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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members of the IAPM Family

I presume by now all of you must have settled back to your routine lives after attending the successful APCON 2019 in the first week of December at Chandigarh. I am sure all of you have been appreciative of the academic program and the excellent arrangements made by the hosts.

At the end of this year, the entire team of office bearers, with the exception of the Editor-in-Chief, will have completed their term and will be handing over the baton to the newly elected members. I wish them to have a fruitful experience in their respective positions. I never realized how the times fly and I have completed my journey of nine years serving my association in various capacities. I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the members of the Executive Council who have willingly offered help and advice at all times. I express my sincere thanks to the quartet of Dr. UL Wagholikar, Dr. KP Deodhar, Dr. DN Lanjewar and Dr. Niranjan Rout without whom my sailing would not have been smooth. In the later years, I am also thankful to Dr. Sharada Rane with whose help we have tried to streamline the academic programs (with variable success), and tried to go green and hence paperless wherever possible. I am certain the newly elected team would also strive to take the association to greater heights. Wishing you and your family a Happy and Healthy 2020.

With warm regards
Pradeep Vaideeswar



Dr. Pradeep Vaideeswar

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

At the outset, I would like to wish all our members a happy and healthy 2020 and also welcome the new team of office-bearers who would take our association to new heights. During the three-year tenure, we have introduced the Online membership process, online membership certificates & I-Cards And also successfully conducted Online (electronic) election process. Members E-directory also published which is sent to all members by email. All this was possible due to the constant support of office bearers and Past presidents. Lastly, I thank the organizers of APCON 2019 for the memorable academic session.

Sincerely
Dr Sharada Rane



Dr Sharada Rane



STATE CHAPTERS REPORT

I am privileged to present the report of activities of state chapters of IAPM in front of the august gathering and extend a warm welcome to you all to APCON 2019. Till now, we have displayed the list of chairpersons and secretaries of 17 chapters with their contact numbers. It's my humble submission to all: if anyone gets to know about contact details of other chapters is welcome to inform. Till the end of this year I have received report of activities of 10 chapters which I am putting in short.

West Bengal Chapter- 27th Annual state conference (APMWB) was held on 13th to 15th September under the able leadership of Prof. Amita Giri as the organising chairperson and Dr. Sarmila Sen and Dr. Ranjana Bandyopadhyay as organising secretaries. Dr. R. N. Ghosh Memorial CME on 07.09.2019 was delivered by Dr. K. Khan on medical ethics. Other speakers were Dr. Kaushik Majumdar, Prof. Ashok Bhadra, Prof. B. D. Radotra, Prof. Bibhuti Saha, Dr. Sambit K. Mohanty and Prof. Uttara Chatterjee. President of IAPM Prof. P. Vaideeswar formally inaugurated the conference and delivered the annual Dr. S. N. De memorial oration on cardiac pathology. Other speakers were Col. (Dr.) D. K. Mishra, Prof. Ashim Das and Prof. Radhika Srinivasan. State chapter also conducted four academic programs in different institutes with scientific sessions.

Kerala Chapter- 82nd Chapter meeting was conducted on 9th February with Dr. Annie Jojo as Organising Secy. Dr. Sudhindran & Dr. Malini Epen were the speakers. 10th national CME was conducted for 3 days starting from 9.2.19. 83rd Chapter meeting was done on 28th September with Dr. Geetha K as Org. Secy. There was a quiz session for junior residents of Pathology.

Andhra Pradesh Chapter- 4th Annual conference of Andhra Pradesh state chapter was held from 13th to 15th September with around 450 delegates under guidance of Dr. M. Rajini. Two orations & symposium were conducted. CME was on "Molecular pathologic diagnosis of lungs & GIT cancers".

Tamilnadu & Pondicherry chapter- TAPCON 2019 was conducted in July, with pre Conference workshop on 11th July, 2019 and 2 days conference on 12th & 13th July 2019 with 300 delegates & 6 credit hours. Dr. Prateek Kinra, Dr. S. Datta Gupta, Dr. Jayaram Iyengar, Dr. Pradeep Vaideeswar, Dr. Sathi. P. P. Dr. Santhosh Menon, Dr. Shantveer G Uppin, Dr. Vatsala Misra & Dr. Ranjan Agarwal were the speakers.

Uttarpradesh chapter- XXVIIth UPPATHCON 2019 was organized on 16th & 17th November 2019. Around 300 delegates attended the conference & was accredited 8 credit hours. CME on "Pediatric Pathology: current trends and perspective" was held on 16th March 2019 with 4 credit hours & CME on "Hematolymphoid malignancies" was organized on 17th April 2019 with 4 credit hours.

Maharashtra Chapter- 40th MAPCON 2019 was held in Akola from 20th-22nd September & attended by 225 delegates for CME & 633 delegates for conference. Prizes were awarded for both oral & poster presentations.

Odisha Chapter- The 47th chapter meet 'ODISHA APCON-2019' was held on 14th & 15th September, 2019 in Govt. Medical College, Balangir. The preconference workshop was organized on 14.09.2018 on 'Interpretation of Prostate Biopsy' by Prof. (Dr.) R. N. Mallik. The conference was inaugurated by Dr. Pradeep Vaideeswar, President, IAPM who also gave the oration on thymomas. Dr. Manoj Patra was Organizing secretary & Prof. Lity Mohanty was Org. Chairperson & the conference was attended by 300 delegates with 8 credit hours. 2nd Annual CME on Hematology was held on 6th September in IMS & SUM Hospital.



Chhatisgarh Chapter- 17th Annual Chhattisgarh State Conference was held on 16th & 17th November 2019 at Bhilai. The Eminent Speakers were Dr. D.K. Mishra, Dr. R. K. Saran, Dr. Ranjan Agrawal, Dr. Meena Pangarkar, Dr. Dharitri Bhatt, Dr. Anupama Gupta and Dr. Suprita Nayak, Dr. Renuka Gahine and Dr. Rakesh Gupta. It initiated presented Lifetime Achievement Award this year to Dr. Sachi Diwan, former Dyp. Director, JLN. Hospital & R.C. Bhilai. Dr. D. K. Mishra, Past President, IAPM delivered Durg Oration "Genomic medicine is here to stay". 7th Hematology update was held in June, 2019 at Jin Hospital, Bhilai focusing on recent advances.

North East Regional Chapter- NERCON 2019 was held from 25th-27th September. Dr. Anita Borges & Dr. Arunloke Chakravarti were the speakers. mid-term CME was held on 28th April, 2019.

Karnataka Chapter- KCIAPM was held in 2019 with 6 interactive slide seminars & 3 CMEs & workshop on immunohistochemistry. It has opened you tube channel as KCIAPM with 6871 online viewers.

There had been some irregularities in some state chapters regarding continuation of chapter chairperson for more than one year. Also some state chapter members are endorsing other chapter members as Secy & President of IAPM. These issues need attention of IAPM and should be clarified.

Dr. Asaranti Kar
Joint Secretary IAPM



Minutes of the 68th Annual General Body Meeting of IAPM at APCON 2019, PGIMER, Chandigarh,

Agenda No. 1: Condolences: The house was informed regarding the sad demise of the following honorable members of the association: Dr. KS Ratnakar, Dr. AP Desai, Dr John Thomas, Dr. AK Maitra, Dr. Ajit Golwilkar, and Dr. Ratnaprabha Ghodke

Resolution: Agenda No. 01/2019: The general body observed silence in memory of the departed soul. Secretary IAPM will send a suitably worded condolence message to the bereaved family members.

Agenda No. 2: Apologies: The following members of the Executive Committee informed their inability to attend Executive Committee and General body Meeting: Dr. Challa Sundaram, Dr. Prakash Patil, Dr. NC Parija, Dr. GN Mohanty, Dr. UL Wagholikar, Dr. Sivdas

Resolution: Agenda No.02/2019: The Executive and General Body was informed about the apologies

Agenda No.3: Confirmation of minutes of 67th GBM at APCON 2018

Resolution: Agenda No.03/2019: After explanation on the following points, General body approved minutes of 67th GBM at APCON 2018:

a) As per Agenda no.6f/2018, a three-member finance committee comprising Dr. DK Mishra, Dr. Vatsala Misra and Dr AM Phatak along with the President and the Secretary was formed to resolve finance related issues. The committee had an initial tele-conference meeting in the month of July 2019. All members met in person on 1st September 2019, along with the Treasurer, the Chartered Accountant and the Auditor. The committee also met on 6th December 2019, before EC meeting. The final decision of Finance committee meeting is as follow: From 2020 onwards, all APCON organizers will give following undertaking:

1. The organizers will use IAPM PAN Card only.
2. All transactions above Rs 10,000.00 to be done by cheques/NEFT only and TDS to be deducted wherever applicable.
3. The complete audited statement along with the bank statement should reach the Treasurer within 6 months of the APCON.
4. The revenue sharing arrangement between IAPM & APCON shall be as follows:
Either 50% of Net surplus after income tax liability
OR
20% of the amount on which TDS is deducted - Whichever is higher
5. Regarding the monetary liability of APCON 2015 towards IAPM, it was decided that the APCON 2015 organizers will deposit an additional amount of Rs 200000.00 in IAPM account via NEFT before 31st Dec.2019; then their issue will be considered settled.
6. With reference to the monetary liability of APCON 2016 towards IAPM, this issue was considered settled as the APCON 2016 organizers have already deposited a sum of Rs.12,15,927.00 in IAPM account.
7. There was no issue of monetary liability of APCON 2017 towards IAPM, as the organizers have already deposited Rs. 200000.00 in the IAPM account.



8. The assistant, accountant and CA will circulate the final audited statements for FY 2017-2018 and FY 2018-2019 to the President, Secretary and Treasurer for approval. They will then file the taxes before 31st December 2019. As soon as the IT return to both these financial years is filled, all their pending bills shall be immediately cleared via NEFT after approval by the Treasurer, Secretary and the President

Agenda No. 4: Report of Honorary Secretary, IAPM

Resolution: Agenda No.04/2019: The general body accepted the report of the Secretary IAPM for the year 2019. EC and GB appreciated and congratulated Dr. Sharada Rane for her commendable proactive work for IAPM in last three years. To name a few, online membership registration process, online membership certificate and I-Card facility, Online IAPM election process and Electronic IAPM members directory and many more. The General body also appreciated her tremendous efforts for electronic elections coming in reality with help of Webmaster. The GB also congratulated Webmaster Mr. Soumya Ranjan for his tireless efforts towards online voting

Agenda No. 5: Report of Joint Secretary, IAPM

Resolution: Agenda No. 05/2019: The general body accepted the report of joint secretary IAPM for the year 2019. The reports of the chapter meetings are collected and published in the newsletter of the association. The general body also urged that office bearers of state chapters should correspond with the joint secretary with their names and contact details. Dr Asaranti Kar brought to notice of the house, some irregularities in some state chapters regarding continuation of chapter chairperson without GB meeting and election. The tenure of the office bearer should also be restricted to a limited period as per by laws. As per GB, all chapters should obey the Bye Laws of IAPM.

Agenda No.6: Report of Treasurer

Resolution: Agenda No. 06/2019: The general body accepted the report of treasurer IAPM for the year 2019. The following points are suggested regarding treasurer's report:

- a. There was difference between IJPM editor account with Editor and with Treasurer. EC did not pass this account and asked for clarification. Before GB, they had clarified with CA and account is passed.
- b. The Treasurer brought to the notice of the house, that IAPM has 7-10 bank accounts in the name of previous treasurers. So GB has asked Dr Ramrakhiani to close all accounts and only three operable accounts ie SBI (IAPM), SBI(IAPMHQ) & BOB(IJPM) be maintained. GB has passed remark why treasurer had not done this job in last three years.
- c. The GB also asked treasurer to pay advance income tax before 31st DEC. 2019 and every three months subsequently.
- d. The Treasurer Dr Ramrakhiani told the house that the CA has not filed IT returns of financial years 2017-18 and 2018-19. The GB has raised serious concerns and asked Treasurer to get it filed immediately by CA before 31st Dec.2019 and instructed the Treasurer not to pay professional fees to the Accountant and Auditor unless they take concrete steps to file these returns.
- e. Dr. Ranjan Agrawal brought to notice of house that IAPM will have to apply for GST now. The GB asked Treasurer to complete the process.
- f. Dr. BN Datta, Past President asked the current Treasurer to work with the new Treasurer for next 6 months till all issues get cleared. The members also requested HQ secretary to help Treasurer to get all papers from CA.
- g. To resolve all treasurer and IT-related issues, GB nominated Dr AM Phatak, Past President, IAPM to visit HQ along with current Treasurer and the newly elected Treasurer before 31st December 2019.



Agenda No. 7: Report of Editor, Indian Journal of Pathology & Microbiology

- a. IAPM Award for Best Published paper in IJPM

Resolution: The award will continue as such.

- b. Providing hard copies of IJPM to Members

Resolution: It was decided that an email would be sent to all the IAPM members including those who are Life members even before the cut-off of 2000 (i.e. L 2096 and prior) stating whether they want to continue receiving IJPM hard copies. Online version would remain free as presently.

- c. Orations and toward Papers during APCON.

Resolution: Regarding the Presidential oration (i.e. B K Aikat Memorial Oration) should be published in IJPM. For other Orations and Award papers presented during APCON would be given preference of being published in IJPM after due peer review process if the authors wish so.

- d. APCON Abstracts

Resolution: All selected APCON abstracts in different categories will be published as IJPM Supplement with the cost borne by the Organisers of that APCON. However, at the time of submission of Abstracts, the copyright form signed by the presenting author and all co-authors must also be submitted. The format would be made available by the Editor-in-Chief to the Organisers: This would help the IJPM Supplement to be indexed.

- e. Starting of Separate IJPM journal of Case Reports and Images.

Resolution: The idea of starting a separate journal under IAPM was much debated and ultimately it was deferred further. The Board and the house felt that they require more data and statistics for arriving at a final decision.

- f. Revision of Staff Salary at the Editor's office

Resolution: It was unanimously decided that the staff salary should be increased and made as Rs. 10000.00 for the computer operator and Rs. 4000.00 for the Accountant per month.

Agenda No. 8: Report of Joint Secretary, IAPM Headquarter

Resolution: Agenda No.08/2019: The General body accepted the report of joint secretary, HQ IAPM for the year 2019. HQ secretary had informed GB regarding successful installation of Lift and three-phase transformer in HQ building.

Regarding HQ Library, many volumes of old IJPM journals are still missing. This year, Dr. Sharada Rane, Secretary, IAPM contributed 14 different volumes of missing issues. Dr GN Mohanty, Past President IAPM looks after Presidents' Gallery at HQ. There are six Presidents' photographs which were not available. The Secretary circulated this news in various WhatsApp groups of IAPM. Finally the photographs of Dr. BP Trivedi and Dr. NM Purandare photographs were sent to Dr. Mohanty by Dr. Shashikala from Davangere and Dr AM Phatak from Mumbai, respectively.



Agenda No. 9: Report of Secretary, Indian College of Pathologists

Resolution: Agenda No.09/2019: The General body accepted the report of the Secretary, ICP, Dr Nuzhat Husain for the year 2019. The Secretary stated that new PDCC courses will start soon and information related to courses will be available on ICP website www.icpatho.org as well as on IAPM website. The Secretary also said that in the current year a curriculum development exercise has been carried out using the expertise of several fellows. These curricula will be vetted by the council and a standard curriculum will be implemented across courses in the same speciality in the coming academic year. The website of the ICP www.icpatho.org is functional and has been updated regularly.

Agenda No. 10: Admission of new members to IAPM

Resolution: Agenda No.10/2019: The GB accepted the proposal of conferring membership to 316 applicants, who had applied for membership till 31st October 2019. Out of which 108 were for life members.

Agenda No. 11: Election 2019: Nominations were received for posts of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Joint Secretary and Treasurer

a: Declaration of results for the post of President 2020: Only one valid nomination of Dr Vatsala Mishra, Professor & Head, MLN Medical College, Allahabad was received for the post of President, IAPM.

Resolution: Agenda No.11a/2019: The General body accepted the election of Dr. Vatsala Mishra to the post of president IAPM 2020, unopposed

b: Declaration of results for the post of Vice-President 2020: Only one valid nomination of Dr Kim Vaiphei, Professor Pathology, PGIMER, Chandigarh was received for the post of Vice-president IAPM

Resolution: Agenda No.11b/2019: The General Body accepted the election of Dr Kim Vaiphei to the post of Vice-president IAPM 2020, unopposed

c: Declaration of results for the post of Secretary (2020-2022): Two nominations had been received from Dr Asaranti Kar, Associate Professor, Pathology, SCB Medical College, Cuttack, Odisha and Dr Shantveer Uppin, Professor, Pathology, Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences, Hyderabad. As decided in 2018 GB, Agenda no.4/2018, electronic voting was conducted this year with prior notice on website. The Online Voting dates were 12th to 14th November 2019. Voting invitation by email were sent to 1889 members of which the mails were delivered successfully to 1566 members. But only 953 members opened the mail box. After elections, the data was locked and it was opened during EC meeting on 6th December 2019. Dr. Kar received 268 of 399 votes, while Dr. Uppin received 131/399

Resolution: Agenda No.11 c/2019: The General Body accepted the election of Dr Asaranti Kar to the post of Secretary, IAPM 2020-2022.

d: Declaration of results for the post of Joint Secretary(2020-2022): Only one valid nomination received from Dr Harendra Kumar, Associate Professor, Sarojini Naidu Medical College, Agra for the post of Joint secretary, IAPM



Resolution: Agenda No.11d/2019: The General Body accepted the election of Dr. Harendra Kumar to the post of Joint Secretary IAPM (2020-2022), unopposed.

e: Declaration of results for the post of Treasurer (2020-2022): Two nominations were received from Dr. Varsha Dhume, Associate Professor, Pathology, TN Medical College, Mumbai, Maharashtra and Dr Nitesh Mohan, Professor, Pathology, Rohilkhand Medical College, Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh. Dr. Dhume received 230 of 344 votes and Dr. Mohan received 114/344 votes.

Resolution: Agenda No.11 e/2019: The General Body accepted the election of Dr. Dhume to the post of Treasurer, IAPM 2020-2022.

f: SSL certificate for security purpose

Resolution: Agenda No.11 f/2019: Since we are conducting online election, everyone was of opinion that we should go for SSL certificate by which it secures and protects sensitive information. SSL certificate provides privacy, critical security and data integrity. GB also asked Webmaster to prepare SOPs for electronic elections and secretary should get it passed in Special GB before next EC meeting.

Agenda No. 12: Declaration of Papers for Awards

a: Dr. VR Khanolkar Award: There were four papers received. The judges recommended Dr Kavneet Kaur, AIIMS, New Delhi for her paper "Approach to molecular subgrouping of medulloblastomas: Comparison of NanostringCounter assay versus Combination of immunohistochemistry and fluorescence in-situ hybridisation in resource constrained centre. Published in J Neuro Oncol 2019; 143: 393 – 403.

Resolution: Agenda No. 12a/2019: The paper of Dr. Kaur was approved for the Dr. VR Khanolkar award 2019.

b: Smt.Kunti Devi Mehrotra Award: Total four entries were received. The judges recommended Dr. Prasenjit Das, AIIMS, Delhi for his paper "Quantitative histology-based classification system for assessment of the intestinal mucosal histological changes in patients with celiac disease. Published in Intestinal Res 2019:17(3)

Resolution: Agenda No. 12 b/2019: The paper of Dr. Das was approved for the Smt. Kunti Devi Mehrotra award 2019.

c: Prof. KC Basu Mallik award and the Best paper Award: There were eight entries in both categories. Among these, five and four papers were selected for the Prof. KC Basu Mallik award the Best Paper award presentations, respectively after perusal by the referees. Among the final presentations, the judges of APCON 2019 selected Dr. Akriti Bansal (PGIMER, Chandigarh) for the Prof. K.C. Basu Malik award 2019 for her paper entitled "Significance of PDL1 immune checkpoint inhibitor in Epithelial ovarian/Tubal Carcinoma" and Dr Rasheeda Mohammad Ali, AIIMS, Bhubaneswar for her paper "EZH2 upregulation and H3K27 downregulation predicts aggressive tumor biology of Urothelial carcinoma"

Resolution: Agenda No. 12 c/2019: The paper of Dr. Bansal was approved for the Dr KC Basu Mallik award 2019 and Dr Rasheeda Mohammad Ali for the Best paper Award 2019



Agenda No. 13: Dates for APCON 2020: The dates proposed by the Organizing Secretary Dr. Renuka Gahine, Professor and Head, Pt. Jawaharlal Medical College for the APCON 2020, Raipur, Chattisgarh are as follows:
2nd December 2020 – Pre-conference CME/Workshop

3rd December 2020 - IAP-ID session

4th to 6th December 2020 – IAPM session

Resolution: Agenda No. 13/2019: The general body approved the dates.

Agenda No.14: Proposals for CMEs, Symposia & Orations APCON 2020

a: Gaya Prasad Memorial Symposium: Topics from Dr. Uppin, Dr. Paromita Roy and Dr Ranjan Agrawal were received.

Resolution: Agenda No.14 a: GB accepted Topic of “Social networking in today's era of Medical writing and publishing” by Dr Ranjan Agrawal

b: Tamil Nadu and Puducherry Oration: The Tamil Nadu-Puducherry Chapter had sent two names for the oration, Dr. V Rajalakshmi, Retired Director, Madras Medical College and Dr S. Seethalakshmi, Senior Pathologist.

Resolution Agenda No.14 b: EC and GB accepted Dr. V Rajalakshmi as the orator. Her topic was “Medical Ethics in Pathology - Current Scenario”.

c: Dr CI Jhala Oration: As per MOU with Dr Jhala Family, the speaker names are to be suggested by Dr. Nirag Jhala, which is discussed in EC meeting and final name is decided.

Resolution Agenda No.14 c: Since we did not receive any name, the speaker is not finalized. Dr Nirag Jhala is being contacted. He has promised to suggest name in next few days. Then it will be circulated in EC members by mail and finalized.

d: CME and Slide Seminars: As decided in GB 2018 that we should go back to old system of inviting topics for CMEs and Slide seminar. So the Secretary invited topics. But Dr Datta Gupta raised many points related to preparation of scientific program as academic committee head. There was extensive discussion on scientific program and there was consensus on 60 % academic and 40 % practice-oriented topics.

Resolution Agenda No.14 d: EC & GB has formed following guidelines:

- a. There will be total eight CMEs, four on each day. Out of total eight, two CMEs will be marked for Practicing Pathology topics.
- b. Academic committee comprising the Secretary as convener with two past Presidents and one person from organizing team
- c. Secretary will prepare metrics after considering last five APCONs and short list topics along with topics received before 2019 GB. This will be circulated among academic committee.
- d. After finalization of topics, the list will be put up on IAPM website by February 2020 and moderators would be invited.



- e. The secretary in consultation of academic committee will then finalize the scientific program and circulate to EC members
- f. Breakfast sessions should be in the breakfast area along with breakfast and should be very informal.

Agenda No.15: Proposed Venue for APCON 2021, 2022 & 2023

Resolution Agenda No.15: EC and GB accepted Venues for the subsequent APCONs as follows:

2021 – Medical College, Davangere

2022 – AIIMS, New Delhi

2023 – SCB Medical College, Cuttack

Agenda No.16: Issues related to UG Pathquiz: Travel Allowances to participants of Final round and sponsorship from J P Brothers

Resolution Agenda No.16: Firstly GB asked Dr. Neelkamal Kapoor to form guidelines of UG quiz and submit it to Secretary, IAPM as early as possible for smooth conduct of 2020 quiz.

There was extensive discussion in EC & GB regarding funding of quiz. Dr Datta Gupta was of opinion that the IAPM should only sponsor travel expenses and prize money. But Dr Vaideeswar raised concern that it will be huge burden on IAPM. The decision on funding will be taken after guidelines are prepared and in consultation with the treasurer & other office bearers about budgeting.

Regarding Certificate format of quiz, GB is of opinion that there should be signatures of President and Secretary on UG PathQuiz Certificates.

Agenda No.17: Any other points

Points from Secretary IAPM

- a: To form committee for amendments in byelaws and to incorporate GB decisions and SOPs in byelaws.

Resolution Agenda No.17a: The GB appointed three-member committee headed by Dr. Anuradha Phatak for amendments. Dr. Pradeep Vaideeswar and Dr. Sharada Rane will be members, and the newly appointed Secretary IAPM Dr. Kar will be coordinator.

- b: Dr. Niranjan Raut suggestion: One slot of 2 hrs to be kept for one chapter every year by rotation.

Resolution Agenda No.17b: GB did not accept his suggestion

Agenda No. 18: Thanking the Hosts of APCON 2019

Resolution: Agenda No.18/2019: The GB congratulated organizing committee of APCON 2019 Dr. Bishan Radotra and Dr. Ashim Das for successful scientific program, excellent local travel, accommodation and good food. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair and to all office bearers of IAPM. The members also thanked the outgoing office bearers and welcomed the new team. The chair thanked all the members of IAPM for attending the conference and the GBM.

OBITUARY



PROF KS RATNAKAR

30-11-1944 to 17-11-2019

Kamaraju Suguna Ratnakar hailed from an educated family in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh. After his graduation from Guntur Medical college, he did MD Pathology from the prestigious All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi. He pursued his sub-speciality interest in ophthalmic pathology at RP center, AIIMS. He served as Professor and Head of Pathology at MR Medical College, Gulbarga and subsequently joined Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences, Hyderabad as Professor and Head of Pathology and later became Dean (1992-1997). He continued as the Director, Global Medical Education and

Research Foundation of Global Hospitals till the last date.

Prof KS Ratnakar authored two books, contributed chapters to text books and had more than 200 publications in national and international Journals. He conducted several CMEs and Workshops. He was a sought-after resource person for several scientific meetings. He was the recipient of several orations and awards including Padmabhushan Dr P Siva Reddy Gold Medal Oration Award, Dr S Mungekar's IMA Award, Justice Umamaheswaram Oration Award, Outstanding Young Person Karnataka State Jaycees Award (1983), "Guest of Honour" Verheoff Society, USA (1993), International Scholar Award RPB, USA (1993), "Vijay Shree" Award 1997 of India, International Friendship Society, Prof. Subramanyam Gold Medal Oration (1999), Dr Aikat Memorial Oration, Narendra Dutta Prize (2001), Dr M M Joshi Oration (2005), Dr Shankar Banerjea Memorial Award (2006), Prof Govinda Reddy memorial Oration Gold Medal, NTR Health University. AP (2010), Prof DJ Reddy Gold Medal Oration, GMC Alumni (2011), Dr Sambrani Memorial Oration, Prof G Lakshmi pathi Memorial Lecture, Gulbarga (2012).

He served Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists as Editor of IJPM, Secretary of IAPM and President, IAPM. He was a Fellow of International Medical science Academy (FIMSA) and also Founder Fellow of Indian College of Pathologists. He was a member of several professional bodies and on the editorial board of several journals.

He was a visionary and viewed Pathology from a holistic perspective. He used to teach Pathology with a small dose of philosophy. His teaching in slide seminars along with his way of taunting and teasing used to drive a point and make learning an experience. He had exceptional oratory skills and was a motivational speaker. His command over language and frequent quotes from scriptures used to captivate the audience. His in-depth knowledge of science and spirituality inspired and influenced several people in different walks of life. He is adored by his students, fondly remembered by colleagues and admired by all. The fraternity of Pathology has lost one of its stalwarts.

He is survived by his wife and two daughters.
May his soul rest in peace.



DR TUSHAR KANTI MAITRA

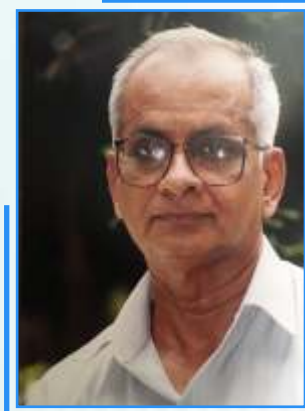
B Sc, MBBS, DGO (Calcutta)

M Sc and PhD (Pathology) (Ohio State University, USA)

Dr. Tushar Kanti Maitra, former President and former Secretary of Calcutta Association of Practicing Pathologists (CAPP) and former Vice President: Indian Association of Pathologist and Microbiologists was also the Founding Fellow of Indian College of Pathologists (1994) (F.I.C.-Path). He held a M.Sc and a PhD (Pathology) from the Ohio State University, School of Medicine (Columbus, Ohio, USA) (1965-70), a D.G.O (Diploma in Obstetrics in Gynaecology) from Calcutta University (1959-62), an M.B.B.S from Calcutta Medical College and Hospital, Calcutta University (1954-59) and a B.Sc. (Chemistry) from Presidency College Calcutta, Calcutta University (1950-54). A brilliant academic, he received the Merit Scholarship in Medical College, Calcutta (1955). He received the Certificate of Honours in Midwifery by Medical College, Calcutta (1959) and also was awarded the prestigious Good- eve Scholarship in Midwifery in Medical College, Calcutta (1958).

Well-known and respected in the field of science and medicine, he was awarded with the Coates medal in 1993 by Calcutta University for notable contribution to the Medical Sciences during the preceding seven years in the annual convocation on July 27, 1996 at the hands of former Vice-President of India- K.R. Narayanan. He was also awarded with the American Medical Association Physician's Recognition Award for continuing Medical Education (1969).

He was the Chief of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Kothari Medical Centre, Alipore Road, Calcutta (from 1976), he was an Honorary lecturer in Pathology, University College of Medicine, Calcutta (1994-96). He also previously held the positions of a Senior pathologist in-charge, Calcutta Medical Research Institute, Calcutta (1972-75), Associate Pathologist, Belle Vue Clinic, Calcutta (1971-72), CSIR (Govt. of India) Scientific Pool Officer Dept. of Pathology, Institute of Post Graduate Medical Education and Research, Calcutta (1970-71),).



DR. ANAND P DESAI

1940 – 2019

Dr. AP Desai was born at Dharwad on 11.06.1940. He embarked on a medical career at Karnatak Medical College (MBBS) and completed his MD in Pathology and Microbiology (Bombay University) in 1971. He worked as a lecturer in Pathology at Goa Medical College prior to joining Seth GS Medical College, Mumbai, where he started as a lecturer and rose to the position of Professor of Neuropathology and later on retired as Head of Department of Pathology in 1998. He spent his retired life initially in Dharwad and later on in Bangaluru.

Dr. AP Desai was an embodiment of work culture and humility. A strict disciplinarian, he led the department by example. He was a patient and an enthusiastic teacher who loved to teach finer nuances of interpreting slides. Dr. Desai lived and breathed



Neuropathology. KEM Hospital was his karmabhoomi. He conducted teaching sessions for neurologists, neurosurgeons besides pathology residents. He regularly attended National and State chapter conferences where he was an active contributor as faculty. He was a man of diverse interests, reading, photography, dabbling in computers were some of them.

Dr A.P.Desai passed away on 21.08.2019 after a brief illness. Besides his grieving family, Dr. AP Desai leaves behind a large number of ever grateful students who learnt the basics of histopathology with him.

Dr. Asha Shenoy (Professor-Pathology)

Department of Neuropathology, Seth GS Medical College



DR JOHN ARTHUR THOMAS,
MD, DHE, FRCPath, FICPath, FAMS
(02 Dec 1937- 11 Nov 2019)

It was on a cold and rainy day on 5th of Jan 1984 when I joined the Department as a post graduate student at St. John's Medical College, Bangalore, I was first introduced to Dr John Arthur Thomas, the then Professor and Head, Department of Pathology - a giant figure with a big moustache and a commanding voice. Today, thirty five years down, I take the privilege to pen down tribute to him, first as my teacher and thereafter as his good friend.

JT(as he is fondly called and as John for many others) was a man out of the ordinary - a strict disciplinarian, a great leader, a teacher par excellence to many Johnites, a great administrator and one of the most passionate pathologists ever. He crafted for himself a distinguished career – finishing his MD from Christian Medical College, Vellore, followed up with Research Fellowships at Institute of Urology, University College, London and in Neuropathology at Ruprecht Karl University of Heidelberg, Germany. He then joined St. John's Medical College, Bangalore in 1966 and was the Head of the Department from 1974 till 1994 and thereafter as Emeritus Professor, building it up and setting the standards of quality and reputation to where it stands today. His lectures were legendary and inculcated love for the subject in many, like me, who today pursue a career in this field. Being his first MD student, his passion for pathology got imbibed into me too. He was a reputed and dedicated pathologist whose work speaks volumes about him, a keen researcher with an enviable number of high-quality research publications, renowned all over the country.

Beyond what the eyes could see, and the ears could hear, he was a gem of a person and an inspiring fatherly figure. Though big and strong on the outside, deep down was a man with admirable human values, a role model was he to me and for many. A magnetic personality with a positivity so immense that nothing could hamper his zest for life, till his very last breath, as he travelled the world and cherished time with family and friends- the new and the old. If he were with us today, Dr John Thomas would have turned 83, and probably sitting in his porch happily smiling behind a book on British-Indian history which he closely followed.

All in all, he is one of those very rare species of humans created by God that are hard to meet in the present day world. We, his students and colleagues, bid adieu to our dearest teacher and good friend JT. May his soul rest in peace.

Usha Kini

**DR. AJIT GOLWILKAR**

27th Feb. 1951 – 19th July 2019

Dr. Ajit S. Golwilkar was born in February 1951 at Dharwad, Karnataka. He was a practising pathologist in the city of Pune, India for over last 40 years, since 1978. **He gave up a job offer of Pathologist in Chicago, USA, in July 1976 to pursue his career in Pune as his service and commitment to India.**

He was one of the **founder members** of Jankalyan Blood Bank, Pune and procured license from FDA. He was involved in developing lab infrastructure of **Inlaks Budhrani Hospital**. He set up state-of-the-art pathology, histopathology department and blood bank including licensing from FDA. He was also involved in **management of laboratories for Jehangir Nursing Home**

and Poona Hospital.

There are many firsts to his credit, which includes providing automation and a diverse test facility through **radioimmunoassay, other immunoassay techniques, immunophenotyping- immunohistochemistry & flowcytometry, molecular diagnostic techniques- polymerase chain reaction, automated microbiology techniques, quality system and laboratory information system (LIS)** in the city of Pune, Maharashtra, India.

Today, his laboratory, A.G Diagnostics Pvt. Ltd., employs more than 300 staff members and they are his extended family.

To make **diverse test facilities of highest quality available at affordable cost in the shortest time** had been his guiding principle.

He is survived by his wife and two daughters who are also pathologists.

**DR. RATNAPRABHA GHODKE**

28.02.1975 - 03.10.2019

Dr. Ghodke was Additional Associate Professor working in the Department of Pathology of Seth G S Medical College and KEM Hospital, Mumbai for 14 years. After completion of MBBS from the twin institutions, she completed her post-graduation from Tata Memorial Hospital. As an energetic, ever smiling and efficient faculty, she touched many lives with her helping nature and positive attitude. She was very popular among seniors and students alike. Her sad demise has left a void which is very hard to fill. She will be fondly remembered by her son Omkar, husband Anil and her big KEM / Tata family. May her soul rest in peace and may the Almighty give her family the strength to bear this irreparable loss.

Dr. Pragati Sathe
Associate Professor (Pathology)
Seth GS Medical College & KEM Hospital

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