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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

All of you must be busy now in your routine activity after attending a hectic and fruitful academic feast of APCON 2017. You will agree that we have enjoyed the wonderful hospitality provided by the organizing committee of Gandhi Medical College, Bhopal under the guidance of Prof. Reeni Mallick.

Prof. Siddharth Duttgupta with the help of the present executive committee has given the flavour, richness and the variety in the academic font. The much waited research methodology related lectures and several morning sessions after a gap of ten years has also improved the standard of the scientific content. The multiple parallel CMEs and guest lectures have also enhanced the academic experience.

However, it also appeared that we failed to attract the delegates to go inside the hall and interact with the speakers. The question answer time was also severely curtailed. The interaction of the delegates with the speakers is a necessity for understanding the topics and I hope we should take appropriate remedial measures in future. It is important to get the feedback from the participants regarding our deficiency so that we can rectify in future.

The general body has again given the important task of making the scientific programme to Dr. Siddharth Duttgupta. There was some complaint regarding the delay in the finalization of scientific programme of APCON 2017. The GB has advised that the scientific programme should be finalized by 31st March, 2018 for APCON 2018. Prof. Duttgupta has already finalized the academic committee who will be responsible for making the scientific programme. As a part of executive committee, I sincerely request all the members of IAPM to come forward voluntarily to act as a moderator or speaker. They can show their willingness by writing to Prof. Duttgupta.

To improve the function of Indian journal of Pathologists and Microbiologists, it has been decided in the GB that three section editors would replace assistant editors in the editorial board and they will be nominated from the eminent pathologists of India. These section editors will work independently for the selection of articles to be published in the journal.

Now, it is time to hand over the charges of IAPM to the new executive committee, who will take over the helm of IAPM from 1st January 2018. I hope there will be significant changes in the functioning of IAPM with Prof. Deepak Misra as a dynamic president and Dr. Sharada Rane as an honorary secretary.

Merry Christmas and happy New Year to all the members of Indian association of pathologists and Microbiologists.

Jai Hind.

Dr. Ashim Das





SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Dear Members

The memories of the recent APCON at Bhopal must be quite fresh in your minds and by now you must have already started planning for the next one at Bareilly, UP. I take this opportunity to thank our past presidents, Hon'ble members of IAPM, Executive Members & Faculty of Indian College of Pathologists and well wishers for their active support and constructive suggestions. All the members are requested to check the web-site at regular intervals for updates as printed newsletters are to be sent only to a selected few for reducing our financial burden. Also, I thank the organisers of APCON- 2017 particularly Dr. Reeni Malik, organising Secretary and her Organizing Committee, for Organising this memorable Conference at Bhopal.



I wish to thank President Dr Ashim Das for his encouragement and welcome our new president IAPM Col.D.K.Mishra and Vice President Dr Pradeep Vaideshwar wish all of you and your families Happy and healthy 2018.

Dr Sharada Rane

MINUTES OF THE 66TH GENERAL BODY MEETING OF IAPM AT APCON 2017, BHOPAL, MADHYA PRADESH

Agenda No. 1: Condolences: The house was informed regarding the sad demise of the following honorable member of the association: Dr M Balaraman Nair

Resolution: Agenda No. 01/2017: 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 former Presidents of IAPM expressed their inability to attend the Executive Committee and General Body Meetings: Dr. Prakash Patil, Dr. N.Parija and Dr. Harsh Mohan.

Resolution: Agenda No. 02/2017: The general body was informed about the apologies.

Agenda No. 3: Confirmation of minutes of 65th GBM at APCON 2016

Resolution: Agenda No. 03/2017: The minutes of the 65th GBM of APCON 2016, Jaipur were confirmed and passed as proposed by Dr. Radotra and seconded by Dr Pradeep Vaideshwar.

Agenda No. 4: Report of Honorary Secretary, IAPM

Resolution: Agenda No. 04/2017: The General Body accepted the report of Honorary Secretary IAPM for the year 2017 with a few suggestions. GB approved paperless conduct of EC and GB meeting with prior circulation of Agenda in PDF format to all the members. GB also approved electronic voting process in the coming years after completion of data base update.

Agenda No. 5: Report of Joint Secretary, IAPM

Resolution: Agenda No. 05/2017: The General Body accepted the report of Joint Secretary IAPM for the year 2017. The reports of the Chapter meetings are collected and published in the newsletter of the association.

The General Body also urged that the office bearers should correspond with the Joint Secretary with their names and corresponding addresses. The tenure of the office bearers should also restricted to a limited period. If there is any discrepancy, letters would be written by the Secretary / Joint Secretary to the concerned persons.

Agenda No. 6: Report of Treasurer, IAPM

Resolution: Agenda No. 06/2017: The General Body accepted the report of Treasurer IAPM for the year 2017. It is proposed by Dr B.N.Datta and seconded by Dr Lanjewar. The General body approved Secretarial assistance to Hon.treasurer and secretary with approx. Rs 6000/- per month. The GB did not approve midterm executive meeting at IAPM HQ suggested by Treasurer. Dr D.K. Mishra strongly suggested that there should not be any delay in the filing of income tax returns, which should be done by 30th october every year positively. As CA Mr.Nath has pointed out that since IAPM is charitable organisation and it has surplus money which need to be spend. The General body suggested to use these funds for educational purpose than installing Lift at HQ and also adviced to invest money in RBI tax saving bonds.

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

Resolution: Agenda No. 07/2017: The General Body accepted the report of the Editor IAPM for the year 2017. The Editor will also once again notify the decision of the General Body for not sending hard copies of the journal to those who have become members after the year 2000. It was also felt that free downloads to the journal should be restricted to the IAPM members only. The Hon. President Dr Ashim Das has suggested to encourage the post graduates to send the articles based on their thesis to IJPM for peer-review. All reviews should undergo scrutiny if they have been invited. He also felt that the turn-around time for articles should be reduced. The New Editor must look into it. The General body approved three independent



section Editors in place of Assistant editors as suggested by Dr. Dattagupta and Dr. Das. Dr. Radhika proposed the selection of editor in-chief rather than election by inviting nomination from the IAPM members with international repute. A detailed discussion was needed in the next EC and GB regarding the criteria for the selection of Editor in-chief.

The General body thanked Dr Vatsala Mishra for her eminent Editorship for last five years with many new innovative changes in IJPM in turn increasing the impact factor from 0.522 in 2015 to 0.616 in 2016.

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

Resolution: Agenda No. 08/2017: The General Body accepted the report of Joint Secretary, HQ IAPM for the year 2017. The budget for the upkeep of the head-quarters should be estimated in consultation with the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the IAPM. The budget proposal of IAPM HQ was discussed and the General body did not feel the need for the Lift for HQ. However, the General body approved an extra amount of Rs. Two Lakhs for the recurring expenses.

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

Resolution: Agenda No. 09/2017: The General Body accepted the report of the Secretary, ICP for the year 2017. The GB also thanked Col. Dr. D. K. Mishra, on behalf of the Organizing Committee of the 22nd AIPNA ICP International CME in Pathology 2017, for donating a sum of **Rs. 1 lac** to the ICP. This is the first time such a contribution has been made by an Organizer of the AIPNA ICP International CME in Pathology. The Secretary also declared that the 23rd AIPNA ICP International CME will be held in Dr D.Y.Patil Medical College, Mumbai from 19th Jan. to 21st Jan 2018.

Agenda No. 10: Admission of new members to IAPM

Resolution: Agenda No. 10/2017: The General Body accepted the proposal of conferring membership to 315 applicants, who had applied for membership till 30th November 2017. Out of which 109 were for Life membership.

Agenda No. 11: Election 2017

Agenda No. 11a: Declaration of results for the post of President 2018 - Only one valid nomination of Col. D.K. Mishra, TMC, Kolkata was received for the post of President IAPM.

Resolution: Agenda No. 11a/2017: The General Body accepted the election of Col. D.K.Mishra to the post of President IAPM 2017, unopposed.

Agenda No. 11b: Declaration of results for the post of Vice President 2018 - Only one valid nomination of Dr. Pradeep Vaideshwar, KEM, Mumbai was received for the post of Vice-President IAPM.

Resolution: Agenda No. 11b/2017: The General Body accepted the election of Dr. Pradeep Vaideshwar, Mumbai to the post of Vice President IAPM 2018, unopposed.

Agenda No. 11c: Declaration of results for the post of Joint Secretary (2017 - 2019) - As per Agenda No.11d,2016, Five valid nomination of Dr Reeni Malik, Dr Varsha Dhume, Dr Anjali Khare, Dr Asaranti Kar and Dr Nandedkar. was received for the post of Joint Secretary (2017 - 2019). A total of 3545 ballot papers was dispatched. Out of which, 415 were returned back due to wrong addresses. Hence, a total of 443 ballots paper was received. Out of which, the total No. of valid Ballot papers were 346 only. (Some of them were Xerox copies, some without Signature). The counting was done in the presence of nominated members Dr Wagholikar and Dr Lanjewar). Dr Asaranti Kar from Cuttack received the highest votes i.e.109. The other contesting members e.g Dr Nandedkar, Dr Reeni Malik, Dr Varsha Dhume and Dr Anjali khare got 88,66, 50 and 33 votes respectively

Resolution: Agenda No. 11c/2016: The General Body accepted the election of Dr Asaranti Kar to the post of Joint Secretary (2017 - 2019).

Agenda No. 12: Nomination of two members for scrutiny & counting of ballot papers

Resolution: Agenda No. 12/2017: Dr. Ulhas Wagholikar and Dr. Anuradha Phatak were nominated to count the votes of the elections for the post of office bearers of IAPM to be held in 2018.

Agenda No. 13: Declaration of Papers for Awards

Agenda No. 13a/2017: For the Dr VR Khanolkar and Smt. Kunti Devi Mehrotra prizes for published papers, there were six and three entries, respectively. The judges recommended Dr Bharat Rekhi (Prof. of Pathology, TMH, Mumbai) for the Dr VR Khanolkar Award 2017 for his publication (*Modern Pathology* 2016) entitled "MYOD1 (L122R) mutations are associated with spindle cell and sclerosing rhabdomyosarcomas with aggressive clinical outcomes". The panel of judges did not find any paper worth for Smt.Kunti Devi Mehrotra Award.

Resolution: Agenda No. 13a: The paper of Dr Bharat Rekhi was approved for the Dr VR Khanolkar award 2017.

Agenda No. 13b/2017: For the Prof KC Basu Mallick Award and Best Paper Award, there were Eleven and Ten entries, respectively. Among these, Six for the Prof KC Basu Mallick Award and Four for Best Paper Award papers



were selected for presentation after perusal by the referees. Among these, the judges at APCON 2017 selected Dr. Deval Parekh (TMC, Kolkata) for the Prof KC Basu Mallick Award 2017 for his paper entitled "Prognostic significance of tumor budding and cell nest size in early stage oral cavity squamous cell carcinoma." and Dr. Taruna Bansal (UCMS, New Delhi) for the Best Paper Award 2017 for her paper entitled "Prognostic implication of YB1 expression in breast cancer : a therapeutic target in Her2neu over expressing tumors."

Resolution: Agenda No. 13b/2017: The paper of Dr. Deval Parekh was approved for the Prof KC Basu Mallick Award 2017, and the paper of Dr. Taruna Bansal was approved for Best Paper Award 2017.

Agenda No. 14: Dates for APCON 2018 - The dates proposed by the Organizing Secretary Dr. Ranjan Agarwal for the APCON at Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh are: 28th November – Pre-conference Workshop/CME, 29th November – IAP-ID session, 30th, 1st to 2nd December 2018 – APCON Conference.

Resolution: Agenda No. 14/2017: The general Body approved of the dates.

Agenda No. 15: Proposals for Orations, Symposia, Slide Seminars & CMEs APCON 2018

Agenda No. 15a: Tamil Nadu-Puducherry Oration

Resolution: Agenda No. 15a/2017: Since no nomination had been received, the orator will be decided by the IAPM President 2018 and Secretary (2017 – 2019.)

Agenda No. 15b: Dr. Gaya Prasad Memorial Pathology Symposium

Resolution: Agenda No. 15b/2017: Only one proposal from Grp.Capt.Prateek Kinra on Chronic hepatitis was received. The GB did not approve and asked Hon.President and Hon.Secretary to finalise the topic with consultation with other senior members.

Agenda No. 15c: Proposals in other categories

Resolution: Agenda No. 15c/2017: The GB has given the important task of finalising the APCON 2018 scientific programme to Prof.Siddhartha Datta Gupta, with help of an academic committee. As there was a delay in making the scientific programme of APCON 2017, the GB advised that the whole process should be over 31st March, 2018.. Dr. Dattagupta has already proposed the general guidelines for the composition of the academic committee. He has also sent a list of sub speciality subject experts and it was placed in the GB. The GB felt that a wider participation of the subject experts from the different regions of India are needed and it should be communicated to him as he was not present in the GB. . The tentative programme will be put up in the First News Letter 2018.

Agenda No.15d: Proposal For Online Quiz Moderator

Only one nomination received from Dr Jayaram Iyengar for online Quiz as moderator

Resolution: Agenda No.15d/2017: The General Body accepted the Dr. N Jayaram From Bangalore as Online Quiz Moderator for next three years (2018-2020)

Agenda No. 16: Proposed Venue for APCON 2019

Agenda No. 16a: A proposal was received from the Department of Histopathology, Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education & Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh for hosting the APCON 2019.

Resolution: Agenda No. 16a/2017: The proposal was accepted by the General Body to conduct APCON 2019 at PGIMER, Chandigarh.

Agenda No.17: A proposal For APCON 2020/ 2021

Agenda No. 17/2017: A proposal from Karnataka Chapter-IAPM and Chattisgarh chapter IAPM was received for hosting APCON 2020. Power point presentation was done and asked The GB to decide. Voting was done for the year 2020.

Resolution No.17/2017: The GB approved APCON 2020 to Chattisgarh Chapter of IAPM to host at Raipur-Bhilai. And requested Dr Shashikala, chairperson of Karnataka Chapter to host in 2021 at Dhavangere which she graciously accepted. The GB promised not to change this decision in next APCON.

Agenda No. 18: Website update and approval of Contract renewal 2018-2019

Agenda No.18a: Website update contract is from April 2017 to March 2018. It was approved by EC on email group. Online registration has already done in year 2017 and it is running successfully.

Resolution:Agenda No.18a/2017 : The Website update proposal was accepted by the General Body. The GB discussed the security issue of members data. But Mr Soumya from Sobeit Technology has given assurance about data security. The GB also approved renewal of website contract for the next year.

Agenda No.18b: Issue of Certificates and Identity card as per request from Life members.

Resolution:Agenda No.18b:The General body approved issue of certificates and I-cards to Life members as well as its formats.

Agenda No.18c: Issue of Document verification and payment management.



Since Hon.Secretary has started Online registration process, Document verification and payment records management has to be done by Treasurer. But in 2017,Dr Asaranti Kar,Joint secretary,IAPM has done that job of document verification.

Resolution: Agenda No.18c/2017: The issue was discussed and the GB asked Dr Ramrakhiani,Hon.Treasurer to perform his duty of document verification as well as maintain payment records

Agenda No.19: To appoint CA and Auditor for accounts and audits

Resolution: Agenda No.19: As in 2017,appointment of CA process was not complete, GB has asked Hon.Treasurer to submit all Quotations received with comparative statement to Hon.Secretary and Hon.President and the firm with the lowest quotation will be approved considering their experience in the field.

Agenda No.20: UG Quiz letter by Dr Neelkamal Kapoor

As per agenda no.18/2016, Dr Neelkamal Kapoor was asked to send concrete proposal for UG Quiz to the Secretary,IAPM. But without any proposal, she sent letters to all chapters chairpersons about quiz conduction process with promise of prizes.

Resolution: Agenda No.20/2017: Issue was discussed in depth. The GB asked Dr Kapoor to present her idea of Conduction of Quiz. Finally The GB approved the conduction of UG pathology Quiz in a ZONAL format, The final winning team of two students will receive award of Rs.2000/-each and certificates and Medals at inaugural ceremony of APCON every year for the next three years,which amounts to a totals of Rs.5000/-per year. The GB asked Dr Kapoor to send detailed programme to Hon.Secretary and Hon.President as early as possible.

Agenda No. 21: Points raised by president IAPM 2017 and Vice president 2017 and secretary, IAPM

Resolution: Agenda No. 21a/2017: The organizers of APCON must submit an audited report to the association six months before the next APCON; so that it is discussed in EC and GB. Profits must be amicably shared and if this is deposited with the IAPM, it can form a corpus in the form of seed money for future APCONs, travel grants for the postgraduates.

Resolution: Agenda No. 21b/2017: Since the Dr. CI Jhala Oration has not yet been finalised, it was decided that Dr. Lanjewar would discuss this issue at the forthcoming AIPNA conference at Mumbai.

Resolution: AgendaNo.21c/2017: The GB approved electronic voting process after completion of data base update. And also accepted making of membership directory.

Resolution: Agenda No. 21d/2017:Since we are in the era of electronics, there should be paperless conduction of EC and General body meetings. It was unanimously accepted. It was decided that Agenda to be put up on website and send by email to members and EC/GB presentation is to be done in PPT format.

Resolution: Agenda No.21e/2017: Regarding request from members as chairpersons for CME's It was unanimously decided that there would not be any chairpersons for CMEs anymore.Chairpersons will be there ONLY for symposia and Orations and Guest lectures.

Resolution: Agenda No. 21f/2017: As per Agenda No.19g/2016,Letter to be written to MCI to include Pathology as a clinical speciality. *But since Dr Rekha Gaikwad from Aurangabad,had sent all her case related papers,in Mid November 2017*,The General Body has requested the office bearers to write to the Medical Council of India to consider Pathology as a Clinical subject in response to the letter from Dr. Rekha Gaikwad, Medical Officer, General Hospital, Jalna. In the year 2018.

Resolution: Agenda No. 21g/2017: As per letter received regarding Bye-laws availability on website, The members felt there should be amendments to be made and then uploaded. Dr B. N. Datta,Past President of IAPM cleared the doubts saying, points which are already approved and minuted in GB,those should be automatically incorporated in Bye Laws.

Resolution:Agenda No.21h/2017: Regarding Smt.Kunti Devi Mehrotra Award,Dr Lanjewar suggested to write letter to Dr Raj Mehrotra to donate Rs.5 Lakhs to association for giving Prizes for Five years. After five years, a fresh proposal to be submitted and to be approved by the EC/GB.

Resolution:Agenda No.21i /2017: Regarding request for LM data from corporates and health professionals, The GB strongly opposed to share LM data to any one and said Privacy of members to be maintained.

Agenda No. 22: Thanking the Hosts of APCON 2017 -

The General Body congratulated Organizing Committee of APCON 2017 for putting up a successful scientific event. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair and to all the office bearers of IAPM. The members also thanked the out-going office-bearers for their hard work and welcomed the new team. The Chair thanked all the honorable members of IAPM for attending this conference and the GBM.





