

SANDIPANI RUSHI GNYAANPEETH SANMAAN (AWARD) FOR DISTINGUISHED TEACHERS

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

On the occasion of silver jubilee celebrations of the institute of kidney Diseases and Research Centre, we decided to honor distinguished academicians who have given their life towards development of education related to kidney diseases. The name Sandipani Rishi, and no other, was selected since this sage was the celebrated teacher of Lord Krishna.

This honor consists of a citation, cash prize of Rs. 25,000/- and a shawl. The awardees for the year 2005 were:

Recipients of the Award

YEAR 2005

Recipients	Speciality	City
Ajit Phadke	Urology	Mumbai
Vidhya Acharya	Nephrology	Mumbai
Krishan Kumar Malhotra	Nephrology	New Delhi
Veena Shah	Anesthesia and Critical Care	Ahmedabad
Ramesh Kumar Gupta	Renal Transplantation	Lucknow

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Recipients	Speciality	City
John Crosson	Renal and Transplant Pathology, Immunology, Immunology, Blood Banking	USA
Shimon Slavin	Bone Marrow Transplantation, Immunology	ISRAEL
Ron Shapiro	Renal Transplant Surgery, Immunology	USA
Ganesh Gopalkrishnan	Urology and Transplantation Surgery	INDIA
Kusum Joshi	Renal and Transplant Pathology	INDIA

Vinay Sakhuja	Nephrology and Transplantation Medicine	INDIA
Smita Vaidya	Transplantation Biology and Immunology	USA
Susan Saidman	Transplantation Biology and Immunology	USA
Lauren Racusen	Renal and Transplant Pathology	USA
Mohamed Rela	Liver Transplant Surgery	UK

Year - 2007

Recipients	Speciality	City
Bogoran Ericzon	Liver Transplant Surgeon	Sweden
P. Venugopal	Urology and Transplantation Surgery	Manipal
Keith March	Vascular Biology Research	USA
K. Prabhakaran	Pediatric Liver Transplantation	Singapore
V. Shivakumar	Nephrology and Transplantation Medicine	Tirupati
Aneesh Shrivastava	Urology and Kidney Transplantation	Lacknow

YEAR – 2005

AJIT PHADKE



The first generation Urologist of the nation, he was trained at McGill University, Canada, with Prof. John Dossetor as one of your mentors, He started his work in Mumbai in 1968. He has dedicated to the field of Urology, and done extensive grass-root work in establishing urology services in the country. He is a renowned teacher of Urology for more than forty years now and has gifted generations of Urologists to the country.

VIDHYA N. ACHARYA



The first lady Nephrologist of the nation, she obtained medical education at Mumbai and nephrology training at University of Leeds, England. She has established nephrology services in K.E.M. hospital in Mumbai in 1961. She has been the first person to start dialysis facilities in western India. Besides being a visiting professor at various national and overseas universities and member of different national and international societies, She has been the founder member and past president of Indian Society of Nephrology, Organ Transplantation and Hypertension.

She has been the few of those personalities who have tried to concentrate on prevention of kidney diseases and diet of these patients. She has guided students at all levels beginning from undergraduate to post-doctorate level.

KRISHAN KUMAR MALHOTRA



He received his basic medical education from Agra and moved to the prestigious All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi. After spending some time in U.S. for learning Nephrology in Georgetown University at Washington, he developed Nephrology services and a good teaching program at his institute. He has dedicated whole life towards teaching and training students in Nephrology spanning for more than 30 years.

VEENA R. SHAH



She has dedicated her services to the field of Anesthesia and Critical Care. With painstaking hard work in these services she established them in the area of transplantation. She is the renowned teacher of Anesthesia for the last thirty years, who will be exemplified for her unassuming simplicity and magic touch to the patients by the future generations.

RAMESH KUMAR GUPTA



He started his career as demonstrator in Pathology and was elevated to the post of Professor and Head of the Pathology department in addition to responsibilities of Dean of S.G.P.G.I., Lucknow. His areas of interest have been renal, transplant pathology as well as cardiac pathology. He has guided students at all levels beginning from undergraduate to postdoctorate level.

YEAR – 2006

JOHN T. CROSSON



He received his basic medical education at Washington University, St. Louis and then migrated to Minneapolis. After rendering military services in the Air Force, he joined the Hennepin County General Hospital at Minneapolis. He has dedicated himself to the development of Pathology, Blood Banking, Immunology and especially Renal and Transplant Pathology in the Mid-West of U.S.A. He has contributed to the field by writing chapters, original articles and being on the Editorial Board of journals of high repute. At present he is the Director of Renal Pathology service, Coagulation and Hematology Labs, Residency Training Program of Hennepin County Medical Center and also has been Director of Combined University of Minnesota Pathology Residency Training Program. You have been instrumental in developing Renal Pathology programs in developing countries and over the last four decades has gifted generations of Renal and Transplant Pathologists to the developed and developing nations.

SHIMON SLAVIN



She has received your basic medical education at the prestigious Hadassah University in Jerusalem. After serving in the Israeli Navy she sailed to Stanford University for qualifying in Internal Medicine and subsequently specialized in Bone Marrow Transplantation at Seattle. He is the father of Israel's Bone Marrow Transplantation program which he nurtured at Hadassah, your alma mater. He has been the pioneer in using donor lymphocyte infusion in 1987. He has been the few of the geniuses in envisioning transplantation tolerance and developing cell mediated immune therapy in alloimmunity, autoimmunity and oncology. His wide contribution to the field ranges from building up education system, basic research, development of Bone Marrow Transplantation Programs and opening up new vistas in the field of Medicine. He has imbibed in his team, the commitment to clinically related basic research with an aim of developing innovative cost effective modalities for the patients and bringing out the best of basic sciences and biotechnology for the betterment of humanity. Apart from serving on several Editorial Boards, Advisory Boards, National and International committees, he has established new transplant centers all over the globe.

RON SHAPIRO



He received his basic medical education at the prestigious Stanford University and received your further training in Surgery at Mount Sinai Hospital to finally receive MD and PhD under Prof. Thomas Starzl. He has contributed to the field by writing chapters, books, original articles and being on the Editorial Board of journals of high repute. He has been one of the few scientists who is deeply involved in creating the model of transplantation tolerance. He is an active member of several Professional and Scientific Societies and has been awarded with distinguished honors like TRIO's Golden Anniversary of Kidney Transplants in 2004. He has been training students in Renal transplantation and in Surgery since last fifteen years. He will be gifting talented scientists to the world like his mentor Prof. Starzl.

GANESH GOPALKRISHNAN



He received his basic medical education and then training in Urology at Chennai. He also had training in Surgery at Safdarjang Hospital, New Delhi. After building up brilliant academic records of Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences (FAMS) and F.R.C.P. at Edinburgh, he joined one of the premier institutes of the country, Christian Medical College, Vellore. He has enriched the department of Urology in his institute. Besides being an active member of different national and international societies related to Urology, he has contributed to the field by writing chapters, original articles and Editor-in-Chief of Internet Journal of Urology. He has been the renowned teacher of Urology and Renal Transplantation for over the last twenty five years, and has gifted generations of Urologists to the country. In the present day of commercialization of the Noble field of Medicine, students worship the ground he treads on. His unassuming approach has left generations spell bound!

KUSUM JOSHI



She obtained his basic medical education and training in Pathology at one of the premier institutes of the country, All India Institute of Medical Sciences. She has further qualified with doctorate in Pathology at London, England. After a short tenure at Rohtak and AIIMS, New Delhi, he joined the prestigious institute of PGIMER, Chandigarh, never to look back. She developed herself in the field of Nephropathology in addition to other subspecialities. Besides being an active researcher and member of different national and international societies, she is also currently the President of Indian Society of Pathologists and Microbiologists. She has been elected as the Vice-President of Indian Society of Renal and Transplantation Pathology. She has been the few of those personalities who have tried to concentrate on excelling in education programs of the country. She has guided students at all levels beginning from undergraduate to post-doctorate level.

VINAY SAKHUJA



He received his basic medical education and then training in Nephrology at one of the premier institutes of the country, Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh. He has committed to the field of Nephrology and continued to develop the department of Nephrology in his institute. Besides being an active member of different national and international societies related to Nephrology, he has contributed to the field by writing chapters and original articles. He is the renowned teacher of Nephrology and Renal Transplantation Medicine for over the last twenty five years, and has gifted generations of Nephrologists to the country. In the present day of commercialization of the Noble field of Medicine, teachers of his stature have proved to be source of inspiration to young aspirants in the field.

SMITA VAIDYA



She received her basic training in Maths at Gujarat University, Ahmedabad, India and moved on to University of North Carolina to receive Masters in Physics. She received doctorate in the area of Molecular Biology at University of Texas and rose to the present position of Professor of Pathology and Director of Tissue Antigen Laboratory at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. She has contributed to the field by writing original articles in journals of high repute and has been an active member of several professional and Scientific Societies. She has been actively involved in training in Molecular Biology.

SUSAN SAIDMAN



She received her basic training in Medical Laboratory Science at the prestigious University of Alberta, Canada and moved on to University of Pittsburgh to receive your doctorate in the area of Autoimmunity. He started his career with Technologist in Tissue Typing Lab at University of Alberta, and with hard work rose to the present position of Director of Histocompatibility Lab at the Massachusetts General Hospital and Assistant Professor in the Department of Pathology, Harvard Medical School. She has set up the Tissue Typing Laboratory of Institute of Kidney Diseases and Research Centre and Institute of Transplantation Sciences at Ahmedabad and continued to support it and help in its all round progress and development to make it an outstanding lab of the country. She has contributed to the field by writing chapters and original articles and you are an active member of several Professional and Scientific Societies. She is also deeply involved in creating the model of transplantation tolerance.

LORAIN RACUSEN



She received her basic medical education at Vermont University and then moved to the prestigious Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore after a tenure at Yale University. She has dedicated herself to the development of Renal and Transplantation Pathology, never to look back. She has contributed to the field by writing text books, chapters, original articles and being on the Editorial Board of journals of high repute. At present she has the responsibilities of Director of Renal Pathology services in addition to coordinating teaching programs, training students at different levels and various other administrative responsibilities. She has been the Organizer of Banff Symposium on Allograft Rejection since its inception along with celebrity scientists like Kim Solez. She has patents on proximal tubular cell lines which she has given to over 80 labs across the globe. In addition to applied and basic research work, she has been training experts over the last three decades and have gifted generations of Renal and Transplant Pathologists to the developed and developing nations.

MOHAMMED RELA



He received your basic medical education at the Stanley Medical College, Chennai. You migrated to United Kingdom to obtain your MS and FRCS in 1988. He has been actively involved in liver transplantation program at the King's College Hospital since 1994. He has pioneered the split liver transplantation technique and has performed more than 800 liver transplants so far. He has entered the Guinness Book of Records by transplanting liver in to a five day old boy in the year 2000. You have contributed to the field by writing chapters and original articles and also is on the Editorial Board of journals of high repute. He is an active member of several Professional and Scientific Societies and has been training students in Liver Transplantation since last decade. He has gifted students all across the globe in addition his motherland.

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BOGORAN ERICZON



He obtained his basic medical education at various hospitals of Stockholm and further qualified in liver transplantation surgery under Prof. Starzl's team at Pittsburgh, USA. He served as Director of Transplant Services and now he is the Head of Transplantation Surgery Division at Karolinska Institute, Huddinge hospital. Besides being a member of several professional societies and having publications in various international journals of high repute, he has given excellent training to students in and outside his country in skills of liver transplantation including postoperative management and immunosuppression.

P. VENUGOPAL



He obtained his basic medical education and training in Medicine at Pondicherry from where he moved on to Christian Medical College, Vellore, to become a Urologist. He gave his life time services towards development of Urology at Manipal University and subsequently the entire Southern part of India flourished in the field of Urology. Without his presence, the country would not have been gifted with scores of his exemplary students. He has been the President of Urological Society of India. He is that rare teacher who has not only delivered several orations, but his students have created an Oration on his name in your life time!

KEITH L. MARCH



Dr. Keith L. March graduated as Valedictorian of his class at St. Francis College, Fort Wayne, Indiana. He completed the Combined MD, PhD training program at Indiana University School of Medicine in 1985, graduating with Highest Distinction. His thesis in

Chemistry was, *Electrostatic Interactions and Ion Binding in Trypsin, Bovine Pancreatic Trypsin Inhibitor, and Other Proteins*. Following an Internal Medicine Residency and Fellowship in Cardiology, Dr. March joined the faculty of Indiana University. In 1999, Dr. March became the first Director of the Indiana Center for Vascular Biology and Medicine. He has developed a world-renowned laboratory while maintaining an active clinical practice.

His research areas include 1.) the molecular mechanisms of vascular remodeling and its relationship to smooth muscle cell cycle control; 2.) local therapeutic interventions to treat the heart and blood vessels; and 3.) energy-tissue interaction mechanisms and applications for minimally-invasive therapies.

His professional service includes participation in NIH grant review study sections, on editorial boards, and as an advisee and mentor to students. Dr. March has published more than 50 original papers and reviews and edited the first book dedicated to cardiovascular gene transfer. He has served as a scientific advisor to numerous pharmaceutical, biotechnology, and medical device companies. His research has led from fundamental concepts to clinically useful approaches, resulting in the development of several novel technologies. A device developed for use after cardiac catheterization is now used in approximately 500,000 patients yearly. These innovations, involving cardiovascular devices as well as device/drug and device/gene combination approaches, have led to the issuance of numerous US and worldwide patents, many of which have been out-licensed.

K. PRABHAKARAN



He obtained his basic medical education in Singapore and further qualified in Pediatric Surgery in England. With industriousness he rose to the position of Chief of Department of Paediatric Surgery and in 2005, has been elevated as Director of Liver Transplant Programme at the National University Hospital. Currently he is also the Chairman of Specialist Training Committee for Paediatric Surgery, Specialist Accreditation Board under the Ministry of Health and Advisory Committee on Liver Transplant Surgery in Singapore. Besides being an active researcher and member of different national and international societies, he has several publications in journals and written chapters in books that are widely referred by young aspirants in the field. He has trained aspirants in liver and renal transplants in children and has excelled in education programs including dealing with finer details of surgical techniques in all kinds of Pediatric organ transplantation.

SIVA KUMAR VISHNUBHOTLA



His basic medical education was in Guntur. Then he moved to Delhi and Varanasi to acquire training in Nephrology. His clinical expertise and skills were further sharpened at University of Toronto. After serving Sri Sathya Sai Institute at Puttaparthi for seven years he joined Sri Venkateswara Institute of Medical Sciences at Tirupati as Professor of Nephrology in 2001. Since then he has devoted himself to the institute and has been elevated as Dean. He will be presenting the gift of Renal Transplantation to the state of Andhra Pradesh.

His illustrious career, exemplary thoughtfulness and inherent qualities of giving the best to aspirants in the field will remain a lamppost for coming generations in the fields of Nephrology and Transplantation. His main interest has remained in developing Preventive Nephrology for alleviating sufferings of the masses.

ANEESH SHRIVASTAVA

He was trained in Urology at SGPGI, Lucknow. He rose to the present position of Professor in the department handling transplantation surgeries with hard work, industriousness and commitment to his field. He has enriched himself with experience overseas in England and USA which has been converted in to a rich source for educating and training students. He has a large number of publications in journals of international repute to his credit along with various honors. He is one of those few unassuming personalities who have tried to concentrate on excelling in education programs of the country by giving more than they have received.