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IMPORTANT RESCHEDULING OF ALL THE EVENTS OF INDIAN SOCIETY OF ANAESTHESIOLOGISTS (ISA)

Dear ISAians, Greetings from ISA National Head Quarters!

The COVID pandemic has affected the world including India. The Anaesthesiologists are at forefront in the management of COVID patients. It is estimated that out of total number of doctors involved in intensive care management of such patients in Intensive Care Units across India, 60-70% are anaesthesiologists. They are working day and night in this pandemic. The COVID pandemic has also lead to restrictions in travelling and physical gathering.

Hence, The Governing Council of Indian Society of Anaesthesiologists has decided to reschedule its 68th Annual Conference to be held in Ahmedabad in November 2020 to November 2021. This has been done in view of safety and health of its members; their preoccupation with clinical duties and in line with advisories from different government agencies. Many other societies of other medical specialties have also done the same.

According to the constitution of ISA, The Annual General Body Meeting of Indian Society of Anaesthesiologists (ISA) is held during the annual conference and change of office bearers takes place during the AGBM. Due to the ongoing COVID pandemic, compelling and exceptional circumstances, The Governing Council of ISA has unanimously decided to reschedule all the events of ISA to be held in the year 2020 to 2021 and those to be held in year 2021 to 2022, like- The Annual National Conference of ISA of 2020 will be held in 2021 and that of 2021 in 2022. The Notification of ISA National Elections, Vacancies in ISA National Governing Council and Online ISA National elections of 2020 will occur in 2021 and that of 2021 in 2022. The Awards, Orations, Prizes etc of ISA of 2020 will be held in 2021 and that of 2021 in 2022.



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The year 2020 will not be counted in the term of Governing Council for all intents and purpose due to ongoing COVID pandemic and the preoccupation of anaesthesiologists with management of COVID patients. However, the Governing Council of ISA will strive to work to fulfill its obligations pertaining to the members and the association. A Special AGBM may be held online to pass accounts only, as it is a time bound agenda. However, this is one time, one year extension of term. This decision of Governing Council will not be reviewed and extension of term by one year to all Governing Council Members is irrevocable. If the pandemic continues in 2021 and beyond, Online ISA Elections and Virtual/Online hand over and takeover of Governing Council / Office Bearers will be done, Online Awards/ Orations will be held, Online ISACON, and all official activities of ISA will be held online.

Long Live ISA! Jai ISAian! Best wishes and regards,

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President

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Dr. Naveen Malhotra **Honorary Secretary**

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