First Commodore Commandant of IAM, IAF

Air Marshal DP Joshi, DGMS (Air) has been appointed as the first Commodore Commandant of Institute of Aerospace Medicine, IAF with effect from 19 Aug, 2011. The premier institute of IAF can now look forward for personalised guidance from the Director General himself.

IAF Delegation to Romania

The 59th International Congress of Aviation and Space Medicine (ICASM) was held from 11th Sep to 15th Sep, 2011 at Bucharest, Romania. The motto of this ICASM was “Roots in the past, wings for the future”. The IAF delegation comprised of:

(a) Air Marshal DP Joshi, DGMS (Air)
(b) Gp Capt KK Tripathy, SMO, 33Wg AF
(c) Gp Capt Narinder Taneja, DMS (MB), Air HQ

There were participants from 28 countries, including USA, UK, Australia, Germany, Netherlands, Sweden, Jordan and Singapore. During the Congress, scientific presentations on Spatial Disorientation, High G training, Night Vision training and High Altitude training were presented. In addition, round table meet on issues on aeromedical simulators manufactured by AMST, Austria was held. The new Human Centrifuge with Dynamic Flight Simulator of the Military Institute of Aviation Medicine was inaugurated on 19 Sep 11. A demonstration of the capabilities of a new anti-G suit the “G-Raffe” at 9.0 G was made in the new centrifuge.

IAF Delegation to Poland

A two member IAF delegation of Aerospace Medicine specialist attended the ‘3rd User Congress on Aeromedical Simulator’, co-hosted by Polish Air Force Institute of Aviation Medicine and AMST, Austria from 16th to 20th Sep 2011 at Warsaw, Poland. The team comprised of:

(a) Air Cmde Giles Gomez VSM, Commandant, IAM, IAF (Team leader)
(b) Gp Capt D Gaur, DMS(AM) & Secy ISAM

The Andre Allard Memorial Lecture 2011 was delivered by Major General Dumitru Prunariu, the first Romanian Cosmonaut and President of the Scientific Council of Romanian Space Agency. There were ten scientific sessions which had a feast of scientific papers presented by eminent personalities in the field of Aerospace Medicine.

Air Marshal PM Sundaram Memorial Travelling Fellowship

The Society will institute shortly Air Marshal
Sundaram Memorial Travelling Fellowship that will be used to fund the travelling expenses of Fellows and Associate Fellows selected for delivering lectures to graduate medical students. An amount of Rs 2,25,000 has been donated by Dr Chandru Sundaram, son of late Air Marshal PM Sundaram towards creating a corpus fund for this purpose. The travelling fellowship will be helpful in raising the awareness of the specialty of Aerospace Medicine and encourage graduates to take up this unique and multifaceted specialty.

**Farewell to outgoing President ISAM, Air Marshal D Ganguly VSM & BAR, PHS**

A special Executive Committee meeting of the Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine was organized on 28 Jul 2011. The ECM bid farewell to the outgoing President, Air Mshl Dipankar Ganguly VSM & BAR, PHS. A memento from the Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine was handed over to the outgoing President by AVM Navin Rattan AVSM VSM, ACAS (Med).

**Class II Examiners Workshop at IAM 09 April, 11**

A workshop for Class II Examiners was organized under the aegis of DGCA and ISAM at IAM Bangalore on 09 Apr 11. It was attended by 30 DGCA empanelled Class II Medical Examiners. Faculty from IAM conducted the workshop which included presentations in Medicine, ENT and Ophthalmology, besides discussions on administrative aspects of conduct of Class II Medical Examination.

**Online submission of Articles**

The editorial committee of the Indian Journal of Aerospace Medicine has instituted on-line submission of the articles. All those authors desirous of submitting their articles can do so at the email Id ijasm@isam-india.org. A scanned copy of the certificate from author and certificate from head of institution where the study has been carried out (for the format, see the winter edition of the journal) is to be forwarded when the manuscript is being submitted electronically. The hard copy of the article and the certificates may be sent subsequently to the journal office.

**Updating of member address**

If any member is not receiving the journals, they may send a mail on the Id ijasm@isam-india.org intimating the non-receipt of the journals and also give their present address of correspondence to the journal office for updating their address.
Obituary

Air Commodore KS Rao AVSM

It is with profound grief and deep sense of loss that we share the news of the demise of Air Cmde KS Rao.

He was commissioned in the Indian Air Forces on 19 Feb 1945 as an Emergency Commission officer. Permanent Commission was awarded to him on 23 May, 1949. He served as Professor of Physiology at AFMC Pune during the late 1960’s. He along with Air Commodore (later Air Vice Marshal) JHF Manekshaw was instrumental in promoting the growth of Aviation Medicine at the School of Aviation Medicine, Bangalore in the 1970’s.

He commanded the Institute of Aviation Medicine (IAM) as Group Captain from 01 Mar 1973 to 01 Feb 1976 and as Air Commodore from 02 Feb 1976 to 26 Mar 1976. He took premature retirement from service in Mar 1976.

A ‘Fellow’ of the Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine, he is considered a doyen in the specialty and a great teacher and administrator.

Our sincere condolences go out to the bereaved family. All members of ISAM join together in praying for the departed soul.