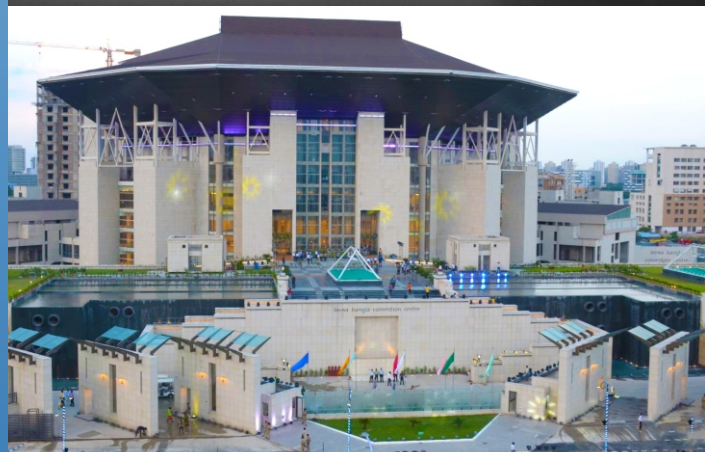




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WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Greetings from the Organizing Committee!

We extend you a very warm invitation to attend the 64th Annual conference of the Indian Orthopaedic Association from 19th to 24th November, 2019 at Biswa Bangla Convention Centre, Kolkata, West Bengal.

As you all are aware, this is the biggest event in orthopaedic in Indian Subcontinent with nearly 8000 delegates attending it and we want to make these six days a memorable academic and social fiesta. Many experts in various sub-specialties of orthopaedics from world over will be at the meeting to share the wealth of their experience. We have been able to get the best of International and National speakers in the field of Orthopaedic and basis sciences. You will have a unique opportunity to enrich your knowledge and share your thoughts with these key opinion leaders in their respective fields.

The venue of the conference is Biswa Bangla Convention Centre, which has ample space and structure and state-of-the art audio visual facility. The sprawling halls and open spaces will allow luxurious space for academics, industrial exhibits, dining and also the social programs.

Mid November is the perfect weather to enjoy Kolkata. As the former capital of British India, Kolkata retains a feast of colonial-era architecture contrasting starkly with urban slums and dynamic newtown suburbs with their air-conditioned shopping malls. Kolkata is the ideal place to experience the mild yet complex tang of Bengali cuisine. Friendlier than India's other metropolises, this is a city you 'feel' more than simply visit. Starting from admiring the flourishing art scene in the city to going on rewarding gastronomical explorations to wandering amidst the countless bazaars to sitting by the banks of the Hooghly and enjoying a peaceful sunset, Kolkata is soaked in layers and layers of heritage and culture, and peeling off each layer to look beneath the hood is a very rewarding, once-in-a-lifetime experience. As the famous quote goes, "If you want a city with a soul, come to Kolkata".

We look forward to having you with us and providing you with a memorable experience.

With regards,



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Kolkata has hosted four national level Orthopaedic conferences – 1975, 1985, 1996 & 2007; and this one in 2019 is the fifth one. Looking back, it is interesting to observe how the conferences have gradually changed its character into the present form & format – the delegate volume, their aspirations & desire, global recognition & participation and last but not the least, trade participation. There has been a sea change in all these matters in the last 50 years or so. In the light of last 50 years, it is also interesting to foresee the changing pattern in the coming 50 years.

Let us begin from the beginning.

1975: IOA had not born yet. It was “Orthopaedic Section” of ASI. IOACON In those days used to be held as summer conference, in July. Late Prof Arun Kumar Das, ex president of IOA, was the organizing secretary. The venue was Great Eastern Hotel. Although this was an iconic & heritage hotel, space crunch would have been an issue in today's perspective. But that conference went off without much hitch because the volume of the delegates & trade exhibitors were much less. It was a two-and-half day affair, from Friday to Sunday post lunch. No Event Managers; instead there was a dedicated force of volunteers derived from the residents and PGTs of the four medical colleges, who did a Yeomen's job. Starting from receiving the delegates at the railway station (majority of the delegates used to come by train then), transporting them to different designated hotels & guest houses in reserved coaches and again bringing them to the venue every morning in time – the volunteers used to be everywhere. Of course, the guiding forces were the teachers, who also spent hours at the venue supervising everything. The one thing missing these days is the total, full-time involvement of the whole Orthopaedic fraternity of the host city.

1985: IOA was an independent body now; the conference was held in winter. Dr M S Ghose, who became President of IOA later, was the organizing secretary, and the venue was Park Hotel, another iconic hotel. Number of delegates was around 1000, including spouses. The four banquet halls and the adjoining lobby were good enough for the three-and-a-half day conference. Mother Teresa graced the conference by her presence at the inaugural ceremony. One of the highlights of the cultural event in the evening was folk songs & dance rendered by the famous Calcutta Youth Choir.

1996: The 41st IOACON was held at NRS Medical College, Prof D P Baksi being the organizing secretary. The famous artisans of Kolkata, created a 2-story temporary auditorium with bamboo, cloth and plywood in an open ground, where the inaugural ceremony was held. This beautiful pandal earned the appreciation of all.

2007: The 4th time Kolkata got the opportunity to host the conference was in 2007. Dr T K Moitra was the organizing secretary, and the venue was the sprawling campus of Science City, situated at the eastern fringe of the city. The main auditorium here had a capacity of more than 1000, while about 4-5 satellite halls were there, each with capacity of about 400. Yet, it was felt that there was space crunch. However, the conference went off well, largely because of whole-hearted involvement of almost all the members of WBOA.

The present conference is being held at Biswa Bangla Convention Centre, which can match any state-of-the-art convention centre in the World, with large auditoria and satellite halls and all other facilities a modern convention centre should have; and again the whole WBOA is bent on making it a grand success and the delegates to take home happy memories. Come & enjoy Bengal's sweet hospitality.

ABOUT KOLKATA

Oh Kolkata!

A Brief History

Although the name 'Kalikata' was mentioned in the rent-rolls of the Mughal Emperor Akbar, it was in 1690 that the Englishman Job Charnock took on lease 3 large villages on the Banks of the river Hooghly Sutanuti, Govindapur and Kalikata - as a trading post of the East India Co. In due course, the then Mughal Emperor granted the Company the freedom of trade in return for a yearly payment of Rs.3000/-

The Britishers were looked upon with suspicion by the local people and the then Nawab of Bengal Siraj-ud-Daula challenged the British in 1756 and wrested the land back from them. The next year however, in the famous Battle of Plassey, betrayed by his trusted confidante Mir Jafar, the Nawab was beaten and the lucrative trading town was once again taken over by the British. The head quarters of East India Co. was set up in the city they built and named Calcutta. Sir Warren Hastings, the First Governor General of India established in the city of Calcutta the Supreme Courts of Justice and the Supreme Revenue Administration and she became the Capital of British India in 1772.

By 1800 Calcutta became the Centre of all Cultural and Political Movements in entire India and the 19th Century Renaissance and Reformation in this country was pioneered in this city. Raja Rammohan Roy, Pundit Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar, Thakur Ram Krishna Paramhansa, Swami Vivekananda, the Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore, Sri Jagadish Chandra Bose, Sri Satyendra Nath Bose (co-author of Bose- Einstein Theory) and countless others enhanced the cultural heritage of the city. Between 1820-30, the nationalism which swept the entire country originated from this city and the people opposed the plans of Lord Curzon to divide Bengal. The partition was repealed in 1911 followed by the shifting of the capital of India from Calcutta to New Delhi.

In 2001, Calcutta was officially renamed Kolkata.

Understanding Kolkata

To understand Kolkata you must understand Bengali values. Intellect is preferred over wealth. Bengalis do not stash away money and do not understand how to make it from business and trade. They are deeply emotional. An average Bengali would spend his money on books, hilsa and rasgulla, enjoy a cultural evening or a game of football, the passion of the city, and discuss the state of the world for hours over a cup of tea. He will try to give his children the best education possible and teach cultural values.

If you want a city with a soul, come to this City of Joy Kolkata.





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