

## GBM REPORT - ASU 2024 ( 27<sup>th</sup> July 2024)

**Minutes of the GBM of the Annual Conference - SZUSICON 2024 held on 27<sup>th</sup> July, 5PM , at Dwarka Palace , Madurai, Tamil Nadu.**

The Meeting was called to the order by the President Dr P. Ginil Kumar. The agenda of the meeting was presented to the members by the Hon. Secretary.

**Obituary:** Hon. Secretary informed that the following Four members of Association had left for their heavenly abode since the last Annual conference.

1. Dr Augustine Komaranchath,
2. Dr GG. Laxman Prabhu,
3. Dr Sunil K Rahulan,
4. Dr Sambasiva Rao.

Dr GG Laxman Prabhu was holding the position Hon. Secretary of USI at the time of his demise. "One minute of silence was observed by the members in honour of the Deceased members". The resolution of condolence by the ASU GBM would be sent to the respective families of the deceased members.

### **Presidents Opening Remarks:**

The President **Dr P. Ginil Kumar** in his opening remarks, acknowledged and appreciated good cooperation of the Executive Council members during his tenure, that the association could do many academic activities in the concluded year and also appreciated Madurai Organising Committee (MANUS Trust) for their sincere efforts in organising an Excellent Annual Meeting at Madurai.

**Confirmation of Minutes of Last GBM held on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2023 in Last 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**

**Approval of MOM:** The Minutes of previous year's GB meeting (2023) were presented and passed by the House unanimously. The minutes were circulated already to all the members by email.

**Last GBM 2023 Minutes of meeting was Passed by Dr Keshavamurthy and Seconded by Dr Arun Chawla.**

### **Honorary Secretary's Annual report:**

The Hon. Secretary **Dr Surya Prakash Vaddi** Presented the secretary's Annual report: 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference SZUSICON was held at Hotel Uday Samudra, Kovalam, from 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> August'23 and the Annual General Body meeting was conducted on 12.08.2023 in the conference venue.

Dr Vasudevan was the organising chairman & Dr Renu Thomas was the organising Secretary. The meeting was well attended by our members with the required quorum.

The registration of ASU with the registrar of societies was renewed for the year 2022 - 2023

**1. Brief report about the state Annual conferences and other academic activities held in the year 2023-24:**

- a. **TAPASUCON 2023:** 15th - 17th September 2023 , Kanyakumari
- b. **UAKCON -2023:** 11th August 2023, Kovalam
- c. **KUACON – 2023:** 3rd - 5th November 2023, Shivamogga
- d. **SOGUS AP & TS – 2023:** 17th - 19th November 2023, Visakhapatnam
- e. **11th ASU - Prof HS BHAT Midterm workshop** on the theme “**Adolescent Urology**” was held at Rajagiri Hospital, Aluva on 26th November,2023 , organised by Dr Balagopal.
- f. **ASU Council member activity of Kerala:** Dr Frederick Paul conducted CME on “**Bladder Cancer update**” on 7th January 2024 at Caritas Hospital and Institute of Health Sciences, Kottayam.
- g. **ASU Council Member activity of Tamil Nādu and Pondicherry:** It was held on 19th May 2024 at JIPMER, Pondicherry. The Meeting was organised by Dr LN Dorairajan. The theme of the program was Video workshop and CME on **Reconstructive Urology of the Upper Urinary Tract.**

**2. Other Academic activities conducted during the year 2023-24:**

- a) Concluding meeting of the research methodology course at Yashoda Hospital on 7th & 8th October 2023. Nearly 75 students participated in the program.
- b) Webinar on Nocturia on 23rd February 2024. Dr Thomas Monaghan an international faculty member delivered talk on “Role of Melatonin in the treatment of nocturia”.
- c) CME on Male infertility evaluation and management were organised by Yashoda Hospital 24th March 2024. Dr Bhupathi was the organising Secretary.
- d) INUS Neurourology Update 2024, Multidisciplinary conference was held at Amrita Hospital, Kochi.
- e) Second research methodology & Biostatic online instructional course (14<sup>th</sup> April,24 – 30<sup>th</sup> June,24 ) was conducted on 14th April 2024 by Course Director - Dr Denis Xavier. Dr Arun Chawla is the lead convenor for the Program.

**3. Brief report of JASU (The Journal of Association of Southern Urologists):**

The Editorial board of JASU presented.

- **Editorial Board of JASU**

**Editor in Chief**

Dr Mallikarjuna Reddy, Hyderabad

**Associate Editors:**

1. Dr Bobby Viswaroop, Coimbatore
2. Dr Arun Ramdas Menon, Kochi

**Editorial Committee Members:**

1. Dr B M Zeeshan Hameed, Mangalore
2. Dr Raghavender Kosgi, Hyderabad
3. Vijay Radha Krishnan, Kottayam
4. Dr Nirmal John, Vellore

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5. Dr P Ginil Kumar, Kochi
6. Dr V Surya Prakash, Hyderabad

### **Advisory Board**

1. Dr Avudiappan, Tirunalveli
2. Dr Nitin Kekre, Vellore
3. Dr Bhaskar Somani, Southampton ,UK.

Two issues are released so far. The council had Tri Party MOU with Cipla along with Wolter & Kluwers for Printing the Journal. Cipla will pay the Wolter Kluwers for 2000 Printed copies at the rate of Rs 165/- per copy (Rs. 3,30,000 per issue). This agreement holds for 5years.

Dr Keshavamurthy sir pointed out regarding the royalty to be provided to ASU by Wolter & Kluwers . Dr Surya Prakash Vaddi confirmed that 50% of royalty will be given to ASU and Informed about the agreement.

We asked Cipla to pay to ASU, the running cost of the Journal. Wolter Kluwers agreed to pay ASU a royalty of RS. 80,000/- per issue from the printing cost money. For bringing online issue it is costing Rs. 87500 over that we are getting printing Journal

### **4. Travel fellowships & Awards**

- a) ASU consultant Travel fellowship for 2024 - 2025 were received by Dr Abheesh Varma Hegde M, Assistant Professor , Dept of Urology at Father Muller Medical College, MANGALURU. He proposed to visit IKDRC for his fellow ship and will receive a Cash award of Rs.20000/- & Certificate
- b) Dr Zeeshan Hameed completed ASU Consultant Travel fellowship for 2023-2024 at ILSS Hospital , New Delhi.
- c) ASU Meritorious PG award was given to Dr Manu Kaushik Nagabhairava, final PG from MS Ramaiah Medical College. He will receive a cash Prize of Rs.10000/- & Certificate
- d) ASU PG Travel 2024 - 25. The selection is done by the state Association as there were no applications this year from any institution to host them, they are allowed to visit there place of interest for one to two weeks . The selected candidates are Dr Gulshan Kumar from KUA, Dr Ananth Kumar from SOGUS, Dr Bharat Chinnasami from TAPASU and Dr Ajith N Vaidya from UAK - Cash Prize of Rs.5000 is awarded to each candidate respectively.
- e) Dr. Devaprasath Jayasekharan mentioned that the post graduates and consultants selected for travel fellowship must give feedback at the end of the Posting & it was approved by the GBM.

**5.ASU Research Committee**

- a) ASU Research committee has been formed and headed by Dr Arun Chawla and Members in the committee are Dr Ginil Kumar P, Kochi, Dr Ragavan, Chennai, Dr Sanjai Addla , Dr Vijay Radhakrishnan, Dr Shal Kakkatil, Dr Griffin, Dr Arun Kumar Paranjyoti .
- b) The Functions of the Research committee are to help the PG's in their research work, to coordinate in doing multi center research projects, to conduct regular research orientation Programmes (Physical courses or online meetings) and to help the members for writing up research papers, to help in Biostatistics and in manuscript submissions.
- c) Dr Ginil raised the allocation of corpus fund for research work supporting statistician , small projects depending on Executive council decision. Responsibility was given to Dr Arun Chawla to move forward in this regard.

**Honorary Secretary report was Passed by Dr. D Ramesh and seconded by Keshavamurthy**

**Treasurer Report:**

- a) Treasurer Dr Neeli Siddalingeshwar stated about the auditor statement is circulated to all the members of the ASU.
- b) Rs.6,78,456/- were received from the Sponsorships.
- c) Rs 2 lakh donation was received from Dr Sanjay Bhat for augmenting the corpus of the Prof HS Bhat Midterm workshop.
- d) Apart from routine expenditure biostatistics expenditure has come extra approximately Rs. 3,98,450/-
- e) For setting up of the Journal and for printing of the first issue online Rs. 3,30,400/- were spent.
- f) Rs. 8 lakhs was received as donation to ASU from the Trivandrum urology club for conducting 2023 ASU Annual conference (from last south zone organising team). This was received after the balance sheet was made. Dr. Neeli Siddalingeshwar said that 40% of amount to be transferred to ASU account not 30%. Dr. Renu Thomas said that he will discuss with Trivandrum organizing team and come back.
- g) GBM decided that council can approach up to Rs:10,00,000/- for research activities in this year 2024-2025

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- h) Details for funds held in trust for specific purposes as on 31.03.2024 amounts to **Rs.1,05,01,130**. Sub details already were sent to members.
- i) Dr Neeli Siddalingeshwar Presented estimated expenditure for the Budget 2024-25
- j) Dr Vinod KV suggested that Trivandrum Urology Club donated funds can be used for research activities. Dr Neeli Siddalingeshwar clarified that the amount received by any organisation must be in the form of donation (to be mentioned in the written format), then tax can be avoided.

**The Treasurer and Auditor report are passed by Dr Arun Chawla and seconded by Dr Dilip Dhanpal**

### **ASU Prof HS BHAT Midterm Workshop 2024:**

ASU Prof H S BHAT Midterm will be held in Bangalore at NU Hospitals on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024. Dr Venkatesh Krishnamoorthy is the Organizing Chairman. The Theme of the Workshop is "On Second thought". GBM approved ASU HS Bhat Midterm workshop

### **Prof P B Sivaraman Endowment Guest Lecture 2024:**

Dr AK Mandal Professor & HOD , Department of Urology, AIIMS, Rishikesh is considered for Prof. PB Sivaraman endowment Guest Lecture 2025 . GBM approved the Proposal

### **Prof HS Bhat Oration 2025 :**

Dr Abdul Razack. Mossadeq is the solo applicant for Prof HS Bhat orations 2025. He is Professor and HOD Urology, MGMCRI Puducherry. GBM approved Prof HS Bhat Oration 2025

### **Next in the agenda was Amendments and Resolutions:**

1. Registration fee refund policy: Dr. Krishnaswami Kannan sir sent an email regarding conference registration Refund policy. Council felt that refund can be done if the member informs at least one month before the conference after deducting the GST and 10% service charges. Dr Keshavamurthy expressed refund policies must be defined by the conference organising team well in advance and to be printed on the brochure. GBM decided that council decision is final in this regard.
2. Complementary registration to senior members: Council raised another topic that is waiver of registration to senior members. Council decided wavering of registration charges for members above 75 years. Dr Keshavamurthy recommended USI Policy in this matter and advised age limit of 70 years. Dr LN Dorairajan added a clause for the same that, the member also must have served ASU continuously for 25 years, as full member to avail this waiving of registration fee. Dr Vishwaroop added to the same subject saying that this waiving of charges is only for those members who are voluntarily accepting the complimentary registration. He said that those who wanted to pay the registration charges, should be allowed to pay. Dr Keshavamurthy

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mentioned that USI is giving complimentary registration to all the members above 70 years and it must be given without time frame. Dr Vinod KV recommended that the members above 70 years must apply for registration of the conference and mention their age in the web site so that automatically registration charges were waived off. GBM approved final conclusion of complimentary registration to senior urologist above 70 years.

3. Reimbursement of the travel fare: Dr Surya Prakash Vaddi in the capacity of Hon.Secretary has proposed reimbursement of the travel fare to the council members for attending the Council Meetings. The GBM concluded, advising that council meets can be put up along with HS Bhat Midterm and two regular council member activities, so that expenditure can be cutdown. GBM also felt that the council members can be sponsored the travel and food for two council meetings, provided the corpus fund is adequate. Dr Neeli Siddalingeshwar said that the fund of up to 3 lakhs per year can be allocated for the council member meetings.

**The above amendments and resolutions same passed by Dr Vinod KV and seconded by Dr S Joseph Philip Raj**

4. Secretarial assistant expenses: Dr Chengalvarayan mentioned about increasing the amount for secretarial assistant expenses. Dr. P. Ginil Kumar recommends providing the financial assistance for travel also to secretarial assistant. General Body has given permission to the next council to take the decision on the secretarial assistance.
5. Dr Mallikarjun Reddy proposed to spend some amount of money on ASU Promotional advertisements – Next Council will discuss upon this.
6. Dr Joseph Philipraj recommended that recognized courses must be offered for research activities. Next Council will discuss upon this.
7. Members requested not to keep webinars on Sunday evenings. Next Council will discuss upon this.
8. Dr Arun recommended ASU PG Travel fellowship sponsorship money must be increased from Rs.5000 to meet the travel requirements. Next council will take decision on this.
9. Dr Ginil mentioned about the permanent office for ASU. Dr Chandra Mohan mentioned that once the GST number comes, office address and office assistant can be discussed.
10. Hon. Secretary Dr Surya Prakash Vaddi presented that total associate members newly added are 157 and full members are 18 for the year 2023 - 2024, also mentioned that this year no proposals for constitutional amendments.

**The new members were approved by the GBM – Proposed by Dr LN Dorairajan and seconded by Dr Arun Chawla**

**ANNUAL SOUTH ZONE CONFERENCE TO BE CONDUCTED UNDER ASU PAN CARD:**

President Dr Ginil raised a point, that the organising committee will have lack of funds in the initial part of the year. ASU must support them with the initial seed fund. He expressed that ASU also follow the rules of USI in this matter.

President Dr Ginil recommended, registration fees to be used for academic activity and sponsorship money is used for conducting the conference. He also feels that during the natural calamities ASU can support organising team.

Hon Secretary Dr Surya Prakash Vaddi recommended that, we must follow USI in this matter.

Dr Zeeshan the organising secretary for ASU Annual conference at MANGALURU in 2026 requested to continue as before.

Dr Zeeshan felt that tracking of registration details would be difficult with this new policy. When multiple conferences are conducted under ASU account it may create chaos in tracking the details of specific conference registrations.

Dr Neeli Siddalingeshwar recommended if separate account is opened with the PAN Card of ASU, we can track the details. This confusion will not arise

Dr Vinod KV Kumar mentioned that separate account must be created under the ASU PAN Card for each conference.

Dr LN Dorairajan expressed his opinion that no need to divide registration charges and sponsorship money to be put into different accounts. Entire thing can be done under one PAN Card of ASU.

Dr Neeli Siddalingeshwar suggested that there should be some guidelines when we are issuing the ASU PAN Card to local organising committee. The organising committee should open the account on the ASU PAN card, the treasurer of the ASU should be part of the signatory of the cheque for the newly opened account by organizing team.

**Three signatories:** The Organising Secretary, The Treasurer of the organising team and ASU Treasurer are eligible to sign the cheque. Two Signatures of above are Mandatory, out of which ASU treasurer signature is mandatory.

Dr Neeli Siddalingeshwar said the local organising body also needs to have account with GST number. After the conference, detailed submission of all the accounts must be done before the financial year ending. The profits must be shared according to the ASU guidelines.

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Dr Vinod KV said bank accounts cannot be closed for 5 years because for GST claims this account is necessary.

One of the member questioned the feasibility of the signatures, Dr Neeli Siddalingeshwar mentioned that everything can be done online through net banking.

Dr Arun says that with SBI bank online transactions is difficult and he suggested to have private banking system.

Dr N Mallikarjuna Reddy suggested to choose any bank for opening the bank account under the ASU PAN Card.

Dr Arun recommended that ASU should have both GST & TAN.

Dr Neeli Siddalingeshwar also confirmed that any bank can be used for opening account under the ASU PAN number.

Dr Arun says that we should balance the accountability vs practicality while taking such a decision.

Dr LN Dorairajan says managing different accounts with the same PAN card is not difficult.

Dr LN Dorairajan says that there is no point splitting registration money and sponsor money separately , ASU Treasurer should be the one of the signatory & ASU Should have the control over the account

Dr LN Dorairajan reminded that earlier Hyderabad ASU Conference organizing team and ASU had Problems dealing with the same PAN Card. ASU got the notice from Income Tax Department.

Dr LN Dorairajan said that ASU must monitor the accounts, if the conference is done under its PAN Card.

Dr Ravi Kumar mentioned that during female functional Urology conference 2024, all the registration money has gone to FFUSI (USI) and Company Sponsored money has gone to Hyderabad Urology society. Dr Ravi Kumar explained if all the money goes to ASU it will be difficult to the organising team to conduct the conference.

Dr Zeeshan requested let all the money go to one account under the ASU PAN Card.

Dr Ravi Kumar mentioned that for miscellaneous expenditures, contacting ASU treasurer every time may be a tedious process.

Dr Neeli Siddalingeshwar mentioned that certain amount of seed money for routine use can be given to organising team in advance and later accountability can be audited.



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This new guideline of this conducting the conference under ASU PAN card will be applicable i.e., from the year 2026 that is for South Zone USICON MANGALURU conference.

**This guideline for conducting the conference was passed by Dr LN Dorairajan and seconded by Dr Arun Chawla**

### **SZUSICON- 2025 Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh:**

Dr Dheeraj reported on upcoming SZUSICON- 2025 Annual conference on 11<sup>th</sup>- 13<sup>th</sup> July at CK Convention Canter, Vijayawada. Dr Dheeraj played a video displaying the conference venue, Vijayawada City connectivity to rest of the India and the star hotel facilities. The video explains the places of interest and important surroundings that can be visited.

Inaugural and early bird registration prices were not increased. 186 registrations were already done.

VAGUS is organizing this conference. He promised that VAGUS will conduct the conference par with other or better than Madurai SZUSICON conference.

### **SZUSICON- 2026 MANGALURU, Karnataka:**

Dr Zeeshan has given a brief report of planning the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference SZUSICON 2026 at venue AJIMS, MANGALURU. He also played a video showing the venue hotel facilities and the connectivity to MANGALURU. He has mentioned that main hall can accommodate more than 750 audience and other 2 halls more than 500 audience and small halls more than 150 audience.

Ample parking space and trade area is available. He mentioned the other attractions of MANGALURU city.

Dr Zeeshan requested to consider August 2<sup>nd</sup> week as the conference date. Reason being July is the peak Monsoon season in Mangaluru. He mentioned that existing tariffs will be there up to the conference date of Vijayawada. The dates for 2026 SZ-USICON, MANGALURU is not decided in this GBM and the organising team has to inform the council sooner.

Dr Chandra Mohan Vaddi asked about the dates of SZUSICON 2026, it is informed that Council should take the decision on dates – GBM has passed the same.

### **Election Results:**

Election Results are announced by Dr N Mallikarjun Reddy, Returning officer.

- A. 255 votes were polled for election
- B. 7 invalid votes for council post of SOGUS AP & Telangana
- C. 7 invalid Votes for Council Post Karnataka KUA
- D. 6 invalid votes for president Post.

1. **Elected as President Elect by Dr Rajendra B Neril** from Belgaum
2. Dr Nischith D'Souza elected unanimously for the post of Treasurer.

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3. Dr SM Kannan from Tamil Nādu TAPASU and Dr Balagopal Nair.T from Kerala UAK are elected unanimously for council member post respectively.
4. Elected council member for SOGUS AP & TS: Dr Venkata Ravi Kumar A
5. Elected council member for KUA Karnataka: Dr Kumar Prabhu. M

Dr N Mallikarjun Reddy suggested council to investigate the matter of members who don't have full membership number on the website and these members are claiming with email evidence saying that they are converted into full member. Dr Surya Prakash Vaddi mentioned that The application must come through the website not through the mails as it was introduced 2 years back.

Dr LN Dorairajan says the onus is on the member to talk to the secretary to get his membership details is updated. Dr Nischith D'Souza mentioned that associate members can approached easily and get updated to full member by the Hon Secretary. Similarly, Dr Surya Prakash Vaddi mentioned that associate members can login into their website account and update to full member by submitting the degree certificate easily

Present President thanked the General body and the GBM was concluded by the President with the national anthem