



Indian Cartilage Society

ICS Cartilage MR-Radiology Fellowship- 2016 **(Mentor: Prof Siegfried Trattnig, Vienna, Austria)**

Introduction

Indian Cartilage Society (ICS) is striving hard to train its members in various aspects of cartilage repair surgeries. One most important aspect of cartilage repair is basic sciences that involves cell biology, scaffold engineering, cartilage histopathology, cartilage radiology and cartilage rehabilitation. Any cartilage care treatment is incomplete without these basic sciences and paramedical specialities. ICS is encouraging professionals of these allied fields to become member of ICS and also take part in teaching and training opportunities.

Our President, *Dr Deepak Goyal* had explored his contacts worldwide to explore such global possibilities in 2015. In the process, ICS tied up with various 'International Surgeons/ Faculties of Significant Eminence in Cartilage Repair', who can teach our members about various aspects of cartilage repair. ICS declared five international fellowship programs in 2015 and we are working on similar programs for 2016. ICS executive committee is also very generous in granting funds to meet various requirements of these fellowships.

ICS leadership is also thankful to various *International Surgeons/ Faculties of Significant Eminence* who are very supportive of these fellowships. *Dr Siegfried Trattnig*, is a World Authority on Cartilage MRI. He has a big number of publications to his credit. Many cartilage MRI related cuts and scores that we use in our daily life are actually described by him and his team. *Dr Trattnig* has generously agreed to accept a fellow from ICS in the month of November' 2016.

Name of the Fellowship

ICS Cartilage MR-Radiology Fellowship- 2016 (Mentor- Dr Siegfried Trattnig)

Dates

14th – 27th November' 2016 (Two weeks)

Location

MR Center of Excellence for High Field MR, Department of Biomedical Imaging and Image guided Therapy, Medical University of Vienna, Austria.

Number of Position Available

One fellow for ICS Cartilage MR-Radiology Fellowship- 2016 (Mentor- Prof Seigfried Trattnig)

Objectives of Indian Cartilage Society for 'ICS Cartilage MR-Radiology Fellowship'

1. To provide an opportunity to its members of attending internationally reputed cartilage clinics and research centres to understand the current position of cartilage science at International level.
2. To provide a platform to its members for learning the best of cartilage science from international teachers and bring the best cartilage science back to India.
3. To show case Indian work to International community in form of paper presentation.
4. To behave as a goodwill ambassador of India and Indian Cartilage Society.
5. To increase the quality and numbers of scientific papers presented by ICS members during ICS congress by way of such competitive fellowships.
6. ICS member should create bonding between ICS and International institute thru this fellowship and bring international institute and its faculties close to Indian Cartilage Society.

Selection Criteria

1. Candidate must be an Indian citizen residing in India.
2. Candidate must be MD/ MS/ DNB or any other equivalent qualification as per MCI guidelines with **preferably** 3 years of experience after completion of his post-graduation. Candidates with minimum 2 years of experience in Knee/ Shoulder/ Sports Medicine related MR-Radiology will be **more** preferred. Orthopedic Surgeons interested in MR-Radiology can also apply, however the preference will be given to candidates of basic science in Radiology.
3. The age of the candidate should be less than 45 as on 1st September, 2016.
4. Applicant should be a full member of ICS before last day of the previous congress date to become eligible to apply. His application should have reached ICS office before the end of the previous year's congress i.e. before 28th November, 2015. However candidates, who became member after 28th November, 2015 will also be considered if there is no eligible candidate with good merit from the members who joined ICS before 28th November, 2015.
5. An essay of not more than (**Strictly Not More than 300 Words Including Spaces**) should be written by the applicant stating the purpose of his application. Title the essay as, "**My Purpose of Applying for ICS Cartilage MR-Radiology Fellowship- 2016**". The essay will be one of the important criteria for selection.
6. A detailed CV with following headings is must. Points will be added for contribution to each of the activities listed below. Double points will be awarded for any cartilage related activities. The candidate **must** arrange his/ her CV in following order and headings only. Any order other than following will be not considered for scrutiny.
 - a. Name with Complete Address
 - b. Contact Details with Email, Landline and Mobile numbers
 - c. Date of Birth

- d. Education Level, Specify All Your Degrees with Years
 - e. Additional Training (Fellowships) in Radiology/ MRI/ Sports Medicine
 - f. Work Experience
 - g. Publication in Indexed Journals, Specify if it was First Author or Other Author
 - h. Publication/ Chapters in Books, Specify if it was First Author or Other Author
 - i. Free Papers Presented at Conferences by Candidate Himself/ Herself
 - j. Faculty Presentations at Conferences
 - k. Workshops Participations as Faculties
 - l. Chairing of Sessions in Various Conferences
 - m. Previous Fellowships if Any
 - n. Membership to Other Reputed Societies like IOA, IAS, ESSKA, ICRS, ISAKOS, ACRS, APKASS or Internationally recognized Radiology Societies etc
 - o. Social Activities to Support Cartilage Science in India
 - p. Special Awards and Honors
 - q. Any Other that Candidate Feels as Important
7. A research abstract related to cartilage repair work (preferably) or Sports Medicine Radiology work in not more than 300 words. The format of the research abstract should be as per Arthroscopy Journal guidelines. This work should be the original and applicant will be required to present this work at the host institute and also during 4th Congress of ICS to be held at Coimbatore in 2016.
 8. Two reference letters of recommendation must accompany the application.
 9. The last date for submission of the application is 8th October, 2016 9 am.
 10. All the applications will be scrutinized by ICS committee and the results will be declared within two weeks time.
 11. Kindly submit your applications by email to cartilage@knee.in or Deepak@knee.in .

Fellowship Inclusions and Exclusions

1. Economy class travel ticket to and fro from the nearest airport of the applicant to the nearest airport for the fellowship venue.
2. Local accommodation should be arranged by fellow himself. We can ask local host to suggest a good place to stay. However, the cost of the stay has to be borne by the fellow himself.
3. Food facility will also be arranged and paid by fellow himself.
4. All learning facility at the host institute that is included in the scope of host institute's guidelines.
5. Opportunity to work at the host institute as a fellow.
6. Opportunity to present the clinical work at the host institute by the fellow.

Terms and Conditions

1. The selected fellow must attend next ICS congress and present his fellowship report.

2. As per decision taken during 2nd ICS congress, the first priority will be given to the members who applied for ICS membership till 28th Nov' 2015. However, other members should also apply and their applications will also have a good chance of selection.
3. The selected candidate should purchase the economy class ticket in consultation with ICS office. The ticket purchased should be thru direct airline website and not thru the travel agents or travel agency websites. ICS shall not be responsible for flight delays, flight cancellation, missed flights etc. The flight ticket shall be reimbursed during next ICS Congress in front of the general board or during the fellowship presentation session. However in case of genuine economic constraints, fellow can request for a part-payment of the travel cost before his departure. For **ICS Cartilage MR-Radiology Fellowship– 2015** to Europe, the ceiling amount for economy class travel is Rs 60000/- (Rs Fifty Thousands Only). However, the reimbursement should be either actual or a maximum of Rs 60000/-.
4. The selected fellow must buy the overseas travel insurance for himself of sufficient amount. ICS will not be responsible or supportive in case of any medical emergency or other emergencies.
5. Procuring a visa shall be responsibility of the fellow, himself. ICS will issue an invitation letter to support the visa application. ICS will also arrange for a fellow acceptance letter from the host institute. In case, the fellow fails to procure the visa 20 days in advance to travel dates, a standby runner up shall be intimated to be ready.
6. Local transport, taxi fare, bus fare, ferry fare, tram fare etc shall be borne by ICS fellow himself. Food shall also be borne by the fellow himself unless it can be arranged by host as complimentary. ICS and ICS fellow should not put-in pressure on the host for the same.
7. The selected fellow must furnish the written bond to the ICS executive committee that he shall return back to India immediately on completion of his fellowship.
8. This is a short term fellowship aimed towards learning the latest in cartilage repair from international platform. The very purpose of the fellowship is learning and not recreation. Hence, fellow should not combine this fellowship with any other excursion. The selected fellow cannot combine other fellowship or personal training with this fellowship.
9. As the travel fellow is a goodwill ambassador of India and he is suppose to learn and present his work at an international institute; he should not be accompanied by his/ her spouse. This fellowship is for learning and not for travel.

Fellowship Application Checklist

1. An application to The President, Indian Cartilage Society for requesting candidature for the fellowship
2. An essay with title "**My Purpose of Applying for ICS Cartilage MR-Radiology Fellowship**" in not more than 300 words including spaces.
3. A CV with the format described in inclusion criteria.
4. A research abstract in not more than 300 words
5. Two recommendation letters
6. An undertaking that if selected, he is free to join fellowship in the month of October at Vienna.