**IAGES ALSGBI- CORE GROUP**

**SUMMARY of RECOMMENDATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS**

**31 May 2021**

The representatives of the Scientific Committees of the Core group of the IAGES and ALSGBI after rounds of discussions do suggest and propose the following combined activities. The faculty of both the associations shall be equally and actively involved in conceptualizing and planning these activities. The Committee members are as follows.

Prof. Subhash Khanna IAGES

Dr. Sunil Kumar IAGES

Prof. Pawanindra Lal IAGES

Prof. YKS Viswanath ALSGBI

Prof. Tan Arulampalam ALSGBI

Mr Chelliah Selvasekar ALSGBI

**Suggestions:**

1) The MOU signed between IAGES & ALSGBI should be made available on the website of both the Associations as soon as possible so that members of both Associations are well informed about the collaboration between the two Associations and the Terms & Conditions of the collaboration. International academic coordinator of IAGES Prof. Subhash Khanna and Prof. Tan Arulampalam, the Treasurer of ALSGBI would look into this and get it updated.

A brief note along with the logo about the activities of collaborating association shall also be available in each other’s website.

2) The members are of the opinion that we should have debate based Webinars at an interval of 3 months that should be of 2 hours duration where faculty and moderators from both the Associations shall be equally involved. We propose to have the first such programme in the 2nd or 3rd week of August 2021. The programmes may take place on any Saturday or Sunday.

The proposed topics of the webinars shall be finally declared after discussions with and approval the president of both Associations. The proposal is to have the Annual meeting “Indo-UK” Surgicon in October 2021.

A combined Annual meeting of 4 hours duration can be planned that may be of one day duration or may be may be split to two days.

3) The Committee members also suggested to develop a digital ecosystem to have a combined output of podcast and YouTube videos.

4) All the members strongly felt that so far members of both Associations mostly refer to the SAGES guidelines and that is taken as a reference point. It would be nice to formulate a combined guidelines of IAGES & ALSGBI of various common surgical procedures.

5) It was strongly felt by the members of both Associations that there should be case-based discussions as “ward rounds”. The members felt that it would of interest to the trainees of both countries as the spectrum of disease is totally different and it would be a good learning experience for members of both the Associations about the surgical disease that are prevalent in the other country.

6) It was proposed to have exchange Fellowship or Observership programmes for surgeons and trainees. Surgeons from both countries can opt to go to the other country as a Fellow or Observer. Any such trainee who intends to undergo hands-on-training shall have to take permission of the respective medical board of the country.

One of the areas where British trainees can benefit is the training in G.I endoscopy in India.

7) A lot of innovations are happening in India and ALSGBI would like to join hands with IAGES to take any such activity jointly forward.

Members from both Associations shall discuss with some medical industries for funding to promote the development of any such innovative process or product.

8) Finally a core fund needs to be created to sponsor one candidate each from India & UK to undertake Observership/ Fellowship. The respective Association shall take the financial responsibility of any such candidate selected by that Association. The funds for such activity shall be raised by the respective Association.

9) The trainee surgeon needs to be encouraged to undertake research work and we should work to get industries to fund such research work.