Society News

50th Annual Conference of ISAM

The 50th Annual Conference of Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine was held from 19 Nov 10 to 21 Nov 10 at Institute of Aerospace Medicine, Bangalore. The theme of the conference was “Aerospace Medicine in the real world: Practice, Training and Research. The Chief Guest for the Conference was Air Mshl VR Iyer PVSM AVSM ADC, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Training Command.

The Inaugural function started with an Audiovisual Show named “An tribute to the Indian Aviator”. The Presidential address was delivered by Air Mshl D Ganguly, VSM & Bar DGMS (Air) & President of the Society. He presented trophies to Maj Binu Shekhar for standing first in Grading Examination in Aerospace Medicine and to Fl Lt Navjyot Kaur for standing first in Primary Aviation Medicine Course in 2009. He also released the Conference Souvenir and a Technical Mini Series (TMS) on Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT).

Air Mshl Subroto Mukerjee Memorial Oration was rendered by Wg Cdr Rakesh Sharma AC (Retd). The scientific exhibition was inaugurated by Mrs Bala Iyer, President AFFWA (Regional).

There were a total of sixteen sessions spread over three days and a Continuing Medical Education (CME) Program with two sessions (Medicine and Surgery). In addition, two Working Group meetings namely Sustained Operations and Aerospace Safety were also held with restricted audience. A large number of eminent doctors and scientists both of national and international fame, participated actively in the conference.

Maj P Biswal was awarded the newly instituted President’s Gold Medal for standing first in MD Course (Aerospace Medicine) for 2009. Later during the ISAM member meeting fellowships and associate fellowships were bestowed. The venue for 51st Annual ISAM conference was unanimously decided to be held at IAM Bangalore in Nov 2011.

Social evenings were also organized for the conference. The PMOs Dinner for senior delegates was held on 18 Nov 10. The Society Banquet was held on 19 Nov 10 and Fellows Night and Delegates Dinner on 20 Nov 10. There was also a Golf tournament organized for senior delegates on 18 Nov 10. Ladies Day Out program were also conducted on 20 Nov and 21 Nov 10 which were a grand success.