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Message from the President

Dear Members,

Hope you have settled after our annual conference, APCON 2023 that was held at AIIMS, Delhi 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.



As I complete my term, I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the members of the Executive Council for their advice and my fellow office-bearers Prof Kanaklata Dei, Vice President; Dr. Ranjan Agarwal, Honorary Secretary; Dr Varsha Dhume, Joint Secretary; Dr Harendra kumar, Treasurer; Dr Pranati Mohanti, Joint Secretary (Headquarters) and Prof Bharat Rekhi, 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. I would also urge our existing members to come forward with their suggestions while acknowledging their continued support and cooperation. I welcome more and more young pathologists for active contribution in scientific sessions.

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

With kind regards

Thanking you

Yours sincerely

Prof. Sharada Rane

Message from Secretary, IAPM

Dear Members,

Greetings to you all and wishes of the New Year. As we have just finished our much awaited annual conference (APCON) and at the dawn of the year we carry with us a message of increased participations and better ideas to make the Association stronger. Not only that a larger membership base is what is required to put forth a concrete base.



I request all the senior members of the Association to promote memberships whenever and wherever they visit. In the long run memberships of Professional bodies pays back in a big manner.

The last date of sending proposals for the various Scientific sessions during APCON 2024 at SCB Medical College, Cuttack has been extended till 31st January 2024. I request all the members with at least 5 years standing as Life Member to apply and send their topics. The format is available on the IAPM website under downloads. IAPM has various Awards. I request the members to apply for these Awards in large numbers. Increased number not only attracts a variety but also a better and healthier competition.

State Chapters play a pivotal role in the dissemination of knowledge. Academic events at the Chapter level not only attract newer minds but also those who are not able to attend National Conferences due to their personal reasons and commitments.

Lastly, I request all the members to participate in IAPM activities by sending me brighter and better ideas for starting something new or improve upon the existing ones. Kindly visit the IAPM website for updates and announcements.

Long Live IAPM

Jai Hind!



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Joint Secretary's Report: October- December 2023

Bihar Chapter :

A CME was organized on Diagnostic Approach to Soft tissue tumors by Department of Pathology and Microbiology at Al-Karim University, Katihar on 5th November. Oral papers and posters were also invited.

A workshop cum CME organized by AIIMS Patna as “AIIMS Patna Pathology Update (APPU)” 2023 on 25th and 26th November 2023. Scientific topics focused on Immunofluorescence technique on renal, skin and thyroid disorders. Many well-known national speakers delivered their talks. Posters were also invited.

Haryana Chapter:

Annual conference was organised by Department of Pathology, ESIC Medical College & Hospital, Faridabad on 7th October 2023. It was attended by 325 physical delegates mainly from North India. There were 54 oral papers and 68 poster presentations. Various topics of discussion focussed on Colonoscopic biopsy in IBD, Artificial intelligence in cytology, Approach to soft tissue sarcomas, advancements in lung cancer diagnosis, update on diffuse gliomas, epigenetics, Liquid biopsy in oral cancers and immunofluorescence in renal biopsies. Eminent Speakers included Dr Puja Sakhuja, Dr Nita Khurana, Dr Sunita Singh, Dr Vaishali Suri, Dr Arunima Banerji, Dr Aanchal Kakkar, Dr Geetika Singh, Dr Pranab Dey and Dr Nandita Kakkar.



Maharashtra Chapter:

Annual conference with pre conference CME was organised by Symbiosis woman's medical college; Pune on 6th, 7th and 8th October 2023 and it was attended by around 700 Delegates. Highlights of the MAPCON was oration delivered by Dr Sharda Rane Hon. President IAPM, Guest lectures on Head & Neck Pathology, Raichur award paper session, MAPCON Slide Seminar and MAPCON PG QUIZ. Best paper and Best Poster competitions were held for three categories namely Histopathology, Cytology and Haematology. A total of 110 papers and 139 posters were presented at the conference.

Karnataka Chapter:

The 49th State conference of Karnataka Chapter of Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists (KCIAPM) - KAPCON 2023 was organized in the picturesque coastal city of Mangalore at Father Muller Medical College. The event saw a very enthusiastic participation of more than 700 delegates. KCIAPM presented its School of Pathology dedicated to advances in the field of pathology providing comprehensive programs and workshops, fostering skill development and knowledge enhancement for aspiring and practicing pathologists. The Chapter announced starting of Journal of Diagnostic and Academic Pathology a prestigious platform dedicated to advancing the field of pathology through high-quality research, insightful analysis and academic excellence.

Rajasthan Chapter

The Rajasthan chapter had organised the first annual chapter conference after the chapter revival, on 25th and 26th of November 2023. The occasion was graced by Dr. Sharada Rane, President IAPM, Dr. Aseri, the Vice Chancellor of the Medical University, Dr. S. N. Chawla, President of Jodhpur Society of Pathologists and Microbiologists, Dr. Madhu Gupta as Patron and Head, Pathology Department, Dr. S. N. Medical College, Jodhpur. Lifetime Achievement award was conferred on Dr K.R.Joshi for his contribution to the field of Mycology. Various topics covered included thyroid tumours, an update on CNS tumours, endometrial pathology, FNAC of mediastinal tumours, Evaluation of Renal biopsies, myeloproliferative disorders. The eminent faculty included Dr Tejinder Singh, Dr Astitva Mondal, Dr Sandeep Mathur, Dr Surabhi Tyagi, Dr Ranjana Solanki. On the second day, interesting orations were delivered which included “Context and Curiosity in Clinical Practice” by Dr Anita Borges, by Dr Sumit Gujaral, by Dr. D. R. Mathur, Dr Kishore Khatri and, Dr Rajashree Behra. Slide seminar was conducted by Dr. Poonam Elhence and Dr. Nirupama Kothari. A total of 32 oral papers were presented and a total of 64 Posters were displayed.



West Bengal Chapter

The 30th Annual State Conference 2023 and Dr. R. N. Ghosh memorial CME, on 23rd & 24th September 2023, was held at Murshidabad Medical College in Berhampore, West Bengal. The scientific programme was a grand success, with eminent speakers from different institutions of India and participation of around two hundred delegates from all over West Bengal.



APCON 2023 : GLIMPSES



MINUTES OF 71st ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF IAPM HELD DURING APCON, 2023 at JLN Auditorium, AIIMS (NEW DELHI) on 9th December 2023 at 5:00PM

The 71st Annual General Body meeting (GBM) of IAPM was held on 9th December 2023 (Saturday) at 5:00 PM in the JLN Auditorium of AIIMS, New Delhi. The previous day i.e 8th December 2023 the Executive Committee meeting was held at the Director's Board room, AIIMS, New Delhi. The GBM was chaired by Dr Sharada Rane, President IAPM (2023) along with the Vice President Dr Kanaklata Dei, Secretary Dr Ranjan Agrawal, Treasurer Dr Harendra Kumar, Jt Secretary Dr Varsha Dhume, Editor-in-Chief IJPM Dr Bharat Rekhi and Jt Secretary HQ Dr Pranati Mohanty taking their

respective chairs. A total of 116 Members were present during the meeting (Maximum number recorded so far in any GBM). The quorum was not complete, so the meeting was adjourned and reconvened after 10 minutes (in accordance to the Subsection 3.6.3 of the IAPM Byelaws–2021). A physical record of the attendance of all those present was recorded in a continuous register as per clause 3.6.4.5 of the IAPM Byelaws–2021. After welcoming the members present, President requested the Honorary Secretary Dr Ranjan Agrawal to continue with the pre-circulated agenda for 2023.

Agenda No. 01: Condolences:

The Honorary Secretary informed the House about the sad demise of the following members of IAPM - Dr PR Malur (Belgaum), Dr Gauri Shanker Acharya (Cuttack), Dr Vijay Vinayak Joshi (Pune), Dr Anil Kumar Agarwal (Muzaffarnagar), Dr Mahesh Kumar Biswal (Balasore), Dr Janardan Mohanty (Balasore), Dr Ashutosh Kumar (Lucknow), Dr Seema Tyagi (New Delhi), Dr S K Sood (New Delhi).

Resolution: Agenda No. 01/2023: The General Body expressed their sorrow on the great loss to the Pathology fraternity. As a gesture of respect for the departed souls, the members were requested to stand in silence. The meeting was adjourned for two minutes and called in order to take up the agenda. Secretary, IAPM will send suitably worded condolence message to the bereaved family members.

Agenda No. 02: Apologies:

The following member of the Executive Committee informed his inability to attend Executive council and General Body meetings - Dr Harsh Mohan (Past President 2008).

Resolution: Agenda No. 02/2023: The Executive committee and General Body were informed about the apology.

Agenda No. 03:

Confirmation of minutes of 70th GBM held during APCON 2022, at MS Ramaiah Medical College, Bengaluru dated 3rd December 2022.

Resolution: Agenda No. 03/2023: The minutes of the 70th GBM held during APCON 2022 at MS Ramaiah Medical College, Bengaluru dated 3rd December 2022 were approved and proposed by Dr DN Lanjewar and seconded by Dr Bishan Radotra.

Agenda No. 04: Report of the Honorary Secretary, IAPM for 2023

Resolution: Agenda No. 04/2023: The General Body accepted the Annual Report for the year 2023 as presented by the Honorary Secretary, IAPM which included many notable achievements such as removal of the word 'Paraclinical' from the subject of Pathology, maximum number of Life memberships in the year 2023, maximum number of entries received in all the 5 award categories- Dr VR Khanolkar Award, Smt Kunti Devi Mehrotra Award, Dr KC Basu Mallick Award, Dr KS Ratnakar Best Paper Award and IAPM Best paper published in IJPM Award and key role in reorganising and revamping of the defunct Rajasthan Chapter.

Agenda No. 05: Report of Joint Secretary IAPM:

The various activities of different Chapters were presented to the House.

Resolution: Agenda No. 05/2023: The General Body accepted the report of Honorary Joint Secretary IAPM for the year 2023. This was proposed by Dr Bishan Radotra and Seconded by Dr DN Lanjewar.

Agenda No. 06: Report of Honorary Treasurer, IAPM:

Dr Harendra Kumar, Treasurer IAPM presented the Annual accounts of the Association for the financial year dated 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

Resolution: Agenda No. 06/2023 The General Body considered and accepted the report of Honorary Treasurer IAPM for the financial year 2022-2023. He also presented the budget estimates (Income & Expenditure of the Association) for the year 2023-2024 before the House. However, the House suggested few points.

Agenda No. 6(a)/2023 : The Auditor and Chartered Accountant should be of the same place as the Treasurer so that better and timely filing of tax and Income tax returns can be there.

Agenda No. 6(b)/2023: Travel grant for postgraduates be increased from the existing 2 Lacs to 5 Lacs.

Agenda No. 6(c)/2023: UG Quiz should be conducted on a Zonal basis involving the State Chapters. The fund allotted for this event should be increased from the existing ₹ 20,000/- to ₹ 1 Lac. An additional ₹ 60,000 to meet the travel grant for the top 3 winning teams (each comprising of 2 members) was also suggested. The 3 top winning teams would be invited to attend that. The prizes would be distributed during the APCON Inaugural ceremony for that year. All the 6 students would be paid ₹ 10,000/- each to meet the cost of their travel, irrespective of the actual fare or even if any local team from the host city of APCON is one of the attendees. The Registration fee of all 6 students would be waived off and they would be provided with a complimentary accommodation by the organisers of APCON. Any other prize or gift depends on the Quiz Master and/or APCON Organisers.

Agenda No. 6 (d) /2023: Regarding remuneration to the Executive members and the office bearers towards attending APCON as a step to increase the expenses of IAPM and manage excess Income Tax paid, it was decided that a detailed discussion in subsequent meetings should be done.

Agenda No. 6(e)/2023: An Amount of ₹ 5,000/- as reflected in the IAPM balance sheet towards Kidwai Memorial Fund should be merged with the IAPM general account fund.

Agenda No. 07: Report of Editor-in-Chief, IJPM:

The report of Editor-in-Chief was accepted with some suggestions as proposed by Dr DK Mishra and seconded by Dr AM Phatak. The suggestions included-

Resolutions:

Agenda No. 07(a)/2023: The turn- around- time of the articles from submission to decision and then publication be reduced further.

Agenda No. 07(b)/2023: The 'Ahead of Print' with the DOI to be updated regularly and later published in subsequent issues of IJPM.

Agenda No. 07(c)/2023: The Abstracts of papers (Award Categories, Proffered Oral and Poster papers) be printed as hard copy in the form of IJPM Supplement issue and distributed to the Paper presenters during APCON as decided and followed previously.

Agenda No. 07(d)/2023: It was decided that the number of prizes for IAPM Best Paper published in IJPM be increased to three with prizes amount of ₹ 10,000 (First Prize), ₹ 7500 (Second Prize) and, ₹ 5000 (Third Prize).

Agenda No. 07(e)/2023: Dr Sachin Kale proposed that some journals have audio clips and highlights/summary of the articles published or about to be published.

Agenda No. 07(f)/2023: Dr Pallav Gupta suggested that twitter account of IJPM should include visual abstracts also. All these suggestions were recorded with thanks to all the participants for their valuable inputs in uplifting the standards of IJPM.

Agenda No. 08: Report of Joint Secretary IAPM Headquarter:

The report of Joint Secretary Headquarter was presented by Dr Pranati Mohanty and was accepted with some modifications suggested by Dr DN Lanjewar and seconded by Dr Pradeep Vaideeswar.

Resolutions:

Agenda No. 08(a)/2023: Extra budget for repair and maintenance of the IAPM House as proposed by Dr Pranati Mohanty towards outside painting and repair was permitted. It was stated that minimum 3 quotations should be invited by the Jt Secretary Headquarter and the lowest bidder should be approved after sanction by the EC. This was proposed by Dr Kim Vaiphei and Seconded by Dr Pradeep Vaideeswar.

Agenda No 08(b)/2023: For CMC of the newly installed and functional Lift in the IAPM Headquarter it was decided that the quotation of ₹50,000/- plus GST for 3 years including the spare parts should be considered. However, only 50% of the said amount (₹ 25,000/-) may be paid as advance, while the remaining 50 % after the completion of the tenure.

Agenda No 08(c)/2023: For CCTV Installation in the IAPM House an amount of ₹50,000/- was permitted as demanded by Jt Secretary Headquarter, provided a valid quotation is submitted for approval by EC.

Agenda No 08(d)/2023: For annual renewal of IAPM Registration with the Registrar of Societies – ₹10,000/- for 2024 was approved under the proposed budget. For 2023 the Renewal fee was ₹7,000/-.

Agenda No 08(e)/2023: For salary to all the employees in the IAPM Headquarters it was decided that minimum wages as per Government rules and existing rates in Cuttack (Odisha) should be followed. It was further stated that the salary / wages should be calculated on the basis of working hours of each employee.

Agenda No 08(f)/2023: It was also emphasized that since the next APCON (2024) would be in Cuttack so everybody should visit the Headquarter to look into its status and also the progress of the work of the lift.

Dr Ranjan Agrawal informed the House that he plans to hold the next physical Executive Committee meeting during APCON 2024 in the Headquarter premises only. The house appreciated this.

Agenda No. 09: Report of Secretary ICP:

Resolution: Agenda No. 09 /2023: Three Fellowships and 28 PDCC were awarded during the inaugural ceremony of APCON 2023. The report of Secretary ICP was accepted. It was proposed by Dr DN Lanjewar and seconded by Dr Bishan Radotra.

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

Resolution: Agenda No. 10/2023: A total of 306 new Life Members, 627 Associate & Affiliate members and 44 Associate members converted to Life members were enrolled during 2023. Entry of new members of IAPM was accepted and welcomed.

Note: It was again emphasised by Dr DN Lanjewar that hard copies of their applications and details be kept in the IAPM Headquarter in a proper hard bound form.

Agenda No. 11: Declaration of results to various posts of office bearers of IAPM for 2024:

Elections for the posts of President & Vice President for 2024 were announced.

a) President. Only one valid nomination of Dr Kanaklata Dei (Cuttack) was received within the stipulated time frame.

Resolution: Agenda No. 11 (a)/2023: After scrutiny, the nomination for Dr Kanaklata Dei was found to be valid and meeting with the criteria as per the existing IAPM Byelaws 2021.

Nomination of Dr Kanaklata Dei was accepted for the post of **President IAPM** for 2024 unopposed.

b) Vice President: Two Nominations were received for the post of Vice President IAPM for 2024 - Dr Asaranti Kar (Cuttack) and Dr AV Deshmukh (Karnataka).

Resolution: Agenda No. 11 (b)/2023: After scrutiny nomination of Dr AV Deshmukh was not found to be suitable as the credentials filled by him were incorrect (He had mentioned as Treasurer IAPM Headquarter 1980-82; whereas he was Treasurer IAPM for 1990-92) and secondly, he had not attended 3 of the last 5 GBMs as per the existing IAPM Byelaws 2021.

Agenda No. 11 (b)/2023: Nomination of Dr Asaranti Kar was accepted for the post of **Vice-President IAPM** for the year 2024 unopposed.

Agenda No. 12: Declaration of results of various IAPM Awards:

Resolution: Agenda No.12 (a)/2023: Dr VR Khanolkar Award 2023: A total of 10 entries were submitted for the award.

Result: Paper by Dr Chanchal Rana (KGMU, Lucknow) on “ **Effect of the Noninvasive Follicular Thyroid Neoplasm with Papillary-Like Nuclear Features (NIFTP) Nomenclature Revision on Indian Thyroid Fine- Needle Aspiration Practice**” published in **Am J Clin Pathol 2021;XX:1-8** was selected for the **Dr VR Khanolkar Award** for 2023.

The prize money of Rs ₹ 25,000 and a Certificate would be awarded during the Inaugural ceremony of APCON 2024 at SCB Medical College, Cuttack.

Resolution: Agenda No.12(b)/2023: Smt Kunti Devi Mehrotra Award 2023: A total of 8 papers were submitted for the award.

Result: Paper by Dr Aruna Nambirajan (AIIMS, New Delhi) on “**EZH2 inhibitory protein (EZH1/Cxor67) expression correlates strongly with H3K27me3 loss in posterior fossa ependymomas and is mutually exclusive with H3K27M mutations**” published in **Brain Tumor Pathol 2021 Jan;38(1):30-40** was selected for the **Smt Kunti Devi Mehrotra Award** for 2023.

The prize money of ₹15,000 and a Certificate would be awarded during the Inaugural Ceremony of APCON 2024 at SCB Medical College, Cuttack.

Resolution: Agenda No.12 (c) /2023: Dr KC Basu Mallick Award 2023

A total of 6 entries were submitted. After the screening round by a panellists comprising of 2 General Reviewers and 1 Speciality Reviewer, top 5 (as per the IAPM Byelaws 2021) were selected for the presentation round during the plenary session of APCON 2023 on 8th December 2023.

Result: Paper by Dr Suvendu Purkait (AIIMS, Bhubaneswar) on the topic **“The GPX - 4 / SLC7A11/NRF2 anti-ferroptosis axis is crucially- implicated in the pathobiology of glioblastoma and is a potential therapeutic target”** was selected for the **Dr KC Basu Mallick Award** for 2023.

The prize money of ₹ 20,000 and a Certificate would be awarded during the Inaugural ceremony of APCON 2024 at SCB Medical College, Cuttack.

Resolution: Agenda No.12(d)/2023: Dr K S Ratnakar Best Paper Award 2023

A total of 11 entries were submitted for the Award. After the screening round by a panellists comprising of 2 General Reviewers and 1 Speciality Reviewer, top 4 (as per the existing IAPM Byelaws 2021) papers were selected for the presentation round during the plenary session of APCON 2023 on 8th December 2023.

Result: The paper of Dr Aheli Bal (AIIMS, Bhubaneswar) on the topic **“Ampylator molecules in Glioblastoma-A clinicopathological Study”** was selected for the **Dr KS Ratnakar Best Paper Award** for 2023.

The prize money of ₹10,000 and a Certificate would be awarded during the Inaugural ceremony of APCON 2024 at SCB Medical College, Cuttack.

Resolution: Agenda No.12(e)/2023: IAPM Best Paper published in IJPM for 2022

A total of 49 Original articles published in the four regular issues of IJPM during 2022 were shortlisted as per the guidelines. Paper by Sharma N, Das P, Das R, Mahant S, Kalaivani M, Yadav R, Rajeshwari M, Kedia S, Makharia GK, Saraya A, Gupta SD, Ahuja V from AIIMS, New Delhi on **“Correlation of Helicobacter pylori virulence genotype & severity of mucosal inflammation in gastric biopsies from two geographically diverse regions in India”** published in the Indian J Pathol Microbiol. 2022 Jul-Sep;65(3):535-44 was selected as the **IAPM Best Paper published in IJPM for 2022**.

The prize money of ₹ 10,000 and a Certificate would be awarded during the Inaugural ceremony of APCON 2024 at SCB Medical College, Cuttack.

Agenda No. 13: Venue for further APCONS:

Resolution: Agenda No.13/2023: It was unanimously decided that the venue for the future APCONS be decided well in advance so that the organisers are well versed in managing the programme. It was also decided that the Organisers should be asked to be present in all future upcoming events so as to be well acquainted with the managing part and shortcomings, if any.

The selected venues for future APCONS were-

- 2024 Cuttack (Dr Asaranti Kar, Organising Secretary) – Finalised
- 2025 Shillong (Dr Vandana Raphael, Organising Secretary) – Finalised
- 2026 Jammu (Dr Jyotsna Suri, Organising Secretary) – Provisionally finalised
- 2027 Agra (Dr Harendra Kumar, Organising Secretary) – Provisionally finalised

Proposed both by Dr DN Lanjewar and Dr Pradeep Vaideeswar and Seconded by Dr Vatsala Misra and Dr Sujay Prasad.

Agenda No. 14: Scientific Programme for APCON 2024:

It was decided to extend the last date for submission the topics for various scientific sessions during APCON 2024 including parallel CMEs, Symposiums and, Breakfast sessions till 31st January 2024.

Agenda No. 15: Other Matters:

15 (a)/2023: For IAPM Interactive website Dr Sujay Prasad Informed the house that he has received different quotations varying from 10 lacs to 25 lacs. He briefed that he would be looking into the details along with their presentations and then put it across the EC and House in subsequent meetings for discussion and approval.

15 (b)/2023 UG Participation: a) It was emphasised that participation of undergraduate students should be encouraged so as to motivate them to take Pathology as their subject of choice in the pursuit of their career. Under this, the State Chapters would be asked to organise various activities for UG students.

b) UG Quiz: UG Quiz should be on a Zonal basis involving State Chapters. The fund allotted for this should be increased from the existing ₹ 20,000/- to 1 Lac. The top 3 winning teams comprising of 2 members each would be invited to attend APCON of that year. Their registration fees would be waived off, and all 6 of them would be provided free accommodation as per the choice of the organisers. An additional ₹10,000/- per candidate cash money would be provided towards travel grant irrespective of the actual fare. They would be provided with Cash prizes (as per the existing IAPM Byelaws 2021), travel grant of ₹10,000 each and Certificates during the inaugural function of APCON for that year. Additional Prizes/Gifts from the Quiz Master and/or APCON Organisers can be given.

This proposal was put forth by Dr DN Lanjewar and seconded both by Dr Bishan Radotra and Dr Siddhartha Datta Gupta.

15 (c) Registration for APCON 2024: The Organising Secretary for APCON 2024 (Dr Asaranti Kar) announced that as suggested by Dr Ashim Das and Dr Harendra Kumar, the initial 200 Registrations would be collected without GST. She informed the House that the early bird Registration process has already started.

Dr Asaranti Kar invited all the delegates to attend APCON 2024 at Cuttack in large numbers. The dates for the Conference announced were 11-15 December 2024.

15 (d)/2023: Dr R K Gupta suggested that Council Members should be included in the Executive Committee of IAPM as practiced in some other Associations. Honorary Secretary, Dr Ranjan Agrawal replied that in IAPM, Past Presidents and one representative from each Chapter/State/Region is a part of the Executive Council of IAPM.

There was no majority opinion on this proposal and it was decided to put this discussion in the records.

15(e)/2023: Matter related to the report of the Enquiry Committee in reference to the financial irregularities of APCON 2016: This matter was discussed at length. Dr D K Mishra, Chairman of the Enquiry Committee briefed the House about the facts and the findings of the committee as gathered during the enquiry process. It was unanimously decided to seek adequate legal advice in this matter and to frame charges against the Organisers including Dr Ajay Yadav, (Organising Chairperson, APCON 2016), Dr Dilip Ramrakhiani (Organising Secretary, APCON 2016) and Dr Yogesh Gupta (Treasurer, APCON 2016). Till a final decision is taken and the charges framed, the newly revived Rajasthan Chapter should be informed not to include these three in their Executive Committee in any form or in any of the Scientific presentations. Furthermore, they would be debarred from contesting any IAPM or its Chapter elections till further clarifications.

The resolution was proposed by Dr D N Lanjewar and seconded both by Dr Bishan Radotra and Dr Pradeep Vaideeswar.

15(f)/2023: It was decided that Tamilnadu Puducherry Chapter Oration should be continued for another 2 years (2024 & 2025) with the same terms and conditions. Later, other Chapters can also bid for similar Orations during APCON.

15(g)/2023: Dr DN Lanjewar informed the House that a prominent street in Belgaum has been name after Dr S J Nagalotimath. The General Body gave a standing ovation to the great stalwart in Pathology.

15(h)/2023: It was also unanimously decided that a proper SOP be prepared for the prestigious Dr B K Aikat Memorial Presidential Oration and should include guidelines for both the Orator as well as the Chairpersons.

15(i)/2023: Dr Pradeep Vaideeswar informed the house that as per the recent changes in the NMC guidelines, Postgraduates have to present one oral paper or poster or publication in an Indexed Subject specific journal as the first author. Now there is need to comply with only one of the three criteria as compared to all the three as previously. Dr Siddhartha Datta Gupta informed the House that this is only a suggested format and not Gazetted so far.

15(j)/2023: It was reemphasised by all that the Scientific Programme of each APCON should start with the prestigious Presidential Dr BK Aikat Memorial Oation only. No change in this sequence should be followed.

15(k)/2023: Regarding increase in the participation of the postgraduates it was suggested that bar coding be started for each hall and accordingly certificate of participation be issued. Dr Siddhartha Dutta Gupta said that participation should come from heart and not forced upon.

15(l)/2023: The House approved of forming collaboration between IAPM and the Indian Association of Paediatric Surgeons for forming uniform reporting system and guidelines for Hirschsprung disease and Indian Rheumatology Association for uniform system of reporting Rheumatological disease investigations.

The President and the Secretary thanked the House for their valuable and constructive feedback, suggestions and ideas.



Dr. Ranjan Agrawal

Honorary Secretary IAPM

In Memorium:

It is with great sadness that we are sharing the news of the death of Professor Seema Tyagi on 14th July 2023 at 4am after a long battle with cancer. She was an inseparable senior member of the Hematology department at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, which she had joined in 2000 as an Assistant professor after finishing her Pathology training from King George Medical College in Lucknow. She was only 58 years old at the time of her untimely demise.

She was a consummate professional who worked tirelessly to develop Hematology. She was compassionate towards the patients, staff members, residents, her faculty colleagues and extremely loved

by the alumni members of the department.

She is survived by a young 13-year-old son who we are sure will be loved by her family.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. May God give the family courage and peace to deal with this irreparable loss.



Prof Seema Tyagi