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# Newsletter of the **ASSOCIATION OF PHONOSURGEONS OF INDIA**



## **PHONOSURGERY PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE IN INDIA**

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**Founder President of The Association of Phonosurgeons of India**

Phonosurgery is surgery done for restoration of voice. It is an emerging subspecialty of laryngology. It is evidence based surgery with very good outcomes in experienced hands. The term phonosurgery was not known in India before 1996 (About 2 decades) until there was special focus on phonosurgery with our publication in Indian Journal of Otolaryngology on the first Indian experience of Medialization laryngoplasty for restoration of voice in paralytic dysphonia from Guntur Medical college.

At present Thyroplasty Type-I and Type-III of Isshihiki are most commonly practiced phonosurgical procedures in India. Phonomicrosurgery and laser laryngeal surgeries for benign vocal fold lesions are also practiced in many centers. Fellowship programmes and workshops organized by certain voice institutions in India which were recognized by The Association of Phonosurgeons of India (APSI) made remarkable progress in phonosurgery in India with International recognition.

The future of Phonosurgery in India is going to be bright with emphasis on office based laryngeal procedures and care of Professional voice. There is also need for research in the field of sulcus vocalis, scarred vocal folds and spasmodic dysphonia. Voice lift surgery in elderly patients in future is going to be a added attraction for phonosurgeons in India. APSI should take initiative to recommend various medical universities and medical schools in India to introduce phonosurgery and voice disorders in the syllabus of undergraduate courses and also postdoctoral fellowship programmes for Phonosurgery.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Prof. Dr. Murthy PSN

Principal and Professor of ENT-HNS / Dr. PSIMS & RF / Chinnoutapalli

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank the members of Association of Phonosurgeons of India for reposing the confidence and electing me as the President of APSI for next three years. The APSI started in a very small way as an after thought at a small place Guntur due to perseverance and persistence of one man - Dr. Phaniendra Kumar. He guided the Association along with his successors Drs. Jayakumar, K.K. Handa and Nupur Kapoor Nerurkar. Stepping into the shoes of these stalwarts is a difficult task and living up to their expectations is another daunting task.

We face two important issues immediately. Conducting the World Phonocon in 2017 under the umbrella of APSI and it is the onerous job for the members of the Association. The success of the Conference will take APSI to a higher level of global recognition and a credit to all of us. I call upon all the members to get involved in the Conference and support Dr. K. K. Handa.

Drs. Nupur and Amitabh has taken upon them another herculean task of editing a book "Laryngology" – An official Textbook of Association of Phonosurgeons of India with a deadline of the world Phonocon 2017. We are all aware of the intricacies and difficulties of such a massive job and we all need to extend our cooperation to the editorial board.

We are also looking forwards to take the speciality of Laryngology get accredited by the authorities so that more and more younger generation can be benefitted. This will also authenticate the work done by our members and the fellowship programmes run by them an accreditation.

I have handed over the reins of the IJOPL to a very active personality Dr. Amitabh Roychoudhari very ably supported by Dr. Soumitro Ghosh. I have tried my best to get the Journal indexed in as many databases as possible and a lot need to be done in the coming years.

Dr. Gautam Khaund and Dr. Unnikrishnan have taken over as the Hon Secretary and Treasurer of the Association. I am glad Dr. Gautam decided to bring out a News letter to keep the members informed.

From Infancy and childhood the Association is moving into adolescence. Let us all put our hands together and congratulate ourselves for whatever we could do till now and also it is time for us to sit back and think what could be done in near future.

Long live APSI.

## FROM THE DESK OF THE HONY SECRETARY

Warm Greetings to all the members of APSI. I am honoured to be given the responsibility of Honorary secretary of this prestigious organisation. I hope to live up to your expectations and will try to give my best.

The World Phonocon in February next year at Gurgaon will be a landmark event in the history of APSI. We should all cooperate and strive to make this event memorable. Please try to convince more and more of our colleagues to attend this conference. This event is the culmination of a lot of groundwork put in by Dr Nupur Nerurkar (the immediate past president) and under the able leadership of Dr K K Handa we all hope to see a fabulous event taking place where we will be able to see, listen and rub shoulders with the who's who of laryngology of the world.

Through this newsletter I would appeal to all of you to update your email id, contact numbers and addresses. These can be mailed to me or the webmaster, Dr Soumitra Ghosh. If you know of members who have complaints of not receiving information from the APSI, please ask them to send an e-mail with the correct address.

Once again I appeal to all of you for your active participation in the activities of the APSI and your help and cooperation.

Please log on to the APSI website for more updates regarding APSI activities.  
Long Live APSI

**Dr Gautam Khaund**



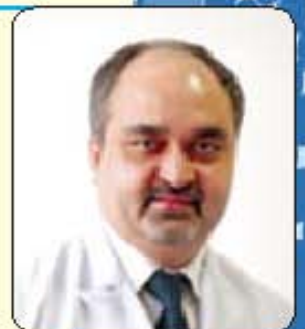
## INVITATION FOR WORLD PHONOCON

Dear members of APSI

You will be glad to know World Phonocon 2017 ( joint meeting of International Association of Phonosurgeons and Association of Phonosurgeons of India) is being held in Gurgaon, National capital Region, India from 17th to 19th February 2017. This will be a landmark event in the fields of voice and laryngology and will break the global barriers to bring everybody in the field together. There are more than 50 international faculty who are going to enrich the conference. It includes the world's who's who in the field of voice and phonosurgery. The conference is open to Voice surgeons, laryngologists, Ear Nose Throat and Head & Neck Surgeons, Voice therapist, Speech, Swallow Therapists and others including industry associated with the field. Gurgaon the host city ( also called the millineum city) is very close to New Delhi International airport ( about 20 minutes drive). The live surgery workshop is scheduled to be held in Medanta, The Medicity which is the foremost healthcare facility in Asia.

We are delighted to have you as a part of the conference and hope you will enjoy the hospitality and culture of the city beautiful Delhi-NCR, India. We look forward to meet you and share a wonderful experience during the conference. It is your event and you must all participate.

Pl visit [www.worldphonocon2017.com](http://www.worldphonocon2017.com) for all details How to register



## REGISTRATION

	Before 28-Mar-16	Before 30-Sept-16	Before 31-Jan-17	Spot Reg.
International Delegate	USD 400	USD 500	USD 600	USD 700
IAP Member	USD 350	USD 450	USD 550	USD 650
Resident International *	USD 350	USD 450	USD 550	USD 650
Countries Delegate	USD 300	USD 400	USD 500	USD 600
Indian Delegate	INR 11,000	INR 13,000	INR 15,000	INR 17,000
APSI Member	INR 10,000	INR 12,000	INR 14,000	INR 16,000
Resident Delegate *	INR 10,000	INR 12,000	INR 14,000	INR 16,000

(Government of India has levied a service tax of (approx. 14 %) w.e.f 1.1.16 on all conference registrations which is included in the registration fees)

Note: \* Bonafide Certificate required from the HOD/ Institution mandatory for resident delegate

### **Paid Banquet on 18th February**

Indian Delegate	:	INR 1500
International Delegate	:	USD 100

### **Instructional Course Charges**

International Delegates	:	USD 50
Indian Delegates	:	INR 1,000

### **Applicable Registration Discounts :**

For International Delegate

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|----------------|---|--|
| a) Residents   | : | 50 US dollars  |
| b) Countries   | : | 100 US dollars<br>(Nepal, Bangladesh, Uzbekistan,<br>Afganistan, Sri Lanka & Turkmenistan) |
| c) IAP Members | : | 50 US dollars  |

### **For Indian Delegate**

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|-----------------|---|----------|
| a) APSI members | : | INR 1000 |
| b) Residents    | : | INR 1000 |

### **The registration includes**

- Conference Kit
- Entry to all sessions except the paid instructional courses
- Lunch on three days of the conference
- Note: charges for Banquet and paid instructional courses are extra

### **Payment Options**

**Option 01 :** By Demand Draft/At-par Cheque  
Cheque / DD should be in favor of "ENT Surgery and Research Society"  
payable at Oriental Bank of Commerce, Sector 15, Gurgaon

**Option 02 :** By Online Transfer  
Bank Name : Oriental Bank of Commerce  
A/c Name : ENT Surgery and Research Society  
Branch Add. : SCO-14, HUDA Market, Sector -15, Gurgaon  
A/c No. : 12102191010198 Swift Code : ORBCINBBGGN  
NEFT / RTGS : ORBC0101210

**Option 03 :** By Online Payment  
**For any more information please contact :** [worldphonocon@gmail.com](mailto:worldphonocon@gmail.com)  
[handak@gmail.com](mailto:handak@gmail.com)

## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR OF 'IJOPL'

Dear colleagues,

At the outset I wish to express my sincere gratitude to all APSI members for showering the responsibility of steering our Association journal "The International Journal of Phonosurgery and Laryngology" on me.

My predecessor and the founding editor, Dr PSN Murthy has already put in a lot of hard work on this journal and we already have the journal indexed in many databases.

The next step forward would be to increase the number of issues per year. This calls for larger number of peer reviewed articles to be published. Publishing more issues will translate to larger exposure of our articles in the global arena. We would then be able to attempt indexing in more prestigious databases.

I therefore appeal to all the members to send their work for publication. I also request all the otolaryngologists and speech and language pathologists, who have presented in various oral and poster sessions in our PHONOCONs, to please send their articles to our journal for publication.

Please log on to our official website "[www.phonosurgeonsindia.com](http://www.phonosurgeonsindia.com)" and go to our journal link and submit your article. The submission process is very user friendly.

I look forward to your constant contribution and support  
Long Live APSI

**Dr. Amitabha Roychoudhury**



## WORLD VOICE DAY CELEBRATION

It was in 1999 concept of world voice day celebration became a reality. Initially it was organized by ENT surgeons and voice pathologists from USA and Europe only. But now all the continents actively celebrate the world voice day. Each year a theme will be declared. This year it was "Explore your voice- Imagine where it will take you".

World voice day is celebrated with the purpose of highlighting the importance of voice. Voice contributes significantly to the personality. Without voice our livelihood itself might become untenable. Hence it is important not to let the voice get damaged. Prevention is certainly better than cure. Many people including high flying voice professionals lack a sound understanding of the way the voice works. They are ignorant about vocal hygiene. By creating an awareness about voice many of the voice disorders can be prevented. This is the main aim of world voice day celebration.

**Dr. Jayakumar R. Menon**



## WORLD VOICE DAY CELEBRATION ACROSS INDIA



Trivandrum



Nagpur



Trivandrum



Meerut

### PHONOCON 2016 : A REPORT

Phonocon 2016, the 12th Annual Conference of APSI, was successfully conducted from 19-21 February 2016 at Bombay Hospital in Mumbai.

This is the first time in the history of this Annual Conference that we had over 250 delegates, 4 hands on workshops (Cadaver, Stroboscopy, Swallowing and Laser) and concurrent sessions in Voice, Airway and Swallowing.

The international faculty was Dr. Albert Merati (Seattle), Dr. Marc Rémacle (Luxembourg), Dr. Abir Bhattacharya (London), Ms. Kate Young (Derby) and Dr. Chimmy Olende (Kenya).

On the second day, 9 live surgeries were successfully demonstrated, including cold steel and laser Phonomicrosurgery, Type 1 thyroplasty and revision thyroplasty with arytenoid adduction. These were very useful for the delegates and the feedback was excellent with the audience enthralled with the high-definition picture quality and state-of-art Laser.

There was an excellent participation by our SLP colleagues in the SLP sessions as well as the award poster and paper presentations. The 6 rising star papers were outstanding. There were 24 oral papers presented in the Award sessions and 17 Posters that generated interesting discussions.

I would like to place on record my thanks to the Core Committee members of the Association for the steadfast support given not only in conducting Phonocon 2016 but also throughout my 3 year tenure as President of the A.P.S.I.

I also sincerely thank Dr. Milind Kirtane (Chief Advisor of Phonocon 2016) and Dr. Pritha Bhuiyan (HOD- Anatomy- KEMH) for their unstinting support at all times.

Looking forward to World Phonocon 2017!

#### Dr. Nupur Kapoor Nerurkar

Organizing Secretary, Phonocon 2016

Member- Governing Council- APSI, Laryngologist- Bombay Hospital



# GLIMPSES OF PHONOCON 2016



*Innagation*



*Release of Souvineer*



*Felicitation of the APSI Orator Dr. Albert Merati*



*Felicitation of Dr. Marc Remacle*



*Felicitation of Dr. Abir Bhattacharjee*



*Caoaverie Dissection*