

SAARC Surgical Care Society – 2017 Annual report

1. A joint International conference between the College of Surgeons of Sri Lanka, SAARC Surgical Care society and the Royal College of Surgeons was held in Kandy, Sri Lanka from 16th to 20th August. The conference was well attended by surgeons from SAARC Countries.
2. An executive committee meeting of the SAARC Surgical Care Society was held on 17th August at the Hotel Grand Kandyan in Kandy, Sri Lanka. Dr Shiva Misra from India was elected as the President of the society for 2018/19. President Elect will go to Sri Lanka.
3. SAARC Surgical Care Society Oration was held for the third time, on 19th August. It was delivered by Dr Oswald Fernando, an eminent Transplant Surgeon from Royal Free Hospital, London on “Paediatric Transplantation-Where are we now ? Challenges in Low Income Countries. Dr Fernando has helped developing countries including in the SAARC region to establish kidney transplant programs.
4. A SAARC Surgical Care Society Symposium was held on 19th August on Intercountry Training: The Way forward in the SAARC Region.
5. Asian spinal cord network and SSCS conducted a care giver training program for the third consecutive year at Pollonnaruwa in Sri Lanka with over 750 participating from different parts of the country.
6. Surgeons from SAARC countries attended the ASICON meeting in Jaipur in December at which expert knowledge was shared.
7. Several workshops which were conducted by ASI aimed at improving surgical skills of SSCS members.
8. Although, not directly organized by the SSCS, members of the surgical fraternity in the member countries used their contacts established through SSCS to impart advance training. MAS of India conducted training programs in Sri Lanka (for 40 surgeons) and in Bangladesh for over 100 surgeons who consequently attended a MAS conference held in Kochin in India.

2017 ended with hope that SSCS will be elevated to higher dimension in 2018.

Secretary General 2017