

41<sup>st</sup> National Conference of Association of Radiation Oncologists of India

AROICON 2019

28<sup>th</sup> November – 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019

Ahmedabad

The Gujarat Cancer & Research Institute (GCRI) and AROI Gujarat Chapter ( Association of Radiation Oncologists of Gujarat) conducted successfully 41<sup>st</sup> National Conference of Association of Radiation Oncologists of India at India's first 'Heritage City', Ahmedabad during 28<sup>th</sup> November to 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019 under the dynamic leadership of Dr U Suryanarayana, Organizing Chairman and Dr Pooja Nandwani Patel, Organizing Secretary AROICON 2019.

AROICON 2019 was a phenomenal success by 1500 + delegates from different parts of the country and with 512 + abstract submissions which is one of the largest and unprecedented in the history. The conference started with a full hall workshop by the Indian College of Radiation Oncology (ICRO) with tailor-made teaching sessions for the budding Radiation Oncologists about the cutting-edge technological advancements for the cancer treatment based on the theme – 'Precision Techniques in Radiation Oncology.' The ICRO workshop was attended by more than 350+ attendees with full zest to learn the precision techniques.

AROICON 2019 spanned over 4 days comprised of 75+ scientific sessions based on the theme, 'Inception, Evolution, Evidence & Future in Oncology' held at the mighty campus of Gujarat University Convention & Exhibition Center (GUCEC). This year the theme emphasized the importance of connecting patients with this high-tech environment and cutting edge technological advancements. To both improve their lives and to accelerate further cancer research programs in the field, AROICON 2019 was really instrumental.

The scientific sessions comprise of renowned faculties from all over the nation and about 20+ eminent international faculties like Dr Eduardo Zubizaretta, Dr Anita Mahajan, Dr Anuja Jhingran, Dr Vincent Gregoire, Dr Michael Brada and many others from globally reputed cancer institutions like The M D Anderson, USA; The Mayo Clinic, USA; Gustave Roussy, France; Peter Mac Callum, Australia. The eminent national faculties from all over the country like Dr G K Rath, Dr M R Rajagopal, Dr Vijay Anand Reddy, Dr Ramdas, Dr Vivek Kaushal, Dr Sarbani Laskar, Dr Rakesh Jalali, Dr Siddhartha Laskar, Dr Umesh Mahantshetty, Dr Anusheel Munshi, Dr Shyam Bisht, Dr Ghanshyam Sahni, Dr S D Sharma, Dr Dayananda Sharmurailatpam, Dr Srinivaas Chilikuri, Dr Kaustav Talapatra and many others made the scientific program more impactful with interesting discussions and information shared regarding the latest in the field of Radiation Oncology. There were many interesting debates on very much needed controversial topics so as to get the common consensus amongst the fraternity at the end.

There were huge prizes for quiz and abstract presenters as a token of appreciation and increasing the morale of students and young budding radiation oncologists. Many AROI members also availed the travel fellowships and would enrich their academic experience with training programs.

In order to make the delegates relax after full day scientific discussions and experience the tradition and culture of Gujarat, cultural Garba and dinner program was kept at Sabarmati Riverfront. The traditional costumes, Maha Arti program on the bank of Sabarmati River with Dandiyas and traditional Gujarati folk dance was fully enjoyed by delegates and made the program very colorful and vibrant.