

Announcements 2015

A. IAPM Elections 2015

Nominations are invited by the Honorary Secretary for the election to the following posts (to be elected through postal/electronic ballot):

- 1. President (one post)**, tenure of one year
- 2. Vice President (one post)**, tenure of one year

The duties of the above posts are provided in the Bye-Laws of the Association. Every candidate for the post of President and Vice President should have at least 10 years standing as Life Member (without interruptions) and have served the Association in one or more ways by being an office-bearer, or being a member of the council or Chapter/Chairperson or participating in Symposium/Seminar at the Annual Conference or as an Organizing Secretary/Chairman.

Nominations are to be made on plain paper duly proposed and seconded by Members who do not owe any membership dues (such as Life Members). The nominated member, proposer and seconder should provide their IAPM Membership Numbers and sign the nomination. The nominated candidate shall provide a letter of consent and a copy of their bio-data (not exceeding one A4 size page). Note: Under no circumstances the candidates should canvas for elections by any means.

The last date for receipt of nominations is **31st August 2015**. Last date for withdrawal of nominations is **25th September 2015**. Ballot Papers will be dispatched by **30th September 2015**, only to those members who have cleared all dues by 30th June 2015 as notified by the Honorary Treasurer. If possible, electronic ballot will be introduced. Last date for **receipt of Ballot papers** is **15th November 2015**. The Association shall not be responsible for any delays/non-receipt of ballot papers due to incorrect address/postal delays or similar circumstances beyond its control.

B. APCON 2015 Awards Session

Applications from IAPM members are invited for the Dr VR Khanolkar Prize, Smt. Kunti Devi Mehrotra Award, Prof KC Basu Mallick Award, and Best Paper Award. The applications, complete in all respects should reach the Honorary Secretary by the **31st August 2015**.

1. The **Dr VR Khanolkar Prize** is one of the most prestigious awards of IAPM for published research work. The contest for this prize is open to all members fulfilling the following criteria:

- a) Age of the applicant should be **below 45 years** on 31st July for that particular year (age proof to be provided)
- b) The research work submitted should have been carried out in India
- c) The above research work should have been published in the preceding two years.

The principal author shall submit:

- a) Covering letter indicating the IAPM Membership number
- b) Certificate from **all authors** certifying that this research work has been carried out in India and this work has not received any other award
- c) Certificate from the **co-authors** (if any), attesting and supporting the candidature of the principal author, and
- d) Brief biodata of the applicant. In case the applicant is a postgraduate or senior resident, there should be letter from Head of the Department/Dean stating that the applicant is eligible for the award.

The Pdf format of the published paper is to be emailed to the Secretary IAPM. The applications, complete in all respects (as word or pdf documents, **not** images) should reach the Honorary Secretary by the **31st August 2015**, preferably by email.

The publication will be judged by a panel of three judges to be approved and appointed by the President/Honorary Secretary, IAPM. The award may be shared by more than one paper if so adjudged or no prize may be given if no entry is found suitable. The prize carries a certificate that will be distributed during APCON 2016.

2. The **Smt Kunti Devi Mehrotra Award** is another prestigious award given annually for published research work. The award is open to all members fulfilling the following criteria:

- a) The applicant should be **below 50 years of age** on 31st July for that particular year (age proof to be provided)
- b) The research work submitted should have been carried out in India
- c) The above research work should have been published by the contesting member as the **first author** in the preceding two years.

The principal author shall submit:

- a) Covering letter indicating the IAPM Membership number
- b) Certificate from **all authors** certifying that this research work has been carried out in India and this work has not received any other award
- c) Certificate from the **co-authors** (if any), attesting and supporting the candidature of the principal author, and
- d) Brief biodata of the applicant.

The Pdf format of the published paper is to be emailed to the Secretary IAPM. The applications, complete in all respects (as word or pdf documents, **not** images) should reach the Honorary Secretary by the **31st August 2015**, preferably by email.

The publication will be judged by a panel of three judges, one nominated by the family of Smt. Mehrotra and two by the President/Honorary Secretary, IAPM. The award may be shared by more than one paper if so adjudged or no prize may be given if no entry is found suitable. The prize carries a certificate that will be distributed during APCON 2016.

3. **Dr KC Basu Mallick Award** is given to the best paper during the plenary session of the APCON. There is no age restriction and the research work should have been carried out in India. The principal author shall submit a statement from his or her co-authors (if any) supporting his or her candidature for the award – This should be a hard copy and sent to the Secretary's office

All candidates should submit a full length text of the research work to be presented in the form of a manuscript for publication (refer to instructions to authors of Indian Journal of

Pathology and Microbiology) – This should be a soft copy. The format is **Word document** or **pdf** with images embedded within the manuscript and emailed to the Secretary. The applications, complete in all respects should reach the Honorary Secretary by the **31st August 2015**.

The paper shall be scrutinized by a panel of referees selected by the President/Secretary. A **maximum of five papers** will be selected for presentation. If the paper is not selected, it will be submitted for the Oral free paper session by the Secretary with due notification to the applicant. If none of the presentations are found suitable no award shall be given. The time allotted for presentation is generally **10 minutes** only (including the questions and answers). The prize carries a certificate that will be distributed during APCON 2016.

4. The **Best Paper Award** is given to the best paper presented during the plenary session of the Annual Conference of IAPM. The rules are similar to the Prof KC Basu Mallick Award except: Age below 35 years on 31st December 2013 (age proof to be provided). A maximum of four papers will be selected for presentation.

C. APCON 2015 – CMEs & Symposia

1. The following CMEs are scheduled to be held during APCON 2015:

- a) Update in uropathology - Dr. Santosh Menon, Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai:
- b) Role of cardiac biomarkers in diagnosis and risk stratification of ischemic heart disease - Dr. Smita Divate, Seth GS Medical College, Mumbai
- c) Oral cancer: Role of pathologist - Prof Nuzhat Husain, Dr Ram Manohar Lohia Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow
- d) Pathology Education in the 21st Century- Dr. KP Aravindan, Medical College, Calicut
- e) Chronic Liver disease: A systematic approach to diagnosis - Drs. S Datta Gupta & Prasenjit Das, AIIMS, New Delhi
- f) Testicular tumors an update - Dr. Thanka, Sree Ramchandra Medical College, Chennai

2. Symposia: The following symposia are scheduled to be held during APCON 2014:

- a) **Dr. Gaya Prasad Memorial Pathology Symposium** on “Update in epithelial and mesenchymal tumors of the uterus” - Dr. Kedar Deodhar, Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai
- b) **Dr. Ananthanarayan Memorial Microbiology Symposium** on “Subcutaneous Mycosis” – Dr. Sharada Rane, BJ Medical College, Pune
- c) **Hematology Symposium** on “Chronic lymphoproliferative disorders”- Dr. Renu Saxena, AIIMS, New Delhi
- d) **Practising Pathologists’ Symposium** on “Digitization in practice” - Dr Sujay Prasad, Bengaluru

3. Histopathology Slide Seminar on “Pathology of peripheral nerve biopsies”- Dr. Megha Uppin, NIMS, Hyderabad

D. APCON 2015 – Free Papers

The aim of this session is to encourage post-graduates and young faculty to present research papers and **is meant for the non-award papers only.** The presenting author should be member of IAPM. If the author is a non-member and wishes to present the paper, then he/she should apply for IAPM membership in advance and at the earliest. Only registered delegates can send the abstracts. Each member can present only one paper (either paper or poster and not both)

All the **abstracts** are to be uploaded using online registration at the conference web-site. It is mandatory that the delegate be an IAPM member during the process of uploading. There is no need to send hard copies by post or by CDs. **The cut-off date will be 30th September 2015.** No abstracts will be taken after this deadline.

The **First Page** of the abstract should contain the following details: Name of the Presenting Author (underlined) and co-authors (if any), IAPM Number of the presenting author, Address for correspondence, Delegate registration number (if already available), Mobile number, Email, and the appropriate sub-specialty. The delegates may choose the following sub-specialty: Autopsy Pathology, Bones/Joints/Soft Tissue Pathology, Cytopathology, Dermatopathology, Endocrine Pathology, Gastrointestinal Pathology, Hepatobiliary & Pancreatic Pathology, Laboratory Medicine (includes Biochemistry, Clinical Pathology, Immunology and

Hematology), Lymphoreticular Pathology, Microbiology, Neuropathology, Pediatric Pathology, Thoracic Pathology, Uro-genital & Breast Pathology, **AND** Others.

The **Second Page** of the abstract should include: the **Title, Presenting Author** (underlined) and co-authors (if any) and **Institutional Affiliations**. The abstract is restricted to a maximum of 250 words, using Times New Roman size 12 font. It should include: **Objectives, Methods, Results, Conclusions, and Key words**. Please check for grammar and spelling mistakes.

The number of cases/patients for a free paper should be more than ten; otherwise it will be relegated to the poster category, unless the cases are unusual or rare. All abstracts are peer reviewed, and the IAPM reserves the right to assign it as oral or poster presentation. The abstract therefore should not be casually written and due care should be taken to ensure its contents. There will be total of seven minutes for presentation and two minutes for discussion. All participants should finish in the time allotted.

No correspondence regarding a change in the presentation shall be entertained and all members are requested not to contact the Conference Secretariat or the Honorary Secretary in the matter. On the basis of the consensus received from the screening committee members and Secretary IAPM, Secretary Organizing Committee shall prepare the final list of papers to be presented. Accepted abstracts will be listed on the conference web-site by **31st October 2015**. Abstracts may be withdrawn by a written communication via email to the Secretary by **15th October 2015**.

E. APCON 2015 – Posters

The aim of this session is to encourage post-graduates and young faculty to present rare or unusual cases. The presenting author should be member of IAPM. If the author is a non-member and wishes to present the poster, then he/she should apply for IAPM membership in advance and at the earliest. Only registered delegates can send the abstracts. Each member can present only one paper (either paper or poster and not both)

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A total of ten posters **will be** selected for presentation. Every effort should be made to select equal number of case reports and case series (presented as poster). The presentation will be for five minutes (three minutes for presentation and two minutes for discussion).

E. APCON 2015 – On-Line Quiz

Contributions are invited for the online quiz on 7th December 2014, conducted by Dr. Sharada Rane, Joint Secretary (09422081682, sharadarane22@gmail.com). The contributors will be acknowledged.