

OUR NEW PRESIDENT



Air Marshal MS Boparai AVSM, PHS
President, Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine

We welcome Air Marshal MS Boparai AVSM, PHS, Director General of Medical Services (Air), as the new President of our Society. A graduate of Amritsar Medical College, Air Marshal Boparai was commissioned in the Army Medical Corps in 1957. He served in various Field Medical Units in J and K. In the capacity of Medical Adviser to the International Commission in Vietnam, he has worked in Saigon and Hanoi. Following post graduation in Ophthalmology from Sarojini Devi Institute of Ophthalmology, Hyderabad and Institute of Ophthalmology, London, he became a Specialist in Ophthalmology. Later, he was appointed Senior Adviser in Ophthalmology to the Armed Forces in 1978, at Army Hospital. He has visited important Ophthalmology Centres in Europe, Canada and USA as a Fellow of WHO.

He is a member of Ophthalmological Society of UK and a Fellow of International and American College of Surgeons. He has presented a large number of papers in orbital problems in national and international seminars. He holds various offices of importance in a number of professional bodies. His services in Ophthalmology were commended by the COAS in 1982. He was awarded SK Biswas Oration by All India Ophthalmological

Society in 1985. He has been honoured with Dr. B.C. Roy National Award (1991) for his contribution to the Science of Ophthalmology. On the occasion of Republic Day 1992, he was awarded AVSM.

As Brigadier, he commanded the biggest Base Hospital of the Indian Army at Delhi. Thereafter, he worked as Director of Medical Research, in the Office of the DGAFMS in the rank of Major General. He headed the medical services of Northern Command and was instrumental in bringing down the incidence of High Altitude diseases. He has the distinction of having held the appointments of Professor and Head of Dept of Ophthalmology, Dean and Deputy Commandant and subsequently Commandant of the Armed Forces Medical College, Pune.

On 6 Jan 92, he has been appointed as Director General of Medical Services (Air) and has taken over the stewardship of the Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine as its President. We are sure that the Society will benefit a great deal from his vast experience in the field of medicine and his keen interest in Aerospace Medicine.