

IFASCON 2017

The 30th annual Indian Foot and Ankle National Conference (IFASCON 2017) was held in Ganga Hospital, Coimbatore, from August 25 to 27, 2017, organized by Dr S Rajasekaran (organizing chairman) and Dr SR Sundarajan (organizing secretary and president of Indian Foot and Ankle Society). We hosted 9 international faculties and 29 national foot and ankle surgeons from all over India. It was well appreciated and attended by over 220 delegates.

On day 1, we had nine live surgery demonstrations of elective and traumatic foot and ankle cases operated by international surgeons, followed by Continuing Medical Education Parekh Family Foundation and Foot Innovate webinar by Dr Selene Parekh (USA) and Dr Mike Coughlin (USA).

On day 2, we had AO Sawbones workshop for tibiototalcaneal fusion and variable angle plate fixations in foot for the delegates to have hands-on experience. Dr Sureswar Pandey Oration was delivered by Dr Kartik Hariharan (UK) on "Of Fossils and Feet: An Anthropological story of the Human Foot" and he amazed the audience with his extraordinary oration skills and evolutionary facts on human foot. We had guest lectures, panel discussions, and AO Trauma symposium (on errors in fracture fixation) convened by Dr Mandeep Dhillon (India) and international faculties Dr Stefan Rammler (Germany), Dr Michael Swords (USA), Dr Selene Parekh (USA), and Dr Karthik Hariharan (UK).

On day 3, we had sessions on arthroscopy and sports medicine pertaining to foot and ankle and expert panel discussion on various topics like Achilles tendon rupture, flat foot, hind foot trauma, etc. Delegates were also given the opportunity to present their challenging cases and expert opinion was sought from the stalwarts.



Fig. 1: Lighting of the lamp by Dr Sureswar Pandey, first president of IFAS



Fig. 2: Lighting of lamp by Dr Sundarajan, Organizing Secretary IFASCON 2017



Fig. 3: Faculty of the 30th IFASCON 2017, Coimbatore



Fig. 4: Dr Rajasekharan, Organizing President, facilitating Dr Mandeep Dhillon, President elect IOA

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