

THERE IS NO FUTURE WITHOUT THE PAST

AN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE OF IAGE



DR. NARGESH
Motashaw



In the tapestry of time, the threads of the past weave the fabric of our future. In the story of the Indian Association of Gynaecological Endoscopists (IAGE), one name shines bright: Dr. Nargesh Motashaw. As the founder and president, Dr. Motashaw played a crucial role in shaping the association's early years. Back then, finding members was a challenge, but her determination never wavered.

In 2005, Dr. Motashaw's contributions were recognized with the prestigious PC Roy Award, bestowed upon her by the esteemed President of India, Dr. Abdul Kalam, at the revered Rashtrapati Bhavan. A poignant moment captured in history, Dr. Kalam's gesture of assistance to Dr. Motashaw, who was on a wheelchair, epitomized the humility and camaraderie that defined her character.

Additionally, Dr. Motashaw's illustrious career extended beyond the borders of the IAGE, as she served on the international advisory body of the AAGL for nearly a quarter of a century. Today, as we reflect on her legacy, the IAGE fraternity stands united in paying homage to her remarkable contributions. Her unwavering spirit and tireless advocacy continue to inspire us as we chart the course for the future of gynaecological endoscopy.

IAGE WAS FOUNDED BY AN ENTHUSIASTIC GROUP OF 16, LED BY DR. N D MOTASHAW ON THE 10TH OF JUNE 1978

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THE DEPUTY ASSISTANT CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

In the matter of Public Trust: THE INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF GYNAECOLOGICAL ENDOCRINOLOGISTS

Dr. Mahendran Lal Jadhav & J. J. Jadhav Manoj Prasad

Dr. Siddharth D. Khandwala

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1. I submit the following necessary particulars:-

(a) The designation by which the public trust is or shall be known: (Name of the Public Trust) The Indian Association of Gynaecological Endocrinologists.

(b) Names of the trustees and managers with their addresses. Refer to Memorandum of Association Clause No. 4.

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3. Fee of Rs. 25/- (Rupees twenty five only) accompanies.

4. Any communication to the Trustee or Manager in connection with the trust may be sent to the following address:-

Name: Dr. Siddharth D. Khandwala,

Address: Dr. Khandwala's Hospital, Keshavji Jadhavji Bldg, Prarthana Samaj, Bombay 400 004.

Date: 19th January 1979

Signature of applicant: Dr. Khandwala

I the abovesaid Dr. Siddharth D. Khandwala of Bombay, do solemnly affirm and say that what is stated in the above application is true to the best of my information and belief.

Solely affirmed at 19th day of January 1979

(Signature) Dr. Khandwala

Before me, Dr. K. S. Goleia, T. R. O. G. R. B'bar, 25-00, 44489, 305 and 279

4. NAMES AND ADDRESSES AND DESIGNATIONS, OCCUPATIONS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MANAGING COMMITTEE AS FORMED BY THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION, THE MANAGEMENT AND ITS APPOINTMENT ENTRUSTED.

Name	Designation	Occupation	Address
1. Dr. N. D. Motashaw	President	Gynaecologist	"Delstar" 9, Parkar Road, Bombay 400 026.
2. Dr. D. N. Patel	Vice President	Gynaecologist	10, Jer Baug, Byculla, Bombay 400 027.
3. Dr. S. D. Khandwala	Hon. General Secretary	Gynaecologist	Keshavji Jadhavji Bldg, Sarder V.P. Road, Prarthana Samaj, Bombay 400 004.
4. Dr. Mahendra N. Parikh	Hon. Jt. Secretary	Gynaecologist	28, Kailash Darshan Kennedy Bldg, Bombay 400 007.
5. Dr. P. V. Mehta	Hon. Treasurer	Gynaecologist	Gita Building, Pandita Rameshji Road, Ja. Devi, Bombay 400 007.
6. Dr. Rohit V. Bhatt	Member	Gynaecologist	L-4, Doctor's Quarters, Indira Avenue Road, Yashwantrao Chavan Compound, Baroda 390001.
7. Dr. Sadhana K. Desai	Member	Gynaecologist	Dar. ul. Muluk, P. N. Sabai Road, Bombay 400 007.

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8. Dr. C. L. Jhaveri	Member	Gynaecologists	"Jayadeep" Lady Hardings Road, Matunga, Bombay 400 016.
9. Dr. Shirin P. Mehtaji	Member	Gynaecologists	Churchgate Chambers, New Marine Lines, Bombay 400 020.
10. Dr. V. N. Purandare	Member	Gynaecologist	Purandar, G. R. 31/C Dr. N. A. Purandare Marg, Bombay 400 007.
11. Dr. A. Padma Rao	Member	Gynaecologist	Professor and Head of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Kasturba Medical College Hospital, Manipal 576118.
12. Dr. R. P. Soonawala	Member	Gynaecologist	Empire Estate, 4, Kranti Marg, Kempte Corner, Bombay 400 026.
13. Dr. S. S. Thakur	Member	Gynaecologist	Golul, Ronade Road, Extension, Dadar, Bombay 400 028.
14. Dr. B. C. Lahiri	Member	Gynaecologist	363, Elgin Road, Calcutta 700 020.
15. Dr. M. Kochhar	Member	Gynaecologist	Medical Superintendent, Kasturba Hospital, New Delhi-2.
16. Dr. P. R. Vaidya	Member	Gynaecologist	Professor and Head of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Kasturba Medical College Hospital, Manipal 576118.

Our past Presidents Dr. Adi Dastoor and Dr. Shyam Desai enlighten us further with their reminiscences of the early days of endoscopy at IAGE.

Past Presidents (2001-2023)



Dr. Adi Dastur



Dr. Shyam Desai



Dr. Prashant Mangeshikar



Dr. Hrishikesh Pai



Dr. Rakesh Sinha



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Dr. Krishnakumar S



Dr. Bhaskar Pal



Dr. Pandit Palaskar

Dr. Shyam Desai shares, that the formation of the Indian Association of Gynaecological Endoscopists was actually initiated by Professor Motashaw, who was very well connected with several endoscopists all over the world, which enabled her to stay very up to date with the advances in endoscopy all across the world. As a result, it was her initiative that led to the formation of the Indian Association of Gynaecological Endoscopists. She was the founder and president, and along with her, Dr. Dina Patel, Dr. Siddharth Khandwala, and Dr. MN Parikh, all of whom were keen on endoscopy, were responsible for the firm entrenchment of IAGE as an organization.

Initially, all the office bearers and the head office were obviously located in Mumbai. However, over the years, it has slowly transformed into a national organization, and now people from various parts of the country are able to not only participate in the activities but also hold responsible office bearer positions. Dr. Shyam Desai continues to share that he was fortunate because 1976 he joined KEM Hospital as a junior house surgeon, and the unit headed by Dr. Motashaw, and regular endoscopic procedures were being carried.

Of course, in those days, the procedures were mainly diagnostic endoscopy for infertility or abdominal pain, and the procedure was performed by junior house surgeons, giving them first-hand knowledge of the procedure. Indeed, Dr. Motashaw orchestrated programs that attracted professors from across the nation, offering them a first-hand glimpse into the intricacies of endoscopic procedures. Under her guidance, they weren't just observers; they were afforded hands-on experience, a testament to her commitment to promoting endoscopy in India. Her efforts bore fruit, elevating India's standing on the international stage.

The Indian Association of Gynaecological Endoscopists (IAGE) burgeoned exponentially. Personally, I've been privileged to serve as an office bearer, actively participating in numerous workshops.

In 2003, I assumed the mantle of President of the IAGE, a role I proudly held for two fruitful years before passing it on to Dr. Prashant Mangeshkar in 2005. Subsequently, a succession of capable leaders helmed the organization, steering it toward greater heights.

Today, the IAGE isn't merely a recognizable entity; it's a beacon of excellence in the field of endoscopy. We've transcended diagnostic procedures to undertake highly advanced operative endoscopies, earning accolades globally. It's a source of immense pride to witness many of our members acclaimed as top tier endoscopists worldwide. The IAGE isn't just an organization; it's a coveted community, with aspirants clamouring to join its ranks and collaborate on ground-breaking endeavours says Dr. Shyam Desai as he concludes past pondering.

In the bustling corridors of KEM Hospital, two distinct groups flourished under the guiding hand of Dr. Motashaw, states Dr. Adi Dastoor as he continues to recollect down the memory lane.

The first group, nestled within the hospital's confines, meticulously conducted diagnostic Gynaecological laparoscopies, documenting each procedure with intricate diagrams. Led by Dr. Motashaw herself, this group became a beacon of precision and expertise in the burgeoning field of laparoscopy.

Across the busy thoroughfare, at the venerable Wadia Hospital, another chapter in the laparoscopic saga was unfolding under the leadership of Dean Dr. Dina Patel. Here, amidst the rural hinterlands, a novel initiative took root: laparoscopic tubal sterilizations conducted in makeshift camps. The weekends transformed into missions of medical outreach, where women from distant villages received the procedure under the compassionate care of Dr. Patel and her team.

In these remote locales, the art of laparoscopy took on a new significance. With deft hands and keen eyes, the surgeons performed delicate procedures, each puncture and cauterization a testament to their dedication to women's health.

Yet, amidst the seriousness of their work, a whimsical character emerged – Bruce, the faithful guardian of the instruments. A black Alsatian with a fierce loyalty, Bruce patrolled the equipment with a sense of duty that matched his canine instincts. Despite occasional skirmishes with the hospital staff, Bruce became an endearing presence, a silent witness to the surgical feats unfolding around him.

However, even the most dedicated guardians can falter. One fateful day, Bruce's mischievous nature got the better of him, resulting in the untimely demise of a vital fiber optic cable. The discovery of the chewed-up cable sparked a moment of unexpected humour amidst the otherwise serious environment, as Dr. Motashaw playfully lectured her four-legged companion.

Beyond the confines of the hospital walls, Dr. Motashaw's influence extended far and wide. She invited esteemed surgeons to observe her procedures, igniting their curiosity and sparking discussions about the future of laparoscopic surgery.

But it wasn't all work and no play. Dr. Motashaw's gatherings were legendary, with her sister serving up culinary delights that rivalled the finest restaurants in town. Amidst the gastronomic extravaganza, conversations about forming a formal association for laparoscopy and endoscopy percolated, eventually coalescing into the birth of the Indian Association of Gynaecological Endoscopists.

Dr. Motashaw's vision and leadership were instrumental in shaping this association, paving the way for collaboration and advancement in the field. From the bustling corridors of KEM Hospital to the serene landscapes of rural India, her journey epitomizes the transformative power of dedication, innovation, and a touch of canine charm, thus concluded Dr. Adi Dastoor his nostalgic experience.

Once the seeds were sown, the gynaecological endoscopy group began to flourish gradually, each member a stalwart contributing to the solid foundation. Among them stood luminaries like Dr. Nargesh Motashaw, Dr. S.D.Khandwala, Dr. Shyam Desai, Dr. Rakesh Sinha, Dr. Prashant Mangeshkar, Dr. Prakash Trivedi, Dr. Alka Kriplani, Dr. Hafeez Rahman, Dr. P G Paul, Dr. Kurian Joseph, Dr. Rajendra Sankpal, Dr.S. Krishnakumar, Dr. Sunita Tandulwadkar, Dr. B Ramesh, Dr. Sanjay Patel, Dr. Parul Kotdawala, Dr. Neeta Warty, Dr. P Patel, Dr. Nutan Jain, Dr. Shailesh Puntambekar, Dr.N Subharwal, Dr.U Jha, Dr. V Marwah, Dr. Rajesh Modi, Dr. Pandit Palaskar, Dr. Dipak Limbachiya, Dr. Mahindra Borse, Dr. Vivek Salunke, Dr. Sandesh Kade, Dr. Shah, Dr. Divyesh Shukla and a legion of others, each a pillar of expertise and dedication.

Their collective efforts, spanning generations, have propelled the Indian Association of Gynaecological Endoscopists (IAGE) to its current stature. Past presidents such as Dr. Prashant Mangeshkar, Dr. Hrishikesh Pai, Dr. Rakesh Sinha, Dr. PK Shah, Dr. Prakash Trivedi, Dr. Rajendra Sankpal, Dr. Nandita Palshetkar, Dr. Rishma Rai, Dr. Sunita Tandulwadkar, Dr. Krishnakumar.S, Dr. Bhaskar Pal, and Dr. Pandit Palaskar have steered the organization with wisdom and vision.

Furthermore, the collaboration between IAGE and AAGL has bridged geographical boundaries, ensuring that endoscopists worldwide are united in their pursuit of excellence.

Today, IAGE stands poised at the threshold of the future. As we march forward, guided by the legacy of our founders and the wisdom of our stalwarts, we do so with a commitment to safety, skill, and knowledge. Let us rally together, as colleagues and comrades, to create history and fortify the IAGE for generations to come.

Office Bearers 1978-2025

Year	President	Vice President	Honorary General Secretary	Honorary Joint Secretary	Honorary Treasurer	Imm. Past President
1978 - 1991	Dr. N. D.Motashaw	Dr. Dina Patel	Dr. S. D.Khandwala	Dr. M. N.Parikh	Dr. S. S.Thakur	----
1991 - 1993	Dr. Dina Patel	Dr. S. D.Khandwala	Dr. M. N.Parikh	Dr. S. S.Thakur	Dr. M. Y.Rawal	Dr. N.D.Motashaw
1993 - 1995	Dr. S. D.Khandwala	Dr. M. N.Parikh	Dr. S. S.Thakur	Dr. M. Y.Rawal	Dr. Adi Dastur	Dr. N.D.Dina Patel
1995 - 1997	Dr. M. N.Parikh	Dr. S. S.Thakur	Dr. M. Y.Rawal	Dr. Adi Dastur	Dr. Shyam Desai	Dr. S. D.Khandwala
1997 - 1999	Dr. S. S.Thakur	Dr. M. Y.Rawal	Dr. Adi Dastur	Dr. Shyam Desai	Dr. Prashant Mangeshikar	Dr. M. N.Parikh
1999 - 2001	Dr. S. S.Thakur	Dr. Adi Dastur	Dr. Shyam Desai	Dr. Prashant Mangeshikar	Dr. Hrishikesh Pai	Dr. M. N.Parikh
2001 - 2003	Dr. Adi Dastur	Dr. Shyam Desai	Dr. Prashant Mangeshikar	Dr. Hrishikesh Pai	Dr. Rakesh Sinha	Dr. S. S.Thakur
2003 - 2005	Dr. Shyam Desai	Dr. Prashant Mangeshikar	Dr. Hrishikesh Pai	Dr. Rakesh Sinha	Dr. P. K.Shah	Dr. Adi Dastur

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2007 - 2009	Dr. Hrishikesh Pai	Dr. Rakesh Sinha	Dr. P. K.Shah	Dr. Prakash Trivedi	Dr. Rajesh Modi	Dr. Prashant Mangeshikar
2009 - 2011	Dr. Rakesh Sinha	Dr. P. K.Shah	Dr. Prakash Trivedi	Dr. Rajesh Modi	Dr. Rajendra Sankpal	Dr. Hrishikesh Pai
2011 - 2013	Dr. P. K.Shah	Dr. Prakash Trivedi	Dr. Rajesh Modi	Dr. Rajendra Sankpal	Dr. Nandita Palshetkar	Dr. Rakesh Sinha
2013 - 2015	Dr. Prakash Trivedi	Dr. Pravin Patel	Dr. Rajendra Sankpal	Dr. Nandita Palshetkar	Dr. Rishma Pai	Dr. P. K.Shah
2015 - 2017	Dr. Rajendra Sankpal	Dr. Nandita Palshetkar	Dr. Rishma Pai	Dr. Sunita Tandulwadkar	Dr. S.Krishnakumar	Dr. Prakash Trivedi
2017 - 2018	Dr. Nandita Palshetkar	Dr. Rishma Pai	Dr. Sunita Tandulwadkar	Dr. S.Krishnakumar	Dr. Bhaskar Pal	Dr. Rajendra Sankpal
2018 - 2019	Dr. Rishma Pai	Dr. Sunita Tandulwadkar	Dr. S.Krishnakumar	Dr. Bhaskar Pal	Dr. Pandit Palaskar	Dr. Nandita Palshetkar
2019 - 2020	Dr. Sunita Tandulwadkar	Dr. S.Krishnakumar	Dr. Pandit Palaskar	Dr. Atul Ganatra	Dr. Atul Ganatra	Dr. Rishma Pai
2020 - 2021	Dr. Krishnakumar S	Dr. Bhaskar Pal	Dr. Pandit Palaskar	Dr. Atul Ganatra	Dr. Kalyan Barmade	Dr. Rishma Pai
2021 - 2022	Dr. Krishnakumar	Dr. Bhaskar Pal	Dr. Pandit Palaskar	Dr. Atul Ganatra	Dr. Kalyan Barmade	Dr. Rishma Pai
2022 - 2023	Dr. Bhaskar Pal	Dr. Pandit Palaskar	Dr. Atul Ganatra	Dr. Kalyan Barmade	Dr. Sudha Tandon	Dr. Krishnakumar. S
2023 - 2024	Dr. Pandit Palaskar	Dr. Atul Ganatra	Dr. Kalyan Barmade	Dr. Sudha Tandon	Dr. Sujal Munshi	Dr. Bhaskar Pal
2024 - 2025	Dr. Atul Ganatra	Dr. Kalyan Barmade	Dr. Sudha Tandon	Dr. Sujal Munshi	Dr. Vidya Bhat	Dr. Pandit Palaskar