

SPOSI ANNUAL CONFERENCE
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Dear colleagues,

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We are all going through unprecedented times of corona apocalypse. Even in these difficult times, we could manage to hold a very successful midterm SPOSI webinar from Amritsar. A great achievement for all of us.

Now, the annual SPOSI conference is due in December,2020. It will be held in the sun –city of India, Jodhpur, and organized by Jodhpur ophthalmology society with Dr Gulam Ali as the organizing secretary.

But due to certain regulations on Hotels, the LOC is not able to get booking confirmations. Regarding this, information letter has already been posted on website last month. If the corona regulations continue, it may not be possible to hold a physical conference. In that case, a 'virtual conference' may take place. But more importantly, gold –medals for winners of best papers of last conference have to be given in person, and Life-time achievement award has also to be bestowed in person; so attempt will be made to hold conference in person, even if it is slightly delayed. Anyway, whatever the decision will be of executive committee, will be conveyed to all members by intimation on website. Therefore, please keep in touch with the website after 30th September, by which date final decision will be announced.

Nevertheless, we will abide by all the items which have to be conducted this year. Hence, I would like to share the salient features of this conference.

- 1- We will be having elections for full executive this year. This includes vice-president, secretary, jt. Secretary, treasurer, editor-journal, and five executive members. As per the constitution, one seat is reserved from each of five zones for executive member. But any number of persons can apply from each zone.

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Please go thru the eligibility criteria, which is on the website, before applying for any post.

The last date for application, as of now, is 30th September, 2020.

In case of more than one contestant, 'on-line' elections as well as 'on-site' elections will take place. Dr Ankur Sinha, Treasurer, has been made incharge to conduct on-line elections. Please contact him for registration for 'on-line' voting. (mob: 9314666881, email: drankursinha@gmail.com)

The application of contestants, duly seconded by 2 SPOSI members, should be sent to the secretary office as mail and hard copy, with a copy to the president, by midnight of 30th September. Last date of withdrawal is 15th October.

- 2- As every year, we will be having scientific sessions which includes Free papers, video sessions (strabismus), Interesting case presentations, International paper presentation, E-posters, and Best publication in an indexed journal, all in **competitive category. The abstract can be sent 'on-line'. The link for online submission is : abstract.sposiindia.org.** In case of difficulty by online submission, abstracts can be sent on my email id. please gear up and prepare your presentations. The tentative last date of paper submission is 30th September. The scientific program, if all goes well, will be put on website by 31st October.

An "Excellence in strabismology", Prof. B S Goel award, is also in place. Applications with full CV should be sent to the secretary office, latest by 30th September.

Apart from this, we will have selected didactic talks, invited sessions, and other innovative sessions.

Thanking you, be safe & best wishes,

Prof. Yogesh Shukla, Secretary.