

# Fifty Glorious Years of FOGSI and the Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of India.

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It gives me immense pleasure to write the history of FOGSI and the Journal during its Golden Jubilee Year regarding its phenomenal growth and important landmarks achieved or reached during the span of 50 Glorious Years.

I would like to point out here that All India Obstetric and Gynaecological Congresses were held periodically even before the formation of the Federation of Obstetric and Gynaecological Societies of India (FOGSI).

The first All India Obstetric and Gynaecological Congress was held in Madras in 1936, organized by the then existing three Obst & Gyn Societies at Bombay, Calcutta, and Madras. At this first Congress it was decided by the participating eminent Obstetricians and Gynaecologists to form similar Obst & Gyn Societies in different parts of India and to consider the feasibility of publishing a Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of India as an official organ of these societies.

By 1950, six All India Obst & Gyn Congresses were held. At the sixth All India Obst & Gyn Congress held in Madras on 6<sup>th</sup> January 1950, Obst and Gyn Societies of Bombay, Madras, Bengal, Ahmedabad and Punjab resolved to form themselves into the Federation of Obstetric and Gynaecological Societies of India. It was

further resolved that the Federation be registered in Bombay with headquarters in Bombay.

This was indeed due to the pioneering efforts of our eminent colleagues like the Late Dr. Sir Laxmanswami Mudaliar, Late Dr. N. A. Purandare, Late Dr. Chamanlal Mehta, Late Dr. J. Jhirad, Late Dr. H. Desa, Late Dr. R. K.K. Tampan, Late Dr. Subodh Mitra, Late Dr. J. Chakravarti and many others.

The main objects of the formation of the Federation were to bring allopathic doctors practicing in the field of Obstetrics and Gynaecology together, express and exchange their views freely, to safeguard their interests, plan undergraduate and postgraduate medical education in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, help in the orientation and teaching of midwives, auxiliary nurses and Family Planning Social Workers, helping upgrade the knowledge of TBA's, achieve higher standards of scientific progress in our speciality by holding All India Obstetrics and Gynaecological Congress and publishing the Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of India. Besides these it was also aimed at helping improve maternal and child health care, raising the standard of training and practice of doctors, nurses and paramedical personnel in our country, keeping pace and abreast with recent upto date knowledge in the field of Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Family Planning and ultimately reduce the maternal and perinatal mortality and morbidity.

There are to date 144 Obst & Gyn Societies affiliated to FOGSI with total membership of about 15,500 active members.

The Late Dr. J. N. Karande was the first Hon. Secretary General from 1950 to 1955, followed by Late Dr. B. N. Purandare from 1955 to 1966, Late Dr. C. L. Jhaveri from 1967 to 1974, Dr. R. D. Pandit from 1975 to 1982, Dr. A. C. Mehta from 1983 to 1984, Dr. C. B. Purandare from 1984 to 1989, Dr. Vasant B. Patwardhan

from 1990 to 1992, Dr. D. K. Tank from 1993 to 1994, Dr. M. K. Patel from 1995 to 1998 and Dr. Shyam Desai from 1999 onwards and till todate.

The Late Dr. B. N. Purandare was the first Hon. Treasurer from 1950-1955, followed by Dr. C. G. Saraiya from 1955-1960, Dr. V. N. Purandare from 1961-1973, Dr. C. B. Purandare from 1974-1982, Dr. Vasant B. Patwardhan from 1983-1984, Dr. D. K. Tank from 1985-1989, Dr. M. K. Patel from 1990-1992, Dr. Shyam V. Desai from 1993 to 1996, Dr. C. N. Purandare from 1997-1998 and Dr. P.K. Shah from 1999 onwards and till todate.

List of all the Presidents, who presided over the All India Obst & Gyn Congresses held before 1950 and all Presidents of FOGSI, who presided over the various All India Obst & Gyn Congresses from 1950 till 1999 is listed separately in this issue of the Journal. Similarly from 1950 onwards till todate, I have also tried to give the list of all Vice Presidents, Hon. Secretary Generals, Hon. Jt. Secretaries and Hon. Treasurers, from all available data from the FOGSI Office.

All India Obst & Gyn Congresses were held once in two years from 1936. Due to the outbreak of the second world war in 1939, the pace was slightly slackened, again to be revitalised from 1950 onwards. Due to the tremendous success and popularity of the All India Obst & Gyn Congresses and the increasing number of papers for presentation and the number of delegates attending, it was decided to hold the All India Obst & Gyn Congresses once in a year from 1974 onwards.

The Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of India was started in September 1950. It continued as a quarterly Journal till December 1964. From January 1965, the Journal was published bi-monthly. This has given opportunities for our members to publish their scientific data. It enjoys good deal of popularity amongst the members and the readers from India and abroad. The great success and reputation of the Journal is mainly due to the untiring efforts of the Founder Editor Late Dr. J. Jhirad from 1950-1968, followed by Editor Late Dr. K. M. Masani from 1968-1986, then Editor Dr. V. N. Purandare from 1987 to 1996 and current Editor Dr. R. D. Pandit from 1997 to date. Dr. Gool N. Vazifdar, who was the

Founder Secretary and Manager of the Journal, served with devotion and sincerity from 1950 to 1989. All these Editors were ably assisted by Associate Editor Late Dr. S. Aptekar, current Associate Editor Dr. M. N. Parikh, Ex. Asst. Editor and Ex. Jt. Associate Editor Dr. S. N. Daftary. Ex. Secretary and Manager and Asst. Editor and present Jt. Associate Editor Dr. Adi Dastur, Ex. Secretary and Manager, Dr. M. K. Patel, Ex. Secretary and Manager and present Asst. Editor Dr. C. N. Purandare, Ex. Asst. Secretary Late Dr. Shirin P. Mehtaji, current Secretary and Manager Dr. M. J. Jassawala and Asst. Secretary Dr. Gautam Allahabadia and Jt. Asst. Secretary Dr. C. V. Hegde. The details of all the office bearers of the Journal are given separately in this issue from the available records in the FOGSI office.

Our Journal published it's Silver Jubilee issue in February 1975.

Since 1998, the Journal issues have been completely revamped. We have added interesting features like Guest Editorials, Guest Articles, Guest Review Articles by eminent persons and book reviews, letters to Editors and replies from authors, articles on Family Welfare and medicolegal aspects. In future we are contemplating including Technical reports from eminent World Organisations and Specialised Associations, review of literature, controversies in management of certain important topics. Since 1998 we have also changed the size of the Journal providing an elegant cover page, printing on art paper, coloured photographs and advertisements and changed the format. We hope these radical changes will make the journal more reader friendly, up to date and informative. We are trying to raise further the standard of our Journal in the coming years and ensure that the Journal is not only helpful to family physicians, practicing Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, but also for those practicing in sub and super speciality too.

Under the auspicious of the FOGSI, International Seminar on Modern Contraceptive was held in Bombay in July 1965.

#### **Affiliation to FIGO:**

FOGSI is affiliated to the International



Federation of Gynaecology & Obstetrics (FIGO) which came into existence in 1954, and is one of the Founder members of the same.

102 National Societies are affiliated to FIGO. The late Dr. Subodh Mitra was the first representative on the Executive Board of FIGO, followed by Late Dr. B. N. Purandare, Late Dr. C. L. Jhaveri, Dr. R. D. Pandit from 1977 to 1985, Dr. C. S. Dawn from 1986 to 1989 and Dr. Shirish Sheth from 1990 to 1996. Late Dr. Subhodh Mitra was elected as Vice President of FIGO followed by Late Dr. B. N. Purandare, also as Vice President of FIGO. Late Dr. B. N. Purandare had the unique distinction of being the President of FIGO from year 1973 to 1976 and recently Dr. Shirish Sheth also as President of FIGO from year 2000 to 2003.

FOGSI organised the first International Seminar on Maternal Mortality, Family Planning and Biology of Reproduction in Mar 1969 at Bombay and also the Second International Seminar on Maternal & Perinatal Mortality, Pregnancy Termination and sterilisation in Mar 1975 in Bombay. At the time of Second International Seminar in Mar 1975 in Bombay, FOGSI had the unique honour of hosting the Annual Executive Board meeting of FIGO in Bombay for the first time in this part of the hemisphere, when Late Dr. B. N. Purandare was the President of FIGO and also celebrated the Twentieth Anniversary of FIGO. FOGSI also celebrated its Silver Jubilee Anniversary during this International Seminar in Mar 1975 and all the Past Presidents of FOGSI and the then President of FOGSI were awarded exquisite mementos.

The Third International Seminar on Maternal & Perinatal Mortality, Pregnancy Termination and sterilisation was held in New Delhi in October 1980.

#### **Affiliation to AOFOG:**

FOGSI was also the Founding member of the Asian Federation of Obstetrics & Gynaecology since 1959 and hosted the second Asian Congress of Obstetrics & Gynaecology in Calcutta in January 1962. Late V. N. Shirodkar presided over this Congress and became

President of Asian Federation of Obstetrics & Gynaecology for two years. Late Dr. M. K. Krishna Menon and Late Dr. B. N. Purandare were also elected as Vice Presidents in the Past. Since October 1979, Asian Federation changed its name to Asia & Oceania Federation of Obstetrics & Gynaecology in view of Oceania Countries like Australia & New Zealand joining the Asian Federation of Obstetrics & Gynaecology. To date 23 National Obst & Gyn Societies are affiliated to AOFOG. Dr. R. D. Pandit was elected as Vice President of Asia & Oceania Federation of Obstetrics & Gynaecology (AOFOG) from 1979-1981. President elect from 1981-1983 and President from 1983-1985. Dr. R. V. Bhatt was also elected as Vice President for two years period. Hon. Fellowship of AOFOG was conferred to Late Dr. B. N. Purandare, Late Dr. M. K. Krishna Menon, Dr. R. D. Pandit, Dr. R. V. Bhatt and Dr. S. Dasgupta. Late Dr. C. L. Jhaveri was awarded Fellowship posthumously. FOGSI & AOFOG have jointly held many successful CME programmes and workshops on Maternal & Perinatal health in different parts of India since 1983 onwards. For the last five years AOFOG has tremendously helped in organising RCH workshops in various parts of India.

FOGSI directly or indirectly through its members is cooperating with the Central Government and various State Governments, WHO, UNICEF, etc. Representation was given to some of the eminent members in various committees esp., Shantilal Shah Legalisation of abortion committee, Family Planning, Medical Termination of Pregnancy, Maternal and Child Health care committee etc., from time to time. Some of our members are actively associated with Medical Council of India, State Medical Councils, Nursing Councils, ICMR, various Universities etc. In year 2000, President of FOGSI, was invited by Govt. of India to be on the Committee to discuss the Population Policy and its implementation.

#### **FOGSI-Indian College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists (FOGSI-ICOG): -**

This is the academic wing of FOGSI which was founded in 1984. It is managed by the Governing council. There were 173 Founder Fellows. Later on 576

Fellows were admitted and in last few years Membership of the College is conferred on 19 members, who fulfill certain criteria. ICOG organises CME Programmes and workshops along with the host Obst. & Gyn. Society in different parts of India, throughout the year giving even some financial assistance to the Hosting Obst & Gyn Society. Late Dr. C. L. Jhaveri donated a sum of Rs. 1 Lac in year 1985 towards instituting FOGSI-ICOG Dr. C. L. Jhaveri Endowment Symposium during the All India Obstetrics and Gynaecological Congress.

#### **Affiliation to SAFOG:**

**SAFOG:** This is a regional organization comprising of National Obst. & Gyn. Societies of India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Nepal formed in year 1995. FOGSI is a very active member of SAFOG and a Founder member too.

**FOGSI Building Fund:** Over the years FOGSI has constituted FOGSI Building Fund with the intention to have its own office premises at the headquarters in Mumbai (Bombay).

Under the auspices of FOGSI, many International Congresses on varied topics of importance are held from time to time, with National and International Faculty members participating.

**Dr. C. G. Saraiya donated a munificent amount of Rs. 10 lacs for utilising for worthy cause by FOGSI.** Precongress CME programme is named after Dr. C. G. Saraiya and one of the CME programme of ICOG is also named after Dr. C. G. Saraiya. The amount donated is earmarked towards activities in Reproductive Health care of women.

#### **President's Medal:**

The Federation received a generous donation of Rs. 6,000.00 (Rupees Six Thousand) only, in 1974 from the then President of FOGSI Dr. S. N. Upadhyaya for instituting "President's Gold Medal", for the President of FOGSI during his Tenure in office. This President's Medal was substituted in year 1996 by

donation by the then President Dr. R. P. Soonawala.

**FOGSI has the following Orations, Prizes, Research Awards, Travelling fellowships, FOGSI Journal BEST Paper Award and other Awards most of which are awarded at the time of the All India Obst & Gyn Congress, which were made possible by generous donations from our own members or some pharmaceutical firms, etc.,**

#### **I. Orations:**

**(A) FOGSI Rallis Oration:** In 1972, FOGSI accepted munificent donation of Rs. 20,000.00 (Rupees Twenty Thousand) from Tata Fissions and with matching contribution from FOGSI, instituted FOGSI-Rallis Oration from 1975 onwards. Many eminent Obstetricians & Gynaecologists have delivered the same. The present corpus of this Oration is Rs. 90,000/-

**(2) FOGSI Oration**— FOGSI constituted FOGSI Oration Fund to start another Oration. Since the 26<sup>th</sup> All India Obst & Gyn Congress held in 1982, this oration is being delivered each year. Many of our eminent colleagues have delivered this Oration. The present corpus of this Oration is Rs. 85,000/-.

**(3) FOGSI — Infar Oration** — With munificent donation of Rs. 2 Lacs from Infar India Ltd., in year 1993 this oration was instituted. Many eminent persons in our field have delivered the same. The present corpus of the Oration is 2,70,000/-.

**II. Prizes** awarded at the time of All India Obst & Gyn Congress. Prizes are awarded from the interest of the corpuses of respective categories.

**(A) Mrs. Indumati Jhaveri Prizes** for Best three papers presented on the official subjects of the Congress, open for Junior delegates less than 7 years of passing M.B.B.S. examination. Mrs. Indumati Jhaveri donated initially Rs. 5,400/- in 1966, Rs. 4,600/- in 1977, making a total corpus of Rs. 10,000/-.

**(B) Dr. C. S. Dawn Prizes** for best three papers



presented on the three official subjects of the Congress open for delegates who have passed more than 7 years after passing M.B.B.S. Dr. C. S. Dawn donated Rs. 15,000/- in year 1984 and later on additional Rs. 10,000/- making a total corpus of Rs. 25,000/-.

(C) **Dr. C. L. Jhaveri Prizes** for three best papers in miscellaneous group of papers open for all registered delegates. Late Dr. C. L. Jhaveri donated Rs. 15,000/- in the year 1983.

(D) **Dr. (Mrs.) Jagdishwari Mishra Prize** for the best poster on the three official subjects of the Congress open for all registered delegates. Dr. (Mrs) Jagdishwari Mishra donated Rs. 15,000/- in year 1989.

(E) **Dr. Amarendra Nath Dan Prize** for the best paper on MCH Care, which is open for all registered delegates. Dr. Amrendra Nath Dan donated Rs. 20,000/- in year 1990.

(F) **Mrs. Chandravatidevi Jagannath Singh Prize** for best paper on Oncology which is open for all registered delegates. Dr. Shanti Singh donated Rs. 50,000/- in year 1999 towards the same.

(G) **Dr. R. D. Pandit Research Prize.** This Research Award is open to persons within ten years of graduation, for the best research paper/thesis on any subject in Obstetrics & Gynaecology. There is one such Research award per year. Dr. R. D. Pandit donated Rs. 15000/- in year 1983, and later on additional Rs. 10,000/- making total corpus of Rs. 25,000/-.

(H) **Dr. Kumud P. Tamaskar Research Prize.** This Research Award is open for any active member of FOGSI, for original research paper/thesis on "any subject of Infertility". There is one Research Award per year.

Late Dr. Kumud P. Tamaskar donated Rs. 20,000/- in year 1990.

(I) **President's Rotating Trophy:** This was donated by Late Dr. Raman M. Nadkarni in year 1982 for Gr A & Gr B. Trophy for Gr C was donated in year 1988. There are such 3 Trophies given every year on the performance in various criteria fulfilled by member bodies

during particular year, in following 3 categories. (A) members 200 and above. (B) members less than 200 and more than 50 (C) members less than 50.

(J) **Dr. D. K. Tank Trophy:** Dr. D. K. Tank donated Rs. 1 Lakh in year 1999. This trophy is for best activities on safe motherhood done by memberbody in a year which are given in 3 categories: A) members 200 and above. B) members less than 200 and more than 50 and C) members less than 50.

(K) **FOGSI — Journal Best Paper Awards:** Since 1999 these awards were instituted for awarding to best paper from amongst the papers published in the previous year. Main criterias are that person must be FOGSI member and first author. There are two such awards: - (1) Rs. 7,000/- and Certificate (open Category, No age bar). (2) Rs. 7,000/- and Certificate (age upto 40 years.)

(L) **FOGSI - Dr. Mehroo Dara Hansotia Prize for Adolescent Girl Activities:** To be awarded to any individual or Obst & Gyn Society who will carry out best activities on Adolescent Girl problem. Dr. Mehroo Hansotia donated Rs. 50,000/- in year 2000, and also Rs. 50,000/- to be awarded each year for further period of two years.

(M) **FOGSI - Dr. Mehroo Dara Hansotia Prize** for the best activities on adolescent Girl done by the committees. Dr. Mehroo Hansotia donated Rs. 50,000/- in year 2000; there will be one Prize of Rs. 5,000/- every year.

(N) **FOGSI — Chorion Awards:**

FOGSI with assistance of Win Medicare Co., instituted the FOGSI—Chorion Awards for best Scientific Research work in Obst & Gyn for FOGSI members who fulfill certain criteria.

**Category I:** Award of Rs. 75,000/- amongst Senior members above the age of 40 years.

**Category II:** Award of Rs. 25,000/- amongst Junior members of age 40 and below.

This was possible because of donation of Rs. 1,00,000/

- per year from year 1995. They have so far promised to give upto year 2004.

(O) **FOGSI — Imaging Science Awards:** FOGSI — Imaging Science Committee constituted the corpus of Rs. 40,000/- from year 1994. There are two Awards given every year of Rs. 2,000/- each for FOGSI members below age 40 who fulfill certain criteria.

(P) **FOGSI — Quiz:** FOGSI with the assistance of M/s. Johnson & Johnson are organising FOGSI — Quiz Program during All India Congress of Obstetrics & Gynaecology. Johnson & Johnson are donating Rs. 1,00,000/- per year since year 1995 and have confirmed regarding donating the Rs. 1,50,000/- per year from year 1999 upto year 2004.

### III] Travelling Scholarships/Fellowships: -

#### A] **FOGSI - Dr. P. R. Dixit Travelling Scholarship:**

Dr. (Mrs) P. R. Dixit donated Rs. 2 Lacs in year 1994, to award Rs. 40,000/- every alternate year for visiting institutions abroad for FOGSI members below the age of 40 years who fulfill certain criteria.

#### B] **FOGSI - Dr. Vasantben Shah's Travelling Scholarship for Overseas study.**

Dr. Vasantben Shah donated Rs. 3 Lacs in year 1999. This Award of Rs. 60,000/- is given once in 2 years to a FOGSI member, below the age of 40 years, who fulfill certain criteria.

#### C] **FOGSI Ethicon Travelling Fellowship:**

Since 1976, M/s. Johnson and Johnson Ltd., (Ethicon Division) are giving generous donation of Rs. 5,000/-, then Rs. 8000/- from 1981 and last few years Rs. 10,000/- per year to enable two younger Obstetricians and Gynaecologists to visit some leading institutions in India to see recent advances in our speciality for about 6 weeks.

### III. **FOGSI — Committees:**

Since 1975-1976, FOGSI Constituted Committees

such as Maternal Mortality, Perinatal Mortality, Medical Education, M.T.P., Family Planning, Oncology and Trophoblastic Tumours. In 1981, Committees on Medical Nomenclature & Research Records, Food & Drugs and Medico Surgical Equipment were added. Subsequently, many more committees were added over the years. Following is the upto date list of Committees: (1) AIDS, (2) Adolescent Problems (3) Clinical Research (4) Endoscopy (5) Ethical & Medicolegal (6) Family Welfare (7) Food & Drugs & Medico Surgical Equipment (8) Genetics and Fetal Medicine (9) Imaging Science in Obst & Gyn (10) Infertility (11) International Academic Exchange (12) Medical Education (13) Medical Termination of Pregnancy (14) Medical Disorders in pregnancy (15) Medical Nomenclature/Norms, Research Records (16) Geriatric Gynaecology (17) Oncology and Trophoblastic Tumours (18) Perinatology (19) Practical Obstetrics (20) Public Awareness (21) Quiz Programme (22) Reproductive Endocrinology (23) Rural Obstetrics (24) Study of Female Breast (25) Safe Motherhood, (26) Young Talent Promotion (27) Website.

All these Committees Organise seminars/workshops etc., periodically throughout India either during the year or as Precongress ones. Some of the Committees have even come out with FOGSI Publications on important topics.

The activities of these Committees have generated tremendous interest and enthusiasm amongst all FOGSI members.

The Federation of Obstetric & Gynaecological Societies of India and the Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of India has completed 50 years of its existence. This phenomenal growth, progress and spectacular achievements of the FOGSI speak volumes of the solid foundation laid as well as the able guidance and leadership provided by the founding members, dedicated work and untiring efforts put in by all the office bearers of FOGSI, Journal, ICOG, Chairman of all Committees and the whole hearted support and cooperation given by all the members of the different



memberbodies. FOGSI is also playing a very active role by advising through their members, Central and state Governments, Municipal Corporations in effective implementation of Reproductive Health Care of Women and Children. Through the liaison with the different Universities and Medical Council of India, FOGSI is trying to suggest the ideal curriculum for undergraduates and post graduates in the field of Obstetrics & Gynaecology and in superspecialities too. Liaisoning with State Governments and Nursing Councils FOGSI is trying to help improvements in education of Midwives and Nursing personnel in India. Some of the memberbodies of FOGSI Organise Family Planning (Sterilisation, Medical Termination of Pregnancy and Laparoscopic Sterilisation) Camps, Gynaecological Operation Camps, as well as diagnostic Camps for Obstetric and Gynaecological patients especially in Urban Slums and rural areas. FOGSI has progressed at a very fast pace and has played a vital role in National and International level.

Since 1997, the excellent efforts put in by Dr. D. K. Tank, FOGSI is playing an important role in Reproductive and Child Health care in organizing RCH workshops in different parts of India and is being generously helped by the Govt. of India, some of the State Govts and NGO's like WHO, Unicef, UNFPA, AOFOG & FIGO.

FOGSI office, since its inception in 1950 was located in one room on the top floor of Purandare Hospital in Bombay, upto August, 1994, free of any rent or compensation, possible due to magnanimous gesture of late Dr. N. A. Purandare who himself was one of the founders of FOGSI and subsequently by the whole Purandare Family & their family Trust. Since September, 1994, FOGSI office shifted to spacious room to Cama & Albless Hospital, New Building, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Bombay (Mumbai) with the kind consent of

Dept of Health and Family Welfare, Ministry of Health, Govt. of Maharashtra, on certain condition.

FOGSI Secretariat is very efficiently being looked after by office superintendent Miss. Vatsala Bhandarkar since 1973 while (Mrs.) Flory Henry, one of the senior clerk who is working since 1978, very efficiently for the journal office work. They are both very well assisted by other office staff.

In the new millennium, FOGSI members should strive further to take their skill, expertise and knowledge at the doorstep of the community to reduce the maternal, neonatal, perinatal and infant mortality and morbidity, so that in the future women and children enjoy better quality of life, and also to raise the standard of Medical Education in India.

I have tried to give you in brief, the account of the 50 glorious years of FOGSI and the Journal from the available data in FOGSI office.

I hope I will be excused for any inadvertent omissions and commissions which might have occurred unintentionally and due to inadequate available data.

I am extremely happy that the FOGSI and the Journal are being handled by efficient and sincere officebearers and workers. I have a vision that FOGSI will scale even greater heights in this New Millenium.

Long Live FOGSI and the Journal.

## Number Year and Venue of Congress and Names of Presidents presiding Congresses and Names of Presidents of FOGSI

No. of Congress	Year of Congress	Venue of Congress	President of Congress	Place of President
1st	1936	Madras	Late Dr. Ida Scudder	Vellore
2nd	1938	Bombay	Late Dr. B. D. Mukherjee	Calcutta
3rd	1941	Calcutta	Late Dr. N. A. Purandare	Bombay
4th	1945	Lahore	Late Dr. Chamanlal Mehta	Bombay
5th	1947	Bombay	Late Dr. A. L. Mudaliar	Madras
<b>President of Congress and President of FOGSI</b>				
6th	1950	Madras	Late Dr. J. Jhirad	Bombay
7th	1952	Calcutta	Late Dr. H. M. Lazarus	Vellore
8th	1955	Bombay	Late Dr. J. D. R. Dadabhoy	Bombay
9th	1957	Amritsar	Late Dr. Subodh Mitra	Calcutta
10th	1959	Hyderabad	Late Dr. R. K. K. Tampan/ Late Dr. H. V. Tilak	Bombay
11th	1961	Calcutta	Late Dr. V. N. Shirodkar	Bombay
12th	1963	Ahmedabad	Late Dr. M. K. Krishna Menon	Madras
13th	1966	Patna	Late Dr. K. M. Masani	Bombay
14th	1967	Nagpur	Late Dr. B. N. Purandare	Bombay
15th	1969	Margao	Late Dr. S. B. Anklesaria	Ahmedabad
16th	1972	New Delhi	Late Dr. P. C. Das	Calcutta
17th	1974 (Feb)	Agra	Late Dr. S. N. Upadhyay	Calcutta
18th	1974 (Dec)	Manipal	Late Dr. C. L. Jhaveri	Bombay
19th	1975	Jamshedpur	Dr. C. G. Saraiya	Bombay
20th	1977 (Jan)	Gauhati	Late Dr. Amy D. Engineer	Lucknow
21st	1977 (Dec)	Cuttack	Late Dr. P. K. Devi	Chandigarh
22nd	1978	Indore	Dr. G. N. Vazifdar	Bombay
23rd	1979	Bangalore	Dr. Tarun Banerjee	Calcutta
24th	1980	Chandigarh	Late Dr. R.M. Nadkarni	Ahmedabad
25th	1981	Calcutta	Dr. V. N. Purandare	Bombay
26th	1982	Pune	Dr. R. D. Pandit	Bombay
27th	1983	Madras	Dr. C. S. Dawn	Calcutta
28th	1984	Durgapur	Dr. M. N. Parikh	Bombay
29th	1985	Bombay	Dr. Rohit V. Bhatt	Baroda
30th	1986	Ahmedabad	Dr. N. N. Roychowdhury	Calcutta
31st	1987	Jaipur	Dr. S. N. Daftary	Bombay
32nd	1988	Mysore	Dr. S. N. Daftary / Dr. S. Dasgupta	Jamshedpur
33rd	1989	Patna	Dr. S. D. Khandwalla	Bombay
34th	1990	Nagpur	Dr. Shirish S. Sheth	Bombay
35th	1991	Madras	Dr. B. Palaniappan	Madras
36th	1992	New Delhi	Dr. Usha Krishna	Bombay
37th	1993	Calcutta	Dr. Vasant B. Patwardhan	Bombay
38th	1994	Coimbatore	Dr. Kamal Buckshee	New Delhi
39th	1995	Kanpur	Dr. R. P. Soonawala	Bombay
40th	1996	Pune	Dr. D. K. Tank	Bombay
41st	1997	Siliguri	Dr. R. Rajan	Kottayam
42nd	1998	Hyderabad	Dr. Mehroo Hansotia	Mumbai (Bombay)
43rd	1999	Lucknow	Dr. Alokendu Chatterjee	Calcutta