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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I thank all the members of IAPM for electing me as President of IAPM . I extend my gratitude and sincere thanks to all the senior members and my colleagues for their blessings and best wishes. I will try my best to carry forward the good work of my predecessors and take our association to new heights. Pathology is a branch of medicine that is changing very fast and it is very important for the pathologists to keep abreast with recent changes for a proper and correct diagnosis. Lectures by eminent speakers from all over India and abroad during workshop, CMEs and the conference help our young budding pathologists in updating their knowledge. Besides, presentation of oral and poster papers help the delegates in understanding the various types of lesions encountered all over India.



The scenario has changed this year due to **COVID-19** pandemic. Due to uncertain future of the disease and difficulty in travel and organization of the conference, the EC decided to declare this year as 'Null Year'. Details of the decision taken are given in this News Letter. Guide lines for various safety precautions in pathology practice have been put on the website.

I'm happy to see that in this period of pandemic also, the academic activity of various chapters is continuing through online presentations and Webinars, thus benefitting pathologists and residents all over the country. Our association is changing fast and we are also moving towards digitalization, and I request all the members to update their email addresses and phone numbers on the IAPM website so that proper and timely communication of various activities can be sent.

With best wishes

Sincerely

Dr. Vatsala Misra

VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is a humbling moment for me to become one of the office bearers of the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists (IAPM), which is one of the oldest academic organization in the country. In order to keep a momentum with the existing academic activities under the flagship of IAPM, it is my sincere wish to contribute in the best possible way. Pathology is a subject that demands continuous dedication accompanied with a broad basal outlook and understanding of the medical science as a whole. It has become mandatory to upkeep ourselves with the rapidly expanding horizons of the innumerable diseases and evolving technologies in our daily routine practices. Hence attending and organising CMEs, symposiums, slide seminars and conferences, and sharing knowledge using various modalities and technologies including virtual sessions, have become integral components of our daily practice to remain abreast with the latest available information. I like to thank every member of the association for the unconditional support extended to me. I also like to mention about the current pandemic, which has affected every one of us in every possible ways in our life with many restrictions, inconveniences and losses. But this unfortunate and unwarranted happening has taught me one every important thing in my life i.e. not to take anything for granted in life but to value a healthy day to day life. My sincere wish to every member of the society and all their family members is “to stay safe and to remain happy.”



Dr Kim Vaiphei



SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Dear all,

It's really heartening to greet you all amidst the CoVid-19 pandemic and to realise that till today we have come out successful amidst the perilous bundling for the disease and we have almost won the war. And during all these chaos, I did not practically get time to express my heartfelt gratitude to you for choosing me worthy of the post of Honorary Secretary of our prestigious association of which we are all proud of. In spite of the lockdown and heavy workload because of initiation and maintenance of CoVid hospitals, at the outset we had prepared the tentative scientific program for APCON-20 with an intention to cover the uncovered topics looking at the interest of postgraduates and practicing pathologists. This was circulated in website on 15th April and with requests to members to be moderators/ speakers. But unfortunately, there is no scope to conduct a national conference of magnitude of APCON with the mandatory rules like social distancing, masks and scarcity of sponsors due to shattered economy. Hence, this matter was put among EC members electronically and opinion was asked for. This was compiled by President, IAPM and put in website along with personal mails to members asking for their suggestions / feedback. Majority were in favour of declaring 2020 as null year (the document is given here for everyone's knowledge). Online EC followed by GBM will be conducted through our webmaster within a short time. Expecting everyone to cooperate and participate for a general pull. In view of CoVid-19 pandemic, a review article was prepared on guidelines for working in various laboratory sections of as recommendations from Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists and has come in July issue of IJPM.

APCON 2019 was a unique conference with utmost care taken towards proper execution of excellent scientific program and academics and

strict compliance with punctuality. The hospitality, accommodation and other auxiliaries were ornamental to the conference. Everyone was overwhelmed with the organisers' efforts in bringing up the conference and congratulated for the proper execution of everything.



During last so many years after 2006, there have been a lot of changes in association rules and regulations which have not been incorporated in Byelaws of IAPM. Therefore we will have to conduct a special GBM for legalising the modifications taken from time to time. The date and venue for it will be decided in due course. During the tenure of our previous secretary, we have initiated updating of our members in IAPM website but still lot is to be done. The list of updated members (state chapter wise) will be sent to the concerned chapter chairpersons and secretaries and I request them to work sincerely in completing the list. Also it has been noticed that many chapters are not following the rules and regulations of IAPM especially in election of office bearers which should be mandatory and no office bearer can continue for indefinite period. Hence I request all the chapters to conduct election in due time and send the list of elected executives to Secretary,

I thank my previous executive members especially Dr. Pradeep Vaideeswar, Dr. Vatsala Mishra, Dr. Sharada Rane, Dr. Ranjan Agarwal, Dr. Dilip Ramrakhiani and Dr. Kanaklata Dei for their outstanding work during their tenure. I take this opportunity to offer special thanks to Dr. Sharada Rane for her exemplary work throughout. I promise that I will try my best to work hard and give justice to my assignment and work in coordination with others for the benefit of our association.

Jai IAPM

Dr. Asaranti Kar



JOINT SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

I am privileged to present my first report of academic activities of state chapters, as Joint Secretary of IAPM. It's my humble request to all; kindly send a brief report of state chapter academics on regular basis so that it can be published in news letters. Till July' 2020, I have received report of activities of 03 chapters only, which I am putting in short:

Karnataka Chapter-1. The IXth Annual KCIAPM postgraduate Pathology Quiz was conducted on 31st January 2020 at ESIC Medical College and PGIMS, Rajajinagara, Bengaluru. Dr Usha Kini, KCIAPM President, Dr Jeetendra Kumar J M; Dr Padmaja; Dr Srinivasamurthy V, Director Professor and Head, Organizing chairman, Department of Pathology, Dr Deepak Kumar B, Professor of Pathology and Organizing Secretary & Dr Vani B R, were present. 2. 21st INDO-US Flow Cytometry Workshop "Clinical Applications of Flow Cytometry" jointly organized by Live Education Task Force, International Society for Advancement of Cytometry (LETF-ISAC) Trust for Education and Training in Cytometry (TETC) Ramaiah Medical College at Ramaiah Medical College Hospital, Bengaluru in association with KCIAPM on 29th-30th January 2020. 3. KCIAPM interactive slide seminar conducted, by Anand diagnostic laboratory on 15th Feb' 2020. 60 delegates participated in the event and the same was streamed live on youtube by KCIAPM Social media subcommittee. Faculty from ADL, headed by Dr Jayaram N, moderated the session.

Tamilnadu and

Pondicherry: TNPCIAPM in association with Chennai City Pathologists Club Organized the first CME and Slide Seminar on 15th Feb' 2020 at Omandurar Multispeciality hospital,



Chennai. Scientific program included: A Contrarian Approach to Quality Management in the Lab, Biopsy Interpretation of IBD- Diagnostic Dilemmas & Diagnostic Challenges in Endometrial Pathology.

Andhra Pradesh chapter: Midterm CME 2020, scheduled on 22nd march' 2020 PESIMER Auditorium, at PES Institute of Medical sciences, Kuppam (Chittoor District). Invited speakers were Dr. Sudheer Arrava, Dr. Usha Kini, Dr. Srinivas CN. Organizing Chairperson was Dr. Ramaswamy A.S. & Organizing Secretary & Dr. Kumarguru B. N.

On behalf of IAPM, I would like to request all state chapters to do more academic sessions on regular basis and motivate young generation to participate with more enthusiasm. Hopefully the association will also take some initiative to increase life members in future by taking appropriate decisions to attract more Pathologists to join, in keeping with the expectations from our profession. I would also request our existing members to come forward with their suggestions regarding membership drive & continuing their support and cooperation.

Dr. Harendra Kumar

BRIEF CURRICULUM VITAE OF PRESIDENT

Prof. Vatsala Misra is. Head of the Department of Pathology at MLN Medical College, Allahabad, U.P. She is member of many national and international societies. She is actively involved in research and academic work and has published more than 185 papers in national and international journals. She is on the editorial advisory board and reviewer panel of many national and international journals and she worked as the **Editor-in Chief of Indian Journal of Pathology and Microbiology from 2013-2017**. She has won many awards and recognitions for her work like: -

Smt. Kunti Devi Mehrotra Award of Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists – 1998, **Dr. V.R. Khanolkar Award** of Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists – 2001, **Dr.R.M.Kasliwal Award of National Academy of Medical Sciences , New Delhi - 2011**

She is **Fellow of Indian College of Pathologists** since 2002

Worked as **Joint Secretary of Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists** (2005-07), **Executive council member of International Academy of Pathologists-Indian Division-2009-11**,

Secretary of Indian College of Pathologist 2008-2012, Vice President of Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists 2019. At present she is the **President of Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists**

Her main field of research is Gastrointestinal pathology and cytology. She is one of the first authors to work on portal hypertensive vasculopathy (gastropathy, colopathy and enteropathy) from India. She has done a lot of work on *H. pylori* and recently working on role of HPV in Upper G.I. Tract lesions and oral lesions.



BRIEF CURRICULUM VITAE OF VICE PRESIDENT

- **Name in Full** : **Dr Kim Vaiphei**
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- **Affiliation** : Department of Histopathology, Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh, India.
- **Contact** : kvaiphei2009@gmail.com. Mobile - +91 9815912943/ 7087008140.
- **Educational Qualification:**
 - MBBS (Calcutta) in March 1983,
 - MD Pathology (PGIMER, Chandigarh) in June 1987.
 - **Fellow** of International Union against Cancer (UICC- WHO), National Academy of Medical Sciences India, and Indian College of Pathology.
- **Experience** : had hold various levels of faculty positions in the department of Histopathology, PGIMER, Chandigarh and remained Professor since 2006.
- **Specialisation** : Gastrointestinal & hepatopancreatobiliary, & cardiac pathology.
- **Area of Research** : Molecular genetics and Pathobiology of diseases.
- **Secretary**, Faculty Association of Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh. Responsible for getting implemented sixth pay commission for the faculty.
- **Membership of Academic bodies** - 19 including IAPM for more than 10 years.
- **Awards by national and international academic bodies**~15 including ICRETT fellowship by International Union against Cancer (UICC), Geneva at UK Cancer Research Centre, London.
- **Conference and CME attended**
 - A. National - 85.
 - B. International - 34.
 - C. Invited faculty in many national conferences.
 - D. Conducted and moderated many symposiums, seminars and work shops.
- **Publications** - 300.
- **Visiting consultant**
 - i. Royal Brisbane Hospital, Queensland, Australia.
 - ii. Royal Children's Hospital, Queensland, Australia.
 - iii. Royal Women's Hospital and Queensland Radium Institute, Herston, Queensland, Australia.
 - iv. Saint Justine Children's Hospital, Montreal.
 - v. UK Cancer Research, London, UK.
- **Other important contributions and recognitions**
 - 1. Running Fellowship program in G E pathology under the aegis of ICP and PGIMER, Chandigarh.
 - 2. Completed >80 Research Projects funded by different organisations.
 - 3. Presented >200 clinico-pathological conferences.
 - 4. Actively involves in day to day routine diagnostics, rounds and post graduate and superspeciality teaching activities.

BRIEF CURRICULUM VITAE OF SECRETARY

Name:	Dr. Asaranti Kar
Designation:	Associate Professor
Affiliation:	Dept. of Pathology, S.C.B.Medical College, Cuttack, Odisha
Educational qualification:	MBBS-M.K.C.G. Medical College, Berahampur-1989 MD-SCB Medical College, Cuttack-1993
Posts held:	Joint Secretary, IAPM (2017-19), Joint Secretary, IAPM HQ (2011-2016) Secretary, Odisha Chapter of Indian Academy of Cytologists (2016-2018) Member& resource person, MEU,MCI (AETCUM & CISP) MCI OBSERVER , RTC, MCI Convenor : Pathologists' Club, Odisha
Life membership:	IAPM, IAP-ID, Indian Academy of Cytologists, Indian Medical Association, Association of Gynecologic Oncologists of India, Women Doctors' Forum Indian Society of Hematology & Transfusion Medicine (ISHTM)
Field of interest:	Gynecological Pathology , fetal pathology & Medical education Invited cytopathologist of Odisha for -IOC of ovarian tumours Conducted many cancer cervix screening programmes
Achievements:	1.Felicitated as Outstanding personality on, Internal Women's day (8.3.2020) by Cuttack women's Association 2. Received "Best publication award-2018 " by FOGSI for published article in Journal of Gynecology & Obstetrics of India 3.Felicitated for outstanding work in Cervical cancer screening in urban slums of Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
Organising capacity:	Jt. Organising Secretary of CYTOCON-2012 Organising Secretary of HQCMEs-2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 & 2019 Organising Chairperson of HQCME-2020
Faculty and/or Moderator in symposia/ seminar:	
(Invited Resource person in many National & International Conferences, CMEs & workshops)	
Invited faculty :	FIGO Congress, 2018-Rio, Brazil FIGO Congress, 2015-Canada, International Cytology Congress, 2016- Yokohama, Japan International CME, 2013-Goa Oral paper presentation- ICC, 2016-Yokohama IAP-ID Slide seminar-2020 Slide seminar in APCONs -2018, 2016,2007.2009 Usha Hardas Microbiology symposium-2015.

Moderator:

Gayaprasad Memorial symposium-2008.
CYTOCONS- In 2018, 2017, 2016, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010
Gayaprasad Memorial symposium (APCON-2017)
Anantnarayan Microbiology symposium (APCON-2014)
Slide seminar (APCON-2011 & 2013)
Slide seminar (Odisha APCON – 2015)

Publications and editorial experience:

Contributed chapters in text books
Associate Editor of Text book “Do’s & dont’s in OBGYN Practice”
Editorial board member & peer reviewer-IJPM,
Peer reviewer-Acta cytologica, Oncology journal of India, Journal of Forensic
Science & Medicine
Editor of Orissa J of Pathol & Microbiol-2008-10
Editor, HQ CME PROCEEDINGS since 2010

Published 107 articles in: International (61) & National (46) peer reviewed indexed Journals.





BRIEF CURRICULUM VITAE OF JOINT SECRETARY

Dr. Harendra Kumar, Associate Professor, Department of Pathology, Sarojini Naidu Medical College, Agra (U.P.).

Education & work experience:

He did M.D. (Pathology) in 2008 from Kasturba Medical College, Mangalore (Manipal University), then did Senior Residency from PGIMER & Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hosp, New Delhi. He got selected as Lecturer by U.P. Public Service Commission Allahabad, & joined S. N. Medical College, Agra in Dec'2010, worked as Assistant Professor from 21st Dec'2013 to 20th Dec'2017 and subsequently got promoted to current designation of Associate Professor on 21st Dec'2017. Currently, he is Officer Incharge of 24 hrs Pathology Lab & Coordinator of Medical Education Unit (MEU) of his Institution. Previously, worked as Blood Bank Incharge from 2013-18 & himself is a regular voluntary donor. He is part of many administrative committees of his Institute.

Academics & awards:

He is both undergraduate as well as postgraduate teacher & has been guide and co-guide in more than 20 thesis of Pathology and other specialties. He has been undergraduate external examiner of Pathology, at many Medical Colleges and Universities. Authored and co-authored around 10 publications in

National & International journals and also presented many papers at various State & National Conferences. His fields of interest are Neuropathology & Bone Marrow (aspiration and trephine biopsy both). He was awarded as Bharat Vidhya Ratan Award in Aug' 2018 by Indian Solidarity Council, New Delhi for outstanding achievements and remarkable role in the field of education. Organizing Secretary of CME on Hemato-lymphoid malignancy on 17th April' 19 under the aegis of U.P. Chapter of IAPM & was Nodal Coordinator of APCON 2018 held at Rohilkhand Medical College, Bareilly. He is designated as an organizing secretary of UP-PATHCON 2020 to be held in Oct' 2020 at Agra.

Memberships:

He has been regularly attending APCON since 2005 and joined IAPM as a life member in 2011. He is also a life Member of Indian Association of Cytologists, member of other associations like; IAPM –U.P. & Delhi Chapters, Indian Association of Cytology- U.P., Delhi Society of Haematology (DSH).

Past experiences at other Associations: He had been Joint Secretary of Teachers Association, S.N. Medical College, Agra (2017-18) & Chief Coordinator of Resident Doctors Association (RDA) of PGIMER & Dr. R.M.L.Hosp. N. Delhi (2008-09), followed by President, RDA in 2009-10.





BRIEF CURRICULUM VITAE OF TREASURER

Name	:	Dr Varsha Dhume	
Qualification	:	MBBS, MD (Path), DPB	
Designation	:	Associate Professor in PathologyTN Medical College, Mumbai	
Experience	:	23years	
Interest	:	Endocrine pathology, Head & Neck pathologyPublications: 20	
Participation in:- APCON	:	Moderator for cme on ‘Papillary carcinoma of thyroid: Mimics and Variants’ at APCON 2018 Moderator for slide seminar on ‘Non neoplastic adrenal pathology’ at APCON 2018 Faculty in slide seminar on endocrine pathology in APCON 2010 Symposium on ‘Sickle cell disease’ as a faculty in APCON 2008	
MAPCON:	:	Participated in MAPCON Slide seminar and MAPCON PG QUIZ Faculty in Slide seminar on Neuroendocrine Pathology in 2007National: Faculty for endocrine pathology in ‘PATHFEST 2015’ Guest speaker in CME on ‘update on thyroid pathology’ held at Jamnagar, Gujarat in September 2017 Faculty in Pre-EBM CME on Recent Advances In Head and Neck Pathology at TMH in February 2018	
Prizes	:	First prize in MAPCON PG Quiz 1994,Best Poster in APCON 2005 Best paper for cytopathology of thyroiditis	
Membership:	:	Life member of IAPM, member of IAP-ID Core member of Mumbai Endocrine Pathology Group Member of 3T IBHSc GMU Bioethics committee	



BRIEF CURRICULUM VITAE OF JOINT SECRETARY (IAPM HQ)



- Name :** **Dr. Pranati Mohanty**
- Present posting :** Asso. Prof., Dept. of Pathology, S.C.B. Medical college and Hospital, 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 :** HaematoPathology
- Publications :**
- i) Author of one chapter in Haematology Today, 2013 by M.B. Agarwal
 - ii) 43 publications in various journals including 16 national & 27 international
- Other activities:**
- i) Past Asst. Treasurer of IAPM
 - ii) Past Treasurer of Odisha Hematology





Inaugural Function APCON -2019

ANNOUNCEMENT 2020

Dear all,

You all are aware of the unprecedented situation caused by the prevailing COVID 19 pandemic. There are lots of uncertainties and no one can predict the situation of travel, movement and sponsorship etc in coming months. We received a letter from Organizing secretary 2020 describing the difficulties faced by her in this situation. We had two options of either postponing it to early 2021 or declaring this year as “Null year”. In this connection your views were sought through the proposals put forth by the Secretary.

I thank each one of you for expressing your views and offering comments on the points raised by the Secretary. Further, the matter was discussed in detail with the Organizing committees of the 2020, 2021 and 2022.

We received the answers from 14 EC members (excluding the secretary and myself). 12 out of 14 members suggested for declaring the year 2020 as a ‘Null Year’ due to the prevailing situation and two members suggested of postponing it to Early 2021.

Dr. G. N. Mohanty and Dr. R. K Gupta sir quoted the precedence of declaring ‘Null year’ earlier also (see the attachment). After considering the views of all the respected senior EC members and fellow members, the decisions taken by me are placed below

1. The year 2020 to be treated as *Dies non* (Null year) for IAPM and its major activities

2. APCON 2020: The annual conference of IAPM, which was scheduled to be held in December 2020 at Raipur, Chattisgarh will

stand postponed to 2021. The Organizing committee should now plan accordingly and finalize the dates for 2021 along with Secretary IAPM. They can send a letter to all delegates who have already registered giving options of keeping registration for next year or full refund. Mode of Refund of Delegate Registration fee can be decided by Secretary IAPM and Organising Secretary 2021.

3. APCON 2021 will now be postponed to 2022 and will be held in Davengere under the aegis of Karnataka Chapter with Dr Shashikala from Davengere as Organising Secretary. A letter of consent from chapter has been received.

4. APCON 2023 will be held in AIIMS New Delhi. Dr. M C Sharma Organising Chairperson has given his consent.

5. APCON 2024 will be held in Cuttack as agreed

6. State Chapters - All Physically arranged conferences may be cancelled after proper discussion in their chapter’s executive. But if any chapter wants to organize e- Conference on a digital platform then they can do it. State chapters may consider organizing conferences in small groups in December subject to the prevailing conditions and Government permission.

7. Awards and Orations: for the year 2020 will be carried forward to 2021. The Secretary should form a committee to work out the details.

8. Election of Office Bearers: In view of the year 2020 being declared a “Null Year”, no elections shall be held for any post and election notice, if any would get carried over to 2021.



Election of office bearers for 2021 may be cancelled and the PRESIDENT and VICE PRESIDENT can continue for 2021.(We have precedence).

8..All other activities of association like publications of Journal and News Letter, functioning of Treasurer's office and Head quarters etc to continue as such.

9. Indian College of Pathologists - The Dean and Secretary may discuss the matter in their EC and take the decision accordingly and inform IAPM Secretary.

10. IAP-ID - AS IAP-ID conference usually organised in Conjunction with APCON they can also discuss the matter in their EC and inform the Secretary IAPM and the Organizing Secretary and also to the invited guest speaker if any,

11.Executive committee can meet quarterly by video conferencing to take important decisions

if any. I request all the EC members to go through this proposal and suggest any modification, or send their approval.

12. As It may not be possible / difficult to have EC & GB Meetings physical; there will be a videoconferencing of EC members & these proposals will be discussed. These are put on IAPM website and circulated through IAPM members through personal mails (whose ever mail ids are updated), and their comments/ suggestions/ feedback were received and were considered as accepted. Hence it's circulated through news letter. But finally these decisions would be placed before the EC & GB in APCON 2021 for discussion and approval & will be minuted.

Hope we will get back to a normal stable situation soon.

Wish you all a safe and healthy life

With Warm Regards

Dr Vatsala Misra
President IAPM

