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Message from Executive Committee:

Dear friends:

Greetings. Hope you all had great Holiday Season and recharged for 2018. The executive committee has done lot of work for the progress of the association and organizing events successfully. However, we agree that there is lack of good communication in recent year with the members. We are very happy to inform you that the 7th National Meeting of ASIOA concluded successfully in Houston with more than 60 scientists in attendance. The executive committee with local council members performed superb job in making all the arrangements and hosting the delegates. It is heartening to hear all positive experiences from the delegates. Links for pictures related to the national meeting can be found in this newsletter elsewhere. Also please find the report regarding the 35th Annual Banquet held in Chicago in April 2017. About 50 scientists attended the banquet and had great experience. Dr. Desaiiah Durisala, founder of ASIOA instituted a new ASIOA Life Time Achievement award in memory of his beloved wife who passed away recently during the banquet. This maiden award will be presented at 36th Annual Banquet in San Diego.

Thirty Sixth Annual Banquet of ASIOA is going to be held in San Diego on April 23, 2018 at Royal India Restaurant in Miramar. You can use online payment system for paying for banquet tickets. Please also find announcement soliciting nominations for the 2018 ASIOA awards. Please nominate yourself or a peer for these awards by April, 2018. We are also happy to inform you. We are also glad to extend our invitation to 5 life members Drs. Venkat Sharma, Dean, College of Science and Health & Professor of Biology William Patterson University, Wayne, New Jersey; Dr. Usha Pendurti, Professor. University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler, Tyler, TX; Dr. Anirduh Singh, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD; Yedidi Narasimha Murthy, Bi Solutions Architect, Electronic Arts, Austin, TX, USA.

The Executive Committee is also very happy to inform you that it organized both 7th National Meeting and 35th Annual banquet from the funds collected in the form of donation, registrations and banquet fees and did not use any funds from ASIOA seed account. We expect to do the same for the 36th Annual banquet in April 2018. We appreciate if you can participate and donate generously to continue this in future

Once again we request all members to actively participate in ASIOA activities and build the organization by voicing opinions and giving feedback. We also request you to make a habit to visit our website frequently.

Looking forward to meet you all at our 36th Annual Banquet in San Diego, CA

Yours,

Executive Committee

ASIOA Welcomes following New Life members (September 2016-February 2018)

Venkat Sharma, Ph.D.

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Venkat Sharma is currently Dean of College of Science and Health, William Paterson University. He is Founding Dean of the School of Natural and Mathematical Sciences and Professor of Biology at SUNY Oneonta. As the chief academic and executive officer of the School of Natural and Mathematical Sciences, Dr. Sharma oversees 115 faculty, staff and approximately 1,300 students in the five departments and associated programs with an annual budget of \$5.61 million. He is an active member of the T&P Taskforce to establish clear policies for tenure, promotion, and retention. In collaboration with College Advancement, Dean Sharma had been an active fundraiser, evidenced by successful projects such as increased funding for the AJ Reed Science Discovery Center. He continues to facilitate millions in external grants and contracts

Prior to joining SUNY Oneonta, Dr. Sharma served as Dean of Natural Sciences and

Mathematics at University of West Alabama (UWA), Livingston, AL. Prior to his appointment at UWA he held several positions of academic leadership at the University of West Florida (UWF) as Associate Dean/Administrative Fellow in the College of Arts and Sciences; Professor, Department of Biology; and Director, Health Sciences Advisory Programs. Dr. Sharma conducted research in transcription and cytokine biology as Research Scientist at the Arthur James Cancer Center, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH and also as a Project Investigator/Post-doctoral Fellow at the MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX. Dean Sharma has over 27 years of teaching and research experience in Immunology, Nano-Immunology, Biochemistry of Leukemia, HIV-associated B-cell lymphomas, Biomedical Ethics and allied subjects.

Dean Sharma is a recipient of numerous awards and honors. He was inducted to the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society as a Faculty Member in 2011, and Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society as a Faculty Member in 2010. He has been nominated for Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring (PAESMEM) 2011; recognized for distinguished service to the Friends of India Association (FIAT), Tuscaloosa, AL 2011; recipient, outstanding Faculty Advisor Award, UWF Student Activities Division, 2009; recipient, Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching and Advising Award, UWF 2008; recipient, President's Award for Leadership in Diversity, UWF 2006; recipient, Annual Distinguished Teaching Award, UWF Student Government Association 2005; recipient, Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching and Advising Award, UWF 2005 & 2001; recipient,

Nautilus Excellence Awards: Gabor Award (University Wide) UWF 2004; recipient, Teaching Incentive Program (TIP) Awards for excellence in teaching, UWF 2003 and 1998; finalist, Father of the Year 2002 Escambia County Award, Chief Judge's Children's Council (CJCC), Florida; recipient of the Distinguished University Research and Creative Activities Award, UWF 2001; and was nominated for the volunteer of the year award at R.C. Lipscomb Elementary School 2000.

Usha Pendurthi, Ph.D

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Pendurthi's primary research interest is in the field of hemostasis and thrombosis, particularly in areas related to initiation and regulation of tissue factor-dependent blood coagulation and clotting proteases-induced cell signaling. She is also interested in understanding the role of clotting proteases and cellular receptors in pathogenesis of various diseases, including cancer, inflammation, pulmonary and cardiovascular diseases. Pendurthi did her post-doctoral training in the School of Medicine and the Cancer Center at the University of California San Diego and worked on identifying molecular defects in factor IX in hemophilia patients and investigated cytochrome p450 gene regulation. After coming to UT Health

Science Center, she continued her research in hemostasis and thrombosis field, both independently and collaboratively. She had been the P.I. on NIH, AHA and other extramural funded grants. She has published more than 100 peer-reviewed publications and trained several post-doctoral fellows.

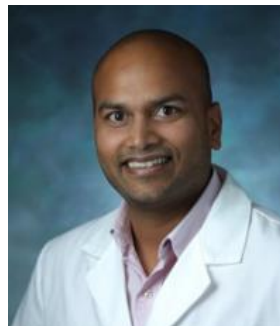
Anirudha Singh, PhD

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Dr. Singh received his Bachelors of Engineering (B. E) in Polymer Engineering from Birla Institute of Technology, Ranchi, India (2001), his Masters of Technology (M. Tech) from Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi, India (2003) and his Ph. D in Polymer Science from the University of Akron, Ohio (2008). He was a Maryland Stem Cell Research Foundation postdoctoral fellow (MSCRF, 2010-12) and an Arthritis Foundation (AF, 2012-14) postdoctoral fellow at the Translational Tissue Engineering Center, Department of Biomedical Engineering, Johns Hopkins University. Before, his postdoctoral research fellowships, he worked in General Electric (GE), now SABIC-IP, as a product developer (2008-09). Dr. Singh joined the Department of Urology, Brady Urological Institute, at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine as an instructor in 2014 and as a full time Assistant

Professor since July 1st, 2015 with a secondary appointment in the Dept. of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, Johns Hopkins University.

Dr. Singh's research interest is in finding clinically relevant simple solutions to complex health problems through translational scientific and engineering approaches. One of the main goals of his research group is "Regenerative Urology", where the research is focused on design, fabrication and development of functional urinary tissues and organs, such as urinary diversion conduit, ureter and bladder. His group applies major themes including, biomaterials, polymer chemistry, stem cell and tissue engineering for regenerating biologically and mechanically functional tissues/organs, specifically urological tissues and organs, musculoskeletal and ocular tissues. His group also studies a variety of biomaterials-based deployment strategies that provide spatiotemporal delivery of biologics, including peptides, cells, nanomaterials, polymers and small molecules to augment endogenous repair responses and target degenerative diseases.

Research Interests: Polymer Chemistry, Stem Cells, Biomaterials, Regenerative Urology, Tissue Engineering, and Design & Fabrication.

Yedidi Narasimha Murthy

Bi Solutions Architect
Electronic Arts, Austin, TX
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Yedidi Narasimha Murthy is currently working as BI Solutions Architect Electronic Arts, USA. In the year 2002 he served as Systems Analyst, Advanced Research group, Satyam Computer services limited, India, worked as a Research Associate, IIT Madras, India in 2000 and from 1995-98 he used to work as Research Fellow, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, India. He has various publications in various esteemed journals and reviewed around 40 research papers for various journals and also he is Life member of ISTAM (Indian Society of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics) APSMS (AP State Mathematical Society). His area of research interest is Convection, non-Newtonian fluids, porous media, heat and mass transfer, stability, numerical solutions, optimization, computational fluid dynamics, Big data, Data mining, Data Analytics & Business Intelligence.

Utpal Sen, Ph.D., FAHA

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The goal of Dr. Sen's laboratory is to delineate the mechanisms of kidney remodeling in hypertension and diabetes. These pathophysiological conditions drive glomerular vascular damage involving matrix metalloproteinases and their tissue inhibitors, gap junction proteins, and increase matrix formation. Increased matrix protein, such as collagen leads to glomerular-tubulointerstitial fibrosis and

impairs renal function. Kidney, in addition to its normal physiological function, also plays a major role in hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) biosynthesis. Emerging evidences indicate that H₂S is an important gaseous molecule with numerous physiological effects. In hypertension and diabetes, pathophysiological kidney remodeling leads to diminished H₂S biosynthesis

which further reduces renal outcome. We have focused our research to delineate whether increase of H₂S to physiological level, either by drug or gene delivery, has any protective role in adverse renovascular remodeling and dysfunction during hypertension and diabetes.

Report on the 35th Annual Meeting and Banquet of ASIOA

India House, Chicago, IL, (April 24, 2017)

At the beginning of the meeting, the committee reviewed the 2017 Award Certificates and Plaques and obtained appropriate signatures.

The main program started after 5:30 PM which was well attended by about 55 ASIOA members as well some non-members. The business meeting began with the opening/welcoming remarks by Dr. Prasad Dhulipala (President), who briefly discussed the history, aims & objectives of ASIOA, and introduced the ASIOA's current and former office bearers. He then invited Dr. Krishna Boini (Secretary), who also welcomed the attendees and presented ASIOA activities for the year 2016-2017. The executive committee thanked Award selection committee members (Prof. Tahir Hussain, Prof. Ulhas Naik, Dr. Saisudha Koka), for their valuable time, efforts, and contributions. The attendees commended Dr. Prasad, Dr. Krishna and Dr. Badri's services about the successful conduct of the 7th biennial National Meeting of ASIOA held during January 16-17, 2017, in Houston, TX.

After this, Dr. Badri (Executive Officer) presented Financial Statement of the Association (as of March, 2017). In contrast to previous years, ASIOA president Dr. Dhulipala was successful in raising about \$ 1000 for the 35th Annual banquet. The committee is also successful in getting good amount of funds from banquet registration.

After this we started our scientific meeting, and Prof. Satya Kunapuli introduced the Keynote Speaker, Prof. Prabhakar Nanduri. Dr. Nanduri is the Harold H. Hines Jr. Professor and Director of the Institute for Integrative Physiology at the University of Chicago. Dr. Prabhakar is a leading authority on O₂ sensing mechanisms and physiological consequences of hypoxia. His laboratory has identified several novel signaling pathways and molecular mechanisms underlying the cardio-respiratory morbidities associated with chronic intermittent hypoxia. He received his D.Sc. in Biology from Ruhr-University, Germany. Dr. Nanduri presented his illustrative research work. In appreciation of his longstanding contributions to the Association and Keynote Lecture, a Plaque was presented to Prof. Nanduri by ASIOA. Next, we presented the following ASIOA 2017 Awards. ASIOA service award was not given for 2017.

1. Dr. Rishein Gupta-Dr. Reddy Laboratories Award in Molecular Biology
2. Ankita Burman-Satu Somani Award in Physiology
3. Dr. Owais M. Bhatt-BIOTEX Laboratories Award in Immunology
4. Taneja Guncha-American Radiolabeled Chemicals Award in Pharmacology
5. Dr. AM Sashi Papu John-JOGUE Junior Scientist Award in Nutrition
6. Dr. Anirudha Singh, John Hopkins University, Sudhir Gupta Young Scientist Award
7. Mario Toppo Distinguished Scientist Award (SHARED) by Dr. Pradeep K. Dudeja, University of Illinois, Chicago, IL and Dr. L. Vijaya Mohan Rao, University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler.
8. ASIOA Special Recognition Award was given to Dr. Durisala Desaiiah, Founding Secretary of ASIOA

The recipients of Special Recognition award, Mario Toppo Distinguished Scientist Award and Sudhir Gupta Young Scientist award were presented with plaques and the six Junior Scientist Awardees were presented with eloquent certificates and a \$100 check.

The Award winners gave presentations on their research work, or summarized their experiences while serving ASIOA,

New ASIOA Life Time Achievement Award: Dr. Desaiiah Durisala, founding secretary of ASIOA instituted a new ASIOA Life Time Achievement award in memory of his wife who passed away recently. This maiden award will be presented at 36th Annual Banquet. The EC will draft the details on this award shortly.

While the award winners were presenting their research, the delegates enjoyed sumptuous India food and beverages. The meeting was adjourned after the Closing Remarks and Vote of Thanks by Dr. Boini, who individually recognized everyone's contributions to the event and ASIOA activities throughout the year.

Photographs from the event:

Please use following link to view pictures from the event

Link to 35th Annual Banquet Photographs

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Links to Photographs for 7th National Meeting

1. 7th National Meeting-Day 1

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2. 7th National Meeting-Day 2

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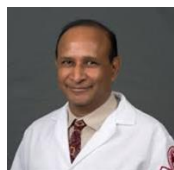
Solicitation for Nominations for ASIOA Officers



Dear ASIOA Members,

ASIOA is grateful to the retiring executive members Dr. Prasad Dhulipala (President), Dr. Krishna Boini (Secretary), and council members Dr. Samina Salim, Dr. Krishna Kumar Veeravalli, Dr. Gauthami Jalagadugula, Dr. Santoshi Muppala, Dr. Nagaraju P Ganji, for their service and loyalty to the association. ASIOA strongly believes it can count on them for their wisdom and continued support. New executive members need to be elected to take office immediately after the Annual Meeting at San Diego, CA in April, 2018.

Nominations Committee



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On behalf of ASIOA, we are glad to embark the Nominating Committee to invite nominations. ASIOA members have tremendous opportunity to serve on the executive committee in various capacities. As a committee member you can make an impact on the success and direction of the Society. Therefore, we are requesting ASIOA members those who are willing to serve on the committee, as President, Secretary, Council Member (5 vacancies) are requested to send –

1) One page summary of the CV

2) A letter of intent to serve ASIOA in a specific capacity, detailing previous services and future plans of service to ASIOA to the Nominating Committee on or before March 15, 2018.

Any candidate seeking an elected office should be a paid member of ASIOA in good standing, and the candidate for President or Secretary is preferred to be a Life Member of ASIOA.

Once Nominating Committee received the nominations, it will prepare the list of candidates seeking to serve ASIOA and forwards it to the Election Committee comprising two immediate Past-Presidents of ASIOA by March 20th, 2018. If there are more than one candidate seeking a specific position, elections will be conducted for those positions by Election Committee before April 5, 2018. New office bearers will be declared elected during 36th Annual Banquet. Please send your nominations to Prof. Satya P. Kunapuli at spk@temple.edu. Contact any ASIOA EC member if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Nominations Committee

ASSOCIATION OF SCIENTISTS OF INDIAN ORIGIN IN AMERICA

Solicitation for Nominations for 2018 ASIOA Awards



Deadline to send nominations: March 31, 2018

Email to send nominations: asingh29@jhu.edu

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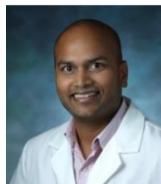
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ASIOA is delighted to announce its annual awards program for 2018. Nominations are invited from ASIOA members for the following categories.

The Awards Committee will make the selections, and the awards will be presented at the ASIOA Annual Business meeting to be held on Monday, April 23, 2018 from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Royal India Restaurant, Miramar Road, San Diego, CA in conjunction with 2018 Experimental Biology Meeting.

Award Categories and Criteria for Nominations

New--ASIOA Lifetime Achievement Award



In Memory of Mrs. Nirmala Desai (wife of Dr. Durisala Desai Founder of ASIOA)

The ASIOA Lifetime Achievement Award is presented every year starting from 2018 in recognition of a lifetime of contributions to the field of any branch of Experimental Biology by a person of Indian Origin.

Award Criteria:

1. An exceptional body of work in research, theory or other scholarly work by a living person over a period of not less than 20 years. Winners may be researchers and/or practitioners in the fields of Physiology, Pharmacology, Neuroscience, Immunology, Biochemistry, Molecular Biology, Cell Biology and any other relevant Biomedical Research area.

2. The body of work should have contributed significantly in unique or innovative findings, theoretical constructs, experimental approaches or practices and/or have made exceptional practical application(s) of others' research.

3. The body of work may be demonstrated by: 1) a minimum of 25 publications as primary/ corresponding author in refereed academic journals with high impact factor and highly cited research findings; 2) significant service as journal editor/editorial member/journal reviewer/members of scientific organizations and 3) significant contributions at and to professional conferences or any combination thereof.

4. Candidates need to be life members of the ASIOA for at least 10 years to receive the award. The award will be presented to an individual investigator.

Winner as judged by competent body of scholars of high reputation will receive a commemorative award from ASIOA at its annual meeting.

2) ASIOA Service Award

This award is presented to an ASIOA member who has rendered an outstanding service to the ASIOA. This individual should become an ASIOA Life Member prior to acceptance of the award if not already a life member.

3) Mario Toppo Distinguished Scientist Award

This award is presented to an established senior scientist of Indian origin and has made outstanding contribution to the field of Science. This individual should become an ASIOA Life Member prior to acceptance of the award if not already a life member.

4) Sudhir Gupta Young Scientist Award

This award is presented to a scientist of Indian origin who is 40 years or younger and has made exceptional contributions to the field of Science.

5-11) **Six Junior Scientist Awards:** will be presented to Post-Doctoral and/or Pre-Doctoral Fellows of Indian origin in the following categories:

i) American Radiolabeled Chemicals Junior Scientist Award in Pharmacology

ii) Biotex Laboratories Junior Scientist Award in Immunology

iii) JOGUE Junior Scientist Award in Nutrition

iv) Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Junior Scientist Award in Molecular Biology

v) Sattu Somani Junior Scientist Award in Physiology

vi) Gopal Krishna Memorial Junior Scientist Award in Biochemistry

How to apply:

Please send your nomination by the deadline as late nominations will not be accepted.

Life Time Achievement Award:

Please follow criteria and justify your nomination for Life Time Achievement award. Nominations should be made and seconded by ASIOA life members for at least 5 years.

For all other awards:

Submit the following documents to be considered for an award by the awards committee:

1. Curriculum vitae
2. A brief summary of your scientific achievements (Mario Toppo) or service to ASIOA (ASIOA Service award)
3. Abstract of research work (for pre and postdoctoral awards) and/or your presentation title accepted for Experimental Biology 2017 meeting (or any other national meeting).
4. Two reference letters are required for the Junior Scientist's Award category. These letters can be from ASIOA members or mentors who may or may not be ASIOA members.
5. Nominations for ASIOA Service, Mario Toppo and Sudhir Gupta awards should be made and seconded by ASIOA members in good standing.

*The nominees for all categories of award should be paid-members of ASIOA, or should pay the annual dues after being nominated.

Award winners should present in person to receive awards. Please ensure to attend the ASIOA meeting San Diego if you ARE one of the ASIOA award recipients.

Please email all the required documents to: Dr. Anirudha Singh, Assistant Professor, Department of Urology, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

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Scientists of Indian Origin



They are explorers

use what they know,
see to blaze their pathways
that lead to new discoveries

They are navigators

focus on ocean currents of science
define the gists, pinpoint the loci
and determine the scope

They are concentrators

energy efficient and quiet
concentrate on success of science
So they are better spouses too with no fights!

They are observers

focus on negative, ignore annoyance
that breeds only good stuff
same as with her/him-
'ignore the bad, praise the good'
Therefore they are happy spouses too on the whole

They are resolvers

with full of game theories
study the conflicts and make the decisions
used in political science, sociology, economics
no matter even in biology, zoology or phytology

They are interpreters

record the things change
stick to the outcomes and effects
collect the data and present the facts boldly
advocate, support principles of humanism
with progressive life stance
that's why they are ASIOA, the humanists

By

Gauthami S. Jalagadugula Ph
Scientist in Temple University,
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ASIOA
Council Member (2014-present)

Feedback/Opinions:

I am Indira Pokkunuri Ph.D. working as a Research Associate at the University of Houston, Houston, TX. I was introduced to ASIOA organization in the year 2017 when the Biannual National Meeting was held in Houston, TX. At this meeting, I had an opportunity to present my work involving Nrf2 transcription factor and its role in maintaining redox balance and mitochondrial function in the kidneys of rats. For this, I have received an award in the oral presentations category (3rd place).

The conference included an engrossing talk by the Chemistry Nobel laureate Dr. Robert Curl which was preceded and followed by many interesting and important presentations including those of lung injury repair mechanisms, combination of vaccine cancer therapeutic models. The science in all the talks were very engaging and thought provoking. For our latter studies, we got valuable information from one of the presenter, Dr. Shama Ahmad's model of toxic chemical inhalation in *in vitro* models. Also, many of the other studies, including those of Drs. Sarfraz Ahmad, K. J. Sastry, and Samba Reddy, evoked a lot of interest, hope and promise!

While this is my first time attending an ASIOA conference, it surpassed many of my expectations brushing aside any skepticism of a first timer. The scientists were very approachable, readily willing to advise and guide on scientific and career matters. They had a great understanding of the efforts needed at early career levels and were very keen to help out either with their references or advice. The gathering was very welcoming and the overall organizing very professional and at-home at the same time! The banquets

were a great place to interact and network, not to mention, the food was great too. The award ceremonies were organized well providing a lot of encouragement to the participants to advance their scientific endeavors. The individual sessions were conducted proficiently by their respective chairs and all the events, including the oral and poster presentations, banquets and award ceremonies, progressed well on scheduled time.

On the other side, ASIOA could be promoted better at various institutional and industry levels creating more awareness about the organization among the Indian diaspora that would certainly lead to a greater nationwide participation and interaction. Certainly, there would be many keen to participate.

I had another reason to cheer about at this conference as I had a chance of meeting with a friend from years ago. Overall, it was a great delight to have attended this conference and getting awarded. But, more so for an opportunity to meet the people with whom I share my roots and getting familiar with their science. I thank the Committee for giving me the opportunity to attend this conference and to share my thoughts.



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I applaud ASIOA for bringing together many successful scientists as well as aspiring scientists like myself. I really enjoyed the 2017 ASIOA National Conference as it was a great opportunity to learn from acclaimed researchers. I am also very thankful for the opportunity to present my work and for the supportive feedback I received, so I could continue to grow as a young scientist. I hope to be able to take part in such a wonderful experience again!

- Pranathi Bingi

I am delighted to comment on the 7th National Meeting of ASIOA organized by Dr. Prasad Dhulipala and team. As an organizer of a few of these National meetings, I am qualified to comment on this meeting. ASIOA team has surpassed all the previous meetings on several fronts. The meeting was of high caliber with scientists coming from all over the country from Illinois to New York. Their presentations were exceptional. The talk by a Nobel Laureate was one of the highlights of the meeting. Excellent chairs for various sessions were recruited who maintained the time and were fair to the presenters. The food was superb. The success of the conference depends on the availability of funds. Dr. Dhulipala raised so much of funds that large cash awards were given to students and postdoctoral fellows. I also liked the way the meeting's group picture was taken on the stairs carrying a family feeling. Overall, the meeting was better than any major national or international meetings I have attended. I am so impressed that I would want Dr. Prasad to be the organizer for future meetings.

Prof. Pudur Jagadeeswaran

Univ of North Texas, Denton.

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Bajpai Praphulla K.

Bandaru S. Reddy

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Bansal Vinod K

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Basha, Riyaz M.

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