
International Leadership Award

The International Leadership Award is given to a Fellow or Master of the ACG in recognition of outstanding and substantial contributions to gastroenterology, to the College and to the international gastroenterology community. Substantial contributions internationally may include, but are not limited to, the training of individuals from other countries who have gone on to become leaders in gastroenterology in their community, leadership in international organizations that has resulted in improvement in the care of patients, and participation in humanitarian efforts. Nominations are solicited and reviewed by the Awards Committee with input from the International Affairs Committee and the Board of Governors. The recipient must be approved by the ACG Board of Trustees. The award will be given when appropriate at the ACG Annual Meeting and may not necessarily be given annually.

2020 Recipient

Mahesh K. Goenka, MD, FACC



Dr. Mahesh K Goenka, MD, FACC is presently Director at Institute of Gastrosciences and liver at Apollo Gleneagles Hospital, Kolkata, India. In addition he serves as Director Medical Education at his hospital and is also the Governor (India), American College of Gastroenterology. He is Editor in Chief of Journal of Digestive Endoscopy, Official journal of Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy of India.

Dr. Goenka had his medical education in India and received his post graduate degree in medicine followed by fellowship in Gastroenterology at India's premium institute, Post-graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh, where he continued to serve as faculty. He subsequently conceptualized and organized an Institute of Gastroenterology at Apollo Gleneagles Hospital at Kolkata.

Dr. Goenka has been instrumental in pioneering innovative endoscopic techniques. He is the programme Director of Liver Transplant at Apollo Gleneagles Hospital, Kolkata, the only such programme in private sector in Eastern India. He headed the transplant team which performed the first successful Cadaver Liver Transplant in Eastern India. His areas of interest include therapeutic endoscopy and in particular ERCP, Cholangioscopy and hemostasis of GI bleed.

Dr. Goenka has been involved in institutional, multi-center and international research including collaborative work with prestigious institutes like Johns Hopkins Institute and University of Pittsburgh. He has published around 200 scientific articles in various indexed medical journal and books.

Dr. Goenka has been a medical teacher for the last 30 years initially at a PGIMER, Chandigarh and now at Kolkata. A large number of Gastroenterologists have received their training from Dr. Goenka. Dr. Goenka has delivered almost 250 guest lectures at national and international conferences.

Dr. Goenka served as National Secretary of the Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy of India for six years, and then became the President of the Society. He is also the Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Digestive Endoscopy*, the official journal of the Society. He also serves on the Editorial Board of the *Indian Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Besides being recognized by Indian universities and National Medical Societies, Dr. Goenka contribution has been recognized by International Societies as well. He was the first Indian Gastroenterologist to be elected as Fellow of American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy. He is also a Fellow of American College of Gastroenterology and American Gastroenterological Association. More recently he has been awarded Fellowship of Royal College of Physicians, Glasgow. He was given Visiting Professorship at Alabama University at Birmingham, USA. He has also been awarded Professorship of Gastroenterology at prestigious Medical School of Wisconsin, USA for 2018-2023. He has been on the Editorial Board of a large number of international journals such as the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*, *World Journal of Hepatology*, *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy* and a regular reviewer for journals like *Gastrointestinal Endoscopy*, *Journal of Gastroenterology and Hepatology*. He was selected as President of Asia-Pacific Digestive Week, 2019 and organized the largest Asia-Pacific meeting of Gastroenterology in December 2019.

Dr. Goenka has been a Fellow of ACG for more than 20 years. He is serving as ACG Governor for India for a second term. He is also a member of the International Relations Committee. He has been instrumental in enrolling more than 500 new members of ACG and was co-director of the first Best of ACG India Courses in January 2020, which were attended by thousands of Indian doctors. He also chaired an ACG Webinar in India entitled, "COVID-19: What should the Gastroenterologists know? Lessons from the West."

As Assistant Professor of Community Medicine at PGIMER Chandigarh, Dr Goenka conducted a series of health camps in Chandigarh, Haryana and Punjab. He is associated with Unicef and the West Bengal Blind Welfare Association as a regular resource person, is conducting regular hepatitis awareness and vaccination camps, regular print and TV education programmes and other philanthropic activities.

Overall Dr. Goenka has made a "difference" in the medical field in general and "Gastroenterology and Endoscopy" in particular.

Past International Leadership Award Recipients

2019	Manoop S. Bhutani, MD, FACG
2018	Francis K. L. Chan, MD, FACG
2017	Mark D. Topazian, MD, FACG
2015	Guilherme G. Macedo, MD, PhD, FACG
2014	Henry Cohen, MD, FACG
2013	Toshifumi Hibi, MD, PhD, FACG
2012	Flavio Steinwurz, MD, FACG
2011	Eamonn M. M. Quigley, MD, FACG