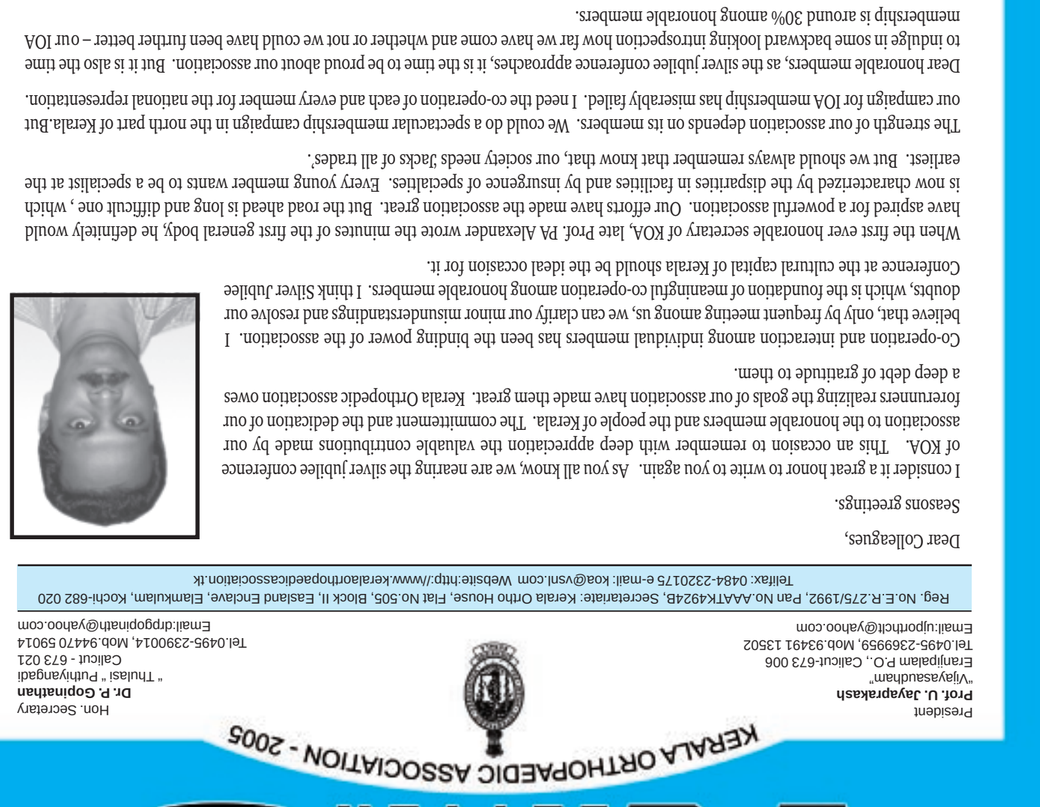

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Dear Colleagues,

Seasons greetings.

I consider it a great honor to write to you again. As you all know, we are nearing the silver jubilee conference of KOA. This an occasion to remember with deep appreciation the valuable contributions made by our association to the honorable members and the people of Kerala. The commitmement and the dedication of our forerunnerrs realizing the goals of our association have made them great. Kerala Orthopedic association owes a deep debt of gratitude to them.

Co-operation and interaction among individual members has been the binding power of the association. I believe that, only by frequent meeting among us, we can clarify our minor misunderstandings and resolve our doubts, which is the foundation of meaningful co-operation among honorable members. I think Silver Jubilee Conference at the cultural capital of Kerala should be the ideal occasion for it.

When the first ever honorable secretary of KOA, late Prof. PA Alexander wrote the minutes of the first general body, he definitely would have aspired for a powerful association. Our efforts have made the association great. But the road ahead is long and difficult one , which is now characterized by the disparities in facilities and by insurgence of specialties. Every young member wants to be a specialist at the earliest. But we should always remember that know that, our society needs Jacks of all trades'.

The strength of our association depends on its members. We could do a spectacular membership campaign in the north part of Kerala.But our campaign for IOA membership has miserably failed. I need the co-operation of each and every member for the national representation.

Dear honorable members, as the silver jubilee conference approaches, it is the time to be proud about our association. But it is also the time to indulge in some backward looking introspection how far we have come and whether or not we could have been further better – our IOA membership is around 30% among honorable members.

Dear colleagues, wherever I addressed you, I was stressing on helping the poor people around the state, who suffer till death, just because they cannot afford to buy an otherwise costly implant. If we can dedicate at least 1% of the profit of the KOA Conferences, it would have been a great help to the poor people. I still remember that every effort in this direction has reached only deaf ears. I once again request you for your kind co-operation to help the poor people of our state, from whom; we have learned the art and science of Orthopedics.

So far we have stressed only the membership campaigns and scientific programmes. It is high time that we should concentrate on basic research, academic help to our younger colleagues and to help the poor patients.

Dear honorable members, it is my final conviction that, we should go forward in pursuing our aim and without your help, I think we will stop short of our aim.

Thanking you for the continued confidence on me.

Dr. Gopinath
Honorary Secretary, KOA

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Silver Jubilee Oration Talk of KOA.

KOA invites application for the Silver Jubilee Oration talk. Please sent the originals of the same (last date 30th October) to Chairman Central Committee. Prof. U.Jayaprakash, Bone & Joint Hospital, Eranhjipalam.PO, Calicut – 673 006, Tel: 0495 2369959@, 2765616(o), 93491 13502(mob).

KOA Fellowships 2006

KOA invites application from members for KOA fellowship 2006. 1. KOA Basic Science Research Fellowship, 2. KOA, Aiken Fellowship, 3. KOA Fellowships, 4. Dr. Varghese Mathai Travelling Fellowship. Please send the KOA Fellowship application (Last date for receipt of application 30th October) - to Chairman KOA Travelling Fellowship Chairman Dr. Dinesh Shankar A.N. "Udayam" Bilathikulam Road, Nadakkavu P.O. Calicut - 673 011. Tel : 0495 236001 Mob: 98471 48788. Last date 30th October. 2005. For details refer KOA photo directory cum protocol book.

Forthcoming Programmes of KOA

Oct. 23, 2005 **Additional CME of KOA** Trochatric # at Lourdes Hospital, Ernakulam Org. Secretary Dr. Alex Jacob(98951 84026) , Ernakulam Medical Centre, Palarivattom, Cochin - 682 0 28, Dr.Thomas Mathew, (Org. Chairman) Lourdes Hospital (98471 14460)

Oct 30, 2005 **Advanced Nurses CME** at Ernakulam Medical Centre, Cochin Contact Dr.Cherian Kovoor, Ernakulam Medical Centre, Vennala.PO, Cochin – 682028, Tel : 0484 : 2320175 (Off) E-mail : kovoor@vsnl.com

Oct 21- 23 2005 **BTLS Course** at Medical College, Calicut, Contact Dr. Anwar .M.H, MCH, Calicut Tel: 094471 26027, 0495 2358170, calicutortho@yahoo.com. Website : www.jortho.org.

Dec. 11 2005 Additional CME of KOA **Spine update at** Lakshore Hospital Ernakulam. Contact Dr. Suresh S. Dept. of Orthopaedics, Lakshore Hospital, Nettoor PO. Cochin 682 304. Tel : 94473 91906, 0479 : 2340749 (Resi)

Dec. 25-30, 2005 IOACON 2005, at Hotel Renaissance, Mumbai. For details Contact Dr. H.K.T. Raza, Hon. Secretary IOA, E-mail : hktraza@yahoo.com

Conference Secretariat (IOACON 2005) Date 25th to 30th December 2005, Venue : Renaissance Hotel and Convention Centre (Mumbai) : Dr. Ram Prabhoo (Registration details/sponsorships/Official functions of IOA) Mukund Hospital, Mukund Nagar CHS, Near Marol Pipe Line, Andheri Kurla Road, Andheri (E), Mumbai 400059.Tel No. +9122-28206051, +9122 39544638, Telefax+9122-28206052, Contact Person : Sachin Mane 09820559296 (9.00 A.M to 1 PM)

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Jan. 27-29, 2006 KOACON (Silver Jubilee Conference at Thrissur) CME - Foot Importants Dates : Last date of receipt of abstracts (3copies) 31st October, Last Date for receipt of full papers 30th November

Registration without late fees - 30th November, Contact Address : Dr. Francis Chandy, Organizing Secretary Koacon 2006, Co-Operative Hospital, Shornur Road, Thrissur - 680 001. Phone Office : 0487 2335551 Res : 0487 2422633. E-mail : francis_chandy@yahoo.in, drsimon@sancharnet.in.

OBITUARY

The members of the KOA hereby convey our deep condolence at the sad demise of **Dr. Simson John** (THQ Hospital Chalakkudy) who died on 1st September 2005

JOURNAL

Please contact Dr. T.S. Gopakumar for the articles to be published in the journal "Gokulam", M.L.A. Road Calicut - 673 017 Tel : 0495 2372225 Mob : 9387422659 E-mail : tsgopa@sify.com or belfith_p@yahoo.co.in

INDIVIDUAL/CLUB ACHIEVEMENT FOR IOA REPORT

To be mailed to KOA office

1. Papers presented in International/National conferences.....
2. Awards and honors .....
3. Elected to high post.....
4. Inventing new technique.....
5. Writing editing translating literature of academic interest.....
6. Participation in international/ National conferences.....
7. Welfare programme for public.....
8. Mailing Address .....Email.....
Phone .....Mobile .....

Inaugural function of KOA COE Programme at Hotel Soorya City Palakad

Advanced CME of KOA was conducted at Hotel Soorya City, Palakkad on 5 th June 2005 by the leadership of Dr. Tajan, Dr. Mohanan & Dr. P.N. Vasudevan.

A one day basic training and instructional course for the orthopaedic theatre Nurses was held on 4th June 2005 at Palakkad and on 1st July 2005 at Kottayam.

Two day Basic Arthroscopic course (basic CME of KOA) was conducted at Kottayam by Prof. P.S. John as Org. Chairman and Dr. Aneen. N as Org. Secretary, on 2nd & 3rd July 2005. The faculty included Dr. Anand Joshi, Dr. David Rajan, Prof. Sreepathi Rao. Dr. George Andrews and Dr. Jacob Varghese.

Inaugural function of KOA CME at Hotel Windsor Castle Kottayam

Inauguration of KOA CTIC, Calicut

REPORT FROM THE IT SECRETARY

The official web site of KOA is constructed and the URL is keralaorthopaedicassociation.tk. The history, constitution, protocols, news letters, journal, membership form, past and present office bearers list and their photos, Photo directory of KOA members, meeting details, details of facilities in KOA house, list of books in KOA library, contact details and other KOA related useful files and links are published. Useful IOA related files are also uploaded.Registration details of KOA, contact details of KOA central office, short cut page to latest information and files, KOA notification area and links to the web master are also available.The KOA official web site will be up dated from time to time. A linked KOA discussion and chat site keralaorthopaedicassociationchat.tk is constructed and linked to the official KOA site. This site can be utilized for organizational discussions, KOA notifications, notification of orthopaedic vacancies etc.

We can plan together so many IT activities in future for our common benifit.Your active participation, encouragements, support, good will and blessings are warmly welcomed for the KOA web sites and IT activities. I thank God Almighty for blessing me and all the KOA members for allowing me to carry out my humble role in KOA as IT Secretary, KOA. Thank you all, once again for your co operation and participation.

Dr.Jimmy.M.L. – IT Secretary of KOA

TRAUMA RALLY

IOA has taken up two nation wide project during its Golden Jubilee Year Celebration.

1. Operation for Physically challenged persons.
2. Trauma awareness programme.

As a part of this (Trauma awareness) a nation wide rally is being arranged on 16th Oct. 2005 at 9 a.m. I there fore request you all to arrange a rally in your city during the sametime. I had already sent a letter to all Dist. club secretary regarding this with details.

Come let us all join hands in saving the victims on the road.

BASIC TRAUMA LIFE SUPPORT COURSE, CALICUT

Basic Trauma Life Support International (BTLS) is a global organization dedicated to preventing death and disability from trauma through education and emergency trauma care. BTLS is accepted internationally as the standard training course. Through BTLS, hundreds of thousands have learned proven techniques endorsed by the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP).

BTLS courses give the student the knowledge and hands-on skills to take better care of trauma patients. BTLS stresses rapid assessment, appropriate intervention and identification of immediate life threats. The BTLS framework for rapid, appropriate and effective trauma care is a global standard that works in any situation. BTLS courses combine classroom learning and hands-on skills stations. They also challenge the student with 'scenario assessment stations' where learning is put to work in simulated trauma situations. BTLS courses are designed, managed and delivered by course directors, coordinators and instructors experienced in EMS, prehospital care and the BTLS approach.

Calicut Ortho Club and IMA are organizing BTLS Course on behalf of KOA in Calicut during 21-23 of October, 2005. **The course is restricted to only 40 candidates, who will be selected on first come basis. The registration fee is Rs.4500/-.**

Those wants to register may please send an e-mail to calicutortho@yahoo.com, or contact Dr. Anwar on 094471 26027, between 3-5 pm.

Prof. C.M. Kumaran
Organizing Chairman

www.jortho.org

Dr. Anwar Marthya
Organising Secretary

ELECTIONS OF KOA

The nominations of the elections are included in the news letter. Nominations are invited on the accompanying nomination forms for KOA elections-2006. All completed nomination forms have to be send preferably with acknowledgement due registered post/ courier so as to reach the returning officer **Dr. V.I. Simon Valiyaveettil House, Kunathumana Lane, Shornur Road, Trichur. 680 001 Phone 0487 - 2334456 Mob : 98460 33645, E-mail : drvisimon@rediffmail.com** - latest by midnight 31st October 2005.All correspondence regarding elections are to be addressed only to him.

VACANCIES

President Elect KOA ..... :	1 Post
Vice President ..... :	1 Post
Honorary Secretary ..... :	1 Post
Honorary Treasurer ..... :	1 Post
Editor ..... :	1 Post
Joint Secretaries ..... :	2 Posts
Chairman Travelling Fellowship..... :	1 Post
Convenor long term planning committee :	1 Post

THE SCHEDULE OF ELECTIONS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS

- Last date of receipt of nominations by returning officer ..... - 31st October 2005
- Last date for informing contestants - 10th November 2005
- Last date for withdrawal of contestants ..... - 20th November 2005
- Last date of sending sample ballot paper to all contestants ..... - 1st December 2005
- Last date of receipt of approved ballot papers ..... - 10th December 2005
- Last date of despatch of ballot papers ..... - 20th December 2005
- Last date of request of duplicate ballot papers ..... - 1st January 2006
- Last date of receipt of ballot papers ..... - 10th January 2006

NOMINATION FORM ELECTION 2006
(You may use a photocopy)

Name of the contestant.....

Post for which contesting.....

Membership Number.....

Address .....

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Phone (With Code) .....

Mobile ..... Email.....

Proposed by .....

Membership No. .....Signature.....

Seconded by.....

Membership No. .....Signature.....

CONSENT OF CONTESTANT

I hereby agree to contest for the post of ..... Of the Kerala Orthopaedic Association. If elected I will serve the association to the best of my abilities.I shall not be using any unfair means for my election.

Date..... Signature of contestant

Counting of ballot papers will be started at 9 AM on the day of CME during KOACON (27th Jan 2006). Representatives of contestants should be present and should give an undertaking to abide by all rules formed by returning offficer

All nominations must be send to the returning officer Dr. V.I. Simon

Representations of disputes regarding election process shall be entertained only within one month of the official declaration of the results in the annual general body.