

PHONOCON 2015 Report

The 11th PhonoCon was held in Nagpur over 3 days in February (13th – 15th) 2015

Talks by the local and invited Faculty live surgical demonstrations and stimulating interactive sessions with the delegates marked a hugely successful Conference.

The A.P.S.I. Oration was delivered by Dr. Ramon Franco on the issue of “Addressing the Arytenoid in Paralytic Dysphonia”, in which he spoke of the work done by his team at Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary for the alignment of the mal-rotated arytenoid of the paralysed vocal fold. The Keynote Address was by Dr. Gauthier Desuter from Belgium, who spoke on the topic of “Swallowing Assessment by a Laryngologist”.

Basic sciences, management modalities, research and new frontiers in Laryngology were all covered in the conference. The live surgeries were well appreciated and involved active discussion.

There was also the competitive segment, where juniors and seniors presented award papers and posters. The winners in the various categories were:

Rising Star Award :

First prize - Shraddha Deshmukh (Former Clinical fellow Bombay Hospital, Mumbai)
Changing Face of Laryngeal Tuberculosis

Second prize - Shweta Pawar (Former Clinical fellow Bombay Hospital, Mumbai)
A comprehensive review of medialisation thyroplasty



Laryngology Award :

First prize - Dr Arfath Mustafa (PG, Government Medical College, Nagpur)

Study of Surgical Anatomy of External Branch of Superior Laryngeal Nerve in Thyroid Surgeries

Second prize – Dr Susmita Ghosh (AMRI , Kolkata)

Muscle Tension Dysphonia

SLP Award :

First prize - Reuben Varghese (All India Institute of Speech and Hearing, Mysore)

Voice Characteristics in Mothers of Children with Hearing Impaired

Second prize - Srushti Shabnam (All India Institute of Speech and Hearing, Mysore)

Feeding and Oro-motor skills in Children with Cerebral Palsy



Poster Award :

First prize – Dr. Unnikrishanan Menon (Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Centre, Kochi)

Benign Vocal fold lesions: A Surgical Audit

Second prize – Dr. Abhishek Gupta (VIMS, Kolkata)

Management of bilateral vocal fold paralysis



GBM and election of executive committee members...

Excellent hosting by the 'home-team' included a Faculty dinner, a Conference dinner and a Banquet to remember.

Kudos to the organising team comprising of Dr. Bhagyasree Bokare and Dr. Devendra Mahore from GMC, Nagpur and the background support by Dr. Madan Kapre and others.

PhonoCon now moves on to Mumbai in 2016. Over to Dr. Nupur Kapoor Nerurkar and team!