Dr. Prakash Marathe was installed ceremonially as President of IMA Pune on Sunday 2nd April 2017 at the hands of Padmashree Dr. Tatyarao Lahane, Dean, JJ Hospitals, Mumbai and a renowned Ophthalmologist. The program was accompanied by a CME on organ transplantation along with public awareness program on same subject in evening and it was such an appropriate choice that the chief guest, who himself has undergone a successful kidney transplant of late, donor being his mother at a ripe age—this is the organisational skill of our new President at his inception!

Perfectionist, meticulous, moderate, soft spoken, diligent, decent, efficient, well mannered, modest ethical and approachable are the factual adjectives to describe Dr Prakash Marathe in a nutshell. An organizational team player, he enjoys excellent rapport with seniors, peers and juniors. He has excellent skills in orations and presentations. His tenure promises to be a special one.

Dr Marathe was born in 1960 at Thalner (Dhule district), the eldest among 4 siblings. He did his schooling at Chopda (Jalgaon district). A good, hard working student, he topped the SSC and HSC exams in his area. During this period he also had to do rural household and farming activities. He had a great desire to become a doctor and serve society. He did his MBBS and then DOMS from the B J Medical college and Sassoon hospitals, Pune with flying colours. During this period he also participated in debates, elocutions and often found himself selected as anchor for different programs. He has participated in Purushottam Karandak drama competition. He also regularly participates in All India Radio and Television programs.

He started his ophthalmic practice in Pune by establishing his own clinic, Netryoguee Eye Centre at Karvenagar-Warje, Pune. He extended his services to many remote places in and around Pune. Impressed by his credentials and sincerity, he was invited to be Managing Committee member of our prestigious organisation i.e. IMA Pune and has fulfilled in various roles like Joint secretary, Junior and Sr. Secretary, Treasurer, Vice president and Diary secretary, then President elect and finally President now. IMA Pune has such a solid foundation and cascade of hard working posts, that the person is thoroughly grilled and baked to become a leader of 4,300 super brains---and Dr Marathe has excelled in all his posts and tasks! During his tenure as a Secretary, MC minutes used to reach all managing committee members by 1st of each month by email; during his tenure as Diary secretary, he collected the highest revenue; as a Treasurer, he could streamline our finances to a great extent. He is a man of systems,
protocols and actions in time! He has held prestigious posts like Alternate CWC Member IMA HQ, New Delhi for 4 years (2012-16) and Executive Council Member IMA CGP Maharashtra State- 1 year (2013-14). Presently he is a Member, Election Commission, IMA Maharashtra State (2015-18). He has been recipient of "President’s Appreciation Award", IMA, Maharashtra State in 2013 and 2014. He has been Organising Secretary of many conferences like WHCON 2012, IDCON 2012, IDCON 2013, AMSCON 2013, GPCON 2013.

He is an Organisation man and as testimony of his efficiency, he is simultaneously handling great responsibilities as President of Maharashtra Ophthalmic Society (MOS)!. Dr Marathe has served MOS as a Zonal member, Secretary and Vice President leading now to President. He was Organising Secretary of MOSCON 2011 Pune. It is needless to mention that he was a successful president of Poona Ophthalmic Society in 2009-10.

He has delivered a presentation at Nottingham University Queen's Medical Centre, UK. He had organised overseas CME at Milan University Eye Hospital, Italy as President of POS. He has delivered talks in various Local, State and National Conferences. He has visited Kenya to perform charitable mega eye surgery camps. He has participated in various public awareness TV programs for social cause covering topics like eye donation, common eye diseases. He has contributed write-ups and articles in various newspapers. He has presented at the prestigious Vasant Vyakhyamala, Pune.

Away from the clamour of his work, Dr Prakash Marathe is a thorough family man. He is ably supported by his wife Mrs Swati , a homemaker. His son Dr. Supreet, has been a topper throughout his career, MBBS, MS (Gen Surgery), Mch (CVTS) (Gold Medalist) and now a Cardiovascular and thoracic Surgeon, is presently doing fellowship in Paediatric Cardiac Surgery in Australia. His daughter-in-law, Dr. Shilpa has done MBBS, MD (Paediatrics), FNB (Pediatric Cardiology) is no less gifted and is pursuing a fellowship in Pediatric Cardiology there.

I am sure, IMA Pune is in safe and able hands and Dr Prakash will bring all his maturity, prudence, skills and experience to take her to new heights with modern touch of e-communications. His progressive leadership is sure to create a new benchmark for future incumbents of this post, as he has done all through his career in IMA Pune, POS and MOS. We wish him all the best and fullest cooperation in his endeavour to brighten IMA’s image further!