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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Wish you all a happy and safe life. The second phase of corona pandemic has been controlled by our hard work and discipline. In future also we will have to follow the safety protocols strictly, to prevent the third wave.

During the period of lockdown, our association conducted regular webinars covering basic topics along with slide seminars for the benefit of postgraduates and budding pathologists. These webinars will end after this month as many more academic activities in the form of chapter conferences and CMEs will be there.

Dates for APCON 2021 at Raipur have been finalized. It will be held in digital mode. Dr. Gahine and her team are working hard to make it successful. Details are available on IAPM website. All senior members should encourage postgraduates to register and present papers.

Another good news is increase in Impact factor of IJPM from 0.663 to 0.74 due to submission and citation of good articles by members. Please keep submitting good articles to the journal for further increase in Impact factor

The association is changing fast and moving towards digitalization. EC and various other sub committees had regular online meetings to carry forward the work of association and for the first time, we had an online general body meeting of IAPM to ratify the decisions taken by EC and other committees. All the members are requested to visit the association website regularly for information regarding conference, awards and elections etc.

I once again request all the members to update their email addresses and phone numbers on the IAPM website so that proper and timely communication of various activities and decisions can be sent to the members.

With best wishes


Dr. vatsala Misra





VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Where are we with “Open Access”

Undoubtedly, creation of new knowledge takes place through interactions of interdisciplinary collaborations. European Union has made Open Science system to compete at global level. Open Science has been clarified as a movement that aims to make scientific research, data and dissemination accessible to all levels of an inquiring society. Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in science and humanity in 2003 is regarded as the main reference for the access and sharing of scientific results in the digital age. There are two major components in Open Access system namely Open Research Data (ORD) and Open Peer Review (OPR) and both them are in their initial stage of development amongst researchers and funding organisations.



ORD may be classified under various categories and forms such as sharing of observational and experimental data, documents, questionnaires, images (audio and video clips), samples, etc. Funding agency like National Institutes of Health (NIH) encourages data sharing as one important premium medium. Success of such effort is indicated by FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Reusable) in context to sharing of information with the recent ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. An OPR process is a valuable addition to scientific publishing community as it creates transparency and openness. In OPR, it is not just a question of making reviews visible publicly and also having the choice for editor, reviewers and editorial decisions in public domain.

Peer review process was introduced by Royal Society of Edinburgh in 1731 and it has been in use only after 1960. Two traditional forms of peer review (single and double blind) and more recently introduced OPR models are the existing principal forms. A PEER D4.2 behavioural research study group had reported that higher number of scientists from health and medical disciplines published in peer-reviewed journals. Studies on single and double-blind peer review models demonstrate that they are rarely impartial or evidence-based with high levels of complexity. On the other hand, OPR can contribute positively in improving

transparency by highlighting inappropriate reviewer's behaviour and resolving any misconduct by identifying the reviewer. Moreover, OPR can be a useful mode of peer review system to reinforce innovative efforts by minimizing the negative aspects of the system. The present situation of higher rate of rejection and similar content in multiple articles submitted for review are related to increased number of productions by researchers resulting in "review process" overload. In OPR module, reviewer's comments with identities are printed along the articles. This module represents an aspect of open science movement, preferably to be adopted widely and its implication is growing in the last few decades. Currently available bibliographic databases have not indexed OPR journals systematically. Most importantly, the biggest loophole for OPR journals is that still it fails to enumerate well defined policies.



Dr Kim Vaiphei

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SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Dear all,

Once again, I feel privileged to welcome you as members of IAPM and congratulate you for remaining active and sharing responsibilities in spite of the hurdles due to Corona pandemic. I'm grateful to almighty for keeping us safe and healthy as second wave of CoVid-19 is weaning. But with a heavy heart, I express that during this short period we have lost five of our senior, very dynamic and eminent members of IAPM family: Dr. Subir Datta, Dr. Raj Mehrotra, Dr. B. K. Mohapatra, Dr. S. Satyanarayana and Dr. S. D. Patil. I express our heartfelt condolences on behalf of the association to the bereaved family members and pray sincerely for their soul to rest in heavenly abode.

We had lot of activities in the meanwhile mostly on digital platform. We already had 21 webinars, the last one being held on 30.07.21. After this we are stopping this teaching sessions as we have to prepare for the upcoming APCON and the associated scientific program. The recorded version of the webinars are available in IAPM account of You Tube where we already have 1.55 subscribers. We have displayed the tentative scientific program of APCON 2021 in IAPM website and also in other social groups. I request you to please look into it carefully and choose your area of expertise, interest and preference and send mail for being speaker or moderator. Online registration for APCON 2021 has started under leadership of Dr. Renuka Gahine which is going to be a virtual conference. Please block the dates from 1st to 5th December to have a wonderful experience of interactive web conferencing sitting at your home.

The announcements for election and awards are also out. Again I request you to see the details

in website and act accordingly. I request the HODs and chapter chairpersons to circulate these informations for wide coverage and encourage their residents and young pathologists to participate in competitions for different IAPM awards.



We had digital executive council meeting on 02.05.21 with 23 executive members. The minutes were ratified in GBM on 11.07.21 with 120 participating members. It was a fruitful meeting with many important decisions taken. For last two years, number of new members enrolled is less which was a matter of concern and it is necessary to create a drive for member registration among postgraduate students which mostly depends on chapter chairpersons and HODs. For the online election to be held in October, it's important that more and more members update their email ids and mobile numbers so that they will get the messages and also vote in large numbers to elect the appropriate candidate.

Wishing you all a safe and healthy life and inviting you to register in large numbers for digital conference of APCON, 2021 at Raipur. Jai IAPM.

NB-This issue actually is from April to June, 2021. But due to the need of sharing and circulating many important informations among members and since GBM was held in July where many important decisions were ratified, we are including those important activities of July in this issue.

Jai IAPM


Dr. Asaranti Kar



ODISHA CHAPTER OF IAPM

48th Odisha APCON(2020) was held on 14th February 2021 on the virtual zoom platform. This event was jointly organised by IAPM HQ and Odisha chapter. Dr SwayamPravaPradhan was the organising chairperson. Conference was inaugurated by Professor Dr Bijay Kumar Nanda & was attended by 255 delegates. There were Award papers, free papers and poster presentations following guest lecture. Dr Rasheeda M, post graduate from AIIMS, Bhubaneswar with paper titled, ‘Expression of mismatch repair proteins in urothelial carcinoma of urinary bladder’ got the best paper award. Similarly, Dr BulusuDivya, postgraduate from IMS SUM Hospital & Medical College with poster titled, ‘Unusual presentation of the Langerhans cell neoplasm- 2cases.’ got the best poster award.



TAMIL NADU AND PONDICHERRY CHAPTER (TNPCIAPM)

In the month of April, 25th Chennai city pathologist club meet was organized with various case presentations by Dr.Gayathri. Arthi, Dr.Asma, Prof. Pappathi, Dr.Anitha, & an array of cases by Dr.Krishnakumar. A virtual slide seminar was conducted on 15.05.2021. It was attended by around 100 delegates online and was also uploaded in TNPCIAPM youtube channel. Interesting cases were presented by Dr.KarunaBala, Dr.NadiaNadeem, Dr Vijayalakshmi, Dr .PriyankaJawahar, Dr.K.Sangeetha&Dr.R.Thamilselvi. Annual Conference (vital) TAPCON-21 was conducted from 4th-6th June’2021. Numbers of registrants were around 1500. E-Posters were 160 and 100 oral papers were presented. Inauguration and felicitations were done by IAPM President Dr.VatsalaMisra, along with Dr.Siddharaju, Dr.UshaKini& Dr Seethalakshmi. Speakers of various academic sessions were: Dr.Padmavathi.R, Brig by Dr TathagataChatterjee, Dr.R.Thamilselvi, Dr. P. Kalaivani, SandhyaSundaram, Dr.Nandeesh BN, Dr B.H. Srinivas, Dr.Sudha S, Dr.S.Sankar, Dr.Shanthakumari.S, Dr.RadhikaSrinivasan, Dr.Jayasree K, Dr.VanithaSundararajan, Dr.AsawariPatil, Dr.SanthoshMenon, Dr.ShipraAgarwal, Dr.K. Chandramouleeswari, Dr.Tejindar Singh, Dr Priya Murthy, Dr. K. Swaminathan, Dr.Premila Samuel &Dr.KarthikKalyanasundaram,

KARNATAKA CHAPTER (KCIAPM)

KCIAPM Slide Seminar was conducted by Faculty at KIDWAI Memorial Institute of Oncology, Bengaluru on 24th April, 2021. Dr Gayathri S, Professor, Dept. of Neuro-Pathology at NIMHANS delivered KCIAPM Path Webinar on ‘‘ Skeletal Muscle Disorders- A case based approach ‘‘ on 10th April , 2021.

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APCON 2021-RAIPUR, CHATTISGARH**TENTATIVE SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM**

Day 1		1st December 2021 – Pre-conference CMEs	
4.00PM- 8.00PM	1. Digital Pathology 2. To be decided 3. Role of Molecular genetics in diagnosis & prognosis 4. Recent updates in WHO diagnosis and prognosis of tumours & its challenges in resource poor setting,		
Day 2		2nd December 2021 IAP –ID	
2.00 pm –2.15pm	Inauguration		
2.15pm –3.15pm	Guest Lecture by Invited Foreign Guest Speaker		
3.15pm - 5.00 pm	Slide Seminar Topic: <i>“VISA [Variable Interpretation of Similar Appearances] of tumors of Accessory cells”</i> Moderator: Dr Faiq Ahmed Department of Pathology, Basavatarakam Indo-American Cancer Hospital & Research Institute Hyderabad		
5.00pm - 5.10 pm	Break		
5.10pm –6.10pm	Slide Seminar by Invited Foreign Guest Speaker		
6.10pm - 7.55pm	Symposium Topic: <i>“Quality Assurance in Anatomic Pathology”</i> Moderator: Dr. Jayaram N. Iyengar Managing Director, Neuberger Anand Academy of Laboratory Medicine, Bengaluru		
7.55pm - 8.00pm	Concluding Session		
8.00 pm	Meeting concludes		
Day 3		(3rd December, 2021)	
10.00AM-1130 AM	Poster review		
11.30.PM-2 00 PM	Free papers session		
2.30PM-4.00 PM	Parallel Sessions for PGs 1. Milan system of salivary gland cytology reporting 2. New Gleason’s grading system 3. Problems in preparing Pathology 4. Sample collection: Concept & concern		



4.00PM - 5.30PM	4 parallel CMEs Placenta- Best out of the waste Flow cytometry interpretation Role of Laboratory in Critical care management Coagulation profile – Analysis ,interpretation& pitfalls
5.30PM-6.15PM	Inauguration
6.15 -7.15 PM	Dr. BK Aikat Memorial Presidential Oration
7.15PM-9.00PM	Plenary Paper Sessions-Prof. KC BasuMallick& Best Paper Award

Day 4 4th December, 2021

10.00 AM-11.30 AM	Poster review
11.30 PM-2.00 PM	Free paper session
2.30PM-4.00 PM	Parallel Sessions for PGs How to select a topic for MD thesis Spectrum of urine analysis Rapid tests- How to report & be safe
4 .00PM-5 .30PM	4 Parallel CMEs Recent classification of hepatobiliarypancreatic tumors Adrenal tumors&tumor like lesions Quality assurance in Hematology Molecular diagnosis of Colonic carcinoma
5.30PM - 6.30PM	ICP Oration
6.30PM - 7.30 PM	Gaya Prasad Memorial Symposium Topic Social Networking in Today's era of medical writing & publishing Speaker - Dr. Ranjan Agarwal
7.30PM - 8.30PM	Panel Discussion / Symposium on CoVid experience

Day 5 5th December, 2021.

9AM - 10AM	Selected poster presentation
10PAM—11AM	Dr. CI Jhala Oration: To be finalized
11AM-12 NOON	Tamilnadu Puducherry Oration Topic Medical ethics in Pathology : Current scenario Speaker - Dr. V. Rajalakshmi
12PM-1.30PM	Guest lecture/ hematology session
1.30 PM-.145PM	Valedictory session



Minutes of GB meeting (Online) held on 11.07.2021 from 11:00AM- 1:00 PM

General body Meeting of IAPM was held online on 11.07.2021 at 11:00AM. One hundred and twenty (120) members attended the meeting. Prof. Vatsala Misra, President IAPM presided over the meeting and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Agenda No.1-Condolence to the departed souls of IAPM members: In the beginning all members were informed about sad demise of members of IAPM; Dr. Arun R. Chitale, Dr. Raj Mehrotra, Dr. Subir Datta, Dr. (Col) S. Satyanarayana, Dr. B.K. Mohapatra, Dr. Vijay Bhaskar and Dr. S.D.Patil.

Resolution: Agenda No. 01/2021: GB observed 02 minutes silence in the memory of departed souls. Secretary expressed that condolence letters had been sent to their families except for Dr. Patil which will be sent soon.

Agenda No.2: Confirmation of minutes of online EC meeting held on 16.8.20:

It was shortly presented by secretary which was mainly declaration of 2020 as Null year.

Resolution: Agenda No. 02/2021: Minutes was approved by GB.

Agenda No. 3: Report of Honorary Secretary, IAPM:

Resolution: Agenda No. 03/2021: GB accepted the report of Secretary, IAPM and appreciated the effort of Secretary for wide displaying of IAPM in several digital platforms like facebook, telegram and YouTube: also Secretary's sincere efforts in conducting online teaching sessions (IAPM webinars). The dates of virtual APCON 2021 was approved in GBM as 1st-5th December, 2021.

Agenda No. 4: Report of Joint Secretary, IAPM:

Resolution: Agenda No. 04/2021: The general body accepted the report of joint secretary IAPM, Dr. Harendra Kumar. GB observed that several chapters are not regularly sending details of their chapters and not following rules and regulations of National association. Some chapters have not revised their executive committees for years. It was decided to arrange a zoom meeting with such chapters to revive them. Dr. Bishan Radotra's proposal to revive North

West chapter & allow Haryana chapter was discussed. Joint Secretary, Dr. Harendra Kumar was authorised to communicate with Senior members Dr. Harsh Mohan, Dr. Bishan Radotra & Dr. Ashim Das for revival of North West Chapter..

Agenda No. 5: Report of Treasurer, IAPM:

Resolution: Agenda No. 05/2021: GB accepted report of treasurer Dr. Varsha Dhume with applaud for sincere effort of treasurer and office bearers for filing ITR in time. She presented the income expenditure statement for financial year 2019-20 and informed house that there is an excess income of Rs12,06,990.11 over expenditure in IAPM accounts. All applauded organizing team of APCON 2019 for contributing Rs7,00,000/ to IAPM. IAPM. Appointment of Mr. Mahadik as CA & auditor with remuneration of Rs 65,000 and Mr. Pagar as accountant with remuneration of Rs30,000 were approved for the financial year 2020-21. GB approved closure of bank accounts in Cuttack except SBI and few others where FD accounts are not mature and urged Joint Secretary, IAPM (HQ) to take necessary steps for the same. In 2020-39 new members and in 2021-10 new members were enrolled. All were worried about less number of new member registration and took a proposal for HODs to drive enrolling of postgraduate students in their departments.

Agenda No. 6: Report of Editor, Indian Journal of Pathology & Microbiology:

Resolution: Agenda No. 06/2021: GB approved report of Editor, IJPM, Dr. Ranjan Agrawal and applauded his effort in increasing impact factor of journal. He informed house that editor's account at present has nearly an amount of 37 lakh rupees. Dr. Challa Sundaram has received best published paper in IJPM award for the year 2019. Editor informed the GB about special issues in 2021 on GI, hepatobiliary and head & neck pathology. The demand for additional computer assistant and assistant editor was approved by GB. Regarding sending hard copies to senior members, many members informed house about their refusal to get hard copies. It was decided to send emails to all members before 2000 inquiring if they require hard copies or not

**Agenda No. 7: Joint Secretary, IAPM HQ:**

Resolution: Agenda No. 07/2021: GB accepted report of Joint Secretary, IAPM HQ, Dr. Pranati Mohanty. The revised list of HQ advisory committee was approved. Budget was sanctioned including annual maintenance and an additional amount of 75,000 for three phase electrification in IAPM house. Status of installation of lift in HQ was enquired my members and it was informed to GB that the installation is delayed because of non-availability of labourers due to corona pandemic. GB urged Jt. Secretary HQ to finish the work early.

Agenda No. 8: Report of Secretary , ICP:

Resolution: Agenda No. 08/2021: GB approved report of Hon. Secretary, ICP, Dr. Nuzhat Hussain. Virtual ICP EC meeting was held in August, 2020 and 26th AIPNA –ICP international CME from 4-6th February, 2021. Seven fellowships of ICP were awarded and approved. Also results of PDCC of ICP. ICP awards were given to best papers and posters. A virtual meeting was held on 18/04/21 between ICP EC members and AIPNA members to discuss the next AIICME at Gwalior.

Agenda No. 9: APCON 2021 & scientific program:

Resolution: Agenda No. 09/2021: GB approved that “Online APCON 2021” will be conducted this year at Raipur by Organising Secretary, Dr. Renuka Gahine and her team. The dates are 1st -5th December with pre-conference CME on 1st December and IAP ID on 2nd December. Minimum fee of registration for online APCON 2021 will be decided and collected from delegates and the registration fee collected in APCON 2019 will be refunded. Tentative scientific program has been decided and displayed in IAPM website and circulated in different social groups. Moderators and speakers are invited for participation .

Agenda No. 10: Selection of award papers for 2020

Resolution: Agenda No. 10/2021: Out of 4 papers received for best paper award 3 were selected and the only entry for Prof. K.C.Basu Mallick award was considered unsuitable for presentation in plenary session of APCON 2021.

Agenda No. 11: Election for 2022

Resolution: Agenda No. 11/2021: GB approved electronic voting like 2019 elections for the posts of President, Vice-President and Editor-Elect. There is still need for updating of members as everyone is concerned regarding the low voting in elections.

Agenda No. 12: Dr.K.S. Ratnakar award

Resolution: Agenda No. 12/2021: GB approved Dr. K.S.Ratnakar award for the best published research paper in Pathology in the preceding year for which heis daughter Dr. Sarojini Ratnakar has to deposit Rs5 lakhs as FD. Secretary, IAPM requested Dr. Varsha Dhume to prepare the guidelines and MOU which will be signed by his family members. Dr. Dhume agreed to prepare the MOU with help of Dr. Pradeep Vaideeswar.

Agenda No. 13: Any other matter:**Resolution: Agenda No. 13/2021:**

Point from Dr. (Col) D.K.Mishra-Dr. Mishra gave proposal to rename the hematology session in APCON as IAPM-ISLH joint CME which will be more popular and give more visibility to the program.

Resolution: Agenda No. 13a/2021:

GB appreciated the idea but asked Dr. Mishra to put this in EC in APCON first which will be deliberated further for approval in EC and GB.

Point from Dr. Sidharth Datta Gupta- Dr. Sidharth expressed that survey in Celiac disease was conducted smoothly by Dr. Prasenjit Das with good result. He suggested to continue it with inflammatory bowel disease.

Resolution: Agenda No. 13b/2021:

He was also asked to present the proposal to EC in December.

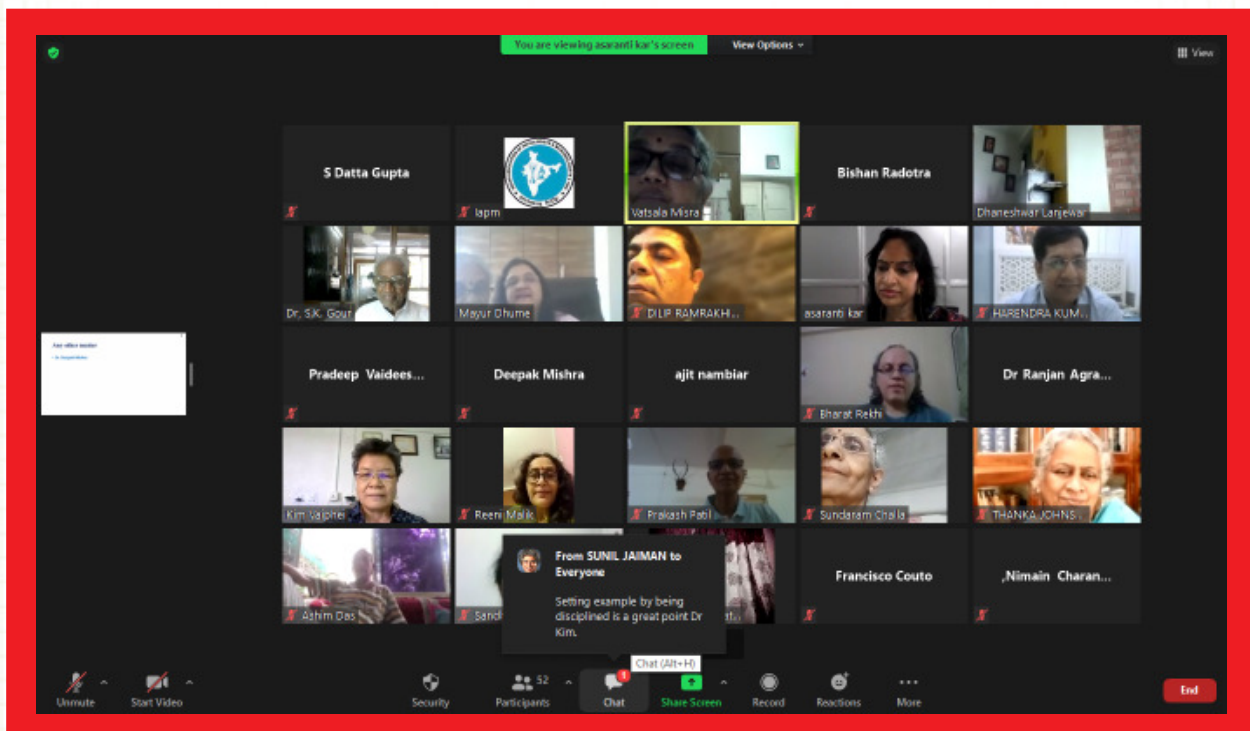
Dr. Sharada Rane suggested to initiate it in other fields also.

Agenda No. 14: Vote of thanks:**Resolution: Agenda No. 14/2021:**

Meeting continued smoothly for two hours and was adjourned with vote of thanks by Dr. Asaranti Kar to President, IAPM and all members of IAPM for attending GBM .



General Body Meeting in Progress





IAPM Elections for 2022

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

- 1.Hon. President -** Tenure of one year
- 2 Hon. Vice President -** Tenure of one year
- 3.Editor-in-Chief (Elect) -** Tenure of six Years (1 year editor elect + 5 years Editor-in-Chief)

The duties of the above posts are provided in the Bye-Laws of the Association. Every candidate for the posts of President, Vice President should have at least 10 years & Editor-in-Chief (Elect) at least 5 years of 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 to be made on plain paper and sent 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 2021**

Last date for withdrawal of nominations is **25th September 2021**

On line voting will be done in the month of October 2021, & it will be communicated to all the life members of IAPM.





APCON 2021 Awards Session

Applications from IAPM members are invited for the Dr VRKhanolkar Prize, Smt. Kun Devi Mehrotra Award, Prof K C Basu Mallick Award, and Best Paper Award.

The applications, complete in all respects should reach the Honorary Secretary by 15th September 2021.

1. 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:

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

The principal author shall submit:

- Covering letter indicating the IAPM Membership number,
- Certificate from all authors certifying that this research work has been carried out in India and this work has not received any other award,
- Certificate from the co-authors (if any), attesting and supporting the candidature of the principal author,
- 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,
- His / Her brief biodata.

The Covering letter, Certificates from all authors / co-authors, Letter from head of Department (if necessary), along with age proof must be sent as a hard copy and a soft copy to the Secretary IAPM. PDF format of the published paper is to be submitted to the Secretary IAPM as a soft copy.

2. Smt Kunti Devi Mehrotra Award is another prestigious award given annually for published research work. The contest for this prize is open

to all members fulfilling the following criteria:

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

The principal author shall submit:

- Covering letter indicating the IAPM Membership number,
- Certificate from all authors certifying that this research work has been carried out in India and this work has not received any other award,
- Certificate from the co-authors (if any), attesting and supporting the candidature of the principal author,
- 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,
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3. Dr KC Basu Mallick Award is given to the best paper during the plenary session of the APCON.

The award for this prize is open to all members fulfilling the following criteria:

- There is no age restriction,
- The research work submitted should have been carried out in India,

The principal author shall submit:

- Covering letter indicating the IAPM Membership number,
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- III. Certificate from the co-authors (if any), attesting and supporting the candidature of the principal author,
- IV. 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,
- V. His / Her brief biodata.

The Covering letter, Certificates from all authors / co-authors, Letter from head of Department (if necessary), along with age proof must be sent as a hard copy and a soft copy to the Secretary IAPM. All candidates should submit a full length text of their search 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 PDF with images embedded within the manuscript at the end of the write-up.

The paper will be initially scrutinized by a panel of referees selected by the President/Secretary, IAPM for its presentation at the plenary session.

A maximum of five papers will be finally 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.

The time allotted for presentation is generally 10 Minutes only (including the questions and answers).

4. Best Paper Award is given to the best paper presented during the plenary session of the Annual Conference of IAPM. The award for this prize is open to all members fulfilling the following criteria:

- a. Age below 35 years on 31st December of that year (age proof to be provided),
- b. The research work submitted should have been carried out in India,

The principal author shall submit:

- I. Covering letter indicating the IAPM Membership number,
- II. Certificate from all authors certifying that this research work has been carried out in India and this work has not received any other award,
- III. Certificate from the co-authors (if any), attesting and supporting the candidature of the principal author,
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The format is PDF with images embedded within the manuscript.

The paper will be initially scrutinized by a panel of referees selected by the President/Secretary, IAPM for its presentation at the plenary session.

A maximum of four papers will be finally 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.



OBITUARY**PROF. DR. SUBIR KUMAR DUTTA,**

Prof. Dr. Subir Kumar Dutta, an eminent pathologist of India, a teacher of teachers left for heavenly abode on 14th May, 2021 due to Covid. He is survived by his wife Smt. Rupasree Dutta, daughter Nandini Basu and grandson Dr. Samudra Basu.

He was born on 24th November, 1935 in a doctor's family. His father was Dr. Sailendra Nath Dutta and granduncle Dr. Kartik Chandra Bose of Bose's Lab in Amherstreet. His mother was from a zamindar family of chinsurah. She was daughter of Raisaheb Nobokishore Bose.

Dr. Subir Kumar Dutta passed matriculation from prestigious Hindu School in 1951, MBBS from Medical College, Calcutta, DCP from School of Tropical Medicine and MD (Path & Bact) from University College of Medicine, Calcutta.

Initially he joined government service as medical teacher and served from 1963 to 1989. Later he was professor of pathology, University College of Medicine where he guided hundreds of postgraduate students. In truest sense, he was a great motivator, friend, philosopher and guide. He was Dean, faculty of medicine, Calcutta University for 3 terms. He had more than 75 publications in National & International journals. Till the last breath, he was Director of his own laboratory (Scientific Clinical Research Laboratory) which is one of the renowned lab in Kolkata situated at his own residence, 2, Ramchandra Das Road, Kol- 13.

Practically it is impossible to depict here all the posts, chairs he had held in academics, Sociomedical activities, administration and different associations. Just to highlight a few of them— He was past National President (2004) of Indian Association of Pathologist and Microbiologists. He was Vice-President of West Bengal Medical Council and Medical Secretary of Asiatic Society.

He had received "Eminent Teacher" award in 2003 from Calcutta University. Government of West Bengal awarded him "Bishista Chikista Samman" in 2019.

He was very kind and affectionate to all. We will cherish his memories throughout our lives.

OM Shanti !!

DR.(COL) SRIDHAR SATYANARAYANA

DOB- 07.09.1954 DOD- 15.05.21



Dr.(Col) Sridhar Satyanarayan took birth in Venkatgiri, Nellore. He did his MBBS in 1975 from S.V. Medical College, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh and passed his MD(Pathology) from AFMC, Pune. He had affiliations to several institutes and completed 31 years of service in Armed Forces as Medical Officer, Pathologist, senior advisor, adjutant in field hospitals, commanding officer in ADS and Administrative in-charge of 1170 bedded hospital and took voluntary retirement from Armed Forces in 2007. Then he joined GSL Medical College as HOD, Pathology. He was instrumental in investigations of outbreaks of typhoid, cholera, dysentery, falciparum malaria and BCG lymphnode abscess.

Accreditation of cytology laboratory and establishment of immunohistochemistry in Base hospital, introduction of needle necropsy, designing and developing a portable field laboratory for disasters for WHO, introduction of problem based tutorial for UG and student feedback in AFMC were few of his achievements. His area of interest was cytology of breast, lymph nodes, infective lesions and pathology of AIDS. He was very active academically and was a popular teacher and examiner among postgraduates.

He was an active member of the international Academy of Pathologists-Indian Division and the International Academy of Cytology. He also has been an executive member of Indian Academy of Cytologists, Editor-in-Chief of Indian Journal of Pathology and Microbiology, editorial board member of Journal of Cytology and panel of referees of Medical Journal Armed Forces of India. He had published many articles in national and international journal and was an invited speaker in international conferences.

He lived a very successful life but sadly passed away at the age of 67, survived by his wife Smt. Mallika and two daughters.

He will be fondly remembered by members of IAPM and all the UG, PG students who have come in close contact with him.

OBITUARY**PROF. RAJ MEHROTRA**

This year in corona pandemic, we have lost many stalwarts and one among them was a senior member from KGMU, UP, Prof. Raj Mehrotra.

'Raj' as he was well known in pathologist community has been an active member in local and provincial circles, as well as, was socially active amongst all.

Dr. Raj was born in year 1950 to a pioneering pathologist family of late Prof. R.M.L. Mehrotra, who was one of the great pathologist of that time and acted as President of Indian Association of Pathologist and microbiologists besides serving as head of combined Department of Pathology and Bacteriology, KGMU.

Prof. Raj did his MBBS from GSVM medical College Kanpur in 1973 and there after trained in pathology in KG Medical College, Lucknow for postgraduation leading to award of MD in pathology and Bacteriology in 1977. He was well known internationally in eighties for his work with hepatitis viruses, both in medical practice as well as experimental and for his studies on Indian Childhood Cirrhosis (ICC).

He joined the department as lecturer in 1978 and rose to the post of Head of Upgraded Dept. of Pathology, KGMU. During his tenure, the department showed much expansion. Special histopathology techniques like IHC were developed. He encouraged development of hematology as a separate branch and state of the art Electron microscopy units. His tenure also witnessed great expansion of Hospital laboratory services with repertoire of almost full range of investigations under PPP model. He also worked as Dean, of famous King George's Medical College in Lucknow.

He retired in 2015; but remained very much active in local pathology circles and groups. Due to his sudden demise the loss is great and the void shall be felt in pathology community of UP and India.

PROF. B K MOHAPATRA, MD

Prof. Bibhu Kalyan Mohapatra , a senior life member of IAPM passed away on 13th May 2021 after a brief illness in his home town Brahmapur, Odisha. Prof Mohapatra was born on 13th December, 1936 in a remote village of Kadalibana in the undivided Cuttack district. He passed Matriculation from Ravenshaw Collegiate School, Cuttack in 1952, ISc from Ravenshaw College (now University) and completed MBBS from SCB Medical college ,Cuttack in the year 1960. He was a brilliant student of his time and became the Best medical graduate of 1960 receiving all gold medals of Utkal University. After his post graduation M D in Pathology from Patna University in 1963, Prof Mohapatra joined state medical and health services and continued to work as in three state run medical colleges in different faculty positions and finally took voluntary retirement from V S S Medical Burla (now VIMSAR) as Professor and HOD of Pathology in 1989 in order to settle himself as practising pathologist in his own town of Berhampur and continued as such till his death.

Prof Mohapatra was an eminent teacher and successful pathologist of the state of Odisha. He is survived by his family of doctors including his wife, two sons and daughter- in -laws and grand children.

Prof. Mohapatra was a wonderful and impressive personality and commands genuine respect from his students, colleagues and friends.

May his soul rest in peace.



DR. SHRINIWAS DATTATRAY PATIL



DOB: 06.07.1936 DOD: 16.04.2021

Wife: Mrs Meenakshi Shrinivas Patil

Dr. S. D. Patil did his MBBS at GMC Nagpur in 1959, then joined Govt. Medical College Aurangabad as Lecturer in Pathology in 1961. He did MD Pathology in 1966 at GMC Aurangabad as First Batch of PG. under guidance of Dr.K.D. Sharma. Later he worked as Associate Professor in Pathology at GMC Aurangabad and SRTR Medical college, Ambajogai. Worked as Professor and Head Department of Microbiology, GMC Aurangabad from 1977 to 1979 followed by Professor and Head Department of Pathology, GMC Aurangabad from 31.08.1979 to 03.07.1987. He was postgraduate guide to more than 150 students. He was known as the finest histopathologist and had more than 125 National & International Publications. Dr. K.D. Sharma the then president of the IAPM, took the lead in Maharashtra state and requested Dr. S. DPatil, Dr. Subhash Kelkar & Dr. B.R Solanki to organize a meeting at Aurangabad. This was the beginning of Maharashtra state chapter of IAPM. He was also Past President of IMA, Aurangabad. His compassionate nature as a Pathologist was always refreshing.

Dr. S. D. Patil made significant contributions for the growth of Pathology in India. All his postgraduate students will always be thankful to him for shaping their lives as sensible pathologists and good human being. He passed away after a short illness. We were shocked and deeply saddened by this news.

