

## **International Symposium on “Academic-Industry-Government Partnerships to Accelerate Radiation Research and Clinical Translation”**

A two-day international symposium on “Academic-Industry-Government Partnerships to Accelerate Radiation Research and Clinical Translation” (AIG 2018) was organized by Goa University, Gokarma Oncology Association, Nitte University, BITS-Pilani, Goa and Indian Society for Radiation Biology on 8th and 9th October 2018 at International Centre, Dona Paula, Goa, India. Representatives of academic, industry and government from across the globe met, did presentations and discussions and analysed the possible ways and means to improve the utilization of radiation for the benefit of common man in general and cancer patients in particular. Vice Chancellor of Goa University, Prof. Varun Sahni and the VC of Nitte-Deemed to-be University, Prof. Satheesh Kumar Bhandary presided over the inaugural function held at 9 AM on 8th October, 2018 and the symposium went on for two days. The invited speakers included the following representatives of academicians, industrialists, government and clinicians:

Dr. Charles Limoli, Professor of Radiation Oncology and Vice Chair of Academic Affairs at the University of California, Irvine

Dr. Pataje Prasanna, Program Director, Radiation Research Program, National Cancer Institute, USA

Dr. Marc Mendonca, Professor of Radiation Oncology & Medical and Molecular Genetics & Director of Radiation and Cancer Biology at Indiana University School of Medicine.

Dr. Mansoor Ahmed, Program Director, Radiotherapy Development Branch, National Cancer Institute, USA

Dr. Rao V. L. Papineni, Adjunct Faculty, University of Kansas Medical Centre, USA

Dr. Ramesh Bilimagga, HCG, India

Dr. Chandan Guha and Dr. Madhur Garg, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, NY

Dr. Nagraj Huilgol, Dr. Balabhai Nanavati Hospital, Mumbai

Mr. Krishnan Suthanthiran, Best Medical International (Team Best Companies) & Best Cure Foundation, USA

Manyam Subramaniam, Panacea, India

Dr. Sapna Nangia, MD, Indraprastha Apollo hospital, India

Dr. Shekhar Salkar and Dr. Gunjan from Manipal Hospital, Goa participated in the discussions. Dr. Salkar as president of Gokarma Oncology Association was very happy to be associated with this conference as it was a unique one with clinician, industry & government came together to see that how radiation facility reaches masses. Govt must see that one radiation facility is available every 200 km it may be in govt owned or in private sector. As even in private sector now with Ayushmann & other state Govt scheme most poor patients can avail this important armamentarium in cancer treatment. Govt must not start facility where already one is available as a very high capital Investment is needed.

Prof. Shyama S.K. from Goa University Dr. Rao V. L. Papineni from USA acted as the Conveners, from India and abroad, respectively. Further, Prof. Shyama S.K. managed the local coordination of the event with the assistance of Dr. Nitin Sawant as the organizing secretary. Dr. Suchetha Kumari coordinated the event from Nitte University side. CME credits are approved to this event by Goa Medical Council.

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