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Message from the President

Dear Members,
Jay Jagannath

I wish all the members Happy and prosperous New Year 2025.

I hope this message finds you well after our successful APCON 2024 of the association held at SCB Medical College, Cuttack, in the second week of December. The brilliant presentations by our postgraduate students and colleagues were truly admirable and formed the cornerstone of our conference. A heartfelt thanks to all the faculty and delegates for their contributions, which made this event a resounding success. The organizers also deserve special recognition for their flawless arrangements and the delightful food, which added to the overall experience.

I am also delighted to share that we celebrated the Platinum Jubilee of IAPM in style. World-famous sand artist Subala Moharana captivated us with his magical portrayal of the association's 75-year history. A documentary film was also created to commemorate this milestone, adding a lasting legacy to our celebration.

The conference was further enriched by distinguished speakers from across the globe and from various parts of India, each delivering their lectures flawlessly. One of the most engaging sessions was the postgraduate quiz, which attracted a large and enthusiastic audience.

In addition to the academic activities, we had a number of engaging programs, including a walkathon and a plantation drive, which brought us together in the spirit of community and environmental awareness. These initiatives complemented our academic discussions and highlighted the broader impact of our association.

As I conclude my journey as president, it is my honor and privilege to thank all the office bearers of my executive team of 2024. Prof. Asaranti Kar, Vice President; Dr Ranjan Agrawal, Honorary Secretary; Dr Varsha Dhume, Joint Secretary; Dr Harendra Kumar, Honorary Treasurer; Dr Pranati Mohanty, Joint Secretary (Headquarters) and Prof Bharat Rekhi, Editor-in-chief of our journal for their untiring efforts and commitment towards improving the association. I specifically thanks to Dr Ranjan Agrawal, Honorary Secretary for his excellent online activities throughout the year. I want to express my sincere gratitude to each and every members of the IAPM for their cooperation, their trust and faith in me during the year as I served the association as the President. We are fortunate to honor our senior member, Dr. Bijaya Kumar Nanda, President 1996, whose invaluable contributions to the field continue to inspire us all.

While we celebrated many successes during my tenure, I acknowledge that there were areas where we fell short, and I take full responsibility for these shortcomings. I am confident that the new office bearers will work tirelessly to elevate the organization, taking it to even greater heights with each passing day.

I request all the office bearers of the association to streamline the membership process to make it more accessible and efficient for everyone and also to share their valuable suggestions and insights, as your continued support and cooperation are crucial to our collective success. I also extend a warm invitation to our younger pathologists to become more actively involved in scientific sessions and contribute to the advancement of our field.

Once again, thank you to everyone for your dedication, enthusiasm, and support. Together, we will continue to build a stronger and more vibrant association.

Warm regards

(Dr. Kanak lata Dei)
President IAPM



Message from the Secretary IAPM

Dear Members,

Greetings to you all. We have just finished our annual conference (APCON 2024). Every year we gain new experiences after such a big event. My main motive is to promote memberships amongst the postgraduates and also the junior pathologists. All those who are already members of IAPM are requested to promote more of memberships amongst their peer groups, colleagues and Institutions. State and Regional chapters do play an integral part in the development of any Association or Society. IAPM has 18 such active Chapters. The Chapter Executives and representatives should also become IAPM member as well as promote memberships in their as well as other states.



During the various meetings at APCON 2024, some important decisions were taken favouring the members. On much demand the last date for submission of proposals for parallel CMEs, Breakfast sessions and other scientific deliberations was extended till 31st January 2025. We received a large number of topics for various sessions.

All the postgraduates who attended APCON 2024 can apply for IAPM postgraduate Travel Grant (Details available on IAPM Byelaws 2021 blue book page 56). The last date for receiving applications for the travel grant (complete in all manner) is 15 March 2025.

Early bird registrations for APCON 2025 have started. I request all the IAPM members to register for the conference at the earliest and avail the heavy discounts. Efforts for updating our website are also going on and soon we would be having a new look to it with majority of the data and information available on the website itself.

Jai IAPM.
Long Live IAPM !
Jai Hind



Dr. Ranjan Agrawal
Hony. Secretary IAPM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Postgraduate students who attended APCON 2024 at SCB Medical College, Cuttack dated 13-15 December 2024 may apply for PG Travel Grant (details available on IAPM website in the Byelaws 2021 Blue book page 56). Last date to apply with all complete details is 10 March 2025.
2. Life Member of IAPM who wish to suggest any changes in the IAPM Byelaws may send their suggestions point via email to Secretary IAPM at secretary1iapm@gmail.com. Last date for sending suggestions is 10 March 2025.

Report of the Joint Secretary, IAPM

The year 2024 has been fulfilling year for IAPM with state chapters contributing handsomely. The comprehensive report of their activities has been included in Annual report of joint secretary. The major activities conducted in last quarter of 2024 are as follows:

Rajasthan Chapter:

The Annual Conference of Rajasthan chapter of IAPM, the RAJPATHCON 2024 was organized by the Department of Pathology, SMS Medical College, Jaipur with Dr Arpita Jindal, President RC-IAPM as the organizing Chairperson, from 29th November to 1st December 2024. Four preconference workshops were organized. The conference was inaugurated by Dr Deepak Maheshwari; Dr Sushil Bhati and Treasurer of IAPM Dr Harendra Kumar were the Guest of Honor for the ceremony.



The eminent faculty from major Oncopathology centers of India addressed the 380 delegates from all over the country participated in the State conference. Besides the guest lectures, a young pathologists forum session, Potpourri of interesting cases, Quiz competition for Resident doctors and an 'Out of the box' photography contest were also held. In all, 40 oral papers and 84 posters were presented. A souvenir was released.

In the GBM held during the conference the new office bearers of the chapter were announced comprising of Dr Naresh Rai (President), Dr Ranjana Solanki (Vice President), Dr Shruti Bhargava (Secretary), Dr Shashi Bansal & Dr Neha Sethi (Joint Secretary), Dr Vandna Yadav (Treasurer) and executive members.

North-East Chapter:

The Department of Pathology, Assam Medical College & Hospital (AMCH) & Greater Dibrugarh Practicing Pathologists Forum, hosted the 33rd Annual Conference of the North East Regional Chapter of IAPM (NERCON 2024) from October 25–27 at the AMCH Dibrugarh. Themed "Morphology to Artificial Intelligence: Reshaping the Future of Pathology". The organizing team was led by Dr Mrinal Baruah, Dr. Pranita Medhi, Dr. Bedanta Bhuyan and Dr. Mondita Borgohain.



The ten pre-conference workshops were organised on topics starting from basic morphology to molecular techniques and flowcytometry, histology techniques etc with eminent national faculty. The conference included a postgraduate quiz, 56 oral papers and 54 poster presentations. Highlights of the scientific program included the Dr. B.D. Baruah Oration delivered by Dr. Sumeet Gujral, who presented on the "Latest Developments in WHO Classification of Hematolymphoid Neoplasms" and recent updates on CNS tumours by Dr. Anita Mahadevan. A panel discussion on the future role of pathologists in an era of full automation, robotics, and AI, aiming to address how technology may shape the profession by 2050 was organised. The conference was attended by 291 delegates from eight northeastern states including Sikkim.

Wishing everyone a happy and prosperous new year. Jai IAPM

Glimpses of APCON 2024



Minutes of 72nd Annual General Body Meeting of Iapm Held During APCON, 2024 At Main Auditorium, SCB Medical College, Cuttack On 14th December 2024 At 5:00 PM

The 72nd Annual General Body meeting (GBM) of IAPM was held on 14th December 2024 (Saturday) at 5:00 PM in the Auditorium of SCB Medical College, Cuttack. The previous day i.e. 13th December 2024 the Executive Council meeting was held at the IAPM Headquarter in Cuttack. The GBM was chaired by Dr Kanaklata Dei, President IAPM (2024) along with the Vice President (2024) Dr Asaranti Kar, Secretary Dr Ranjan Agrawal, Treasurer Dr Harendra Kumar, Jt Secretary Dr Varsha Dhume, Editor-in-Chief IJPM Dr Bharat Rekhi and Jt Secretary HQ Dr Pranati Mohanty taking their respective chairs on the stage. A total of 99 Members were present during the meeting. The quorum was not complete, so the meeting was adjourned and reconvened after 10 minutes (in accordance to the Subsection 3.6.3 of the IAPM Byelaws). A physical note of the attendance of all those present was recorded in a continuous register as per clause 3.6.4.5 of the IAPM Byelaws.

After welcoming the members present, President Dr Kanaklata Dei requested the Honorary Secretary Dr Ranjan Agrawal to continue with the pre-circulated agenda for 2024.

Agenda No.01/2024: Condolences

The Honorary Secretary informed the House about the sad demise of the following member of IAPM - Dr. P L Tandon (Bhopal)

Resolution: Agenda No. 01/2024: The General Body expressed their sorrow on the great loss to the pathology fraternity. As a gesture of respect for the departed soul, the members were requested to stand in silence. The meeting was adjourned for two minutes and called in order to take up further agenda. Secretary, IAPM will send suitably worded condolence message to the family members of the bereaved.

Agenda No.02/2024: Apologies:

The following members of the Executive Council informed their inability to attend Executive Council and General Body meetings– Dr Vatsala Misra (Past President 2020-21), Dr Bishan Radotra (Past President 2012) and, Dr Ashim Das (Past President 2017).

Resolution: Agenda No. 02/2024: The Executive Council and General Body were informed about the apologies.

Agenda No.03/2024: Confirmation or comments on the minutes of 71st GBM held during APCON 2023, at AIIMS, New Delhi dated 9th December 2023.

Resolution: Agenda No. 03/2024: The minutes of the 71st GBM held during APCON 2023 at AIIMS, New Delhi dated 9th December 2023 published in the Oct – Dec 2023 IAPM News bulletin were approved. This was proposed by Dr DN Lanjewar and seconded by Dr DK Mishra.

Agenda No. 04/2024: Report of the Honorary Secretary, IAPM for 2024

Resolution: Agenda No. 04/2024: The General Body accepted the Annual Report for the year 2024 as presented by the Honorary Secretary, IAPM Dr Ranjan Agrawal which included many notable achievements such as Celebration of Platinum Jubilee year of IAPM establishment by felicitation of 31 Senior Members with Lifetime Achievement Award, distribution of silver brooches to all the registered delegates of APCON 2024, maximum number of Life memberships in the year 2024, maximum number of entries received in all the 5 award categories- Dr VR Khanolkar Award, Smt Kunti Devi Mehrotra Award, Dr KC Basu Mallick Award, Dr KS Ratnakar Best Paper Award and IAPM Best paper published in IJPM Award. The House applauded to these achievements. The report was proposed by Dr RK Gupta and seconded by Dr DN Lanjewar.

Agenda No. 05/2024: Report of Treasurer IAPM and Admission of new members to IAPM for 2024:

Agenda No. 05/2024: Report of Hon. Treasurer IAPM and Admission of new members to IAPM for 2024:

Dr Harendra Kumar, Hon. Treasurer IAPM presented the Annual accounts of the Association for the financial year dated 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. He also presented the budget estimates (Income & Expenditure of the Association) for the financial year 2024-2025 before the House.

Resolution to Agenda No. 05/2024: The key highlights of the report and the discussion included –

Resolution to Agenda No. 05(a)/2024: Dr Harendra Kumar informed the GB that Mr. Hitesh Kumar Agrawal was appointed as the new auditor and CA for IAPM accounting related work and for filing of ITR.

Resolution to Agenda No. 05(b)/2024: In the FY 2023-24, excess income over expenditure was calculated as 62,37,215/- (Sixty-Two Lacs Thirty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Fifteen Only). After deduction of TDS, the balance amount of tax liability of 6,27,775/- (Six Lacs Twenty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Five Only) needs to be paid towards Income tax. The House approved of this amount.

Resolution to Agenda No. 05(c)/2024: The account with Union Bank of India was closed in 2023-24 and the closing amount was transferred into the main Account of IAPM with the Treasurer, IAPM in State Bank of India, which is currently at Agra.

Resolution to Agenda No. 05(d)/2024: Axis Bank account at Cuttack was closed and the entire amount was transferred to the newly opened Axis Bank Account as suggested by Axis Bank Manager (Which was approved in the online Mid Year EC & GBM 2024).

Resolution to Agenda No. 05(e)/2024: A Bank of Baroda account was incidentally detected with the passbook showing an old balance of 9318.69/- lying dormant due to lack of KYC. Mr. Abijit was asked to start the procedure of closing this account with the signature of Dr. Niranjana Rout, the then Treasurer (who is signatory in this account). It was even suggested that even if penalty needs to be paid then also IAPM should bear this amount but close this as well as any other dormant accounts of IAPM.

Resolution to Agenda No. 05(f)/2024: Permission to pay Advance tax was sought by Dr Harendra Kumar so as to save on the heavy interest paid on the Income liability tax due to late filing of IT return in previous years. This proposal was appreciated and approved by the GBM.

Resolution to Agenda No. 5(g)/2024: Regarding remuneration to the Executive members and the office bearers towards attending APCON and presenting their reports along with an additional measure so as to increase the expenses of IAPM and manage excess Income Tax paid. The House declined this proposal for the time being and suggested for a detailed discussion during any further Mid-Year meetings.

Resolution to Agenda No. 5(h)/2024: Regarding admission of new members to IAPM for 2024: A total of 652 new Life Members from life membership number L5958 to L6610 (including 114 associate members who were converted to life members), 455 Associate members (from A4476 to A4931) were added during 2024. Entry of new members of IAPM was accepted and welcomed by the House. This was proposed by Dr R K Gupta and seconded by Dr Sujay Prasad.

Dr Harendra informed the House that the huge number of Memberships this year was due to the discounts in the membership fees as part of the celebration of Platinum Jubilee this year. Dr Ranjan Agrawal proposed that this should be extended till 31 December 2024. The House agreed to this and extended the discount in the membership fee till 31st December 2024.

The General Body considered and accepted the report of Honorary Treasurer IAPM for the financial year 2023-2024 and also the proposed budget for FY 2024-25. This was proposed by Dr D.N Lanjewar and seconded by Dr AM Pathak.

Note: It was again emphasised by Dr DN Lanjewar that hard copies of the Membership applications and details be kept in the IAPM Headquarter in a proper hard bound form. Dr Harendra Kumar informed the house that this has been followed and stored in the Head Quarter office till date.

Agenda No. 06/2024: Report of the Joint Secretary, IAPM:

Resolution: Agenda No. 06/2024: The General Body accepted the report of Joint Secretary IAPM for the year 2024. A total of 18 State Chapters are active as of now. This was proposed by Dr Siddhartha Datta Gupta and seconded by Dr Vijay Shankar.

Agenda No. 07/2024: Report of the Editor-in-Chief, IJPM:

The report of Editor-in-Chief was presented by Dr Bharat Rekhi. The report was accepted with some suggestions as proposed by Dr Pradeep Vaideeswar and seconded by Dr Vijay Shankar. The discussions included.

Resolution No. 07(a)/2024: The Impact factor of IJPM for 2023 was announced as 0.8. Efforts for increasing it were discussed.

Resolution No. 07(b)/2024: Dr Vijay Shankar suggested that the top 5-10 Reviewers should be encouraged by giving them Certificates (as followed in the past) and Cash prizes during the Inaugural ceremony of APCON.

The House agreed to the Certificate of appreciation being given but not to the Cash prize.

Resolution No. 07(c)/2024: The articles under the 'Ahead of Print' with the DOI to be updated regularly and later, soon be published in subsequent issues of IJPM. Dr Bharat Rekhi informed the House that since last year all the articles under AOP simultaneously featured in PUBMED. Further, the articles are published in the order in which they appear as per the different categories.

Resolution No. 07(d)/2024: The Abstracts of papers (Award Categories, Proffered Oral and Poster papers) be printed as a hard copy in the form of IJPM Supplement issue and distributed to the Paper presenters during APCON as decided and followed previously. Dr Bharat Rekhi pointed out that the Organizing Committee should send the Abstracts at least one month ahead so that the issue may be prepared and released in a timely manner. He also stated that he is yet to receive the payments for IJPM Supplements (APCON Abstracts) from the Organisers of APCON 2023 and 2024 as well.

Resolution No. 07(e)/2024: Dr. Pradeep Vaideeswar suggested for a separate IJPM Case report journal, which was seconded by Dr. Shantveer Uppin. Dr Ranjan Agrawal pointed out that he had worked on this aspect and shared his views about the limitations. The House asked Dr Bharat Rekhi to work out on the fresh modalities in this aspect.

Resolution No. 07(f)/2024: Dr Vijay Shankar proposed that some international journals have audio and video clips with highlights/summary of the articles published or about to be published. Dr Bharat Rekhi assured the House that he would work out on the modalities.

Resolution No. 07(g)/2024: Dr Pallav Gupta suggested that twitter account of IJPM should include visual abstracts also.

Resolution No. 07(h)/2024: It was also felt by the House that the revenue generation by IJPM should increase further. Either through an increase in the Article Processing Charges, Dr Ranjan Agrawal suggested that the charges for the foreign authors may be slightly increased. The House however, deferred the matter for further discussions.

All these suggestions we recorded with thanks to all the participants for their valuable inputs in uplifting the standards of IJPM. The final report was approved by Dr. Siddhartha Datta Gupta and seconded by Dr. D.K. Mishra.

Agenda No. 08/2024: Report of the Joint Secretary IAPM Headquarter:

Resolution: Agenda No. 08/2024: Report of Joint Secretary Headquarter was presented by Dr Pranati Mohanty and was accepted with some modifications as suggested by Dr DN Lanjewar and seconded by Dr Pradeep Vaideeswar. It was again emphasized that by default Honorary Secretary IAPM and Honorary Treasurer IAPM should be part of Headquarter Advisory Committee and they should be included during all meetings of the Advisory Committee, either in physical mode or in ONLINE mode as convenient to all. Dr Harendra pointed out that at the end of each financial year the remaining amount with the Headquarter should be returned back for proper accounting. The House accepted these points.

Agenda No. 09/2024: Report of Secretary ICP:

Resolution: Agenda No. 09/2024: The 17th ICP Oration in the memory of Dr John A Thomas was delivered by Dr Anuradha Murthy of Metropolis, Mumbai on 14th December 2024 during APCON 2024. One Fellowship and 15 PDCC were awarded during the inaugural ceremony of APCON 2024. Four new centres for PDCC were proposed and after due inspection were approved. The report of Secretary ICP Dr Usha Kini was accepted. It was proposed by Dr Ranjan Agrawal and seconded by Dr DN Lanjewar.

Agenda No. 10/2024: Declaration of results to various posts of office bearers of IAPM for 2025:

Elections for the posts of President and Vice President for 2025 were held in 2024.

a) Vice President 2025. Only one valid nomination of Dr Reeni Mallik (Bhopal) was received within the stipulated time frame.

Resolution: Agenda No. 10(a)/2024: After scrutiny, the nomination of Dr Reeni Mallik was found to be valid and met with the criteria as per the existing IAPM Byelaws 2021.

Nomination of Dr Reeni Mallik was accepted for the post of Vice President IAPM for 2025 unopposed.

Resolution: Agenda No. 10 (b)/2024: Two Nominations were received for the post of President IAPM for 2025 – Dr Asaranti Kar (Cuttack) and Dr Usha Kini (Bangalore).

Resolution: Agenda No. 10 (b)/2024: After scrutiny both the nominations were found to be suitable as per the existing IAPM Byelaws 2021.

ONLINE Voting was held for the post of President IAPM for 2025 from 14-19 November 2024. During the EC meeting held at IAPM Headquarter on 13 December 2024, the IAPM webmaster was called to open the voting results via the security password available with him. The voting details were displayed on the main screen reflecting the number of votes casted against each contestant. The same results were displayed during the GBM on 14th December 2024. However, later during the GBM under "Any other matters with the permission of the chair" few members present in the House raised certain queries to the election results. They pointed out that some pathologists who applied for IAPM Life membership in 2024 have also casted their votes, which they are not entitled as per the present byelaws unless their Membership is ratified in the GBM. The senior members of IAPM present there took a note of this.

When enquired with the IAPM Webmaster, he also agreed to the possibility of votes being casted by the new members of IAPM as the system allows all Members with 'L' numbers to cast their vote. Some of the members suggested that reassessment of the casted votes should be carried out after removing these ineligible votes. It was then suggested that a five Member Committee should look into the whole procedure followed and then decide the

further course of action. The members appointed by the GB included Dr RK Gupta, Dr D N Lanjewar, Dr AM Phatak, Dr Manoj Singh (All 4 senior Past Presidents), and Dr Ranjan Agrawal (Secretary IAPM). Secretary IAPM then reconfirmed regarding this decision with a raise of hands. Majority of the members raised their hands in favor of reassessment of the Vote statistics and the result to be declared accordingly. It was also emphasized by some of the members that in future more emphasis on the election system be given with the new members allotted a separate temporary number as in the past. It was finally decided that the Byelaws Committee should look into this aspect also.

The election result for the post of President IAPM for 2025 was withheld. Furthermore, at the start of the Valedictory function Dr Kanak lata Dei (President IAPM 2024) announced to those present about the holding back of the decision of the President IAPM for 2025.

Agenda No. 11/2024: Declaration of results of various IAPM Awards:

Resolution: Agenda No. 11(a)/2024: Dr VR Khanolkar Award 2024: A total of 5 entries were received for the award.

Result: Paper by Dr Aditi Rathi (KGMU, Mumbai) on “**Validation of Dual-Color Dual In-Situ Hybridization for HER2/neu Gene in Breast Cancer**” Published in **Archives of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine in 2023** was selected for the **Dr VR Khanolkar Award for 2024**.

The prize money of Rs ₹ 25,000 and a Certificate would be awarded during the Inaugural ceremony of APCON 2025 at Govt Medical College, Jammu.

Resolution: Agenda No. 11(b)/2024: Smt Kunti Devi Mehrotra Award 2024: A total of 7 papers were received for the award.

Result: Paper by Dr Pulkit Rastogi (AIIMS, Chandigarh) on “**Bridging the gap: understanding contemporary autopsies in acute leukemia by comparing ante-mortem and post-mortem profiles**” published in **Leukemia & Lymphoma** was selected for the **Smt Kunti Devi Mehrotra Award for 2024**.

The prize money of ₹ 15,000 and a Certificate would be awarded during the Inaugural Ceremony of APCON 2025 at Govt Medical College, Jammu.

Resolution: Agenda No.11(c)/2024: Dr KC Basu Mallick Award 2024.

A total of 4 entries were received. After the screening round by the panelists comprising of 2 General Reviewers and 1 Speciality Reviewer, top 4 papers (as per the IAPM Byelaws 2021) were shortlisted for the presentation round during the plenary session of APCON 2024 on 13th December 2024.

Result: Paper by **Dr Shranjali Satpathy** (AIIMS, Bhubaneswar) on the topic “**Profile of ros1- positive tumors in non-small cell lung cancer: insights from a retrospective cohort study**” was selected for the **Dr K C Basu Mallick Award for 2024**.

The prize money of ₹ 20,000 and a Certificate would be awarded during the Inaugural ceremony of APCON 2025 at Govt. Medical College, Jammu.

Resolution: Agenda No. 11(d)/2024: Dr K S Ratnakar Best Paper Award 2024.

A total of 7 entries were received for the Award. After the screening round by the panelists comprising of 2 General Reviewers and 1 Speciality Reviewer, top 4 (as per the existing IAPM Byelaws 2021) papers were shortlisted for the presentation round during the plenary session of APCON 2024 on 13th December 2024.

Result: The paper of **Dr Ajit Sahu** (AIIMS, Bhubaneswar) on the topic “**Study of EZH2 in oral squamous cell carcinoma in relation to tumor immune contexture**” was selected for the **Dr K S Ratnakar Best Paper Award** for 2024.

The prize money of ₹ 10,000 and a Certificate would be awarded during the Inaugural ceremony of APCON 2025 at Govt Medical College, Jammu.

Resolution to Agenda No. 11(e)/2024: IAPM Best Paper published in IJPM for 2023

Result: Paper by Haider A, Patra S, Mandal B, Ray G, Ghosh R, Mukerjee S, Chatterjee U entitled “**Differentiating biliary atresia from other causes of infantile cholestasis: An appraisal of the histopathological changes on liver biopsy**” published in the **Indian J Pathol Microbiol. 2023 Oct-Dec; 66(4): 790–8** was selected for the award.

The prize money of ₹ 10,000 and a Certificate would be awarded during the inaugural ceremony of APCON 2025 at Govt Medical College, Jammu.

Agenda No. 12/2024: Venue and dates for future APCONs:

Resolution No. 12/ 2024: Keeping in view of the Inspection report and the role of Chapter not meeting with the standards after extensive discussions during the EC, it was unanimously opined not to hold APCON 2025 in Shillong. (North-East Chapter) in 2025. The next in line J & K Chapter were then asked if they would conduct APCON one year prior to their schedule to which they agreed upon voluntarily. The House appreciated their gesture. Dr Jyotsna Suri and Dr Bharti Thaker showed their presentation also. The House approved GMC, Jammu (J & K Chapter) to hold APCON 2025.

For 2026 GMC, Coimbatore represented and shared their intent to conduct APCON 2026 and had already sent their proposal in the prescribed format to the Secretary IAPM. The House approved of it. The new revised venues for future APCONs for the next 3 years include –

- 2025** Jammu (Dr Jyotsana Suri, Organizing Secretary) -
- 2026** Coimbatore (Dr S. Shantakumari / Dr Vidhya Lakshmi S) – Venue to be finalized after due Inspection.
- 2027** Agra (Dr Harendra Kumar, Organizing Secretary)

Dr Siddhartha Datta Gupta raised the point that the inspection visit to Coimbatore should be conducted in 2025 itself so that the venue for APCON 2026 be finalised soon and also the Organisers start their preparations early. All the above proposal was accepted both by Dr DN Lanjewar and Dr Pradeep Vaideeswar and seconded by Dr Vijay Shankar and Dr R K Gupta.

Agenda No. 13/2024: Scientific Programme for APCON 2025:

Resolution: Agenda No.13/2024: Dr Ranjan Agrawal shared that a good number of proposals with the topics and names of the Moderators were received. It was decided to extend the last date for submission of the topics for various scientific sessions during APCON 2025 including parallel CMEs, Symposiums and, Breakfast sessions till 31st December 2024. Further, invitations for conducting PG Quiz and UG Quiz would also be invited. Dr Ranjan Agrawal made these announcements during the meeting as well as during the Valedictory function.

Agenda No. 14/2024: Points from Secretary IAPM:

Resolution to Agenda No.14(a)/2024: Dr Ranjan Agrawal shared to the House that along with the byelaws, IAPM should follow the SOPs for various activities, awards, role of Chapters and, conduction of APCONs. It was also unanimously decided that a committee be set up to prepare SOPs related to all IAPM activities.

Resolution to Agenda No. 14(b)/2024: Secretary IAPM proposed that the IAPM **Lifetime Achievement Award** be awarded every year. The House appreciated this and approved it. All expenses including Conference Registration fee

(Under the Early bird scheme), travel expenses and accommodation would be provided on IAPM expenses both to the awardee as well as to anyone accompanying the awardee. The Award would constitute of a decent Silver medal, scroll or certificate, the cost of which would be borne by IAPM. The Organisers can also honour them with a shawl, mementoe or any gift from their side. The name would be nominated by the IAPM Chapters along with the respective resume and send to Secretary IAPM, who would put it to the Academic Committee of that years for finalization. This was proposed by Dr Pradeep Vaideeswar and seconded by Dr Reeni Mallik.

Resolution to Agenda No.14(c)/2024: Matter related to the report of the Disciplinary Committee in reference to the financial irregularities of APCON 2016. During the previous day EC meeting, the IAPM Disciplinary Committee 2024 comprising of Dr AM Phatak (Chairman), Dr RK Gupta, Dr DN Lanjewar, Dr GN Mohanty, Dr Harsh Mohan and Dr Vatsala Misra read out the unanimous decision. The same was conveyed to the General Body. It was declared that the IAPM Memberships of Dr Ajay Yadav, (Organising Chairperson, APCON 2016), Dr Dilip Ramrakhiani (Organising Secretary, APCON 2016) and Dr Yogesh Gupta (Treasurer, APCON 2016) should be suspended. Further they would not be allowed to be part of any Scientific Committee, presentations, neither in IAPM nor in the State Chapter meetings. Also, they would be debarred from contesting for IAPM or its Chapter elections. The final letter would be drafted under opinion of a legal advisor.

Resolution to Agenda No.14 (d)/2024: Dr Ranjan Agrawal pointed out that for the legal opinion sought in the above matter an expense of nearly 16,000 has been incurred. The House immediately sanctioned it alongwith a note that if any further expense is there during the final drafting of the letter, then that should also be included in the bill.

Resolution to Agenda No.14(e)/2024: The House approved of forming collaboration between IAPM and other Professional bodies based on their MOUs as received. The SOP/Byelaws Committee should look into these collaborations as well.

Agenda No. 15/2024: Any other Matter with the permission of the Chair:

Resolution to Agenda No. 15(a)/2024: Dr. B.K. Nanda suggested that APCON registration fee for senior Pathologists (IAPM Life members aged more than 75 years) should be made free. It was suggested that registration fee of these senior life members should be borne by IAPM (Under the early bird scheme). The proposal was approved by Dr. D.N. Lanjewar and seconded by Dr. D K Mishra

Resolution to Agenda No. 15(b)/2024: UG Quiz- Results of the final round of UG Quiz conducted at AIIMS, Bhopal was declared by Dr. Vaishali Walke from AIIMS Bhopal.

The winners of UG Quiz for 2024 were announced: Winner Team, from AIIMS, Bhopal (Jhalak Shah, Tejas Mohale), Second from GMC, Jammu (Diya Tickoo, Kartik Bhat) and Third from Kerala (Nayantara Biju, GMC Kozikode and Anju VG, GMC Kollam). The House congratulated the youngsters and Dr Ranjan Agrawal informed that their travel grant and prizes would be given during the valedictory function on 15th December 2024. Dr Ranjan Agrawal thanked Dr Vaishali Walke for conducting the Quiz and also thanked Dr Archana Srivastava from Govt Medical College, Bhopal for being an observer during the final rounds of Quiz conducted at AIIMS, Bhopal.

Prof. Sameer Behra proposed that the final round of UG Quiz should be done by IAPM during APCON, but Hony. Secretary IAPM explained that due to the busy academic schedule during APCON and that APCON dates are in the month of late November-December, when UG University examinations are scheduled, so it is not possible to conduct UG Quiz during the annual conference of IAPM.

Dr. Pradeep Vaideeswar asked whether invitation was asked for Quiz masters. Hony. Secretary Dr. Ranjan Agrawal informed the House that invitation for all academic activities including quiz was asked for and also that for both UG and PG Quiz it was decided earlier that the same quiz master should continue for at least 3 years. Dr. Neelkamal Kapoor informed the GB that she proposed and started the UG Quiz and she volunteered to do it at AIIMS Bhopal. It was suggested that SOPs should also be prepared while selecting the Quiz masters.

Resolution to Agenda No. 15(c)/2024: Dr. Manoj Kumar Singh suggested that pathologists should be authorized to use digital signature. Further he suggested that IAPM should draft a letter to NMC to make it legal. However Dr Venkat Iyer suggested that digital reporting may be misused. Dr Aditya Agnihotri raised the issue of Ghost reporting. Dr Siddhartha Datta Gupta informed the House that ghost reporting is illegal, so IAPM Life members should refrain from it.

Resolution to Agenda No. 15(d)/2024: Dr. Vijay Shankar enquired about the young achievers award, which was also asked by Dr. Sujay Prasad and Dr. Rajeev Kaushal. Dr Ranjan Agrawal informed that already IAPM is working on this and after the SOP Committee is formed it will draft the selection criteria. He further informed that all applications received in 2024 will be valid for 2025 as well along with the fresh applications received.

Resolution to Agenda No. 15(e)/2024: Dr. D.K. Mishra pointed out that there was no one from the Organisers to attend to the speakers especially during the breakfast sessions and some of the speakers had to put their own laptops or devices. Also, the session halls were changed at the last minute and there were no signage to help the delegates reach to their respective halls. Dr Reeni Mallik informed that the designated hall for the IAP-ID meeting was closed by the time it was scheduled. The Organising Secretary, Dr. Asaranti informed the House that the Dean, SCB Medical College, Cuttack cancelled the allotted halls at the last minute. Dr. Manoj Kumar Singh asked Dr. Asaranti Kar to send a detailed reply regarding the chaos.

Resolution to Agenda No. 15(f)/2024: Dr. Sujay Prasad suggested there should be a vision/Guiding statement during IAPM elections, through which the contestants can canvass for themselves or somebody else on their behalf. Dr Ranjan Agrawal informed that as per the existing byelaws of IAPM canvassing is not permitted. The point was noted down.

Resolution to Agenda No. 15(g)/2024: A query regarding One Nation, one Membership for National/State Chapter Life Membership was also raised. The point was also noted for future reference.

Resolution to Agenda No. 15(h)/2024: Invitation for attending APCON 2025: Dr Jyotsana Suri invited all the delegates to attend APCON 2025 at GMC Jammu in large numbers. The dates for the Conference announced were 3-7 December 2025, considering the weather conditions during the second week of December 2025.

Agenda No 16/2024: Thanking the Editorial Board of Coffee table book and IAPM documentary:

Resolution to Agenda No. 16/2024:- Coffee table book & Video documentary were released during the IAPM inaugural ceremony. Dr. AM Phatak thanked the EC & GB for giving them the opportunity to prepare the coffee table book & IAPM documentary. The House also thanked other Editorial Board members – Dr DN Lanjewar, Dr GN Mohanty, Dr Varsha Dhume and, Dr Siddhartha Datta Gupta for their efforts and contribution. Col. Dr. D.K. Mishra suggested that a total of 100 printed copies of Coffee table book should be printed. Dr. Venkat Iyer suggested that pre-printing orders may be taken.

Agenda No. 17/2024: Thanking the hosts of APCON 2024.

Resolution to Agenda No. 17/2024: As a customary the organisers were thanked for organizing APCON 2024.

The President and the Secretary IAPM thanked the House for their valuable and constructive feedbacks, suggestions and ideas



Dr. Ranjan Agrawal
Hony. Secretary IAPM

Minutes of Extraordinary GB meeting in ONLINE mode dt. 24 December 2024.

An urgent Extraordinary General Body Meeting (GBM) scheduled at 20:30 Hrs in Online mode through Zoom platform was called on 24 December 2024 chaired by the President, IAPM with the following agenda:

1. Condolences for Dr BN Datta, Past President, IAPM
2. Decision on election results for the post of IAPM President for 2025.

As the quorum was not complete, the meeting was adjourned and reconvened after 05 minutes (in accordance to the Subsection 3.6.3 of the IAPM Byelaws). An online note of the attendance of all those present was recorded as per clause 3.6.4.5 of the IAPM Byelaws. In the GBM 96 members were present.

The meeting began with condolences being offered to Prof. B N Datta, who left for his heavenly abode on 18 December 2024.

Detailed discussions were held with many senior members voicing their opinions. The 5-member Committee [approved by the General body (GB) of IAPM at Cuttack dt 14 Dec 2024] displayed their findings. The results declared earlier was:

Total Votes casted: 940

Votes in favour of Dr Asaranti Kar: 485

Votes in favor of Dr Usha Kini: 455

As mandated, the Committee reassessed the votes excluding those that were ineligible. These included new members who had applied for IAPM Life Memberships and were allotted Life membership numbers in 2024 but were ineligible to cast their votes since their Memberships were not ratified by the IAPM General Body of 2024. Total ineligible votes were 155 (103 casted in favor of Dr Asaranti Kar and 52 in favor of Dr Usha Kini).

Thus, the Final tally of votes as determined by the Committee was –

Total number of eligible votes : 940- 155 ineligible votes: 785

Votes in favour of Dr Asaranti Kar: 382 (485-103 ineligible votes)

Votes in favor of Dr Usha Kini: 403. (455-52 ineligible votes)

The above findings were thoroughly discussed. In keeping with the Bye Laws of the association, Dr Usha Kini would be declared elected to the post of President IAPM for the year 2025. The discussions were related mainly regarding accepting the revised results or declaring the election null and void and conducting the elections again. After due deliberations the motion regarding the validity of the results was put to vote by the Secretary IAPM. Of the 96 attendees, 4 voted against the motion while 92 voted in favor of the motion.

Therefore the General Body accepted and approved the election of Dr Usha Kini as the President, IAPM for 2025 by an overwhelming majority.

The House congratulated Dr Usha Kini and welcomed her as the incumbent President IAPM, 2025. Dr Usha Kini thanked the House and assured of serving for the betterment of the IAPM.

It was also discussed that the incidence that occurred this year was not in good taste. A resolution was taken that the Bye laws committee constituted by IAPM would review and revise the Election related matters considering the present experience.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks from the Secretary IAPM



Dr. Ranjan Agrawal
Hony. Secretary IAPM

OBITUARY

Prof PL Tandon was born in Etah a small town of UP in 1927.

He did his schooling from Etah and Agra. He did his MBBS in the year 1951 from Govt Medical College, Agra. Though he wanted to pursue MD Medicine but Prof PN Wahi the then Head of the Dept of Pathology wanted him to join MD Pathology, and he agreed. After completing his MD Pathology under Prof PN Wahi, he joined as a Reader in Gandhi Medical college Bhopal in the year 1956 after a short stint as Demonstrator in Patiala Medical College, and there was no looking back since then. The youngest Prof at the age of 32, the founder of Dept of Pathology, Gandhi Medical College, Bhopal, he has left a legacy that is inspiring and formidable. He was an active member of IAPM. He organised the National Conference of IAPM in the year 1973 at Gandhi Medical College Bhopal which was attended by the legends of Pathology like Dr Ramalingaswami, Dr PN Wahi, Dr HD Tandon, Dr J L Monga. It was a big achievement for the state of Madhya Pradesh. The next APCON 2017 in Bhopal was organised by his daughter Dr Reeni Malik after a gap of 44 years. After serving for more than three decades in Bhopal, he was Dean, MGM Medical College, Indore followed by Dean, Gajra Raja Medical College Gwalior and finally retired as Director Medical Education, Govt of Madhya Pradesh in 1989. He was a renowned Histopathologist of not only Madhya Pradesh but also at the National level.

He was actively practising Pathology post-retirement too for decades together till he breathed his last on 22nd April 2024 at 97 years of age leaving behind his wife and two sons and two daughters all of whom are doctors and his daughter Dr Reeni Malik and one son Dr Puneet Tandon are Pathologists.



Dr. P.L. Tandon

Prof Bhoopendra Nath Datta MD, FAMS, FICP. (1933-2024)

On 18th December 2024, the world of Pathology in our country and abroad lost a most beloved and legendary stalwart to the nature's cycle of life-death and life again. While we mourn the loss, we consider ourselves lucky that Prof Datta (BND Sir) touched our lives in an innumerable way.

Prof B N Datta was born on 16 March 1933 in Jhelum (Punjab, Pakistan) and was the youngest among 8 siblings. Early schooling was in Lyallpur (Pakistan). The family moved to Delhi during the partition, where he completed his schooling. His medical career began in the grand city of palaces and temples, Gwalior (Madhya Pradesh), where he completed his MBBS (1956) and MD Pathology in 1960. Thereon, his professional journey included AIIMS, New Delhi (1959 – 1961), Medical College Srinagar (1961 – 1963) and the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences and Research (PGIMER) Chandigarh (1963 – 1993) which has been his main “karambhoomi” and where his heart lay. In fact, Prof Datta joined the Institute before Prof B K Aikat, and the two stalwarts together lay the strong foundation of sub-specialties of histopathology, cytology, hematology and immunopathology, and of autopsy pathology with regular once a week staff CPCs, which are now tele-transmitted live throughout the country. Prof Datta excelled in cardiac pathology, pulmonary pathology and renal pathology. He contributed his expertise at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School, London (1966-1967), University of Toronto (1973-1974), University of Benghazi (1985-1987) and Govt. Medical Centre Bahrain (1994-1999). He contributed as visiting faculty at Texas Heart Centre, USA, and as WHO expert at University of Rangoon and University of Colombo.

Prof Datta nurtured the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists as the secretary of the association from 1981 to 1983, and led it as its President in 1991. He conceptualized the Indian College of Pathology as founding Fellow of ICP (FICP). He was also awarded fellowship of National Academy of Medical Sciences (FAMS) in 1982.

Prof Datta has 130 scientific publications to his credit. He published Text book of Pathology, and its second edition, and contributed chapters in Cardiac Pathology in International Text books of Cardiology.

Sir BND combined his excellence in the subject with extreme humility and had a fantastic non-judgmental and fair approach as he mentored his students and younger colleagues. These qualities endeared him to one and all. In fact, the academic atmosphere of PGIMER was made the founding fathers of the institute, and further strengthened by Sir BND as he led this institution as its Dean (1992-1993).

Prof Datta was a true “karamayogi” and contributed to the private sector of the city of Chandigarh, gave freely of his teachings and advice to many young pathologists of the city and contributed to numerous MSc and PhD studies of various universities and science institutions for over 15 years.

He passed away at home after a brief illness, surrounded by his family and his loved ones. He is survived by his wife Dr Hemanti Datta, his son Dr Rahul Datta, and his daughter and loving grand children. As per his wishes, his remains were donated to the PGI where he shall continue to teach and inspire future generations.

He shall ever remain a revered teacher / mentor, and an ideal to emulate.

May God grant his soul his rightful place by His side.



Dr. B.N. Datta