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Message of Professor N. C. Misra, M.S.,F.I.C.S.,F.A.C.S.,F.A.M.S. President Indian Association of Surgical Oncology



Publication of the first News letter after a lapse of four years is moment of joy and pleasure for all of us. Previously known Oncology Section has donned on the new name of Indian Association of Surgical Oncology a section of Association of Surgeons of India.

The speciality of surgical Oncology is a fascinating new field and a frequent question asked is "Who is a surgical oncologist". The surgical oncologist is a well qualified general surgeon who has obtained additional training and experience in the field of cancer then devoted his professional work almost solely to this speciality. He has usually developed capability in operative procedures

for neoplastic diseases that are not a usual part of the armamentarium of the general surgeon. His additional experience allows him to make a better selection of patients for these operations as opposed to other treatment options and he sees these procedures in perspective as a part of the total care of the cancer patients rather than as an isolated treatment method. He is better equipped to provide multimodal therapy.

The major contributions of the surgical oncologist are his indepth knowledge and understanding of the natural history of the wide range of cancer and his ability to provide leadership to all his colleagues in this general area. This is done like other surgeons who have focussed their professional activities on a specific portion of general surgery such as trauma, burns, endocrine surgery, peptic ulcer or bowel diseases, etc. The general surgeons in a medical community continue to perform the majority of operative procedures required for cancer patients, but the surgical oncologist is available to provide consultation collaboration or more specialized multi-disciplinary approach to the therapy.

The Association of Surgical Oncology is endeavouring to organise the Continuing Medical Education and training to keep abreast of new developments in various modalities of cancer therapy. Besides the CME programmes, which are organised every year in different seminars, it is proposed to offer incentives to undertake clinical trials with randomisation to answer therapeutic problems regarding common cancers like oral, cervix and oesophageal cancer. Multicentric clinical trials can be envisaged on a few cancers we can provide answers to the problems posed by the disease.

Message of Dr. R. S. Rao Immediate Past President of India Association of Surgical Oncology.



After a lapes of four years, the Indian Association of Surgical Oncology is bringing out a news. Much has happened during the last four years. A number of conferences, both national and International seminars, workshops, teaching sessions, technology transfer programmes etc. have been held. It has generated a tremendous degree of enthusiasm and interest among the younger surgeons.

Surgical oncology is a fascinating field undergoing a conceptual change. Radical surgery is giving place, in many areas to conservation surgery with preservation of function without compromising the principle of total eradication of the disease. Trend setters in this direction of the future are

conservation surgery and limb preservation in bone-sarcomas. This trend increases the responsibility of the surgeon as he has to produce results better than the conventional radical than to conserve. It calls for a greater degree of surgical judgement and skill and a better understanding of the scope and limitation of other specialities. The advent of CT Scan and tumour markers have helped to define the extent of tumour burden accurately and with appropriate modification in the surgical treatment. This is best exemplified in the management of testicular tumour.

Other specialised areas of oncologic surgery are endoscopic surgery, laser surgery and microsurgery.

Despite all these advances, surgery remains the treatment of choice in the management of many common cancers, particularly in the early stages, be it in the G. I., kidney, lung, breast, ovary or the uterus.

The conceptual change occurring in surgical oncology and the impact of advances made or likely to be made in molecular biology, genetics, immunology, and other sciences, on surgery throws an irresistible challenge to an aspirant in surgery.

In that sense, even surgeons with long years of experience feel that there is much to learn, it is truly said that a physician who ceases to learn, ceases to live.

I wish to congratulate Dr. H. S. Shukla for the tremendous effort he has put in to edit this news letter and am confident that he will keep it up.

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Editorial :

It gives me great pleasure to bring this news letter to you. In the beginning it appeared that there will never be a news letter of this kind, but in due course of time, helpful notes from Dr. R. S. Rao, our immediate past president and our president, professor N. C. Misra assisted in the take off. Being totally new at the job was also a handicap but now, I know the trade.

Those of you who attended the Sessional meeting at ASI Conference Agra must have been impressed by the proceedings and generally very high standard of work and presentation. It must be said however, that the attendance was rather low. Since our society is the eye of the anti-cancer force in India, your active participation in its proceedings, and your communication of the results of your studies will help in coming together of like minded oncologists and evolution of a better National Cancer Control and treatment programme. Our society is fortunate to have, at its helms of affairs, stalwart oncologist who are doyne in their field of work. We are also fortunate to have watchful senior oncologists, ever ready to assist us in our fight against cancer.

As you will note from this news letter, there are several forums this year and in 1988, where your active participation will be most welcome. It will be a wonderful idea if oncologists working in similar fields, come together and give a multi-disciplinary and co-operative thrust to the study of a common cancer problem.

Since this is the first news letter of the Indian Association of Surgical Oncology, it may have room for improvement. Your constructive suggestions would be most welcome and would be considered for in-corporation into the next news letter after midterm conference of the association. I have included the membership list in this news letter so that you can check your address etc and you may even wish to write to a fellow member.

Dr. H. S. Shukla

Sectional Editor

Forthcoming Meeting :

Summer Meeting of Indian Association of Surgical Oncology.

The fifth mid-term conference of the Indian Society of Surgical Oncology will be held at Pune on 11-13th Sept. 1987. Dr. S. G. Deshpande is the organising secretary. You may have already received the circular for this meeting from Dr. S. G. Deshpande. However, just in case you have not, please write to Dr. S. G. Deshpande for details of this meeting at the following address.

Dr. S. G. Deshpande

Organising Secretary

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There will be two symposia during this Conference on topics of current interest shown below.

1. Lymphoma-Moderator/Convenor

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LUCKNOW.

2. Cancer Rectum-Moderator/Convenor

Dr. (Mrs.) M. J. Mehta

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Please write to the moderator/convenor for more details.

- 2. Annual Meeting of Indian Association of Surgical Oncology with A. S. I., Madras, December 27-30, 1987.**

Paper : please send your papers to Dr. S. G. Deshpande before 30th June 1987.

Symposium : The main symposium at Madras, conference will be on 'Cancer Penis'. Dr. Satya Prakash is the convenor and the moderator of this symposium. If you are interested in this symposium, please write to Dr. Satya Prakash at : D-11/285, Vinay Marg, New Delhi-21.

OTHER INLAND MEETINGS

- 1. Indian Society of Oncology 11th Biennial Conference**

and INDO-USSR International workshop will be held on 8-12 Feb. 1988.

Please write to—

The Organising Secretary
Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology
Hosur Road, Bangalore, 560 029

- 2. Gastro-Intestinal Cancers Update.**

- 3. Combined Meeting of Shustriuk Society of India with Welsh Surgeons Travellers Club at Hotel Clarks, Varanasi in Sept/Oct 1988.**

Dr. H. S. Shukla
31/13, Malvia Bhavan,
Lanka, Varanasi

Fourth Coming Foreign Meetings

1. 3rd International Congress on Hormones and Cancer-Hamburg, Federal Republic of Germany, 6-11 Sept. 1987, Scientific Secretariat Prof. Dr. Med. G. A. Nagel, President 3rd ICHC, Medizinische Univ-Klinik, Robert-Koch-Str. Be 40 D-3400 Gottingen Federal Republic of Germany.

- 2. Seminar on PURGING BONE MARROW FOR TRANSPLANTATION Monday 7th Sept. 1987, Stelline Palace, Milan.**

Address : European School of Oncology, via Venezian 1-20133 Milano (Italy)

- 3. Post graduate course on BREAST CANCER Monday 21st Sept. 1987**

Address : European School of Oncology, via Venezian 20133 Milano (Italy)

In News :—

National Cancer Control Programme

This was a state level workshop to implement the National Cancer Control Programme. It was jointly organised by Govt. of Maharashtra, ICMR, WHO & Tata Memorial Hospital and held on 30th & 31st January 1987. It was inaugurated by the Health Minister Shri Bhai Sawant. The Workshop was attended by the Director of Medical Education, Deans of Medical & Dental Colleges in Maharashtra State, the Secretary, Public Health, Director of Public Health and all the Civil Surgeons in the State. It was decided to upgrade the treatment facilities for cancer in the medical colleges by having tumour wings and conducting training programmes for cytology technicians. The existing radiotherapy & Chemotherapy facilities were reviewed and assessed.

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In News :—

Computers in Medicine

A Symposium on the use of computers in medicine was held on 13th and 14th February 1987. It was attended by over 100 delegates. The role of computer in maintaining hospital records, cancer registries and carrying out clinical trials were discussed in depth.

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Fourth all India Conference on Cancer Chemotherapy was held at the Department of Surgery, Institute of Medical Sciences, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi on 14 & 15th Feb., 1987. Professor N. N. Khanna organised the Conference. Dr. H. S. Shukla was the joint organising Secretary. The conference covered orations on current topics of interest in cancer chemotherapy and interesting topics on soft tissue sarcomas and terminal care of the cancer patients. There were several interesting papers delivered by members of the association. There was a very useful interaction between the participating members which made the conference a memorable and comprehensive venture. The conference papers are likely to be published as a special issue of a Journal for wider dissemination of the proceedings.

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