

Speech By UAK President, Dr Prasad A. Cheeramattam, at the 34th Annual Conference, held at Hotel Windsor Castle , Kottayam, on 24.1.2021 .

Respected outgoing President Dr Abdul Azeez , Secretary Dr Fredrick Paul, Members of the UAK executive committee, My teachers, Senior Members and all my friends in UAK.

I consider this moment as a Singular Honour and have great pride for being chosen as the President of Urological Association Of Kerala. As you all are aware UAK is the most prestigious specialty organization in Modern Medicine in the country, and has set examples for the Urological Community. Formed in the year 1982, UAK has been rendering yeomen service to its members and General Public. I am proud of being a signatory to the memorandum of Association, when the association was registered in the year 1987. The conferences conducted by UAK Annual, Mid Term, has rich academic contents and is an opportunity for all members especially Post Graduates to present their academic work. I still cherish the moments, when I received the best Podium Presentation award in 1986 and 1987. The variety of events in the UAK meetings attracts many from outside the State to our conferences. The prestigious Prof. Roy Chally Oration, Guest Lectures , Podium and Video presentations, Poster presentation, Quiz Programme and Review papers have unique identity. UAK has always given opportunity for young trainees by instituting many Awards, Travel fellowship etc.

Last year because of the Global Pandemic Covid 19, we couldn't have any physical meetings. But the committee was active in carrying out various programmes in the Virtual Platform. This Annual Conference and AGM is an Example of the dedication our Team Members, especially our President Dr Azeez, Secretary Dr Fredrick and Treasurer Dr Vijay, rendered to the Association. I would like to place on record our deepest appreciation to all of them.

As the Covid scenario is changing and as we all will get the vaccine soon, I am sure we will be able to conduct Physical Meetings. I assure you, we will explore the possibilities and conduct physical meetings. I am aware of the interaction between members in physical meeting and with our Teachers and Seniors and is really cherished by all. So the need for physical meetings, as Conferences are not

only to enhance your academic knowledge but also a venue for relaxing and for having an enjoyable time. The new team has limited time and should fulfill all our commitments to the Urological fraternity.

I welcome all my team members of 2020-2021 , and hope we will have a fruitful year together. The executive committee will decide on the ways and means for streamlining our activities.

Academic activities are the yardstick of the efficiency of all Medical Associations and we will try to do as many academic programmes as possible during this year, which will be of benefit to our Post graduate trainees. We will publish an academic Calendar for all our planned activities during this year.

I request all the Senior members and Colleagues to render all support to Team UAK, in carrying out our activities. Once again I thank you all, for choosing me as your President and hereby take charge as the President of Urological Association of Kerala, and promise you that I will try to rise to your expectations. All the Office bearers of UAK and the President Elect also take charge along with me.

Let's all put our resources, to strengthen our Association.

Jai UAK , Jai Hind.

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