

**GOVERNMENT MEDICAL COLLEGE, SRINAGAR**  
Postgraduate Department of Anatomy

**SOCACON 2025 - Conference Report**

**13<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Society of Clinical Anatomists**

**SOCA – 2025**  
**10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

**Postgraduate Department of Anatomy**  
**Government Medical College, Srinagar**

**Introduction**

The 13<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the Society of Clinical Anatomists (SOCA India) was successfully organised by the Postgraduate Department of Anatomy, Government Medical College, Srinagar, from 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

The conference was held under the theme: **"Bridging Anatomy and Clinical Practice: Challenges and Future Prospects."** The event served as a platform for clinical anatomists, educators, and researchers from across India and

abroad to share ideas, innovations, and research outcomes in anatomical sciences and their application in clinical practice.

**Pre-Conference Workshops**

Three hands-on pre-conference workshops were conducted:

**PCW 1: Cytogenetics – Karyotyping and FISH**

Participants explored the art and science of chromosome analysis. Participants gained hands-on



*Chief Guest Prof. Nilofer Khan (Vice Chancellor University of Kashmir)*

experience in preparing, analyzing, and interpreting karyotypes to detect chromosomal abnormalities and FISH.



*Workshop sessions conducted in hybrid mode*

#### **Experts for workshop:**

1. Dr. Tahir Mohiuddin, Research scientist, Regional genetics centre SKIMS, Srinagar
2. Dr. Abdul Basit Baba, Biology technical support, Selleck Chemicals, Hyderabad, India
3. Dr Javaid Ahmad Khan, Associate Professor, Department of Anatomy, GMC Srinagar
4. Dr Uzma Rasool, Assistant professor, Department of Anatomy, GMC Srinagar



*PCW 1: Cytogenetics - Karyotyping and FISH Workshop*

#### **PCW 2: Innovations in Teaching Anatomy**

Experts discussed strategies for incorporating innovative tools into existing curricula to improve learning outcomes and student engagement. The workshop equipped participants with the insights and tools needed to effectively implement and leverage new methodologies, ultimately enhancing the quality of anatomical education for future healthcare professionals. **Experts:**

1. Prof. (Dr.) Manjula Patil, Department of Anatomy, S. Nijalingappa Medical College, Bagalkot

2. Dr. Anne D Souza, Department of Anatomy, Kasturba Medical College, Manipal
3. Prof. (Dr.) Suhail Ahmad, Professor, Department of Physiology, GMC Srinagar
4. Prof. (Dr.) Bashir Ahmad Shah, Professor, Department of Anatomy, GMC Srinagar



*PCW 2: Innovations in Teaching Anatomy*

#### **PCW 3: Scientific Manuscript Writing**

Learning objectives included:

1. Understand the structure and components of a scientific manuscript
2. Learn strategies for writing a systematic review
3. Gain insights into the peer review, publication process and ethics
4. Develop skills for effective revision, literature search and reference management



*PCW 3: Scientific Manuscript Writing*

#### **Experts:**

1. Prof. (Dr.) Sreejit Das, Sultan Qaboos University, Muscat, Oman
2. Prof. (Dr.) Kumar Satish Ravi, Vice Principal, Professor and Head of Anatomy, National Institute of Medical Sciences and Research, Jaipur, Editor in Chief (NJCA)



3. Dr. Pushpa NB, Associate Professor, JSS Medical College, JSSAHER, Mysuru
4. Prof. (Dr.) Ghulam Mohd. Bhat, Head of the Department, Anatomy GMC, Srinagar



*Felicitatation of Organising Chairman*

*Highlights of Contribution:*

- ▶ Managed delegate registration and station-wise planning
- ▶ Coordinated scientific content, faculty trainers, and logistics
- ▶ Delivered well-received, high-participation hands-on learning experiences

**Remarks:** Their efforts helped provide valuable academic enrichment prior to the main conference.



*Felicitatation of Organising Secretary*

All these workshops witnessed enthusiastic participation from postgraduate scholars, faculty, and researchers, and focused on enhancing practical knowledge and teaching methodologies in anatomy.

**Inaugural Ceremony – 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

The conference was formally inaugurated on 11<sup>th</sup> July at GMC Srinagar. Dignitaries present included:



*Chief Guest with dignitaries*

- ▶ **Chief Guest:** Professor (Mrs.) Nilofer Khan, Vice Chancellor, University of Kashmir
- ▶ Prof. (Dr.) Iffat Hassan Shah, Principal & Dean, GMC Srinagar (Patron)
- ▶ Prof (Dr.) Ghulam Mohammad Bhat, Professor and Head of the Department, Anatomy GMC, Srinagar, Organising Chairman
- ▶ Prof. (Dr.) M. Sivakumar, Professor of Anatomy, Trichy SRM Medical College Hospital and Research Centre, President, SOCA India
- ▶ Prof. (Dr.) N. Muthukumaravel, Professor of Anatomy, AARUPADAI VEEDU Medical College Pondichery, General Secretary, SOCA
- ▶ Prof. (Dr.) Kumar Satish Ravi, Vice Principal, Professor and Head of Anatomy, National Institute of Medical Sciences and Research, Jaipur, EIC NJCA
- ▶ Prof. (Dr.) Bashir Ahmad Shah, Professor of Anatomy GMC, Srinagar, Organising Secretary
- ▶ Prof. (Dr.) Mohd. Saleem Itoo, Professor of Anatomy GMC, Srinagar, Co-Organizing Secretary
- ▶ Mr. Mohd Ashraf Hakak, Administrator Associated Hospitals GMC Srinagar



*Traditional Izband ceremony during Inauguration*

The conference featured over **250 scientific presentations** (Paper and poster, both offline and online) across two days, managed by a dedicated Scientific Committee under the leadership of Dr. Javaid Ahmad Khan, Associate professor of Anatomy, Government Medical College, Srinagar.



*Felicitation of Editor-in-Chief NJCA*

The sessions covered a wide spectrum of topics, including:

- ▶ Neuroanatomy & Functional Imaging
- ▶ Anatomical Variations in Surgery
- ▶ Innovations in Medical Education
- ▶ Clinical Relevance of Embryology
- ▶ Forensic Anatomy and Applied Aspects
- ▶ Medical Education

#### **Guest speakers for SOCACON 2025 included:**

- ▶ Prof. (Dr.) Mohammad Ashraf Ganie, Director SKIMS & EOSG Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences, Srinagar
- ▶ Prof. Syed Mudassir Andrabi, Professor and Head Division of Veterinary Biotechnology, SKUAST (K)
- ▶ Prof. (Dr.) P. Vatsala swamy, Director (IQAC): D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth Director Academics D.Y.Patil Medical College, Hospital & Research Centre
- ▶ Prof. (Dr.) Ghulam Nabi, Clinical Professor (Teaching and Research) of Surgical Uro-Oncology, University of Dundee, UK
- ▶ Prof. (Dr.) Mohammad Sultan Khuroo, Former Dean & Director SKIMS & EOSG, Director, Digestive Diseases Centre, Dr. Khuroo's Medical Clinic, Srinagar
- ▶ Prof. (Dr.) Mohammad Akbar Bhat, Professor and Head, CVTS, Superspeciality Hospital, GMC Srinagar
- ▶ Prof Dinesh K Badyal, Professor & Head, Department of Pharmacology, Program Director FAIMER CMCL
- ▶ Prof (Dr.) Ranjit Guha, Principal and Professor of Anatomy Indira Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences Sheikhpura, Patna, Bihar



## Key Highlights

- **Expert Lectures:** The conference featured a series of insightful lectures by distinguished faculty members and renowned guest experts in anatomy. These sessions covered cutting-edge research, emerging trends, and innovative methodologies in anatomical education and practice.
- **Oral Presentations:** An exciting lineup of oral presentations was delivered by postgraduate students and faculty members. These presentations showcased original research findings, offering attendees the opportunity to engage with new ideas and contribute to discussions on the latest anatomical studies.
- **Poster Demonstrations:** The conference also hosted interactive poster sessions, where anatomists from various institutions presented their work.

## Gala Dinner – 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025

The evening of the first day concluded with a cultural programme and a gala dinner hosted in honour of the delegates. It featured traditional Kashmiri music and cuisine, adding a local flavour to the scientific gathering.

## Valedictory Function – 12<sup>th</sup> July 2025

The valedictory session marked the conclusion of the conference with the distribution of certificates, special recognitions, and expressions of thanks to all organising committees, volunteers, and participants. Feedback from delegates was overwhelmingly positive.

## Organizing Team

- **Organising Chairman:** Prof. (Dr.) Ghulam Mohammad Bhat
- **Organising Secretary:** Prof. (Dr.) Bashir Ahmad Shah
- **Co-Organising Secretary:** Prof. (Dr.) Mohammad Saleem Itoo
- **Scientific Committee:** Dr. Javaid Ahmad Khan & team

## Report on Activities of Various Committees

### 1. Scientific Committee

**Head:** Dr. Javaid Ahmad Khan, Associate professor of Anatomy, Government Medical College, Srinagar

**Members:** Dr. Nowsheeba Khursheed, Dr. Mohammad Arif Makhdoomi, Dr. Farah Syed,



*Welcome address by organizing chairman*



Dr. M. Sivakumar  
*President, SOCA*



Dr. N. Muthukumaravel  
*General Secretary*



Dr. Kumar Satish Ravi  
*Editor-in-chief (NJCA)*



Dr. Pushpa NB  
*Treasurer SOCA*

### *Office Bearers of SOCA*

Dr. Falak Saleem, Dr. Nazish Aslam *Highlights of Contribution:*

- ▶ Coordinated and scheduled 250+ presentations (oral & poster, both online and offline)
- ▶ Designed the scientific sessions with diverse themes in clinical and applied anatomy
- ▶ Maintained a glitch-free flow of presentations across parallel sessions
- ▶ Handled abstract screening, reviews, and communication with presenters
- ▶ Ensured timely publication of abstracts in the souvenir/ conference proceedings

**Remarks:** The team demonstrated excep-

tional academic rigor, time management, and logistical coordination.

### **2. Registration Committee**

**Head:** Dr. Yasmeen Jan, Associate professor of Anatomy, Government Medical College, Srinagar

**Members:** Dr. Samreen Siraj Bala, Dr. Nuzhat Bashir, Dr. Sheikh Tousia, Dr. Syed Mubashir Yousuf, Dr. Yasmeena Akhtar, Dr. Muneeb, Dr. Beenish, Dr. Arshee, Dr. Zeeshan, Dr. Rabia *Highlights of Contribution:*

- ▶ Managed online and offline registration of more than 600 delegates
- ▶ Addressed payment issues, issued confirma-





Prof. Ghulam Mohd Bhat  
*Organising Chairman*



Prof. Bashir Ahmad Shah  
*Organising Secretary*



Dr. Mohd. Saleem Itoo  
*Co-Organising Secretary*



Dr. Javed Ahmad Khan  
*Convenor Scientific Committee*

### *Organising Team SOCACON 2025*

tions, and managed delegate data

- ▶ Managed on-the-spot registrations at the venue with smooth efficiency
- ▶ Coordinated distribution of kits, badges, and certificates

**Remarks:** Their timely responses and systematic approach greatly contributed to a hassle-free delegate experience.

### **3. Hospitality Committee**

**Head:** Dr. Shamima Banoo, Assistant professor of Anatomy, Government Medical College, Srinagar

**Members:** Dr. Manmeet Kour, Dr. Uzma Rasool, Dr. Kaneez Fatima, Dr. Masrat Jahan,

Dr. Manjote Kour

### *Highlights of Contribution:*

- ▶ Oversaw the reception and accommodation of national and international delegates
- ▶ Provided personalised assistance and managed guest comfort throughout the conference
- ▶ Coordinated catering, refreshment counters, and gala dinner arrangements
- ▶ Assisted senior faculty and VIP guests during ceremonial functions

**Remarks:** Their warmth, patience, and gracious conduct won the admiration of all guests and delegates.

### **4. Finance Committee**



*SOCACON 2025 Souvenir release ceremony*

**Head:** Dr Sabia Nazir, Associate professor of Anatomy, Government Medical College, Srinagar

**Members:** Dr. Maheen Nazir, Dr. Shahid Kaleem, Dr. Syed Insha Saify, Dr Insha Majeed, Dr Zeenat

*Highlights of Contribution:*

- ▶ Managed budgeting, expenditure tracking, and financial documentation
- ▶ Handled sponsor management and reimbursement processing with transparency
- ▶ Coordinated fund flow for pre-conference workshops, logistics, and hospitality
- ▶ Ensured timely audit-compliant financial statements for internal and external reporting

**Remarks:** Despite the heavy financial workload, the team operated with discipline, clarity, and accountability.

**5. Advisory Committee**

**Key Advisors:** Prof. (Dr) Kulbir Kour, Prof. (Dr.) Nusrat Jabeen, Prof. (Dr.) Shaheen Shahdad, Dr. Naseer Ahmad Shah, Prof. (Dr.) Ghulam Hassan, Dr. Ashfaq-ul-Hassan, Prof. (Dr.) Sangeeta Gupta, Dr. Mahmood Ahmad

*Highlights of Contribution:*

- ▶ Provided senior guidance in content planning and guest coordination
- ▶ Helped in maintaining academic depth and integrity across all sessions
- ▶ Assisted in choosing relevant resource persons and speakers

**Remarks:** Their mentorship provided the foundational support necessary for excellence.

**6. Organising Secretariat**

- ▶ Organising Chairman: Prof. (Dr.) Ghulam Mohammad Bhat
- ▶ Organising Secretary: Prof. (Dr.) Bashir Ahmad Shah
- ▶ Co-Organising Secretary: Prof. (Dr.) Mohammad Saleem Itoo

*Highlights of Contribution:*

- ▶ Oversaw planning, logistics, and execution of all conference activities
- ▶ Acted as the main point of coordination between SOCA India and local committees
- ▶ Ensured interdepartmental liaison, government clearances, and institutional support

**Remarks:** Their strategic vision and day-to-day leadership brought the event to life.





*Culmination - Valedictory ceremony*

## 7. Student and Resident Volunteers

**Key Contributors:** Senior Residents & Postgraduate Scholars

**Support from:** MBBS student volunteers

*Highlights of Contribution:*

- ▶ Helped in hall coordination, registration desks, media, stage management, and logistics
- ▶ Provided round-the-clock support to committee heads and the organising team
- ▶ Displayed professionalism and dedication throughout

**Remarks:** Their energy, humility, and teamwork spirit were the true heart of SOCACON 2025.

The SOCACON 2025 was organized under the aegis of the Society of Clinical Anatomists (SOCA- the largest association of clinical Anatomists of India having about 2800 life members). SOCA is dedicated to furthering knowledge in clinical-based Anatomy. The members of SOCA aim to bridge the gap between anatomists

and clinicians and to explore new dimensions in Clinical Anatomy. The Society strives to promote professional development and to foster an exchange of ideas among clinical anatomists and clinicians belonging to all fields of medicine

## Conclusion

SOCACON 2025 was a resounding success, both academically and organizationally. It not only reinforced the importance of anatomy in clinical practice but also provided an opportunity for collaboration and exchange of ideas among professionals from varied medical disciplines.

The coordinated efforts of each committee ensured that SOCACON 2025 was a well-organised, academically enriching, and widely appreciated event. Their contributions not only ensured a smooth flow of activities but also reflected the organisational strength, teamwork, and hospitality of the Government Medical College, Srinagar.

The Department of Anatomy, GMC Srinagar, extends sincere thanks to office bearers SOCA, all delegates, sponsors, and supporting institutions for their valuable contribution.

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