The month of August brings the great enthusiasm of the Independence Day and the festive mood of Ganesh Chaturthi throughout the country. At the middle of this, we have lost a legendary pathologist, our beloved Dr. M. Balaraman Nair. His knowledge in the subject of pathology and his familiarity in the rules and regulations of IAPM were unparalleled. We will definitely miss him. During the period of Ganesh festival, we have also lost a remarkable clinical colleague who was the husband of an equally talented pathologist. At the time of writing this message, we are debating who is responsible for this tragic accident. Does anybody deserve this type of death? Whoever may be responsible for it, a large number of patients will definitely miss the healing touch of a great doctor and we will miss a great orator and a great analyst of a clinical situation. The joy of seeing the celebration of Independence Day by our senior colleagues in our head quarter, Cuttack in a what's APP message, was only short-lived as we are now mourning the death of a senior respected teacher and a beloved clinical colleague. No amount of words will console the relatives of the tragic death of this well know clinician. Only we can pray that God will give the family members of these two gifted doctors enough strength to tide over this crisis but all of us will remember these two excellent doctors forever.

The mega academic event of IAPM (APCON 2017) is only three months away and the organizing committee must be making all efforts to make the event a great success. Our immediate past president Prof. S. Duttagupta has done a great job in making a new look scientific programme of APCON 2017 in which he has introduced several sessions including several morning sessions after a gap of ten years. The afternoon CME programmes will be more extensive covering almost 12 to 15 subspeciality of pathology. The experts in these fields have also been identified to moderate these sessions.

Our honorary secretary Dr. Sharada Rane has taken a special interest in the membership drive and in the society’s website management. She is also successful in introducing the online payment facility for the new APCON members and it is extremely laudable. We are in the process of finalizing our membership database. She is also trying to make the election process electronically and I sincerely support for this. I hope that the EC and GB will concur on this.

I must admit that all is not well in the activity of this executive. There is some problem in the treasurer office, which is not at that pace as the office of our dynamic honorary secretary. We should discuss this in the EC and GB to streamline it.
Happy Ganesh Festival to all of you!

The Dear Members

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SECRETARY’S MESSAGE

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Dr Sharada Rane

NORTHWEST CHAPTER IAPM
Chairperson: Prof R K Vasishta

1. A conference of the north-west chapter of IAPM was
hosted by the Department of Histopathology, PGIMER,
Chandigarh on 27th November 2016. Prof B D Radotra
and Vandita Kakkar were the chairperson and organising
secretary respectively. Prof B N Datta, Prof A K Banerjee
and Prof K Joshi, all Ex-HODs of Histopathology graced
the occasion with their presence. The conference was
attended by about 120 delegates from Punjab, Haryana,
Himachal Pradesh and J & K besides Chandigarh. The
academic session commenced with a lecture on "Gleason's
grading: a systemic approach by Dr Murali Varma FRCPa
(London), FACP (USA), Senior Consultant Histopathologist,
The University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff, UK. This was
followed by a lecture on "Issues on breast screening
pathology" by Dr. Varsha Shah, Senior Consultant
Histopathologist, Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, UK. Dr
Murali Varma also delivered a lecture on "Bladder cancer
grading: WHO1973 or 2004". In the afternoon, there were
two lectures 1) "papillary breast lesions- an update" and 2)
"Immunohistochemistry: pitfalls and precautions" by Dr
Varsha Shah and Dr. Murali Varma respectively.

2. The Postgraduate Department of Pathology,
Government Medical College, Jammu, J&K hosted the North
West Chapter, IAPM conference on 22nd April 2017. It
was organised by Prof K KKoul, HOD department of
Pathology at GMC Jammu and was attended by more than
500 delegates.

The conference programme included a variety of
lectures. Prof R K Vasishta, HOD of Histopathology,
PGIMER, Chandigarh and President NW Chapter
deliberated on the "Ethics in Histopathology Practices"
which generated a widespread discussion among
participants. Prof Harsh Mohan, Ex_HOD of Pathology,
GMCH, Chandigarh and past-president IAPM gave a talk
on "Biomedical Writing --Art & Science". Dr.KavitaMard,
Professor Pathology IGMC Shimla talked about WHO
Update on CNS Tumours.

A wide range of haematology topics were covered by
eminent and reputed pathologists.

MAHARASHTRA CHAPTER IAPM

The Maharashtra Chapter of IAPM organized it's annual
conference between 8th to 10th September at Solapur. It
was hosted by Dr G A Pandit Head of the department of
Pathology. Dr V M Government Medical college Solapur. It
was inaugurated By Hon. Dr Subhash Bhamre Minister of
State for Defence in the presence of Dr Asim Das, President
IAPM, Dr Sharade Rane, Secretary IAPM and Dr A T
Deshmukh President, Maharashtra Chapter IAPM. Nearly
700 delegates attended the conference which was held at
Balaji Sarovar".
KARNATAKA CHAPTER
LIST OF ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES IN THE YEAR 2017
(JUNE-SEPT 2017)

1. JUNE 2017: REPORT OF KCIAPM INTERACTIVE SLIDE SEMINAR: Columbia Asia Referral Hospital, Bangalore organised a CME on Saturday, 17th June 2017. It was a 4 hour programme and 77 postgraduates / consultants turned up from across the state. There were interactive lectures on biochemistry (Liver function tests – A case based approach, by Dr Sweta Shivashanker), microbiology (Hepatitis viruses – A case based approach, by Drs Angelina Mendos and Anisha M Fernandes) and, ‘How to write a paper’ by Dr Sanjay A Pai.

2. 2nd International Multi-Disciplinary Breast Cancer Conference and Updates. Organized by: Department of Pathology, Bangalore Medical College & Research Institute, Bangalore. Date: 14th & 15th July, 2017 Venue: Dr. Basavarajendra Auditorium, Bangalore Medical College & Research Institute.

The conference was designed to provide an update on current screening guidelines, ER, PR, HER 2 testing, CAP -ASCO guidelines, new tests OncotypeDx. Internationally renowned experts were invited to provide knowledge about the pursuance of molecular aspects of breast cancer.

3. KAPCON 2017 at SSIMS & RC DAVANAGERE: The 44rd Annual Conference of Karnataka Chapter of Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists was organized by the Dept of Pathology, SSIMS & RC Davanagere. The number of registered delegates for the CME and Conference was 380.

Renowned experts were invited across the state to share their knowledge and experience. Wide range of topics ranging from diagnostics to medical education including ethics in pathology, were selected.

APCON PROGRAM 2017, GANDHI MEDICAL COLLEGE, BHOPAL
INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF PATHOLOGY - INDIAN DIVISION
7TH DECEMBER 2017

8.30 am – 9.00 am Inauguration
9.00 am – 10.00 am Guest Lecture by Dr Anais Malpica, M.D. Anderson Cancer Centre, Houston, Texas, USA
10.30 am – 12.30 pm Slide Seminar on “Breast core Biopsy”
Moderator : Dr Amanjit Bal, PGIMER, Chandigarh
Lunch
12.30 pm – 1.30 pm Slide Seminar by Dr Anais Malpica
1.30 pm – 2.30 pm Symposium on “Pathology of Sudden Death”
Moderator : Dr. Pradeep Vaidshwar, Seth G.S. Medical College & KEM Hospital, Mumbai
2.30 pm – 4.30 pm General body meeting of IAP-ID
Dinner.

4.30 pm – 5.30 pm
8.00 pm onwards
APCON 2017 SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

8TH DECEMBER 2017

8.30 am to 9.30 am Parallel Breakfast Sessions

1: Students corner (Hall A)
2: Research Methodology (For 1st Yr.PG) (Hall B)
   Topic : How to present a paper and Data
   Speaker : Professor Pallab Roy
3: Research Methodology (For 3rd Yr PG) (Hall C)
   Topic : Career options after PG
   Speaker : Dr D.N. Lanjewar
4: Topic : Basic molecular biology for pathologist (Hall D)
   Speaker : Professor K.P. Aravindan

10.00 am to 10.45 am
Dr BK Aikat Oration: Prof Ashim Das

10.45 pm to 12.15 pm
Plenary paper session:
Dr KC Basu Malick & Best paper Award session
Inauguration of APCON

12.15 pm to 1.00 pm
Poster viewing and Lunch

1.00 pm to 2.00 pm
Inauguration of APCON

2.00 pm to 3.30 pm
Parallel CMEs / Symposia / Slide seminar

1: Slide Seminar ( Hall A )
   Topic : Rare Paediatric Tumours
   Moderator : Dr Kirti Gupta
   Detail programme not available

2: Liver Pathology+ 3 papers ( Hall B )
   Topic: Liver Bx Pathology
   Moderator : Dr Nalini Bansal
   Algorithmic Approach to Interpretation of Liver Biopsies
   1. Dr Nalini Bansal Gupta (SRL, Fortis OKhla, New Delhi) Pattern based approach to interpretation of Liver Biopsies
   2. Dr Deepak Burad (CMC Vellore) Cholestatic Liver Disease
   3. Dr Dilip Ramrakhiani (SMS Jaipur) Nodular Lesions of Liver

3: Hematology Symposium+ 3 papers (Hall C)
   Topic : Myelodysplastic Syndromes
   Moderator: Dr Seema Tyagi
   Dr Seema Tyagi (AIIMS Delhi) Introduction & Diagnosis of MDS
   Dr Tejinder Singh (MAMC, Delhi) Biology and Pathogenesis
   Dr Reena Dass Classification, What is new?
   Dr Deepak Mishra (TMC, Kolkata) Genetics & Prognosis

4: Renal Pathology (Hall D)
   Topic : Renal Tumour Pathology slide seminar +3 papers
   Moderator: Dr Sandhya Sunderam
   Dr. Sandhya Sundaram (SRMC, Chennai): Case discussion
   Dr. Santhosh Menon (TMH, Mumbai)
   Dr. BH Srinivas
3.30 pm to 4.00 pm  
Buffer Time / Tea Time

4.00 pm to 5.30 pm  
Parallel CMEs / Symposia / Slide Seminar

1. Cytology (Hall A)

   **Topic:** Cytology with case based Discussion
   
   **Moderator:** Dr Rashmi Nichlani
   
   Dr. Rashmi Nichlani (Bhopal)
   
   Dr Rini Malik (Bhopal)
   
   Dr. Vinita Kothari (Indore)
   
   **Overview**
   
   **Case Based Discussion**
   
   **Exfoliative Cytology and LBC**

2. Gynecology Pathology + 3 papers (Hall B)

   **Topic:** Borderline Surface Epithelial Tumors
   
   **Moderator:** Dr Radhika Srinivasan
   
   Speaker: Dr. Bharat Rekhi, TMH, Mumbai
   
   Speaker: Dr. Radhika S, PGI, Chandigarh
   
   Speaker: Dr. Sandeep Mathur, AIIMS, New Delhi
   
   Speaker: Dr. Indu Nair, AIMS, Kochi
   
   Classification, Grossing, importance of intraoperativestaging and Molecular aspects of epithelial ovarian neoplasms with special ref to Borderline tumours.
   
   Borderline serous tumours- gross/
   
   microscopical features, microinvasion, implants and d/d- low grade serous ca, micropapillary serous ca.
   
   Borderline Mucinous (and PMP), Seromucinous and endometrioid Tumors
   
   Challenging Case Demonstration
   
   TBL Free paper in Gynec. Pathology (3x7 minutes)

3: Pulmonary Pathology + 3 papers (Hall C)

   **Topic:** Integrated diagnosis in small Lung biopsies.
   
   **Moderator:** Dr Chandralekha Tampi
   
   Details not available

4: Ophthalmic Pathology + 3 papers (Hall C)

   **Topic:** Intraocular Tumors
   
   **Moderator:** Dr Geetha Venuganthi
   
   1) Dr. Geeta K Vemuganti  
      Prof. & Dean, School of Medical Sciences, Univ of Hyderabad
      Handling of Eyeball Specimens and Classification of Intraocular tumors.
   
   2) Dr. Ruchi Mittal  
      Ophthalmic Pathologist, LV Prasad Eye Institute, Bhubaneshwar
      Retinoblastoma & AJCC classification.
   
   3) Dr. Seema Sen / KK  
      Head, Ophthalmic Pathology, R P Centre, AIIMS
      Mimics of Retinoblastoma
   
   4) Dr. K Krishnakumar / SS  
      Deputy Director, Vision Research Foundation
      Overview of Uveal Tumors and recent advances
   
   5) Dr. R Santhi  
      Chief Pathologist, Aravind Medical Research Foundation
      Intraocular tumor Suprises
5: Molecular pathology+ 3 papers ( Hall D )

**Topic:** Application of Protein IHC to Genes

**Moderator:** Dr Sangeeta Desai

**Introductory remarks:**
- Dr. Mayur Parihar (TMC, Kolkata) : Breast cancer
- Dr. Mukta Ramadwar (TMC, Mumbai) : Colorectal cancer
- Dr. Rajiv Kumar (TMC, Mumbai) : Lung Cancer

5.00 pm to 5.30 pm
- Buffer Time

5.00 pm to 6.00 pm
- Editorial Board Meeting

6.00 pm to 8.00 pm
- Executive Council Meeting

8.00 pm Onward
- Dinner

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**9TH DECEMBER 2017**

8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Breakfast Sessions

1: LN Pathology Case based Discussion ( Hall A )

**Speaker:** Dr Anita Borges

2: G.I.Pathology Case based Discussion ( Hall B )

**Speaker:** Prof.Anna Pullimud

3: CNS Pathology Case Based Discussion ( Hall C)

**Speaker:** Dr Chitra Sarkar

9.00 am to 9.30 am
- Buffer Time

9.30 am to 10.30 am
- Dr Gaya Prasad Memorial Symposium

**Topic:** Gestational Trophoblastic Disease

**Moderator:** Asaranti Kar

Dr. Asaranti Kar : Introduction of topic and speakers

Dr. Geetashree Mukherjee, TMC, Kolkata : Lesions of villous trophoblastic origin with extrauterine lesions

Prof. Nalini Gupta, PGI, Chandigarh : Lesions of extravillous trophoblastic origin.

Dr. Asaranti Kar, S.C.B.Medical College, Cuttack : Assessment of diagnosis and prognosis with role of IHC

Prof. Tushar Kar, VIMSAR, Burla : Management protocol in reference to New FIGO staging and modified WHO risk factor scoring system.

10.45 am to 11.30 am
- ICP Oration in the memory of Dr S.M. Shirsat by Dr Jaya Deshpande

**Topic:** Traffic Stoppers in the Heart

11.30 am to 12.30 pm
- Guest Lecture By Prof.(Dr) K. Ranganathan

**Topic:** Odontogenic Tumors

11.30 am to 1.00 pm
- ICP Executive Meeting

12.30 pm to 2.00 pm
- Poster Viewing And Lunch

2.00 pm to 3.00 pm
- ICP GBM

2.00 pm to 3.30 pm
- 1: Preferred Papers ( Hall A )

Parallel CMEs / Symposia / Slide Seminar
2: Pediatric Pathology (Hall B)
Topic: Foetal Autopsy Pathology
Moderator: Dr Sunil Jaiman
1. Dr C. N. Sai Shalini
   Associate Professor,
   Department of Pathology,
   Sri Ramachandra Medical College
   and Research Institute, Chennai.
   Fetal Renal Anomalies.
2. Dr Shalini, Senior Research Fellow,
   Department of Medical Genetics
   Kasturba Medical College,
   Manipal University, Manipal.
   Perinatal autopsy: A valuable tool for
   diagnosis of genetic disorders.
3. Dr Sunil Jaiman, Assistant Professor
   Wayne State University
   School of Medicine
   Hutzel Women’s Hospital, Perinatology
   Research Branch (NICHD/NIH),
   Michigan, USA.
   Live (video recorded) session on Performing a
   Perinatal Autopsy and Placenta grossing.

3: Laboratory Medicine (Hall C)
Moderator: Dr Ranjan Agarwal
1. Dr Ranjan Agrawal
   Introduction to the topic and Speakers
2. Dr Mukesh Agrawal
   System of Corporate labs in regard to
   automation in their set-ups.
3. Dr Tapadia
   Debate in favour of Manual system
4. Dr Nitesh Mohan
   Debate in favour of Automation
5. Panel Discussion with Q & A session

4: Endocrine Pathology (Hall D)
Topic: Slide Seminar
Moderator: Col. Ramanan
Details not available

5: Dermatopathology (Hall D)
Topic: Vesiculobulous lesions
Moderator: Dr Leena Dennis
Dr Leena Denis (SRMC, Chennai)
Dr Meera Thomas (CMC, Vellore)
Dr Gundala Ishitha (CME, Vellore)
Intraepidermal bulla/vesicle due to spongiosis and ballooning
Intraepidermal bulla/vesicle due to acantholytic dyskeratosis
Subepidermal bulla/vesicle Cases
Wrap up with algorithmic approach to diagnosis
Oral presentations (dermatopathology papers)
Buffer Time
Proferred Papers in Hall B,C, D and E
IAPM GBM (Hall A)
Banquet Dinner.
OBITUARY

Dr M Balaraman Nair (MBBS, MD (Pathology), DPB, FIC, FIMSA, FAMS), 85, the doyen of Pathology in Kerala, passed away on 13th August, 2017. He was serving as the Chief Consultant Pathologist, Medical Director and Chief Executive Officer of DDRCSRL in Trivandrum.

Dr Balaraman Nair completed his MBBS at Trivandrum Medical College in 1956, and MD (Path and Bact) in JJ Hospital and Grant Medical College, Bombay in 1961. In a long and illustrious career, he has donned many roles, including:

- Professor – Department of Pathology, Medical Colleges Kottayam, Calicut and Trivandrum, and PSGIMS Coimbatore.
- Professor – Department of Forensic Medicine, Kottayam Medical College.
- WHO Fellow in Cancer Cytology in UK.
- Principal – Kottayam, Calicut and Trivandrum Medical Colleges.
- Director of Medical Education, Government of Kerala.
- Dean, Faculty of Medicine, University of Kerala and University of Calicut.
- Vice President of IMA Kerala State Branch.
- Chairman, State Medical Research Board.
- President, Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists.
- President, International Academy of Pathologists, Indian Division.
- Chairman, Indian College of Pathologists.
- President, State Medical Council (Kerala).
- Thirty two publications in National and International Journals.
- Nine contributions to Books and Proceedings.
- Lifetime Achievement Award of the IAPM Kerala Chapter, 2017.
- Best Doctor Award, 2006.

A mentor to many generations of Pathologists in Kerala and one of the stalwarts of Pathology in the country, he will be deeply missed. It is great loss to IAPM. Prayers for the departed soul.

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10TH DECEMBER 2017

8.30 am to 9.30 am
Poster Award Session (Hall A)

9.45 am to 10.30 am
Guest Lecture by Dr Anand Lagoo (USA) Hall A
Professor of Pathology,
Duke University Medical Centre, Durham, USA
Topic: Update on WHO 2016 Lymphoma Classification

10.30 am to 11.00 am
Education Discussion (Hall A)
Topic: MCI UG Curriculum in Pathology

11.00 am to 11.30 am
Buffer Time/Tea Time

11.30 am to 1.00 pm
APCON Online Quiz (Hall A) Dr Sharada Rane

1.00 pm to 1.30 pm
Valedictory Function and (Hall A) Installation of New President.