

IFASCON 2018

The 31st Annual Indian Foot and Ankle Society Conference (IFASCON 2018) was held at the Surya Palace Grand Mercure Hotel, Vadodara from 31st August to 2nd September 2018 under the aegis of IFAS and Baroda Orthopedic Association. The organizing team, comprising of Dr Rajiv Shah, Dr Kalpit Baxi, Dr Malhar Dave, Dr Nikesh Shah, Dr Jaimeen Jesalpura and others made great efforts to ensure that the conference was a well-attended academic feast. The total delegate registrations were in excess of 350 and the attendance for the first-day workshop was more than 250. The meeting featured several eminent international foot and ankle surgeons, which included Dr Thomas Lee, Dr Judy Baumhauer, Dr Lew Schon, Dr Vinod Panchbhavi, Dr Ashish Shah, Dr David Pedowitz, Dr Kartik Hariharan, Dr Mark Davies, Dr K B Lee and Dr Jean Birlhault. Several national faculty members also contributed actively; these included Dr Sampat Patil, Dr Rajesh Simon, Dr Rajiv Shah, and others.

The first day of the conference featured 11 surgical case demonstrations transmitted live from Sunshine Global Hospital, Manjalpur. Procedures such as distraction subtalar arthrodesis, hallux valgus correction, and flat foot correction were demonstrated and well appreciated by the delegates and faculty alike. The afternoon session was devoted to 3D printing wherein the delegates were taught about the nitty-gritties of this evolving technology hands-on. This was followed by short workshops on Cartiva, Tight-Rope fixation, TTC nail, ACI and forefoot, and midfoot plating.

The second day had simultaneous sessions in two halls covering all aspects of foot and ankle disorders, including sessions on current concepts, neglected cases, innovations and techniques, video lectures and ongoing research. It also included the Ram Janam Sulaksana Pandey Oration delivered by Dr Lew Schon and the Past President Oration delivered by Dr Sundarajan.



International faculty, Dr K B Lee from South Korea



Delegates and faculty interacting socially



Attentive audience



International faculty including Dr Kartik Hariharan, Dr Mark Lee, Dr Vinod Panchbhavi and Dr K B Lee



Live surgical demonstration of ankle arthroscopy



Delegates and faculty, including Dr Lew Schon and Dr Vinod Panchbhavi

The post-lunch session had the case-based discussions, debates and breakout session with faculty and delegates in same groups having common cases for discussion regarding the workup and the management. The day also had the 3D CT scan workshop for the delegates. The GBM of the society was held in the evening. This was followed by a music and dance show presented by differently abled children, which was appreciated by one and all.

The third day featured the Dr Pandey PG lecture course and quiz for the in-training residents. Overall, the meeting was well attended and well appreciated and lived up to its theme titled 'Academics with a Difference'.