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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear ASIOA Members,

Greetings from Orlando, Florida! I am truly humbled with the honor and confidence bestowed by the ASIOA members to serve the organization as its 25<sup>th</sup> President. I am truly excited and looking forward to working with you all towards the betterment of our organization.

While welcoming the newly elected Secretary and two Councilors, I sincerely thank my predecessors and other Executive Committee and Sub-Committee members for their valuable time and efforts in serving the Association. We will continuously be seeking their expert advice and help. Soon we will be forming a few new sub-committees to accomplish various specific tasks related to our forthcoming 6<sup>th</sup> biennial National Meeting (January 17-18, 2015) and the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting and Banquet (March 30, 2015).

Our immediate efforts will be to update the ASIOA website with newer information and its smooth maintenance. Obviously, increasing the membership, particularly of the youngsters, will remain our priority. Professional interactions and developmental programs should be facilitated on a regular basis. We will be seeking donations from within and outside the membership for establishing newer programs such as naming potential newer ASIOA Awards and covering the cost of our annual meeting & banquet and biennial national scientific meetings, etc. We also intend to bring out the ASIOA Membership Directory.

Please participate actively in the ASIOA affairs to accomplish various activities/projects that have been initiated, and will be forthcoming through our emails, Newsletter, and website announcements. I personally urge the youngsters and women scientists to come up and participate with enthusiasm and to take advantage of various professional opportunities, including the competitive awards, training programs, mentorship and immigration-related help, through enhanced interactions with our experienced/senior scientists of Indian origin in America. Please keep us informed about your change in contacts to enable us to be in touch with you on a regular basis. Also, please keep us posted with your important newsworthy items (such as academic/scholarly accomplishments) that may be considered for inclusion in our periodic Newsletters.

Thank you again, and I wish you all for good health, professional development, and Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,

Sarfraz Ahmad, PhD, FABAP, FACB

President, ASIOA

### SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Dear members of ASIOA family,

Greetings! It is with great pleasure and honor, I accept our respected members confidence on me to serve ASIOA, Inc. I will keep our organization on right track to success. I thank all the members of ASIOA family, past officers, members of various committees and founding members who always stood by the organization to make sure smooth functioning and elevation of our organization. **I request all the members to pledge to our organization, to increase PARTICIPATION, RECRUITMENT and CONTRIBUTION.** I urge you to take time and attend the meetings to enhance the fellowship. Young researchers, let us request mentors to mentor us. Reputed professors, please accept mentees and guide the younger to be successful.

As we plan to get together for 6<sup>th</sup> Biannual National Meeting at Orlando, Florida in January 17<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015, I request our learned members to make arrangements for your presence at this event. Please submit scientific abstracts for Oral and Poster presentations (details on page 8). 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes will be awarded for best oral and poster presentations for graduate students, postdocs and young faculty. For biannual meeting, I (with the support of other officers) will be planning to conduct grants finding and grant writing seminar to help our members. I strongly encourage postdocs and young scientists along with the rest of the members of ASIOA family to attend the 6<sup>th</sup> biannual meeting at Orlando, Florida to take advantage of this opportunity and other professional programs. I encourage posting job availability and job searches in ASIOA newsletter. Please forward ASIOA Inc information to your friends and encourage them to join the organization. We should start recognizing the new members recruitment drive and participation. We must encourage recruitment and donations; plans will be discussed at biannual meeting along with establishing a grievance cell/immigration assistance cell.

I thank Dr. Satya Kunapuli (Past-President), Dr. Meena Kumari (past-secretary), Dr. Chandra Sekhar (past council member) for their services. I welcome Dr. Sarfraz Ahmad (President), Dr. Ganji and Dr. Jalagadugula (Council members). I thank Dr. Dileepan (Executive Officer), and the other council members, Dr. Biswanath Patra, Dr. Karni Singh Moshal and Ms. Sreelatha Aramgam, for their continued support. I look forward to work with you along with the new team to bring the best to our organization. I personally thank Dr. Murali Pagala, Dr. Vinay Kumar, Dr. Sudhir Gupta, Dr. Jagadiswaran Pudur, Dr. Parimal Chowdhri, Dr. Chellu S. Chetty, Dr. Avadesh Sharma, Dr. Ulhas Naik, Dr. K.N. Dileepan, Dr. Gabriel Fernandes, Dr. Raju Reddy and Dr. Prasad Dhulipala for their continued support and advice in the past and in future. Please raise your voice and send us your input on various aspects to take our organization to next level. Thank you all. I wish you all Happy Thanksgiving and see you soon.

Sincerely

Kameswara Rao Badri, PhD

Secretary ASIOA

From the Desk of the Executive Officer

**A Thank You Note!**

Dear Fellow Scientists and ASIOA Members,

First, on behalf of Association of Scientists of Indian Origin in America, I wish all of you peace, good health, happiness and productivity. I thank you for your continued support and loyalty to this association.



ASIOA is very grateful to Dr. Satya Kunapuli (Past-President), Dr. Meena Kumari (Past-Secretary), and council members, Dr. Kameswara Rao Badri, Dr. Chandra Sekhar, Dr. Biswanath Patra, Dr. Karni Singh Moshal, and Ms. Sreelatha Aramgam for their leadership, dedicated service and hard work during their two year term. ASIOA is hopeful that they will continue to share their wisdom, expertise and support to ASIOA in the future as well. We wish you the very best in your career and personal life.

ASIOA is very fortunate to have a group of vibrant and highly motivated individuals in the executive committee this year. Dr. Sarfraz Ahmad (President) and Dr. Kameswara Badri (Secretary) are seasoned 'executives' and hardworking individuals. The council members for this term are: Dr. Biswanath Patra, Dr. Karni Singh Moshal, Ms. Sreelatha Aramgam, Dr. Nagaraju Ganji and Dr. Gauthami Jalagadugula. ASIOA greatly appreciates your willingness and dedication to serve the community. I am looking forward to working with you. We thank Dr. Krishna Boini, Dr. Mahesh Gupta and Dr. Tahir Hussain for their excellent work which led to the nomination and election of the present executive committee members. ASIOA's special gratitude goes to Dr. Chandra Sekhar for chairing the Awards Committee.

**Highlights of the Business Meeting and Award Lectures**

ASIOA's 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual business meeting and Award lectures were held on April 28, 2014 in San Diego, CA. As usual, this meeting was conducted during the Experimental Biology meeting since it attracts scientists from most disciplines of life sciences. The meeting was held between 2:00-6:00 PM at San Diego Convention Center. Approximately eighty people were in attendance. Dr. Satya Kunapuli, (President), opened the meeting with welcome and introductory remarks. Dr. K.N. Dileepan (Executive Officer) presented the annual financial report for the term ending March 31, 2014. This was followed by a general discussion. General consensus was that ASIOA is not functioning in its full capacity and potential. Majority of attendees also expressed their interest for reintroducing the banquet, although this idea had been previously voted out by members via ballot because of the progressively declining attendance and continuous loss of resources. The Executive Committee will give serious considerations to these issues.

This year's key note address was given by 'our own' Dr. Sudhir Gupta, Professor of Medicine, Pathology & Laboratory Medicine, and Microbiology & Molecular Genetics, University of California School of Medicine, Irvine. Dr. Gupta gave an excellent and inspirational talk on "Dendritic Cell Biology in Human Aging".

Dr. Chandra Sekhar, Chairman of the Awards Committee introduced award recipients. Awards were presented by Dr. Sudhir Gupta. All award recipients gave oral presentations. Junior Scientist awardees received \$100 checks in addition to plaques.

Kottarappat N. Dileepan, MSc, PhD  
Executive Officer

## ABOUT NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF ASIOA

### Dr. Sarfraz Ahmad



Dr. Sarfraz Ahmad has been elected as the 25<sup>th</sup> President of the Association of Scientists of Indian Origin in America, Inc. (ASIOA) for a 2-years term starting May-2014. He has been active member of ASIOA since 1994 and has served the organization in many capacities including: Councilor (1996-99), Secretary (2001-03), Nominating Committee Chair (2004-05), and Awards Committee Chair (2009-10).

Dr. Ahmad is currently working as Director of Clinical Research at Gynecologic Oncology Department of Florida Hospital Cancer Institute (FHCI), Orlando. Before joining the FHCI in 2002, he spent 10-years in research/teaching at Loyola University of Chicago and University of Illinois at Chicago. He also serves as Associate Professor at University of Central Florida and Florida State University, Orlando. He worked as Senior Research Assistant at Indian Institute of Technology - Delhi during 1990-92 before immigrating to the U.S. in 1992.

Dr. Ahmad's research focus is on the analyses of clinico-pathologic and surgical outcomes of gynecology/oncology patients and to understand the cellular/molecular mechanisms of cancer and thromboembolic disorders. His investigations are also aimed towards the evaluation of novel treatment options (cellular- and chemo-therapies) for better management of hemato-oncologic patients. Dr. Ahmad has published over 130 peer-reviewed articles, and over 300 scientific abstracts. He is a reviewer for several biomedical journals and has received several competitive research grants and national/international awards for his research accomplishments and contributions. Among other honors, Dr. Ahmad is the recipient of the following ASIOA awards: Biotech Junior Scientist Award in Physiology (1995), Sudhir Gupta Young Scientist Awards (2000), and ASIOA Service Award (2006).

Born in Tanda (Dist. Ambedkar Nagar, Uttar Pradesh) in 1961, Dr. Ahmad did his Pre-University Courses, Bachelors and Masters degrees at Aligarh Muslim University (1979-85), and went on to complete his M.Phil. and Ph.D. in Biochemistry at North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong (1985-90). Dr. Ahmad is a Fellow of the National Academy of Clinical Biochemistry (Washington, DC) and Fellow of the Association of Pharmacy & Biotechnology (India). He actively collaborates with Indian institutions and is a regular participant of Indo-U.S. conferences and other academic/research programs.

Besides being a well-respected biomedical academician/scientist, Dr. Ahmad is passionate about Hindi-Urdu poetry/literature and regularly participates/organizes educational and community events in Central Florida. He is truly humbled with the honor and confidence bestowed by the ASIOA members and excited to serve the organization at his best.



## ABOUT NEWLY ELECTED SECRETARY OF ASIOA

Dr. Kameswara Rao Badri



Dr. Kameswara Rao Badri has been elected as the 25<sup>th</sup> Secretary of the Association of Scientists of Indian Origin in America, Inc. (ASIOA) for a 2-year term 2014 to 2016. He has been serving ASIOA Inc at various capacities since 2008. He is a lifetime member of ASIOA and a recipient of Dr. Sudhir Gupta Young Scientist Award (2011). He was recognized as American Lung Association Interstitial Lung Disease Scholar for the year 2011. Dr. Badri also received Outstanding Research Contribution award for training high school students for Student Educational Enrichment Program (SEEP)-2014. He is currently working as visiting Assistant Professor of Biology at Savannah State University, Savannah, GA.

He earned his doctoral degree in biochemistry from Sri Venkateswara University, India, before moving to United States and completed his postdoctoral studies at University of Delaware and Wayne State University-School of Medicine. In 2006, he was appointed as faculty, Assistant Professor (Research), at Wayne State University and later he moved to University of Chicago where he served until 2012 in the Division of Biological Sciences. In 2012, he accepted Senior Scientist position at Savannah State University to strengthen the research core facilities and train junior faculty to conduct biomedical research.

His major research focus is to elucidate the molecular mechanisms of adipogenic and myogenic regulation of stretch responsive proteins in health and disease. His other research interests include natural products and drug discovery. He published extensively in the field of biomedical sciences in high impact factor journals with more than 1000 citations. He served on several Awards Committees, Nominations Committees and until recently as Council Member of ASIOA, Inc. He is a active member of several scientific organizations, NSF grant panel, editorial boards of scientific journals, doctoral dissertation committees, recruitment committees and professional scientific committees. He is reviewer for many peer reviewed scientific journals. He is actively engaged in student teaching, mentoring and research training.

**Dr. Badri at the Capitol during Hill Day, April 2014**



For the past two years (2013 and 2014), Dr. Badri represented American Thoracic Society at Hill Day (Capitol Hill, Washington D.C) and met with the honorable House of Representatives and Senators to help shape policies related to 1. lung disease research funding increase, 2. SGR fix, 3. oppose Cigar Bill, 4. elimination of Tuberculosis, and 5. VA research funding increase. He is also active member in conducting Regional (Savannah) Science Fairs. Dr. Badri is enthusiastic and looks forward to work with other officers and members of ASIOA family.

## Dr. Nagaraju P. Ganji – Council Member (replaced Dr. Badri/Dr. Sekhar)



Dr. Nagaraju GP employed by Department of Hematology and medical oncology, Emory University at Atlanta, GA, USA on a full-time basis as an Instructor. The Emory University is one of the world's most respected centers devoted exclusively to research and teaching. Dr. Nagaraju received Master and PhD degrees in Biotechnology from Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, India. Dr. Nagaraju then joined National Changhua University of Education, Changhua, Taiwan as a Postdoctoral Scientist in Molecular Biology. Following this appointment,

Dr. Nagaraju moved to the University of Central Florida for Postdoctoral Research Associate in Orlando, FL, USA and subsequently in Department of Cancer Biology and Pharmacology in University of Illinois, Peoria, IL. He is a well-known researcher in the field of crustacean physiology, molecular reproductive biology, and Cancer Research having made significant contributions in these fields. His work mainly focuses on basic as well as translational cancer research. Dr. Nagaraju is currently investigating the role of Hsp90 inhibitors, curcumin and its analogues in advanced cancers. He published above 35 research papers in several prestigious peer-reviewed journals, and presented above 30 abstracts in various conferences. He received prestigious NSC grant from Taiwan on "Cloning, and sequence of CHH gene from the selected crustaceans". He was also given Junior Scientist award by the ASIOA, Outstanding Oral presentation award and Best Research staff award by Emory University. He is a full member for THE RNA and SICB societies, life member for ASIOA and active member for AACR. He also serves as editorial board member of several internationally recognized academic journals. *Dr. Nagaraju also grant reviewer for the United States funding agency NSF as well as French-Israeli High Council for Scientific and Technological Cooperation*

## Dr. Gauthami S. Jalagadugula – Council Member (replaced Dr. Badri/Dr. Sekhar)



Dr. Gauthami S. Jalagadugula has over 10 years of research experience in biomedical sciences and produced outstanding results and, published in peer-reviewed journals. She developed new hypotheses for further investigation. Dr. Gauthami is a molecular biologist and has expertise in basic and clinical science. She worked in the areas cancer biology and, hematology and thrombosis. She received her Ph.D degree from Hyderabad Central University, Hyderabad, India. After that she moved to Philadelphia, USA to do research on postdoctoral fellowship in Fels Institute for cancer research and molecular biology in Temple University. After finished this she has joined in Sol Sherry Thrombosis Research Center, thrombosis dept. in the same University for research on inherited platelet disorders. Later she was appointed as a scientist in the same department.

She studied inherited defects of patients who are suffering from bleeding diathesis and delineated the molecular consequences towards this disease. For this she was a recipient of Dr. Erwin Margulis award (2009) by Temple University and Dr. Sudhir Gupta Young Scientist Award from Association of Scientists of Indian Origin in America (2010) for excellence of Thrombosis Research from USA. Later she worked for biotech company called Virchow Biotech PVT Ltd, India as group leader in R & D. Again she moved back to Philadelphia and currently working as a scientist in thrombosis research, Temple University in the same branch of science on inherited platelet disorders.

**ASIOA Business Meeting  
San Diego, CA on April 28, 2014**

**Financial Statement as of March 31, 2014**

**Current Savings and Investments**

Bank of America checking account:	\$10,139.63*
Merrill Lynch (Edge) Wealth Management:	\$24,967.02 (1 year return, +\$3,616.10)
State Bank and Trust Co, Jackson MS (CD):	\$2,000.00

**Summary of last year's expenses:**

2013 Business meeting and mixer, Boston:	\$2,332.58
Cash awards for junior scientists: 6 x \$100	\$600.00
Copying charges in Boston for flyers and statement:	\$49.73
Plaques for awardees, Boston 2013	\$244.96
Sarangs Art & Design, Website building, final. 03/2013)	\$349.50 (advance \$300 paid in
Sarangs Art & Design, Website management:	\$50.00 (11/29/13)

\*Includes \$6000.00 received from State Bank & Trust Co, MS, on three matured CDs, 3 x \$2000.00. This amount will be invested in Merrill Lynch (Edge) Wealth Management or other funds per suggestion from the General Body.

**Submitted by:** Kottarappat N. Dileepan, Executive Officer, ASIOA  
**Date:** April 28, 2014

**Please renew your memberships and send membership  
dues to Dr. Badri @**

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

### 6<sup>th</sup> BIENNIAL NATIONAL MEETING OF ASIOA

Dear ASIOA Members,

Greetings! We are pleased to announce that the 6<sup>th</sup> biennial National Meeting of ASIOA will be held in [Orlando, Florida](#), during January 17-18, 2015. This will be a long-holiday weekend for many of us marking the Martin Luther King's Day.

The meeting will cover all topics related to biomedical sciences, i.e., basic, translational, and clinical sciences. In addition to the oral and/poster presentations based on the scientific research abstracts that we receive, we will also invite some senior/established academicians and scientists of Indian origin to give invited lectures and co-chair the sessions.

There will also be a few competitive awards given to junior researchers (high school students, graduate students, postdocs and junior faculty) based on the quality and presentation performance of their studies. Due to technological advancements, biomedical research is growing with rapid pace – hence it will be motivating to interact and potentially collaborate with fellow scientists of Indian origin in North America.

ASIOA members as well as non-members are invited to submit their scientific research abstracts (250-350 words limit) for presentation considerations. Abstracts can be submitted on a plane paper as Word document by providing the study title, author(s) names, institutional affiliations, and structured abstract (if possible). **Abstract submission deadline is Monday, December 22, 2014.** **Registration fees: \$100 (Faculty and Scientists), \$75 (postdoctoral fellows), \$50 (graduate, undergraduate and medical students) and free (high school students).**

We assure you that while the rest of the country might be experiencing cold weather in January, in the sunny/warm Central Florida coupled with numerous world-class tourist attractions (theme parks, lovely beaches, etc.), your stay will be extremely rewarding both scientifically and vacation wise. Please try to bring your family/friends and enjoy the ASIOA meeting with previous colleagues/friends and making the new one is always exciting.

While we are still in the planning stage, further updates about the National Meeting will regularly follow through our emails. Meanwhile, for abstract submission and more information, please feel free to contact **Dr. Kameswara Rao Badri**, ASIOA Secretary, at [secretary.asioa.inc@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.asioa.inc@gmail.com) or phone 630-890-4326.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### 33<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL MEETING AND BANQUET OF ASIOA

will be held at

**BOSTON**

during

**Experiment Biology 2015**





## ASIOA Award Winners for 2014

### ASIOA awards committee

Dr. M. Chandra Sekar (Chair)

Dr. Nillanjana Maulik

Dr. Biswanath Patra

Dr. Ganji Nagaraju

Dr. Antje Anji

**ASIOA Service Award** - Dr. Meen Kumari, Kansas State University.

**Mario Toppo Distinguished Scientist Award** – Dr. Subhash Pandey, Univ. of Illinois at Chicago.

**Dr. Sudhir Gupta Young Scientist Award** – Dr. Rajkumar Sevak, UCLA.

**American Radiolabeled Chemical Award** - Dr. Biswanath Maity, University of Iowa.

**Biotex Award** - Nikhil Panicker, Iowa State University.

**GKMJ Biochemistry Award** - Dr. Ramesh Kandimalla, Emory University.

**Pharmacology Award** - Dr. Vishal Yadav, WVU Health Sciences Center.

**Reddy Laboratories Award** - Dr. Sudhakar Veeranki, University of Louisville.

**Sathya Somni Award** - Mr. Bhanu Manne, Temple University School of Medicine.



## Nominations Committee 2014

On behalf of our organization, the executive officers we thank nominations committee for their great services in electing new executive officers and two council members.



*Mahesh P. Gupta, PhD, FAHA*  
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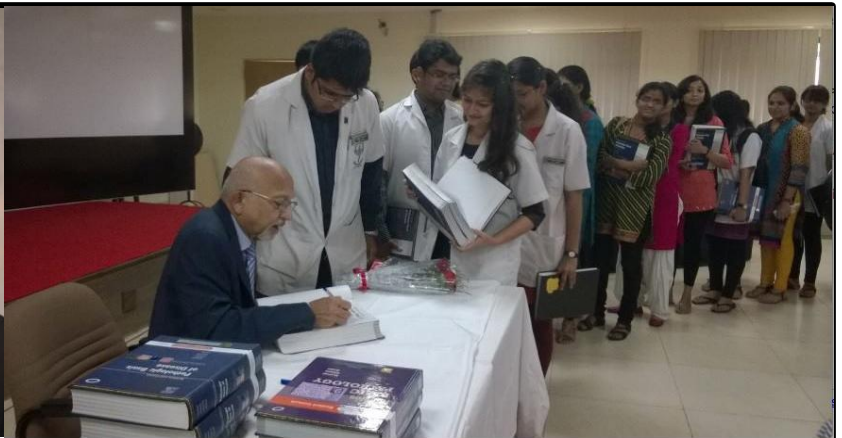


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**Parimal "Perry" Chowdhury, Ph.D.**, a Professor in the Department of Cellular Physiology and Molecular Biophysics, has been invited by The American Physiological Society at their Annual meeting in San Diego, April 26 – April 30, 2014 to join the Senior Physiologists' Lounge, Room 28C at the San Diego Convention Center and to be interviewed for the APS Living History Program on April 28, 2014. It is an honor to be part of the Living History. This invitation is reserved for Senior Physiologists who are actively engaged and contributing in the discipline of Physiology for over 30 years. Dr. Chowdhury will present his current research in the meeting on April 29, 2014. His title of presentation is "Radiation combined with hind-limb suspension affects physiological parameters in rats." The entire interview along with a narrative and CV of Dr. Chowdhury will be displayed in the Living History Column of the American Physiological Society. Dr. Chowdhury is a Life member of ASIOA and a former President of ASIOA.



**Dr. Vinay Kumar, Donald N. Pritzker Professor (University of Chicago) and author of world popular Robbins Pathology text books – Book signing ceremony at Manipal, India**

In June of this year, the 9<sup>th</sup> Edition of the classic text book, Robbins and Cotran Pathologic Basis of Disease by Kumar, Abbas and Aster was released in three separate formats: Student edition, Professional Edition and International edition. “Robbins” as it is popularly called, is the world’s most widely used text book of Pathology and along with Harrison’s medicine it is among the top two selling medical text books overall. Dr Vinay Kumar, who is the Donald N Pritzker Professor and Chairman of the Department of Pathology at the University of Chicago, has been writing this book since 1979 and is currently the lead author/editor of this text book. He is also the lead editor/author of a smaller text called Robbins Basic Pathology, the 9<sup>th</sup> edition of which came out in 2012. These books have been translated into over a dozen languages including, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Turkish, Japanese, Chinese, Hungarian, Croatian, Albanian, and Arabic. An Indian Adaptation, of this book is being developed. Dr Kumar recently procured \$10.5 Million from a non-profit foundation in India to develop and electronic curriculum for use in India.



**Dr. Ghanshyam Pandey of the University of Illinois at Chicago gets 2014 Distinguished Faculty Award**

Dr. Ghanshyam Pandey, Professor of Psychiatry and Pharmacology at the University of Illinois, College of Medicine at Chicago, received the 2014 Distinguished Faculty Award.

The citation of the award read: “This honor is in recognition of the international recognition you have brought to UIC through your exceptional research on the neurobiology of mood disorders and suicide. Your work has led to original discoveries by elucidating the molecular and cellular nature of abnormalities associated with the pathophysiology of mood disorders and suicide, and you are considered a world-wide leader in the field of biological psychiatry. Throughout your career you have made substantial contributions to the programs of the Department and the College, and on behalf of the Collage and the University I extend my warmest appreciation and thanks.” Dr. Pandey is currently Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Director of the Mood Disorders and Suicide Research at the College of Medicine, University of Illinois at Chicago. Dr. Pandey is also a Past President of the Association of Scientists of Indian Origin in America.



# ASIOA Life Member, Dr. Lakshmya Kesavalu's research- "Gum Disease can lead to heart disease" received great attention



AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR MICROBIOLOGY  
ASM events  
GUM DISEASE CAN LEAD TO HEART DISEASE  
EMBARGOED UNTIL: Sunday, May 18, 2014, 10:45 a.m., EDT  
(Poster Session 020, Paper 1912)



NATURE WORLD NEWS  
Home News Animals Biology Environment Health & Medicine  
Gum Disease can lead to High Heart Disease Risk  
By Matt Roper  
May 16, 2014 10:04 AM EDT

SCIENCE WORLD REPORT  
HOME SPACE NATURE & ENVIRONMENT HEALTH & MEDICINE TECH PHYSICS HUMAN VIDEO  
Gum Disease Bacteria may Increase Risk of Heart Disease  
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Kathleen Linn & Jess@scienceworldreport.com  
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Journal of Alzheimer's Disease 36 (2013) 665–677.

Determining the Presence of Periodontopathic Virulence Factors in Short-Term Postmortem Alzheimer's Disease Brain Tissue



UCLan study links dental care to dementia



Researchers find potential link between gum disease and Alzheimer's

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Researchers Find Link between Poor Oral Health and Alzheimer's Disease



Researchers Find Potential Link Between Gum Disease and Alzheimer's

<http://www.scienceworldreport.com/articles/14833/20140519/gum-disease-bacteria-may-increase-risk-of-heart-disease.htm>

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