Dear Colleagues,

Greetings from URPSSI

“Ithe glory of medicine is that it is constantly moving forward, that there is always more to learn” - William J Mayo (1861-1939).

It is my privilege to inform you about the “IUGA Regional Symposium 2018 & URPS 2018 - operative workshop and conference on "Urogynecology and Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery” scheduled to be held at The Tamil Nadu Dr. MGR Medical University Auditorium, No. 69, Anna Salai, Guindy, Chennai, Tamil Nadu 600032 from 07th to 09th of September 2018.

URPSSI is a national registered society founded in 2005 with an objective to promote collaboration among specialists and to promote education. It is affiliated to IUGA (International Urogynecological Association) since 2008.

URPSSI promotes exchange of ideas, innovative approaches towards surgical care, updating ourselves with latest researches and trials which eventually shortens the learning curve and facilitates acquisition of advanced skills.

The society keeps its door open to all those who are interested in learning Urogynecology and willing to pass on the benefits of their learning to fellows and patients.
Annual operative workshop and conferences in Urogynecology and Reconstructive Pelvic surgery (URPS) has been conducted by URPSSI from 2005 and it will continue to hold this program in future too with an objective of promoting learning from world renowned Urogynecology experts.

The growing scientific advances demand a continual learning process. Regular and lifelong knowledge acquisition of newer management modalities becomes an absolute necessity for the medical fraternity.

Ladder of learning constitute these fundamental steps:

"It is not the strongest species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the ones most responsive to change" - Charles Darwin

Just as Charles Darwin, the father of evolution had said, “The fittest will survive”, we in our medical profession know that only those who keep abreast with the latest developments and research can only survive in the medical world, where changes are inevitable and indispensable.

Great surgeon Theodoric (1205-1296) has said that “it behooves practitioners of surgery to frequent the places where skilled surgeons operate, and to attend these operations diligently and commit them to memory”

Adopting this, URPSSI has conducted annual operative workshops and conference in Urogynecology and Reconstructive Pelvic surgery, which resulted in periodical learning from international and national experts in Urogynecology.
**URPSSI has done 18 operative workshop** so far and it will continue to hold a similar program in the future too, why because excellence can only be accomplished by training and habituation.

Every year, specialists from all over the country participated in these educational endeavors. Learning and sharing became the rule which eventually shortened the learning curve of the participants. Thus the benefits of specialized services cascaded to huge, needy women patients far and wide across India.

The professional fraternity in India is quite large. Serving the growing health needs of 657 million (65.7 cores) women in India is a great challenge.

Updating the specialists about the recent advances by periodical conferences and workshops involving national and international Urogynecology experts is a short term rapid learning process addressed to a focused gathering of specialists. It is an attempt to "Bridge the gap between the care seekers and care providers" in our country.

Surgeons may be admired, praised and even adored for good results. But then, they are blamed more than any other specialty for bad results despite all the hard work.

By improving the methods existing and by devising better strategies to correct the complex problems, we can avoid repeated surgeries, reduce the morbidity and improve the quality of life of our patients

"**Read one, See one and Do one**" does not hold good for pelvic floor surgeries. Pelvic Surgeries need to be seen frequently and practiced regularly.

**Should you become a member of URPSSI & participate in IUGA Regional Symposium & URPS 2018?** Yes. Because

- It will ensure learning from the “Master Surgeons”
- It will help you to work smarter
It is said that “the illiterate of the future are not those who can’t read or write, but those who can’t learn to unlearn obsolete methods & re-learn” appropriate newer techniques.

IUGA Regional Symposium & URPS 2018 will empower you to accomplish this transition smoothly.

This year, the International Urogynecological Association (IUGA) has joined hands with URPSSI and the Regional symposium of IUGA & URPS 2018 is jointly organized.

Veteran Urogynecologists from different continents, will unravel the intricacies of pelvic floor surgeries.

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High prevalence of Urogynecological problems in India is a consequence of huge women population (657 million or 65.7 crores) & a high birth rate (19 / 1000 population) which pose an enormous demand for specialized Urogynecological care.

However, the available number of Urogynaecology specialists is disproportionately low. There exists yawning gap between the number of sufferers and the number of Urogynaecologists.

Considering the magnitude of the problem, there is an urgent need for doctors to be trained in this subspeciality of Urogynaecology & reconstructive pelvic surgery. Ever since its inception, URPSSI has pledged to train more and more specialists with the help of the international experts.

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Need for IUGA Regional Symposium in India

Special offer to all the Non IUGA member participants

Discounted one year IUGA membership on payment of $75 (instead of $130) with electronic access to International Urogynecology Journal.

For online Registration visit www.urpssi.org
The following operative procedures will be demonstrated.

- Mc calls culdoplasty, Intra & extra peritoneal high utero sacral ligament suspension, sacro spinous ligament suspension, sacro hysteropexy, sacro colpopexy for POP
- Fascial repair for anterior and posterior vaginal wall prolapse
- Mid urethral slings, pubo vaginal sling, burch colposuspension
- Urinary & Faecal Fistula (VVF & RVF)
- Repair of Obstetric perineal and anal sphincter injuries

Let us work together and address the unmet health needs of our women.

Let us pledge to improve the QoL of women suffering from Urogynecological diseases.

With warm regards,

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