

The Indian Association of Gastrointestinal Endo Surgeons

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Prof Dr John AC Thanakumar is a Consultant in Minimal Access surgery, Gastro Intestinal Surgery and Bariatric Surgery. He obtained MB.B.S at Christian Medical College, Vellore in 1970-75. He continued his Surgical training in M.S and M.N.A.M.S during 1978 – 1982 in CMC Vellore. As a surgical student, he visited Shouldice Hospital, Toronto and Sick Children's Hospital on an overseas Scholarship. He was a finalist in Rhodes Scholarship from India. In UK he was fortunate to be trained by Prof RCG Russel and Prof David Carter. He became Fellow of Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh and Glasgow in 1986 and served as a Clinical Tutor in the University of Aberdeen. He is a Fellow of international College of Surgeons since 1997. He is trained in Minimal Access Surgery (MAS) in U.S.A, U.K, Germany, Strasbourg and Singapore.

Prof Dr. John Thanakumar is a one of the earliest pioneer surgeons in Advanced Laparoscopy in India .He has been responsible for numerous live demonstrations and workshops throughout India since the early 90s. His first thoacosopic esophageal mobilization was in May 1992 , the first reported in Asia. His laparoscopic colectomy in 1992 and AP resection in 1993, to name a few. He has trained more than 1500 Surgeons in Laparoscopy from all over the world. Since 1991, by conducting HELP (Hands on Endoscopic and Laparoscopic Procedures) courses involving dry, wet labs and live animal surgery on regular basis. He is on the Ethicon panel of trainers in laparoscopy.

He has authored Chapters in Books and presented numerous Papers. He has operated in National and International Laparoscopic meetings as faculty throughout the world. He was active member of core committee for forming guide lines for MAS throughout India. He has been an Examiner for the Higher Specialty Examination of Fellowship in MAS conducted by National Board of Examinations, India and by IAGES.

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- Dr Sarachandra Surgical Oration in Trichy,
- Dr Mathias Memorial Oration by ASI Chapter of Kanyakumari,
- Dr Das Mohapatra Oration at the Association of Surgeons of India in December 2007 in Bhuwaneshwar on Non conventional Laparoscopic Surgery.
- Dr Bakthavatsalam Oration in Coimbatore,

- Prof Jacobeus oration in Erode,
- Prof T Subramaniam ASI Oration Madurai,
- Dr Jeyasekharan Oration ASI Nagercoil ,
- Dr C William ASI oration on laparoscopic hernias on 14 Sept, 2013
- ASI Oration on Advances in Laparoscopic Surgery , Salem, 2014

Vocational Excellence Award by Rotary International 2015.

Prof Dr John AC Thanakumar is the President of Indian Association of Gastrointestinal Endo Surgeons (2012 – 2014). He was the President elect 2010-12, and Honorary Secretary of IAGES (2008 – 2010) He has been the Vice President and Executive Member of IAGES for two terms respectively. His presidency of IAGES opened the members to 35 live workshops throughout India associated with emphasis on zonal meetings with single themes to promote advanced laparoscopy and its newer avatars like single incision laparoscopy, robotics, upper GI, bariatrics, hernia and oncology to name a few. He encouraged and created local leadership in laparoscopy in all the five zones of IAGES.

Prof Dr John Thanakumar is also life member of IMA,ASI,IAGES,ACRES,ACRSI,APHS,APHSI,ISG (TNC),ISCEM and Laser Society of India. After 24 years in corporate practice with professorship in medical colleges, he has established ANURAG HOSPITAL in Coimbatore for advanced laparoscopic and bariatric surgery .He is married to Pediatrician DrNeena John and has 2 sons DrPravin John who is a surgeon and Mervyn John who is a mechanical engineer in US.