The New INASL President: A Clinician par Excellence

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It is my proud privilege to introduce Prof. Anil Arora, the new INASL President, who is a brilliant scholar, an avid learner, and a clinician par excellence. Although Prof. Arora is well known to INASL members, as he is a reputed hepatologist of the country and an active INASL member, it is still my duty to introduce him to the fraternity.

Anil Arora, graduated from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in 1982, and he was one of those rare brilliant students who did his MBBS, MD and DM, all from AIIMS. Subsequently he served as Pool Officer in AIIMS for over one year till 1991. He later obtained his FRCP from Edinburgh in 2005, and from London in 2010. He has been an outstanding scholar and had received almost every conceivable award for academic brilliance including the Prof. S.R. Naik Memorial Award in 2015 given by the Indian Society of Gastroenterology.

He had joined Sir Ganga Ram Hospital in 1991 as a Consultant in the Gastroenterology department. Over the years he rose through the ranks in the department and since 2010 he is heading the department as the Director. The department of Gastroenterology, in turn, has grown leaps and bounds under his leadership, and is now elevated to the prestigious “Institute of Liver, Gastroenterology, & Pancreatico-Biliary Sciences” of Sir Ganga Ram Hospital and has been ranked as one of the best departments of Gastroenterology in the country on numerous occasions.

Prof. Arora became one of the first transplant hepatologist of India after completing his Fellowship in Liver Transplantation from Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, England in 1999, and he is one of the pioneers to start liver transplantation program at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital in 1999. He is also credited with modernizing the therapeutic endoscopy facility of Sir Ganga Ram Hospital to make it one of the best in India and he himself performs and trains his juniors various advanced therapeutic endoscopic procedures like EUS and POEM.

Prof. Arora has more than 150 publications to his credit in reputed journals and has authored more than 25 chapters in various books. He has conducted a large number of research projects and has done pioneering work on stem cell treatment for liver diseases. He has delivered more than 300 guest lectures in India and abroad. He has been regularly organizing annual liver conferences for last 10 years and biannual endoscopy workshops for last 4 years.

In spite of being one of the most reputed hepatologist of the country, his feet is firmly on the ground, and he has not neglected his social responsibility towards the society. He is the founder member of Delhi Liver Foundation, an NGO which is taking initiative in spreading knowledge about liver diseases amongst general population, organizing frequent camps for screening of hepatitis B and C, and providing free vaccination to thousands of potentially susceptible population in north India.

Prof. Anil Arora is one of the sharpest intellects in academic Gastroenterology and Hepatology in India. He is brilliant, assiduous, and persuasive learner of newer advancements and paradigms in the field of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, and adapting them to apply to his areas of work. He is a workaholic who never tires and constantly encourages and supports his students and colleagues to achieve newer heights.

Prof. Anil Arora takes over the reins of INASL at a time when INASL is aptly steering the academic Hepatology of

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India; and we believe that his visionary leadership will surely lead INASL to become one of the top liver societies of the world, at par with AASLD, EASL, and APASL. On behalf of all members of INASL, I wish him all the best in his new assignment and assure him that we will support him in all his endeavors to improve INASL.

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