
FROM THE DESK OF THE EDITOR

The second issue compiled by the new Editorial Board is now in your hands. We have now completed 25 years of publication. We have made changes in the format of Pakistan Journal of Surgery. We hope it will be liked by the readers.

In January 2010, the Society of Surgeons of Pakistan, Karachi Chapter organized Surgicon 2010, an international event which was participated by majority of surgeons from all chapters of Society of Surgeons as well as a number of surgeons participated from United Kingdom, United States and Australia.

The salient features of this international conference was six pre-conference workshops namely, Carotid Endarterectomy under Local Anesthesia, Difficult Cholecystectomy, Groin & Ventral Hernia Repair, Upper & Lower G.I. Endoscopy, ERCP PEG, Single Port Laparoscopic Surgery, Advance laparoscopic surgery, Bariatric Surgery and SILS. The scientific sessions were held at Hotel Ramada, Karachi. The Chief Guest for the Inaugural Session was the Provincial Health Minister Sindh, Dr Saghir Ahmed. The scientific sessions ran at three different halls simultaneously.

There was an audiovisual conference on Ro-

botics in General Surgery and Natural Orifice Transluminal Endoscopic Surgery (NOTES). There were sessions on Urology, Bariatric Surgery, Breast Surgery, Orthopaedic Surgery, Paediatric Surgery, Upper Gastrointestinal Surgery, Advanced Laparoscopic Surgery, Colorectal Surgery and Tumour Board.

The Professor Manzar Saleem Memorial Lecture was delivered by Prof. Zafar Ullah Chaudhry, President, College of Physicians & Surgeons Pakistan on "Structured Training Program in General Surgery". Prof Syed Adeebul Hasan Rizvi gave a state-of-the-art lecture on "Future of transplant program in Pakistan". Prof Majeed Chaudhry, Ex-President, Society of Surgeons of Pakistan delivered an excellent talk on medical ethics and the surgeon of future in Pakistan. The guest speakers Dr Amir Khan from UK delivered a state-of-the-art lecture on obesity management; Dr Aijaz Jabbar from Scotland delivered a state-of-the-art lecture on laparoscopic colorectal surgery and Dr Syed Yousuf Iftikhar from UK presented his state-of-the art lecture on "Oesophageal cancer - are we at cross-road?" There were several excellent papers from senior surgeons from all over Pakistan. This conference was highly appreciated by the surgical fraternity.

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