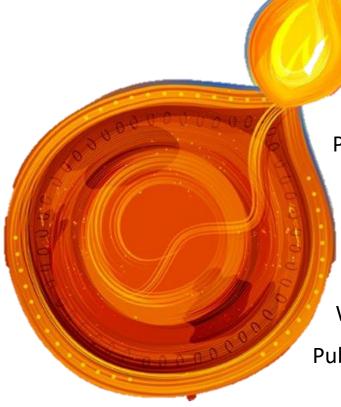


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Dear Friends,

I would like to wish all members a very Happy Diwali. Let there be light to destroy all evils , ignorance , fear and spread cheer all around the world.

From the Secretary

Welcome to POSITIVE the POSI Newsletter.

We started 2020 enthusiastically with a wonderful **POSICON at Coimbatore** hosted by Dr Venkatdass and the new executive committee took charge full of ideas and enthusiasm. But then The Pandemic stuck and the mood became somber and fearful with uncertainty over the future. We witnessed an an unprecedented **Lockdown** and people were out of work and tense. After the reality of the situation sunk in, POSI was

the first body to issue **guidelines to doctors** about patient care in the Pandemic and make it available on its website. POSI realised this could be a golden chance to boost Academics and was at the forefront of academics as usual quickly. People realised that they have free time on hand and it was time to sharpen the brain. We had an idea that we should have a Meet the Masters programme where we invite Stalwarts from abroad and learn from them but finding funding was going to be a challenge. Our President, Dr. Dhiren Ganjwala who supported the concept led from the front and went a step further and wrote to many stalwarts around the world and POSI conducted over 30 **Webinars** on various Paediatric Orthopaedic Topics and today we have material of over 50 hours of viewing time available to members on the website.

POSICON 2021 GOA which was due in Jan was postponed to 2022 and the Executive Committee took it upon themselves to conduct the 1st Web conference of POSICON 2021 in Jan. The previous registrations for the GOA meeting have been carried forward.



Meanwhile, Dr Alaric Aroojis, our Vice President is overseeing 2 prestigious POSI projects

1. The National DDH Screening Programme, and is collaborating with Paediatric, Neonatology, Gynaecology, Radiology Associations to evolve a consensus and

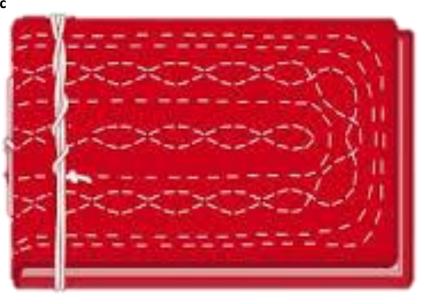
2. The CP HIP surveillance programme, with IACP under guidance of Dr Ashok Johari to an advanced stage of finalisation with help from all Senior POSI members like Dr Ramani Narsimhan, Dr Sakti Das and Friends of POSI from abroad, like Dr Kishore Mulpuri, Dr Abhay Khot and Dr Mohan Betul.

Dr Jayanth Sampath also deserves kudos for the excellent work he has done in creation of the IJPO, International Journal of Paediatric

Orthopaedics, the official POSI journal. I request all members to contribute to the journal, and we hope to get it PUB med Indexed soon.

POSI members also published extensively in various journals in the Pandemic times. A list of the publications by POSI members can be found in this newsletter.

POSI also started the **POSI PG Gurukul** for educating the Post Graduates and already 5 episodes have been aired under the Leadership of Dr Venkatdass.



We also plan to start **POSI Patient information and education resource (PIER)** on the website and are in the process of creating content under the leadership of Dr Manoj Padman, Dr Viraj Shingade and Dr Bibhudatta Sahu.

SRCC NH Children Hospital, Mumbai was accedated by POSI for Paediatric orthopaedic fellowship during the pandemic and POSI wishes to thank Dr Ashok Johari and Dr Alaric for sparing time for the same. Accreditation of CNBC, Delhi was renewed online.

We have also received 16 applications for new membership which will be ratified at POSICON 2021.POSI also received highest applications (20) for the **Prof Kaye Wilkins Inland fellowship** as



well as the POSI UK and Canada Fellowships, and the fellowship committee has done a great job in selecting the best candidates.

We are also in the process of revamping the **website**, making the records of POSI digital and enhancing digitisation of all processes for the future and making it up to world standards. We have been lucky to have a dedicated team in form of Dr Taral Nagda, Dr Easwar and Dr Ashok Shyam, who have helped us in enhancing digital processes and improving communication with members and the world orthopaedic community.

Dr Hitesh Shah, our efficient treasurer has made sure that the bank accounts are transferred and are now digitally accessible so that payments can happen digitally to POSI in the future .

I would urge all members to visit our website <u>www.posi.in</u> and register for POSICON 2021 Web Conference which promises to be exciting as usual, and submit abstracts for Free papers best papers soon .

Also contribute original articles, case reports to IJPO by writing to the editor and following the submission process.

We have done a lot in 9 months but a lot more remains to be done and we look forward to a vibrant POSI for the future.

The eyes of the world are upon us.

Warm regards

Sandeep Patwardhan

Secretary, POSI.



One thousand words...

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Predawn at Angkor Wat

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Webinars and Beyond

President's Pendrive

Improvement of care of children having musculoskeletal problems is one of the important objectives of POSI. Annual conferences of POSI are the important events for exchange of knowledge. POSI news-letters and journals are the second source of transfer of knowledge.

> POSI webinars became the third modality for the same purpose. We started our webinar activity on 25th March 2020. We were new to the technology and so our 1st webinar was a recorded webinar. Then came the COVID-19 crisis. It affected most of us significantly and negatively. But it was a boon for the POSI webinars. We had almost one webinar every week for few months. We completed more than 30 webinars in last 7 months.

> > We had a galaxy of faculty from 5 continents. We covered various topics related to paediatric orthopaedics but also covered - how to safeguard us from covid.



In addition to lectures by expert faculty, our members presented their challenging cases.

The exchange of knowledge was the hallmark of these webinars. If we consider the total duration of the webinars, it comes to more than 50 hours, almost 4 times of our annual conference.

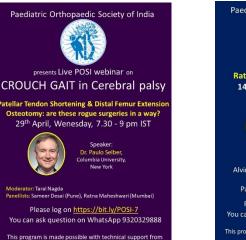
These webinars are live telecasted for the members and we also archived them at our website www.posi.in so that members can view them later.

Our committee is working hard to innovate the format of the webinar so that we draw maximum benefit out of it. Please feel free to suggest new topics and faculty.

Dhiren Ganjwala

President POSI



















I am extremely proud of POSI leadership for organizing such an excellent series of webinars in quick succession, on topics that were relevant to not only their members, but orthopedic surgeons worldwide. The faculty, both national and international, were well chosen, and represented a diverse background. The panel discussion and time keeping was impeccable. I am hoping that POSI leadership continues to organize and archive such webinars on a regular basis, as this educational platform brings together a wide array of experts with limited expense and allows global viewership.

Sanjeev Sabharwal, USA

When the leadership of POSI first contacted me in the early days of the evolving pandemic asking me to give a presentation in the POSI webinar series, I thought it was interesting and innovative. Little did I know how insightful and productive this effort would prove to be. This webinar series has a very broad reach and appeal and has featured a diverse and rich range of topics. The platform is easy to access. The panel format of discussants coupled with the chat option for attendees creates a highly interactive and valuable experience. I have never before had an opportunity to reach so many people with a single presentation. **Tom Novacheck, USA**





I would like to congratulate the Pediatric Orthopedic Society of India for reaching out to a great number of professionals dedicated to paediatric orthopedics and allied health nationally and internationally - through their 2020 webinar series. In a year where resilience has become essential as air, water, and food - POSI has used its respectable position to produce and share knowledge through enjoyable, informal and friendly webinars. Science, evidence, expertise and passion for our profession and ultimately for our patients transpired in each and every episode of this honourable project. Thank you POSI. Paulo Selber, USA



Cool ways to teach and learn

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POSI PG Gurukul

The POSI-PG Gurukul is a series of webinars initiated by POSI with a vision of training the Orthopaedic Residents in common paediatric orthopaedic problems. Though there is a surplus of volume of paediatric orthopaedic cases in our country, unfortunately there is a

dearth of experienced paediatric orthopaedic surgeons across various medical institutions in the country to impart the required knowledge to the students. Since there is lack of uniformity in the availability of trained paediatric orthopaedic surgeons in the country, **POSI has started this 'paediatric orthopaedic teaching webinars' with a specific goal of training the young post-graduates**. On this front, it was planned to involve younger members of POSI to be "Gurus" who would give a talk on a particular topic for 30 minutes followed by 30 minutes of interactive session by senior POSI members who are named as "Satgurus". The topics are chosen in a way to cover common paediatric orthopaedic problems, which the residents would face not only in the exams but also in their day-to-day clinical practice. We believe that this will help to upsurge the paediatric orthoapedic knowledge of the residents as well as pave way to develop interest in some of the residents to take up the specialty.

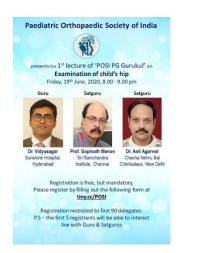
The webinar usually happens on the third Friday of every month between 8 and 9pm.

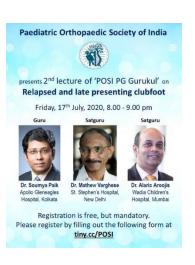
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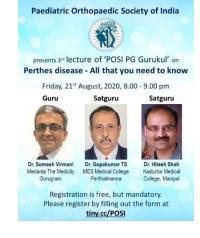
Member Executive Committee and Project In-charge POSI PG Gurukul



| Date & Session | Торіс | Guru | Satgurus |
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| 19/06/2020 Gurukul – 1 | Clinical Examination of the Hip | Dr Vidyasagar, Hyderabad | Dr Anurag Agrawal, New Delhi Dr Gopinath Menon, Chennai |
| 17/07/2020 Gurukul – 2 | Relapsed and late presenting CTEV | Dr Soumya Paik, Kolkatta | Dr Mathew Varghese, New Delhi Dr Alaric Aroojis, Mumbai |
| 21/08/2020 Gurukul – 3 | Perthes disease – All that you need to know | Dr Somesh Virmani, New Delhi | Dr Gopakumar TS, Perinthalmanna Dr Hitesh Shah, Manipal |
| 18/09/2020 Gurukul – 4 | Osteotomy for deformity correction – where, why & how? | Dr Amit Nemade, Nagpur | Dr PN Gupta, Chandigarh Dr Binoi Seth, Mumbai |
| 16/10/2020 Gurukul – 5 | Elbow Enigmas in Exams – approach & solutions | Dr Deeptiman James, Vellore | Dr Bobby John, Ludhiana Dr Rujuta Mehta, Mumbai |











Projected future

POSI Projects

POSI has initiated two important collaborative projects for the academic year 2020-21

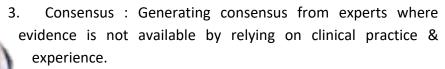
Development of DDH screening guidelines and DDH Care Pathway

POSI took the lead in setting up a high-level DDH Expert Group comprising of members of various national organizations involved in paediatric care, in order to establish contextually-relevant screening guidelines for DDH in India.

This project rests upon four important legs:

1. Awareness : Creating awareness among Paediatricians & PCPs about the incidence & deleterious effects of late-diagnosed DDH

2. Evidence : Collecting evidence from existing literature the help development of guidelines. Simultaneously to detect gaps in literature for future research.



4.Implementation : Ensuring that guidelines are practical & useful for dissemination & immediate implementation

The entire timeline for this project is expected to be 1 year.

The first step involved recruiting relevant healthcare providers to the management of patients with DDH in order to form a DDH Care Pathway Expert Group.

We partnered with various national organizations; such as the Indian Academy of Pediatrics (IAP), National Neonatology Forum of India (NNFI),





Indian Radiological and Imaging Association (IRIA), Indian Federation for Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology (IFUMB), Indian Orthopaedic Association (IOA) & the Federation of Obstetric and Gynaecological Societies of India (FOGSI); with each organization nominating a few representatives.

These organizations represent over 120,000 healthcare specialists in India, which speaks to the scope of this project and the impact the care pathway will have upon implementation.

The goal of this stage was to sensitize all members of the interdisciplinary group to the topic and administer surveys to help us understand practice patterns, local needs, and access to resources and expertise. We began regular monthly Zoom meetings to share relevant literature and discuss the role of various screening modalities. After this stage we moved onto the Delphi approach, which consists of multiple rounds of survey interspersed with online group meetings. The multi-round process begins with a comprehensive list of consensus statements on the topic, and participants rate their agreement

with each statement. After the survey is completed, the working group then meets to discuss the statements where consensus was not reached. This iterative process continues until there is a list of statements that have reached consensus across the group — these statements then used to develop the are Care Pathway. Once the guidelines & care pathway are finalized, the results will be disseminated widely on various organizations' websites, newsletters & associations' apps / social media etc. A white paper will be prepared & the project will be submitted for publication to reputed, peer-reviewed national / international



diagnosis and management decisions and decrease the prevalence of walking-age DDH on a global scale. We propose to complete this project by March 2021.





Development of guidelines for CP hip surveillance

A similar process is being followed to develop hip surveillance guidelines for Cerebral Palsy (CP). A National Committee has been constituted comprising of senior members from POSI, Indian Academy of Cerebral Palsy (IACP), IAPMR (Indian Association of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation), AIOTA (All India Occupational Therapists Association), Association of Child Neurology (AOCN), IAP (Indian Association of Physiotherapists), IOA (Indian Orthopaedic Association) and IAP (Indian Academy of Paediatrics).

During Phase I of the project (May – Sept 2020), a very detailed literature review was conducted by members of the committee under 8 different modules, covering natural history & risk factors for hip displacement in CP, existing global surveillance systems, radiology, outcomes, management and review of Indian literature on the topic. This was mainly to sensitize the group to the problem and creating

awareness about the magnitude of the problem and gaps in evidence. We are now starting with Phase II – the actual development of Indian guidelines using established international guidelines, evidence from literature and consensus-building using the Delphi approach. Once the guidelines are finalized and tested to be relevant to the Indian context, we will begin the 3rd phase of implementing various tools for active dissemination of the guidelines. These will include online resources, publications, mobile apps, elearning modules, integration with existing clinical decision support systems, social media, press releases, CMEs & conferences etc. We also plan to liaise with existing government initiatives such as the Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) so as to ensure widespread in the public health sector.





POSI is extremely grateful to the research team at BC Children's Hospital, Vancouver, Canada for providing academic inputs, technical expertise, access to their REDCap database for conducting surveys and the Delphi process, ethics approvals, and a dedicated research student to co-ordinate and assist in both projects. We also thank the International Hip Dysplasia Registry (IHDR) & I'm a HIPpy for committing to provide educational grants to fund various expenses we are likely to incur during the guideline development and implementation phases of both projects.

Dr. Alaric Aroojis

Vice-President, POSI & Project Lead

Great collaboration with @POSI_in and many other organizations in India to improve hip health of children in India. No child should suffer from the burden of Hip Dysplasia.

Kishore Mulpuri

B C Children's Hospital Vancouver Canada





PIER REVIEW

Patient education

POSI Patient Information & Education Resources

During the EC meeting on 9th August 2020, it was decided to create online content on POSI website for the benefit of parents and caregivers, which would be a reliable and authenticated source of information about common

Paediatric Orthopaedic problems. The content would be created in a format which

would be easily understood by the lay public and in the first instance would cover a range of

common non-traumatic pathologies. While the material would be comprehensive in order to provide as much information as possible, care would be taken to ensure that there is no endorsement by POSI about any specific line of management or about any specific care provider.

It was decided that other members of the EC as well as younger members of POSI would be co-opted to provide preliminary content which would subsequently be vetted. **The material would be made**

available on the website and accessible to the general public, and over time this

information source could be used by all POSI members to counsel families and care givers.







Journey of the POSI Journal

IJPO

All said, 2020 has been the most eventful year in living memory. In spite of the challenges faced due to the pandemic, the POSI Editorial Team is pleased to report good progress on the academic front. At the time of hand-over in January 2020, POSI had an arrangement with the publishing house Wolters Kluwer to bring out the Paediatric Orthopaedics and Related Sciences (PORS) journal. Shortly after POSICON 2020, we received an offer from Indian Orthopaedic Research Group (IORG) to publish the POSI journal. IORG has been publishing International Journal of Paediatric Orthopaedics (IJPO) with free full-text online access since 2015. After due

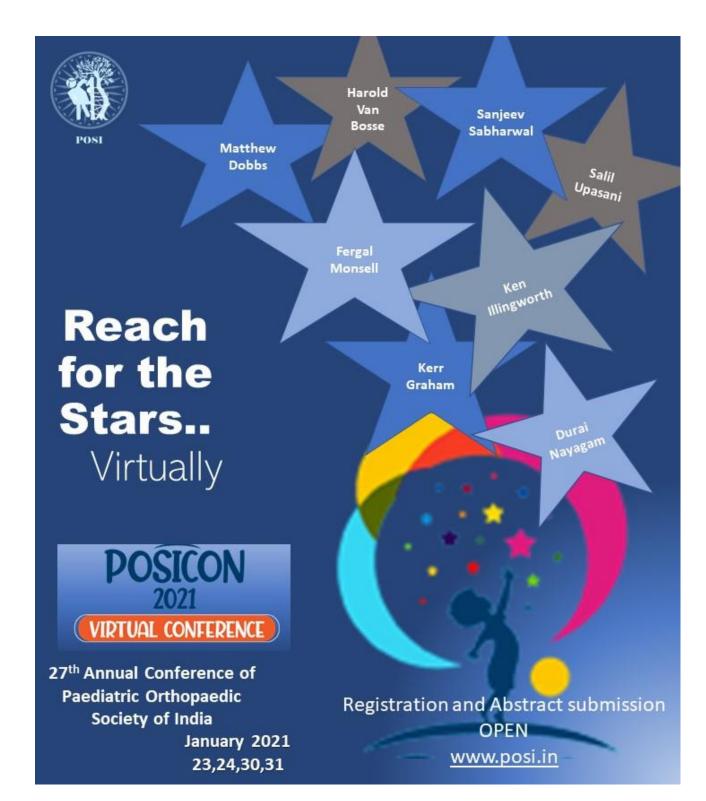
deliberation, it was decided in the EC to take up this offer. IJPO is now the official POSI journal and members have the opportunity to submit articles to the journal without any processing charge.

The call to expand the editorial team received an enthusiastic response from POSI members. The in-house team of 20 associate and assistant editors is supported by an equal number of reviewers. This capacity gives us the ability to quickly review submissions and provide a decision to authors. Our idea is to encourage submissions from postgraduates and young surgeons. As part of the review process, the team has been providing constructive inputs to authors about improving the language and content of the submissions. I would like to thank the existing editorial team for their contributions.

> The first POSI issue of IJPO will be released shortly with further issues being published on a quarterly basis. Free full-text access to the journal is available on <u>www.ijpoonline.com</u>. Lastly, I request every POSI member to encourage their trainees to submit their work to IJPO. Please write to me with your comments and suggestions <u>editor.posi.ijpo@gmail.com</u>.

Jayanth S Sampath FRCSEd (Tr & Orth) Editor, POSI.







World Wide Web

POSI website which was started in 2004 is a reflection of the evolution of the organisation

We invite you to log on to this fountain of information and knowledge

-History of POSI : Past conferences, Newsletters

-Events information: forthcoming conferences and online registrationa nd abstract submission

-Posi Webinars: direct open access to videos of the POSI webinars 31 till date

-POSI PG Gurukul: open access to postgraduate teaching sessions of POSI

-POSI NEWS : updated information on POSI's ongoing projects, fellowships and events

-Silverlines: Open access videos of Silver POSICPN ICLs

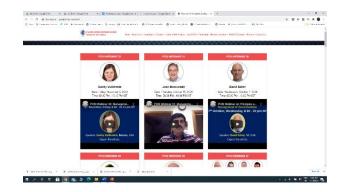
POSi is active on social media Facebook, Twitter, Whatsapp, You tube

We now have a mix of experienced and youth with team consisting of Taral Nagda, T S Easwar and Ashok Shyam.

The POSI webinars and POSI PG Gurukul have had unprecedented global reach and we hope that POSICON 2021 virtual conference will continue the momentum.

Taral Nagda T S Easwar Ashok Shyam





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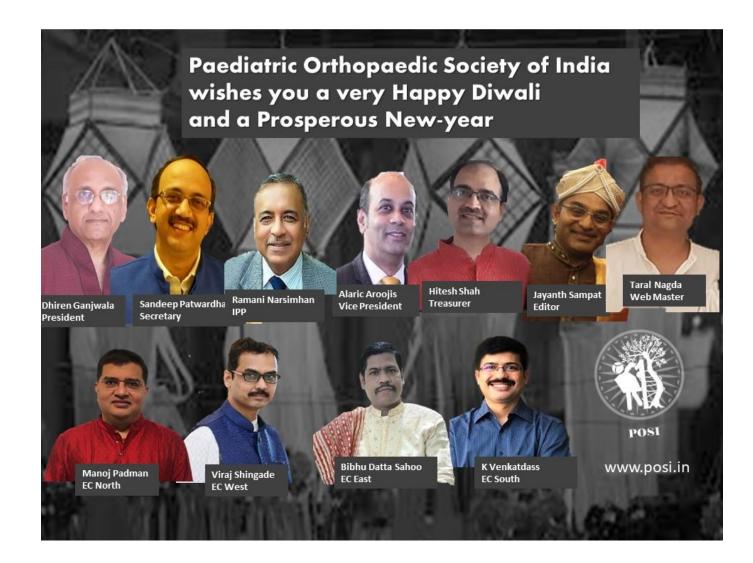
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