Annual Conference of The Indian Orthopaedic Association
3 - 8 December, 2013
Jaypee Palace Hotel & International Convention Centre

President’s Theme: Unite to Learn and Learn to Unite

First Announcement

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IOACON 2013 goes green
Dear Friends & Colleagues,

On behalf of the Agra Orthopedic Society and U.P. Orthopedic Association, we are delighted to invite you to the 58th Annual Conference of the Indian Orthopaedic Association, scheduled to be held in Agra from 3 - 8 December, 2013.

This promises to be an exciting and unique event with special initiatives being introduced for the first time in the history of IOA. We request you to visit the conference website periodically for updates.

With a history going back more than 5,000 years, Agra is a blend of tradition and modernity, where ancient monuments co-exist with contemporary architecture. Inimitable sightseeing opportunities, gourmet cuisine and spectacular entertainment await you in this historic city.

The organisers are sparing no efforts to make IOACON 2013 an unforgettable experience.

We look forward to welcoming you to Agra in December 2013.

K K Pruthi  
Organising Chairman

Sanjay Chaturvedi  
Organising Secretary

AGRA - THE HOST CITY

Agra's magnificent white marble Taj Mahal stands like a beacon, drawing visitors like moths to a flame. It is a blend of Hindu and Muslim architectural styles. Despite its iconic fame, the Taj is not a stand-alone attraction. The legacy of the Mughal empire has left a magnificent fort and a sprinkling of fascinating tombs and mausoleums, while the Yamuna River provides a suitably sacred backdrop. The Mughal emperor Babar established his capital here in 1526, and for the next century Agra witnessed a remarkable spate of architectural activity - Fatehpur Sikri, Agra Fort, Itmad-ud-Daulah’s tomb and others.

Agra is famous for snacks and sweets like Dalmoth, Gajak and Petha, of which several variations are available. The superb Mughlai cuisine with its luscious sauces of milk, curd, cream and crushed nuts is available in major hotels and restaurants in Agra. For a touch of local flavour, visitors are encouraged to check out the smaller eateries or “dhabas”, located all over the city.

The leather and footwear industry in Agra deserves a special mention - about 4,00,000 pairs of shoes and other footwear are produced every day, both in large factories and cottage industries. Agra is the leading footwear manufacturing hub in India.

Agra is pleasantly cool during the winter time, with December being the coldest month. Woollens and a Jacket are packing “must-haves” for the visitor.
**IOACON INITIATIVES**

A special initiative is being planned by way of a study on the prevalence of osteoarthritis in the Indian population and factors associated with it. A paper, based on the analysis of the data collected and collated, will be presented at the conference. This pan-India study will be conducted in metropolises, cities near metros, small towns and villages. This will be a first in the history of the IOACON conferences.

The organisers also aim to make this a green conference by using recyclable materials and making it as paperless as possible. Waste disposal, conservancy, vehicle emanation control are some of the areas where green measures will be taken. Online abstract submission and registration will be encouraged.

**SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME OVERVIEW**

The scientific deliberations will comprise orations, eponymous lectures, debates, symposia, guest lectures, white papers, plenary sessions, free papers and posters. Additionally, the organisers of IOACON 2013 aim to improve scientific content by collaborating with international orthopaedic associations. It is planned to have a multi-lingual hall so that non-English speaking delegates can participate in full measure.

Other sessions proposed are:
- Record keeping
- How to present and get your paper published
- Medico-legal aspects and how to safeguard oneself
- Recent advances
- Evidence based medicine

**WORKSHOP TOPICS**

**Basic Orthopedics**
- Imaging in day to day Orthopedics

**Arthroscopy**
- Basic
- Advance

**Shoulder and Elbow**
- Shoulder and Elbow Trauma

**Hands and Wrist**
- Wrist and Hand Trauma

**Spine**
- Advances in Disc Management
- Fixations in Spine

**Pelvis and acetabulum**
- Pelvi-Acetabular Injuries

**Hip**
- THR Basic
- THR Advance

**Knee**
- TKR Basic
- TKR Advance

**Foot and Ankle**
- Foot and Ankle Trauma

**Trauma**
- Fractures around Knee
- Recent Advances in Interlocking Nails
- Neglected Trauma in Lower Extremity

**Miscellaneous**
- Paediatric fractures Management Recent Trends
- International Instructional Courses
- P.G. Training Course
- Ilizarov and External Fixator in Orthopedics
- Osteotomy around Knee
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