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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Hope you have settled after our annual conference, APCON 2016 that was held at Jaipur in the first week of December this year. It was heartening to note there were several excellent presentations by postgraduate students and our younger colleagues. I take this opportunity to thank the faculty, delegates for making the conference worthwhile. The organizers need to be congratulated for the excellent arrangements.



At the end of the year, the present office bearers, with the exception of the Editor-in-Chief, will be completing their term and handing over the office of your association to newly elected members. As I complete my term, I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the members of the Executive Council for their wise counsel and advice and my fellow office-bearers Prof Ashim Das, Vice President; Dr. Pradeep Vaideeswar, Honorary Secretary; Dr Sharada Rane, Joint Secretary; Prof Maya Nanda, Treasurer; Dr Asaranti Kar, Joint Secretary (Headquarters) and Prof Vatsala Misra, Editor-in-Chief of our journal for their untiring efforts and commitment towards improving the association. I am particularly grateful to each and every member of the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists for their co-operation, their trust and faith in me during the year as I served the association as the President. I hope we have lived up to your expectations. However, it is likely there may have been several shortcomings during my tenure; for which I accept full responsibility. I am certain the subsequent office bearers would take the association to greater heights. I wish them the very best.

There is no doubt that there is a large room for improving the association. Efforts are underway to make the membership process easier. We are also working to change the format of our annual conference to make it more interesting and meaningful. This would add to the excellent chapter level academic activities. Hopefully the association will also be able to bring out a paper on the education and training of Pathologists of our country, in keeping with the expectations from our profession. However all this is possible only if more of our younger colleagues also become members of the association, identify themselves with the profession of their choice and participate for making the IAPM better and more vibrant. I would also urge our existing members to come forward with their suggestions while acknowledging their continued support and cooperation.

Wishing you and your family a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year!

With kind regards

Thanking you

Yours sincerely

**S. Datta Gupta**



## SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

At the outset, I would like to wish all our members a happy and healthy 2017 and also welcome the new team of office-bearers who would take our association to new heights. During the three-year tenure, we have introduced the SOPs for all the sessions of the annual conference and have sorted most of the financial tribulations. All of this was possible and was by hindsight a pleasant experience due to the constant support of office bearers from 2014 to 2016 and members of the financial committee. I would particularly make a mention of Drs. KP Deodhar, DH Lanjewar, Niranajan Rout and Anuradha Phatak. Lastly, I thank the organizers of APCON 2016 for the memorable academic session.



Sincerely  
**Pradeep Vaideeswar**

### MINUTES OF THE 65<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL BODY MEETING OF IAPM AT APCON 2016, JAIPUR, RAJASTHAN

**Agenda No. 1: Condolences:** The house was informed regarding the sad demise of the following honorable members of the association: Dr. Syamala Bhaskaran, Dr. Panchanadam Madanagopalan and Dr Aleykutty MA.

**Resolution: Agenda No. 01/2016:** The general body observed silence in memory of the departed souls. Secretary IAPM will send condolence message to the bereaved family members.

**Agenda No. 2: Apologies:** The following former Presidents of IAPM expressed their inability to attend the Executive Committee and General Body Meetings: Dr. Challa Sundaram, Dr. Prakash Patil, Dr. Gyanendra Mohanty, Dr. Maya Nanda and Dr. Harsh Mohan.

**Resolution: Agenda No. 02/2016:** The general body was informed about the apologies.

**Agenda No. 3: Confirmation of minutes of 64<sup>th</sup> GBM at APCON 2015**

**Resolution: Agenda No. 03/2016:** The minutes of the 63<sup>rd</sup> GBM at APCON 2015, Kochi were confirmed and passed, proposed by Dr. Lanjewar and seconded by Col. US Dinesh.

**Agenda No. 4: Report of Honorary Secretary, IAPM**

**Resolution: Agenda No. 04/2016:** The General Body accepted the report of Honorary Secretary IAPM for the year 2016.

**Agenda No. 5: Report of Joint Secretary, IAPM**

**Resolution: Agenda No. 05/2016:** The General Body accepted the report of Joint Secretary IAPM for the year 2016. The reports of the Chapter meetings are collected and published in the third newsletter of the association.

The General Body felt that henceforth such reports should be published in all the newsletters since these meetings are scheduled at different times of the year. The General Body also urged that the office bearers should correspond with the Joint Secretary with their names and corresponding addresses. The tenure of the office bearers should also be restricted to a limited period. If there is any discrepancy, letters would be written by the Secretary / Joint Secretary to the concerned persons.

**Agenda No. 6: Report of Treasurer, IAPM**

**Resolution: Agenda No. 06/2016:** The General Body accepted the report of Treasurer IAPM for the year 2016. As there is some confusion regarding the membership numbers, it was decided that any person desirous of becoming a member of IAPM (fulfilling the eligibility criteria according to the bye-laws) shall now make a one-time payment to Life time membership. The life-time membership shall be automatic five years after passing the qualifying examination (MD, DNB and/or DCP). Therefore a first-year postgraduate in pathology or its allied branches can pay for three years associate membership fees + five years ordinary membership fees + life membership fees. The member shall submit proof of passing MD for continuing as member after passing the examination. All document submission and payment will be online once the new office-bearers (Secretary & Treasurer) assume their positions and update the IAPM website for creating a payment gateway.

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

**Resolution: Agenda No. 07/2016:** The General Body accepted the report of the Editor IAPM for the year 2016. It was also decided the abstracts for papers and posters shall be published as a supplement to the journal and the cost to be borne by the organizing committee of APCON. The Editor will also once again notify the decision of the General Body for not sending hard copies of the journal to those who have become members after the year 2000. It was also felt that free downloads to the journal should be restricted to the IAPM members alone. All reviews shall undergo scrutiny if they have been invited and there should be restriction of pure microbiology articles.

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

**Resolution: Agenda No. 08/2016:** The General Body accepted the report of Joint Secretary, HQ IAPM for the year 2016. All meetings should be called as Head-quarter meetings and not Club meetings. The budget for the upkeep of the head-quarters should be estimated in consultation with the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the IAPM. The budget proposal of IAPM HQ was sanctioned. It was decided that the amount to be spent for maintenance of HQ and installation of fire safety measures will be withdrawn from IAPM HQ fund. The expenditure made towards washing and coloring of IAPM house to be given from IAPM fund.

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

**Resolution: Agenda No. 09/2016:** The General Body accepted the report of the Secretary, ICP for the year 2016.

### **Agenda No. 10: Admission of new members to IAPM**

**Resolution: Agenda No. 10/2016:** The General Body accepted the proposal of conferring membership to 431 applicants, who had applied for membership till 30<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

### **Agenda No. 11: Election 2016**

**Agenda No. 11a: Declaration of results for the post of President 2017** - Only one valid nomination of Dr. Ashim Das, Chandigarh was received for the post of President IAPM.

**Resolution: Agenda No. 11a/2016:** The General Body accepted the election of Dr. Dr. Ashim Das to the post of President IAPM 2017, unopposed.

**Agenda No. 11b: Declaration of results for the post of Vice President 2017** - Only one valid nomination of Dr. Deepak Kumar Mishra, Kolkata was received for the post of Vice-President IAPM.

**Resolution: Agenda No. 11b/2016:** The General Body accepted the election of Dr. Deepak Kumar Mishra to the post of Vice President IAPM 2017, unopposed.

**Agenda No. 11c: Declaration of results for the post of Secretary (2017 - 2019)** - Only one valid nomination of Dr. Sharada Rane, Pune was received for the post of Secretary (2017 - 2019).

**Resolution: Agenda No. 11c/2016:** The General Body accepted the election of Dr. Sharada Rane to the post of Secretary (2017 – 2019), unopposed.

**Agenda No. 11d: Declaration of results for the post of Joint Secretary (2017 - 2019)** - No nomination had been received.

**Resolution: Agenda No. 11d/2016:** The General Body decided to hold an election for the post. Application will be invited afresh and it will be displayed in the IAPM website. The last date of application would be 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017. Last date for withdrawal of nominations is 5<sup>th</sup> February 2017. Ballot Papers will be dispatched by 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017 to those members who have cleared all dues by 30th June 2016 as notified by the Honorary Treasurer. Last date for receipt of ballot papers is 25<sup>th</sup> March 2017. Till the time being, the duties of the Joint Secretary would be performed by the newly elected Secretary (2017 – 2019).

**Agenda No. 11e: Declaration of results for the post of Treasurer (2017 - 2019)** - Only one valid nomination of Dr. Dilip Ramrakhiani, Jaipur was received for the post of Treasurer (2017 - 2019).

**Resolution: Agenda No. 11e/2016:** The General Body accepted the election of Dr. Dilip Ramrakhiani to the post of Treasurer (2017 – 2019), unopposed.

**Agenda No. 11f: Declaration of results for the post of Editor-Elect (2018 - 2022)** - Only one valid nomination of Dr. Ranjan Aggarwal, Bareilly was received for the post of Editor-Elect (2018 - 2022).

**Resolution: Agenda No. 11f/2016:** The General Body accepted the election of Dr. Ranjan Aggarwal to the post of Editor-Elect (2018 - 2022).

**Agenda No. 12: Nomination of Joint Secretary Headquarters** - The advisory Committee of IAPM-HQ have nominated Dr. Kanaklata Dei as the Joint Secretary 2017 to 2019

**Resolution: Agenda No. 12/2016:** The General Body accepted the nomination of Dr. Kanaklata Dei as the Joint Secretary HQ (2017 to 2020) as decided by the advisory Committee of IAPM-HQ.

### **Agenda No. 13: Nomination of two members for scrutiny & counting of ballot papers**

**Resolution: Agenda No. 13/2016:** Dr. Ulhas Wagholikar and Dr. Dhaneshwar Lanjewar were nominated to count the votes of the elections for the post of office bearers of IAPM to be held in 2017.

### **Agenda No. 14: Declaration of Papers for Awards**

**Agenda No. 14a:** For the Dr VR Khanolkar and Smt. Kunti Devi Mehrotra prizes for published papers, there were five and three entries, respectively. The judges recommended Lt Col KS Rajmohan (Command Hospital, Udhampur) for the Dr VR Khanolkar Award 2016 for his publication (*J Clin Pathol* 2016) entitled “Prognostic significance of histomolecular subgroups of adult anaplastic (WHO Grade iii) gliomas; applying the integrated diagnosis approach”, and Dr. Kavneet Kaur (AIIMS, New Delhi) for the Smt. Kunti Devi Mehrotra Award 2016 for her publication (*Brain Pathol* 2015) entitled “Integrating Molecular Subclassification of Medulloblastomas into Routine Clinical Practice: A Simplified Approach”.

**Resolution: Agenda No. 14a:** The paper of Lt Col KS Rajmohan was approved for the Dr VR Khanolkar award 2016, and the paper of Dr. Kavneet Kaur was approved for Smt. Kunti Devi Mehrotra Award in 2016.

**Agenda No. 14b:** For the Prof KC Basu Mallick Award and Best Paper Award, there were five and six entries, respectively. Among these, three each were selected for the Prof KC Basu Mallick Award and Best Paper Award papers were selected for presentation after perusal by the referees. Among these, the judges at APCON 2016 selected Dr. Suvradeep Mitra (PGI, Chandigarh) for the Prof KC Basu Mallick Award 2016 for his paper entitled “Pericyte – endothelial interaction in tumor vasculature and c-Met pathway activation – implications in breast cancer.” and Dr. Ananthvikas (CMC, Vellore) for the Best Paper Award 2016 for his paper entitled “Peripheral blood morphology by cell counters using cell population data and ‘cell counter morphology’ has a significant impact on differentiation of acute febrile illnesses and early identification of dengue and scrub typhus.”

**Resolution: Agenda No. 14b/2016:** The paper of Dr. Suvradeep Mitra was approved for the Prof KC Basu Mallick Award 2016, and the paper of Dr. Ananthvikas was approved for Best Paper Award 2016.

**Resolution: Agenda No. 14c/2016:** The General Body also decided that a person cannot apply for the same category if he/she has received an award for the same.

**Agenda No. 15: Dates for APCON 2017** - The dates proposed by the Organizing Chairperson Dr. Reeni Malik for the APCON at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh are: 6<sup>th</sup> December – Pre-conference CME, 7<sup>th</sup> December – IAPID session, 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – IAPM session.

**Resolution: Agenda No. 15/2016:** The general Body approved of the dates. However, the registration fees, cut-off dates and refund policy have to be decided in consultation with the President and Secretary.

#### **Agenda No. 16: Proposals for Orations, Symposia, Slide Seminars & CMEs APCON 2017**

##### **Agenda No. 16a: Tamil Nadu-Puducherry Oration**

**Resolution: Agenda No. 16a/2016:** Since no nomination had been received, the orator will be decided by the IAPM President 2017 and Secretary 2017 – 2019.

##### **Agenda No. 16b: Dr. Gaya Prasad Memorial Pathology Symposium**

**Resolution: Agenda No. 16b/2016:** The General Body accepted the proposal of Dr. Asaranti Kar on “Gestational Trophoblastic Disease”.

##### **Agenda No. 16c: Proposals in other categories**

**Resolution: Agenda No. 16c/2016:** Dr. Siddhartha Datta Gupta, President 2016 proposed and made a presentation of conducting a series of parallel sessions that would cover all sub-specialties of pathology (including hematology, cytopathology, laboratory medicine and autopsy pathology). In these parallel sessions, the subspecialty would be discussed in the form of symposia / slide seminars. The final details would be worked up by Dr. Siddhartha Datta Gupta and the new office bearers of 2017 with the help of an academic committee and specialty advisory group to select the senior representative of that specialty and for the final program. This was approved by the General Body.

#### **Agenda No. 17: Proposed Venue for APCON 2018 / 2019**

**Agenda No. 17a:** A proposal was received from the Department of Pathology, Rohilkhand Medical College & Hospital in collaboration with Rohilkhand Academy of Pathology and IAPM (UP Chapter) hosting the APCON 2018 Annual Conference. The patrons / organizers would be Dr. Dr Kashmir Singh (Principal), Dr. Parbodh Kumar (Professor & Head), Dr. Ranjan Agrawal (Professor) and Dr Nitesh Mohan (Professor).

**Resolution: Agenda No. 17a/2016:** The proposal was accepted by the General Body to conduct APCON 2018 at Rohilkhand Medical College & Hospital, Bareilly.

**Agenda No. 17b:** A proposal was received from the Department of Histopathology, Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education & Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh for hosting the APCON 2019.

**Resolution: Agenda No. 17b/2016:** The proposal was accepted by the General Body to conduct APCON 2019 at PGIMER, Chandigarh.

**Agenda No. 18:** Proposal was received from Dr. Neelkamal Kapoor, Professor & Head, Department of Pathology &

Laboratory Medicine, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Bhopal and Dr. Barnik Choudhary, Associate Professor, Department of Pathology, College of Medicine & JNM Hospital, Kalyani, West Bengal for conducting an annual IAPM Pathology quiz for MBBS students.

**Resolution: Agenda No. 18/2016:** The General Body approved of this proposal. The proposers would have to work in conjunction and conduct the quiz.

#### **Agenda No. 19: Points raised by the President IAPM 2016, Vice President IAPM 2016 and Secretary IAPM 2014 – 2016**

Some of the issues have already been included in **Resolution: Agenda No. 15/2016**, **Resolution: Agenda No. 16c/2016** and **Resolution: Agenda No. 17 and 17b/2016**.

**Resolution: Agenda No. 19a/2016:** It was decided that all State Chapters must be linked to the parent body through the IAPM website. All members of the State Chapters would therefore be required to become IAPM Members.

**Resolution: Agenda No. 19b/2016:** A member of the IAPM would be eligible to moderate a symposium or slide seminar or a CME ten years after obtaining the post-graduate degree.

**Resolution: Agenda No. 19c/2016:** The organizers of APCON must submit an audited report to the association. Profits must be amicably shared and if this is deposited with the IAPM, it can form a corpus in the form of seed money for future APCONs, travel grants for the postgraduates.

**Resolution: Agenda No. 19d/2016:** The selection of the Orator for the TN-Puducherry oration should be passed at the general body meeting of the Tamil Nadu -Puducherry Chapter meeting.

**Resolution: Agenda No. 19e/2016:** Since the Dr. CI Jhala Oration has not yet been initiated, it was decided that Dr. Lanjewar would discuss this issue at the forthcoming AIPNA conference at Kolkata.

**Resolution: Agenda No. 19f/2016:** The prize money for the various categories would be as follows: Dr. VR Khanolkar Award and Dr. KC Basu Mallick Award Rs. 10000.00 each and for the Smt. Kuntidevi Mehrotra and Best paper Award Rs. 5000.00 each. The prize money for the best poster and quiz would be decided by the Organizing committee APCON. The quiz prize should be awarded to a postgraduate student.

**Resolution: Agenda No. 19g/2016:** The General Body has requested the new office bearers to write to the Medical Council of India to consider Pathology as a Clinical subject in response to the letter from Dr. Rekha Gaikwad, Medical Officer, General Hospital, Jalna.

#### **Agenda No. 20: Thanking the Hosts of APCON 2016**

The General Body congratulated Organizing Committee of APCON 2016 for putting up a successful scientific event. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair and to all the office bearers of IAPM. The members also thanked the out-going office-bearers for their hard work and welcomed the new team. The Chair thanked all the honorable members of IAPM for attending this conference and the GBM. □