49th Annual ISAM Conference

49th Annual ISAM Conference was held from 13 to 15 Nov 09 at Air Force Auditorium, Subroto Park, New Delhi with the theme being ‘Military and Civil Aviation Medicine - Current Challenges’. Air Chief Marshal PV Naik PVSM, VSM, ADC Chief of Air Staff inaugurated the conference. Air Marshal P Madhusoodanan AVSM, VSM, PHS, Director General Medical Services (Air) and President of the Society and other dignitaries were also present for the occasion. There were scientific sessions on conference theme spread over first two days. A large number of eminent doctors and scientist both of national and international fame, participated actively in the conference. The best paper in an Institutional category was awarded to Maj P Biswal for his presentation on ‘Sizing Trial of a Prototype Aircrew Helmet – Lessons Re-learnt’ the best poster award was bagged by Dr B Sinha. The best paper in field category was awarded to Sqn Ldr YS Dahiya. Dr J Sasirajan was awarded the newly instituted President's Gold Medal for standing first in MD Course (Aerospace Medicine) for 2009. The CME program followed, with two sessions, dedicated to Medicine, Surgery and other allied specialties on 15 Nov 09. Later during the ISAM member meeting, fellowship and associate fellowships were conferred. The venue for 50th Annual ISAM conference was unanimously decided to be held at IAM Bangalore from 19-21 Nov 2010.

Visits Abroad by Society Members

Air Marshal P Madhusoodanan AVSM, VSM, PHS, Director General Medical Services (Air) and AVM BK Rao AVSM visited Germany from 30 Jun- 03 Jul 09 to study patient transfer units in German Air Force. Gp Capt RK Ranyal DMS (HR) visited Volks Field, Wisconsin, USA from 19-22 Jul 09 to attend Exercise Patriot as observer. Gp Capt M Shukla, Med Adv (CABS) visited Jakarta, Indonesia from 03-06 Aug 09 for a workshop on Pandemic Hospital and Critical Care Surge Capacity. AVM GS Joneja VM ACAS (Med), Wg Cdr R Baijal JDMS (FS) Wg Cdr SK Kaushik Classified Specialist, 1AFDC, Sqn Ldr MD Sharma and Dr. N Ashok attended the 57th International Congress of Aviation and Space Medicine (ICASM) Conference at Zagreb from 03-10 Sep 09.

Sponsorship in Conferences

Executive Committee of ISAM has accepted the proposal to sponsor travel, stay and delegate fee of two civilian students with a proven academic record to encourage students to present in conferences.

Fellowship

This year, the Fellowship of the Society was awarded to Gp Capt CK Ranjan VSM

Associate Fellowship

New Associate Fellows of the Society are as follows:-

AVM N Rattan VSM
AVM B Keshav Rao AVSM
Air Cmde PS Sodhi
Gp Capt P Kharbanda VSM
Surg Capt PR Nair
Gp Capt SC Banerjea
Gp Capt S Mankar
Surg Cdr SG Swamy
Dr Punita Masrani

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**Updating of address**

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