



# ISRM NEWSLETTER



**The Indian Society for  
Reconstructive Microsurgery**

**News Letter 2025**



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(2024-2028)



## Message from the President



**Dr. Gurdyal Kalra**

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It gives me immense pleasure to welcome you all to the forthcoming biennial conference of the Indian Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery, to be held in the beautiful city of Jaipur.

ISRM has steadily evolved into a vibrant academic platform that represents excellence in reconstructive microsurgery, innovation, and ethical clinical practice. This conference, with participation of nearly 250 delegates, brings together an outstanding faculty comprising eminent experts from India and distinguished international colleagues from the UK, Spain, the USA, and other parts of the world. Their presence reflects the growing global stature of our society.

As my term as President comes to a close, I look back with gratitude at the collective efforts of our members, executive committee, and office bearers who have worked tirelessly to strengthen academic activities, training opportunities, and collaborative growth within ISRM. The society's progress is a testament to teamwork, mutual respect, and shared vision.

I am confident that this meeting will provide rich academic exchange, stimulate meaningful discussions, and further inspire younger surgeons to pursue excellence in reconstructive microsurgery. I extend my best wishes to the organizing committee for a successful and memorable conference.

With warm regards and best wishes for the continued growth of ISRM.



## Message from the Secretary



**Dr. Vinay Kant Shankdhar**

Dear friends

I thank you all for giving me an opportunity to serve as the Secretary of the Association. As a cancer reconstruction surgeon, reconstructive microsurgery is very close to my heart.

Good reconstruction is important for both the timely completion of treatment and improving survival, as well as for enhancing their quality of life through better rehabilitation.

The approach to reconstruction has changed over the last few decades. Traditionally, the Reconstructive Ladder Approach was used for the defects but now the Elevator approach is preferred, and the best form of reconstructive technique is chosen regardless of the complexity of the procedure.

Current concepts have evolved to improve reconstruction both in terms of functional and aesthetic outcomes.

The requirements of a good reconstruction center is a good microscope, magnification loupes and microvascular instruments. Many microvascular surgeons are doing free flaps as freelancers. Thus, reconstructive surgery is skill-driven rather than setup-driven practice.

Microvascular and Reconstructive surgery has grown significantly over the last two decades and so is our association. Currently the total number of members is almost 450 members.

I request all the existing members to encourage their junior colleagues to take up Reconstructive Microsurgery and come into the fold by becoming active members. Indian microsurgery work is being recognized and acknowledged at various international platforms. We hosted the APFSRM 2024 successfully under the aegis of ISRM.

The meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2025 at 9 pm, the following points were discussed.

1. The current Website needs an update.
2. Dr. Rajendra Nehte pointed out that the Indian society of reconstructive micro surgery was initially registered as a trust but due to change in rules it needs to be re-registered as a state Trust. The account of ISRM is in Nashik so Maharashtra can be the place of registration of the society. The account number to be updated on the website.
3. The name of the association also needs to be changed as the word Indian can no longer be used as a prefix. The new name suggested is “Association of Reconstructive Microsurgeons of India”
4. For the newly registered Society a fresh constitution and a blue book for the guidelines are required and following members are
  - a. Committee – Dr. Rajendra, Dr. Hari, Dr. Vinay Kant Shankhdhar, Dr. Selva
5. Mr Santosh, web master –
  - a. To put an updated list of all the ISRM members with the membership numbers on the website
6. The confirmation of ISRM amount credited in the account to be confirmed by secretary of Dr Rajendra Nehte by an email or WhatsApp communication with General Secretary.
7. Dr Hari in his communication with the APFSRM 2026 is trying for a discount on registration.

**ISRM** is currently hosting many academic activities for the benefit of its members.

1. Journal club, Once in 2 months, Peer-reviewed journal to be presented by Junior Consultant/ Post Graduate, 2 moderators. This will encourage Constant update of knowledge/ Recent Advances, Presenting skills for PGs and Encourage them to write journals
2. Best Case, Once in 2 months, A panel of judges to select the best case every month posted in the microsurgery group / sent by mail. At the end of the year, the best case will be selected overall and shall be given free ISRM registration. Best case can be presented along with journal club every month. It Showcases the skills of fellow members and can be published and participants can be encouraged to participate in international forum
3. Symposium, Once in 2 months, One topic to be described threadbare for 90 mins, upto 5 speakers. It will provide In-depth knowledge of particular problem / defects / technique.

## ISRM International travelling fellowship - Rs 50,000

- 2022 - 2024 - Shivangi Saha
- 2024 - 2026 - No applications

## Past President's Oration

Past President's Oration - Dr. Ravi Mahajan

## Godina Oration

- 2024 - Dr. Gregory Evans
- 2026 - Dr. Laurent Lantieri

## SR Tambwekar Pioneer's Lecture

- 2024 - Dr. Jorge Clifton
- 2026 - Dr. Peter Cordeiro

## Mukund Reddy Oration

- 2024 - Dr. Prabha Yadav
- 2026 - Dr. Pedro Cavadas

The Present President of ISRM Dr. G.S. Kalra is hosting ISRM 2026 at Jaipur.

The incoming president is Dr. Hari Venkatramani will host the next ISRM 2028 conference at Coimbatore.

Dr. S. Selva Seetha Raman (2022-2026) and Dr. Surinder Singh Makkar (2022-2026) will be completing their tenure as executive committee members

The Elections for the post of Vice President and two Executive committee members are scheduled on 13<sup>th</sup> of February during the General Body Meeting. Currently only full-life ISRM members attending the conference are eligible for voting and participating for the elections.

We invite all eligible individuals to consider stepping forward for the above posts. The last date for the applications is 10<sup>th</sup> of February 2026 (Please mail on [isrmmail@gmail.com](mailto:isrmmail@gmail.com)) The elections will be conducted during the GBM on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026, and results will be declared thereafter.

For any queries, please feel free to discuss with me on 9819668264 or mail on [isrmmail@gmail.com](mailto:isrmmail@gmail.com)

Thanks and see you all soon at Jaipur.