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Message from the President

Dear Friends,

I thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to serve the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists as its President. It is an honor. Being the President of IAPM, it is my responsibility, along with the other committee members, to improve the overall functioning of the association. After last years hybrid conference at the 70th APCON 2022, Bangalore, the focus is now on First postcovid complete physical conference at Delhi for the upcoming 71st APCON 2023, which is to be scheduled from 8th to 10th December, 2023. I am sure and hoping that the organizers have already started preparations for this event. The activity of the IAPM should not be restricted to its annual conference; rather we should continue our activities throughout the year and across the country.

Since Covid, everyone of us learned to attend online meetings and conferences. So many chapters are organizing hybrid meetings throughout the year. Recently newly formed chapter of J&K also very enthusiastically arranged CME and launched their chapter website.

I request all esteemed members to motivate your colleagues, faculties, Practicing pathologist friends and PG students to become Life member of our association and actively take part in scientific activities for association to grow. This year we have taken many subjects to work upon for betterment of association. Office bearers of IAPM are working hard towards Website update, members data as well as financial matters. Committee is also trying our level best to consider Pathology as a "Clinical Subject" at NMC level.

Every academic and scientific association grows more due to the contribution of each and every member than to the working of its functionaries. Therefore your criticisms, suggestions, and co-operation would go a long way in our endeavor not only to improve the IAPM but also the professional standards in the country. I look forward to working closely with all the Executive Committee Members in my tenure.

I take this opportunity to wish all members a healthy 2023 and welcome suggestions and criticisms.

Hope to see you all at APCON 2023.

Thank you once again and with kind regards

Dr. Sharada Rane



Message from the Vice President

Dear Members of IAPM,

Jai Jagannath It is indeed privilege & honour to assume the onerous responsibilities as vice president of the prestigious organisation, the Indian Association of Pathologists & microbiologists. This has been possible due to the blessing & good wishes of several senior members & my colleague.

I express my gratitude & thanks to all the life members of IAPM for sparing their valuable time & efforts to cast their vote online making the election successful.

I would make every efforts to continue with traditions & good work of my predecessors and I welcome suggestion if any.

In the modern medical arena pathology pays an important role by providing detail & panoptic diagnosis to enable the clinicians in outlining a proper treatment plan.

I request all of you attend the annual conference in large numbers and motivate your post graduates also present papers in Annual Conference.

With warm Regards

Kanak Lata Dei

Vice-President, IAPM



Message from the Secretary

Dear Members,

Greetings of the day. At the outset I would like to extend my thanks to one and all those who bestowed upon me this responsibly. I intend to fulfill the trust showed in me. The rising number of COVID cases, is keeping all of us high on our toes. But I am sure that we would emerge this challenge too.

The year started with an endeavour to get Pathology recognised as a clinical subject. Two subsequent meetings with higher officials at the National Medical Commission were very fruitful and we could achieve a significant leap in our appeal. The visit to NMC was carried out by President Dr. Sharada Rane, Treasurer Dr. Harendra Kumar, HOD AIIMS, New Delhi Dr. Venkat Iyer and myself. Our representation was taken and formally accepted also. We are also trying to fix an appointment in the Ministry for taking the matter further. An online survey was also conducted where member's opinion regarding Pathology as a clinical subject was taken up. A total of 2229 responses were received, with 2214 (99.3%) responding in favour of the movement. The rest were mostly novice in Pathology or replied back stating that let the movement start and then they join.

The scientific programme of APCON 2023 was finalised majorly and also uploaded on the APCON 2023 website in February 2023. AIIMS, New Delhi is all geared up for the mega event and I am sure that they would put up a grand show. The IAPM secretariat is continuously in touch with the organisers so that large numbers of delegates attend this academic fest. For the scientific schedule, moderators from across India were chosen by the Academic Committee. Attractive and non-repetitive topics were chosen. Also those who could not be moderators and had good academic standing have a chance to participate in multiple CME by approaching the selected moderators, whose contact details have been uploaded on the IAPM and APCON 2023 websites and also is being circulated via this newsbulletin.

All life members of IAPM are requested to check their details in the website and in case of any discrepancy should write an email to my official ID mentioning the corrections. They can also do the corrections themselves via the orange box available in the website.



State chapter representatives are urged to be more proactive and carry out more academic activities and also attract more number of IAPM memberships from their respective states. The process of applying for membership is much simplified now with no delay in processing of documents.

It is requested to all the members to regularly visit the IAPM website for updates and better participation. A quiz is also circulated via this bulletin. The correct answer to this would be discussed in the forthcoming newsbulletin along with the names of the winners. The winners would be sent certificate of appreciation. I request all members of the largest association of Pathologists to send me their suggestions, feedback for further improvisation.

Long Live IAPM

Jai Hind!

Dr. Ranjan Agrawal

Hony. Secretary IAPM

Message from the Treasurer

Dear members,

It gives me immense pleasure to reach out to all of you in my capacity as the Hon Treasurer of IAPM (2023-25). I thank all senior executive members & life members of IAPM for showing faith in me. I do feel that together we will take IAPM to even greater heights. I sincerely appeal to all life members of IAPM, to encourage younger generation to become life member at an early stage so that they get all the benefits of the Association, including participation in award sessions, & becoming eligible for the post of executive committee to serve our great Association in various capacities. In case someone faces any issue regarding online submission of membership form, please feel free to contact me via the contact numbers given in the website.

Long live IAPM

Harendra Kumar

Hon Treasurer (2023-25)



Report of the Joint Secretary, IAPM

The various chapter activities during Jan.-March 2023 were as follows:

Kerala Chapter: The 90th chapter meeting was conducted on Sunday, 12th February 2023 in Believers Church Medical College, Thiruvalla, Kerala. Dr Elizabeth Joseph was the organising secretary. The meet started with the guest lecture by Dr. Cessal T Kainickal, Head & Neck Oncology, RCC, on Pathology of Head & Neck Cancer- “An Oncologist's perspective”. The highlights included a Slide seminar on Head and Neck Pathology (excluding thyroid), moderated by Dr Anila K R, Regional Cancer Centre (RCC), Thiruvananthapuram. 15 cases presented from various medical colleges. This was followed by free paper presentations and the final round of Post graduate quiz. A two-day webinar on head and neck pathology was conducted. The eminent speakers included Dr Joaquín J. García, from Mayo Clinic, Rochester; Dr Shubhada Kane, Former Professor and HOD, TMH Mumbai; Dr Aanchal Kakkar, Associate Professor, AIIMS, Delhi ; Dr Munita Bal, Professor, TMH, Mumbai and Dr Paromita Roy, Senior Consultant, TMC, Kolkata. More than 700 delegates attended the webinar both in zoom platform as well as YouTube live.



Chhattisgarh Chapter:

The state chapter conference was held on 4th & 5th February organised by Pt JNM Medical Govt Medical College, Raipur at Atal Bihari Vajpayee Auditorium Raipur. Total delegates registration was 183 with 14 free papers & 26 poster presentation. Predominantly covered topics were breast, ophthalmic lesions, skin lesions, & Bone marrow pathology. Organising chairperson Dr A. Neral, organising secretary Dr R.P. Siddique & all the faculty members made the event successful. A CME on Blood Transfusion practices was organised by Dean Dr Renuka Gahine & Department of Pathology, ABVM Govt Medical College, Rajnandgaon on 27th February 2023. Total 83 delegate attended that CME. Various aspect on safe blood transfusion were discussed.

MP Chapter:

MPPATHOCON, MP state chapter has organised a state conference with the theme “The energy of Pathology”. It was attended by 500 delegates which spanned from 20 medical colleges. Various academic sessions included flow cytometry, IHC, Nano technology, recent advances in breast cancer, CPC meet on Platelets. More than 100 research oral presentation and poster presentations was there in this conference. Latest edition of text book of pathology by Dr Harshmohan as well as new edition of book ABC of CBC by Dr D P Lokwani were released. Future agenda includes starting of tumour board in all the government medical colleges of MP

UP Chapter:

Department of Pathology, S. N. Medical College, Agra conducted a half day CME on 21 st Jan'2023. Dr. Divya Sharma, Associate Professor & Director Liver Pathology Service, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, Cincinnati (USA). Delivered two guest lectures on 2 topics: Pattern-based approach of non-neoplastic lesions of stomach and, Pattern-based approach of non-neoplastic lesions of colon. Academic program was attended by more than 70 delegates.

On 01 st March'2023 Department of Pathology conducted “Quit tobacco chewing/ smoking” campaign during the International Taj Mahotsav. The Awareness program was led by IAPM Hon Treasurer Dr. Harendra Kumar. Harmful effects of Tobacco were explained to visitors of Taj Mahotsav by the postgraduate students and faculty members including Dr. Aprajita Goel, Dr. Prashant Singh, Dr. Lalit Kumar, Dr Ritu Sonkar, Dr. Pooja, Dr. Nupur Kaushik, Dr. Juhi Sharma, Dr. Beant Kaur, Dr. Arushi, Dr. Raghavendra, Dr Rajdeep & others.



CME at SN Medical College, Agra



Quit Tobacco Camp during Taj Mahotsav

Report of Joint Secretary (HQ)

This year IAPM HQ has witnessed the following events.

1) IAPM Office bearers' visit: Dr. Varsha Dhume, Jt. Secy and Dr. Harendra Kumar Yadav, Treasurer visited the HQ on 2nd and 3rd February 2023. They were accompanied by Dr. Anuradha Phatak, Past President IAPM. During their visit they examined all relevant documents of HQ and records of events. While visiting they felt some renovations needed in the HQ building and advised to estimate & prepare a budget for it.

2) 19th HQ - CME 2023: Annual HQ-CME on "Lymphoma: An Update" was conducted on 12th February from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm in the IAPM House. A Pre-CME Workshop was conducted on 11th February in the dept. of pathology, SCBMCH. Dr Tanuja Shet, Professor and Dr Subhashree Subhasmita Dash, Asst. Professor TMH, Mumbai were the invited speakers. Mr. Subhash Chandra Singh, Mayor, Cuttack Municipal Corporation & former Rajya Sabha MP inaugurated the CME as Chief Guest. He expressed his great satisfaction for organising such academic activities in the National HQ. Dr Pritinanda Mishra, Additional Professor, AIIMS, Bhubaneswar moderated a faculty slide seminar on lymphoma. This CME was attended by 170 delegates from all the institutes of Odisha.

Dr Pranati Mohanty
Jt Secretary, HQ



Message from the Editor-in-Chief, IJPM

Dear All,

Foremost, I would like to express my sincere thanks to one and all who entrusted their faith in electing me as the new Editor-In-Chief of our prestigious journal.

As I move forward with my responsibilities towards this new endeavour, I seek your good wishes and support to take the journal further ahead, especially when we have seen significant contributions from the former Editors. The impact factor of the journal has been fairly maintained and we hope to bring it to a higher level with more quality-based publications, especially original articles, and reviews.

I sincerely believe to enhance the value system by promoting excellence in research through the journal. While a correct and timely diagnosis in a patient significantly impacts one precious life, good quality research can form a basis for impacting management across several patients. Diagnosis and research constitute two essential pillars of pathology. Good quality, value-based research is invariably scientifically and ethically sound. Every investigator and the author must be simultaneously conscious and conscientious of the scientific and ethical aspects during the formulation of a manuscript. The value of conventional morphology and immunohisto chemistry in a clinical context is quite well-known and understood. However, it is crucial to integrate molecular pathology, to enhance objectivity in the diagnosis and be able to provide more information from the prognostic, predictive, including theranostic aspects. Newer tools such as artificial intelligence and digital pathology seem worth exploring. Manuscripts with high-quality data, providing additional insights on all these fronts will have higher chances of acceptance.

I sincerely thank the associate editors, all authors, reviewers, and members of the editorial board who have so far contributed towards maintaining the quality of the journal, and look further to their continued support. Please feel free to reach out to us with your valuable feedback and suggestions.

Dr. Bharat Rekhi



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President

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Contact details	: Telephone no : 020-26163587 / 9422081682 Email : sharadarane22@gmail.com
Qualification	: M.B.B.S. (1984), M.D. Pathology (1988), from B.J. Medical College, Pune.FICP(2005)
Professional Experiences	: Faculty in B.J. Medical College, Pune from 1989 till 6 th June 2020 (31 Yrs). Professor of Pathology and Deputy Dean (PG) at GMC, Baramati, Dist. Pune from 8 th June 2020
Interested Sub-specialities:	HISTOPATHOLOGY- Infectious pathology, Renal pathology, General surgical pathology, Dermatopathology, oncopathology, Intra-operative Consultation (Frozen section)
Membership	: IAPM (L/1997/1370); Indian Academy of Cytology (LR/053) in 2003; (IAP-ID) since 1993
Awards	: Awarded the First place in Poster session at Gold APCON (2002), Mumbai.
Achievements	: Hon. President, IAPM (2023); Hon. Vice-President, IAPM (2022); Joint secretary of IAPM from year 2013-2015; Hon. Secretary of IAPM from year 2017-2019 • Chairperson of Maharashtra State Chapter of Pathologists (2010-2012); • Convenor of P.G. Quiz session in Maharashtra chapter Meet (2007 –2009); • Member of Under graduate committee of Medical council of India(MCI) (yr 2013); • National IAPM online quiz from year 2013 to 2017; • Conducted electronic voting for IAPM national elections; • IAPM members addresses updatation and making of e-directory of IAPM members; • Guest faculty at various national and international conferences, CMEs and workshops.
Publications	: 34 National publications in various journals; 3 International publications
Positions of Responsibilities	: OSD in Dean office (2008-2012) ; Member of Medical education technology cell, Regional centre of MUHS till year 2017; Member of Ad-hoc Board of studies for fellowship courses of MUHS
Examiner for MBBS, DNB; DMLT, DCP, MD (path) examiner since 1995 at Pune, Bombay university.	
Guest Faculty in various International and National Conferences.	

Vice President

Name	: Dr Kanak Lata Dei
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Qualification	: MBBS in 1976 & MD (Path) in 1982 from SCBMC, Cuttack
Designation	: Retired Professor & HOD department of Pathology, MKCG, Brahmapur , Senior Medical officer in Blood Bank
Membership	: Life member of IAPM No-L/1560, Life member of Hematology No-L/779
Participation in	: As a Professor guided more than 100 PG. External examiner in UG & PG in the state & also outside the state. : Chairman in selection committee for DMLT/DMRT student for more than 6 years. : Co-author in odia published for T.B & chest disease. : Organising Secretary of Orissa State Chapter meeting at MKCG Medical College. : Senior medical officer in Central Red Cross Blood Bank from 2016 till date. : Organised & Co-ordinate more than 100 health camp & blood donation camps at rural & urban area & motivate the blood donors to donate blood. : Recipient of FIC Path and several other awards felicitations by various organisations. : Treasurer of IAPM from 2005-2007. ; Jt Secretary IAPMHQ from 2017-2019.

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Secretary

Name	: Dr. RANJAN AGRAWAL <i>MD; FICPath; MAMS; MIAC; DHA</i>
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Specialisation	: Laboratory Medicine, Medical Writing & Publishing.
Position of Responsibilities	: PG (Coordinator), Rajshree Medical Research Institute, Bareilly.
Contributions to IAPM	: Member since 1994; Life Member since 1999. (No L-1702)
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Editor-in-Chief, Indian Journal of Pathology & Microbiology (2018 – 2022). Official publication of the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists. 2. Organising Secretary, APCON 2018 (Annual National Conference of IAPM) 28 Nov – 2 Dec 2018 at Rohilkhand Medical College & Hospital, Bareilly. 3. Organising Secretary, Regional CME in Surgical Pathology Mid-Year teaching session of IAPM (UP Chapter) dt 23 March 2013 at Rohilkhand Medical College & Hospital, Bareilly. 4. President, Indian Association of Pathologists Microbiologists (UP Chapter) for 2011-2012. 5. Organising Chairperson, UP PATHCON 2011, Annual Conference of IAPM (UP Chapter), dt. 8-9th Oct. 2011 at Rohilkhand Medical College & Hospital, Bareilly. 6. Currently Chairman, Academic Committee UP Chapter of IAPM. 7. Regular attendee, moderator and speaker at all APCONs since more than 12 years. 8. Member, Executive Council, Indian Academy of Cytology (2018 – 2021). 9. Founder Secretary, IAC (UP Chapter)-For 2 consecutive terms (2013–2015) & (2016–2018) 10. Organising Secretary, UP CYTOCON 2014, Annual Conference of IAC (UP Chapter), dt. 14th Sept 2014 at Rohilkhand Medical College & Hospital, Bareilly.
	Achievements as Editor – in – Chief, IJPM: Streamlining of article submission review and publication processes; #Added new and active Reviewers to the entire website; Reviewer appreciation certificate with Golden Reviewer certificates; Constant upgrading of Impact Factor from 0.529 in 2018 to 0.773 at present.; During the tenure, besides 4 regular issues every year, 4 APCON supplements, 3 Special issues including– Genitourinary, Gynaecologic & Breast Pathology; GI, Hepatobiliary & Pancreatic Pathology and, Neuropathology (Total 27 issues) published.
	Membership of Academic Bodies: 26 including 11 International.
	Awards : 2022 & 2021–Gaya Prasad Memorial Symposium of 2021; 2021–Member, National Academy of Medical Sciences; 2013 – Fellow, Indian College of Pathologists.
	Conference & CME attended : More than 100 with more than 30 Guest Lectures delivered.
	Books: 8 including : Previous years Question Papers for Postgraduate & Superspeciality Pathology Examinations
	Publications : More than 100 in Indexed International & National journals.

Joint Secretary

Name	: Dr Varsha Dhume
Qualification	: MBBS, MD (Path), DPB
Designation	: Associate Professor in Pathology TN Medical College, Mumbai
Interest	: Endocrine pathology, Head & Neck pathology, Publications: 25
Participation as	: Faculty, Moderator and Speaker at various National and State Chapter Conferences.
At State level (MAPCON)	: Organising Secretary at MAPCON Mid-year conference ‘An update on Endocrine Pathology’ held at Mumbai on 14 th and 15 th April 2023; Selected as MAPCON PG Quiz moderator for year 2023-25; Participated in various MAPCON Slide seminar and MAPCON PG QUIZ; Faculty in Slide seminar on Neuroendocrine Pathology in 2007
Prizes & Awards	: Co-author for paper on Prognostic histopathological markers of Oral Cancer which received prestigious ‘Dr Raichur Award’ at Aurangabad 2022 Best Poster in APCON 2005; Best paper for cytopathology of chronic lymphocytic thyroiditis First prize in MAPCON PG Quiz 1994
Positions held	: Hony. of IAPM 2020-2022, Committee member for IAPM’s Bye-laws.
Membership	: Life member of IAPM, member of IAP-ID Core member of Mumbai Endocrine Pathology Group Member of 3T IBHSc GMU Bioethics committee

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- Qualification** : M.B.B.S., M.D. (Pathology), Pursuing Advance course in Medical Education.
- Awards** :
- Member, National Academy of Medical Sciences, N. Delhi
 - Speaker in Gaya Prasad Memorial Symposium during National Pathology Conference “APCON2022” at MS Ramaiah Medical College, Bangaluru.
 - Awarded by Amar Ujala Foundation for regular voluntary blood donations.
 - **Academic Contributions:**
 - Published more than 25 articles in various International & National journals
 - Nearly 30 oral & poster presentations at various state and National Conferences.
 - Resource faculty of revised Basic Course workshop (rBCW) & CISP.
 - Participation as Faculty, Moderator and Speaker at various National and State Chapter Conferences.
 - Organizing Secretary, CME on Hemato-lymphoid malignancy in April'19 under the aegis of IAPM –U.P.
 - Organizing secretary of “online CME on Bone & Soft tissue tumors” in Dec'2020 under the aegis of UP Chapter of IAPM.
 - Had been external examiner MD & MBBS examiner at various Medical Colleges
 - Certificate course in Hospital Management (under MSME) in 2022.
 - NEET-PG exam 2023 appraiser of National Board of Examinations, New Delhi.
 - **Contribution to IAPM:** Life Member of IAPM (L3724)
 - Joint Secretary IAPM (2020-22). Worked actively to revive some chapters & formation of new chapters.
 - Regularly attending APCONs since 2005 & state chapter conferences.
 - Organizing Secretary of Annual Conference of UP chapter of IAPM (UP Pathcon 2023), scheduled for 30th Sept & 01st October'2023
 - **Membership of other academic bodies:**
 - Life Member of Indian Association of Cytologists (IAC)- LK171/15
 - Member of International Academy of Pathology –Indian Division.: IAP-ID/H/13/22
 - Life member Delhi Society of Hematology
 - Member of Indian Association of Pathology & Microbiology –Delhi & UP Chapters.

Joint Secretary (HQ)

- Name** : **Dr. Pranati Mohanty**
- Present posting** : Asso. Prof. of Pathology, S.C.B. Medical college, Cuttack
- M.B.B.S.** : From M.K.C.G. Medical College, Berhampur in 1985
- M.D. (Pathology)** : From V.S.S. Medical college, Burla in 1996
- Field of interest** : Haemato Pathology
- Publications** : i) Author of one chapter in Haematology Today, 2013 by M.B. Agarwal
ii) 44 publications in various journals including 16 national & 28 international
- Other activities** : i) Continuing as Jt. Secretary HQ, IAPM
ii) Past Treasurer of Odisha Hematology

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Special Interests: Oncopathology. Research Interests related to Soft Tissue and Bone Tumors, Gynaec Tumors, related Molecular Pathology and Cytopathology.

Honours or Prizes: Grand prize for Best electronic research exhibit at the International Skeletal Society Meeting, Rome, Italy, 12th-15th Sept. 2012. Awarded 2012& 2013 Association of Molecular Pathologists (AMP) International Membership Grant, Selected for Smt Kunti Mehrotra award for best published paper. I.A.P.M for year 2013. Dr V.R. Khanolkar award for the year 2017. Best oral/proffered paper, Cytcon2018, Indian Academy of Cytologists, Goa. Fellow: Indian Coll. Path 2021. **Gold medal Orations:** Association of Cytologists and Histopathologists, Shri Bhaskar Reddy, 2022. Shri D.B. Shekhar Reddy Oration 5th Telangana State Chapter IAPM2022, 11th Sept. 2022 Fellowship I.C.M.R. Travel fellowship D.S.T., Ministry of Health, New Delhi and Sir Dorabji Trust, Mumbai, Scholarship CCSTD, Featured in several International Biographies since 2007-2012, Received a certificate for featuring in Who's Who Asia 2007, Included as a Fellow of College of American Pathologists and awarded certificate of appreciation for member marker research panel of CAP 2009-10. Second prize in poster competition at AOGIN, Taj Lands' End, Mumbai from 5-6 Nov 2011.

Editor: Grossing Book of Tumors. 5 Chapters.

Memberships: (I.A.P.M.) - Life member, International Academy of Cytology (M.I.A.C.) U.S.A, , College of American Pathologists (C.A.P. Affiliate.) , International Society of Bone and Soft Tissue Pathology, Int. Soc. Gynec Pathol, IAP-ID SIOP, European Society of Medical Oncology, 2019-, Int Society of Gynec Pathology 2021-European Society of Pathology: Working group member, Bone and Soft Tissues.

Publications: Total: 277,

Book Chapters: Total: 43. 1st: 25. Editor. **Encyclopedia of Pathology.** Three Chapters. Two chapters in 5th edition, 2020 **WHO fascicle on soft tissue and Bone tumors, 2 in Skin tumors, 2 in Pediatric. Book: 1 . Citations: In:** Orell and Sterett's Fine needle aspiration Cytology (5th ed). Five articles in WHO fascicle of Tumors of Soft Tissue and Bone(STB) 2013. Nine in the 5th edition of WHO fascicle (STB), 2020, 4 in tumors of the female genital tract.

Positions: Standing Committee Member IARC-WHO Blue books 5th and 6th edition. Editorial Board member: WHO-IARC for newer reporting system in soft tissue cytopathology.

Secretary, Indian Academy of Cytologists. **Associate Editor** IJC, BMC Cancer. **Outreach Editor:** Cytopathology.

President: ACM, Maharashtra. **Editor** Special Issue IJPM (Gynec pathology)-2020. **NABL Assessor.**

Editor in Chief: Indian J Pathol. Microbiol. **Outreach editor:** Cytopathology. **Associate Editor:** BMC Cancer, Indian J Cancer. **President:** ACM, Maharashtra, 2023-24. **Editorial Board:** J Mol Biomark Diagn, WJCC, Sarcoma Res Int,

Presentations: Several National & International: 30, Including USCAP (Five), European Congress of Pathology (Twice), Association of Molecular Pathology USA International Academy of Cytology, European Congress of Cytology, and Int. Acad Pathol-Asia Pacific, College of American pathologists.

Invited Chairperson: European Congress Pathology for 2020, 2021 and 2022.

Reviewer: 70 different Journals.

APCON 2023 Paper Presentation Guidelines

A. AWARD PAPERS

Applications from IAPM members are invited for the Dr V R Khanolkar Prize, Smt. Kunti Devi Mehrotra Award, Prof K C Basu Mallick Award, and Dr. K S Ratnakar Best Paper Award. The applications, complete in all respects should reach the Honorary Secretary by 31st August 2023 via email to secretary1iapm@gmail.com

A1. Dr VR Khanolkar Prize: is one of the most prestigious awards of IAPM for published research work. The contest for this prize is open to all members fulfilling the following criteria:

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

The principal author should submit:

- I. Covering letter indicating his/her IAPM Membership number.
 - II. Certificate from all authors certifying that this research work has been carried out in India and this work has not received any other award.
 - III. Certificate from the co-authors (if any), supporting the candidature and eligibility of the principal author.
 - IV. In case the applicant is a postgraduate student or senior resident, there should be a letter from the Head of the Department/Dean stating that the applicant is a bonafide student / employee of the Institute and eligible for the award.
 - V. A copy of the complete published article to be attached
 - VI. A brief bio data of the candidate to be enclosed along with the covering letter
 - VII. Valid Age proof must be attached All documents to be sent as a hard copy and a soft copy to the Honorary Secretary, IAPM in a PDF format via email : secretary1iapm@gmail.com
- The submitted paper will be initially scrutinized by a panel of three judges selected by the President/Secretary, IAPM for its presentation at the plenary session.

A2. Smt Kunti Devi Mehrotra Award: is one of the prestigious awards given annually for published research work. The award is open to all members fulfilling the following criteria:

- a) Age of the applicant should be below 40 years of age as on 31st July for that particular year (age proof to be provided).
- b) The research work submitted should have been carried out in India.
- c) The above research work should have been published by the contesting member as the first author in the preceding two years.

The principal author should submit:

- I. Covering letter indicating the IAPM Membership number.
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The submitted paper will be initially scrutinized by a panel of referees selected by the President/Secretary, IAPM for its presentation at the plenary session.

A3. Dr KC Basu Mallick Award: is given to the best paper presented by a life Member of IAPM during the plenary session of APCON. The award for this prize is open to all members fulfilling the following criteria:

- a) There is no age restriction.
- b) The research work should have been carried out in India.

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- V. His / Her brief biodata.
- VI. Valid Age proof must be attached

The paper must be submitted as a full-length text of their search work to be presented in the form of a manuscript for publication with photographs embedded at the end of the write-up (refer to instructions to authors of Indian Journal of Pathology and Microbiology). The covering letter, certificates from all authors / co-authors, Letter from head of Department/ Institution (if necessary), along with age proof must be sent as a hard copy and a soft copy to the Honorary Secretary, IAPM via email : secretary1iapm@gmail.com

The submitted paper will be initially scrutinized by a panel of referees selected by the President/Secretary, IAPM for its presentation at the plenary session. A maximum of five papers will be finally selected for presentation. If the paper is not selected, it will be submitted for the Plenary oral paper session by the Hon. Secretary IAPM with due notification to the author. The total time allotted is 10 minutes with 7 minutes for the presentation followed by 3 minutes of Question/Answer session.

A4. Dr K S Ratnakar Best Paper Award: is given to the best paper presented during the plenary session of APCON. The award for this prize is open to all members fulfilling the following criteria:

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

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The submitted paper will be initially scrutinized by a panel of referees selected by the President/Secretary, IAPM for its presentation at the plenary session. A maximum of four papers will be finally selected for presentation. If the paper is not selected, it will be submitted for the Plenary oral paper session by the Hon. Secretary IAPM with due notification to the author. The total time allotted is 10 minutes with 7 minutes for the presentation followed by 3 minutes of Question/Answer session.

All Award papers as detailed should be directly mailed to the Honorary Secretary of IAPM.

Submission of Award category entries : Last date for applying for Award paper presentations will be 31st August 2023.

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B. Plenary Oral paper/ Poster submission guidelines:

- All papers to be submitted other than categories 1 to 4 should be directly submitted online in the prescribed format given on the APCON 2023 website.
- Desired category of presentation should be chosen from drop down menu. However, final decision would depend on the recommendation of the Selection Committee and available space and time slots with the organizers.
- Only original non-repetitive research works, original case series, rare case reports with significant impact, technical papers and/ or innovations, and papers on new insight on laboratory diagnoses would be entertained. Papers based on unpublished works will be preferred.
- The presenting author MUST be a registered member of main 'IAPM' and should provide valid Conference registration number while submitting the abstract. Papers submitted with others membership ID will be rejected and will not be evaluated.
- Only those who register for the conference will be eligible to present Award/Oral/Poster papers.
- The abstract should fit into the specialty topic chosen and the maximum word count acceptable should be 250 words.
- Abstract submission for paper presentation will start on 15th July 2023 or as indicated on the Conference website.
- Last date of submission of Abstracts for preferred Poster & Oral Papers is 30th October 2023. Any change in the dates would be indicated on the Conference website.
- The podium oral presenters will be provided certificate of presentation.
- All poster presenters will be provided with certificate of presentation.
- The best 10 posters will be chosen for Plenary poster presentation and out of those the top 5 posters will be awarded prizes - First prize of Rs 10000/-, Second prize of Rs 5000/-, Third prize of Rs 3000/- and two consolation prizes of Rs 1000/- each along with certificates. Other prizes may be decided by the Organisers.

Life members of IAPM who have expertise and are interested to participate in parallel CMEs of APCON 2023 may contact the moderators whose Contact details are mentioned in the IAPM and APCON 2023 websites. Moderators may then finalise their speakers and send their details in the form of name, affiliation contact number, email ids to Secretary IAPM (secretary1iapm@gmail.com) and Organising Secretary APCON 2023 (Dr Prasenjit Das prasenaids@gmail.com 987389810)

Dr. Ranjan Agrawal
Secretary IAPM

In Memorium:

Born on 16th July 1945, Dr Prakash Rudrappa Malur did his schooling from St. Pauls High School in Belgaum. He passed his MBBS from J. N. Medical College (JNMC), Belgaum in 1971 and joined his Alma mater as Lecturer in Anatomy department in 1972. After a short stint in Anatomy he went to do his MD (Pathology & Bacteriology) from Karnatak Medical College (now KIMS) at Hubli. After completing his post graduation in 1976, Dr Malur rejoined JMNC in department of Pathology, where Dr. S. J. Nagalotimath was HOD of Pathology. Here Dr Malur was exposed to a whole new world of learning, work culture and dedication. He was closely associated with Dr. Nagalotimath in building one of the finest Pathology Museum in our country at J. N. M. C, Belgaum. Later Dr Malur went on to be the HOD of Pathology and retired in 2010. He also served as Professor of Pathology and Principal Specialist at Eastern Cape University of Walter Sisulu, in Mthamtha, South Africa for 4 years (1994 to 1998).

Dr. Malur was heading the Histopathology Section at Dr. Prabhakar Kore KLE Hospital Hitech Laboratory, Belgaum. He joined USM-KLE International Medical Program School of Medical Sciences, Belgaum as Head of Pathology in 2011 and served there till his last day.

Dr. Malur was an avid reader and researcher. He has authored many research papers and also contributed a chapter in the IAPM Textbook of Pathology.

He was a good teacher and was admired by all his UG & PG students. He was a kind and helpful person. He loved travelling and made many friends. He attended almost all conferences. He was always there to help and guide.

Dr. Malur breathed his last in the early hours on 12th of January 2023. He is survived by his wife Mrs Geetha [A Homemaker] and a daughter Dr Sanjeela (A Dentist) and son Mr. Amit (An Engineer). Heartfelt condolences to his family.



Dr. P.R. Malur

(16-07-1945 to 12-01-2023)

Dr. Prakash V. Patil
Past President IAPM (2002)
Ex HOD Pathology, JNMC



In Memorium:

Born in a well known family of ayurvedic physicians at Cuttack city in the year 1937, Dr. Acharya had a successful academic career. He passed his board examination in 1953 from the prestigious Ravenshaw Collegiate School, Cuttack and was felicitated as "Chhatra Gourav" in 2014 from his alma mater.

He did MBBS from Utkal University in 1960 and MD in Pathology from Bihar University in 1965. He joined as lecturer in SCB Medical College, Cuttack and worked in various capacities in different medical colleges of Odisha. In 1977, he went to London for training in cytology for one year. After returning, he started cytology examination (particularly FNAC) in Odisha. He was one among the few to start cytodiagnosis in India and tried whole heartedly to establish cytology as a diagnostic procedure. For his persistent endeavour to develop and establish cyto, he was felicitated the by Chief minister of Odisha in the All India cytology conference 'CYTOCON 2012'. He joined AHRCC (at present AHPGI) as Associate Professor and retired as Prof. & Head of Oncopathology from same institute in 1995. For last two years of his professional career, he served as Director of AHTCC, Cuttack. He has outstanding contribution towards medical literature and has published many articles in indexed journals. He was elected as chairperson of Odisha chapter for the year 2013 and singlehandedly organised the successful state conference at Puri that year. He was chair person of IAPM HQ Advisory Committee for the period from 2020 to 2022. For his dynamic career and extraordinary achievements, he was felicitated by various organisations with awards like "Baristha nagarika", "Adarsha chikistaka" etc.

Prof. Acharya was not only very brilliant and successful, he was an outstanding teacher and leader, well behaved, good natured and affectionate personality. He used to give small parties at his residence to the pathologists and other medical faculties. He was doing lot of social services till his death and was deeply involved with Rotary international and various other philanthropic organisations. He had a very healthy life and left for heavenly abode without much suffering. He has left his wife, son and daughter behind him.

May his soul rest in eternal peace.



Prof. Gouri Shankar Acharya

(07-09-1937 to 05-02-2023)

In Memorium:

We are all saddened by the passing away of Dr. Vijay V. Joshi. Born in Pune, on March 10th, 1936, Dr. Joshi lived a very productive life, teaching pediatric pathology well into his mid-eighties and beyond. An erudite scholar, his books: Pathology of AIDS and other Manifestations of HIV Infection, Common problems in Pediatric Pathology and Handbook of Placental Pathology were very timely and popular. His passing away was mourned not only in the USA and Canada, but also in India, where he had taught at the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Chandigarh, and Seth G. S. Medical College in Mumbai from 1975-1980.

Dr. Vijay Joshi completed his M.B.B.S from B.J. Medical College, Pune in 1959, and M.D. in Pathology from Sir J. J. Hospital and Grant Medical College, Mumbai, in 1962. His zeal and academic rigor led him to pursue further training in the US, where he was a resident alongside the late Dr. Arun Chitale at the Medical College of Virginia from 1965-1968. Ahead of his times, he also completed his Ph.D. from Western Ontario University, Canada, in 1970. His scientific approach, honed by his Ph.D. training, led to in-depth analysis of neuroblastomas, pediatric AIDS, and perinatal and placental pathology. In Canada, he was fortunate to have crossed paths with Daria Haust, the "Grand Lady of Pediatric Pathology," who recommended Dr. Joshi for a position at Montreal Children's Hospital. It was at this point, that Dr. Vijay Joshi began his career as a Pediatric Pathologist, and worked to promote the specialty of Pediatric Pathology worldwide.

A chance meeting with the late Dr. S. J. Nagolathimath in Madrid in 1990, led to the start of an annual International CME in 1991. Subsequently in 1996, this annual CME was named as AIPNA-ICP international CME; a joint venture of Indian College of Pathologists (ICP) and the Association of Indian Pathologists of North America (AIPNA). This collaboration that has continued uninterrupted for 28 years brings together US, Canadian and Indian pathologists to enhance and further pathology education. The initiation of the pediatric pathology fellowship program at St. John's Medical Center in Bengaluru, India was another feather in his cap as was the start of the annual International CME course in Pediatric Pathology in 2016. Finally in 2020, Dr. Vijay Joshi realized his dream of "establishing pediatric pathology as a recognized sub-specialty in India", when along with Dr. Ranganathan, Dr. Usha Kini, Dr. Nandita Kakkar, Dr. Anita Gupta, and many others the "Association of Pediatric Pathologists in India (APPI)" was officially instituted.

Dr. Vijay Joshi authored 150 articles in peer reviewed journals, was an active member of the Pediatric AIDS Lymphoma Network, and was appointed Chairman of the Pediatric Oncology Group's Neuroblastoma Pathology Committee. Dr. Vijay Joshi co-chaired the International Neuroblastoma Committee, and was responsible for a new, prognostically significant classification of peripheral neuroblastic tumors.

Born in British India and pre-independence, Dr. Joshi had a deep and abiding love for his mother land-India. In 1962, during the Indo-China war, disputing the sovereignty of the widely separated Aksai Chin and Arunachal Pradesh regions, defense forces lacked doctors. The central government appealed to all state governments to recruit young medical graduates and postgraduates for their services. Dr. Vijay Joshi and Dr. U. L. Waghlikar, of Grant Medical College, Mumbai responded to the appeal and joined as civilian doctors and were posted along the Tejpur Border in Assam for nearly two and a half years (1962-65).

Dr. Joshi believed fervently that those of us who live comfortable lives should strive to improve the lot of those who suffer, and those who live in poverty. He believed that one should look beyond one's immediate close family and treat the whole world as "our" family. A dedicated physician-scientist, educator, mentor, and great role model, Dr. Vijay Joshi will continue to inspire the next generation of pathologists.



Dr. Vijay Vinayak Joshi

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