

International Society of Cardiovascular Ultrasound

The International Society of Cardiovascular Ultrasound (ISCU) was formed in 1991 with Dr. Navin Nanda as the Founding President. It was decided to conduct international congresses in different parts of the world on a regular basis. The idea of naming the international congresses as the World Congress of Cardiovascular Ultrasound originated from Dr. (Mrs) Kanta Nanda at a dinner meeting we had in a Chinese restaurant in Birmingham, Alabama in the presence of Dr. Xin-Fan Wang of China and Dr. Fernando Machado of Brazil. The first two Congresses were held in Nice, France in 1992 and 1994 (1st World Congress) with Dr. Navin Nanda as President. The third Congress (2nd World Congress) held in Beijing, China with Dr. Xin-Fan Wang as President, had a very large attendance of cardiologists and echocardiographers from all parts of China. The fourth Congress (3rd World Congress) held in Rio-de-Janeiro, Brazil just before the World Congress of Cardiology was also a huge success. Dr. Fernando Machado was President and Dr. Navin Nanda was International President.

Additional World Congresses of Echocardiography and Vascular Ultrasound have been held in 2000 (Dr. Osama Abdel-Aziz, President, Cairo, Egypt), 2001 (Dr. Jong-Hoa Bae, President Seoul, South Korea), 2002 (Dr. Naresh Trehan, President, New Delhi, India), 2003 (Dr Luis Maria Amuchastegui, President, Buenos Aires, Argentina), 2004 (Dr. Mehmet Ozkan, President, Antalya, Turkey), 2005 (Dr. Ahmed Bennis, President, Marrakech, Morocco), 2006 (Professor Francesco Fedele, President, Italy), 2007 (Professor Athanasios Manolis, President, Greece), 2008 (Dr. Carlos Garcia Del Rio

President, Columbia) and 2009 (Dr. Junichi Yoshikawa and Dr. Kiyoshi Yoshida, Presidents, Japan). In addition, ISCU has co-sponsored many other cardiology and echocardiography meetings in different countries of the world. In the USA, ISCU has co-sponsored echo conferences prior to the American College of Cardiology (1993 to present), American Heart Association (2000 to present) and an echo conference at Callaway Gardens Resort in Pigeon Mountain, Georgia (2000 to present) for several years. ISCU has 13 chapters in different countries: Bangladesh, Dr. Abdullah Al Shafi Majumder, President; Columbia, Dr. Carlos Garcia del Rio, Coordinator; Cuba, Dr. Juan Prohias Martinez, Coordinator; Ecuador, Dr. Ivan Velasco, Coordinator; India, Dr. C.V. Vanjani, Coordinator; Italy, Dr. Pasquale Palmiero, President; Kazakhstan, Prof. Armen Z. Rysmendiev, Chairman; Mexico, Dr. Jesus Vargas-Barron, President; Middle East, Dr. Galal Eldin Nagib Elkilany, President; Paraguay, Dr. Laurentino Barrios, President; Punjab, India Dr. ManMohan Singh; Romania, Dr. Carem Gingham, President; Russia, Dr. Vadim Kuznetsov, Chairman; Saudi Arabia, Dr. Hamed Al-Omran, President; Turkey, Dr. Nurgul Keser, President; Uruguay, Dr. Juan B. Gonzales Moreno, Chairman; Venezuela, Dr. Harry Acquatella, President.

ISCU has co-sponsored many other echocardiography and cardiology conferences throughout the world since 1992. These include conferences in Argentina, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Columbia, France, Germany, India, Italy, Macedonia, Mexico, The Netherlands, Peru, Puerto Rico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Sweden, Taiwan, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States, and Uruguay.