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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I reach out to you in my capacity as the President of IAPM. I thank you for having placed your trust in me, and express the hope that together, we will take the IAPM to even greater heights. Prof. Manoj Kumar Singh, my predecessor, has set high standards during his Presidential tenure and it will be the collective endeavor of the new team to ensure that the pace does not flag now.

We are fresh from the wonderfully well-organized and academically scintillating national conference at the AFMC, Pune. Dr. Srinivas and his team deserve credit for planning the event down to the last meticulous detail, providing a very smooth learning and networking experience and hopefully, for showing trainees and young entrants into pathology what great prospects and hopes lie in future for our specialty.

Some problems remain. Our curricula require updating, quality of both teaching and testing is highly variable and quality control, in the laboratories, is patchily practiced across the country. Our colleagues in the private sector face unfair and cut-throat competition from various sections of under-qualified and differently-qualified practitioners. But even in the face of these formidable challenges, I remain hopeful. I look forward to working closely with all members in my tenure. I am happy that Dr. Pradeep is bringing out the first newsletter of the year. I expect your views on various issues concerning all of us.

Dr. Tejindar Singh



## SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Though three months have already elapsed, I take this opportunity to wish all the members a happy and prosperous New Year 2015. As you all may be aware that decisions have to be taken to streamline the workings of the association and to modify the procedures during the annual conference, so we can anticipate new developments in the near future. It is now time to gear up for APCON 2016. All details will be uploaded on our website by end of March and will be available in the next newsletter.

Pradeep Vaideeswar



## PRESIDENT, IAPM 2015 – DR. TEJINDAR SINGH

Dr. Singh is currently working as Director Professor and Head Hematology Section in Department of Pathology at Maulana Azad Medical College (MAMC), New Delhi. He graduated from Maulana Azad Medical College with specialization in Pathology (M.D.). He has had 40 years of teaching and diagnostic experience at LN Hospital, MAMC complex.



He has held senior positions in the Indian Society of Hematology and Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists. He has been the past President of Indian Society of Hematology and Blood transfusion, past Vice President of Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists and past Joint Secretary of Indian College of Pathologists. He has been the past Dean of Faculty of Medical Sciences, University of Delhi.

Dr. Singh has organized many hands-on workshops in Hematopathology at many centers across the country. He has delivered more than 100 talks at various fora all over India. He is Fellow of Indian Society of Hematology and Transfusion Medicine (FISHTM) and also Fellow of Indian College of Pathologists (FICP). He has been honored with State Award for the Best Doctors of the Govt. of NCT, Delhi and the MAMC Alumnus Award, 2009. He is member of committees of AMU-Aligarh, PGIMER-Rohtak, MAMC-New Delhi and ESI-New Delhi. He has written many chapters in various books and published more than 130 papers in Indian and International Journals. He is also the author of 7 books including Atlas and Text of Hematology. He is holder of prestigious awards and delivered orations including the prestigious Prof Rama Prasad oration (Karnataka IAPM Chapter Oration), Prof. SK Sood Oration, Tamil Nadu Chapter Oration and Manorama Sapre Oration.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS 2015

### A. IAPM Elections 2015

Nominations are invited by the Honorary Secretary for the election to the following posts (to be elected through postal/electronic ballot):

1. **President (one post)**, tenure of one year
2. **Vice President (one post)**, tenure of one year

The duties of the above posts are provided in the Bye-Laws of the Association. Every candidate for the post of President and Vice President should have at least 10 years standing as Life Member (without interruptions) and have served the Association in one or more ways by being an office-bearer, or being a member of the council or Chapter/Chairperson or participating in Symposium/Seminar at the Annual Conference or as an Organizing Secretary/Chairman.

Nominations are to be made on plain paper duly proposed and seconded by Members who do not owe any membership dues (such as Life Members). The nominated member, proposer and seconder should provide their IAPM Membership Numbers and sign the nomination. The nominated candidate shall provide a letter of consent and a copy of their bio-data (not exceeding one A4 size page). Note: Under no circumstances the candidates should canvas for elections by any means.

The last date for receipt of nominations is **31<sup>st</sup> August 2015**. Last date for withdrawal of nominations is **25<sup>th</sup> September 2015**. Ballot Papers will be dispatched by **30<sup>th</sup> September 2015**, only to those members who have cleared all dues by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015 as notified by the

Honorary Treasurer. If possible, electronic ballot will be introduced. Last date for **receipt of Ballot papers** is **15<sup>th</sup> November 2015**. The Association shall not be responsible for any delays/non-receipt of ballot papers due to incorrect address/postal delays or similar circumstances beyond its control.

### B. APCON 2015 Awards Session

Applications from IAPM members are invited for the Dr VR Khanolkar Prize, Smt. Kunti Devi Mehrotra Award, Prof KC Basu Mallick Award, and Best Paper Award. The applications, complete in all respects should reach the Honorary Secretary by the **31<sup>st</sup> August 2015**.

1. The **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 45 years** on 31<sup>st</sup> 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 in the preceding two years.

The principal author shall submit:

- a) Covering letter indicating the IAPM Membership number
- b) Certificate from **all authors** certifying that this research work has been carried out in India and this work has not received any other award

- c) Certificate from the **co-authors** (if any), attesting and supporting the candidature of the principal author, and
- d) Brief biodata of the applicant. In case the applicant is a postgraduate or senior resident, there should be letter from Head of the Department/Dean stating that the applicant is eligible for the award.

The Pdf format of the published paper is to be emailed to the Secretary IAPM. The applications, complete in all respects (as word or pdf documents, **not** images) should reach the Honorary Secretary by the **31<sup>st</sup> August 2015**, preferably by email.

The publication will be judged by a panel of three judges to be approved and appointed by the President/Honorary Secretary, IAPM. The award may be shared by more than one paper if so adjudged or no prize may be given if no entry is found suitable. The prize carries a certificate that will be distributed during APCON 2016.

2. The **Smt Kunti Devi Mehrotra Award** is another prestigious award given annually for published research work. The award is open to all members fulfilling the following criteria:

- a) The applicant should be **below 50 years of age** on 31<sup>st</sup> 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 shall submit:

- a) Covering letter indicating the IAPM Membership number
- b) Certificate from **all authors** certifying that this research work has been carried out in India and this work has not received any other award
- c) Certificate from the **co-authors** (if any), attesting and supporting the candidature of the principal author, and
- d) Brief biodata of the applicant.

The Pdf format of the published paper is to be emailed to the Secretary IAPM. The applications, complete in all respects (as word or pdf documents, **not** images) should reach the Honorary Secretary by the **31<sup>st</sup> August 2015**, preferably by email.

The publication will be judged by a panel of three judges, one nominated by the family of Smt. Mehrotra and two by the President/Honorary Secretary, IAPM. The award may be shared by more than one paper if so adjudged or no prize may be given if no entry is found suitable.

The prize carries a certificate that will be distributed during APCON 2016.

3. **Dr KC Basu Mallick Award** is given to the best paper during the plenary session of the APCON. There is no age restriction and the research work should have been carried out in India.

The principal author shall submit a statement from his or her co-authors (if any) supporting his or her candidature for the award – This should be a hard copy and sent to the Secretary's office

All candidates should submit a full length text of the research work to be presented in the form of a manuscript for publication (refer to instructions to authors of Indian Journal of Pathology and Microbiology) – This should be a soft copy. The format is **Word document** or **pdf** with images embedded within the manuscript and emailed to the Secretary. The applications, complete in all respects should reach the Honorary Secretary by the **31<sup>st</sup> August 2015**.

The paper shall be scrutinized by a panel of referees selected by the President/Secretary. A **maximum of five papers** will be selected for presentation. If the paper is not selected, it will be submitted for the Oral free paper session by the Secretary with due notification to the applicant. If none of the presentations are found suitable no award shall be given. The time allotted for presentation is generally **10 minutes** only (including the questions and answers). The prize carries a certificate that will be distributed during APCON 2016.

4. The **Best Paper Award** is given to the best paper presented during the plenary session of the Annual Conference of IAPM. The rules are similar to the Prof KC Basu Mallick Award except: Age below 35 years on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013 (age proof to be provided). A maximum of four papers will be selected for presentation.

### **C. APCON 2015 – CMEs & Symposia**

- 1. The following CMEs are scheduled to be held during APCON 2015:
  - a) Update in uropathology - Dr. Santosh Menon, Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai:
  - b) Role of cardiac biomarkers in diagnosis and risk stratification of ischemic heart disease - Dr. Smita Divate, Seth GS Medical College, Mumbai
  - c) Oral cancer: Role of pathologist - Prof Nuzhat Husain, Dr Ram Manohar Lohia Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow
  - d) Pathology Education in the 21st Century- Dr. KP Aravindan, Medical College, Calicut
  - e) Chronic Liver disease: A systematic approach to diagnosis - Drs. S Datta Gupta & Prasenjit Das, AIIMS, New Delhi

- f) Testicular tumors an update - \_Dr. Thanka, Sree Ramchandra Medical College, Chennai
2. **Symposia:** The following symposia are scheduled to be held during APCON 2014:
- a) **Dr. Gaya Prasad Memorial Pathology Symposium** on “Update in epithelial and mesenchymal tumors of the uterus” - Dr. Kedar Deodhar, Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai
- b) **Dr. Ananthanarayan Memorial Microbiology Symposium** on “Subcutaneous Mycosis”– Dr. Sharada Rane, BJ Medical College, Pune
- c) **Hematology Symposium** on “Chronic lymphoproliferative disorders”- Dr. Renu Saxena, AIIMS, New Delhi
- d) **Practising Pathologists’ Symposium** on “Digitization in practice” - Dr Sujay Prasad, Bengaluru
3. **Histopathology Slide Seminar** on “Pathology of peripheral nerve biopsies”- Dr. Megha Uppin, NIMS, Hyderabad

#### D. APCON 2015 – Free Papers

The aim of this session is to encourage post-graduates and young faculty to present research papers and **is meant for the non-award papers only**. The presenting author should be member of IAPM. If the author is a non-member and wishes to present the paper, then he/she should apply for IAPM membership in advance and at the earliest. Only registered delegates can send the abstracts. Each member can present only one paper (either paper or poster and not both)

All the **abstracts** are to be uploaded using online registration at the conference web-site. It is mandatory that the delegate be an IAPM member during the process of uploading. There is no need to send hard copies by post or by CDs. **The cut-off date will be 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015. No abstracts will be taken after this deadline.**

The **First Page** of the abstract should contain the following details: Name of the Presenting Author (underlined) and co-authors (if any), IAPM Number of the presenting author, Address for correspondence, Delegate registration number (if already available), Mobile number, Email, and the appropriate sub-specialty. The delegates may choose the following sub-specialty: Autopsy Pathology, Bones/Joints/Soft Tissue Pathology, Cytopathology, Dermatopathology, Endocrine Pathology, Gastrointestinal Pathology, Hepatobiliary & Pancreatic Pathology, Laboratory Medicine (includes Biochemistry, Clinical Pathology, Immunology and Hematology), Lymphoreticular Pathology, Microbiology, Neuropathology, Pediatric Pathology, Thoracic Pathology, Uro-genital & Breast Pathology, **AND** Others.

The **Second Page** of the abstract should include: the **Title, Presenting Author** (underlined) and co-authors (if

any) and **Institutional Affiliations**. The abstract is restricted to a maximum of 250 words, using Times New Roman size 12 font. It should include: **Objectives, Methods, Results, Conclusions, and Key words**. Please check for grammar and spelling mistakes.

The number of cases/patients for a free paper should be more than ten; otherwise it will be relegated to the poster category, unless the cases are unusual or rare. All abstracts are peer reviewed, and the IAPM reserves the right to assign it as oral or poster presentation. The abstract therefore should not be casually written and due care should be taken to ensure its contents. There will be total of seven minutes for presentation and two minutes for discussion. All participants should finish in the time allotted.

No correspondence regarding a change in the presentation shall be entertained and all members are requested not to contact the Conference Secretariat or the Honorary Secretary in the matter. On the basis of the consensus received from the screening committee members and Secretary IAPM, Secretary Organizing Committee shall prepare the final list of papers to be presented. Accepted abstracts will be listed on the conference web-site by **31<sup>st</sup> October 2015**. Abstracts may be withdrawn by a written communication via email to the Secretary by **15<sup>th</sup> October 2015**.

#### E. APCON 2015 – Posters

The aim of this session is to encourage post-graduates and young faculty to present rare or unusual cases. The presenting author should be member of IAPM. If the author is a non-member and wishes to present the poster, then he/she should apply for IAPM membership in advance and at the earliest. Only registered delegates can send the abstracts. Each member can present only one paper (either paper or poster and not both)

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Hematology), Lymphoreticular Pathology, Microbiology, Neuropathology, Pediatric Pathology, Thoracic Pathology, Uro-genital & Breast Pathology, **AND** Others.

The **Second Page** of the abstract should include: the **Title**, **Presenting Author** (underlined) and co-authors (if any) and **Institutional Affiliations**. The abstract is restricted to a maximum of 250 words, using Times New Roman size 12 font. It should include: **Objectives**, **Case Report/s**, **Conclusions**, and **Key words**. Please check for grammar and spelling mistakes.

All abstracts are peer reviewed, and the IAPM reserves the right to assign it as oral or poster presentation. The abstract therefore should not be casually written and due care should be taken to ensure its contents. No correspondence regarding a change in the presentation shall be entertained and all members are requested not to contact the Conference Secretariat or the Honorary Secretary in the matter. On the basis of the consensus received from the screening committee members and Secretary IAPM, Secretary Organizing Committee shall prepare the final list of papers to be presented. Accepted abstracts will be listed on the conference web-site by **31<sup>st</sup> October 2015**. Abstracts may be withdrawn by a written communication via email to the Secretary by **15<sup>th</sup> October 2015**.

A total of ten posters **will be** selected for presentation. Every effort should be made to select equal number of case reports and case series (presented as poster). The presentation will be for five minutes (three minutes for presentation and two minutes for discussion).

#### **F. APCON 2015 – On-Line Quiz**

Contributions are invited for the online quiz on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2014, conducted by Dr. Sharada Rane, Joint Secretary

(09422081682, sharadarane22@gmail.com). The contributors will be acknowledged.

#### **IAPM Announcements for 2016**

**Proposals** are invited for **APCON-2016** Conference by email on or before **15<sup>th</sup> November 2015** for the following:

1. Gaya Prasad Memorial Pathology Symposium
2. Dr. Ananthanarayan Microbiology Symposium
3. IAPM Histopathology Slide Seminar
4. Hematology Symposium
5. Six parallel CMEs (in all sub-branches of pathology including molecular pathology and pathology education)
6. Practising Pathologists' Symposium

The moderator should have been a **life-member** of the IAPM for at least ten years. The moderator should put forward **NO** more than **two** proposals. The topic chosen should not have figured in the programs of the past five APCONs and they should be contemporary and of current importance. The selection of the moderator should be based on the person's experience, past work and/or publications in that field of the suggested topic. As a principle, to give wide scope to members from all over the country, proposing members should not have moderated a session in the past two years. On receipt of the proposals, the Secretary IAPM shall circulate the same to the members of Executive Committee. The matter shall be discussed in the Executive Committee meeting before being presented to the General Body. The topics for CMEs shall be finally selected only after approval by the General Body. If the topics are not received on the stipulated time, topics (which have not figured in the programs of the past five APCONs) will be selected during the General Body Meeting.



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **IA & QMS Certificate Course conducted as per ISO 15189:2012 & NABL 112**

**Dates:** 22nd - 25th April, 2015

**Venue:** Saveetha Medical College & Hospital, Saveetha University, Saveetha Nagar, Thandalam, Chennai - 602105, Tamilnadu.

**Course Coordinator:** Dr. Surapaneni Krishna Mohan (09940672572, [krishnamohan.surapaneni@gmail.com](mailto:krishnamohan.surapaneni@gmail.com))

## **APCON 2016**

**Dates:** 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> December 2015

**Venue:** Le Meridien (0484 2705777), Kundanoor junction, Maradu Cochin 682304, Kerala

**Pre -Conference Workshops:** 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2015 on "Cervical Cytology With Colposcopic Correlation", "Transplant Pathology - Renal And Liver" & " Interpretation Of Mucosal Biopsies Of GIT

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## OBITUARIES

### DR. BHIMSEN SANNACHARYA RAICHUR

**Dr. Bhimsen Sannacharya Raichur** was born on 20<sup>th</sup> May 1928. Dr. Raichur hailed from an educated family of Dharwad, where he completed his high school and pre-medical college education. In 1947, he secured admission in the Veterinary Medical College of Mumbai and completed the course in 1951. He worked for nearly a year as Veterinary surgeon at Baroda and Nandgaon. He was very keen on becoming a medical doctor. On the basis of creditable performance in the said course and a scholarship, he secured admission in the Grant Medical College (GMC), Mumbai. He was a medical graduate in 1957. As an undergraduate student, he was always on the forefront of social and cultural activities of the college. In college drama, his role in PL's "AMMALDAR" was better than that of any professional of that era. He was a part of the play "Pahunchar", which won the best drama award in that year's college competition. He was a true GMCite to the core.



In 1957, he joined the Pathology School for post graduate studies in Pathology and Micro Biology and obtained M. D. in 1961. Having been trained in an institute like the GMC and JJ Hospital, where the number of autopsies was the largest, and with teachers like Drs. Gharpure and Gadgil, anatomic pathology was his forte. Through hard sincere work, he climbed the ladders of promotion to become Professor. Drs. Gadgil, Ranavavare and Raichur were the stalwarts of the department in sixties and first half of the seventies of the last century. He was awarded fellowship by Government of Maharashtra for a year at New Orleans, US in 1964. He was transferred to Nagpur in 1976. In the capacity of head of department, he served at the medical colleges in Nagpur and then Pune, from where he retired in 1986. He joined Pravara Rural Medical College where he established the Pathology department and a state-of-art Pathology Museum. He retired from his profession in 1993 at the age of 65. Visiting Pathology School was, every time, a homecoming to him.

He held several posts in local, state, and national Pathology bodies. He was a committee member of International Council of Pathology. He was a dedicated teacher throughout his career. Well wisher of his students, he was always a most fair and friendly examiner, whichever the university or examination. He encouraged postgraduates students to undertake research projects, publish their findings and to present them in conferences, a legacy from Dr. Gadgil. He published several papers and was a recipient of many state and national awards. As a professor, he took active interest and promoted student cultural activities. He was a very approachable and well-liked teacher and friend, caring family person. He had built a huge network of people. He had extremely good memory till the last day and could remember the details of every student and person he met along with their family tree.

Peacefully and without much suffering, he left for his heavenly abode on the early morning of 20<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at Solapur. He is survived by his wife, a son (ophthalmic surgeon), daughter-in-law (home-maker), a daughter (teacher) and son-in-law (cartoonist) and four grand-children.

### DR. SUBIMAL ROY

It was on a very cold New Year's day of 1962 in New Delhi when I joined the Department of Pathology at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences that I was introduced to a rather shy but pleasant and dignified young man who had just successfully obtained the M.D degree in Pathology at the Institute – **Dr. Subimal Roy**. During then and now, a period spanning more than 5 decades, I have had the immensely good fortune of having befriended him and having him as an esteemed colleague. With a close association of this length of time I have had the unique opportunity of taking a holistic view of Subimal's personality and demeanor.



As a **Man**, Subimal was out of the ordinary and unique, making many of us wish for a fraction of the enviable qualities he possessed in ourselves. He was patient and tolerant, sometimes to an extent of disbelief, never talking ill of any one, and kindness personified with a highly humane disposition. It was inescapable that such characters combined in one individual made him immensely likable and respected universally.

As a **Professional**, Subimal was among the elite. Following up with a Doctorate after his M.D degree he had not only achieved the top ranks in medical academics but besides being a reputed histopathologist had climbed to the highest rungs in the specialties of Ultrastructural pathology and Neuropathology, acquiring national and international fame in these two areas. He was a keen and consistent researcher with an enviable number of high quality research publications. A special mention need be made of the **Teacher** in Subimal. He loved teaching and did it with a fervor and dedication that is unusual in most teachers of today, for which all his students admired him greatly.

As a **Friend**, Subimal was simply incomparable. He epitomized the proverbial saying "A friend in need is a friend indeed", readily extending a helping hand on the slightest indication. Even though always gracious with kind words and compliments, like a true friend he never hesitated telling those close to him defects in their characters and easy ways to correct them.

All in all, Subimal you were one of those very rare species of humans created by God that are hard to come across in the present day world, who always put others before self and are all time do-gooders. We, your friends, colleagues, associates and pathologists of the present as well as of future generations, will all miss you greatly.

N. C. Nayak