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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear ASIOA members:

I felt honored when Association of Scientists of Indian Origin bestowed upon me responsibility of the President.

Despite of strong membership of more than two hundred renowned biomedical scientists, a number of researchers and scientists are still unaware of its existence. Therefore, I welcome you to serve this organization to develop it as a force to bring new source of information for budding scientists and new investigators in coming years. Please participate actively in the annual or biannual events organized by ASIOA.

I hope you will encourage new office bearers for their efforts to develop a new website of ASIOA ([www.asioa-inc.com](http://www.asioa-inc.com)) and provide suggestions to improve and make ASIOA a versatile and active organization.

I personally thank Dr. Sudhir Gupta who made it possible for us to felicitate Dr. Abul K Abbas, Professor and Chair, Department of Pathology, University of California San Francisco and delivering Dr. Krishna C Agrawal Oration in the loving memory of our Ex-President. I thank our ex-secretary Dr. Subramanian Dhandayuthapani, for his active support and efforts in strengthening ASIOA.

In addition, ASIOA also plans 4<sup>th</sup> National Meeting of ASIOA on the Martin Luther King's Birthday weekend in 2011 (Jan 15-17, 2011). Our organization team is planning to provide you with full announcement, both by email and September newsletter on ASIOA website, of various activities in this meeting during this summer.

**Avadhesh C Sharma, PharmD, PhD**  
**President**

## SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends:

Greetings. I am delighted and thrilled to be the new Secretary of ASIOA. I thank the nominating committee for selecting me to this position. I became life member of ASIOA at 1996 annual banquet at Washington D.C and associated with its activities. I also had the privilege of receiving Biotex Laboratories Junior Scientist Award in Immunology from ASIOA during my post-doctoral days.

I am closely connected with Dr. Murali Pagala, Dr. Alluru S. Reddi, Dr. Pudur Jagadeeswaran and Dr. Chellu S. Chetty who served as officers and worked hard to strengthen this organization. I worked with Dr. Avadhesh Sharma, to conduct 3<sup>rd</sup> National meeting of ASIOA at Denton and formed good working relationship. I am pleased to work with him and other executive team members again as Secretary of ASIOA and for 4<sup>th</sup> National Meeting to be held at Suwanee, GA in January 2011.

The growth and success of the organization depends on active participation and involvement of its officers and members. I request you all to show commitment to nurture the organization and help it to grow. I am personally committing to add 30 regular members and at least 10 life members. I also challenge all existing members to convince and recruit friends so that our organization membership will double next year. Similarly, I request all regular members to upgrade to life members or to renew membership regularly. Membership dues are life blood for ASIOA.

We are giving a face-lift to our website to make it more attractive and user friendly. I suggest you to visit the website regularly for updates and announcements. Finally, I also request all members to update the contact information so that you can receive ASIOA related information without interruption.

Looking forward to work with you all.

**Prasad D. Dhulipala**  
Secretary, ASIOA

## EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S MESSAGE

Dear friends,

We celebrated our ASIOA annual Business meeting and banquet dinner during FASEB meeting at

Anaheim during 4/10. It was somewhat a quiet gathering as our ASIOA former President Dr. Agarwal had suddenly passed away last year. The get together and the dinner was arranged by Interim President Dr. Avadhesh Sharma and Secretary Dr. Prasad Dhulipala and both were officially confirmed during the business meeting as newly elected President and secretary, respectively. Dr. Sharma had organized the dinner and the evening program quite well. Our Chief Guest was Dr. Abdul K. Abbas who gave a wonderful talk without using any slides. Award ceremony was carried out by Dr. Sarfad. During the business meeting I briefly presented our annual collection and expense list and newly enrolled were 6 life members, 5 regular members, 3 post doctoral fellows members and 2 graduate student members during the past year. We have not received any new donations last year. Our new expenses include preparing a new website and its registration etc. We owe a special thank you to Dr. Subramanian Dhandayuthapani who during the past two years carried out very outstanding job of running the ASIOA activities including preparing and mailing ASIOA newsletters, enrolling new members etc. We are very grateful for his dedicated service to ASIOA. In the coming two years, we are looking forward for more activities including forthcoming 4<sup>th</sup> ASIOA Scientific Conference, Atlanta, under the presidentship of Dr. Avadesh Sharma. Please extend your close support in coming months to Dr. Sharma and Dr. Dhulipala.

I am looking forward to serve ASIOA this year as well.

Wish you all great summer and fall

**Gabriel Fernandes**  
ASIOA Executive Officer

### ASIOA New Website

*We are giving a face-lift to our website to provide a professional look and to cover all ASIOA activities, and other pertinent information. The website will be launched by the end of July.*

*Please preview the website by visiting*

*<http://www.infotrans.co.in/projects/asioa>*

*and provide your comments. Your feedback is important for the betterment of ASIOA. I also*

*request all the members to send me any material related to ASIOA so that we can add to the web content.*

*---Secretary, ASIOA*

## ASIOA SUB-COMMITTEES FOR 2011

### *Banquet Committee*

1. Dr. Sudhir Gupta (Chair)
2. Dr. Avadhesh Sharma
3. Dr. Subramanian Dhandayuthapani

### *Awards Committee*

1. Dr. Parimal Chowdhury, Chair
2. Dr. Suresh Tyagi
3. Dr. Satya P. Kunapuli
4. Dr. Kottarpet Dileepan
5. Dr. M. Chandra Sekar

## ASIOA 2010 AWARDS

ASIOA is delighted to announce the winners of its annual awards program for 2010. Nominations were invited from ASIOA members and the winners were selected by Awards committee. Dr. Abdul Abbas, Key note speaker presented the awards on April 26, 2010 at the 28<sup>th</sup> ASIOA Banquet.

### ASIOA Award winners

- 1) **ASIOA Service Award** was not presented due to lack of suitable nomination.
- 2) **Mario Toppo Distinguished Scientist Award** was given to Chinnaswamy Jagannath, Univ. Texas Medical School, Houston, an established senior scientist of Indian origin, who has made outstanding scientific contribution in his field.
- 3) **Sudhir Gupta Young Scientist Award** was given to Dr. Gauthami Jalagadugula, Thrombosis Research Center, Temple University, Philadelphia a scientist of Indian origin who is 40 years or younger and has made exceptional contributions to science.

### Junior Scientist Awards

1. **American Radiolabeled Chemicals Junior Scientist Award** in Pharmacology was presented to Ms. Swathi Kunduri, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV.



**ASIOA Executive committee with 2010 Awards winners.** (From Left to Right): Dr. Avadhesh Sharma (President, ASIOA) Swathi Kunduri, Dr. Abdul K. Abbas (Keynote Speaker), Dr. Subramanian Dhandayuthapani (Past Secretary), Dr. Prasad Dhulipala (Secretary), Dr. Satya Kunapuli, Ms. Ramya Chari, Dr. Gauthami Jalagadugula, Mr. Quaisar Ali, Dr. Chinnaswamy Jagannath, Dr. Sarfraz Ahmad (Chair, Awards Committee), Dr. Gabriel Fernandez (Executive Officer); Dr. Sudhir Gupta and Dr. Biswanath Patra.

2. **Biotex Laboratories Junior Scientist Award** in Immunology was presented to Dr. Venkatesh L. Hegde, University of South Carolina.

3. **JOGUE Junior Scientist Award** in Nutrition was not awarded this year due to lack of nominations.

4. **Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Junior Scientist Award** in Molecular Biology was presented to Dr. Biswanath Patra, Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, PA.

5. **Satu Somani Junior Scientist Award** in Physiology was presented to Ms. Ramya Chari, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA

6. **Gopal Krishna Memorial Junior Scientist Award** in Biochemistry was given to Mr. Quaisar Ali, University of Houston, TX.

### **NON-ASIOA members**

*To become the member for ASIOA, please apply for membership using the enclosed application form (please fill, print and mail the form along with membership fees to Secretary, ASIOA)*

## MEMBER'S CORNER

**Dr. Masarrat Ali**, Director, Alpha Diagnostics and long time member and supporter of ASIOA won the primary in March and running for Texas House of Representatives as Democratic candidate. This is of huge significance to all Indians in USA. Learn more about Dr. Ali's campaign at: [www.AliForTexas.com](http://www.AliForTexas.com)

"Researchers Attack Stem Cells That Cause Colon Cancer: Tumor Cell 'Factories' May Be Difficult to Defeat". The research work of **Adhip P.N. Majumdar**, Karmanos Cancer Institute, Wayne State University in Detroit (presented at the Experimental Biology, April 2010 at Anaheim, CA) was highlighted in Science Daily. <http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2010/04/100428121441.htm>

**Dr. Nawab Ali** elected as the president of Central Arkansas Chapter, Sigma Xi (Scientific Research Society)

**Dr. Digamber S. Borgaonkar** created a database for Chromosomal variation in man. Visit <http://www.wiley.com/legacy/products/subject/life/borgaonkar/>

**Rizwanul Haque**, Dept of Microbiol & Immunol., Penn State College of Medicine, Hershey, PA received a Travel Grant of \$1500 from American Association of Immunologists to attend 14<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Immunology (ICI-2010) in Japan

*Ganesh V. Halade was selected for Barbara H. Howman Award and recognized as Outstanding Post-doc by UTHSA with \$1000 scholarship. Ganesh works with Dr. Gabriel Fernandez at UTHSA. He also participated in "Dietary Supplement Research Practicum 2010." The practicum was held and conducted by NIH in Bethesda, Maryland between June 14-18.*

# ASIOA

## Translational Research: A Boon for Drug Development

January 15-17, 2011; Greater Atlanta – Suwannee, GA



**ABSTRACT DEADLINE OCTOBER 31, 2010**

### Highlights

- **INAUGURAL SPEAKER (Jan 15):** *Dr. George Chandy*, Professor, Department of Physiology and Biophysics, School of Medicine, University of California, Irvine
- **NATIONAL MEETING ORATION (Jan 16):** *Dr. Muthu Periasamy*, Professor and Chair, Department of Physiol. and Cell Biol., Associate Director, Davis Heart & Lung Research Institute, Ohio State University, Ohio
- **JUNIOR RESEARCH SCIENTIST AWARD COMPETITION (Jan 16)**
- **AWARDS CEREMONY (Jan 17):** Post doctoral, graduate and undergraduate presentations
- **AT LEAST SIX TO SEVEN SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS (Jan 15-17):** Drug development, novel drug delivery systems, immunology, neuroscience, cancer and cardiovascular Biology chaired by eminent and established biomedical researchers

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Membership Type: (Please check one): New ( ) Renewal ( ) Change of Address ( )

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Institution and year of graduation in India \_\_\_\_\_

Major Area(s) of Research/Interests: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_  
3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_ 5) \_\_\_\_\_

Membership in Professional Societies: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_  
3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_ 5) \_\_\_\_\_

National Meetings you normally attend: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_  
3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_ 5) \_\_\_\_\_

ASIOA Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership dues [Circle the applicable item(s)]:**

**ASIOA annual Banquet tickets**

Life Membership	:\$ 200	Regular members/guests	:\$35/20
Regular Membership	:\$ 20	Students/Postdoctorals	:\$20
Postdoctoral Membership	:\$ 10		
Student Membership	:\$ 5	Donation(s) to ASIOA	:\$.....
Emeritus/Retired Membership	:\$ 10		

Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount (\$): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Notes:**

**New members** (joined  
between May-July 15, 2010)

Numbers in Parenthesis  
indicates membership year—  
We strongly request inactive  
members to renew their  
membership.

\*ASIOA Executive member.

# Deceased Members