51st Annual Conference of ISAM

The 51st Annual Conference of Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine was held from 18 Nov 11 to 20 Nov 11 at the Institute of Aerospace Medicine, Bangalore. The theme of the conference was “Aerospace Medicine – The Road Ahead”. The Chief Guest for the conference was the Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Mshl NAK Browne PVSM AVSM VM ADC.

The Inaugural function started with an audiovisual show named “Aerospace Medicine – The Force Multiplier”. The welcome address was delivered by Executive Coordinator, Air Cmde Giles Gomez VSM. The Presidential address was delivered by Air Mshl DP Joshi AVSM PHS, DGMS (Air) & President of the Society. The inaugural address was delivered by the chief guest and following that he presented trophies to Surg Lt Cdr SK Verma for standing first in Grading Examination in Aerospace Medicine and to Flt Lt Chandrashekhar Guru for standing first in Primary Aviation Medicine Course in 2010. Thereafter the CAS and DGMS (Air) released the Conference Souvenir and a Technical Mini Series (TMS) on Escape systems.

Air Mshl Subroto Mukerjee Memorial Oration was rendered by Dr AK Gupta, an eminent Interventional Radiologist. He spoke on the role of modern imaging techniques and their role in Aerospace Medicine.

The AVM Srinagesh Oration was rendered by Dr Jefferey R Davies who spoke about the aeromedical challenges facing the transition of an earthling to an astronaut.

There were total of sixteen sessions spread over three days and a continuing medical education program with two sessions (Medicine and Surgery). These were in addition to two working group meetings that 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.

A number of social evenings added to the glitter of the conference serving as an extension of meeting place for the delegates and guests. The PMO dinner for senior delegates was held on the evening of 17 Nov 11. The Society Banquet was held on 18 Nov 11 and Fellows Night on 19 Nov 11. A Golf tournament was organized for senior delegates on 17 Nov 11. The accompanying ladies of the delegates and guests were in for a treat of hospitality by the IAM ladies. Ladies day out programs was conducted on 19 Nov 11 which was a grand success.

Travelling Fellowship

Air Mshl PM Sundaram travelling fellowship was instituted with contribution from his family members. The first fellowship was conferred on Air Cmde Giles Gomez VSM.

New Fellows

This year, the Associate Fellowship of the Society was awarded to the following officers:-

(a) Wg Cdr M Mukherjee
(b) Lt Col KN Rao
(c) Lt Col R Pipraiya

Valedictory function 49th Adv Course

Valedictory function for the 49th Advance Course in Aerospace Medicine was held on 23 Mar 12. Maj Stuti Mishra topped the advance course.

Online submission of articles

All authors who desire to submit their articles for publication in the Indian Journal of Aerospace Medicine can now do so online. The article can be forwarded to ijasm@isam-india.org

Fax facility

IJASM office at IAM, Bangalore is equipped with Fax connectivity (Fax & Tel 080-25224744). However, the fax facility is presently available during working hours only (0745-1615h Mon-Fri).
DGMS (Air) escorting the Chief guest Air Chief Mshl NAK Browne AVSM PVSM VM ADC

Inaugural address by the Chief guest, Air Chief Mshl NAK Browne AVSM PVSM VM ADC

Presidential address by President ISAM, Air Mshl DP Joshi AVSM PHS

Welcome address by Executive Coordinator Air Cmde Giles Gomez VSM

Distinguished guests at the opening ceremony

The Chief of Air Staff Addressing the media
The CAS interacting with delegates of foreign Air Force

Dr AK Gupta delivering Air Mshl Subroto Mukherjee Oration

Surg Lt Cdr SK Verma receiving trophy for standing first in Grading examination

Flt Lt C Guru receiving trophy for standing first in Primary Aviation Course

The Chief guest and DGMS (Air) releasing the TMS on Escape Systems

The Chief guest and DGMS (Air) releasing the Conference Souvenir
Dr Jeffrey Davies delivering the AVM Srinagesh Oration

Address to Air Officers by DGMS (Air)

The ISAM executive committee members during the General Body Meeting

Guests at society Banquet, Le Meridian

Senior dignitaries with DGMS (Air) during fellows night

President’s Golf Tourney Winners