

Speech By UAK President, Dr Prasad A. Cheeramattam, at the 35th Annual Conference, held at Hotel Aida , Kottayam, on 10.10.2021 .

Respected Incoming President Dr Suresh Bhat, Secretary Dr Fredrick Paul, Members of the UAK executive committee, My teachers, Senior Members and all my friends in UAK.

I consider being the President of Urological Association Of Kerala a Singular Honour and have great pride. 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. 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.

As the Covid scenario is changing and , I am sure we will be able to conduct Physical Meetings.

We had taken decision in the EC meeting to form 3 sub committees viz. Legal, Academic and Membership. The Sub committees have been supporting the activities of UAK. The Academic Committee has supported well, in organizing the webinars, and the Membership committee has made the New membership registration, fully on line.

Academic activities are the yardstick of the efficiency of all Medical Associations and we have conducted 5 Academic Programmes as Webinars, during our Term which were very well appreciated by members and Trainees in Urology. We have conducted 2 Essay competitions, to choose the candidate for Review Paper award and UAK travel fellowship. Quiz programme also was conducted, to select the team for the quiz competition.

The very idea of having a Scientific Organisation is to promote Academic Activities and support the Post Graduate Trainees to be best equipped, by the time they complete their course. The present Team UAK, has contributed a small share to achieve that Goal.

We are glad to inform you all that, we have acquired an office space for UAK at IMA Hall , Kozhikode, shared by Calicut Urology Club, and the Official Inauguration was held on 25th September. Around 10 Senior Urologists from Calicut, along with President and Secretary of UAK attended. Finally UAK has a Office Space and Registered address.

This Annual Conference and AGM is an Example of the dedication our Team Members, especially our Secretary Dr Fredrick and Treasurer Dr Vijay, and the Organising Committee by Dr Suresh Bhat and Dr Haris. I would like to place on record, my deepest appreciation to all of them.

Once again I thank you all, for choosing me as your President , and hope I have risen to your expectations.. I take this opportunity to thank all the members of UAK, the Office Bearers , especially Dr Fredrick and Dr Vijay, for extending all support to me during my Term as President of UAK, 2020-21.

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

I wish the New Team Headed by Dr Suresh Bhat a very fruitful year ahead.

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