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Short Bio/CV

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“To introduce myself, I am a Professor of pediatric nephrology at St John's National Academy of Health Sciences, Bangalore, India. After completing my training in nephrology in India, I had the opportunity of furthering my knowledge at prestigious centers overseas like Great Ormond Children's Hospital, London 2003, University of Minnesota, USA 2007 and Montreal Children's Hospital, Canada 2011. I am a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, London. For two decades, I have had the opportunity to train clinicians from many low and middle income countries including those in South Asia. My core clinical research interests lie in chronic kidney disease, neonatal acute kidney injury, renal nutrition and bioethics. My strengths include mentorship, effective communication, teamwork, collaboration and leadership.

My regional leadership roles include Convener, ISN Scientific Writing Course for South Asia (2017- 2019); Convener, ISN- SYL training course for South Asia, 2019; Member, Working Group for Standard Treatment Workforce for Nephrology, Indian Ministry of Health and Family welfare 2018 and Member, National Dialysis Program committee, Indian Ministry of Health and Family welfare 2019. I have played a pivotal role in community engagement, fund raising and outreach activities in my region.

On the global front, I have held leadership positions under the International Society of Nephrology, as a Liaison Officer, Sister renal and sister transplant programs 2008-2020, Executive Member, ISN South Asian Regional Board (2016 till date), Deputy Chair, Research Mentorship Program of the CRP (2019 till date), and Member, ISN Academy (2018 till date).

Besides engaging myself in national and international forums as a speaker, working group member and collaborator, I have received notable recognitions with grants for clinical research, awards for paper presentations and collaborations.”

Candidate's Statement

'I wish to connect kidney care professionals of South Asia through a triad of collaboration, integration and perseverance'

“As a Regional board leader, I wish to leverage the ISN's extensive network and footprints to open up new opportunities to South Asian nephrologists. I envisage creating forums that lay out strategies to link Institutions and integrate educational activities between South Asia and other regional boards of ISN. The success of ISN's Scientific Writing Course undertaken for South Asia in the last 3 years serves as standing example of our efforts in bridging knowledge and competence gaps in clinical research. From my decade-long association with the ISN stewardship, I have gained enormous visibility through my engagement in several ISN activities and collaborations. My work in academia and pediatric nephrology will add fresh dimensions to leadership.

As the forthcoming Chair of ISN-CRP and a potential member of the ISN Council, this empowerment will give me the advantage of executing ideas and common goals – the best time to raise the bar on integration and advancement”