

TAPASUCON 2015, PUDUCHERRY

(Report by Dr.L.Dorairajan, Hon. Secretary, TAPASU)

The 20th Annual Conference of the Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry Association of Urologists - TAPASUCON 2015 was organized by the Department of Urology, JIPMER, Puducherry and the Pondicherry Renal Sciences Society in JIPMER on 26th & 27th Sept 2015. The conference was preceded by a Live Operative Workshop on the theme of Newer Energy Sources in Urology. Various eminent experts from all over the county demonstrated the application of the newest lasers and energy devices in various Urological procedures. The use of Holmium laser in different procedures for treatment of stone disease was demonstrated. Dr. Ravindra Sabnis demonstrated Ultra Mini PNL, Dr. Vijay Kumar demonstrated Mini PNL and Dr. K. Saravanan and Dr. M. Arul demonstrated RIRS. The merits of different types of lasers in the treatment of BPH were also highlighted. Dr. Anshuman Agrawal from New Delhi demonstrated HOLEP, Dr. Bibhas Kundu from Kolkata demonstrated Thulium prostatectomy and Dr. Gregg Eure, from Virginia, USA, demonstrated photo selective vaporization of the prostate using green light laser. Dr. Nikhil Khattar from Delhi demonstrated saline TURP. Dr. M. Ramalingam from Coimbatore demonstrated laparoscopic nephrectomy and laparoscopic ureteric reimplantation using hand held ultrasonic dissection system and with Ligasure. Dr. V. Muthu from Chennai demonstrated the uses of Harmonic scalpel in the dissection for performing laparoscopic nephrectomy. The workshop was attended by about 150 persons, including urologists and postgraduate students. Eminent faculty moderated various sessions that was widely appreciated. There were also state of the art lectures on role of different lasers in Urology and saline TURP. Eminent colorectal surgeon Dr. Kishore Valapati from Hyderabad took a lecture on the science of tissues management. Expert faculty including Dr. P. N. Dogra and Dr. Amlesh Seth from AIIMS, New Delhi, Dr. Deepak Dubai from Bangalore and Dr. Ajith Vaze from Mumbai presented their best videos on different robotic and laparoscopic surgery which was highly appreciated by the delegates.

The conference was attended by more than 220 delegates. 108 research papers were presented by various postgraduate students and faculty members. There was a state of art of lecture on Bone Health in Urological Cancers by Dr. Thomas Paul from CMC Vellore. The Symposium on 'Gynaecology for Urologists' moderated by Dr. Nitin Kekre, Professor of Urology, CMC Vellore was widely appreciated. The sessions contained lectures by eminent gynaecologists including Dr. A. Tamilselvi from Chennai, Dr. Gowri Dorairajan and Dr. S. Habeebullah from JIPMER, Dr. Aruna Kekre from CMC, Vellore. There were also a very interesting guest lectures under the Kanyakumari Urology Club Guest Lecture session by Dr. T. N. Ravisankar from Chennai on Clinical Establishments Act.

The chief guest at the inaugural function was Dr. Rajeev Sood, President Elect of the Urological Society of India and Dean, PGIMER and RML Hospital, New Delhi. Dr. Santosh Kumar, Chairman of the Organizing Committee welcomed the invitees. Dr. R.R. Surendran, President of TAPASU delivered the Presidential address. Dr. J. Balachander, Director, JIPMER and Dr. A. Mohan, President of ASU also felicitated the gathering. Dr. L. N. Dorairajan, Secretary TAPASUCON presented the Annual report of the association. Dr. M. Ramalingam was awarded the Urotan Gold Medal for his stellar contributions in the field of Urology. Dr. R. Manikandan, Joint Organizing Secretary proposed the vote of thanks. In the Annual General Meeting that evening, Dr. C. Ramasamy was elected as the Vice President of TAPASU. It was also announced in the meeting that the Urotan Gold Medal for the year 2016 will be awarded to Prof. P.B. Sivaraman and the Dr. S.B. Umapathy Oration for the year 2016 will be delivered by Prof. Nitin Kekre.

In the valedictory function on 27 September 2015 Dr. R. R. Surendran handed over the charge to the incoming president Dr. C. Gauthaman.

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AWARDS AND PRIZES OF TAPASUCON 2015

1. Dr Krishnamurthy Free Paper Prizes
 - i. Dr. K.R.S. Bhat, Govt. Stanley Medical College and Hospital, Chennai, for the paper 'A study of use of Tunica vaginalis flap in adult reoperative hypospadias'
 - ii. Dr. Karthik Rajan, Madras Medical College, Chennai, for his paper 'Forgotten Ureteral Stents – Our Institutional Experience'.
2. Sri Shanmugam Prize for Ideas and Innovations – Dr. K. Senthil, Coimbatore, for his paper 'Optimising intraabdominal pressure during laparoscopy'
3. Sri Vedanayagam Prize in Uro- Oncology - Dr Jayesh Mittal, JIPMER, Puducherry for the paper 'Partial Nephrectomy for Renal Masses : a reappraisal.'
4. Pondicherry Video Prize –
Jointly shared by Dr. Nikhil Khattar, PGIMER and RML Hospital, New Delhi for the video 'Moving on from repeated urethral dilatations: Our experience with dorsal vaginal graft urethroplasty for female urethral strictures' and Dr. Sanjay Pandey, Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital and Research Institute, Mumbai for the video 'Single stage Penile skin flap inversion vaginoplasty with urethral inlay as Male to Female Gender reassignment'.
5. Salem Poster Prize – Dr. Sathish Kumar RM, Velammal Medical College And Research Institute, Chennai for the poster 'Complex situation made easy- PCNL in ectopic fused kidney'
6. Dr Thanikachalam Prize in Uro-Radiology Quiz for Post Graduate students – Dr. Karthik Rajan, Madras Medical College, Chennai.