



International Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association

IHPBA Distinguished Service Award 2020

Dr. P. Jagannath



Dr. Jagannath, a pioneer HPB cancer surgeon, is currently Chairman, Department of Surgical Oncology, Lilavati Hospital and Research Centre, and S.L. Raheja Hospital, Mumbai, India.

After a brilliant academic career, Dr Jagannath graduated from Kurnool Medical College, India, with 10 gold medals. Following an MS in General Surgery at JIPMER, he joined Tata Memorial Hospital, India in 1983. He was one of the earliest surgeons to specialize in Gastrointestinal Oncology and was Professor of Surgical Oncology & Chief, Gastrointestinal Service at Tata Memorial Centre until 2002. There, he introduced pancreatic and liver resections including surgery for GBC and hilar tumors, and organised many surgical workshops in complex HPB surgery.

Dr. Jagannath was instrumental in the growth of HPB surgery in India. He founded the Indian Chapter of IHPBA and was its Secretary (2001) and President (2007). He was President of the A-PHPBA from 2011-2013. He worked with various countries in the Asia-Pacific region to initiate collaborative programs for training in HPB surgery. His efforts in taking HPB surgery courses to second-tier cities have resulted in the spread of HPB surgery across India.

Dr. Jagannath has been involved in IHPBA since the inaugural congress in Boston in 1994. He was a Council member from 2002 and was Chairman of the 8th IHPBA World Congress of IHPBA in 2008 in Mumbai, India, which is still remembered as a landmark congress. He served as President-Elect, President and Past-President of IHPBA during the period 2012 - 2018.

Dr. Jagannath is well recognized for the significant milestones achieved during his term as IHPBA President. He was instrumental in completing the 'harmonization' of IHPBA with AHPBA, E-AHPBA and A-PHPBA. Combined membership created a large, united, global organization. 'The collaborative model' introduced effective co-ordination between the IHPBA Management Company and LOC for the smooth delivery of the World Congress. The scientific program was modernized and standardized with e-submissions and e-program modules. The 'Members First' initiative ensured that all members can benefit from discounted registrations at regional congresses. The 'IHPBA Foundation' was incorporated, expanding the scope of the Kenneth Warren Foundation to cover education, research and outreach as well as the Warren Fellowship. 'www.IHPBA.org' turned multilingual with regional and national education modules added.

Dr. Jagannath is passionate about promoting outreach programs to developing countries, initiating programs in Nepal, Sri Lanka, Indonesia and Bhutan. He has also been instrumental in setting up 'Skill Centres' in Nepal, Sri Lanka and Bhutan for capacity building to improve patient care and ensure safe HPB surgeries. During his presidency, many chapters including Nepal, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Philippines and MENA were launched. Support for lower resource countries, such as travel grants for the World Congress, was introduced. Under his leadership, IHPBA underwent significant 'transformation and globalization'.

Dr. Jagannath is not only an excellent surgeon but also a researcher and an educator. He coordinated a large population-based study on risk factors for GB cancer in the Gangetic Basin and published a paper establishing the association of GBC with water pollution. With the Toyota Corporation, water purifying towers were installed in the villages. He started the multidisciplinary 'IHPBA Global Gall Bladder Cancer Study Group' and the 'Global GBC Registry' which includes investigators from all continents. He has a large series of GEP NET in India and initiated the Asia Pacific neuroendocrine tumor registry.

He is an elected Fellow of National Academy of Medical Sciences (India) and Royal College of Surgeons England.

He contributed chapters to Recent Advances in Surgery and 9 other books. He has 100 research publications and 15 video tapes and CDs of his surgical techniques.

Dr. Jagannath is well known for his community service. In 2000, he started 'www.indiacancer.org' for cancer awareness and public education and established a Charitable Trust 'Crusade Against Cancer Foundation' extending financial assistance to cancer afflicted children.

Dr. Jagannath has made a truly inspirational contribution to our field and beyond and the International Hepato-Pancreato Biliary Association is delighted to award him the 2020 IHPBA Distinguished Service Medal.