

Conference Brochure

AANSIM
2019



Joint Meeting of

AASNS, NSI & IMS (AANSIM) 2019

15th Asian Australasian Congress of Neurological Surgeons,
68th Annual Conference of The Neurological Society of India,
International Meningioma Society Congress

&

World Academy of Neurological Surgery

(Members only, December 3-4 2019)

December 5-8 2019

with 40th Annual Conference of Society of Indian Neuroscience Nurses (SINN)
(December 5-6 2019)

Guest Societies:

American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS)
European Association of Neurological Surgeons (EANS)

Venue: Renaissance Mumbai Convention Centre Hotel, Powai, Mumbai

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“Message”



Dear Friends,

It gives us great pleasure in welcoming you to the Joint Meeting of the 15th AACNS and 68th NSI between December 5th – 8th, 2019 in Mumbai. This is the first time that the 4 - yearly Asian Australasian Congress of Neurological Surgeons (AACNS) is coming to India. The Neurosurgical Community of India is leaving no stone unturned to make this a memorable meeting and has thus joined the 68th Annual Conference of Neurological Society of India (NSI) along with the 15th Continental Congress of Asian Australasian Society of Neurological Surgeons.along with the continental congress of Asian Australasian Society of Neurological Surgeons (AASNS). We are delighted that the International Meningioma Society (IMS) will join us with their Congress. The World Academy of Neurological Surgery Interim Meeting (Members only) will precede our Congress between December 3rd - 4th, 2019. It is our pleasure to welcome the Guest Societies AANS and EANS and hope that this will be 'The' Neurosurgery Congress of 2019.

The theme of this congress is '**Towards One World**'. In spite of the tremendous progress in the field of neurosurgery in our continent, the standard of care is still very variable. Our goal is to have uniform standard of care across the continent. We can make the next decade, the decade of AASNS. Let us do it. As Mahatma Gandhi had said “It is health that is real wealth and not piece of gold and silver.”

The congress, no doubt, will be memorable and lively in Mumbai, the city that never sleeps. Cosmopolitan and safe, Mumbai has something for everybody, gorgeous beaches, sea side restaurants, great architecture and outstanding museums. Well connected both by land and air, Mumbai is easy to reach from within India as well as from anywhere in the world. For the tourist minded neurosurgeon, there are plenty of options, from short trips of hours to weeks of remarkable memories. So, come one, come all, let us make 'One World', a world that is truly “Flat”.

Basant Misra

President, AASNS & Congress President

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I beckon you all fellow neurosurgeons, as teachers, as physicians, as researchers, as scientists, and above all as “Citizens of Neurosurgery” to our annual congregation in December 2019 to the vibrant city of Mumbai. This year’s meeting is a unique blend of multiple societies, across the globe that speak the common language of Neurosurgery. Like the “Cosmopolitan” let us mingle together with newer and challenging ideas and experiments, with radical innovations and thoughts, with new gusto and imagination, and with love in our hearts, and with enlightened spirits. Mumbai, the city that never sleeps has a distinctive pulse and will enthrall you with its Bollywood, heritage Gothic architecture and modern high rises. Let us come together with a deep and abiding appreciation for our commitment to the most challenging and awe-inspiring profession of neurosurgery and celebrate our innovations and ideas. In this Long March, let us commit ourselves to taking the first and necessary step of serving our brothers and sisters everywhere with equanimity, and with full commitment, heralding a new place of dignity for all on the banquet table of history. We are at the forefronts of new science, new knowledge and a new humanity. As neurosurgeons, let us be the true pilgrims in this great voyage of life and spirit.

Atul Goel

President, Neurological Society of India.



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Asian Australasian Society of Neurological Surgeons

Greetings on New Year,

True leadership has come our way. Indian Neurosurgery is on the driver seat. 4/5th of Global Neurosurgical community is converging in Mumbai on 5th - 8th December 2019. AANSIM is going to be the largest gathering of Neurosurgeons, second only to WFNS meetings. Asian Australasian Society of Neurological Surgeons(AASNS), Neurological Society of India(NSI) and International Meningioma Society(IMS) are going to have a joint meeting. It shall be enriched and enhanced by the presence of American Association of Neurological Surgeon(AANS) and European Association of Neurological Surgeon(EANS) as Guest Societies of AASNS. The joint meeting of 68th NSICON and 15th AACNS along with IMS is going to provide large canvass for display of Science and Art in Neurosurgery for 4 days, Thursday through Sunday.

We exhort you all to be witness to this unprecedented event being held in India in the megapoly, Mumbai at Hotel Renaissance Mumbai Convention Centre, Powai lake, an apt ambience for scientific consumption. Most certainly it will be punctuated by Indian hospitality and taste bud treatment.

Let us remind you that the first leap of growth of Neurosciences in India took place after 9th World Congress, 1989 in Delhi. Three decades later, this December 2019, opportunity is waiting for you all to be part of the second and major ascendance of Indian Neurosurgery, to be placed in the orbit of World leadership.

We exhort you all to accept our invitation for all across the Neurosurgical community for maximal participation.

See you in Mumbai !

Bhawani S Sharma
Chairman Organizing Committee
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The International Meningioma Society (IMS) officially founded in September 2006 at the Mr.Fuji meeting, hosted by Prof. Takeshi Kawase, has brought international neurosurgeons, radiation oncologists, basic research scientists and epidemiologists together to fight this puzzling and sophisticated disease. The mission of IMS is to achieve “the advancement of the understanding of the biology and treatment of meningiomas and to improve the lives of patients afflicted”. The regular meeting of IMS has attracted numerous academicians each time, making it a great academic event for those who are working in this area and interested in this disease. Since its first symposium back in 1992, IMS has organized over 12 events insofar and has contributed in advancing the understanding and treatment of meningioma. In the last meeting in August / Sept, 2018 in Prague, the committee decided that henceforth this meeting will be held every year and announced that 2019 IMS meningioma meeting will be held in Mumbai, as a joint meeting along with the 15th Asian Australasian Congress of Neurological Surgeons (AASNS) and the 68th Annual Conference of Neurological Society of India(NSI) meetings from December 5th to 9th . IMS is a non-profit unincorporated public benefit society and the society aims at advancing the art of science in the field of clinical care and research in meningiomas.

Michael McDermott
President IMS

Suresh Nair
Chair, IMS 2019 &
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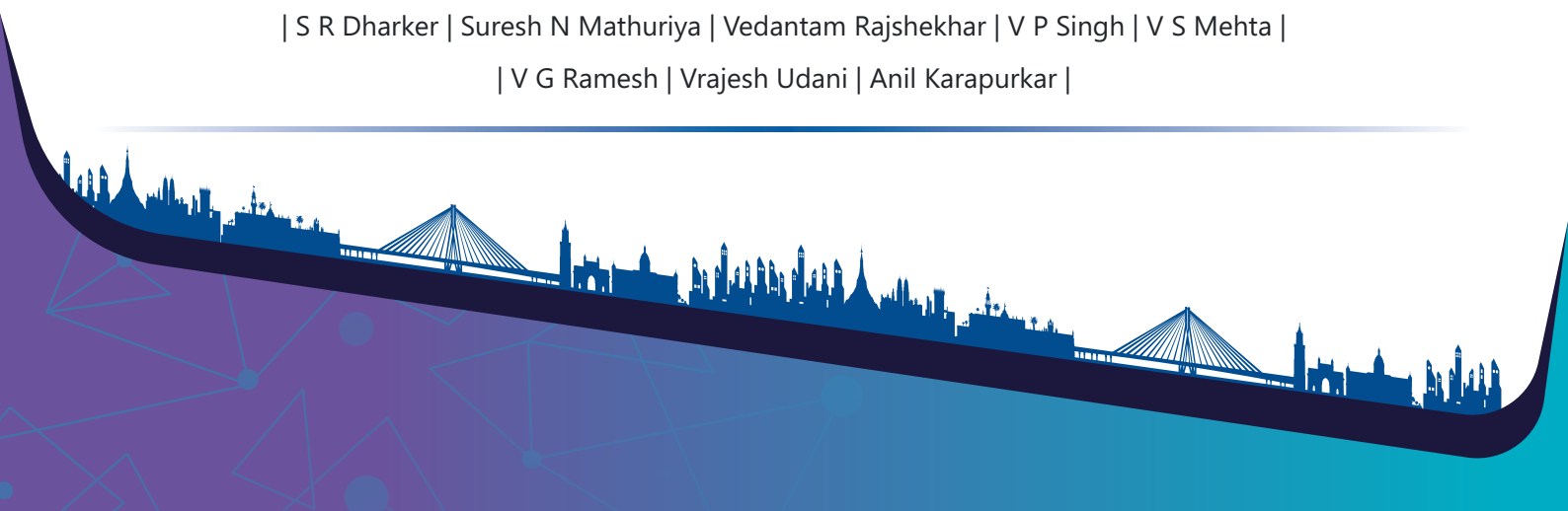
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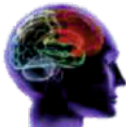
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December 5-8 2019

REGISTRATION FORM

FILL IN CAPITAL LETTERS

PERSONAL DETAILS

Prof. Dr. Mr. Ms. Mrs. | National/State Medical Registration No. _____

Category: Neurosurgeon / Neurologist / PG Student / Nurses / Allied Neuro Scientist | NSI Membership No. _____

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Pin code: _____ State: _____ Country: _____

Mobile: _____ Email: _____

ACCOMPANYING PERSON/S | Name of room partner for twin - sharing room accommodation

(1) Name _____ (2) Name _____

PRE - CONFERENCE WORKSHOP - 4th Dec 2019

SELECTION OF ANY ONE IS PERMITTED

- Endoscopic Skull Base Cadaver Workshop Micro Vascular Anastomosis Workshop
 Neuro Endovascular Simulation Workshop Deep Brain Stimulation Techniques Workshop
 Comprehensive Epilepsy Workshop

Indian Delegate - INR 10000/- Foreign Delegate - 200 USD

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION CHARGES

Category	Early Bird from 17 th Dec 2018 to 30 th June 2019	Regular 1 st July to 31 st Oct 2019	Late & Spot
<input type="checkbox"/> NSI Members	INR 16,000/-	INR 18,000/-	INR 26,000/-
<input type="checkbox"/> Non NSI Members (India)	INR 18,000/-	INR 21,000/-	INR 28,000/-
<input type="checkbox"/> International Delegates	350 USD	450 USD	550 USD
<input type="checkbox"/> PG Students (Resident - Indian)	INR 10,000/-	INR 12,000/-	INR 16,000/-
<input type="checkbox"/> PG Students (International Delegates)	200 USD	300 USD	400 USD
<input type="checkbox"/> Neuro Nurses * (December 5-6 2019)	* INR 5,500/-	* INR 6,500/-	* INR 10,000/-
<input type="checkbox"/> Accompanying person	INR 10,000/-	INR 12,000/-	INR 16,000/-
<input type="checkbox"/> Accompanying Person International	200 USD	300 USD	400 USD

Conference Registration (Compulsory for all Faculty & Delegates) includes:

- Conference Fee
- Conference Kit
- Participating in all scientific sessions
- Lunches on 5th – 8th December 2019
- Registration fee is inclusive of currently applicable Taxes (GST 18%).
Any change in taxes will be as per prevailing tax structure
- Welcome Reception Dinner on 5th December 2019
- Gala Dinner on 7th December 2019
- Visit to Trade Exhibition
- Certificate of attendance
- "The SINNCON 2019 Conference (5-6 December 2019) Registration includes: Conference Fee & Kit, Scientific sessions participation & Lunches on 5th & 6th December 2019 & Welcome Reception Dinner on 5th December 2019"

Note:

- Conference registration is mandatory for Pre-Conference Workshop.
- Delegate can choose only one of the five workshops.
- ***Accompanying persons** will not have access to the Scientific Halls. They are eligible to attend the lunches and dinners hosted by the organizers. They are allowed to visit the Trade exhibition area.
- ***Post graduate student / Resident / Nurse / Technician:** An official letter of the institution (PDF format), originally stamped and signed by the head of the department/Institute confirming this status must be submitted or uploaded during the registration process.

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RESIDENTIAL PACKAGES

A) Renaissance Mumbai Convention Centre Hotel, Powai (Venue Hotel)

Residential package at Renaissance Mumbai Convention Center Hotel, Powai (Venue Hotel)						
Occupancy		4 - Nights Package		3 - Nights Package		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Single	INR 60,000/-	900 USD	INR 45,000/-	700 USD	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Double	INR 64,000/-	1000 USD	INR 48,000/-	750 USD	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Twin/Person	INR 32,000/-	500 USD	INR 24,000/-	375 USD	
			(Check in on 4 th December 2019 and check out 8 th December 2019)		(Check in on 5 th December 2019 and check out 8 th December 2019)	
The residential package includes Room rent and Breakfast only						

B) Hotel Leela, Sahar Road, Andheri (East)

Residential package at Hotel Leela, Sahar Road, Andheri (East)						
Occupancy		4 - Nights Package		3 - Nights Package		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Single	INR 48,000/-	700 USD	INR 36,000/-	550 USD	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Double	INR 56,000/-	800 USD	INR 42,000/-	600 USD	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Twin/Person	INR 28,000/-	400 USD	INR 21,000/-	300 USD	
			(Check in on 4 th December 2019 and check out 8 th December 2019)		(Check in on 5 th December 2019 and check out 8 th December 2019)	
The residential package includes Room rent and Breakfast only						

Residential package fee is inclusive of currently applicable Taxes (GST 28%). Any change in taxes will be as per prevailing tax structure

Terms & Conditions

- The Room would be provided only if full payment is done in advance and it would on first-come-first-served-basis due to limited number. of rooms available.
- The guest will need to provide Credit Card number to the hotel during check-in towards any extra expenses such as Mini Bar, Room Service, Laundry, Telephones, Business Center etc. In the event of Guest not providing Credit card details, he/she would be entitled to pay cash deposit of INR 5000/- at the hotel reception desk during check-in.
- The Guest is requested to carry a Valid Photo Id proof, which will be required at the time of check in.
- Airport transfers (pick up & drop) are not included in the package.
- The Hotel Check In time is 1500 hrs and Check out time is 1200 hrs.
- Early check in and Late checkout is strictly subject to availability & cannot be guaranteed.
- The guest is requested to intimate in advance in case of any change in their schedule / correction in the spelling of your name.
- Mutual interchange of the rooms without informing the organizers will not be entertained.
- Delegate opting for twin sharing accommodation can suggest the name of the room partner at the time of booking/registration or else the organizers will allot the room partner at random.
- Any requirement of extra stay either prior or after the meeting at the Hotel should be dealt with the Hotel directly

You may choose one of the following methods for registration / residential package:

Mode of payment: (Online) - payment through "www.aasns.nsi2019.org"

Credit card / Debit card (i.e. Visa, Master Card)

Delegate opting for online payment option is liable for online fees as applicable.

Mode of payment: (Bank Transfer) - NEFT / RTGS)

Bank Details:

Name of Account	AASNS & NSI 2019	Account No.	100068156908	Saving Account
Name of Bank	IndusInd Bank	IFSC Code.	INDB0000503	
Branch	Mahim	SWIFT Code.	INDBINBBBOO	

Mode of payment: (Offline) - DD in favor of "AASNS & NSI 2019" payable at Mumbai

Amount ₹. _____ DD / Number _____ DD Date: DD / MM / 2019

In Words: _____

Drawn on (Bank Name and Branch) _____

Cheque payment will not be entertained.

Cancellation Policy (Registration & Residential package):

All cancellations must be electronically mailed. Refund of registration fee will be as follows:

- Before 30th June 2019 - 100% refund (less ₹2000 or \$ 30 as Handling fee)
- From 1st July, 2019 until 30th September 2019,- 50% refund
- No refund on cancellations sent after 1st October 2019
- In the event of "No Show"- No refund / conference certificate will be given.
- All Refunds for payments will be processed after the congress only.

Signature of Delegate

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Pre-Conference Workshops - 4th December 2019 AANSIM 2019

1. **Endoscopic Skull Base Cadaver Workshop** At Sir JJ Group of Hospitals, JJ Marg, Nagpada-Mumbai Central, Off Jijabhoy Road, Mumbai - 400008
In-Charge & Course Director - Dr. Vernon Velho
2. **Neuro Endovascular Simulation Workshop** At Johnson & Johnson Pvt Ltd, No. 64/66, Johnson House, Senapati Bapat Marg, Mahim, Mumbai - 400016.
In-Charge & Course Director - Dr. Batuk Diyora
3. **Microvascular Anastomosis Workshop** At Johnson & Johnson Pvt Ltd No. 64/66, Johnson House, Senapati Bapat Marg, Mahim, Mumbai - 400016.
In-Charge & Course Director - Dr. Trimurti Nadkarni
4. **Deep Brain Stimulation Techniques Workshop** At P.D. Hinduja National Hospital, Veer Savarkar Marg, Cadel Road, Mahim, Mumbai - 400016.
In-Charge & Course Director - Dr. Milind Sankhe
5. **Comprehensive Epilepsy Workshop** At KEM Hospital, Acharya Donde Marg, Parel, Mumbai 400 012.
In-Charge & Course Director - Dr. Dattatraya Muzumdar

Abstract Submission:

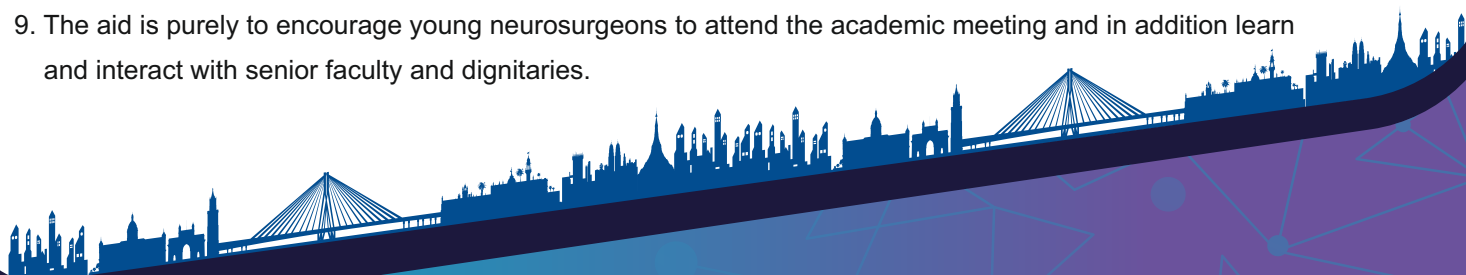
1. The final date of Abstract submission is 31st July 2019.
2. The submitted abstract should be complete in all aspects and should be submitted online through www.AASNS.NSI2019.org only.
3. Registration for the Congress is compulsory for presentation (platform, award paper, digital poster).

Young Neurosurgeons Fellowship Award:

100 Young Neurosurgeons will be sponsored & would be offered complimentary registration and accommodation for attending AANSIM 2019.

The criteria for eligibility are as follows:

1. The age should be 35-years or below.
2. The selection would be strictly done on first-come-first basis.
3. The delegate should first register and pay the registration fee for the meeting.
4. The delegate should submit age certificate and a letter of recommendation from the Institution or Department Head.
5. The selection would be maximum 2 delegates from each institute.
6. The selection process would be at the discretion of the organizers. No query or communication would be entertained with respect to the selection process or acceptance of the application.
7. The accommodation would be complimentary on twin - sharing basis for the entire duration of the meeting.
8. The registration amount will be refunded after the meeting.
9. The aid is purely to encourage young neurosurgeons to attend the academic meeting and in addition learn and interact with senior faculty and dignitaries.





Neurological Society of India

The Neurological Society of India (NSI) is the apex body representing neuroscientists of the country. It was founded in 1951 by Jacob Chandy, Balasubramaniam Ramaurthi, S.T. Narasimhan, and Baldev Singh, who together have been credited in the formation of NSI. The society appointed Jacob Chandy as its first President. The first meeting was held in Hyderabad in the month of March 1952. The society published its first journal titled "Neurology". The journal was subsequently renamed as "Neurology India" in 1953.

Since its inception, the society held its annual meetings with the Association of Physicians of India. Subsequently it established its own annual conference and created its sub-sections of Neurology, Neurosurgery, Neuropathology and Neuroradiology in the Society. On 25 October 1969, the society registered itself with the Charity Commissioner, Public Trusts Registration Office, Greater Bombay Region.

In 1972, the society formed a sub-committee for standardization of Postgraduate Education in the country. In 1977, the society became the first medical professional society in the country to conduct the Continuing Medical Education (CME) by providing updates on selected topics and encouraging interdisciplinary interaction among trainees in the various branches of the Neurological Sciences. In 1979, NSI founded a new association, the Society of Indian Neurosciences Nurses (SINN) of India, with the main objective to set high standards of neuro-nursing in the country. The conferences of the association since then are conducted annually along with the annual conference of NSI.

The society has various Orations in honor of its eminent members. The NSI has affiliation with the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies, the World Federation of Neurology, the International Society of Neuropathology, the International Federation of Societies for Electroencephalography and Clinical Neurophysiology. The society has over 2500 members and has been also involved in organizing seminars and conferences to initiate interaction among its members. The society also organizes various awareness programs and workshops for the benefit of its members and society at large. Till date 67 annual meetings of the NSI are held with the last meeting being organized at Jaipur, India. The 68th Annual meeting of NSI is scheduled in Mumbai from 5-8 December 2019. It would be jointly organized along with the 15th Asian Australasian Society of Neurological Surgeons (AASNS) and International Meningioma Society congress.



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Asian Australasian Society of Neurological Surgeons

The Asian Australasian Society of Neurological Surgeons (AASNS) is the continental society for neurosurgeons and neurosurgical societies in Asia and Australasia. It is the largest continental society of neurological surgeons in the world, with more than 28 countries in its membership, with more than 14,000 neurosurgeons representing 60% of the world's neurosurgeons looking after 60% of the world's population. The society aims to promote educational activities by various conferences, educational programs and its journal- the Journal of Clinical Neurosciences". The AASNS congress is held every 4-yearly. The aim of the society is to promote scientific and academic activities.

It was at the 2nd International Congress of WFNS at Staller Hotel, Washington DC, USA in 1961, that Dr Romeo Gustilo from Philippines observed that there were 50 odd Neurosurgeons from Japan, Australia, New Zealand, India, Pakistan, Hong Kong, Philippines and Thailand. Following his observation, a steering committee meeting comprised of Keith Bradley (Australia), Romeo Gustilo (Philippines), Omar Jooma (Pakistan) and Kentaro Shimizu (Japan) met on 17th October 1961 to discuss on the formation of a regional organization. They subsequently proposed a constitution, laying down the aims and objectives. The first AASNS scientific meeting was held in Canberra, Australia in 1964. Dr Douglas Miller was the first president of the congress. Dr Jacob Chandi and Dr Ramamurthi from India also attended the congress. Since then 14 congress meetings at 4-yearly interval were held. The 14th congress was held in Jeju island, South Korea with Dr Kyu Sung Lee as the congress president. AASNS congress is being held for the first time in India with Mumbai being the host of the meeting. Delegates from all across the globe are expected to participate in the 15th AASNS congress.

International Meningioma Society

The International Meningioma Society" aims at advancing the art of science in the field of clinical care and research in meningiomas and thereby promote the best possible care for patients suffering from meningiomas. It was during the fifth international congress on Meningiomas and the Cerebral venous system" hosted by Prof T Kawase on Nov 27th-29th, 2006 at the Fuji Highland Resort Hotel, Fujiyoshida City, Japan, Past presidents of the congresses namely Prof Fahlbusch, Prof Al-Mefty, Prof Kobayashi, Prof Pamir and Prof Kawase came together and formed an "International Meningioma Society". The goal was to assure the continuation of the effort on international collaboration on meningioma care and research. Prof Al-Mefty and Prof Pamir prepared the first draft of the constitution and by-laws. The first international Meningioma Society Governing Council was founded and consisted of President Prof T Kawase, President-Elect Prof Peter Black, Secretary Prof MN Pamir. The decision on the formation of the Society was announced at the gala dinner of the fifth meeting. After the fifth international meeting Prof P Black was elected as the first president of the meningioma society. Since then subsequent meetings of International Meningioma Society were held at Boston, USA (2008), Salvador-Bahia, Brazil (2010), Little Rock-Arkansas, USA (2012), Napa - California, USA (2014), Beijing, China (2016) and Prague, Czech Republic (2018). The 12th International Meningioma Congress is scheduled from 5-8 December 2019 with Mumbai, India being the host city . Renowned Neurosurgeons from all across the globe are expected to attend this combined meeting.



MUMBAI

Mumbai is the capital city of the Indian state of Maharashtra. Along with the neighbouring regions of the Mumbai Metropolitan Region, it is the second most populous metropolitan area in India. Mumbai lies on the Konkan coast on the west coast of India and has a deep natural harbour. It is also the wealthiest city in India and has the highest number of millionaires and billionaires among all cities in India. Mumbai is home to three UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the Elephanta Caves, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus and the city's distinctive ensemble of Victorian and Art Deco buildings. The seven islands that constitute Mumbai were originally home to communities of Koli people, who originated in Gujarat in prehistoric times. For centuries, the islands were under the control of successive indigenous empires before being ceded to the Portuguese Empire and subsequently to the East India Company when in 1661 Charles II of England married Catherine of Braganza and as part of her dowry, Charles received the ports of Tangier and Seven Islands of Bombay. During the mid-18th century, Bombay was reshaped by the Hornby Vellard project, which undertook reclamation of the area between the seven islands from the sea. Along with construction of major roads and railways, the reclamation project, completed in 1845, transformed Bombay into a major seaport on the Arabian Sea. Bombay in the 19th century was characterised by economic and educational development. During the early 20th century it became a strong base for the Indian independence movement. Upon India's independence in 1947 the city was incorporated into Bombay State. In 1960, following the Samyukta Maharashtra Movement, a new state of Maharashtra was created with Bombay as the capital.

Mumbai is the financial, commercial and entertainment capital of India. It is also one of the world's top ten centres of commerce in terms of global financial flow, generating 6.16% of India's GDP and accounting for 25% of industrial output. Mumbai contributes 70% of maritime trade in India (Mumbai Port Trust and JNPT), and 70% of capital transactions to India's economy. The city houses important financial institutions such as the Reserve Bank of India, the Bombay Stock Exchange, the National Stock Exchange of India, the SEBI and the corporate headquarters of numerous Indian companies and multinational corporations. It is also home to some of India's premier scientific and nuclear institutes like Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Nuclear Power Corporation of India, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Atomic Energy Regulatory Board, Atomic Energy Commission of India, and the Department of Atomic Energy. The city also houses India's Hindi (Bollywood) and Marathi cinema industries. Mumbai's business opportunities, as well as its potential to offer a higher standard of living, attract migrants from all over India, making the city a melting pot of many communities and cultures. The climate during the month of December is pleasant (21-25°C)



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