

Top 10 reasons for being/ becoming a member of IAGES

Reason – 1

- 1. You are/will be an active member of the ‘Indian Association of Gastrointestinal Endo Surgeons’ which is a growing and vibrant laparoscopic and endoscopic organization with close to 8000 members. It is an internationally renowned academic body with the vision of promoting and spreading the art and science of minimal access surgery throughout India and abroad. Friendship, Fellowship and knowledge sharing are the key strengths of IAGES. On becoming an active member , you will be entitled to participate in various training and fellowship courses and eligible for several new initiatives introduced by our President , Dr.Ramen Goel, from this year onwards**

Reason – 2

- 2. You will be able to take ‘FIAGES’- the flagship fellowship course conducted by IAGES periodically in various metro and tier 2 cities across India. FIAGES is a 3 day comprehensive well structured laparoscopy training course with state of the art lecture modules delivered by eminent IAGES faculty, Lap trainer knotting and suturing module followed by assessment module consisting of written MCQ examination and viva and practical on lap suturing. You will be awarded the fellowship certificate in a grand convocation function usually held during the annual national conference during February. Visit our website for more details.**

Reason - 3

3. **Flexible Endoscopy skill is essential for every surgeon in the era of laparoscopy. You will enhance your endoscopy skills by taking part in our Endoscopy fellowship courses done by team of expert surgeons with passion to share their experience in the art and science of endoscopy. EFIAGES is the basic flexible endoscopy fellowship course for beginners in endoscopy training once you are eligible to become IAGES member. It is a 3 day structured training program with key lecture modules, hands on simulator module, live bedside teaching module and assessment module with written MCQ examination and Viva and logbook submission. On successful completion of course, you will be awarded 'EFIAGES' at the convocation during our annual conference in February each year.**

Reason - 4

4. **FAGIE is the fellowship in advanced gastrointestinal endoscopy for the surgeons who want to enhance their skills in therapeutic endoscopy, colonoscopy and basic ERCP. This unique 3 day structured fellowship training course consists of state of the art lectures by renowned national and international faculty, hands on simulation exercises and live endoscopy session with opportunities to assist and perform under supervision. Like our all fellowship training courses, you would be asked to take the assessment module composed of written MCQ examination and viva along with log book submission to become eligible for FAGIE to be conferred on you at the convocation ceremony usually held during our national annual conference in February each year.**

Reason – 5

5. IAGES will assist in your higher surgical training, focused on various laparoscopic subspecialties. FALS is the 3 day structured fellowship course in advanced laparoscopy in various subspecialties namely Colorectal, Hernia, Upper GI, HPB, Robotic surgery and Oncology with lecture modules by world renowned experienced surgeons in the concerned field, live operative session, Panel discussions and debates on common practical issues and finally an assessment module with written MCQ examination and viva. After successful completion of the course you will be conferred' the fellowship of advanced laparoscopy' in the convocation held during our annual conference usually in February each year.

Reason – 6

6. You will have 'Free Access to our e-journal' -Journal of Minimal Access Surgery-'JMAS' which is released quarterly with peer reviewed articles with citations in Pubmed. You will be able to publish your research articles for publication in our world renowned journal with good impact factor. More over you will be also eligible to receive one of 3 'Best Research Paper Awards' per year each worth Rs: 1, 00,000 for articles published in JMAS by our IAGES members. Contact Hon secretary IAGES for more details.

Reason - 7

7. You will be eligible to receive one of the 5 'Best Researcher Awards' selected by our academic committee for best original article in any world renowned surgical journals with cash award of Rs 1, 00,000 each every year. Our academic committee would select the top 5 best researchers every year to nominate them for this coveted award.

Reason - 8

8. You will be able to receive any one of the 6 'Best Abstract Awards' (Rs: 50,000 each) for the best oral, poster or video presentation in annual and midterm conferences of IAGES. Indo-UK Surgicon is the midterm conference to be held on July 23rd and 24th in Edinburgh this year. 18th annual national conference will be held on 11th to 14th February 2021 in Coimbatore. You are encouraged to participate and present your abstracts to receive one of these prestigious cash awards.

Reason - 9

9. You can apply for one of 10 'Travelling Fellowships' (RS: 1, 00,000 each) to centre of excellence in laparoscopic and endoscopic surgery for a period of 6 weeks. Contact us for more details regarding application process.

Reason - 10

10. Surgical postgraduates (MS/DNB) could become an 'Associate member' of the IAGES and enjoy many of the benefits of members including free access to JMAS. In addition they will be eligible to apply for one of 5 'Research Grants for PG Thesis' (Each Rs of 1, 00,000) for the best thesis topics of PG students. The selected thesis, subject to review, will also be published in JMAS and the author will be invited to present his/her work in the national conference.

So why & what for you are waiting?

Become a member of IAGES & join our family which nurtures friendship and fellowship. You will start enjoying all the benefits of being and becoming the member of our friendly association.