Dear members and colleagues,

I am proud to be the President of this great organization and thank all of you for electing me to this office, which was held by many stalwart surgeons in this country.

This has been a good year to the association as many of our members had received many great honors like “Padma Awards” from Government of India to Dr. T.E.Udwadia, Dr. Tandon, National BC Roy award to Dr. C. Palanivelu, Dr. Narendra Pandey and honorary doctorate to Dr. S. S. Narasanagi. Many congratulations to all of them on behalf of the council.

As always there are quite a number of issues being considered at the G.C. meeting, the main objective is on surgical education, training and assessment, and we are organising “National Seminar on Surgical Education” at Goa in April 2006 to bring in uniformity in training of surgeons in this country and we are working closely with the MCI, National Board and universities to implement the recommendations.

The association has drawn the agenda to bring in the close concept of liaison between association and institutions, association and industry, association and public awareness, surgical research forum, surgical innovation forum and disaster management. Several of the council members have been given the responsibility to organize this and get best out of all the members who individually are centre of excellence and through them to every member of the association.

To streamline the various activities of the association, through sections, state and city chapters now we have four zonal joint secretaries and every section and chapters can work with close liaison to bring in good rapport between members and the association, hope through this approach activities continues to be successful.

An ASI bulletin is introduced to have a good dialogue between members and association and contribute various information, that it can be disseminated. The time is now close for us to be electing new office bearers both for the association and to IJS (Indian Journals of Surgery) to succeed current group and bring in the change for the good of the association. I request all the concerned to increase the membership strength and have more representations.

Indian journal of surgery is bringing out the issues regularly in a changed format due to efforts of the editorial board and appeal to all members to send some more good articles so that our effort in bringing out a good quality journal will be full filed and make this a peer reviewed journal so that, status of the association will reach to the highest extent.

Time is passing quickly and I am bring in changes which will be useful to all members and trying to prepare the white paper of ASI by 2015 how the future should be. I appeal to all the members to write their suggestion and ideas in running of the association.

The changing scenario in the health sector in the country and to make ASI an institution of excellence. I need the help co-operation of its members. The dedicated work done by several people in the past, now all over the globe we are a recognized body. I am happy to inform you that Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland (ASGBI) has recognized our association as a designated societies and president of the ASI has received a special invitation to receive the award and bring in transfer of technology in the forum of exchange fellowship programs, subetical between the institutions and to have joint meeting between the
various international association.

I will urge all of you to think more about the association, contribute academically to the association, then only association will give back to you, what you expect, as the future of medical education and medical profession are at cross roads.

A special invitation to all my members to attend ASICON – 2006 at Varanasi, we are hoping to bring a change for the betterment.

You all known me very well how friendly I am. I always do by inviting you to contact me if you believe there is any thing we can do which would serve you better.