



**INDIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES & AIDS
(IASSTD & AIDS)**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members, delegates, and colleagues, good day and warm greetings to you all.

Time has come to meet you and exchange knowledge in the field of STI's and HIV/AIDS, in the 50th National Conference of the Indian Association for the Study of Sexually Transmitted Diseases & AIDS (IASSTD & AIDS), ASTICON Kanyakumari – 2026. I am pleased to invite you to Kanyakumari, the southernmost tip of our motherland, to attend the 50th National conference of IASSTD & AIDS - ASTICON 2026, the Golden Jubilee Meet, from September 25th to 27th 2026 at Kanyakumari under the able leadership of Organizing Chairperson, Dr Murugan Sankaranantham, a senior founder member of the association. The theme of ASTICON 2026 is very relevant and appropriate for the present-day scenario- "Update Yourself - Let us Break the Barriers to End STI/HIV".

The very able and enthusiastic organising team including the Organizing Chair Person – *Dr Murugan Sankaranantham*, *Co-Chair – Dr. Selvakumar M*, *Organizing Secretary – Dr. Pravin AJS*, *Joint Secretary – Dr. Dhanalakshmi*, *Treasurer – Dr. Maalik Babu A.N.M*, *Advisors – Dr. A. Mahakrishnan & Dr. A. Selvam*, *Dr. Nivin Simon*, *Dr. Rajagopal*, *Dr. Egwin Anand*, *Dr. Selvan BV*, *Dr. Subramanian T*, *Dr. Eswarapillai*, *Dr. Judith Christopher*, *Dr. Sujatha Andrew A*, *Dr. Punithavathy*, *Dr. Manimala S*, *Dr. Sivayadevi*, *Dr. Nivetha*, *Dr. Kamala Nehru*, *Dr. Wison*, *Dr. Mumoorthy*, *Dr. Rajesh*, *Dr. Avinash Pravin*, *Dr. Senthil Selvan B*, *Dr. Lakshminarayanan*, *Dr. Seeniammal*, *Dr. A. Sandhiya Vadhana*, *Dr. Karthik Aivudiaya Nambi*, *Dr. Iyyamperumal*, *Dr. Suganya*, *Dr. Gopika*, *Dr. Prem*, are working diligently to make this a memorable event.

The Scientific Programme is meticulously planned by Scientific Chairperson *Dr. P. Nirmaladevi* & *Co-Chair – Dr. Thadeus* along with *Dr. Ganesh R*, *Dr. Jeyasing*, *Dr. Mahadevan K*, *Dr. Arunkumar S*, *Dr. Vasuki*, *Dr. Kaviarasan P K*, *Dr. Parthasarathy M R*, *Dr. Nithya Mohan*, *Dr. Seethalakshmi* including more than 100 national & international experts in the field of STI & HIV as faculty.

Therefore, I request you to join us for ASTICON 2026 and make this special Golden jubilee event a grand success.

LONG LIVE IASSTD & AIDS! See you all at Kanyakumari

Yours sincerely

Prof. Dr Deepika Pandhi,

IASSTD&AIDS National President 2026

Annual General Body Meeting invitation

13th August 2026 Chennai

Respected members, Greetings from IASSTD & AIDS

We hope you are making preparations to participate in the 50th National Conference of IASSTD & AIDS (ASTICON 2026), to be held at Amari Beach Resort, Kanyakumari, from 25–27 September 2026, with the theme: “Update Yourself – Let Us Break the Barriers to End STI/HIV.”

Enclosed is the Tentative Scientific Programme for ASTICON 2026 and the Agenda for the Annual General Body Meeting (AGBM). The Annual General Body Meeting of the Indian Association for the Study of Sexually Transmitted Diseases & AIDS (IASSTD & AIDS) will be held on Saturday, 26 September 2026, at 5.00 PM in the Conference Hall, Amari Beach Resort, Sunset Point, Kovalam Road, Kanyakumari.

Members wishing to place any proposal before the General Body are requested to send it by email to iasstdaidsorg@gmail.com, with a copy to vethusubha@gmail.com, well in advance of the meeting.

We look forward to your gracious presence and active participation.

Agenda

1. Silent prayer in memory of deceased members.
2. Presidential address
3. Secretary submission - Confirmation of the minutes of the previous Executive Committee Meeting and Annual General Body Meeting.
4. Secretary's Report – Association activities (2025–2026).
5. Treasurer's Report – Presentation and ratification of the annual accounts of IASSTD & AIDS and the Indian Journal of Sexually Transmitted Diseases and AIDS
6. Editor's Report – Indian Journal of Sexually Transmitted Diseases and AIDS
7. Report from the Editors of the IASSTD & AIDS Textbook.
8. Discussion on proposals submitted by members.
9. Discussion regarding ASTICON 2027 (51st National Conference).
10. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.
11. Election of Office Bearers for the year 2026–2027.

The Rules and Regulations governing the election of the Office Bearers for 2026–2027, together with the Nomination Form, are enclosed for your kind perusal.

We are pleased to inform members that the updated membership list has been uploaded to the Association website (www.iasstdaids.org). Please visit Membership → Members List to verify your membership details and update your address, if required.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. V. Mohankumar
LM No. 687, Secretary, IASSTD & AIDS

50th National Conference of IASSTD&AIDS

ASTICON Kanyakumari – 2026

“Update Yourself - Let us Break the Barriers to End STI/HIV”,

Faculty list – First list of confirmation

	Topics	Faculty
1	Key Note: Forty years of my journey in the management of HIV infection	Dr JK Maniar, Mumbai
2	Institute of Venereology Silver Jubilee Oration: Clinicopathological profile of Neurosyphilis	Dr R Ganesh, Madurai
3	Dr RV Rajam Oration: Pathogen eradication to Microbiome Restoration: Rethinking the future of STI Management	Dr Niti Kungher, New Delhi
4	Dr Chandrasekar Rao Oration: STI/RTI/HIV– PAST & PRESENT: My Personal Experience	Dr Udayakumar B, Hyderabad
5	DR MA Wali oration: Challenges in HIV management	Dr Vinay Kulkarni, Pune
6	Key note : Barriers to end the STIs and HIV	Dr Ajithkumar. K, Thrissur
7	SARDARI LAL MEMORIAL AWARD :Prevalence of genital mycoplasma in patients with genital tract infection attending a tertiary care hospital in South India	Dr Amuthavalli Kanagarajan, PSGIMSR Coimbatore
8	Global and National epidemiological trends in STI and HIV	Dr Rajesh Rajagopalan, Mettur
9	Gender diversity and epidemiological trends of STIs and HIV	Dr. Taru Garg, NACO, New Delhi
10	Emerging STI -A challenge to STI control in India	Dr Kaushal K.Verma,AIIMS, New Delhi
11	Approach to STIs: Genital Ulcers	Dr.K.Mahadevan, PSGIMSR Coimbatore
12	GUD: Case based Panel discussions	Dr Swastika Suvirya, UP
		Dr Arun Joshi, UAE
		Dr S. Anandan, SRU, Chennai
		Dr Jacintha Martis, Mangalore
		Dr Ramesh, Malla Reddy, Hyderabad
13	Genital Discharge in women: Challenges in diagnosis and management	Dr Kalaivani S, Chennai
14	Pathogenesis of Gonorrhoea including recent advances	Dr Hanumanthayya, Kolar
15	Changing paradigm of Bacterial Vaginosis	Dr Sunil Sethi, Chandigarh
16	Drug resistance in Gonorrhoea: A laboratorian’s evidence-based perspectives	Dr. Sumathi Muralidhar, Delhi
17	Recent advances in the management of NGU	Dr Sudip Das, Kolkata
18	Child Sex abuse and legal aspects of sex abuse and assault	Dr. Bujji Babu, Vijayawada
19	Premarital sex and STIs -Current perspectives	Dr Neirita Hazarika, AIIMS Guwahati
20	Substance abuse and sexual behaviour in Adolescents and their influence on STIs	Dr. Deepika Pandhi, New Delhi
21	Impacts of genital herpes and Genital Warts in Pregnancy	Dr. Neetu Bhari New Delhi
22	Laboratory aspects of STI in Pregnancy and Newborn	Dr. Manju Bala, New Delhi
23	Mother to Child transmission: Manifestations to Management (Syphilis, HIV, HSV, Ophthalmia Neonatorum)	Dr S Vasuki, Trichy
		Dr. Manjula Nagarajan, Erode
		Dr.Murugan Swamiappan, Chengalpattu
		Dr Nithya Mohan, Madurai
		Dr. Amudha R.,Permbalur
		Dr AK Mohamed Ajmal, Kasargod
24	Genital ulcer syndrome	Dr Jansi Priyadharshini A. Chennai
25	Genital discharge syndrome	Dr N Prabhakaran, AIIMS, Madurai
26	Syndromic approach: Rationale, Challenges and Future directions in the treatment of STI	Dr. S. Arunkumar, Chennai
27	Current trends in syphilis	Dr. Mano Balan, Pondicherry
28	Great mimicker returns: Atypical manifestations of Syphilis	Dr. V. Mohankumar, Erode
29	Management challenges in Syphilis	Dr. Reetu Agarwal Mumbai
30	Vulvovaginitis- Overview and its Management	Dr. Joan Felicita Samson, Karakonam
31	Recalcitrant Vulvovaginitis – Treatment approach	Dr.Priya pratap, Ernakulam
32	VVC: Laboratory to the Rescue	Dr Shukla Das, New Delhi

33	Video demo for smears and tests in STIs	Dr. Sumathi Muralidhar, New Delhi
		Dr. Manjubala, New Delhi
34	Medical Fraternity of India and SWIFT clinic network – Game changing strategy	Dr Sam Prasad, New Delhi
35	ART in children	Dr. Arunachalam, Salem
36	Lifestyle changes in the society and the upsurge of STI and HIV	Dr. P. Mahalingam, Chennai
37	Challenges in the management of STI and HIV among LGBTQI population	Dr. Venkatesan Chakrapani, Mumbai
38	Novel HIV therapy	Dr N Kumarasamy VHS, Chennai
39	Opportunistic infections in HIV Disease	Dr. Jyoti Dhar, UK
40	Prospects of a sterilizing cure for HIV	Dr. Murugan S., Tirunelveli
41	Sexual Health, The silent casualty of skin diseases	Dr Jayakar Thomas, Chennai
42	Anogenital Dermatoses in Children: Infections, imitators and Legal implications	Dr Bhumesh kumar Katakam,
43	Nonvenereal genital dermatoses in men and challenges	Dr Yogesh S Marfatia, Vadodara
44	Nonvenereal genital Dermatoses in women and challenges	Dr. K. Dhanalakshmi, Tirunelveli
45	Faculty debate Circumcision: A solution for prevention of STIs	For: Dr. M. Balasubramaniam, Chennai
		Against: Dr. Venkataramana G. Hyderabad
46	Drug resistance in non-gonococcal infections: lab-evidence based perspectives	Dr. Seema Sood, New Delhi
47	Self-testing in vaginal discharge	Dr. Sushruta Kathuria, Delhi
48	Dyspareunia	Dr Dipti R. Bisoyi, Odisha
49	STI and Infertility	Dr. VPK Gopinath, Kerala
50	AI tools in sexual Health – What, When and Where to use	Dr Somesh Gupta, AIIMS, Delhi
51	Safe sex and safe conception in STI & HIV infection	Dr. Susanne Pulimood, CMC Chittoor
52	Pre-exposure prophylaxis	Dr. Jyoti Dhar, UK
53	Post-exposure prophylaxis	Dr. Jyoti Dhar, UK
54	Post-treatment STI/HIV – Resumption of Sex, Marriage and Parenthood	Dr Bhushan Kumar, Chandigarh
		Dr. AJS Pravin, Nagercoil
		Dr. Prabhatkumar , Chhattisgarh
		Dr. P.K. Kaviarasan , Cuddalore
		Dr Manoj Ramkumar, Odisha
		Dr. S. Vasuki, Trichy
55	Sexual hygiene in men and women	Dr. Murugan Sankaranantham, Tirunelveli
56	Role of sexual medicine in Dermato-venereology practice	Dr. Ajayan Varughese, Kerala
57	Sexual dysfunctions in Men with STI/HIV	Dr. DSS Srinivas Prasad, Hyderabad
58	Female sexual disorders – Psychological aspects	Dr. Mary Ajayan , Karala
59	Multiple STIs: Management Approach	Dr.J.Thadeus, Tuticorin
		Dr. Bijaylaxmi Sahoo, Delhi
		Dr. Sribiju, Calicut
		Dr. Deepa Byloppily, Ernakulam
		Dr.J. Balachander, Vellore
		Dr George Kuriyan, Kollam
60	Contact dermatitis of female genitalia	Dr. Nirmaladevi P, Tirunelveli
61	Recent updates in HPV lab aspects	Dr. Aashish Choudhary, AIIMS Delhi
62	Syphilis exposed babies – Management	Dr. Nithya Mohan , Madurai
63	STI in transplant recipients	Dr. Ajitkumar, Lucknow
64	Beyond Traditional Risk Factors: Modern Sexual Behaviour and the Rising STI Burden in India	Dr. P. Vijayasankar, Pondicherry
65	Medical conditions specific to Transgender and gender diverse communities: An STI /HIV integrated approach	Dr. M. R. Parthasarathy, New Delhi
66	History taking in STI Practice	Dr. G. Arul Raja, Vadalore
67	Interpretations of Serological tests in Herpes and Bacterial STIs	Dr Sunil Sethi, Chandigarh
68	Interpretation of tests for HIV infection	Dr. Kavitha Gupta, Noida
69	Genotypic profile of Oncogenic HPV in anogenital warts: Implication of screening and vaccination	Dr. Rumpa Saha, VMCMS, New Delhi
70	Contraceptives for prevention of STIs	Dr. Malathi Munisamy, JIPMER
71	Disclosure of STD reports to patients – Do's and Don'ts	Dr. GK Verma, Shimla

72	Counselling skills in management of STI and HIV	Dr. Tushar Eknath, Mumbai
73	Partner Treatment – Methods and drugs	Dr Krati Dewan, New Delhi
74	Partner Treatment - Practicalities and Challenges	Dr. Ganesh R., Madurai
75	RT-PCR mediated Diagnosis of STI causing pathogens from clinical samples	Dr. Utsav Sen , Mumbai
76	Clinical aspects of HPV vaccines – Current update	Dr Dipti R. Bisoyi, Odisha
77	HIV vaccines – Current Update	Dr. C K Sriram, Madurai
78	Clinical presentation of tropical STIs	Dr K. Mahadevan, Coimbatore
79	Complications and Management of Tropical STIs	Dr. V. Sudhakar babu, Tirupathi
80	Management of recalcitrant warts	Dr. G V Seethalakshmi, Salem
81	Paediatric Genital Dermatoses: Management challenges	Dr K. Karthikeyan, Pondicherry
		Dr Manjulata Das, Odisha
		Dr Bhabani Singh, Odisha
		Dr Arishta Bala, Chennai
		Dr Shashidhar K C, Davangare,Karnataka
82	Surgical treatment of warts in difficult to reach areas	Dr. M. Premkumar, Chennai
83	Pruritus vulvae -Evaluation & Management	Dr Narmadha S., Trichy
84	Clinical approach and evaluation of balanoposthitis	Dr J. Balachandar, Vellore
85	Treatment and challenges in management of balanoposthitis	Dr. Rajesh R. Thenkasi
