

NewsLetter



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Message from the president



South West Asia and Africa Chapter of the Extracorporeal Life Support Organization (SWAACELSO), conceptualized in the year 2010 with a group of like-minded clinicians and faculty members from different hospitals coming together to bring-out a scientific academic forum of togetherness, which would be dedicated to the latest developments in the field of extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO). The goal of the SWAACELSO since then has remained to bring for its delegates the changing landscape in the field of ECMO for patients with life-threatening situations and eventually try and influence best and efficient practices for young ECMO intensivists and students globally. SWAACELSO remains indebted to its past presidents and office bearers, who over the years have dedicated many conferences engaging diverse topics in veno venous, veno arterial and hybrid ECMO. Continuing to serve the moto to bring educative and informative content for its delegates and researchers. It has tried to reach out like its parent body ELSO to which it remains affiliated.

SWAACELSO in its fourteenth teenage year organized many CMEs and workshops and also celebrated its annual conference at Ludhiana in March 2023 – all events were great scientific feast. The ninth annual conference at Ludhiana under the leadership of Dr. Vivek Gupta and the ECMO Society of India (ESOI), brought out a new journal called “Indian Journal of ECMO” which was released under the auspices of ESOI. This successful conference disseminated knowledge with scientific enthusiasm and reached higher goals for the students with five academic workshops and over 400 delegates attending the conference. These workshops were very well attended and the cultural flavour with profound hospitality, a hallmark of Punjab (India) brought many national and international leaders in ECMO together who with their scientific deliberations provoked academic interest in the ever-growing field of ECMO.

SWAACELSO remains indebted to the organisers and all the faculties of the ELSO and the universities of Qatar, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Cairo and different regions of India, for organizing competitive high quality CMEs and webinars on different aspects of ECMO. We encourage all centres of ECMO under SWAACELSO to follow the same so that ECMO is seen as the next stethoscope in each ICU of every hospital.

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Update on Committees/Subcommittees

The new chairman, Prof Poonam Malhotra Kapoor has started since May 2022. The chairman tenure has changed to two years to allow more time for the chairman to implement the many changes and chapter development. Dr Huda Alfoudri was elected as chairman elect starting from May 2024

The Following is the Updated SWAAC ELSO Steering Group Committee Members:

Position	Name	Country	Email Address	Tenure
Chairman	Poonam Malhotra Kapoor	India	drpoonamaims@gmail.com	2022-2024
Past-Chairman	Akram Abdelbary	Egypt	akram_bary@yahoo.com	2022-2024
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Chairman Steering Committee Research	Vivek Gupta	India	dr_vivekg@yahoo.com	2022-2023
Chairman Steering Committee Registry /Protocols	Ibrahim Fawzy Hassan	Qatar	ihassan@hamad.qa	2022-2023
Chairman Steering Committee Devices & Technology	Mohamed Azzam	Saudi Arabia	mohamed.azzam77@me.com	2022-2023
Treasurer	Sandeep Dewan	India	sandeepdewan28@gmail.com	2018-2023
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Member at Large	Marlice van Dyk	South Africa	dr.marlice@icudoctor.co.za	2022-2024
Member at Large	Vivek Kakar	UAE	KakarV@clevelandclinicabudhabi.ae	2022-2024

Please feel free to contact any of the members above for any issues relating to SWAAC ELSO or if you are interested in joining any of the subcommittees. You can find a copy of the updated bylaws with details of the different committees and subcommittees of SWAAC ELSO on ELSO AND SWAAC ELSO website:

- <https://www.elseo.org/AboutUs/Chapters/SouthWestAsianAfrica.aspx>
- www.swaacelseo.com



Upcoming SWAAC ELSO Courses/Workshops

- ECMO Workshops held in **Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates**
 - Pediatric and Neonatal ECMO workshop 7th – 9th October 2023
 - Adult Basic ECMO workshop 22nd – 23rd May 2023
 - Adult Comprehensive ECMO workshop 23rd – 26th November 2023
 - **For more information contact mduthie@seha.ae for the Pediatric and Neonatal ECMO workshops, and GhisulP@ClevelandClinicAbuDhabi.ae or drpk1987@gmail.com for the Adult ECMO workshops**
- 15th ECMO training course – ECMO India 2023 held in **Mumbai, India**
 - Virtual talk 27th – 29th May 2023
 - Hands on and Simulation 2nd – 4th June 2023
 - **For more information contact check www.ecmosocietyofindia.com – Email ecmosocietyofindia@hotmail.com**
- ECMO Made Easy comprehensive course Critical care Center – **Egypt, Cairo university** 1st -3rd of June 2023
- Endorsed ECLS Course – **Kuwait, Al-Adan hospital** 7th – 9th October 2023 **For more information visit: <http://ecmocenterkw.com>**

- **If you have any courses or/and workshops you would like to include in the upcoming newsletter, please email h_alfoudri@hotmail.com**



SWAAC ELSO 2024

We're excited to share the upcoming **10th SWAAC ELSO Conference 2024** with you, which will be held in **Kuwait**, from the 15th – 17th of February 2024. Mark your calendars and enjoy the hospitality, culture, and beautiful beginning of spring in Kuwait. Make sure to have a look at the poster below for details and contact information.

The poster features a dark blue background with a glowing blue light streak and a globe showing the Middle East region. Silhouettes of skyscrapers are visible in the background. The text is white and red, with a red 'CME accredited' badge in the bottom right corner.

SOUTH WEST ASIA & AFRICA CHAPTER
SWAAC ELSO
10TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2024
CROSSING BOUNDARIES
15-17th February | Arraya Hall | Courtyard Marriott | Kuwait City

Target audience:
Intensivist | Anaesthetist | Cardiologists
Cardiac surgeons | PICU | Emergency physicians
ICU emc nurses | Perfusionists

Pre-conference workshops 13-14th of February

CME
accredited

Contact information and Website will be announced soon.



SWAAC ELSO Conference 2023

9th SWAAC ELSO Conference 2023 held in **Ludhiana, India**. Whilst enjoying the beautiful culture of India, the conference showcased a comprehensive program where the attendees were given the opportunity to **Learn, Practice, And Sustain Lives**. Some highlights from the conference:





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Participation in International Workshops

SWAAC ELSO representatives managing refractory hypoxemia on V-V in the Educational Corner at EuroELSO Congress London 2022 that was published in April 20th 2023 – From Qatar, ECMO workshop.



Endorsed Workshops highlights

Highlights of the endorsed extensive ECMO workshop simulation that took place in Kuwait earlier this year.





Cont – Endorsed Workshops Highlights

Highlights of the endorsed extensive ECMO workshop – Pediatrics focus that took place in Kuwait earlier this year.





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ECMO Workshops Highlights

ECMO workshop during the Respiratory Critical Care Congress April 2023, Raajkutir Kalkata, India highlights.



The 3rd ECMO training Course held in Iran By the Iranian Society of Extracorporeal Circulation Technology (IRANSECT) as hospital-based and team-based training, for hospitals equipped by ECMO on the 4th – 5th May 2023. The program provided workshops and hands on training.





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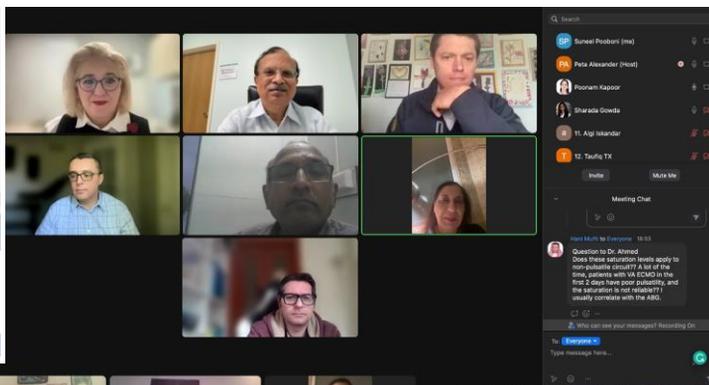
Cont - ECMO Workshops Highlights

The “Cardiac Critical Care and ECMO Textbook” and Special issue of ECMO Journal, released at AIIMS, New Delhi



Educational Activities

SWAACELSO Chapter hosted the ECMO CENTRAL Webinar on the 2nd of May. It was lead by Ryan Barbaro, Peta Alexander , and great speakers from the ECMO community. The webinar highlighted ECMO Adverse Events for Pediatric Clinical Trials and ECMO Core Elements Needed for Trials, Regulatory purposes And quality of Life. There was a great interaction within the ECMO community attending the webinar. Below are some of the webinar’s highlights





Awards of excellence

We congratulate the new centres that have been awarded with ELSO's award of Excellence in the past two years:



Platinum Award of Excellence:

- Riddhi Vinayak Critical Care and Cardiac Centre
Mumbai, India – 2024

Gold Award of Excellence:

- Riyadh Second Health Cluster – Ministry of Health
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia – 2025
- Al-Adan Hospital
Kuwait city, Kuwait – 2023



Silver Award of Excellence:

- The Royal Hospital National Heart Centre,
Sultanate of Oman
Ghala Street, Al Ghubra, Muscat, Oman – 2024

We look forward to more centers achieving the award in the near future.



ELSO Guidelines and publications:

The following are ELSO Guidelines and publications with contributions from SWAAC ELSO members:

- Extracorporeal Life Support Organization Guidelines for the Provision and Assessment of Nutritional Support in the Neonatal and Pediatric ECMO Patient:
 - https://journals.lww.com/asaiojournal/Fulltext/2022/07000/Extracorporeal_Life_Support_Organization.1.aspx (Contributed as an Author: Dr. Tala Al Dabbous)
- Extracorporeal Life Support Organization Guideline for Transport and Retrieval of Adult and Pediatric Patients with ECMO Support
 - https://journals.lww.com/asaiojournal/Fulltext/2022/04000/Extracorporeal_Life_Support_Organization_Guideline.1.aspx (Contributed as an Author: Dr. Ahmed Labib)
- Extracorporeal Life Support: The ELSO Red Book 6th Edition
 - <https://www.else.org/Publications.aspx> (SWAAC ELSO contributors: Dr. Ahmed Labib, Dr. Ibrahim Fawzi)

You can view all ELSO guidelines on the following link: <https://www.else.org/ecmo-resources/else-ecmo-guidelines.aspx>

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Update on Research and Publication :

The following are some of the recent publications by SWAAC ELSO members:

- “Bridging the Gap” international ECLS training and simulation - evaluation of the 10th educational corner on EuroELSO congress 2022 in London, United Kingdom
 - <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/02676591231157273>
- Expert consensus statement on venovenous extracorporeal membrane oxygenation ECMO for COVID-19 severe ARDS: an international Delphi study
 - [Expert consensus statement on venovenous extracorporeal membrane oxygenation ECMO for COVID-19 severe ARDS: an international Delphi study | Annals of Intensive Care | Full Text \(springeropen.com\)](https://doi.org/10.1186/s13054-023-04111-1)

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