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# ASIAN FEDERATION OF FOOT AND ANKLE SURGEONS

## AFFAS NEWSLETTER



**December 2025 - March 2026**

# MESSAGE *from* THE PRESIDENT

It is my pleasure to introduce the latest edition of the AFFAS newsletter. The aim of the newsletter is to introduce and update everybody about Foot and Ankle academic and scientific activities in Asia. We hope that through the newsletter, we can encourage Asian foot and ankle surgeons to engage widely with the regional colleagues. Interesting research ideas are also presented to stimulate interest in scientific collaboration.

There is also a report of the 10th AFFAS Congress that was held in Singapore in Oct 2025. As the Chairman of the organising committee, I am grateful for the support given by all the federation members which translated into a hugely successful meeting. There was more than 700 registered participants and many of our federation members had the opportunity to present the latest knowledge and research. I am also immensely grateful to our 30 sponsors who have given us their generous support. It was a joyous occasion for the federation.



Lastly, I would like to say a word of thanks to Professor Peng-Ju Huang who has led AFFAS as our President from 2023 to 2025. His term began with the hugely successful and memorable congress in Kaohsiung. I still remember the entertaining congress dinner that was held outdoors next to the sea. Let us look forward to more memorable occasions.

**Chong Keen Wai**  
*President, AFFAS*





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## — Save The Date —

### **Dear Esteemed Seniors and Colleagues of AFFAS, Warm Greetings**

It is my distinct privilege and honour, as the Organizing Chairman, to invite you to the 11th Asian Federation of Foot & Ankle Congress which is being planned to be held from 11th to 13th November 2027 in Kolkata, India. Please mark your calendars.



With the theme of “ Asian Perspectives, Global Excellence with Innovations, Research and Partnership”, this biennial meet aims to bring together leading world class faculty, researchers and educators from across our diverse continent to lead and share a program rich in cutting-edge research, advanced surgical techniques, interactive debates and discussions while giving each one of us an opportunity for meaningful collaboration, exchange ideas which will in turn push our boundaries of clinical practice and strengthen professional friendships. Beyond the scientific sessions, we look forward to welcoming you to experience the culture, cuisine, and timeless charm of Kolkata— (often called the cultural capital of India) while renewing old friendships and building new ones. Kolkata offers a unique blend of heritage, intellectual tradition, and warm hospitality. The theme of the meeting reflects our shared commitment to innovation, research and education, and collective progress while focussing in Asian perspective in improving patient care.

On behalf of the organizing committee and Indian Foot and Ankle society, it would be our immense pleasure to host you in Kolkata for this special gathering. Your participation will greatly enrich the academic and collegial spirit of the meeting and am sure that you will go back with a beautiful memory of Indian culture and camaraderie along with a stimulating academic feast. Further details regarding the program, registration, and accommodations will be shared soon. Once again requesting you to please mark your calendar : November 11th to 13th 2027, to visit us in "City of Joy"—Kolkata for this memorable and inspiring event.

**With Warmest Regards**

**Dr Rajesh Simon**

Organizing Chairman,

Asian Foot & Ankle Biennial Meeting 2027, Kolkata, India

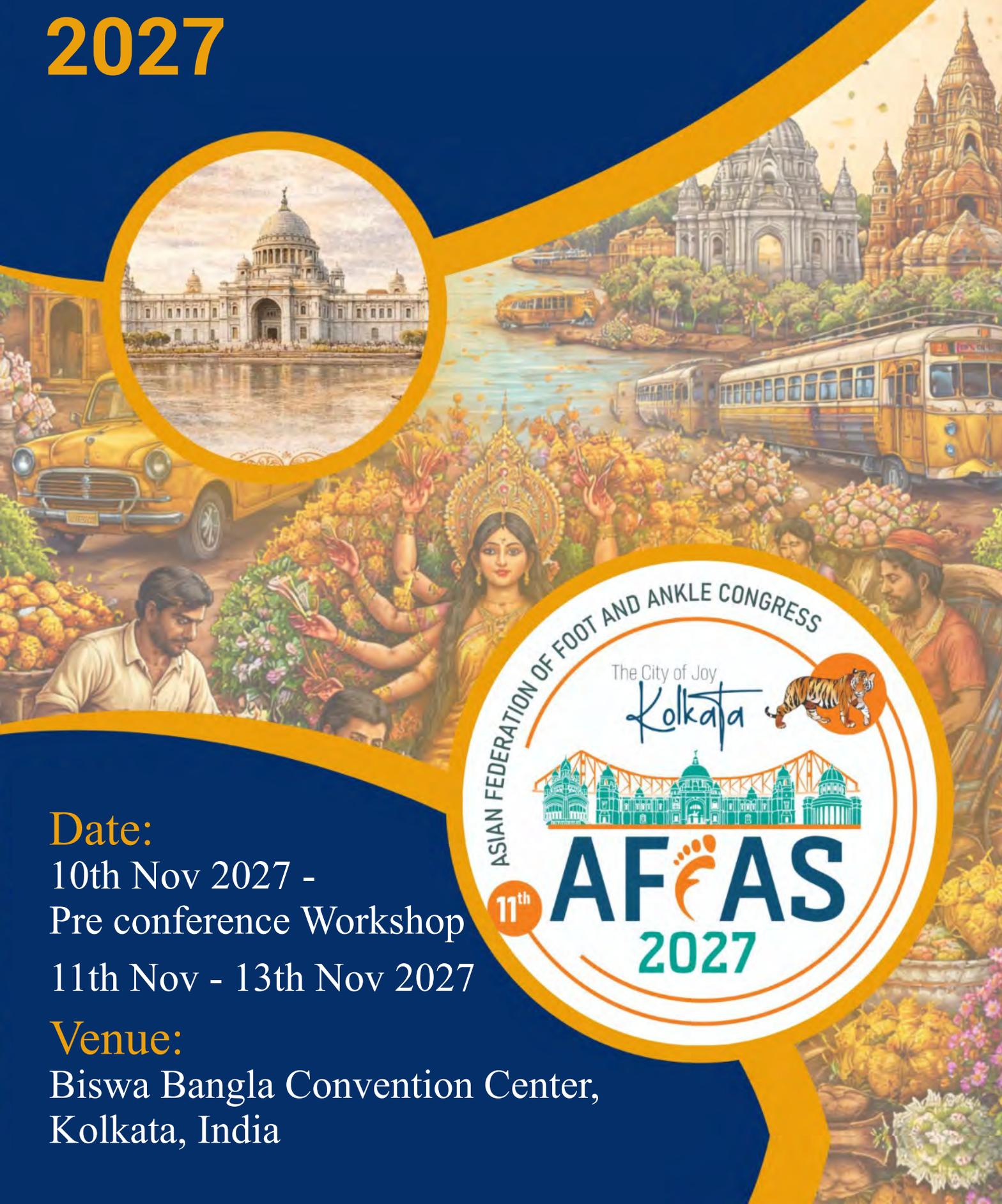


# 11<sup>th</sup>

# MEETING OF ASIAN FEDERATION OF FOOT & ANKLE SURGEONS 2027



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## Date:

10th Nov 2027 -  
Pre conference Workshop  
11th Nov - 13th Nov 2027

## Venue:

Biswa Bangla Convention Center,  
Kolkata, India



The 10th Annual Meeting of the [Asian Federation of Foot and Ankle Surgeons](#) (AFFAS) took place from 30 October to 1 November 2025 at the Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel, Singapore. This landmark meeting, chaired by Dr Chong Keen Wai, brought together leading foot and ankle surgeons, researchers, and allied health professionals from across Asia and beyond. Jointly organised by the Asian Federation of Foot & Ankle Surgeons (AFFAS) and the Singapore Orthopaedic Association (SOA), the meeting served



Outgoing and incoming President of AFFAS, Dr Huang PJ and Dr Chong KW

as a vibrant platform for academic exchange, regional collaboration, and professional fellowship.



Pre-Congress Courses

This year's programme featured a comprehensive scientific agenda covering the full spectrum of foot and ankle practice. Key highlights included updates on minimally invasive surgery, complex deformity correction, sports injuries, diabetic foot management, Charcot

arthropathy, and advances in biologics and orthobiologics. International and regional faculty delivered thought-provoking lectures, while interactive case discussions and panel debates stimulated dynamic engagement among participants.

The free paper and poster presentations showcased high-quality research from emerging and established centres across Asia. Young surgeons and trainees actively contributed, reflecting the strong growth and future potential of foot and ankle subspecialisation in the region.





## The Event Venue

Hands-on workshops and focused instructional courses provided practical learning opportunities, allowing delegates to refine surgical techniques and discuss real-world challenges in a collegial environment. Industry partners also played an important role in demonstrating the latest technologies and implants that continue to shape modern foot and ankle surgery.

Beyond the scientific sessions, the meeting fostered meaningful networking and camaraderie. Delegates enjoyed Singapore's renowned hospitality, multicultural cuisine, and iconic cityscape, strengthening professional ties and friendships within the AFFAS community.

The AFFAS-SOA Meeting 2025 reaffirmed Singapore's position as a key regional hub for



orthopaedic education and collaboration. The strong turnout and enthusiastic participation underscored the shared commitment to advancing excellence in foot and ankle care across Asia. We look forward to continued collaboration and to the next AFFAS congress to be held in India, as we collectively elevate standards of care for our patients.





## Development of a novel patient-reported outcome measure (PROM) for evaluation of foot and ankle disorders in the Indian population – the Indian Foot and Ankle Society (IFAS) Score

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AFFAS Research Spotlight:

A Milestone in Regional Orthopaedics  
The New IFAS Score: Pioneering the First Patient-Reported Outcome Measure for the Asian Population

Dear Members of the Asian Federation of Foot and Ankle Surgeons, We are excited to highlight a groundbreaking publication recently featured in the Indian Journal of Orthopaedics. For years, orthopaedic surgeons across Asia have relied on Patient-Reported Outcome Measures (PROMs) that, while clinically validated, often lack cultural relevance for our local populations. Western scoring systems frequently do not account for regional functional necessities—such as squatting, sitting cross-legged, or walking barefoot. Addressing this critical gap, members of the Indian foot and ankle society have developed the Indian Foot and Ankle Society (IFAS) Score.

Crucially, this marks a monumental step forward for our region: the IFAS Score is the very first PROM specifically designed and validated for an Asian population. This tool is tailored to evaluate foot and ankle disorders by directly addressing the unique cultural and functional demands of patients in our demographic.

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s43465-026-01724-2>



### Key Highlights

- A Regional First: Represents the first culturally relevant PROM score developed specifically for the Asian population, setting a new standard for localized orthopaedic research.
- Targeted Background: Developed in response to the explicit lack of cultural relevance in existing PROMs for foot and ankle disorders.
- Enhanced Patient Care: Allows surgeons to evaluate outcomes based on the actual day-to-day functional needs and cultural habits of their patients, leading to more accurate post-operative assessments.

**IFAS is delighted to announce the global expansion of the score, which is now available in all Asian languages – Mandarin, Korean, Japanese, Thai, Malay, Cantonese, English and all Indian languages.**



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## Global Foot & Ankle Summit 2026:

### A Truly Global Academic Milestone

GFAS 2026: A Landmark in Surgical Education

Held in Goa and chaired by Dr. Rahul Upadhyay and Dr. Girish Motwani, the Global Foot & Ankle Summit (GFAS) 2026 marked a transformative milestone in surgical education. With 18 distinguished international faculty, the summit utilized an interactive, case-based format centered on "Revisions and Complications."

"A scientific highlight was India's first-ever Delphi Consensus Meeting on Acute Deltoid Ligament Injury, set to standardize future treatment protocols. Hands-on workshops provided practical skills under expert guidance, while fellowships and a strong female surgeon turnout advanced diversity and inclusion in the field. Supported by Organising Secretaries Dr. Inderjit and Dr. Dhruvin, and Local Chairman Dr. Mahendra Kudchadkar, GFAS 2026 solidified India's position as a hub for world-class orthopedic excellence.



## IFAS Friday Academics

Journal Club *Online*  
**FRIDAY Academics**  
An initiative by IFAS

www.ifas.in

**13th Session**  
**9 PM to 10 PM IST**  
**27th March 2026**

Theme:  
**Decision making in complex trimalleolar ankle fractures with ligament injuries**

International Mentor: Prof Vinod K Panchbhavi

IFAS:  
Dr S M Ajoy (President), Dr Abhijit Bandyopadhyay (Hon. Secretary)

International Speaker: Dr Abhijit Bhosale, Moderator: Dr Bhupesh Mahawar

We cordially invite you to the 13th Session of our Journal Club's monthly initiative – Friday Academics

Theme: Decision Making in Complex Trimalleolar Ankle Fractures with Ligament Injuries

Date: March 27, 2026

Time: 9:00 PM – 10:00 PM (IST)

We look forward to your valuable participation and an insightful discussion.



Scan QR to Join us:

<https://meet.google.com/xxe-ucds-rkp>



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# Invitation from Taiwan Orthopaedic Foot & Ankle Society

## Invitation to AFFAS Members

On behalf of the Taiwan Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society,  
we are delighted to invite the esteemed members of the  
*Asian Federation of Foot and Ankle Surgeons (AFFAS)*  
to participate in our upcoming academic meetings in Taiwan:

*These meetings aim to foster academic collaboration, knowledge  
exchange, and international partnership in the field of  
foot and ankle surgery.*

### Taiwan Orthopaedic Association Annual Spring Meeting

 **Date:** April 25, 2026 (Saturday)

 **Venue:** Sheraton Hsinchu Hotel

 **Location:** Zhubei City, Taiwan

### Taiwan Orthopaedic Foot & Ankle Society Annual Meeting

 **Date:** August 1, 2026 (Saturday)

 **Venue:** Taichung Veterans General Hospital

 **Location:** Taichung City, Taiwan

*We warmly welcome members of AFFAS to join us in Taiwan for these  
prestigious academic gatherings and look forward to strengthening  
international collaboration and friendship within the orthopaedic  
community.*



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# SHAPE THE NEXT EDITION

Your Contributions make our community stronger.

## SHARE YOUR QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS

We want to hear from you! Help us capture the pulse of our global community by sharing the key activities, events, & discussions from your region.

**Urgent Call:** Please send a summary of your quarter's activities to the respective Newsletter Committee Member in your country to ensure they are featured in the upcoming editions.



## INTRODUCING THE AFFAS SPOTLIGHT : RESEARCH



This year, the spotlight shines on innovation and discovery. Do you have a new research paper, a groundbreaking study, or a unique innovation you'd like to share? The AFFAS Spotlight is the perfect platform to showcase your work to the entire AFFAS network.

Share your research and innovations! Send your contributions to your country's designated committee member today.



## Call for Contributions: AFFAS Newsletter

*Dear Colleagues,*

We are actively seeking submissions for the upcoming edition of the AFFAS Newsletter. This is an excellent opportunity to share your latest advancements, educational initiatives, and clinical expertise with our international community.

We invite you to contribute to the next edition by submitting:

Recent Research: Clinical findings, ongoing trials, or published studies.

Courses Conducted: Summaries and highlights of recent workshops, training sessions, or educational programs.

Surgical Cases: Unique, challenging, or innovative case studies you wish to showcase.

Please locate your designated Newsletter Committee Country Representative in the table below and forward your submissions directly to them. We look forward to featuring your valuable work and continuing to advance our shared knowledge.

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## AFFAS EVENT CALENDAR



**April 25  
2026**

Taiwan Orthopaedic  
Association Annual  
Spring Meeting  
Sheraton Hsinchu  
Hotel Zhubei City,  
Taiwan



**July 29-Aug 1  
2026**

Malaysian  
Orthopaedic Foot  
Ankle Society  
Annual  
Scientific Meeting



**Aug 1  
2026**

Taiwan Orthopaedic  
Foot & Ankle Society  
Annual Meeting  
Taichung Veterans  
General Hospital  
Taichung City,  
Taiwan



**Aug 20-23  
2026**

The 39th Annual  
Conference of the Indian  
Foot & Ankle Society  
(IFASCON 2026),  
Scheduled from at the  
prestigious Hotel Radisson  
Red in Chandigarh.



**Aug 27 -28  
2026**

Thailand orthopaedic  
foot and ankle  
society annual  
scientific meeting



**Sep 16 -19  
2026**

The IFFAS Biennial  
Meeting & AOFAS  
Annual Meeting,  
which will be held  
at the Seattle  
Convention Center.



**Oct 29-30  
2026**

The 51st Annual  
Meeting of the Japanese  
Society for Surgery  
of the Foot, will be held  
at the Fukuoka  
International  
Congress Center.