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Venue: Sheraton New Orleans, 500 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana Room: Waterbury Ballroom, 2nd Floor

AACIO DINNER MEETING FALL 2016

13 Nov 2016

and International Society of Cardiovascular Ultrasound (ISCU)

PRESENT SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM and DINNER

Indian Cuisine Dinner, entertainment, socializing and networking

NO FEE FOR PARTICIPANTS, SPOUSES AND GUESTS

American Association of Cardiologists of Indian Origin (AACIO) Louisiana Based Physicians of Indian Origin

PROGRAM

6:00 - 6:25 p.m. Registration

Dear AACIO members, friends and colleagues:

6:00-10:00 PM

6:25 - 6:30 p.m. Introduction. Dr. Hanumanth Reddy and Dr. Navin C. Nanda 6:30 - 7.00 p.m. Lecture: Understanding Cardiovascular Risk in Patients with Prior

Myocardial Infarction. Dr. Narinder Bhalla 7.00 - 7.05 p.m. Discussion and Questions from the Audience

7:05 p.m.-7:30 p.m. AACIO Honorees and Young Investigator Awards 7:30 - 10:00 p.m. Dinner (Indian Cuisine), Entertainment, Bollywood music program with songs by the world famous entertainer Dr. Amit Chakrabarty. Socializing and networking

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Bluff, Missouri

socializing and networking opportunities with friends, family and novices. Once again, Lextend my personal gratitude to Mrs. Sajani Barot, Drs. Navin Nanda, Rakesh Sharma, Narinder Bhalla, and Surendra Purohit, Mrs. Anila Keshwani and Mrs. Lindy Chapman for their valuable collaboration in this important meeting. We are also highly grateful to Dr. Debashish Roychoudury, Dr. Jagadeesh Kalavakunta and Dr. Vishal Gupta for their continued efforts in maintaining high standards of this newsletter and the website.

We are highly excited about our forthcoming semi-annual dinner meeting at Sheraton Hotel, Canal Street, New Orleans in the evening of November 13, 2016. As usual, this is an

educational meeting with a brief core curriculum lecture, followed by research abstract presentations and an Indian delicious dinner with drinks. Furthermore, we have an exciting Bollywood music program with songs by the world-famous entertainer Dr. Amit Chakrabarty. While all these will provide an exhilarating and a stress-free environment, this brief forum gives you ample

enjoyed every bit of it. We would expect similar experience and even more for you in this forthcoming meeting in New Orleans. It is very convenient to attend this meeting because of its easy accessibility on Canal Street and a short walking distance from the Convention Center. I personally invite each and every one of you to join us in this semi-annual dinner meeting filled with education, entertainment and an exciting live music and songs with a dancing opportunity. While you have

We want you to recollect our great AACIO semi-annual dinner cruise meeting aboard the Anita Dee II yacht on April 3rd of 2016 in Chicago. More than 350 participants graced this historical occasion and

several other meetings to attend, this is a great opportunity to socialize with your friends and colleagues while you enjoy Indian food and drinks. There is something for everybody in this brief meeting. Distinguished Professor Navin Nanda and Mrs. Lindy Chapman are using a lot of their precious time and energy towards organizing the forthcoming meeting.

Hanumanth K. Reddy, M.D.

Please don't forget to become members of AACIO in order to empower this precious entity and to make a difference in the lives and careers of cardiologists of Indian origin and/or ancestry.

President

**AACIO Young Investigator Awards** 

Interventional/EP

**Basic Science** 

AACIO would like to receive News Items about its members or Short Articles of interest for consideration of publication in the next Newsletter. Please send your items for consideration to Dr. Debasish Roychoudhury, Editor, Email: roychoudhury03@gmail.com

NOTE FROM EDITOR, AACIO NEWSLETTER.

Difference in angle of orientation of the aortic valve in the annular plane on CTA compared to post valve deployment on fluoroscopy in TAVR patients.

Dr. Madhukar Deshmukh Award

Dr. Krishna Ramaswamy Award

Yash B. Jobanputra, MD, Brandon Jones, MD, Kimi Sato, MD, Arnav Kumar, MD, Samir R. Kapadia, MD, FACC. Department of Cardiovascular Medicine, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio 44195

[argeted Temperature Management Strategies After Cardiac Arrest: Should We Re-Evaluate the Role of Hypothermia?

Niray Patel, MBBS1, Rajat Kalra, MD2, Hemant Godara, MD1, Lorenzo Berra, MD3, Garima Arora, MD1, MRCP, Naykaranbir S Bajaj, MD1, Pankaj Arora, MD1, 1Division of Cardiology, Department of Medicine, University of Alabama at Birmingham, AL, USA; 2Department of Medicine, University of Alabama at Birmingham, AL, USA; 3Department of Anesthesia, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA, USA

**AACIO Honorees** 

#### Dr. Sanku Rao is co-founder for GAPIO (Global Association of Physicians of Indian Origin) and currently serves as its President. In this role, he has helped GAPIO's vision and mission of connecting Indian physicians across the world and to improve access to healthcare worldwide, especially in India. He is a gastroenterologist who has been in practice for 40 years in the USA. He is

He is a past Trustee of the Oklahoma State Medical Association (OSMA), Past American Medical Association (AMA) delegate and is an integral part of organized medicine in USA. He has also served as the President of the Garfield County Medical Society. He is also a mentor for OSMA's observer ship program to help young physicians from overseas get into US residency programs. He has also served as President of American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI), which represents the interest of more than 80,000 Indian physicians practicing in USA. Dr. Rao has successfully led and Chaired Global Healthcare Summits in India. Dr. Rao resides in Oklahoma, USA and is married to Dr. Rohini Rao, who is a pediatrician. They have a daughter, Dr. Archana Rao, who is a gastroenterologist and a son, Ameet Rao, who holds an MBA and is a Finance Manager. Dr. Vasant Bethala is an Interventional Cardiologist at Cardiology Institute and at Slidell Memorial Hospital (SMH). After completing his medical training and fellowship in cardiology at the

Presbyterian University of Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia and University of New Mexico, he moved to Slidell and has been practicing medicine for the past twenty four years. Dr. Bethala has been Board certified in Adult Cardiology, Interventional Cardiology and Nuclear Cardiology. His passion for quality care led him to be the Medical Director of Cardiovascular Services at Slidell Memorial Hospital. Over the years, he served as the President of Medical Staff, Chairman of the Medical Executive committee as well as Department of Medicine for the Slidell hospital. He was a

Director of Gastroenterology, Integris Bass Health Center, Enid, Oklahoma, US. and Consultant Gastroenterologist at St. Mary's Regional Medical Center.

Founding Member and Secretary for the Governing Board of the Louisiana Heart Hospital in Lacombe, LA., from the time of its inception in 2003 till 2013. He currently serves as a Clinical Assistant Professor at Tulane University Health Sciences Center. Dr. Bethala has participated extensively in clinical research and has completed over 250 multi center clinical trials. He has also served as the President of Louisiana Chapter of American Association of Physicians of Indian origin. He is happily married to Seema and has four beautiful daughters. Besides travel and reading, he enjoys spending time with his family and music appreciation. Dr. Surendra Purohit, M.D., F.A.C.S. is a General and Vascular Surgeon in Covington, Louisiana and practicing in the New Orleans, Louisiana area since 1979. He has established himself as the

top surgeon in this area and is very well respected and honored by the local community. He has held leadership positions in the local community, Chief of Staff of St. Tammany Parish Hospital, Chief of Staff and Board Trustees of Lakeview Regional Medical Center, and Medical Director of Gulf South Medical Center. He is Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery at Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana, Dr. Surendra Purohit has been involved with AAPI organization for more than twenty years and has served in many leadership roles including Chair of the Board of Trustees and the Board of Directors of the Charitable Foundation. As Chairman of the Political Action Committee in the early 1990's, Dr. Purohit was very instrumental in getting the Anti-discrimination bill against

Freedom by Republican Senators Inner Circle, the Most Distinguished Service Award from AAPI, the President Award from AAPI (twice), the Dr. Frist Humanitarian Award, and the Health Care Heroes Award of Louisiana. We proudly honor Dr. Purohit for all his outstanding achievements and services to AACIO. Dr. Amit Chakrabarty, MD, MS, FRCS, FICS (music) is a consultant urologist at Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center, Missouri. He has been practicing adult and pediatric urology for the past 30 years in three continents and in the USA since 1995. He also holds professional responsibilities as Director of Center for Continence and Female Pelvic Health and primary investigator at

Dr. Chakrabarty completed his medical degree as a best medical graduate with honors from MKCG Medical College in Berhampur, India in 1980, and his Master of Surgery degree from Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh, India. He did a fellowship in Surgery at the Royal College of Surgeons in Edinburgh in 1987. He completed his residency in

Anila Keswani. Anila immigrated to the USA in 1967 with her husband, Har Govind Keswani. After 3 years at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, they moved to New Orleans in 1969 where her husband accepted a job as a naval architect. Anila is a CPA and has 2 sons, Sundeep who is married with 3 children and Anjay. She has been in the restaurant business for 34 years, when Taj Mahal restaurant first opened its doors and still exists on Metairie Road. She has the best of 2 worlds, her meticulous nature as a CPA and her outgoing and social personality ensured her restaurants to be busy and financially successful. In 2001, together with her son, Anjay, they opened an award winning restaurant, Nirvana Indian Cuisine on Magazine Street. In the past few years, she has been busy planning and executing most Indian weddings and select conferences in and around New Orleans. Most importantly, she has also been organizing all the AACIO dinners

international physicians passed by Congress and ultimately signed by President George Bush. Dr Purohit has been awarded America's Top Surgeons Award in General and Vascular Surgery, the Medal of

Urology and fellowship in Uro-Oncology (Research) at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan in 1995. Dr. Chakrabarty is a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, Scotland and the International College of Surgeons. He is an active member of the American Urological Association, in addition to various memberships of societies related to his specialty. He is the lead author of a paper in a peer reviewed journal on PC coated Elevate vaginal mesh for pelvic floor repair. This is the only publication on Elevate PC based on which the product has been launched worldwide. In his personal life Dr. Chakrabarty is married to his wife for 28 years and has three daughters. Time permitting he enjoys outdoor cooking, performing musical shows, watching football and cricket and playing golf.

including providing catering services since 1988. We are most proud to honor Anila for distinguished services to AACIO. Dr.Thanjavur S. Ravikumar, M.S., FACS, FRCS (C), FRCS (Ed), is Director-cum-Vice Chancellor of Sri Venkateswara Institute of Medical Sciences (SVIMS), Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh, India. SVIMS is a super specialty hospital started in 1993 as a center of excellence with a view to provide super specialty health services with nominal cost to the poor and then metamorphosed into a full-fledged medical university in 1995 under Andhra Pradesh State Legislative Act 12. Dr. Ravikumar is former Director & CEO of Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education & Research (JIPMER), Puducherry, India. JIPMER was made an Institution of national importance in 2008 and Dr.Ravikumar was appointed its first Director. He returned to India after serving in the

U.S. for over 36 years in various capacities. He completed his M.S. in Surgery from Madras Medical College and completed American Board of Surgery in addition to FRCS from Canada & Edinburgh. He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. His appointments have included academic positions at Harvard Medical School, Yale University School of Medicine, Chief of Surgery at The Cancer Institute of New Jersey and University and Endowed Chair of Surgery at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, New York. He is recognized internationally for his work in colorectal cancer

and liver metastasis and value based care delivery in hospitalized patient populations using a novel model of risk mitigation for patient safety. His clinical expertise includes minimally invasive, colorectal, pancrealic, hepatic and oncologic surgery. He has over 230 peer reviewed publications, abstracts and book chapters. He has been an invited speaker at multiple national and international organizations. He is the recipient of numerous awards and honors including the top doctors/best doctors listings consistently since 1995. The New York Daily News named him "21 New Yorkers to Watch in the 21st Century" in its 2000 millennium edition. Under his leadership, JIPMER received an award of excellence as a best hospital and the third ranked medical school in India. In his current role, he is spearheading development of ten Institutes of Excellence in SVIMS and has commissioned unique initiatives for India such as self reporting of quality data on the web. AACIO is proud to honor Dr Ravikumar for his outstanding scientific accomplishments and dedication to patient care.

## Dr. Navin C. Nanda was awarded on October 3, 2016 the Inaugural Annual Balaji Endowment Cardiology Oration (citation and gold medal) by the Sri Venkateswara Institute of Medical Sciences, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh, India for his "outstanding contributions in the field of cardiology, particularly for his work in Modern Echocardiography which has enhanced our understanding of cardiovascular diseases".

Member Honored

and Dr. T.S. Ravikumar, the Vice Chancellor.

More Honors for Dr. Navin Nanda



HOLD THE DATE:

### DATE - Thursday, March 16, 2017 Washington, D.C. Free registration

33nd Annual International Conference on Recent Advances in Echocardiography and Allied Techniques

Sponsored by the International Society of Cardiovascular Ultrasound (ISCU) and the American Association of Cardiologists of Indian Origin Conference Director: Dr. Navin C. Nanda

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Over 75 interesting echo cases from different countries

HOLD THE DATE

March AACIO Dinner Meeting

SATURDAY, March 18, 2017

Washington, D.C. Venue to be announced

13<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific

JIC - 2017 Ahmedabad, India Joint International Conference (JIC) is one of the biggest events and most important meeting which focuses on studies and research on intervention medicine. JIC has been working for over 21 years of academics to provide state-of-the-art educational content, and to showcase cutting edge developments in clinical research and current therapies.

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January 6-8, 2013



