

# Biography of Dr. Taraprasad Das, APAO President-Elect (2025-27)



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## Profession

Dr. Das is a fellowship-trained specialist in the medical and surgical management of vitreoretinal diseases. His research interests include diabetic retinopathy, infective endophthalmitis, and public health ophthalmology.

## Current Academic Assignments

- Vice Chairman Emeritus, L V Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad, India
- Mentor & Chief Advisor, Shantilal Shanghvi Eye Institute, Mumbai, India

## Academic Appointments and Fellowships

- Professor of Ophthalmology, the Sun Yet-Sen University, Guangzhou, China
- Adjunct Professor of Ophthalmology, University of Rochester Medical School, Rochester, NY, USA
- Clinical Associate Professor, Dept of Ophthalmology, University of South Carolina, USA
- Fellow, National Academy of Medical Sciences, NAMS India
- Fellow, Academy of Asia-Pacific Professors in Ophthalmology, AAPPO
- Fellow, All India Collegium of Ophthalmology (FAICO)

## Academics

- 19 research grants
- 336 journal publications: (h index: 42; citations: 7089 on January 23, 2025);
- 58 book chapters
- 3 books (author/editor)

## Leadership - Current

- President-Elect, Asia Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology (APAO; 2025-2027)
- Councilor-at-Large, Asia-Pacific Vitreo-retina Society (APVRS; 2021-2025)
- Member, Advisory Board, Asia-Pacific Journal of Ophthalmology (APJO)
- Member, Dr APJ Abdul Kalam International Foundation
- Board of Directors, Bhubaneswar City Knowledge and Innovation Cluster

### **Leadership - Past**

- Vice President, Asia-Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology (APAO; 2019-2025)
- Regional Chair, International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness Southeast Asia (2012-2020)
- President, VISION 2020 India (2017-2020)
- President, Asia-Pacific Vitreo-retina Society (APVRS; 2015-2017)
- Chairman, Program Committee (Retina), ARVO (2008-2010)
- President, All India Ophthalmological Society (AIOS; 2007-2008)
- President, Vitreo Retinal Society of India (VRSI; 2004- 2006)
- Chief Editor, Indian Journal of Ophthalmology (IJO; 1999-2005)
- Chairman, Ethics Committee, IIPH, Hyderabad, Public Health Foundation of India (2015-2020)
- Chairman, Universal Eye Health Program Empowered Committee, Government of Odisha (India) (2017-2022)

### **Awards and Honors**

- 26 Eponymous lectures,
- Government of India Civilian Honour (Padma Shri) (2013)
- Top 2% Scientists of the World (Stanford University survey- 2020,2021, 2022, 2024)
- Top 100 influential ophthalmologists of Asia-Pacific region (2022- APAO survey)
- 50 Awards: India: Government of Odisha; National Societies
- Asia-Pacific: APAO; APVRS, Bangladesh
- International: AAO; IAPB

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