

The 6th IAU & MPAU Annual Conference was held at Shaoxing, Zhejiang Province, China from 17th to 19th November 2017 at the Oriental Grand Hotel. This meeting was organized by International Alliance of Urolithiasis (IAU) by Prof Zhangqun Ye, Prof Guohua Zeng and Prof Liping Xie. Shaoxing is about 90 minute High Speed train ride away from Shanghai. This town had many natural sights, historical attractions and hometown of Zhou Enlai.

India had a significant presence during this meeting and was represented by Dr Ajit Vaze; President Elect USI, Dr S K Pal, Dr M S Agarwal, Dr Anil Elhence, Dr Vinay Tomar, Dr Ramesh Sethia, Dr Kamaljeet Singh and Dr Sharmad Kudchadker. North Zone accounted for 75% of the delegation.

On the 17th there was MPAU meeting which is the Marco Polo Association of Urologists which represents an association of Urologists from China and Italy.

6th IAU began in the afternoon with the Young Urologists session and concluded with the 'Masters Interaction' with the young urologists. Dr S K Pal talk on "What the books did not tell me about PCNL", was greatly appreciated. Other speakers included Dr Jean de la Rosette, Dr Matthew Bultitude, Dr Hans-Goran Tiselius, Dr Thomas Knoll and Dr Kemal Sarica.

The second day began with a Basic Research session followed by Live Operative session on URS. This was followed by an Industry session and a session on Innovations. Afternoon featured the PCNL session where there were talks by Dr Ajit Vaze on 'Renal Parenchymal Injury during PCNL', Dr Anil Elhence on 'Intra Operative Problems during Initial Puncture', Dr Kamaljeet Singh on ' Post PCNL Drainage', Dr Vinay Tomar on 'Lower Pole Stone', Dr Ramesh Sethia on ' 12Fr: The New Standard for treating Stones' and Dr Sharmad Kudchadker on ' Dilatation of PCNL Tract'.

The Last day was dedicated to a live operative session on PCNL.

The venue for this conference in a relatively small town in China was excellent as was the hospitality. The venue could have easily accommodated USICON with lots of space to spare. Even the Government Hospital in Shaoxing was modern, fully equipped and huge – an eye opener for the Indian establishment.

The Indian delegation returned with fond memories of this trip. The next edition of IAU is in Istanbul in November 2018.