**45th ISAM Conference**

45th annual conference of Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine was held at the Institute of Aerospace Medicine (IAM), Bangalore from 17-19 Nov 2004. Air Marshal SK Malik AVSM, Vice Chief of the Air Staff, inaugurated the conference. Air Marshal (Mrs) P Bandopadhyay AVSM VSM, DGMS (Air) delivered the presidential address. Lt Gen JR Bhardwaj AVSM VSM PHS, DGAFMS, released the first Technical Mini Series titled ‘Aviation Accident Pathology’. Air Marshal S Bhojwani AVSM VSM AOC-in-C Training Command released the souvenir. The proceedings of the conference on CD was released by Surgeon Vice Admiral VK Singh AVSM VSM, DGMS (Navy). Air Cmde H Subramanya, Chief Coordinator and Commandant IAM, IAF Bangalore and Gp Capt MM Dogra VSM toiled hard to make the event a grand success.

Mr. MB Verma, Project Dir (CA) and Director ADA Bangalore, delivered the Air Marshal Subroto Mukherjee oration titled ‘Ergonomic’ Design of Cockpit of an Advanced Combat Aircraft’. Dr. John A Caldwell and Dr. J Lynn Caldwell delivered guest lectures titled ‘Managing pilot fatigue in sustained military operations: Applied research on alertness enhancing and sleep enhancing pharmaceutical compounds.

More than 250 delegates attended the conference, including delegates from USA and Sultanate of Oman. There were nine scientific sessions followed by continuing medical education on 19 Nov 2004. 34 scientific papers were presented. Poster presentation was held on 17 and 18 Nov 04. The following members were selected best in their respective categories for best papers/poster presentation.

(a) Institutional Category: Surg Cdr L Pinto
(b) Field Category: Wg Cdr G Gomez
(c) Civil Aviation Category: Wg Cdr D Gaur
(d) Poster Presentation: Wg Cdr N Taneja

**General Body Meeting**

The General Body meeting of the Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine was held on 20 Nov 2004 at Srinagesh Auditorium, IAM, IAF, Bangalore.

**Award of Fellowship**

The General Body approved the grant of Fellowship and Associate Fellowship to following members of the Society.

**Fellowship:**

(a) Air Cmde JK Gupta
(b) Gp Capt Harish Malik
(c) Gp Capt P Tyagi

**Associate Fellowship:**

(a) Dr. SM Gaikwad
(b) Wg Cdr SK Sharma
(c) Wg Cdr Subir Modak
(d) Wg Cdr VG Vasishta
(e) Lt Col KK Tripathi
Executive Committee ISAM

The following members were elected to the Executive Committee by the General Body.

(a) Air Cmde K Fernandez
(b) Gp Capt RK Ganjoo, VSM
(c) Gp Capt Shivaji Singh
(d) Wg Cdr CK Ranjan
(e) Wg Cdr (Mrs) S Mankar
(f) Surg Cdr Puneet Singh

Obituary

It is with deep sorrow and grief that the Society members mourn the passing away of the following past Presidents and senior members of the Society:

(a) Air Marshal SK Bhalla, President ISAM from 01 Jun 1987-31 Aug 1998.
(b) Air Marshal SP Verma PVSM VSM, President ISAM from 27 May 1997-31 May 2000.
(c) Air Cmde SP Verma VM, Commandant IAM, IAF Bangalore From 15 Apr 76 to 30 Jun 78.

May GOD bless the departed souls

Adieu to Outgoing President

Air Marshal PK Sarkar retired from the Indian Air Force on 30 Sep 04. He took over as the President of the Society in Oct 03. On his retirement the Society wishes him the very best in his future endeavors and looks forward to his continued guidance.