

History of Indian Society for Assisted Reproduction

Formation

Considering the rapid and remarkable developments, advances and progress in the field of Assisted Reproduction all over the world and in India, Dr. Mahendra Parikh felt the need of and mooted the idea of forming an Indian Society for promoting Assisted Reproduction. Accordingly he called a historic meeting on Saturday the 16th February 1991 at 6pm at AREX Hall, IMA Bldg, Mumbai 400049 for the purpose as per the following notice.

Notice of Meeting

This meeting was attended by the following 34 scientists (17 from Mumbai, then called Bombay) and 17 from different parts of India

- 1) Dr. Mahendra N Parikh , Bombay , (Maharashtra)
- 2) Dr . S N . Daftary , Bombay , (Maharashtra)
- 3) Dr . M . D . Hansotia , Bombay , (Maharashtra)
- 4) Dr . D . K . Tank , Bombay , (Maharashtra)
- 5) Dr . N K Sheriar , Bombay , (Maharashtra)
- 6) Dr . M K Patel , Bombay , (Maharashtra)
- 7) Dr . T K Baruah , Dibrugarh , (Assam)
- 8) Dr . M G Hiremath , Hubli , (Karnataka)
- 9) Miss Nivedita Tank , Bombay , (Maharashtra)
- 10) Dr . Nimish R Shelat , Surat , (Gujarat)
- 11) Dr . Kuntal Rao , Manipal , (Karnataka)
- 12) Dr . Veerbala N . Parikh , Solapur , (Maharashtra)
- 13) Dr . Uday L Nagarsekar , Vasco Da Gama , (Goa)
- 14) Dr. Keertikumar V . Argade , Kolhapur , (Maharashtra)
- 15) Dr . Anil B Pandit , Satara , (Maharashtra)
- 16) Dr . Suchitra N Pandit , Bombay , (Maharashtra)
- 17) Dr . Vinod B Joshi , Bombay , (Maharashtra)
- 18) Dr . Paresh Chokshi , Bombay , (Maharashtra)
- 19) Dr . Narendra Joshi , Bombay , (Maharashtra)
- 20) Dr . Priya Gokul , Madras , (Tamilnadu)
- 21) Dr . Furuza Parikh , Bombay , (Maharashtra)
- 22) Dr . R . Shyamala , Madras , (Tamilnadu)
- 23) Dr . Kamala Selvaraj , Madras , (Tamilnadu)
- 24) Dr , Sheila Rajarathinam , Madras , (Tamilnadu)
- 25) Dr . Radha Krishnan T K , Trissur , (Kerala)
- 26) Dr . (Mrs) Meena Chimote , Nagpur , (Maharashtra)
- 27) Dr . Sanjeev N Khurd , Pune , (Maharashtra)
- 28) Dr . Dr . Manjula Rohatgi , Nagpur , (Maharashtra)
- 29) Dr . C. R . Sane , Bombay , (Maharashtra)
- 30) Dr . V . S . Jobanpotra , Delhi
- 31) Dr . H D Pai , Bombay , (Maharashtra)
- 32) Dr . G . N . Allhabadia , Bombay , (Maharashtra)
- 33) Dr . Amarnath G .Bhide , Bombay , (Maharashtra)
- 34) Dr . Murari Nanavati , Bombay , (Maharashtra)

The meeting unanimously elected Dr . Mahendra Parikh to chair the meeting as proposed by Dr . M K Patel & seconded by Dr . S . N . Daftary . This meeting , after considering various aspects of the proposal unanimously decided to form the Indian Society for Assisted Reproduction .
The meeting further unanimously passed the Memorandum of Association of the society as proposed by Dr . S . N . Daftary and seconded by Dr D K Tank .

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION OF THE INDIAN SOCIETY FOR ASSISTED REPRODUCTION

1. The name of the society shall be the Indian Society for Assisted Reproduction .
2. The Headquarters of the Society shall be in greater Bombay .
3. The Aims and objects of the society are
 - a) To bring together Medical personal allied scientists , organisations , philanthropists and institutions interested in various aspects of Assisted Reproduction for helping infertile couples and for developing newer and more efficient technologies for Family Welfare .
 - b) To collect, pool and distribute to the members of the society and other interested parties information and developments in the fields of Assisted Reproduction and relevant research activities concerning Family Welfare.
 - c) To make Assisted Reproduction easily available to needy infertile couples irrespective of caste, colour, creed and social status.
 - d) To create public awareness and opinion in matters relating to Assisted Reproduction and Family Welfare.
 - e) To promote at all levels of society , education in all aspects of Assisted Reproduction and relevant developments in the field of Family Welfare.
 - f) To advise and coordinate with other organisations, and Government, corporate and other authorities on technical and clinical research aspects of Assisted Reproduction and relevant developments in the field of Family Welfare.
 - g) To promote, sponsor and organise lectures, meetings, orations, seminars, symposia, panel discussions, workshops training programmes, conference, etc. with the purpose of exchanging and advancing knowledge on all aspects of Assisted Reproduction including its relevant Family Welfare aspects.
 - h) To promote, sponsor, assist, organise and carry out research in any aspect of Assisted Reproduction and Family Welfare .
 - i) To collaborate with, assist, subscribe to and affiliate with any other body – Indian , Foreign or International – having objects altogether or in part similar to those of the society .
 - j) To create orations, awards, fellowships, scholarships, prizes etc., for scientists interested in any aspect of Assisted Reproduction and relevant Family Welfare .
 - k) To promote, sponsor and publish bulletins, news letters, journals, books etc., to serve as a medium of communication and advancement of knowledge amongst the members of the society and other individuals, organisations, agencies and institutions interested in Assisted Reproduction and relevant Family Welfare .

- l) To do or get done anything necessary or desirable for the promotion and fulfilment of the aims and objects of the society.
- m) To receive donations in cash or kind for the various activities of the society.

Amendments/additions made in the constitution at the Special General Meeting held on 25th August, 2018 at Hotel Rama International – Aurangabad

- n) To bring together Medical personal allied scientists, organisations, philanthropists and institutions interested in various aspects of Assisted Reproduction for helping infertile couples and for developing newer and more efficient technologies for ART, family welfare and other aspects of Reproductive medicine which includes but not necessarily limited to Contraception, Endocrinology, Menopause., Andrology, Reproductive genetics, Reproductive surgery, Psychology and Counselling, Stem cell Therapy, Fertility preservation and Ethics and Law. Inserted on 25th August , 2018
- o) To collect, pool and distribute to the members of the society and other interested parties information and developments in the fields of Assisted Reproduction and relevant research activities concerning family welfare and other aspects of Reproductive medicine which includes but not necessarily limited to Contraception, Endocrinology, Menopause., Andrology Reproductive genetics, Reproductive surgery, Psychology and Counselling, Stem cell Therapy, Fertility preservation and Ethics and Law. Inserted on 25th August, 2018
- p) To make Assisted Reproduction, family welfare procedures and techniques and methods of contraception easily available to needy infertile couples irrespective of caste, colour, creed and social status. Inserted on 25th August, 2018
- q) To create public awareness and opinion in matters relating to Assisted Reproduction family welfare and other aspects of Reproductive medicine which includes but not necessarily limited to Contraception, Endocrinology, Menopause., Andrology Reproductive genetics, Reproductive surgery, Psychology and Counselling, Stem cell Therapy, Fertility preservation and Ethics and Law. Inserted on 25th August, 2018
- r) To promote at all levels of society, education in all aspects of Assisted Reproduction and relevant developments in the field of family welfare and other aspects of Reproductive medicine which includes but not necessarily limited to Contraception, Inserted on 25th August, 2018

Endocrinology, Menopause., Andrology Reproductive genetics, Reproductive surgery, Psychology and Counselling, Stem cell Therapy, Fertility preservation and Ethics and Law.

- s) To advise and coordinate with other organisations and Government, corporate and other authorities on technical and clinical research aspects of Assisted Reproduction and relevant developments in the field of family welfare and other aspects of Reproductive medicine which includes but not necessarily limited to Contraception, Endocrinology, Menopause., Andrology Reproductive genetics, Reproductive surgery, Psychology and Counselling, Stem cell Therapy, Fertility preservation and Ethics and Law. Inserted on 25th
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- t) To promote, sponsor and organise lectures, meetings, orations, seminars, symposia, panel discussions, workshops training programmes, conference, etc. with the purpose of exchanging and advancing knowledge on all aspects of Assisted Reproduction, family welfare and other aspects of Reproductive medicine which includes but not necessarily limited to Contraception, Endocrinology, Menopause., Andrology Reproductive genetics, Reproductive surgery, Psychology and Counselling, Stem cell Therapy, Fertility preservation and Ethics and Law. Inserted on 25th
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The meeting also passed unanimously the Rules Regulations of the society as proposed by Dr. M K Patel and seconded by Dr. Veerbala Parikh

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. CLASSES AND ELIGIBILITY OF MEMBERSHIP :

A . **Patron Members** : Any individual, interested in the aims and objects of the society can apply to be a Patron member by contributing or donating Rs.50,000/- or more if he is not a ISAR member and Rs.25000/- if he is a ISAR Member.

Any organisation or institution interested in the aims and objects of the society can apply to be a Patron member by contributing or donating Rs.5,00,000/- or more .

B . **Hon.Patron** : Any eminent individual who has made outstanding contribution to the Science of Assisted Reproduction or towards the aims and objects of the Society may be approved as a Honorary Patron by the General Body of the Society on the recommendations of the Managing Committee .

C . **Hon. Member** : An eminent individual who has made outstanding contribution to the science of Assisted Reproduction or towards the aims and objects of the society may be approved as an Honorary Member by the General Body of the society on the recommendation of the Managing Committee .

D . **Founder Member** : All persons present at the meeting conveyed to form Indian Society for Assisted Reproduction and all those whose application for membership of the Society is received along with Rs.2000/- on or before 31st January 1992 shall be eligible to become Founder Members .

E . **Members** : All Medical Persons holding a graduate or postgraduate Degree or Diploma recognised by the Medical Council of India Act 1956 Schedule or by State Medical Council and any up to date schedules from time to time and all scientists holding a degree in science faculty from recognised University are eligible to apply for membership on paying Rs.2000/- as membership fees and Rs.250 / - as entrance fee .

Embryologist- Science graduate or post graduate (other than Physics, Mathematics and Statistics) from a government recognized University, with minimum one biological subject as major – in final degree course and either more than five years of working experience in an IVF centre or certification, diploma or degree course of minimum 6 months duration in ART.

ART technologist- Science graduate or post graduate (other than Physics, Mathematics and Statistics) from a government recognized University, with a minimum one biological subject as major in final degree course.

Counselors – Graduate or post Graduate from a government recognized University with certification, diploma or degree in Psychology or social sciences.

Para Medical Staff – An individual who has completed certification, diploma or degree in laboratory technology, Nursing or Hospital management.

Individuals or corporates intend to become ISAR Member will apply to main ISAR office ONLY and not directly to state chapters. Each member will have to specify his/her preference of state based on residence address. Database will be first created at ISAR office, Mumbai. Without letter of approval from ISAR office, membership to the state chapter will be invalid.

THE ENTRANCE FEE SHOULD BE RS.500/- AND ONE TIME MEMBRSHIP FEE OF THE SOCIETY SHOULD BE RS.5000/-.

Rs.10,000/- membership with effect from 1st January 2010 and Rs.500/- entrance fee. The amount can be changed from time to time by AGM.

2. APPROVAL OF MEMBERS :

A . Patron Members and members shall be approved to the respective membership, by the Executive Committee on being duly proposed and seconded by the member of the Association. The Committee may reject such proposals without assigning any reason.

B . Honorary Patrons and Honorary members shall be approved by a three –fourth majority of the members present at the General Body Meeting on recommendation of the Executive Committee .

3. PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS :

Patron Members eligible to the Members, Founder Members and Members shall have the privileges to take part in scientific and clinical meetings, social functions and in all activities of the society, to receive publication if any, free of charge or at a rate fixed by the executive committee and shall have a right to vote at meetings and to hold office on the Executive Committee.

Patron Members, not eligible to be members and Honorary members shall have all the privileges mentioned in the foregoing clause, except a right to vote in meetings and to hold office on the Executive Committee.

4. RESIGNATION :

A member may at any time resign his membership by giving 30 days notice in writing and on paying all his dues to the Society. Such member is not eligible for refund or compensation by the society. He is eligible for re-admission in future on payment of a fresh entrance fee and membership fee.

5 . REMOVAL :

Any member of the Society whose continuance of Membership is considered prejudicial to the interests of the society may be removed from the society's membership by a three –fourth majority of the members present at a General Body meeting held for the purpose on the recommendation of the Executive Committee. Such a member who is removed is not eligible for refund or compensation by the Society.

6. FEES :

A . **Entrance Fee** : Entrance Fee of Rs .250/- shall be paid by the members. Patron members /

Honorary Patrons / Honorary Members and Founder Members shall not pay any entrance fee .

- B. Membership Fee :** Founder members and Members shall pay Rs.2000 /- , Patron Members/ Hon. Patrons, Honorary members shall pay no fees .

ENTRANCE FEE IS CHANGED TO RS. 500 / - & ONE TIME MEMBERSHIP FEE to Rs.10,000/- from 1st January 2010 . Subject to change from time to time as will be decided in Annual General Body Meeting.

ENTRANCE FEE IS RS. 500 / - & ONE TIME MEMBERSHIP FEE to Rs.5,000/- For Embryologists, Counselors and Para medical staff from 15-February-2014. Subject to change from time to time as will be decided in Annual General Body Meeting.

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6. FEES :

- A . Entrance Fee :** Entrance Fee of Rs . 250/- shall be paid by the members. Patron members / Honorary Patrons / Honorary Members and Founder Members shall not pay any entrance fee .
- B. Membership Fee :** Founder members and Members shall pay Rs.2000 /- Patron Members/ Hon. Patrons, Honorary members shall pay no fees .

ENTRANCE FEE IS CHANGED TO RS. 500 / - & ONE TIME MEMBERSHIP FEE **The membership fee of Clinician Life Membership and Embryologist Life Membership has been revised to Rs.8,000/- and Rs. 4,500/- respectively. The increase in fee of Rs.1,500/- for both the groups will be paid by separate cheque which will be handed over to the local State Chapter, the State from where the member belongs to. Two cheques from a new Clinician member are to be taken, of which one shall be issued in favour of ISAR for Rs.6,500/- and the balance of Rs.1,500/- shall be issued in favour of the local State Chapter.**

Similarly, two cheques from a new Embryologist member are to be taken of which one shall be issued in favour of ISAR for Rs. 3,000/- and the balance of Rs. 1,500/- shall be issued in favour of the local State Chapter.

Subject to change from time to time as will be decided in Annual General Body Meeting.

ENTRANCE FEE IS RS. 500 / - & ONE TIME MEMBERSHIP FEE to Rs.5,000/- For Embryologists, Counselors and Para medical staff from 15-February-2014. Subject to change from time to time as will be decided in Annual General Body Meeting.

7. **General Body :**

- A . **Composition** : The General Body of the Society shall consist of all classes of members of the society
- B . **Annual General Body Meeting** : The General Body shall ordinarily meet at least once every calendar year . A notice of 5 weeks shall be necessary for calling a General Body Meeting .
- C . **Extra – Ordinary General Body Meeting** : An Extra – Ordinary Meeting of the General Body may be convened under unusual circumstances after 7 day's notice . This meeting shall be convened by the Honorary General Secretary in consultation with the Executive Committee, no matters other than those on the agenda shall be discussed at this meeting.
- D . **Special General Body Meeting** :
- (a) A Special Meeting of the General Body shall be convened within 3 weeks after receipt of a written requisition specifying its purpose and signed by at least 50 of the members or 1/3rd of the total membership whichever is less .
 - (b) A Special General Body Meeting can also be convened by giving 5 weeks notice by the Honorary General Secretary in consultation with Executive Committee for carrying out special business . No matter other than the ones on the agenda shall be discussed at this meeting .

New clause (c) in sub-clause D of clause 7 inserted vide constitutional amendments made on 17th August, 2019 at the Special General Body Meeting held at Agra.

All notices for and Agenda and minutes of all meetings shall be send to Members, Members of the Managing Committee and to the Office Bearers of ISAR shall be send only through e-mail.

- E . **Quorum** : 50 members or 1/3rd of the total membership whichever is less shall constitute the quorum for any meeting of the General Body Meeting . In absence of the quorum the meeting shall stand adjourned for half an hour. The adjourned meeting shall require no quorum.
- F . **Resolution** : Resolutions to be moved by the members at Ordinary General Body Meeting must reach the Honorary General Secretary duly proposed and seconded at least 3 weeks before the meeting for the approval of the Executive Committee . If disapproved by the Executive Committee they should be returned to the proposer so as to reach him at least 7 days before the meeting. The Proposer may still bring it before the General Body by sending it again to the Honorary General Secretary, supported by 10 other members so as to reach him at least 3 days before the meeting .
- G . **Business of the Annual General Body Meeting** : The following shall be included in the business transacted at the Annual General Body Meeting unless otherwise determined at the meeting :
- i. To confirm the minute of the last General Body Meeting
 - ii. To adopt the balance sheet and statement of accounts audited by the certified auditors and passed by the Executive Committee
 - iii. To adopt the annual report approved by the Executive Committee .
 - iv. To consider such other matters as may have been referred by the Executive Committee or the

President.

- v. To appoint scrutineers, when required .
- vi. To elect office bearers and members of the Executive Committee when necessary at the end of their term.
- vii. To appoint certified auditors and fix their remuneration .
- viii. To appoint Honorary Legal Adviser, if necessary .
- ix. Any other matter with the permission of the chair.

8. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE :

The Management of the Society shall be vested in the Executive Committee .

A . **Composition** : The Executive Committee of the Society shall consists of :

- 1. President
- 2. President elect
- 3. Vice President
- 4. Second Vice President
- 5. Honorary General Secretary
- 6. Honorary Joint Secretary
- 7. Honorary Treasurer
- 8. Honorary Joint Treasurer
- 9. Honorary Clinical Secretary
- 10. Honorary Librarian
- 11. Eight Members will be in the category -Clinicians holding a graduate or post graduate degree or diploma recognised by Medical Council of India Act 1956 Schedule or by State Medical Council + 4 members will be in category - embryologists, (should be science graduate post graduate in biological science, other than Physics, Mathematics and Statistics, from a government recognised university. With minimum one biological subject as major in final degree course and either more than five years of working experience in an IVF centre or Certification, diploma or degree course of minimum six months duration in ART.) ART Technologist (Science graduate or post graduate, other than physics, mathematics and statistics from a government recognized university with minimum one biological subject as major in final degree course),

Counselors (graduate or post graduate from government recognized university with certification, diploma or degree in psychology or social sciences) and Para Medical staff
(An individual who has completed certification , diploma or degree in laboratory technology, nursing or hospital management.
- 12. Editor of the Journal
- 13. One chairperson from each committee
- 14. One Representative of every state chapter
- 15. One Representative of the organising committee of the next ISAR Congress
- 16. Past Presidents
- 17. Not more than three coopted members
- 18. Chairman for Embryology
- 19. Vice Chairman for Embryology

B . **Eligibility** : Patron Members eligible to be Members , Founder Members and Members shall be eligible for election to the Executive Committee . No member of less than 3years standing on the last day of filing nomination shall be eligible for election to the Executive Committee. Only those who have been on the Executive Committee for three years on the last day for filing

nomination shall be eligible to be elected as President , President Elect, Second Vice President, Honorary General Secretary , Honorary Joint Secretary, Honorary Treasurer , Honorary Joint Treasurer, Honorary Clinical Secretary and Honorary Librarian. No one shall be eligible for re-election for the same position for another term. Members who have not paid their dues to the Society shall not be eligible for election to the Executive Committee, nor shall they be eligible to propose or second a member for election or vote during election.

The criteria for nomination for the post of President elect is the member should have been a Vice president in the ISAR Executive Committee.

The criteria for nomination for the post of Second Vice President is that the member should be an elected Office bearer for any post in the Executive Committee and not just a member of Executive Committee.

The criteria for nomination for chairman of embryology for 2 years is- post graduate in biological science (other than Physics, Mathematics and Statistics) from a government recognized University, AND executive committee member of ISAR for minimum three years AND should have published minimum one scientific paper as corresponding author in Pubmed indexed journal OR two scientific papers as coauthor in Pubmed indexed journal. OR two chapters contributed in text book OR delivered three guest lectures in national/ international conference.

The criteria for nomination for Any Embryologists, ART technologists , Counselors and para medical staff can stand for the post of Vice Chairman for Embryology and Chairman for Embryology is he / she should have served the ISAR Executive Committee for 2 years. The clinical stream ultimately will become President and the Embryologists ultimately will become Chairman for embryology and both will be installed at the ISAR Annual Congress. The Vice Chairman for Embryology will ultimately be Chairman for Embryology Those members elected in the category of Embryologists, ART technologists, Counselors and para medical staff will not be eligible for the posts of President, President elect, Vice President & Second Vice President.

Honorary General Secretary and Honorary Treasurer and shall be from the Headquarters of the Society.

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HONORARY GENERAL SECRETARY AND HONORARY TREASURER SHALL BE ANY ONE WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE POST.

At the end of their term, President Elect shall become President, Second Vice President shall become Vice President, Honorary Treasurer shall become Honorary General Secretary, Honorary Joint Treasurer shall become Honorary Joint Secretary and Honorary Librarian shall become Honorary Clinical Secretary, in the next Executive Committee.

A term shall be a period from the installation of the President & his team of Executive Committee till their successors are installed.

- C. **Election** : Executive Committee shall invite nomination from the Members for election to the posts of President Elect, Second Vice President , Hon. Treasurer, Honorary Joint Secretary, Honorary Joint Treasurer and Honorary Librarian to hold office for one year and for four Members of the Executive Committee to hold office for two years from the year 2016.

The four Members who are (clinicians) as per aforementioned criteria and 4 members- (embryologists), ART technologists, Counselors & para medical staff as per aforementioned criteria to hold the Executive Committee to hold office for two years from the year 2016.

In the year 2016 out of the four executive committee members elected from the category of Embryologists/ART technicians/Counselors & para medical staff, the two members getting the highest votes will be elected for duration of two years and remaining two will be elected for one year only.

Once the members contest for the four posts for Embryology/ART technicians/Counselors/Para Medical staff in the executive committee will not be eligible to contest the 8 posts of physicians in the executive committee. Similarly once a member contests for 8 posts of physicians they will not be eligible to contest the 4 posts in the category of Embryology/ART technician/Counselors/Para Medical staff.

The Executive Committee may recommend persons for election to any of the above positions

The Committee shall also invite nominations for other vacancies in the Executive Committee when necessary. Election shall be held by postal ballot .

Amendment made at the Special General Meeting held at Hotel Rama International, Aurangabad on 25th August, 2018:

8. Election :

- C Executive Committee shall invite nominations from the Members for election to the posts of President Elect, Second Vice President – Hon. Treasurer, Honorary Joint Secretary, Honorary Joint Treasurer and Honorary Librarian to hold office for one year and for four Members of the Executive Committee to hold office for two years from the year 2016.

The four Members who are (clinicians) as per aforesaid criteria and 4 members (embryologists), ART technologists, Counsellors& para medical staff as per aforementioned criteria to join the Executive Committee to hold office for two years from the year 2016.

In the year 2016 out of the four executive committee members elected from the category of Embryologists/ ART technicians/ counsellors& para medical staff, the two members getting the highest votes will be elected for duration of two years and remaining two will be elected for one year only.

Once the Members contest for the four posts for Embryology/ ART technicians/Counsellors/ Para Medical staff in the executive committee, they will not be eligible to contest the 8 posts of physicians in the executive committee. Similarly, once a member contests for 8 posts of physicians they will not be eligible to contest the 4 posts in the category of Embryology/ ART technician / Counsellors/ Para Medical staff.

The Executive Committee may recommend persons for election to any of the above positions. The Committee shall also invite nominations for other vacancies in the Executive Committee when necessary.

Election shall be held by electronic voting / postal ballot

From year 2019, executive committee has decided to introduce e-voting. e-voting will be an option for elections along with postal ballots. In the first two years (2019 and 2020) either postal ballot or e-voting can be chosen as per the member's choice but gradually by 2021, if e-voting is going smoothly and accepted by all, elections will be completely by e-voting.

- D . **Co-option** : Executive Committee may fill its interim vacancies by co-opting members .
- E . **Removal** : Compulsory attendance in person at 2 meetings of the Executive Committee out of 4 in one year. This also includes committee chairpersons, SIG's chairpersons and Chairpersons & secretaries of all the state chapters.
- F . **Meetings** : The Executive Committees shall meet at least three times a year . The meetings can be held via telecommunication.
- G . **Quorum** : Seven members shall constitute the quorum for a meeting of the Executive Committee .
- H . **Duration** : The first Executive Committee shall hold office for a period of 2 years or until such time the next Executive Committee is duly elected . Subsequent Executive Committee in the office bearers post shall hold office for a period of one year from the year 2016 & the Executive Committee Member shall hold office for a period of two years from the year 2016 or until such time that its successors are installed in office.
- I . **Office Bearers** : President, President elect, Vice President, Second Vice President , Honorary General Secretary, Honorary Joint Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Joint Treasurer shall be the office bearers of the Society.
- J . **Function and powers of the Executive Committee** : The Executive Committee shall direct and regulate the general affairs of the Society and shall , subject to the control of the General Body, have powers to frame rules and bye laws to regulate and conduct the business at meetings of the society, have powers for the maintenance and administration of the society and for direction of the publications, if any . The Executive Committee shall, in addition to the powers by these rules expressly conferred upon them, exercise all such powers and do all such acts and things as may be done by the society and which are not hereby expressly directed or required to be exercised or done by the society. Without prejudice to the general powers conferred by the preceding clause herein, the Executive Committee shall have the powers :
- i. To elect all classes of members except Honorary Patron and Honorary Members .
 - ii. To appoint committee and Sub-Committees .
 - iii. To represent any matter in which they consider the interests of the society the interests of the society or the Medical Profession or Scientist are affected, before the Government and public bodies or any properly constituted authority .
 - iv. To consider the reports of the various committees and Sub- Committees and to submit the same to the General Body with their recommendations.
 - v. To prepare the Annual Report and Balance Sheet and Statement of Account to be presented to the Annual General Body Meeting.
 - vi. To manage the funds of the Association in accordance with the General Policy laid down by the General Body .
 - vii. To organise or get organised Annual Congress of the Chapter and other academic

activities & collect from the organiser a share of the delegate fees and of the profits as specified by the Executive Committee from time to time.

K . Duties of the Office Bearers :

- i. The president shall preside at all the meetings of the Society including meetings of the General Body and of the Executive Committee. He shall conduct the proceedings of the meetings , interpret the application of laws, decide doubtful points, put resolutions and motions to vote and shall besides his ordinary vote have a casting vote in case of a tie . He shall be ex-officio member of all committees and sub committees.
- ii. President Elect shall perform the duties of the President when he is absent or unable to perform his duties.
- iii. The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President Elect in his absence besides the duties allotted by the Executive Committee or the President.
- iv. The Second Vice President shall perform such duties as directed by the Executive Committee or the President.
- v. The Honorary General Secretary shall be in charge of the office of the Society. He shall conduct all correspondence, organise, arrange and convene meetings, conferences, lectures, demonstrations, shall attend all meetings of the society and the Executive Committee and keep proceedings thereof and shall be ex-officio member of all committees. He shall perform all other duties as directed by the Executive Committee or President.
- vi. The Honorary Joint Secretary shall perform the duties of the Honorary General Secretary when he is absent or unable to perform his duties.
- vii. Honorary Treasurer shall receive and make payments of all monies and deposit them in the Bank, maintain an account of receipts and disbursements of funds, prepare the balance sheet and statement of accounts.
- viii. The Hon. Joint Treasurer shall perform the duties of the Honorary Treasurer when he is absent or unable to perform his duties.
- ix. The President and Honorary General Secretary shall represent the society at all local, national and international conferences and bodies in addition to any other representatives that may be recommended by the Managing Committee.

9. FUNDS :

- A . **Reserve Funds** : Fees paid by Patron Members, half of the membership fees paid by Founder members and members , and all Entrance Fees shall be set apart to constitute a Reserve Fund . No money shall be withdrawn from this fund without prior sanction of the General Body. The Managing Committee may transfer to the Reserve Fund any surplus money lying in the ordinary Fund.
- B . **Ordinary Fund** : Half of the membership fees paid by Founder members and members, income accruing from the Reserve Fund and receipts from other activities of the Society shall constitute its ordinary Fund from which the expenses of the society shall be managed .
- C . The surplus arising from seminars, conferences and or campaigns promoted for raising funds to carry out the objectives of the society may be earmarked by the Executive Committee for the objects described in the Memorandum .
- D . **Raising of Funds** : The Executive Committee is authorised to raise money in such manners as it may think fit .

ACCOUNTS AND AUDITING :

- A . **Accounts** : Executive Committee shall maintain accounts with any schedule Bank or Banks in the name of the society operable by any two amongst the President , Honorary General secretary and Honorary Treasurer . The accounting year shall be 1st April to 31st March .
- B . **Auditing** : The accounts of the Society shall be audited annually by certified Chartered Accountants .

10. PROPERTIES, RIGHT AND PRIVILEGES :

The Executive Committee is authorised to acquire, hold, manage, let, lease, sell or mortgage movable or immovable properties of every description and any rights and privileges found necessary or desirable for the purpose of the society .

- 12. ISAR shall form state chapters as per the following provisions -----
Any state having more than 25 ISAR members can form a state chapter with the approval of the majority of ISAR members in that state who will also decide upon the constitution of that chapter . ISAR will form a Model constitution for its chapters which shall be binding on the chapters but the chapters can add other clauses relevant to their state provided they are not in conflict with Model Constitution and ISAR Constitution and are approved by Executive Committee of ISAR.. A state chapter must have a minimum of 25 members Any state chapter having 40 members belonging to that state can accept members from other states but no ISAR member can be a member of more than one state chapter. The academic activities of the Chapter like holding conferences, workshops etc. must have prior approval of Executive Committee of ISAR. (New Addition)

13. Criteria for holding the ISAR annual National congress

- 1. City should have an airport, with at least two daily flights OR maximum 2 hours or max 100 kms by car from an airport with at least 2 daily flights
- 2. 500 Hotel rooms [3 star and above]
- 3. Experience of hosting one national / state conference of a national organization

Those members who have agreed to be national faculty should attend the congress and if they do not attend without a valid reason and prior intimation to the organizers, strict action will be taken and they will be debarred from attending the next 2 congresses. The organizers have to submit a list of speakers who have backed out at the last moment.

The organizers will strictly follow protocols laid by ISAR to organize national conferences- with respect to number of national and international speakers, workshops, venue, timings, dias protocol etc.

14. CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTION :

Additions to, deletions from, alterations in and amendments to the Memorandum of Association & Rules Regulations of the society shall be made only after a special General body Meeting, called for the purpose as per clause 7-D(b) sanctions them by a three fifth majority of the members present .

15. WINDING UP OF THE SOCIETY :

In the event of dissolution of the society for any reason whatsoever the surplus if any arising on disposing the assets of the society and accumulated balance of the surplus, if any, will be handed over by a majority decision of the General Body to any public or charitable institution having similar objects and members of the society shall not be entitled to receive anything from the said amount .

16. The word 'he' wherever it stands in this constitution shall represent both male and female member of the society.

The meeting thereafter, unanimously elected the following Executive Committee to hold office for 7 years .

- 1) Dr . Mahendra Parikh , President
- 2) Dr . C . L . Jhaveri , Hon. Patron
- 3) Dr . Mehroo hansotia , Senior Vice President
- 4) Dr . Feruza Parikh , Second Vice President
- 5) Dr . M K Patel , Hon. Secretary General
- 6) Dr . Narendra Joshi , Hon . Jt Secretary
- 7) Dr . Sharad Gogate , Hon. Treasurer
- 8) Dr . Jayashree M Patel , Hon. Jt Treasurer
- 9) Miss Nivedita Tank , Hon . Clinical Secretary
- 10) Dr . Murari Nanavati , Hon . Librarian
- 11) Dr . Shirish N Daftary
- 12) Dr . Shyam V Desai
- 13) Dr . Vinod B Joshi
- 14) Dr . Rohinee Merchant
- 15) Dr . Veerbala Parikh
- 16) Dr . Kuntal Rao
- 17) Dr . Kamla Selvaraj
- 18) Dr . D K Tank

Subsequently the following were co-opted by the Executive Committee on 6/8/1991 ---

Dr . B . N . Chakravarty

Dr . R . P . Soonawala

Dr . Mohanlal Swarankar

As proposed by Dr. S N Daftary and seconded by Dr. Vinod B Joshi , Dr. C . L Jhaveri was unanimously elected as Hon. Patron of the Society.

Lastly as proposed by Dr. M K Patel and seconded by Dr. S . N Daftary , Dr. Mahendra. N .Parikh was unanimously elected to represent the society on all National and International organisations and bodies dealing with assisted Reproduction.

OFFICE OF THE SOCIETY

From its inception till 7/6/2000 the office of the Society was located at 43 , Vasant , Off Carter Road , Khar , Mumbai - 400052 , the premises provided by Dr . Mahendra Parikh for use free of cost .
On 7/6/2000 the society purchased its own office premises at 23 A , 2nd floor, Elco Arcade, 84 , Hill Road , Bandra (West) , Mumbai – 400050 .

FOUNDER PRESIDENT

At Special General Body Meeting held at Delhi on Thursday 10th February 2000 The General Body designated Dr. Mahendra Parikh as Founder President .

PRESENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 1) Dr. Mahendra N Parikh , Founder President
 - 2) Dr. Mehroo D Hansotia , President
 - 3) Dr. Feruza Parikh , Senior Vice President
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 - 9) Dr. Nivedita Paghdiwala , Hon . Jt Treasurer
 - 10) Dr. Vinod B Joshi , Hon . Clinical Secretary
 - 11) Dr. Manish Banker
 - 12) Dr. Paresh Choksi
 - 13) Dr. Dhiraj Gada
 - 14) Dr. Shreyas Padgaonkar
 - 15) Dr. Kamini Rao
 - 16) Dr. Duru Shah
 - 17) Dr. Nimish Shelat
- Co-opted Members
Dr . B . N . Chakravarty
Dr . Asha Rao
Dr . Vijay Mangoli

National Congresses on Assisted Reproduction and Advances in Management of Infertility

The Society Regularly sponsors Annual National congress on Assisted Reproduction and Advances in Management of Infertility along with relevant Workshops .

Twenty Five such congresses have been held so far.

Congress	City	Dates	Chief Organiser	Themes of Pre / Post -Congress Workshops / Symposia
First	Mumbai (Then called Bombay)	Nov 1994	Dr . Mahendra Parikh	Ovulation Induction and Male Infertility Intrauterine Insemination IVF
Second	Jaipur	Feb 1996	Dr . M L Swarankar	Male Infertility and Cyropreservation IVF Endoscopic surgery and Microsurgical Recanalization in Infertility
Third	Kolkata (Then called Calcutta)	Feb 1997	Dr . B N Chakravarty	Andrology IVF
Fourth	Chennai (Then called Madras)	Feb 1998	Dr . Kamala Selvaraj	Endoscopy IVF
Fifth	Ahmedabad	Feb 1999	Dr . Manish Banker	Operative Endoscopy Cryopreservation
Sixth	Delhi	Feb 2000	Dr. Nalini Mahajan	Endoscopy Micromanupulation
Seventh	Guwahati	Feb 2001	Dr . M . L Goenka	Endoscopy ART
Eighth	Ooty	Feb 2002	Dr . Asha Rao	Endoscopy ART , IUI , IVF and ICSI , Micromanupulation .
Ninth	Indore	14 th to 16 th February 2003	Dr. Dhiraj Gada	Male Infertility Basics of Gynaec Endoscopic Surgery Semenology –Semen Banking –Semen preparation PGD Ultrasonography Colour Doppler & 3-D Sonography
Tenth	Jodhpur	13 th to 15 th February 2004	Dr. Sanjay Makwana	Andrology IVF & ICSI Cryo Freezing Fertility Enhancing Endoscopic Surgery

International Congress	Mumbai	24 th to 27 th February 2005	Dr. Firuza Parikh	Endoscopy Enhancing Male Fertility Genetics Ovulation Induction IVM Workshop
Eleventh National congress	Bangalore	22 nd to 25 th February 2006	Dr. Sulochana Gunasheela	Male Infertility & Andrology Conventional ART PGD Endoscopy related to infertility
Twelfth National Congress	Chandigarh	8 th to 11 th February 2007	Dr. Umesh N Jindal	Basic ART and Advanced Micromanipulation Techniques Ultrasound
Thirteenth National Congress	Bhubaneswar	28 th to 30 th March 2008	Dr. P. C Mahapatra	ART Workshop Hysteroscopy Workshop
Fourteenth National Congress	Pune	29 th to 1 st February 2009	Dr. Sunita Tandulwadkar	Andrology/ IUI Hands-on training workshop Hysteroscopy workshop: Laparoscopy workshop: ISAR-IFFS workshop: "Trouble shooting in ART: Clinician's Perspective Embryology workshop: Cutting Edge Technologies For ART Ultrasound workshop

Presidential Congress OVARY UNRAVELED	Mumbai	11 th ,12 &13 th December 2009	Dr. Sadhana Desai	Repeated IVF Failures Endometriosis & Infertility ~ is there an ideal answer Controlled ovarian stimulation protocols : Review and new strategies Gametes and Embryos - What we need to Know Hands on Laparoscopic Suturing Hands on Operative Hysteroscopy IVM Cryobiology & Vitrification Andrology
Fifteen National Congress	Kochi	9 th ,10 th , 11 th & 12 th April 2010	Dr. Fessy Louis	IUI Andrology Embryology Controversies in infertility Biostatistics & Research methodology Ensuring fetal health
Sixteen National Congress	Agra	3 rd ,4 th ,5 th & 6 th March 2011	Dr. Narendra Malhotra	ISAR Course for Paramedics, Councillors & Doctors Paving the way forwards
Seventeenth National Congress	Raipur	1 st , 2 nd ,3 rd & 4 th March 2012	Dr. A Suresh Kumar	Advanced Practical Andrology and Clinical Management Workshop “Pursuing Excellence in ART” Interactive Practical Demonstration Advanced 3d-4d reproductive USG Workshop, live demo / videos Counseling In Art Research methodology & Biostatistics

Eighteenth National Congress	Rourkela	15 th , 16 th & 17 th February 2013	Dr. Monu Pattnayak & Dr. Rajat Kumar Ray	IVF / ICSI IUI Ultrasonography Hysteroscopy
Nineteenth National Congress	Ahmedabad	13 th , 14 th & 15 th February 2014	Dr Manish Banker	Ultrasound in infertility Ovulation Induction ISAR-ESHRE workshop on Advanced Embryology ABC of ART Endoscopy in infertility Workshop on ART-paramedical
Twentieth National Congress	Chennai	10 th , 11 th & 12 th April 2015	Dr. Sanjeeva Reddy	ART for Beginners Advanced ART Workshop Fertility Enhancing Endoscopic Surgery Embryology for Beginners Advanced Embryology Ovulation Induction, IUI and USG in Infertility Andrology ART workshop for paramedics
Twenty First National Congress	Indore	26 th -28 th February 2016	Dr. Asha A Baxi	USG Ovarian Stimulation Basic Embryology Vitrification Trouble shootings, know your lab equipments Add-on's in IVF Clinics : Role of Counseling Psychosexual Therapy & Nutrition

				<p>IUI</p> <p>ART Bill</p> <p>Innovation in Advanced Embryology : Facts & fiction</p> <p>Advanced Andrology</p> <p>The ABC of Research</p> <p>Live Endoscopy – hands on Workshop</p>
IFFS 2016 International Congress, India	Noida, NCR, New Delhi	21 st -25 th September 2016	Dr. Dhiraj Gada	<p>Live Workshops on</p> <p>Basic IVF-Live Relay Advanced ART Infertility Ultrasound Infertility Endoscopy</p> <p>Pre-congress courses</p> <p>Ovulation Induction Recurrent Implantation Failure Quality Assurance Fertility Preservation Trouble shooting in ART program Facing Realities in ART Poor Ovarian Reserve PCOS from Menarche to Menopause Endometriosis Male Infertility Research Methodology and Biostatistics Managing Perimenopause in this century</p>
Twenty Second National Congress	Gurugram	21 st -23 rd April 2017	Dr. Poonam Loomba	<p>Post Congress workshops</p> <p>Video Endoscopy Cinemascope Hands on : Lap Endosuturing Ultrasound in Infertility Hands on : Vitricification of Gametes, Embryos & Tissue March to Perfection : Complete Hands On in IVF Lab Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis And Screening Current Concepts Hands on : Operative Hysteroscopy Workshop Datamanagement & Quality Control in IVF Lab</p>

Twenty Third National Congress	Kolkata	19 th -21 st April 2018	Dr. Gautam Khastgir	Pre Congress workshops Relive Laproscopy – Hysteroscopy IUI Hands on Laparoscopy Hands on OPU-ET Hands on USG Hands on Andrology Hands on Embryology Hands on PGD/PGS
Twenty Fourth National Congress	Mumbai	1 st -3 rd March 2019	Dr. Hrishikesh Pai	Pre Congress workshops Intra Uterine Insemination Fertility Enhancing Endoscopies Surgeries Clinical ART Pre-implantation Genetic Testing Cryopreservation Hands on Embryo Transfer Recurrent implantation failure Controlled Ovarian Stimulation Male Infertility Micromanipulation Quality Control Quality Assurance
Twenty Fifth National Congress	Hyderabad	6 th -8 th March 2020	Dr. Mamata Deenadayal & Dr. S. Shantha Kumari	Pre Congress workshops Ultrasound in Infertility- Basics to Beyond Tailoring Ovulation Induction – Which patient- Which Protocol Intrauterine Insemination – Guidance and Tips for Daily Practice. Challenges in Reproductive Surgery Mastering Oocyte Pick Up and Embryo Transfer Sexual Dysfunction – Myths and Reality Advances and Controversies in ART Embryology for the Clinician Simplifying Genetics Fertility Preservation in Cancer Patients Embryo Transfer Simulator- ASRM A Certificate course for Support Staff- Imparting the Correct Concepts and Knowledge

The Twenty Sixth National Congress will be held in Delhi.