### Manifesto

Every sixth human in the planet lives in India. The new Digital India has resulted in a once, third world country, now becoming the fifth largest economy in the world (overtaking France). The word International will have a true significance only when ISfTeH becomes well known to all those in the eHealth/Telehealth ecosystem in South Asia. ATNF is well known in the region as the oldest and largest multi-speciality telemedicine network. With the assistance of other board members, this board member (if elected) proposes to attempt to bridge the considerable existing gap between India and other members (national, institutional and corporate of ISfTeH).

Illustrations of projects done in India could be of help to those in other countries, including the developed countries. The new “Ayushman Bharat Yojana” scheme proposed by the Govt of India aims to provide total healthcare to 100 million Indians. The world’s largest universal health coverage project scheme alone will consume 1.5 billion Euro per year. This and many other schemes offer a great opportunity for globalisation of Telehealth. The candidate’s in-depth knowledge of the Indian scenario would be useful to bring the activities of ISfTeH to India. The specific action programme proposed would therefore essentially revolve around putting India as a major contributor to the aims and objectives of ISfTeH.

### Profile

1. Apollo Telemedicine Networking Foundation - ATNF (http://www.apollotelehealth.com) is a non-profit foundation of the globally renowned, Apollo Hospitals Group (https://www.apollohospitals.com/). ATNF has formally been an institutional member of ISfTeH since 2014.

2. K Ganapathy, Founder/President of ATNF was also a co-founder of the Telemedicine Society of India and a Past President of the Telemedicine Society of India (http://www.tsi.org.in/). Played an instrumental part from as early as 2006 to ensure that TSI became the national member of ISfTeH.

3. Dr Ganapathy has been regularly presenting papers at the Med@Tel Conferences at Luxembourg from 2007.

4. Dr Ganapathy was primarily incharge of organising the 12th annual ISfTeH Conference in Chennai, India in 2006 and again the 20th ISfTeH international conference in 2015 in Chennai, India.

5. Dr Ganapathy has also participated at National ISfTeH conferences at Rio De Janeiro, Brazil in November 2016 and at the Finnish annual conference at Helsinki,
6. Dr Ganapathy was instrumental in the Telemedicine Society of India signing an MoU with American Telemedicine of Association (ATA) in 2011.

7. In July 2018 Dr Ganapathy was appointed to the editorial board of the prestigious journal “Telemedicine and eHealth” which is the official journal of the ATA and ISfTeH.

8. Dr Ganapathy is also a reviewer for the journals “Telemedicine and eHealth”, the Journal of ISfTeH and other international journals dealing with eHealth.

9. Over the last 20 years, Dr Ganapathy has been recognised nationally and internationally as an evangelist par excellence and is playing a significant role in the growth and development of Telehealth in India. He is currently overseeing several major Public Private Partnership projects with state governments in India besides a major CSR activity in collaboration with a multinational company.

10. Dr Ganapathy has travelled overseas extensively and has a large number of presentations and publications in the area of Telehealth. He started his career as a Neurosurgeon, was also Secretary and later President of the Neurological Society of India and was President of the Indian Society of Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery.

11. Dr Ganapathy has a one to one relationship with many of the existing board members and has a good knowledge of the history of ISfTeH and its primary aims and objectives. He would be in a position to propagate the aims of ISfTeH in India.