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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### Dear Friends,

Wishing you all a very bright 2004 with peace and prosperity. In my first communication to you I want to present before you a neglected aspect of our speciality. IAPM is mainly an academic body, maintaining a high standard, but representing only a small fraction of Pathologists & Microbiologists mostly in teaching institutions. With increasing corporatisation well equipped centers are coming up and at the same time there is mushrooming of clinics run by quacks all over the country. Many qualified and experienced Pathologists are working in these laboratories but they don't have any proper forum for their protection in CPA related cases and for taking any step for solution of their working problems. Even in some cases Pathologists of teaching institutions are also facing this CPA related problems. Moreover many of these Pathologists are not interested in the academic activities of IAPM. They actually need more exposure to basic laboratory medicine. In some states 'Association of Practising Pathologists' have been formed to take care of them. The central body of IAPM can not help them. It appears that state chapters can help them to some extent and more stress has to be given for formation and regular activities of these chapters. The state chapters should work jointly with the association of Practising Pathologists as they don't have any central body. The Clinical Establishment sections of some state Health departments have started to streamline this issue only with limited success. The state Governments may be requested to include representatives of local chapters in their inspection team.

I request the members to give their views on this subject and send that to our Secretary. I take this opportunity to thank you all for electing me as the President and I also need very much your help and cooperation.

With Kind regards

**Dr. S.K. Dutta**

### FROM THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE

#### Dear Friends,

Greeting from Chandigarh. Good memories of APCON 2003 held at Bhubaneswar are still fresh in our minds. The entire organizing team deserves credit for their tremendous efforts in making all arrangements despite so many difficulties. I thank all IAPM members for extending me co-operation and support in conducting scientific programme of the conference.

A total of 116 oral papers and 80 posters were accepted out of which 90% oral papers and 88% posters were presented during the conference. One cannot deny that scientific programme is the most important part of the conference. It will not be wrong to say that out of a large number of papers presented every year during the conference some presentations are not up to the mark. The presentation at the National conference should be of high quality. We all know that there is need to improve and it will only be possible through a collective effort, contribution and dedication of all members of the association. I request all of you to please start preparing your presentations right away so that you have a good abstract by August 2004. The preparation of an abstract is often a very late thought and thus one cannot do justice with quality of paper prepared at the last minute.

The objectives of this association include promotion and advancement of Pathology, Microbiology and allied sciences and also promotion of research in these fields. To attain these objectives, conferences and meetings are held. The conferences are meaningful only if active participation takes place in scientific deliberations. It has been noted that attendance during scientific sessions is poor and we need to improve it. It will benefit both the presenter and the audience as well. The first gets constructive criticism and the latter new information. I think it is the duty of the senior members to sit through the sessions and lead young people by example so that good values in leaders of tomorrow are inculcated. I appeal all senior members to send their suggestions to me, which will help fulfill the objectives of the association.

Please note the change of my E-mail ID, which is bishanradotra@hotmail.com

With Regards,

**Dr. B.D. Radotra**



## State Chapter activities – Jan 2003 – Dec 2003

**Andhara Pradesh Chapter:** 9<sup>th</sup> March - Dr. Sushma Patra, Apollo Hospital Hyderabad, organized a CME on liver biopsy interpretation. Prof N.C. Nayak from New Delhi and Dr. S. Dattagupta & Dr. Acharya from AIIMS were guest speakers. 6<sup>th</sup>- 7<sup>th</sup> September - 21<sup>st</sup> - state annual conference was organized by Dr. D. Sarala Jothi Bai from SV Medical College, Tirupati along with Dr. M. Kumaraswamy as the organizing Chairman. The events included Sri Kamaraju Bapayya & Smt. Sarojini Devi oration by Dr. P. V. Patil on "Bethesda system- revisited", symposium on non-neoplastic lesions of prostate moderated by Dr. B. Sesikearn, NIN, Hyderabad, slide seminar on interesting lesions moderated by Dr. M. Sikinder Hayath, Prof. & Head Gandhi Medical college Hyderabad and an award paper session for postgraduates. A total of 258 delegates attended the conference and 67 proffered paper presentations were made in addition to 2 posters. A preconference CME was held on 5<sup>th</sup> September. The topics of CME included 1) Lymph Node Pathology by Dr. MK Reddy, SVIMS, 2) GI Cytology/Endoscopy by Dr. Susy Kurien, CME Vellore 3) Accreditation of Labs by Dr. Narsimhan, SRMC, Chennai, 4) FNAC of deep seated lesions by Col. Satyanarayana, AFMC, Pune, 5) Hematological changes in HIV by Dr. Prema Damodar, St. Johns Bangalore and 6) Thin PERP technique for diagnosis of cervical cancer by Dr. R. Srivasatava. A slide quiz for PG students was held.

**Gujarat:** 5<sup>th</sup> Jan.: Dr. G. G. Patel organised 27<sup>th</sup> Annual conference. Dr.D. D. Chandora was organising chairman. The programme included Uttambai Vyas oration by Dr. P. K. Desai on advances in immunological and molecular techniques. There were guest lectures on 1) Hepatitis G by Dr. C. I. Jhala, 2) "what clinicians expect from pathologists" by Dr. Urmish Chudgar, 3) Myoepithelial lesions by Anita Borges and 4) Lymph node lesions by Dr. K.N. Naresh. A slide seminar and a lecture on quality control in lab medicine by Dr. Suresh Amin were also presented.

**Karnataka Chapter:** Dr. T.M. Kariappa organized 30<sup>th</sup> annual conference at GMC Mysore in which about 350 delegates participated. Dr. H.A. Parswanath was the organizing chairman. There was a preconference CME in which Dr. Balaraman Nair delivered Silver Head Cane oration on "Practicing Pathology in New Millenium – A Challenge". The CME included lectures on Dermatopathology, approach to bleeding disorders and non-neoplastic lesions of brain and fluid cytology. A slide seminar, kodachrome quiz session, autopsy techniques and live demonstration of dissection of heart were other events. In February there was a CME in Hematology at NIMHANS in which Dr. Vishnu Reddy and Dr. Lakshmi from Kidwai Institute of Oncology and Dr. Swathi Bai from Manipal participated. In March, a slide seminar was held for postgraduates by Dr. PS Reddy and Dr. Ravi kumar. 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> October - Dr. Ravikala Rao organized the 31<sup>st</sup> annual conference at KMC, Manipal.

**Kerala Chapter:** The 51<sup>st</sup> annual conference was held at Amala Cancer center, Thrissur on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2003. There were guest lectures on 1) Acute leukemia- Oncologist's perspective by Dr. Anil Kumar, 2) Approach to Childhood bleeding disorders by Dr. Lulu Mathews and 3) Cytology of head & Neck lesions By Dr. Kumari Chandrika. Dr. Balaraman Nair conducted a slide seminar on Hematopathology. Projection slide quiz by Dr. Rajeevan K and case presentations and free papers were other highlights. 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> August - Dr. K. A. Aisabi organized first National CME in Pathology. The CME programme included 1) Paradoxes in pathology by Dr. Anita Borges, 2) Biopsy interpretation by Dr. Susy Kurien, 3) Liver biopsy interpretation by Dr. S. Dattagupta, 4) Trephine biopsy interpretation by K. Gayathri, 5) Pathologist and law by Dr. Balaraman Nair, 6) Cytology of lung tumours by Dr. Sreedevi Amma and 7) Digital imaging by Dr. Feroze M.

**Madhya Pradesh:** 11<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> October - The state conference was organized by Dr. Reeni Malik at Gandhi Medical College in which about 150 delegates participated. The programme included lectures on 1) recent trends and problems in cytodiagnosis of breast lesions and 2) tuberculous lymphadenitis and HIV. Dr. R. Chinoy

from TMH, Mumbai spoke on cytology of precancer of cervix whereas Dr. Reena Nair from TMH, Mumbai spoke on Leukemia and lymphoma.

**Maharashtra Chapter:** 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> September - Dr. Nitin Gangane organized the 24<sup>th</sup> annual conference at Sevagram, Wardha with Dr. K. S. Bhopale as Organising Chairman. A total number of 321 delegates attended. There were 17 oral and 25 poster presentations. The conference included guest lectures on 1) "Whither Surgical Pathology" by Dr. Anita Borges and 2) Myeloid leukemia by Dr. Dr. U. L. Waghlikar. Three symposia were held 1) Liver Pathology moderated by Dr. Waghlikar with Dr. D. N. Lanjewar, Dr. Anjali Amrapurkar, Avinash Phadke and Amita Joshi as speakers. 2) Immune techniques moderated by Dr. K. N. Naresh with Dr. Amita Aggarwal and Dr. Aruna Warikar as speakers. 3) Gynecologic Pathology moderated by Dr. S. V. Kane with Dr. Parmod Purohit and Dr. Anita Bhaduri as speakers. A quiz by Dr Chitra Mudiwale and a slide seminar by Dr. Neelima Ranadive were other highlights of the programme.

**North-West Chapter:** A zonal conference was organized by Dr. M. S. Bal on 19<sup>th</sup> April at GMC Patiala, preceded by IAP-ID mid year teaching programme on 18<sup>th</sup> April. The programme included a symposium on Hepatitis, slide seminar on surgical lesions of kidney and a slide seminar on hematology and Cytology. 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> October - Lt. Col. J.S. Panaych organized the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual CME of NW chapter at Command Hospital Chandimandir. There was a slide seminar on Pulmonary Pathology, slide sessions on hematology and cytology, symposium on Pathology of AIDS, and a kodachrome quiz. There were two guest lectures – 1) Pathology of soft tissues by Dr. Anita Borges and 2) Pathology of leishmaniasis by Dr. Ashok Mukherjee.

**Orissa Chapter:** 17<sup>th</sup> December - The annual chapter meeting was held at Bhubaneswar. The chapter organized 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual conference of IAPM with preconference CME, IAP- ID meeting and a post conference CME from 17<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> December at Bhubaneswar.

**Rajasthan Chapter:** 20<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> September – 8<sup>th</sup> state chapter conference was organized by Dr. N. M. Mehta at Sampurnand Medical college, Jodhpur. Dr. D. R. Mathur was organizing chairman. There were guest lectures by 1) Dr. N. K. Bhatia on Modern trends in Transfusion Medicine, 2) Interpretation of Bone Marrow Trephine biopsy by Dr. Tejinder Singh and 3) An overview of Lymphoma by Dr. K. N. Naresh. The state chapter oration was delivered by Dr. Asitava Mandal on Imaging and cytology of Musculoskeletal tumours and facial tumours. A slide seminar by Dr. B.C. Sangal, Jaipur and free papers were presented.

**Tamilnadu and Pondicherry Chapter:** CME activities were held throughout the year. 8<sup>th</sup> March- CME at MMC Chennai - Neoplasms and tumour like lesions of bone by Dr. Murthy Krishnan. 20<sup>th</sup> April- JIPMER, Pondicherry. The topics included a) Female genital tract & Breast Pathology by Dr. Vanaja Sankaran b) HLA class I expression in uveal melanoma by Dr. Krishnar, Sankara Nethralaya c) multiplex PCR for Herpes simplex, varicella by Dr. H. N. Madhavan, Sankara Nethralaya. A slide seminar also conducted. 12 July – Govt. Hospitals at Kancheepuram. The topics covered were soft tissue sarcoma, FNAC versus Core biopsy by Dr. K. Vasanthi and role of immunohistochemistry by Dr. C. N. Sreenivas. A slide seminar was also conducted. 12<sup>th</sup> October- Dr. V. Dhanpal delivered a lecture on male genitourinary system. Dr. A. Santhamarai delivered the lecture on recent concepts of prostatic carcinoma and Dr. Parijatham covered Childhood renal tumour & testicular biopsy.

**West Bengal:** The west Bengal chapter held regular scientific meetings cum CME on the first Saturday of every month in different teaching hospitals, Govt. Medical Colleges and renowned private hospitals of the state. R. N. Ghosh Memorial CME was held on 25<sup>th</sup> May at North Bengal Medical College, Darjeeling. More than 100 pathologists attended the CME. The annual state conference of this chapter was held at Calcutta National Medical College on 21<sup>st</sup> September. More than 200 delegates participated. Prof. R. K. Gupta, President IAPM delivered oration.



## Minutes of the 52<sup>nd</sup> general body meeting of IAPM held at Bhubaneswar on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2003

The president Professor R. K. Gupta welcomed the members called the meeting to order and conducted the proceedings of the meeting.

**Item No. 1:** Condolences: The general body condoled the sad demise of Dr. Sunil Gupta, Prof. IPGIMER, Kolkata, Dr. T. N. Mehrotra from Allahabad and Dr. Sudha Rani from Delhi. A condolence message will be sent to the bereaved families.

**Item No. 2:** Confirmation of the minutes of 51<sup>st</sup> general body meeting. Accepted. Following matters arising out of the meeting were discussed and accepted.

### Item No. 2 (9)

Donation for Building fund from APCON 2002: Prof. S. K. Dutta Org Secy. of APCON 2002 had donated Rs. one lakh to IAPM last year. The general body accepted the desire of Prof. S. K. Dutta that entire amount of Rs. One lakh be given for building fund.

### Item No. 6 (7)

a) Tamil Nadu oration: The matter of Tamil Nadu Oration was discussed in detail. It was accepted that a corpus money of Rs. 50,000/- is not sufficient for running this activity with the falling current interest rates. The Tamil Nadu chapter will be requested to increase the corpus fund to Rs. 5.0 lakh failing which this oration will be held once in three years. It was also decided that for the year 2004 there will be no Tamil Nadu oration. The general body accepted that a panel of three speakers should be sent to Secretary IAPM before EC meeting by the President/ Chairperson of Tamilnadu chapter so that the speaker is decided by the EC and then by general body. For quite sometime in the past the nominations have not been reaching Secretary prior to EC meeting.

### b) Item No. 16(7)

Proposal to start Dr. Deodhare Life time achievement award for a member of more than 65 years of age. This proposal submitted by Dr. S. G. Deodhare from Bangalore was discussed. It was expressed that an amount of more than Rs. 5 lakhs would be acceptable for any award and the proposed amount of 1 lakh will not be sufficient to run this award on regular basis. The selection criteria for this award were not acceptable to the general body. The GB did not approve starting this award.

**Item No. 3:** Admission of the new members of IAPM in 2003. The names of 259 members (83 life members and 176 ordinary members) provided by Hony. Treasurer were duly approved by the council and accepted by general body as members of IAPM.

**Item No. 4:** Declaration of the results of IAPM Election for President (2004) & Vice-President (2004). Prof. Subir K. Dutta, Kolkata has been elected as President and Dr. V.V. Taralakshmi from Chennai has been elected as Vice-President of IAPM for the year 2004. Both were elected unopposed.

**Item No. 5:** Nomination of two members for scrutiny and counting of ballot papers for the office bearers of IAPM for 2004. Dr. D. Bhaskara Reddy proposed and Dr. R. K. Gupta seconded the names of Dr. B. N. Datta and Dr. Kusum Joshi from Chandigarh to assist Honorary secretary in scrutiny and counting of ballot papers for IAPM elections during 2004. The general body accepted the proposal.

**Item No. 6:** Seminars and Symposia and guest lecture for 2004. Out of the proposals discussed, the general body accepted the following topics:

- Dr. Gayaprasad Memorial Pathology Symposium. Topic: An update on brain tumours. Moderator: Prof. Chitra Sarkar, AIIMS, New Delhi.
- Pathology Slide Seminar : Topic : Non-neoplastic lesions of liver. Moderator: Dr. S. Dattagupta, AIIMS, New Delhi.
- Dr. Ananthnarayanan Microbiology Symposium. Topic: Recent advances in diagnosis of Microbiological infections. Moderator: Dr. A. Chakrabarty, PGIMER, Chandigarh.
- Guest Lecture: Since there was no proposal it was accepted that Secretary IAPM will decide about it. The general body accepted the suggestion of Dr. Bhaskara Reddy that if a foreign speaker is not available then it should be given to an eminent person from India.

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

Two papers were submitted for Dr. V. R. Khanolkar award for 2003. The paper entitled "Rabies Viral antigen in extracranial organs: a postmortem study" published in Neuropathology and Applied Neurobiology 2002; 28: 334-38 and submitted by Dr. Sanjay Jogai from PGIMER Chandigarh was recommended for the award. Congratulations to Dr. Sanjay Jagai.

Two papers were submitted for Smt. Kunti Devi Mehrotra Award. The paper entitled "Brain Biopsy in CJD – Evolution of Pathological changes by immunohistochemistry" published in Neuropathology and Applied Neurobiology 2002, 28: 314-24 and submitted by Dr. A. Mahadevan from NIMHANS Bangalore was recommended for the award. Congratulations to Dr. A. Mahadevan.

No paper was submitted for Dr. K. C. Basu Mallick award this year.

1. A total of seven papers were received for presentation in plenary session for Best paper award. As per the comments of referees only four papers were recommended out of which only three presentations were made. The paper entitled "Role of Laminin and Fibronectin in genesis of renal dysplasia" by Dr. Santosh Menon, PGIMER, Chandigarh was recommended for the award by the panel of judges. Congratulations to Dr. Santosh Menon.

**Item No. 8:** Venue for next conference – APCON 2004. Two proposals were received for hosting next conference. One proposal came from Dr. S. K. Nema, Head of Pathology, AFMC, Pune and the second proposal had come from Dr. S. Nandedkar and subsequently from Dr. G P Bhagwat on behalf of MP State chapter to host APCON 2004. There was a lot of discussion regarding this matter. At the end of discussion, Dr. G. P. Bhagwat showed his magnanimity and withdrew his offer in favour of AFMC, Pune. The general body appreciated kind gesture of Dr. Bhagwat, President, MP State chapter. Dr. S. K. Nema, Prof. & Head, Dept. of Pathology will host APCON 2004 at AFMC, Pune and the proposed dates are 20<sup>th</sup> –24<sup>th</sup> November 2004.

**Item No. 9:** IAPM Head Quarter report by Secretary (HQ) Dr. N. C. Parija. The EC members visited the Head Quarter on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2003. The ground floor and first floor of the building have been constructed but internal fittings are required. Dr. Balaraman Nair suggested that since so much work has been done further support must be given to complete the building. Dr. A. M. Phatak opined that documents and the details of the building must be in place and kept in the records of IAPM. Dr. R. K. Gupta proposed that the building should be registered in the name of IAPM for accountability and the deed should be transferred to IAPM. The general body agreed to this proposal and accepted that Secretary IAPM and President IAPM should authorise Jt. Secretary HQ to proceed for registration of IAPM building and transfer under appropriate legal procedure should be done. Since registration of land will need expenses it was suggested that Jt. Secretary HQ should explore the possibility of exemption of these expenses and inform Secretary IAPM. If registration money is not exempted then the general body accepted the proposal of Dr. Balaraman Nair that IAPM should advance interest free loan to Jt. Secretary HQ for registration. As and when the building is ready for use, funds will be available in future with Jt. Secy. HQ and this money should be returned. The general body accepted the proposal of Jt. Secy. HQ to co-opt local IAPM members for the required work. It was accepted that all monetary transactions such as rent and upkeep of building will be through IAPM and Jt. Secy. HQ will operate these accounts which will be presented in GB.

**Item No. 10:** Report of the Secretary – Dr. B. D. Radotra. Accepted.

**Item No. 11:** Report of the Joint Secretary – Dr. K. Gayathri. Accepted.

**Item No. 12:** Report of Treasurer - Dr. Niranjana Rout Accepted

**Item No. 13:** Report of Editor - in -Chief, IJPM - Dr. Harsh Mohan presented his report in great details giving background information, present status of the journal and future plans. The general body appreciated the efforts of Dr. Harsh Mohan for improving the quality of journal and clearing part of the backlog manuscripts without increasing the financial budget. The general body accepted that annual budget of 12 lakhs for the journal should be continued. Dr. Harsh Mohan was allowed by the general body to buy a Franking machine for dispatch of journal. This asset will then be passed on to the next editor. It was noted with regret that 13 articles were published twice i.e. in July issue as well as in October issue of 2002 of IJPM from Patna office during the tenure of Dr. S.K. Shahi. Prof. R.K. Gupta proposed and general body accepted that a corrigendum should be issued admitting that an error has occurred during printing of October issue of 2002. It was proposed that corrigendum should also specifically mention that 13 articles published again in October 2002 issue of IJPM stand cancelled. For quoting these articles, only July 2002 issue should be referred to. Dr. Harsh Mohan pointed out that he had not been able to obtain a document pertaining to registration of the journal from Patna office. This document is required for registration of journal at Chandigarh which will reduce the cost of dispatch. Dr. V.H. Talib, Past Editor-in-Chief, IJPM from New Delhi promised to give Dr. Harsh Mohan the required document. It was accepted that website of IAPM needs to be updated and the general body agreed with the proposal that Dr. K. Gayathri should get it updated and she will get financial support from the Editor.

**Item No. 14:** Report of the National External Quality programme by Dr. P.K. Shukla-Dr. Shukla had sent his report to the Secretary which was circulated. The general body accepted that the report be filed and deferred for the next year for presentation.

**Item No. 15:** Report of ICP Secretary-Accepted.

**Item No. 16:** Any other matter with permission of the Chair.

1. Recongnition of Uttarachnal State Chapter-The general body accepted the formation of Uttaranchal State Chapter with Dr. S.L. Gupta as its State President.



2. Asia-Pacific Society of Pathologists (APASP) conference : The general body congratulated Dr. A.M. Phatak for being elected as Vice President of APASP. Dr. Phatak informed that 9th APASP congress will be held in Nepal in the year 2005. Prof. H. Shreshta, President APASP will shortly announce date and venue for the congress. The 10th congress will be held in India in 2007. Dr. Phatak requested the members to attend the conference. She also requested members to send the CV and their interests to EC for invitation as faculty.
2. Credit hours for CME and conference. The general body accepted that credit hours should be mentioned in the certificate of attendance of conference. The credit hours should include all sessions-CME, symposia, slide seminars, guest lectures and paper presentations. The organising secretary of APCON 2004 was requested to work on this matter and take a note of it.
3. Matters related to constitution of IAPM. Many matters related to constitution of IAPM including enrolment of members as direct life members, qualifications for the post of office bearers of IAPM such as Secretary, Jt. Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Jt. Secy. HQ, guidelines for formation and functioning of state chapters, change of term ordinary member to Annual member and foreign member to honorary member, and change in the procedure of Election to the Post of President IAPM. The general body accepted that these matters should be looked into by a constitution committee. Dr. C. Sunderam proposed and Dr. R.K. Gupta seconded the names of Dr. C. I. Jhala and Dr. Balaraman Nair for this committee and general body accepted it.
4. The proposal of Dr. N. Rout to increase the journal subscription fee for ordinary members and additional facility for life membership of IAPM for couple members was not accepted by the general body.
5. Representation in state and central bodies of MCI: The general body expressed the view that there is no need for IAPM to pursue this matter.
6. Refund of money to commercial journal subscribers-The general body accepted that money should be refunded to commercial subscribers who have complained about non-receipt of journal for the year 2002 since these funds are no more available v. Shahi.
7. The proposal of Dr. Balaraman Nair to collect all issues of IJPM at IAPM HQ to build records was accepted. Jt. Secy. HQ should request senior members for the donations of previous issues.
8. Changes in the academic programme of the conference-Dr. S. Dattagupta stressed that changes should be made in the existing format of IAPM programme so that it becomes more attractive. This could include topics of general nature which could be of practical value to students of Pathology. He also suggested that the number of oral presentations could be reduced with presentation of selected papers in a common session. Simultaneously the number of poster presentation could be increased. Some incentive such as awards for oral presentations and poster presentations should be kept to attract young people. The general body accepted that changes should be made and asked the organising secretary of APCON 2004 and secretary IAPM to initiate such changes.

## Xth National CME in Haematology & Haemato-Oncology April 23-25, 2004

Venue : Bombay Hospital Institute of Medical Sciences

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This update programme would be oriented towards review of research that has occurred in the field of clinical and laboratory haematology during last five years. It would be oriented towards consultants in haematology, senior staff members and the PG students in the field of haematology, pathology, paediatrics and medicine. There would be three parallel sessions (for pathologists, paediatricians and internists). Besides eminent national faculty, there would be international faculty, as usual. Registration charges (including tea/coffee and lunch) are as follows:-

	<b>Upto 29.2.2004</b>	<b>Upto 31.3.2004</b>	<b>From 1.4.2004 &amp; spot registration</b>
PG Studetns	Rs. 300/-	Rs. 500/-	Rs. 700/-
Others	Rs. 2000/-	Rs. 2500/-	Rs. 3000/-

Accommodation (on sharing basis i.e. 2,3 or 4 in a room) including breakfast, dinner and transport to the venue (both to and fro) has been arranged at YWCA International Centre (for both males and females) on requests received up to 15th March, 2004. The charges (per head) as a package for 3 nights are Rs. 3000/- (all inclusive). You may request for further details. All payments may be done by Drafts only, drawn in favour of "CME in Haematology-bay Hospital".

### Congratulations

University Grant Commissions has bestowed Hari Om Award on Dr. V.V. Radhakrishnan, entitled "Jagdish Chander Bose Award : Life Achievements" in recognition of outstanding scholarly contribution in chosen field of work for the year 2002 on Dr. V.V. Radhakrishnan, Professor and Head, Department of Pathology SCTIMST, Thiruvananthapuram.

Dr. D.S. Chitnis, Professor and Head of Microbiology, Choithram Hospital and Research Centre, Indore received "Tom Bergar Memorial award" at the 23rd International Congress of Chemotherapy held at Durban, South Africa in June 2003. Dr. Chitnis presented his paper entitled "Ciprofloxacin therapy for typhoid in India needs retirement".

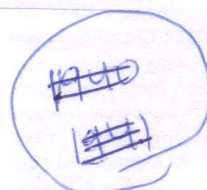
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