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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Dear Friends,

Wishing you all a very Happy and Prosperous New Year. Thanks for unanimously electing me the President of IAPM for 2003.

Academics, teaching, research and patient-care are our prime concern. Academics enhances patient-care and teaching. Academics, therefore, needs to be our top priority. When we talk of academics, no one should have a feeling that a divide is being created between those working in Academic Institutions on one hand and those settled in practice of Pathology at other hand. Whether we are working in Academic Institutes, corporate hospitals or private set-up, welfare of the patient must be the central theme. It is the right of the patient to get best out of us. We must remember, that until we give best to our patients, the patient-care will never improve. Knowledge is the greatest treasure of mankind. We must be patient friendly as well. In terms of investment, nurturing these qualities costs nothing except self discipline and high ethical standards resulting in good clinical practices. This achievement on our part shall provide a strong platform for claiming our due status in medical faternity and policymakers.

Thanking you once again.

Kind regards

Dr. R.K. Gupta

# FROM THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE

#### Dear Friends,

Happy New Year. I am sure you would agree with me that we had a wonderful conference at Kolkata. We must give all credit to Prof. Subir Dutta and his team. I thank all IAPM members for extending me tremendous co-operation and support in conducting scientific programme of the conference. A total of 140 oral papers and 105 posters were accepted out which 90% oral papers and 85% posters were presented during the conference. Out of papers presented at the plenary session the best paper award was given to Dr. Arti Bakshi from Chandigarh.

You would notice in this Newsbulletin that all state chapters have not provided details of their activities. I request chairpersons/Presidents of state chapters to send a copy of chapter activities to Dr. K. Gayathri, Joint Secretary, IAPM from time to time.

Please get in touch with Moderator of the Slide Seminars and Symposia of IAPM for APCON 2003 for your contribution to ensure wide participation from all over the nation. I also appeal to senior members to encourage their young colleagues to enroll for membership which will strengthen our association.

With Regards,

Dr. B.D. Radotra

# State Chapter Activities - January 2002 to December 2002

- 1. Andhara Pradesh Chapter: Feb 16th-17th CME on Dermato Pathology, Organised by Prof. M.D. Sikinder Hayath, Gandhi Medical College, Hyderabad. June 8th CME on Oral Pathology, Organised by Prof. Rajani Kameswari, Osmania Medical College, Hyderabad. Sept 13th-15th: Annual Conference at Guntur Medical College, Guntur. Organising Secretary: Dr. I.V. Renuka. Pre Conference CME included topics such as: LN Biopsy Interpretation, Muscle Biopsy, Evaluation of Bleeding Disorders, Tele Medicine and a Slide Seminar for PG Students. The State Oration on Organisation of Lab Medicine was delivered by Dr. N. Jayaram.
- 2. Delhi Chapter: Feb 9th-First quarterly meeting at AIIMS. Talk on Examination of Placenta by Dr. R. Dawar. The programme also included "Something New in Pathology" by Residents, Slide Seminar and a Quiz. Annual meeting was organised by R&R, Army Hospital, Delhi Cantt. About 256 delegates attended the meeting and 55 papers were presented. Third quarterly meeting was organised by GB Pant Hospital. Prof. David I Graham, Institute of Neurological Sciences, Glasgow, UK gave a talk on: "Does Head injury predispose to onset of Alzheimers disease?". A slide seminar was conducted by Prof. D. Graham. Dec. 7th-Fourth quarterly meeting at R&R Army Hospital, Delhi Cantt. There were lectures on "Autopsies: Still a learning experience" and "Bleeding Disorders: A Diagnostic Approach" followed by a Slide Seminar.
- Karnataka Chapter: Feb 20th-Lecture on 'HIV Pathology before and after retroviral therapy' by Prof. Jeanne E Bell, Edinburgh. March 16th-CME on "Breast Pathology" at St. John's Medical College, Bangalore. Aug 11th-CME on "Cytology" at MS Ramaiah Medical College, Bangalore.
- 4. Maharashtra Chapter: September 27th-29th: Twenty third Annual Conference at GMC Aurangabad. Organising Secretary: Gp Captain Subramanyam. About 531 delegates attended. There was a Guest Lecture by Dr. J.S. Kaeda, Hammersmith Hospital, London. The other programme included Symposia on "Quality Control Laboratories" and "Tissue Parasites" and a Lecture on "Community HIV and the Pathologists". A round table interactive session, a Slide Seminar and a Quiz were conducted alongwith Pre- Conference CME on Dermatopathology.
- 5. North West Zone: April 6th-Biannual Conference organized by Dr. S. Arora Deptt. of Immunopathology, PGI, Chandigarh in which the programme included a CPC, Symposium on AIDS-an Update, HLA and Auto Immunity, Lab Experience & Haemolytic Anemias and Slide Seminars in Histopathology & Cytology. There was a Microbiology Symposium on Parasitic Infection in HIV/AIDS. Oct 12th-13th-1st Zonal CME in Pathology-Organised by Dr. Harsh Mohan, Deptt. of Pathology, Govt. Medical College, Chandigarh. Symposium on Urinary Bladder Tumors, Slide Seminars on Thyroid Lesions, problem cases, CNS Tumors and Cytology & Haematology were conducted. For Haematology Dr. R.P. Britt, London, was a special invitee. A lecture on executing thesis by Prof. B.N. Datta was delivered.
- 6. Orissa Chapter: Sept 14th-Annual Conference organised by Dr. K.C. Agarwal at VSS Medical College, Burla. State Chapter Oration by Dr. Asitava Mandal on US & CT guided FNAC of Head & Neck Lesions and a Slide Seminar on "Breast Lesions".
- 7. **Tamil Nadu & Pondicherry Chapter**: March 3rd-Guest Lecture by Dr. K. Renganathan, Prof. of Oral Pathology-Ragas Dental College on "Lesions of the Jaw", Case presentations and Interesting slides from various institutions were discussed.

# **Announcement**

# IXth National CME in Haematology & Oncology

April 24-26, 2003

#### Venue

Bombay Hospital Institute of Medical Sciences, Mumbai-400020

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This update programme would be oriented towards review of research that has occurred in the field of haematology during the last five years. It would be oriented towards consultants in haematology, senior staff members and the PG students in the field of Haematology, Pathology, Paediatrics and Medicine. There would be three parallel sessions (for pathologists, paediatricians and others). For pathologists, there would be an entirely separate session. International faculty would include four eminent haematologists from UK. The course would cover both basics and clinical haematology. Registration charges (including tea/coffee and lunch) are as follows:-

	Upto 28.2.2003	Upto 31.3.2003	From 1.4.2004 (Including spot registration)
PG Students	Rs. 300/-	Rs. 400/-	Rs. 500/-
Others	Rs. 1000/-	Rs. 1500/-	Rs. 2000/-

Accommodation (on sharing basis) including breakfast and dinner and transport to the venue has been arranged at YWCA International Centre (for both males and females) on requests received up to 1st April, 2003. The charges (per head) as a package for 3 nights are Rs. 2500/-. All payments may be done by Draft only, drawn in favour of "CME in Haematology-Bombay Hospital".

# **First Announcement**

8th Asia Pacific Association of Societies of Pathologists (APASP) congress (2003) 2nd-5th September , 2003

Venue: Hotel Discovery Kartika Plaza, Bali, Indonesia.

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# **Announcement**

Those interested in conducting CME on the eve of 52nd Conference, please contact Dr. B.K. Nanda, Chairperson, Organizing Committee, APCON 2003 latest by 30th April, 2003. Please mention subject, duration and expected number of participants.

# National Workshop on Autopsy Pathology

Venue: Department of Pathology, Grant Medical College, Mumbai.

Mailing Address: Dr. (Mrs.) L.D. Bhandarkar (Programme Director)

Head Department of Pathology,

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Teaching Pathologists Association of Mumbai is organizing a 5 days workshop (August 4 to 8, 2003) on Autopsy pathology at the Department of Pathology, Grant Medical College, Mumbai. The education programme would be oriented towards Postgraduate students and staff members from pathology. It would cover technical and systematic approach towards Autopsy along with display and discussion of different organ specific pathologies including Pathology of AIDS and Autopsy case presentations.

A maximum of 40 Delegates will be enrolled on first come first serve basis. Registration fees Rs. 1000/- (including tea/coffee and lunch). Last date of Registration: June 30, 2003.

All payments may be done by Demand Draft only, drawn in favour of "Autopsy Workshop" payable at Mumbai. Demand Draft may be sent along with covering letter to Dr. Mrs. L.D. Bhandarkar.

# MINUTES OF 51<sup>ST</sup> GENERAL BODY METING OF IAPM HELD AT SCIENCE CITY AUDITORIUM, KOLKATA ON 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2002

The President Professor Prakash V. Patil welcomed the members and called the meeting to order and conducted the proceedings of the meeting.

Item No. 1: Condolences

The general body condoled the sad demise of Brig. Manoj Roy, Ex-President of IAPM (1987) and Dr. C. Krishnan (foreign member).

Item No. 2: Confirmation of the minutes of 50<sup>th</sup> general body meeting. Accepted Following matters arising out of the meeting were discussed and accepted.

Item no. 12 of the 49th GBM: Registration of IAPM. Dr. D. N. Lanjewar has got IAPM registered with Registration Societies Act and laminated copies of the certificates have been prepared. These will be issued to various Chapters and IAPM office bearers for record purpose. The association still has to be registered as a charitable trust with the Commissioner of charities and Commissioner of Income tax for tax benefits. The EC approved the names of seven members which is a requirement by the charitable society Act for registration and the general body accepted the names in whose names charitable trust is going to be registered. As a requirement for such registration the existing foreign members will be called as Honorary members and they will pay honorarium rather than membership fee. The general body accepted that until the process of registration and other formalities are completed the documents will remain in Mumbai with Dr. D. N. Lanjewar. For the purpose of streamlining the process of registration, the finances will have to be shown to Income Tax Commissioner's office and audited in Mumbai for at least three years. EC approved the continuation of auditors RA Patel & Co. and GB accepted it.

Item No. 9 of  $50^{\text{th}}$  GBM: In accordance with the directive of  $50^{\text{th}}$  GBM at Mumbai, Prof. S. K. Dutta and Prof. Sabitri Sanyal, as organisers of APCON 2002, agreed to contribute Rs.100/- per delegate to the building fund. The general body thanked the organisers for this kind gesture.

Item No. 3: Admission of the new members of IAPM in 2002. The names of 182 members (91 life members and 91 ordinary members) provided by the honorary Treasurer were duly approved by the council and accepted by the general body as members of IAPM.

Item No. 4: Declaration of the results of IAPM Election. Prof. R. K. Gupta from Lucknow has been elected as President and Prof. Subir K. Dutta from Kolkata has been elected Vice-President of IAPM for the year 2003. Both were elected unopposed. Prof. Harsh Mohan from Chandigarh has been elected for the post of Editor (2003- 2007). The general body thanked Dr. B. N. Datta, Dr. Balaraman Nair and Dr. K. R. Harilal for helping Secretary IAPM in Scrutiny and counting of ballot papers. The general body accepted that Dr. B. D. Radotra, Secretary IAPM, should provide necessary documents to Prof. Harsh Mohan for opening bank account in the name of IAPM at Chandigarh.

Item No. 5: Nomination of two members for scrutiny and counting of ballot papers for the office bearers of IAPM for 2004. Dr. P. K. Shukla proposed and Dr. A. Chitale seconded the names of Dr. B. N. Datta and Dr. Balaraman Nair to assist Honorary Secretary in scrutiny and counting of ballot papers for IAPM election during 2003 and the general body accepted the proposal.

Item No. 6: Seminars, Symposia and guest lecture for 2003. Out of proposals forwarded by EC the general body accepted the following topics.

Dr. Gayaprasad Memorial Pathology Symposium – Topic: Pulmonary Pathology. Moderator: Dr. V. V. Taralakshmi, Chennai.

Dr. Ananthnarayanan Microbiology Symposium: Topic: Opportunistic infections Moderater - Dr. S.K. Shahi.

Pathology Slide Seminar. Topic: Skin adnexal tumours. Moderator: Dr. Manoj K. Choudhury, Bankura, WB

The GB accepted the proposal of guest lecture on "Fibrous dysplasia of bone- from macropathology to molecular biology" by Dr. Seigal From Birmingham, USA. GB authorised Dr. Prakash Patil to communicate, confirm and coordinate with the guest speaker.

There was no proposal for Tamil Nadu Oration. It was proposed in the EC and accepted by general body that Tamil Nadu chapter should suggest the name of the speaker to the Secretary by February 2003 otherwise Secretary IAPM will decide about the speaker. It was also suggested and accepted by the general body that in future Tamil Nadu chapter must suggest the speaker of the oration and send proposal before the EC meeting. Otherwise EC and then GB will decide the name of the speaker itself at the time of GBM.

Item No. 7: Results of Smt. Kunti Devi Mehrotra award and Dr. V. R. Khanolkar award for 2002, Best paper award & Dr. KC Basu Mallick award.

Only one paper was submitted for Dr. V. R. Khanolkar Award by Dr. U.K. Chatopadhyaya from All India Institute of Hygiene and Public Health, Calcutta. The paper submitted was entitled "Verotoxin- producing E. coli - an environment-induced emerging Zoonosis in and around Calcutta, published in *Int. J. Environ Health Research* 2001;11:107-112. This paper was recommended for the award. Congratulations to Dr. U. K. Chatopadhyaya.

Two papers submitted for Smt. Kunti Devi Mehrotra Award were not recommended. Five papers were submitted for Dr. K. C. Basu Mallick award out of which only one paper by Dr. Vibha Dutta, New Delhi was recommended for presentation but was not recommended for award by judges.

A total of eight papers were received for presentation in plenary session for best paper award. Only three papers were accepted for presentations out of which Paper entitled "A clinicopathological study of IgA Nephropathy and evaluation of myofibroblasts and collagen type IV aspredictors of renal dysfunction" by Dr. Arti Bakshi from PGIMER Chandigarh was recommended for the award. Congratulations to Dr. Arti Bakshi for this award.

Item No. 8: Venue for next conference: The EC approved and the General body accepted the invitation of Orissa Chapter of IAPM to hold  $52^{nd}$  annual conference of IAPM at Bhubneshwar, Orissa in the year 2003. The proposed dates are between  $19^{th}$ - $21^{st}$  December 2003 with IAP-ID annual meeting on  $18^{th}$  December.

Item No. 9: IAPM Head Quarter report by Dr. B. K. Nanda. Dr. B.K. Nanda presented his report and thanked the contributors for the building fund. He conveyed that part of the building i.e. ground floor is ready and shall be inaugurated at the time of next conference at Bhubneshwar. Dr. Medha suggested that all contributions for the building fund should be routed through the Treasurer IAPM and it was accepted by the General Body. Dr. Nanda suggested that in future Dr. N. C. Parija would present the Head Quarter report. The GB accepted the report of Dr. B. K. Nanda.

Item No. 10: Report of the Secretary IAPM- Accepted.

Item No. 11: Report of the Joint Sceretary – Accepted. The general body accepted formation of Jharkhand Chapter of IAPM. The general body accepted Dr. S. N. Prasad as chairperson of Jharkhand Chapter which was proposed by Dr. B. C. Adhikari. The joint Secretary Head Quarters , Cuttack, for the year 2003 will be Dr. N. C. Parija as per the elections of Orissa Chapter. Regarding MP state chapter the EC had recommended that national body recognises only the state chapters of IAPM and not the city chapters. It was suggested that Dr. S. Nandedkar as Chairperson and Dr. Anil Kapoor as Secretary should go ahead and conduct elections for the next term. They should also hold GBM during the state chapter conference.

# Item No. 12: Report of Treasurer - Accepted

Item No. 13: Report of Editor-in –chief IJPM – Accepted. The issue of non-receipt of journal by the members was discussed and Dr. Shahi agreed that he will look into the matter if details are provided to him by the members. The general body thanked outgoing Editor, Dr. S. K. Shahi for his contributions to the journal during his tenure.

Item No.14: Report of the National External Quality Control Programme by Dr. P.K. Shukla-Accepted.

The proposal of Executive Countl was accepted by general body that Dr. P.K. Shukla should coordinate with NABL as IAPM representative to work for Medical Laboratory Accrediation.

Item No. 5. Report of ICP Secretary-Accepted.

The General body congratulated Dr. C. I. Jhala for his appointment as National advisor by The Royal College of Pathologists, London for Postgraduate Education in India. Dr. Anita Borges and Dr. N. C. Nayak were also congratulated for being appointed as the regional advisors.

Item no. 16: Any other matter with permission of the chair.

- 1. The issue of practice of Pathology by Diploma holders in Medical Technology raised by Dr. J. Keskar and Dr. Lalit Jain was discussed. It was suggested that since it concerns state medical council, the state chairpersons should take up these matters. Some members suggested that IAPM should correspond with Ministry of Health regarding this matter. After discussion general body proposed that since Dr. Balaraman Nair is taking up this issue with MCI, on behalf of Kerala State, he was requested to represent IAPM.
- Constitution of Disciplinary committee. Regarding this agenda given by Dr. B. Nair the EC suggested and GB accepted that President IAPM is authorised to constitute such a committee as and when required.
- Regarding formation of Protection committee to defend our members from fegal and consumer protection it was decided that it is an individual matter which should be taken up with already existing companies and IAPM need not take up these matters.
- Telepathology Quiz to be made a regular feature of IAPM conference.
   The GB suggested that it can not be made a regular feature of IAPM and this matter should be left to the organisers to decide.
- It was suggested by Dr. T. Singh, New Delhi, that a postgraduate quiz during the conference should be held as it encourages residents.
   It was felt that this would be more appropriate for the organisers to decide.
- 6. Dr. Gaya Prasad Memorial Symposium-The family members of Dr. Gaya Prasad have deposited a corpus amount of Rs. 4 lakh to facilitate organization of this symposium. As per the advice of Dr. B. Nair and Dr. C.I. Jhala it was accepted by the general body. The association thanks the family of Dr. Gaya Prasad for this kind gesture.
- 7. Proposal to start S.G. Deodhar Life Time Achievement Award for a Life Member over 65 years. It was suggested by Dr. Deodhar, Mumbai. This was supported by many members but it was felt that it required a detailed discussion in the next EC and this matter should be brought next time.

The executive council and general body of IAPM appreciated the contribution and work done by outgoing office bearers of IAPM, Dr. Prakash V. Patil (President), Dr. Janardhan Mohanty (Vice President), Dr. S.B. Pati (Jt. Secretary-Headquarter) and Dr. S.K. Shahi (Editorin-Chief). On behalf of IAPM Dr. Balaraman Nair also thanked the outgoing office bearers.

