

SPAN 2018

Silver POSICON Archives and Newsletter

POSICON SILVER JUBILEE



Pihu : The mascot of POSICON 2019 (Designed by 13-year-old, Ms Ishva Mehta)

Message from the POSI President

Dr Ramani Narsimhan

Greetings to POSI fraternity!

As POSI nears its 'Silver Jubilee' next year, one cannot help but wonder on the awareness & interest that has been generated in the subject of **"Paediatric Orthopaedic Surgery"** throughout our country over these years, the strides that have been taken by our regional flag-bearers in the process, the progress that has been made both academically & socially not only nationally but also on the global platform, and the meticulous plans laid down for future of POSI. In a country which boasts of a significant youth power in the years to come, it is only befitting that POSI continues to expand and play a significant role in promoting **'bone & joint health' in children & young adults**. The impact of the same percolates and does produce dividends, especially in sports. Isn't it just amazing to have **Ms Hima Das** dashing away to win the prestigious 400m in the junior category on the international stage!

Yes, we all certainly can be proud of our achievements in the last 2 & 1/2 decades. The latter is primarily about expanding awareness in the subject and creating opportunities mainly for the younger Orthopods. It is important that each one of us realizes the time that has been invested and the effort that has soaked in, by the stalwarts of POSI over these years to achieve all this, and nothing

ought to be taken for granted. In fact, all the young members must learn to cherish this rich legacy of POSI which has been laid down, and strive to carry it forward successfully.

We eagerly look forward to a wonderful confluence of pure academic & social interaction in our special silver jubilee edition of **POSICON at Mumbai in January, 2019**.

God bless you all!

Warm regards



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25th year

Celebration!

SPAN is our monthly newsletter. Three issues will be released in the run up to the conference.

The theme of the newsletter is **"Looking back and moving forward"**

In addition to introducing the faculty, the newsletter will cover the achievements of POSI and its conferences over the last 25 years.



SAVE THE DATE

3rd - 6th January 2019

Even the Flamingos will be there!

25 ICLs

5 international
collaboration sessions

POSICON 2019 has a star-studded faculty from all over the world. **25 instructional course lectures and 5 international collaboration symposia** are planned.

Please see page 3 for a brief introduction of international faculty that are visiting India for the POSICON 2019 in Mumbai, India.

Call for abstracts!



My Vision for POSICON 2019

DR ASHOK JOHARI (Organising Chairman)



“Rujuta, Alaric, Atul and Taral have brought different talents and skills to the table!”

no small measure for the success of POSI 2000, 18 years ago.

So, what was unique? We envisioned that for the Silver Jubilee we needed to have at least **25 world renowned top class international faculty** and that was simple! We envisioned that we

25 Instructional courses and mini workshops

should have 25 ICL's / mini workshops and again that was done!! We will deliver more than what we envisaged! We thought of unique formats like the **Socratic session and Janus sessions** and they are there! To make this a truly international event, involvement of international organizations was desired and so coming to support us were reputed bodies like SICOT, IFPOS, POSNA, EPOS, APPOS and a host others.

Looking back and moving forward is important for an individual as well as for an organization like POSI. Janus signifies the two-headed god

that looks forward and backwards and as such epitomizes wisdom. Information is everywhere, knowledge is distilled but wisdom is the peak which very few can reach. If those who reach could share, many others would be helped in their journey. We have tried, through this conference, to get the POSICON faculty to part with this precious gem that they have gained through years of hard work, dedication and devotion to their field of interest.

Whatever you look for in a conference – **faculty, format, food for thought and for the palate, fusion of academics with great socialising, frenzy, frolic, fun** – you will find it all! There is knowledge and wisdom, practical insight into day to day problems and all else

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that is desired in a conference. Whilst we look back, please march forwards with us!!

It was 18 years ago that Mumbai hosted a POSICON. Since it was the new millennium, it was christened **POSI-2000**. It was destined to become a landmark conference with huge attendance, great international faculty, a wonderful format, many independent courses and workshops and the POSICON publications which are referred to even today!

Having the **Silver Jubilee Conference of POSI in Mumbai** was a logical conclusion. I was keen to have it in Mumbai to set uncomfortably high standards! To achieve these would require dedication and devotion to the cause and I had no doubt that I had a team par excel which could achieve this. **Rujuta, Alaric, Atul and Taral** each brought different talents and skills to the table and as young surgeons were responsible in

Dr Freeman Miller

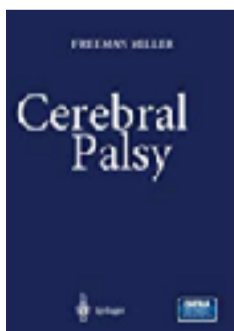
POSICON 2019 Orator

Freeman Miller was Co-director of the Cerebral Palsy Program and the Clinical Director of the Gait Analysis Laboratory at the A.I. duPont Hospital for Children, Wilmington, USA for 30 years. He continues as an emeritus staff member, providing consultative services and is active in the research program. His clinical practice of pediatric orthopedics is restricted to children with cerebral palsy.

Dr. Miller has published approximately 200 articles in peer reviewed journals and has published a book titled **Cerebral Palsy: A Guide for Caregiving** directed at families and care providers which is in its 3rd edition. He has also authored a **voluminous textbook on Cerebral Palsy**, outlining musculoskeletal care of the child with CP. He has been invited to deliver many lectures in 35 different countries.

Dr Freeman Miller is the 2019 POSICON Orator

In addition to the honour of being selected as the Orator at POSICON 2019, Dr. Miller will share his expertise on gait analysis in cerebral palsy, management of the neuromuscular upper limb, and management of complex problems in cerebral palsy.



Call for abstracts!



Dear Friends,

As the Scientific Chair of POSICON 2019, I extend a very warm welcome to all delegates to submit abstracts for our Silver Jubilee Conference. This year we are accepting abstracts for 5 types of presentations – allowing ample opportunities for delegates to showcase their exclusive scientific work on an international platform.

The presentation types are as follows:

- Free papers including the prestigious POSI Best Paper Award
- Poster presentation for short case series
- Short oral presentations for innovative techniques & new ideas
- Video presentations for surgical techniques
- Case presentations of interesting cases

Remember that only registered delegates can submit an abstract. You may submit abstracts in one or more of the types and one or more abstract under each type. The guidelines for abstract submission are available on our website. This year all submissions can only be done online through the conference website.

Do visit our website www.posi.in/Posicon2019 to submit your abstract.

With an expected audience of 1000+ delegates from all around the world, POSICON 2019 provides all presenters an ideal podium to display their original scientific oeuvre. Do not miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!

See you all soon at Silver Jubilee POSICON from 3rd – 6th January 2019.

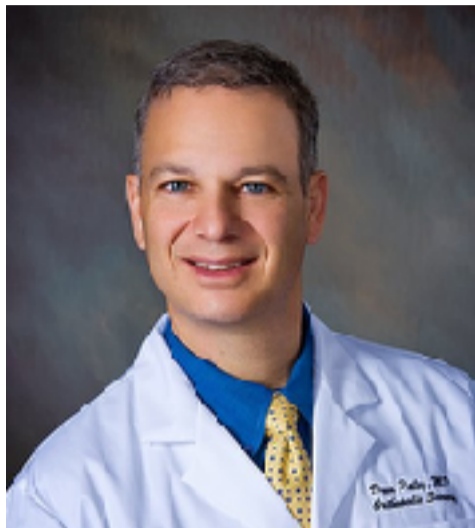
Dr Alaric Aroojis
Scientific Chair

[Click here to read the 2017 Interview with Dr Freeman Miller on the POSNA website](#)

POSICON 2019: Faculty

Dror Paley

Limb Deformity ICL



Dror Paley is the founder and Director of the **Paley Institute in West Palm Beach, Florida, USA**. His book, *Principles of Deformity Correction and Congenital Lower Limb Deformities*, has set a new standard in the understanding and treatment of limb deformities.

Dror Paley is one of the star attractions of POSICON 2019. Besides sharing his vast experience in **limb lengthening & limb reconstruction** during the conference, he will conduct a not-to-be-missed special post-conference course on **congenital limb deficiencies** for the 1st time in the India.

Leo Donnan

Oncology & limb reconstruction

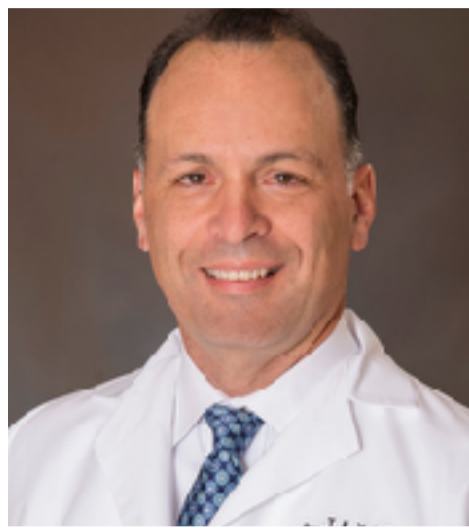


Leo Donnan has held positions as Head of Unit, Chief of Surgery and Director of Training at the **Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne, Australia**. He is currently the lead surgeon in pediatric oncology and limb reconstruction and the Director of Surgical Training and Head of Clinical Research. His principal clinical interests are **hip dysplasia, limb reconstruction and orthopaedic oncology**.

Dr. Donnan is world-renowned for his expertise in **orthopaedic oncology and limb reconstruction** and will lead the ICLs in these two important topics at POSICON 2019.

Dan Sucato

Scoliosis & Pelvic osteotomy



Dan Sucato is currently the Chief of Staff at **Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children**, and Professor in the Dept. of Orthopaedic surgery at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, Texas, USA. He serves as Director of the Sarah M. and Charles E. Seay/Martha and Pat Beard Center for Excellence in Spine Research.

Dan will showcase his two areas of expertise at POSICON 2019 with ICLs on **advanced pelvic osteotomies and adolescent idiopathic scoliosis** – a treat for hip and spine enthusiasts.

John Flynn

Pediatric trauma



Jack Flynn is the Chief of Orthopedic Surgery at The **Children's Hospital of Philadelphia** and Professor of Orthopedic Surgery at the **University of Pennsylvania, USA**. His clinical focus includes spine deformity, early onset scoliosis/thoracic insufficiency, fractures, hip disorders and CP. He is the editor of seminal texts in pediatric orthopaedic books: Lovell and Winter's *Pediatric Orthopaedics*, Rockwood's *Fractures in Children*, *Operative Techniques in Pediatric Orthopaedics* and *Staying out of Trouble in Pediatric Orthopaedics*.

At POSICON 2019, Jack will be leading the ICLs on **upper limb & lower limb paediatric trauma** besides convening a wildly popular mini-symposium on Paediatric trauma called "Fix it or leave it".

Darko Anticevic

Metabolic bone disease



Darko Anticevic is Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at **University of Zagreb, School of Medicine and Senior Consultant at Children's Hospital, Pediatric Orthopaedic Department, Zagreb, Croatia**. He has held numerous prestigious positions which include being the EPOS president (2017/2018), IFPOS president (2016-2017) and IFPOS Board member from 2011 - 2015.

Dr. Anticevic is the pre-eminent world authority on **Osteogenesis imperfecta** and will lead the ICLs on **metabolic bone disease and lytic lesions of bones** at POSICON 2019.

Peter Newton

Spinal Deformity



Peter Newton is the chief of Orthopedics at the **Rady Children's Hospital in San Diego California, USA** and is also a clinical professor in the department of Orthopedic Surgery at the **University of California, San Diego, USA**. He is a past-President of the Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America and currently Vice-President of the Scoliosis Research Society. His clinical interests have been focused on novel treatments for scoliosis.

Peter promises to regale the audience of POSICON 2019 with his masterful talks on **early onset scoliosis and adolescent idiopathic scoliosis**, besides participating in a showdown on spinal instrumentation during the **Janus sessions of POSICON 2019**. Spine surgeonsmiss this at your own risk!

Harry Kim

Pediatric Hip



Harry Kim, MD, is the Director of Research and the Director for the Center for Excellence in Hip Disorders at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, Texas, USA. He is a Professor of Orthopedic Surgery at University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.

Dr Kim has a special clinical and research interest in Legg-Calve-Perthes disease. Prof Kim is the obvious choice to lead the ICL on **genetics and basic science research** at POSICON 2019. He will also share his path-breaking research on **Perthes disease and femoral head osteonecrosis** during the conference.

Peter Waters

Upper extremity



Peter Waters has been on staff at the **Boston Children's Hospital, USA** since 1989 as the Director of the Hand and Upper Extremity Surgery Program and is the Orthopaedic Surgeon-in-Chief at Boston Children's Hospital and John E. Hall Professor of Orthopedic Surgery at the Harvard Medical School. Dr. Waters was the president of the Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America from 2011-2012.

Dr. Waters is our star upper extremity faculty at POSICON 2019 and will lead the ICLs on **congenital upper limb anomalies and the neuromuscular upper limb**. This is an event that cannot be missed by any upper extremity / hand surgeon.

Looking back

Puneri Peshwai

POSICON 2012

PUNE, Maharashtra

The POSICON 2012 meeting was held and conducted in the City of Pune . A Modernistic City, with a rich historical heritage , Pune has indeed inherited the Title of “ The New Technology Hub” of the Country .

With **Dr Sandeep Patwardhan** at the helm of affairs, it was the first time that a POSICON meeting was held in a 5 Star Annexed Convention Centre . With a Star Studded Faculty from all over the World, the meeting had over **600 Delegates**, registered as attendees .

Despite having **5 Speciality workshops & a Packed Academic Program**, the meeting was conducted with clockwork precision. **Prof Scott Mubarak** was felicitated with life time achievement Award. The meeting make a mark on the mind of the attendees with a stimulating academic program mixed with a tadka of Puneri Hospitality.



Dr Sandeep Patwardhan



In Orange County : POSICON 2017

Nagpur, Maharashtra

The Posicon 2017 Annual Meeting was Hosted by the **Vidarbha Orthopaedic Association** under the able leadership of the dynamic, Viraj Shingade. A Bundle of Energy, with an eye for intricate details and a tenacity second to none, Dr Viraj lead the team from Front.

With **12 International Faculty**, including the who's who from POSNA and 85 national Faculties, the conference was a perfect balance of academics interspersed with the typical “Nagpuri Hospitality”.

Commencing on the 26th of January, India's Republic Day, the conference boasted of a plethora of academic sessions including workshops, keynote addresses, interactive sessions and case discussion forums. With undying enthusiasm and overflowing halls, the hosts had to literally organize a bunch of extra chairs to accommodate the audiences.

May it be the inaugural function, which was began with the National Anthem, faculties felicitated with a tricolor sash, the **Memorable Group Photo** which

was planned and executed to perfection or the heart warming **POSIOration delivered by Dr Ashok Johari** on his journey in pediatric Orthopedics, or the '**POSIO Song**' each module displayed exemplary methodology and clockwork precision.

The icing on this academic bonanza was the Medicolegal 'Sach ka Samna Session', which delivered a strong message in a light-hearted manner.



Dr Viraj Shingade

