES –LESSONS FROM EXPERIENCE OF EXPERT**

### **Full Programme in November Newsletter**

**Agenda of virtual General Body Meeting to be held on 5<sup>th</sup> December will  
be circulated to all Full members of ASU by mail shortly.**