

Conference Report

Asia Pacific Burn Conference 2025 (APBC 2025)

Official Conference of the Asia Pacific Burn Association

Dates: August 21–24, 2025

Venue: Taj Cidade de Goa Horizon, Goa, India

Halls: Multiple halls (Guru Sushrut Hall, Guru J. L. Gupta Hall, Guru Mathangi Ramakrishnan Hall, Guru Manohar Keswani Hall)

The 15th Asia Pacific Burn Conference (APBC 2025) was successfully held from 21st to 24th August 2025 at the Taj Cidade de Goa Horizon, Goa, India. Organized under the leadership of Prof. Vinita Puri (Organizing Chairperson) by the Department of Plastic, Reconstructive Surgery and Burns, Seth G.S. Medical College and K.E.M. Hospital, Mumbai, the conference brought together leading experts, clinicians, researchers, and industry partners to discuss the latest advances in burn management, reconstructive surgery, rehabilitation, and community engagement.

The four-day event combined hands-on workshops, plenary lectures, parallel symposia, award sessions, and social networking events, creating a comprehensive platform for professional exchange. The conference highlighted innovations in surgical practice, psychosocial rehabilitation, infection control, and quality improvement, while also emphasizing interdisciplinary collaboration and nursing education.

Asia Pacific Burn Conference 2025 was attended by a total of **433 participants**. Of these, **379** were part of the academic program, which brought together faculty, delegates, nurses, therapists, trainees, and other participants from across India and abroad. This included **100 faculty members (22 international and 78 national)** and **148 delegates (40 international and 108 from India)**.

In addition, **24 trade participants** contributed to the exhibition, representing key industry stakeholders in the field of burn care and reconstructive surgery.

Furthermore, **30 accompanying delegates** joined the social program and enjoyed the cultural and networking events.

Organizing Team

The organizing team had Dr. Vinita Puri as the Organizing Chairperson, Dr. Venkateshwaran. N as the Secretary General and Scientific Chairperson and Dr. Nilesh Shende as the Treasurer.



1: The 3 Pillars

The core organizing team included Dr. Vinita Puri, Dr. Venkateshwaran N., Dr. Nilesh Shende, Dr. Brahma Duth, Dr. Joseph Francis, Dr. Vidhi Mehta, Dr. Shubhanshu Gaurav, Dr. Prakhar Mathur, Dr. Sohank Mewada, Dr. Raghav Mago, Dr. Smit Patel, Dr. Girija H.R., Dr. Rishikesh V. Dr. Sohan Sam, Dr. Tathagata Sahoo, Dr. Siddhartha Verma, Dr. Nishit Chatnani and Ms. Pooja Chawan

The overall co-ordination was by Dr. Brahma Duth and Dr. Joseph Francis.



2: The Core Team

Chief Patrons were Dr. Mathangi Ramakrishnan and Dr. Rajeev B. Ahuja.

The Senior Advisory Council comprised Prof. S. P. Bajaj, Dr. Arvind Vartak, and Prof. P. K. Bilwani.

The Advisory Board: Dr. Anant Sinha, Dr. Arun Kumar Choudhury, Dr. Dinesh Kadam, Dr. R. Bharat, Dr. R. K. Srivastava, Dr. Sanjeev K. Uppal, Dr. Seema Rekha Devi, Dr. Shobha Chamania, Dr. Subodh Singh, Dr. Sujata Sarabahi, Dr. Surajit Bhattacharya, and Dr. V. Jayaraman.

Organizing Secretaries were: Dr. Smitha Segu and Dr. Veena Singh.

The Abstract Book was curated by Dr. Raj Manas, Dr. Vidhi Mehta and Dr. Prakhar Mathur

Co-Chairperson of the Scientific Committee: Dr. Pallab Chatterjee.

Symposiums Chairperson: Dr. Kuldeep Singh.

Scientific Committee team: Dr. Raghav Shrotriya, Dr. Ankur Karanjkar. Dr. Durga Karki, Dr. Raja Shanamuga Krishna, Dr. Rajeswari, Dr. Alexander George

Co-Treasurer: Dr. Mangesh Pawar

Financial coordinators: Dr. Akshay Anchan and Dr. Sohank Mewada.

Reception Committee Chairperson: Dr. Maneesh Singhal.

Website coordinators: Dr. Joseph Francis and Dr. Brahma Duth

Organizing coordinator: Dr. Joseph Francis, Dr. Vidhi Mehta, Dr. Prakhar Mathur.

Social Media Coordinator: Dr. Shubhanshu Gaurav.

Quiz masters: Dr. Venkateshwaran N. and Dr. Ankur Karanjkar.

Nursing Program Chairpersons: Dr. Sanjeev Uppal

Plastiquet Challenge Chairperson: Dr. Lakshmi Palukuri

Workshop co-ordinators: Dr. Vidhi Mehta, Dr. Prakhar Mathur, Dr. Rishikesh V. and Dr. Tathagata Sahoo (Melanocyte Transfer & Hair Transplant Workshops); Dr. Shubhanshu Gaurav (Ear Carving Workshop); Dr. Sohank Mewada and Dr. Girija H. (Laser Workshop); Dr. Smit Patel and Dr. Siddhartha Verma (Therapy & Splint Workshop); Dr. Joseph Francis and Dr. Sohan Sam (Basic Burn and Wound Care Nursing CNE)

Highlights of the Conference

➤ **Theme:**

The theme of APBC 2025 was *"Discimus Docendo – By teaching, we learn."* It emphasized the value of shared learning, paying homage to pioneers of burn care, transmitting knowledge across generations, and fostering innovation in clinical practice, research, and education.

➤ **Conference Logo:**

The Logo's concept and design was by Dr. Venkateshwaran N, the Secretary General and Scientific Chair of APBC 2025.



3: Conferernce Logo

The logo depicts the tree of knowledge arising from the globe. The ancient tree depicts the collective knowledge acquired over the years and is in keeping with our theme of *Discimus docendo - By teaching, we learn*. The tree has its roots in the Asia Pacific region and depicts the growth of the specialty into a mature strongly rooted community. The robust branches spread skyward and appear to represent the progress being made in the various fields related to burn care. The golden leaves borne by the branches, depict ethical thought and action, melted in the fire of evidence and shining bright for the world to see. Finally, the tree rests on the globe, emphasising the larger picture of sharing our work on a global scale and working as one family - Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.

A very large rotating installation of the logo was center stage in the prefunction area of the Guru Sushrut hall reminding everyone of the tree of knowledge.



4 Installation of the Logo

- **Venue:** Nestled on a verdant hillside with commanding ocean views, Taj Cidade de Goa Horizon, Goa as the place to stay and the attached Convention center was a sprawling, luxurious haven.
- **Names of the Halls:**

It was all about “Gratitude, Heritage, and Living Legacy”. To honor the Pioneers of Burn Care, our halls had the names of stalwarts who transformed burn care in India and beyond. Visionaries who combined compassion, courage, and innovation to serve humanity. By dedicating these halls to them, we honored not only their achievements, but also the spirit of service they embody.

Guru Sushruta Hall: “Father of Plastic Surgery — 600 BC”

Sushruta, the legendary physician of ancient India, is celebrated as the “Father of Surgery” and specifically the “Father of Plastic Surgery.” His monumental treatise, the Sushruta Samhita, compiled around 600 BC, remains a cornerstone of Ayurveda and surgical science. The text describes more than 300 surgical procedures, over 120 instruments, and detailed classifications of diseases, wounds, and burns. Sushruta emphasised both theory and hands-on training, teaching his students to practice surgical techniques on models before treating patients. His pioneering work includes nasal reconstruction by cheek flap, repair of lips and earlobes, skin grafting, and wound healing principles that still resonate today. A true embodiment of India’s ancient scientific heritage, Sushruta’s contributions continue to inspire medical innovation worldwide.

Guru J.L. Gupta Hall: “A pioneer who lit the torch of burn care in India”

Dr. J.L. Gupta was a visionary plastic surgeon who laid the foundations of modern burn management in India. Among the first to recognize the urgent need for specialized care, he established organized treatment protocols, mentored future leaders, and inspired a generation of reconstructive surgeons. Respected for both his technical mastery and his humanity, Dr. Gupta drove the creation of burn units, standardized surgical approaches, and

fostered collaboration across institutions. His legacy is reflected in every life saved and every burn survivor restored to dignity — a testament to his vision, skill, and dedication.

Guru Manohar Keswani Hall: “A life dedicated to healing burns”

Dr. Manohar Hariram Keswani (1931–2007) devoted his life to the prevention and treatment of burn injuries. Known for his simple yet lifesaving message — “Pour water on burns till the burning sensation stops” — he built India’s first dedicated Burns Unit at Sir J.J. Hospital and later the first Paediatric Burns Unit at Bai Jerbai Wadia Hospital. Founder-Secretary of the Burns Association of India, Dr. Keswani opened its doors to doctors, nurses, physiotherapists, and social workers, uniting them for burn survivors’ welfare. His meticulous planning led to the establishment of the state-of-the-art National Burn Centre, complete with an Intensive Burn Care Unit, Skin Bank, and Tissue Culture Lab. Recipient of major national and international honours, including the James Laing Memorial Award, G. Whitaker International Burns Prize, and Lifetime Achievement Award of the American Burn Association, Dr. Keswani remains India’s pioneer in comprehensive burn care — remembered for his perfectionism, discipline, and boundless compassion.

Guru Mathangi Ramakrishnan Hall: “Ordinary woman, extraordinary deeds — a living legend”

Dr. Karimpat Mathangi Ramakrishnan (b. 1934) is a trailblazing plastic and reconstructive surgeon whose work has transformed burn therapy globally. She earned her FRCS from both England and Edinburgh, an MCh in Plastic Surgery in the USA, and became the first woman plastic surgeon to receive a DSc from Dr. MGR Medical University. Former Professor and Head at Kilpauk Medical College and now Chief of Paediatric Intensive Burn Care at Kanchi Kamakoti Child’s Trust Hospital, she pioneered the use of amniotic membrane as a burn wound cover — now known worldwide as “Prof. Ramakrishnan Burns Therapy.” Author of Total Management of the Burned Child and recipient of the Padma Shri (2002) along with numerous national and international awards, Dr. Ramakrishnan remains a tireless healer even in her late eighties. A true living legend, she embodies excellence, perseverance, and compassion.

➤ **Photo Booths:**

Two photo booth installations— When delegates and faculty arrived at the convention center, they were warmly welcomed by two delightful photo booth installations. One was a lively and colorful beach-themed setup, where many groups joyfully posed with placards expressing their passion for burn care. The other booth was a creative display featuring a boarding card and a flight, highlighting the global participation.



- **Faculty Dinner:** To promote fellowship and social cohesion among organizing team and faculty, a **faculty dinner** was arranged for invited national and international faculty at the venue on 20th August evening.
- **Inauguration Ceremony:** A formal and ceremonial inauguration on 21st evening was conducted in the traditional Indian manner by lighting a ceremonial lamp. The program included felicitating esteemed dignitaries, The APBA Past Presidents and EXCO members and honoring the faculty with mementoes. The Abstract book of the conference was released as also the release of 3 Books authored by faculty - a book each authored by Dr. B P Sarma (Ray of Hope), Dr. Nikhil Panse (MCQ in Burns) and a booklet on first aid in Burns by Dr. Malti Gupta. The inaugural program concluded with the Indian National Anthem and was then followed by beautiful cultural dance performances and dinner.



6 Traditional decorations at entry to Inauguration Hall



7 Lighting the Ceremonial Lamp

8: Inaugural Address by Dr. Vinita Puri



9: Felicitating Dr. David Harrington President ISBI



10: Felicitating Dr.Tina Palmieri Treasurer ISBI



11: Felicitating Dr. Ariel Miranda President Elect ISBI



12 Felicitating Dr. Rajeev B. Ahuja Foundr President APBA and Past President ISBI



13: Felicitating Dr. Naiem Moiemen Past President ISBI



14: Felicitating Dr. Peter Maitz



15: Felicitating Dr. I Nyoman Putu Riasa Treasurer APBA and Past President APBA



16: Felicitating Dr. Hajime Matsumura Past President APBA



17: Felicitating Dr. Chong Si Jack Past President APBA



18: Felicitating Dr. Hui-Fu Huang EXCO APBA



19: Felicitating Dr. Pallab Chatterjee EXCO APBA



20: Felicitating Dr. Rachel Kornhaber Secretary APBA



21: Felicitating Dr. Sai Ramakrishna Velamuri Invited Faculty from USA



22: Felicitating Dr. Kavita Agrawal Chief Faculty for the Hands on Melanocyte Workshop



23: Felicitating Dr. Sandeep Sattur Chief Faculty for the Hands on Hair Transplant Workshop



24: Abstract Book Release

Cultural and evening elements:

After the inaugural program on Thursday, the cultural dance performances captivated the delegates and faculty. The artistic flair and rhythmic precision of the performers had everyone in the audience clapping enthused applause. The highlight of the Presidential dinner on Friday was a talented trio—a guitarist strumming melodious tunes, a violinist weaving intricate harmonies, and a drummer adding vibrant beats—gracefully moving from table to table, enchanting guests with their lively and intimate performances. The evening programs culminated in the Gala dinner on Saturday,

where live singers mesmerized the faculty and delegates. The energizing music performance had everyone on their feet, dancing and unwinding after a demanding academic day.



25: Cultural Dance Performance



26: Talented trio at Presidential dinner



27: Gala Night



28: Gala Night



29 Presidential Dinner

➤ Valedictory function and prize distribution

The Valedictory function celebrated and thanked all those who had contributed to the making of APBC 2025 especially the Core team from the department of Plastic Surgery at KEM Hospital; Premium partners Molnlycke (platinum), URGO (Gold), Polynovo (Silver) and all the trade partners; Event team of VAMA events headed by Mr. Vikram Patwardhan, AV team of Mr. Rajendra Shinde from Video creation, Photography team of Mr. Ajit Dhamapurkar from M Photo Vision, the Taj Hotel team headed by Mr. Ejaz and Mr. Sameer Khabesia.

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Best Paper award: 200 USD, Best Video Award: 200 USD, Best E-Poster Award: 200 USD, Quiz: USD 100 each to first team, Plastiquet Burn Spotter Challenge: USD 100 each to first team





AWARDEES

Best Paper award: Dr. Joanneke Maitz (Concord Hospital, Australia)

Best Video Award: Prof. Nikhil Panse (B.J. Medical College & Sassoon Hospital, Pune)

Best E-Poster Award: Dr. Kesha Chetan Shah (SMS Medical College, Jaipur)

Quiz: Dr. Rishika Bachani and Dr. Nishtha Shahi (Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi)

Plastiquet Burn Spotter Challenge: Dr. Smitkumar Patel and Dr. Girija H. R. (Seth G.S. Medical College & KEM Hospital, Mumbai)

Reel Competition: Dr. Ramakant Bembde (Bembde Hospital, Aurangabad)

Photography Competition for Accompanying Persons: Dr. Gayatri Krishnan

MAIN EVENTS OF THE SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM:

- Pre-Conference Hands on Workshops
- Plenary talks
- Scientific Symposia and Sessions
- Free Paper and E-Poster Presentations
- Polynovo Burn Quiz
- Best Paper award session
- Fibroheal Award video session
- Session for Residents: Plastiquet Burn Spotter Challenge

PRECONFERENCE HANDS -ON WORKSHOPS

- Free entry to any 2 workshops for each delegate.
- A total of 33 faculties conducted the hands-on workshops namely Melanocyte Transfer, Ear Carving, Hair Transplantation, Laser, Splints & Therapy, and Nurses CNE.

1. Melanocyte Transfer Workshop: “Restore Pigmentation, Rebuild Confidence”

Faculty & Workshop chairperson: Dr. Kavita Agrawal

Moderator: Dr. Raghav Shrotriya

Co-ordinators: Dr Vidhi Mehta, Dr. Prakhar Mathur, Dr Rishikesh V., Dr. Tathagata Sahoo

Hypopigmentation, particularly in post-burn scars, presents some of the most challenging dilemmas in reconstructive surgery. Delegates participated in the Hands-on Melanocyte Transfer Workshop, led by Dr. Kavita Agrawal - a nationally recognized expert in vitiligo surgery and non-cultured melanocyte transplantation. She is the founder of Millennium Clinic, Vapi, Gujarat. Whether a beginner or experienced practitioner, this training helped sharpen their expertise under direct mentorship.

Workshop Highlights:

- Principles and patient selection for melanocyte transfer
- Step-by-step cell harvesting and melanocyte suspension preparation
- Techniques for recipient site dermabrasion and cell uptake optimization
- Post-op care and managing patient expectations
- Troubleshooting common clinical challenges
- Introduction to PRP preparation and its role in healing



26: Dr. Kavita Agrawal - Melanocyte Transfer Workshop



27: Melanocyte Separation



28: Melanocyte Transfer Workshop Team

2. Ear Carving Workshop: “Rebuilding Form and Function Through Autologous Techniques”

Faculty & Workshop chairperson: Dr. Mohit Sharma

Lectures by: Dr. Vinita Puri. Dr. Mohit Sharma

Moderator: Dr. Smitha Segu

Co-ordinator: Dr. Shubhanshu Gaurav

Autologous ear reconstruction remains the gold standard in restoring form and function, especially in burn survivors where prosthetic options may be limited due to grafts and contractures. Led by Dr. Mohit Sharma, an expert in microtia and complex ear reconstructions, with prestigious Clinical Fellowships in Burns and Hand Surgery from St. Andrew's Centre for Plastic Surgery, UK. The workshop helped delegates learn direct insights from one of the leading authorities in auricular reconstruction.

Workshop Highlights:

- Training for ear carving on model
- Techniques for congenital and acquired ear deformities
- Discussion on planning, execution, and post-operative considerations



29: Dr. Mohit Sharma - Ear Carving Workshop

30: Ear Carving Workshop faculty and participants

3. Hair Transplant Workshop: “From Burn Recovery to Hair Revival”

Faculty & Workshop chairperson: Dr. Sandeep S. Sattur

Moderator: Dr. Raghav Shrotriya

Co-ordinators: Dr. Prakhar Mathur, Dr Vidhi Mehta, Dr Rishikesh V. Dr. Tathagata Sahoo

Hair restoration in post-burn areas requires a nuanced, expert-led strategy due to the complexities posed by scarring. Our faculty was Dr. Sandeep S. Sattur, a pioneer in the field with over 25 years of experience. He is the Past President and Founding Member of AHRS India, and a respected member of ISHRS, Hair Research Society of India, APSI, and ASI.

Workshop Highlights:

- Hair transplantation techniques tailored for post-burn patients

- Scalp micropigmentation as a complementary solution
- Hands-on training with live models for various implantation methods
- Learning directly from one of the foremost experts in the field.



31: Dr. Sandeep Sattur - Hair Transplant Workshop



32: Hair Transplant Workshop faculty and participants

3. Laser Workshops (2): “Scar Revision Through Science & Precision”

Post-burn scars affect not only aesthetics but also function and quality of life. Laser therapy is a breakthrough approach for scar modulation, and this hands-on workshop focused on its practical application in burn care learning from global experts. It was a transformative learning opportunity.

Faculty: Dr. Anjay Khandelwal, Dr Kuldeep Singh, Dr. Shrirang Pandit

Moderators: Dr. Mangesh Pawar, Dr. Siddharth Keswani

Co-ordinators: Dr. Sohank Mewada, Dr. Girija. H

Workshop Highlights:

- Fractional CO₂ and pulsed dye lasers for hypertrophic and restrictive scars
- Early vs. late laser intervention protocols
- Integration of surgical and non-surgical methods
- Hands-on laser training with real case discussions

Lumenis team lead by country manager Mr. Navdeep Sharma arranged for the lasers and helped set up the workshop.



33: Dr. Shrirang Pandit, Dr, Kuldeep Singh and Dr. Anjay Khandelwal - Laser Workshop 34: Laser Workshop faculty and participants



4. Therapy And Splint Workshop: “Empowering Recovery Through Therapy and Splinting”

This specialized workshop focused on splint-making and rehabilitation strategies for burns of the head, face, neck, and limbs. It introduced dynamic splinting using low-temperature thermoplastics (LTTP).

Designed for burn therapists, hand therapists, and students involved in post-burn rehabilitation.

Faculty: Dr. Vaijanti Jain

Moderator: Dr. Brahma Duth

Co-ordinators: Dr. Smit Patel, Dr. Siddharth Verma

Workshop Highlights:

- Principles of splinting and positioning strategies
- Hands-on fabrication using LTTP materials
- Techniques in dynamic hand splinting
- Caregiver education and rehabilitation protocols



35: Dr. Vaijanti Jain - Therapy and Splint Workshop

5. Basic Burn and Wound Care Nursing CNE: “Best Practices in Burn and Wound Care”

This CNE for Nursing Professionals dedicated to Burn care was a program combining expert-led lectures with hands-on skill stations, tailored for nursing professionals committed to excellence in burn and wound care. It was designed to take clinical competence to the next level

Organized by Department of Plastic Surgery and Burns, Seth G.S Medical College & KEM Hospital, Mumbai and Department of Plastic Surgery and Burns, Goa Medical College, Bambolim

Faculty Chairperson: Dr. Sanjeev Uppal (Professor in Plastic Surgery, MM Medical College and Hospital, Solan)

Co Chairperson: Dr. Yuri Dias Amborcar (Professor and Head of the Department of Burn and Plastic Surgery at Goa Medical College.)

All Faculty: Dr. Sanjeev Uppal, Dr. Vinita Puri, Dr. Venkateshwaran.N, Dr. Yuri Dias Amborcar, Dr. Reena Agarwal, Dr. Shobha Chamania, Dr. Veena Singh, Dr. Akshay Anchan, Dr. Raghav Mago, Dr. Joseph Francis, Dr. A.S. Moorthy, Dr. Girija H, Dr. Sohan Sam, Ms. Mita Ralkar, Ms. Lyntasha Miranda, Ms. Aparna Pareek, Ms. Aishwarya Raj, Mr. Sandeep Saxena, Dr. Nishit Lalit Chatnani, Mr. Devansh Gupta, Mrs. Sonali Naik, Mrs. Rupali Gaude

Coordinator: Dr. Joseph Francis

Nurse Coordinator: Mrs. Lyntasha Miranda (Staff Nurse, Goa Medical College)

Workshop Highlights:

- Pre-test and post-test
- Lectures on Basics of Burns Injury, Emergency management & Referral, Infection Control and Burn ICU, Nursing Care in Burns, Chronic Wound examination and OPD evaluation, Burn prevention and awareness
- Hands – on Training Modules
 - Assessment & Fluid resuscitation with end points – Faculty: **Dr. Akshay Anchan / Mrs. Sonali Naik**
 - Emergency management & Referral – Faculty: **Dr. Reena Agarwal / Dr. Nishit Lalit Chatnani**
 - Assistance in Wound debridement – Faculty: **Dr. Raghav Mago / Dr. Tirumal Rao / Mr. Devanshu Gupta**
 - Dressing Management & NPWT – Faculty: **Dr. Prenoy Araujo / Ms. Mita Ralkar / Mrs. Rupali Gaude**
 - Surgical Management – Faculty: **Dr. Veena Singh / Dr. Sohan Sam**
 - Splints, Physiotherapy and Scar Management – Faculty: **Dr. A. S. Moorthy**
 - Ancillary Management (Nutrition, Pain management) – Faculty: **Ms. Aparna Pareek / Dr. Shobha Chamania**
 - Skin Banking and Soft Skills – Faculty: **Ms. Aishwarya Raj / Mr. Sandeep Saxena**



36: Basic Burn and Wound Care Nursing CNE



37: Nursing CNE Faculty

SCIENTIFIC TALKS:

- **Plenary and main Talks:** Dr. David Harrington (President ISBI), Dr. Tina Palmieri (Treasurer ISBI), Dr. Ariel Miranda (President Elect ISBI), Dr. Rajeev Ahuja (Founder President APBA, Past President ISBI), Dr. Naiem Moiemmen (Past President ISBI), Dr. Vinita Puri (President APBA), Dr. I Nyoman Putu Riasa (Past President APBA), Dr. Chong Si Jack (Past President APBA), Dr. Hajime Matsumura (Past President APBA), Dr. Peter Maitz (Burns Unit Director- University of Sidney), Dr. Hui Fu Huang (Past President – Taiwan Society for Burn Injuries and Wound Healing and EXCO member APBA), Associate Prof. Rachel Kornhaber (Honorary Secretary APBA), Dr. Muangman Pornporm (President – Burn and Wound Healing Association of Thailand), Dr. Anjay Khandelwal (Director – Burns Institute and Children's Hospital USA), Dr. Ramakrishna Velamuri (Medical Director Tampa General Regional Burn Center, Florida), Dr. Subodh Kumar (President APSI), Dr. Surajit Bhattacharya (Past President APSI), Dr. Sujata Sarabahi (President NABI), Dr. Shobha Chamania (Past President NABI), Dr. Pallab Chatterjee (Regional representative ISBI for South East Asia Region and EXCO member APBA), Dr. Vijay Kumar (Honorary Secretary APSI), Dr. Rajendra Nehete, Dr. Bhavya Naithani, Dr. Kuldeep Singh, Dr. Bhupendra P Sarma, Dr. Shankar Rai.



38: Plenary Talk - Dr. Rajeev B. Ahuja

- **Symposia:**
- Molnlycke Platinum Symposium - Aligning Clinical Practice to Revolutionize Burn Care
 - Urgo Gold Symposium: Best Practice in Burn Management
 - Establishing uniform protocols - Early burn care
 - Community engagement
 - Pain Management
 - Burn ICU/Sepsis/Infection control
 - Quality improvement
 - Early excision in Burns
 - Scars

➤ **Sessions:**

- Reconstruction session
- Psycho-social rehabilitation
- Nursing & Rehabilitation - Best practices in burn care
- Hand burns
- Disaster Management
- Tangential excision & Outcome assessments
- Panel on Pulmonary Burns
- Pediatric & Geriatric burns
- Allografts & Skin substitutes
- Skin substitutes
- Electrical burns
- Wound Management
- The coin has two sides

- **Integration of Technology:** Sessions on telemedicine, artificial intelligence, and digital wound assessment underscored the future of burn care.
- **Multidisciplinary Focus:** Strong emphasis on collaboration across surgeons, intensivists, microbiologists, psychologists, physiotherapists, and nursing professionals.
- **Youth Engagement:** Young delegates actively participated through oral presentations, posters, burn quiz, Plastiquet burn spotter challenge and video sessions, encouraging the next generation of burn specialists.
- **Global Exchange:** The presence of international faculty facilitated rich academic exchange and fostered cross-border collaboration.

DAY WISE SUMMARY

Day 1 – Thursday, August 21 (Workshops)

The conference began with specialized workshops offering practical, hands-on training:

- Laser therapy (two sessions)
- Therapy & splints (head, face, neck, and limbs)
- Melanocyte transfer techniques
- Hair transplant procedures
- Ear carving (full-day session)
- Basic Burn & Wound Care (all-day nursing CNE with interactive stations)

The day concluded with the Inauguration Ceremony and a Welcome Dinner, setting a collegial tone for the days ahead.

Day 2 – Friday, August 22

The second day focused on plenary sessions and thematic symposia.

- *Morning plenary talks* covered current research and clinical innovations.
- **Molnlycke Platinum Symposium** addressed aligning clinical practice with revolutionary burn care strategies.

Parallel afternoon sessions explored:

- Standardizing early burn care protocols
- Community engagement strategies

- Psychosocial rehabilitation and reintegration
- Rehabilitation and nursing best practices in burn care
- Surgical focus: hand burns, reconstruction techniques, tangential excisions, and outcome assessments
- Disaster management in burn emergencies
- Fibroheal Award video presentations and contest

The evening featured the PolyNovo Quiz preliminaries and a formal Presidential Dinner.

Day 3 – Saturday, August 23

Day three balanced clinical science with applied practice.

- *Morning:* Plenary talks, a panel on pulmonary burns, and the Urgo Medical Symposium on best practices in burn management.

Late morning parallel sessions included:

- Faculty lectures
- Early excision protocols
- Pediatric and geriatric burn care
- Wound management
- Pain management strategies
- Award Paper Session 1
- Pot Pourri (diverse clinical discussions)

Afternoon sessions included:

- Burn ICU management, sepsis, and infection control
- Allografts and amnion applications
- Skin substitutes and wound coverage
- Electrical burns
- Quality improvement in burn care delivery
- Award Paper Session 2 and Plastiquet Finals

The day concluded with the General Assembly and a celebratory Gala Dinner.

Day 4 – Sunday, August 24

The final day combined academic rigor with ceremonial closure.

- *Morning highlights:*

- PolyNovo Quiz Finals
- Plenary lectures
- Valedictory function and prize distribution

- *Closing sessions:*

- Faculty talks under the theme 'Against All Odds'
- A focused symposium on scars and long-term outcomes.

The conference concluded with a farewell lunch.

Key Themes & Outcomes

1. Advancements in Burn Care – From acute management to long-term rehabilitation.
2. Surgical Innovations – Laser therapies, grafting techniques, and reconstruction strategies.

3. Holistic Patient Care – Emphasis on psychosocial rehabilitation and community involvement.
4. Nursing Education & Practice – Dedicated CNE sessions and nursing symposia highlighted frontline contributions
5. Research & Innovation – Award sessions and industry symposia showcased emerging technologies and clinical evidence.
6. Collaboration & Networking – Social events strengthened professional connections across disciplines and regions.

Conclusion

The Asia Pacific Burn Conference 2025 (APBC 2025) successfully achieved its mission of knowledge exchange, skill enhancement, and professional collaboration. With its balanced mix of workshops, symposia, and interactive sessions, the event provided participants with practical insights, innovative tools, and a shared vision for improving burn care outcomes worldwide.

The conference concluded on a high note, reinforcing the importance of a multidisciplinary approach and paving the way for future advancements in burn care and reconstructive surgery.



SOME GLIMPSES















































