

# VRS-I News Bulletin



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## Upcoming Conferences

### I. Mid Year VRSI Meeting on June 16-17, 2017 at Palampur, Himachal Pradesh

**PLEASE BLOCK YOUR DATE**

**Mid-Term VRSI RISHI - II**  
Retinal Imaging Symposium In The Himalayas  
16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> June 2017  
Venue: Rotary Eye Hospital Auditorium,  
Palampur, India

**Conference Coordinators**  
Dr. Sudhir Salhotra & Dr. Ramandeep Singh  
Organizing Secretaries

**Dr. S.K. Sharma & Dr. Mangat Ram Dogra**  
Organizing Chairmen

**First Announcement!**

**International Faculty**

• Anita Agarwal	USA	• Francesco Pitschi	USA
• Rupesh Agarwal	Singapore	• Andre Romano	Italy
• Usha Chakravarthy	UK	• Srinivas Satta	USA
• Gemmy Chung	Singapore	• Sunil Shrivastava	USA
• Alessandro Invernizzi	Australia	• Larry Singerman	USA
• Michael IP	USA	• Giovanni Staurengi	Italy
• Anat Loewenstein	Israel	• Adnan Tufail	UK
• Quan Dong Nguyen	USA	• Nadia Waheed	USA

**National Faculty**

• Aniruddha Agarwal	• Amod Gupta	• Subina Narang
• Mamta Agarwal	• Charu Gupta	• Anand Rajendran
• Ajay Aurora	• Vishali Gupta	• Ekta Rishi
• Alay Banker	• Shashank Rai Gupta	• Mahesh Shanmugam
• Reema Bansal	• Deeksha Katoch	• Mohita Sharma
• Prashant Bawankule	• Abhishek Kothari	• Cyrus Shroff
• Munna Bhende	• Atul Kumar	• Jatinder Singh
• Thomas Cherian	• Ajit Babu Majhi	• Ramandeep Singh
• Jay Chhablani	• Hemant Murthy	• Daraius Shroff
• Shobhit Chawla	• Manish Nagpal	• Sudhir Salhotra
• M.R. Dogra	• Shishir Narain	• Binesh Talwar
• Mohit Dogra	• Raja Narayanan	• Hemant Tehan
• A. Giridhar	• S. Natarajan	• Lalit Verma
• Lingam Gopal		• Ashish Verma

**Organized by:**  
Advanced Eye Centre  
Chandigarh and Rotary Eye Hospital,  
Palampur

**Program coordinators**  
Vishali Gupta and Srinivas Satta

**Conference Secretariat**  
Rotary Eye Hospital, Maranda, Tehsil- Palampur, Distt. Kangra – (H.P.)  
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**Hotel Bookings:**  
It is a peak touristic season at palampur. We encourage you to book your accommodation at the earliest. You may contact **Sai Land Travels & Tours** for any assistance in making the bookings.  
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2. ASRS Annual Meeting on Aug 11-15, 2017 at Boston, Registrations open
3. VRSI Annual Meeting on Nov 30 to Dec 2, 2017 at Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
4. EURETINA - 17th Congress on September 7-10, 2017 at Barcelona, Spain
5. FLOREtina - 2017 on April 27-30, 2017 at Florence, Italy
6. APVRS - 2017 on December 8-10, 2017 at Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, Malaysia

**Welcome to VRSI-2017**  
30<sup>th</sup> November to 2<sup>nd</sup> December  
**Hotel Mayfair, Bhubaneswar**

**WELCOME TO ODISHA**

**Dr. Santosh Kumar Mahapatra, Organizing Secretary**  
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## VRS-I CME

VRS-I invites members of non-metro cities to submit proposals for CME & Diabetic Retinopathy programs. VRS-I will provide limited support and help promote the screening of Diabetic Retinopathy. Interested members can submit their proposal with Objective, Target audience, and Budget to Dr. Raja Narayanan, [secretaryvrsi@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryvrsi@gmail.com)

## VRS-I News

- 'VRSI is conducting a survey on Practice Patterns of retinal vascular disease management along with Vidal insurance. This will enable us to approach regulatory agencies and TPAs to help improve coverage for intravitreal injections. VRSI looks forward to the support of its members in successfully completing this survey.'

## CME from Alapuzha, Kerala on February 26, 2017

5. INFLAMMATORY CONDITIONS AFFECTING MACULA : Dr. PRAKASH V.S. (12.45 PM-1.05 PM)  
"A Case Of Retinal Pigment Epithelitis"  
DISCUSSION : 10 MINS  
LUNCH BREAK : 1.15 PM - 2.00 PM  
THIRD SESSION : 2.00 PM - 2.45 PM  
MODERATORS : Dr. MALLIKA O.U. & Dr. MANOJ VENUGOPAL  
1. FUNDUS AUTO FLUORESCENCE & OCT ANGIOGRAM : Dr. UNNI NAR (2.00 PM-2.15 PM)  
2. PACHYCHOROID EYE DISEASES : Dr. MAHESH G. (2.15 PM-2.35 PM)  
"A Case Of Pachychoroid Epitheliopathy"  
DISCUSSION : 10 MINS  
2.45-4.00 PM  
CASE PRESENTATIONS - PANEL DISCUSSION  
& WET LAB  
INTRAVITREAL DEXAMETHASONE IMPLANT INJECTION TECHNIQUE  
\*NB :- Registration is limited and mandatory on the day of CME

Annual Ophthalmology CME  
Govt. TDMC, Alappuzha  
"Mirzai" 2017

**GUEST FACULTY**  
**Dr. V.R.Saravanan**  
Professor,  
Retina-Vitreous Services  
ARAVIND EYE HOSPITAL,  
Coimbatore

**REGISTRATION DETAILS**  
Time : 8.00 AM - 9.00 AM  
Registration Fee : Rs. 500/-



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Govt. TDMC, Alappuzha  
"Mirzai" 2017  
ORGANIZED BY VRSI  
UNDER THE AEGIS OF KSOS

**CLINICAL DIAGNOSIS OF RETINAL DISEASES -A Primer**

Feb. 26th 2017  
Hotel Royale Park  
Alappuzha





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## Invitation to participate in the 2017 Global Trends in Retina Survey

The American Society of Retina Specialists (ASRS) is inviting members of our society and 37 other retina societies around the world to participate in the 2017 Global Trends in Retina Survey - the widest-reaching retina survey ever conducted.

This 15-question online survey will measure your preferences on a wide array of medical and surgical retina issues.

The survey is now live on the ASRS website, and is also available at: [www.asrs.org/asrs-community/2017-global-trends](http://www.asrs.org/asrs-community/2017-global-trends)

When you access the link, you will be asked to create an account using:

- Your email address
- A password (which you will create)

Please note: If you participated in the Global Trends Survey in past years, please use the username and password you have previously created to access the 2017 survey.

If you are an ASRS member, please click [here](#) to access your survey.

Your username and password will allow you to return to the survey if you do not complete it all at one time. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact [caroline.bozell@asrs.org](mailto:caroline.bozell@asrs.org).

ASRS is widely known for its annual Preferences and Trends (PAT) Survey, now in its 19<sup>th</sup> year. The PAT Survey has built a solid reputation and is widely cited in medical literature.

Results of the Global Trends in Retina Survey will be presented at the ASRS 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, August 11-15, in Boston, Massachusetts. You will have access to the full survey results.

We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to participate in the second annual premier Global Trends in Retina Survey.

## Invitation to Intravitreal Injection Reimbursement Petition to IRDA/FICCI

Further to Dr Giridhar's letter of March 2nd on insurance coverage for certain day-care procedures such as intra-vitreous injections, we are launching a digital survey to collate the data.

The link to the survey is: <http://bit.ly/vrsisurvey>

The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. Results of the survey will be anonymized and will be available to VRSI. The results will be used as part of an insurance Industry submission to the Insurance Regulator - IRDA, via FICCI's Insurance Committee. The survey is being administered by an agency - ConfirmR. In addition to the online survey, representatives from the agency will also be in touch with some of you to carry out face to face interviews. For any questions, the CEO of ConfirmR, Dr Balkrishna Korgaonkar, may be contacted on his mobile number 98338 30611 / 9975808190, and his email id [Balkrishna@confirmr.com](mailto:Balkrishna@confirmr.com) / [bk@confirmr.com](mailto:bk@confirmr.com).

The survey will be open for a period of 3 weeks from 20/03/2017 to 07/04/2017. All members are requested to participate in this important step in getting health insurance solutions for our patients.



## Call for submissions to

## The Official Newsletter of the Vitreo Retinal Society of India

### Original articles:

These include randomized controlled trials, intervention studies, studies of screening and diagnostic test, outcome studies, cost effectiveness analyses, case-control series, and surveys with high response rate. The text of original articles amounting to up to 3000 words (excluding Abstract, references and Tables) should be divided into sections with the headings Abstract, Key-words, Introduction, Material and Methods, Results, Discussion, References, Tables and Figure legends.

### Review Articles:

It is expected that these articles would be written by individuals who have done substantial work on the subject or are considered experts in the field. A short summary of the work done by the contributor(s) in the field of review should accompany the manuscript.

The prescribed word count is up to 3000 words excluding tables, references and abstract. The manuscript may have about 90 references. The manuscript should have an unstructured Abstract (250 words) representing an accurate summary of the article. The section titles would depend upon the topic reviewed. Authors submitting review article should include a section describing the methods used for locating, selecting, extracting, and synthesizing data. These methods should also be summarized in the abstract.

### Case reports / Challenging case / Innovations / Instruments / Techniques

New, interesting, challenging, rare cases, innovations, instruments and techniques can be reported. They should be unique and providing learning point for the readers. Manuscripts with clinical significance or implications will be given priority. These communications could be of up to 1000 words (excluding Abstract and references) and should have the following headings: Abstract (unstructured), Key-words, Introduction, Case, Discussion, Reference, Tables and Legends in that order.

The manuscript could be of up to 1000 words (excluding references and abstract) and could be supported with up to 10 references. Case Reports could be authored by up to four authors.

Guidelines for the manuscript submission in VRSI Newsletter: [www.vrsi.co.in](http://www.vrsi.co.in)

Please submit manuscripts to Dr Vishali Gupta: [vishalisara@yahoo.co.in](mailto:vishalisara@yahoo.co.in)

