

Dear all,

You all are aware of the unprecedented situation caused by the prevailing COVID 19 pandemic. There are lots of uncertainties and no one can predict the situation of travel, movement and sponsorship etc in coming months. We received a letter from Organizing secretary 2020 describing the difficulties faced by her in this situation. We had two options of either postponing it to early 2021 or declaring this year as "Null year". In this connection your views were sought through the proposals put forth by the Secretary.

I thank each one of you for expressing your views and offering comments on the points raised by the Secretary. Further, the matter was discussed in detail with the Organizing committees of the 2020, 2021 and 2022.

We received the answers from 14 EC members (excluding the secretary and myself). 12 out of 14 members suggested for declaring the year 2020 as a 'Null Year' due to the prevailing situation and two members suggested of postponing it to Early 2021.

Dr. G. N. Mohanty and Dr. R. K Gupta sir quoted the precedence of declaring 'Null year' earlier also (see the attachment). After considering the views of all the respected senior EC members and fellow members, the decisions taken by me are placed below

1. The year 2020 to be treated as *Dies non* (Null year) for IAPM and its major activities

2. APCON 2020: The annual conference of IAPM, which was scheduled to be held in December 2020 at Raipur, Chattisgarh will stand postponed to 2021. The Organizing committee should now plan accordingly and finalize the dates for 2021 along with Secretary IAPM. They can send a letter to all delegates who have already registered giving options of keeping registration for next year or full refund. Mode of Refund of Delegate Registration fee can be decided by Secretary IAPM and Organising Secretary 2021.

3. APCON 2021 will now be postponed to 2022 and will be held in Davengere under the aegis of Karnataka Chapter with Dr Shashikala from Davengere as Organising Secretary. A letter of consent from chapter has been received.

4. APCON 2023 will be held in AIIMS New Delhi. Dr. M C Sharma Organising Chairperson has given his consent.

5. APCON 2024 will be held in Cuttack as agreed

6. State Chapters - All Physically arranged conferences may be cancelled after proper discussion in their chapter's executive. But if any chapter wants to organize e- Conference on a digital platform then they can do it. State chapters may consider organizing conferences in small groups in December subject to the prevailing conditions and Government permission.

7. Awards and Orations: for the year 2020 will be carried forward to 2021. The Secretary should form a committee to work out the details.

8. Election of Office Bearers: In view of the year 2020 being declared a "Null Year", no elections shall be held for any post and election notice, if any would get carried over to

2021. Election of office bearers for 2021 may be cancelled and the PRESIDENT and VICE PRESIDENT can continue for 2021.(We have precedence).

8..All other activities of association like publications of Journal and News Letter, functioning of Treasurer's office and Head quarters etc to continue as such.

9. Indian College of Pathologists - The Dean and Secretary may discuss the matter in their EC and take the decision accordingly and inform IAPM Secretary

10. IAP-ID - AS IAP-ID conference usually organised in Conjunction with APCON they can also discuss the matter in their EC and inform the Secretary IAPM and the Organizing Secretary and also to the invited guest speaker if any,

11.Executive committee can meet quarterly by video conferencing to take important decisions if any. I request all the EC members to go through this proposal and suggest any modification, or send their approval.

12. As It may not be possible / difficult to have EC & GB Meetings physical; there will be a videoconferencing of EC members & these proposals will be discussed. Also, these would be put on IAPM website and will be circulated through IAPM members through personal mails (whose ever mail ids are updated), and will be given one week's time to send their comments/ suggestions/ feedback to Secretary IAPM otherwise it will be taken as accepted & will be circulated through news letter. Finally the decisions taken would be placed before the EC & GB in APCON 2021 for discussion and approval & will be minuted.

Hope we will get back to a normal stable situation soon.

Wish you all a safe and healthy life

With Warm Regards

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