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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from Chandigarh!

Over the years, practice of pathology as a laboratory science in large centres in India has undergone a sea change from the times when the name "pathologist" used to be considered synonymous with the expert on entire spectrum of laboratory tests, to the times when the pathologists have not only chosen surgical pathology, cytology, haematology or immunopathology as their field of specialisation but also their further subspecialisations. However, as we understand, "forensic medicine" remains a distinct branch with hardly any "forensic pathologists" in the country. Thus, while pathologic autopsies are the domain of pathologists, histopathologists are seldom conducting medico-legal autopsies. Having appreciated this background of division of work in India between an expert in "pathology" and in "forensic medicine", it is painful to note two news items that appeared recently pertaining to medicolegal autopsies in two infamous unnatural deaths in which the media has painted Indian Pathologists in black by sheer ignorance. These news items are one by IANS dated 23rd Feb 2007 titled "Indian pathologist under fire for autopsy work on Woolmer" by an Indian pathologist in Jamaica and another dated 16th April 2008 from Stockholm titled "Indian autopsies in Scarlett case absolutely illegal" in Goa which also mentions Indian pathologists in the story adversely. In order to defend the dignity and esteem of all Indian pathologists, we all must strive to put forward our defined role in proper perspective and counter all such adverse comments at all possible forums at city and state level or at IMA. Suggestions on this issue from members are most welcome.

As you would note that the dates for Apcon-2008 at Kattankulathur (Tamil Nadu) this year have been tentatively decided for mid-December 2008. While finalizing the dates, care has been taken this time to avoid overlap of dates with Cytocon and taking in to consideration local weather conditions in the host city. Tentative academic program has been finalized and is being put in this newsletter by the Honorary Secretary for perusal by members.

The members would be pleased to see the major changes in the new and updated website of the Association (www.iapm.net.in) and a separate website for the journal with online submission and review process (www.ijpmonline.org). In fact, the first issue of the journal for 2008 became available on the website before the hard copy is received. All these are worth appreciating progressive changes and we must applaud the efforts by the Editor and the Hon Secretary for their initiative and motivation.

Jai Hind!!

Prof. Harsh Mohan

FROM THE HONORARY SECRETARY

Dear Friends
Namaskar

The annual conference of our association is a major event for all of us where we share our scientific material and knowledge. I am sure many of you must be preparing your abstracts for presentation. Kindly submit your abstracts well before 31.08.2008 to the Organising Secretary, Dr. Taralakshmi V. Venugopal.

There are announcements for IAPM Election and ICP quality assurance programme in Pathology. The tentative programme of the conference and the invitations for various IAPM Awards are printed in this News Bulletin. Please go through the rules and regulations carefully and send your entries before the deadline i.e. 31st August 2008.

The organising Secretary Prof. Taralakshmi V. Venugopal and her team are doing tireless efforts to make this conference memorable. Soon you will receive the brochure of information about APCON 2008 from the Organising Secretary.

I take this opportunity to invite you all to come to Kattankulathur (42 KM from Chennai) with family and friends to participate in this scientific programme and enjoy the Tourist spots around the venue.

Jai IAPM

Niranjn Rout



ANNOUNCEMENTS

IAPM Elections 2008

- Nominations are invited by the Honorary Secretary for the election to the following posts to be elected through postal ballot.
- 1. President (one post) : Tenure: One year
- 2. Vice President (one post) : Tenure: One year
- The duties of the above post 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 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 (1) a letter of consent and (2) a copy of their bio-data (not exceeding one A4 size page) Schedule
- Last date for receipt of nominations is : **31 August 2008.**
- Last date for withdrawal of nominations is : **25 Sept.2008.**
- Ballot Papers will be dispatched by : **30 Septmber 2008.**
- Last date for receipt of Ballot Papers : **10 Nov. 2008**
- Ballot Papers will be despatched only to those members who have cleared all dues by 30th June 2008 as notified by the Honorary Treasurer [Part III (Bye-laws of the Association under 8(Election of office bearers) item (viii)]

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

INDIAN COLLEGE OF PATHOLOGISTS (Quality assurance program in Pathology)

Indian College of Pathologists has received a proposal from the Association of Indian Pathologists in North America (AIPNA) to develop quality assurance program in Pathology.

This proposal was accepted by Executive and Faculty council of Indian College of pathologists, the council also decided names of zonal coordinators which are as below.

1. Dr. D. N. Lanjewar (National Coordinator)
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Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, and Andaman & Nikobar
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West zone includes: Maharashtra, Gujarat, Goa,
Diu & Daman, M.P. and Rajasthan
4. Dr. Sudipta Roy (East Zone coordinator)
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East zone includes: West Bengal, Assam, Sikkim, Manipur, Tripura,
Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram and Orissa
5. Dr. Harsh Mohan (North Zone coordinator)
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North zone includes: Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh,
Haryana, Punjab, New Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Bihar, Jharkhand

The salient features of the program are as below.

1. The AIPNA committee will send sets of slides to the National coordinator (Dr.D. N.Lanjewar, Officiating Secretary ICP). The slide set will consist of both tumoral and non-tumoral pathology from all organ sites.
2. National co-ordinator will send slide boxes to zonal co-ordinators, who will be responsible for administering services to the participating pathologists of the respective zone. (At present four zones are formed: East, West, North and South).
3. The participants will send diagnosis within a week by Fax to the zonal co-ordinator.
4. Zonal coordinators will send all responses to National co-ordinator. This exercise will take 3 months time.
5. At the end of 3 months all responses from individual pathologists will be forwarded to AIPNA by National co-ordinator. AIPNA will do compilation of all answers and will send correct answers and synopsis of salient diagnostic features to the National co-ordinator, who in turn will distribute synopsis to the participating pathologists via zonal co-ordinator.

Only when feed back of first slide set is sent to AIPNA, another slide set will be sent to Secretary ICP (National coordinator). At the end of this yearly cycle, a certificate of involvement in Quality Assurance / Improvement program will be sent to the participating pathologists jointly signed by AIPNA and ICP.

The participant will have to contribute (Rs.1000/-, Rupees one thousand only) for one year through DD in favor of Indian College of Pathologists, payable at Bangalore) for the cost of post and other material supplied. The program is initiated on no profit no loss basis This is an educational program opportunity only.

The interested pathologists are requested to communicate with the respective zonal coordinators.

Secretary ICP
Dr.D. N. Lanjewar

IAPM AWARDS AND PRIZES 2008

Applications from IAPM members are invited for the Dr. V. R. Khanolkar Prize, Smt Kunti Devi Mehrotra Award, Prof. K.C. Basu Mallick Award, Best Paper Award of 2008. The applications, complete in all respects should reach the Honorary Secretary by the **31st August 2008**.

All applications for the IAPM Awards should include the following :

Five reprints / copies of the published paper *along with five copies of the bio-data* of the applicant (*For the Dr. V.R. Khanolkar Prize and the Smt. Kunti Devi Mehrotra Award only*).

- Five copies of the full length paper in the form of a manuscript for the Indian Journal of Pathology and Microbiology (*For the Prof K.C. Basu Mallick Award and Best Paper Award only*).
- Certificate from the co-authors, if any, attesting and supporting the candidature of the principal author
- Certificate from all the authors certifying that this research work has been carried out in India .Certificate from all the authors certifying that this work has not received any other award.
- Proof of age (*Not required for the Prof K. C.Basu Mallick Award*)
- Covering letter indicating the IAPM Membership number
- Letter from Head of the Department/Dean stating that the applicant is eligible for the award in case of postgraduate students / Senior Residents.

Dr. V.R. Khanolkar Prize (2008)

The Dr. V. R. 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:

- The contest is open to those below 45 years of age on 31st July 2008
- The research work submitted should have been carried out in India.
- The above research work should have been published in the preceding two years.
- The Principal author shall submit a statement from his/ her co-authors (*if any*) supporting his/her candidature for the prize

The publication will be judged by a panel of three judges to be 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 2009.

Smt. Kunti Devi Mehrotra (2008)

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 :

The applicant should be below 40 years of age on 31st July 2008.

The research work submitted should have been carried out in India

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 statement from his/ her co-authors (*if any*) supporting his/her candidature for the award.

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

Prof. K.C. Basu Mallick Award (2008)

This award is given to the best paper presented during the Plenary session of the Annual Conference of IAPM.

- There is no age restriction.
- The research work should have been carried out in India.
- The Principal author shall submit a statement from his/ her co-authors (*if any*) supporting his/her candidature for the award.
- All candidates should submit a full-length text of the research work to be presented in the form of a manuscript for publication.
- The paper shall be scrutinized by a panel of referees selected by the President/ Secretary and a *maximum of five* papers will be selected for presentation.
- The time allotted for presentation is generally 10 minutes only.
- The judges for the Plenary Session shall be appointed by the President/ Honorary Secretary maintaining strict confidentiality.
- If none of the presentations are found suitable no award may be given.

Best Paper Award (2008)

This 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. K.C. Basu Mallick Award except:

- Age below 35 years on 31 December 2007
- A *maximum of four* papers will be selected for presentation
- The time allotted for presentation is generally 10-12 minutes only.

PARTICIPATION IN SYMPOSIUM AND SEMINAR OF APCON 2008

The members, who are interested to participate as resource person in seminars and symposia, are requested to contact the following moderators :

1. Dr. D.N. Lanjewar, Phone - 09820162722,
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Symposium : Role of Autopsies in Pathology Training
2. Dr. Simi Bhatia, Phone - 09820010590,
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Symposium : Pros and Cons of immunohistochemistry

3. Dr. Vatsala Mishra, Phone - 09415214308,
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Slide seminar : urinary bladder neoplastic and non-neoplastic lesions.
5. Dr. B.K. Nanda : Phone 0671-2311231
Symposium : Sick cell Anaemia

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION FOR APCON 2008

(Last date of abstract submission 31st August 2008)

The abstracts should be submitted to the **Organising Secretary, APCON 2008**.

Abstracts (maximum 250 words) for both oral and poster session in the format - objective, methods, Results, conclusion should be sent online to the organising secretary (apcon2008@gmail.com). In case of submission through hard copies, an electronic version in MS Word format in CD should accompany the abstract. The name of presenting author should be underlined, who must be a member of IAPM and must be a registered delegate of APCON 2008.

Oral presentations will be limited to 100 abstracts. Rest of the abstracts will be included as posters.

BEST POSTER AWARD (2008)

To accommodate more free papers during APCON 2008 preference will be given for poster presentation. Those who are presenting posters should bring with them the CD/electronic version of the poster for presentation in plenary session, if selected.

- There will be seven or more poster session on first two days of APCON 2008.
- In each session the best poster will be adjudged by the judges/reviewers.
- The CD of best posters of each session will be allowed to present in the **Plenary Session** on 3rd day morning of APCON 2008. (3 min for presentation, 2 min for discussion)
- During this oral presentation session the best poster adjudged by a panel of judges will be awarded as best poster APCON 2008.
- The prize will be distributed in the valedictory session of APCON 2008.

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME (APCON - 2008)

VENUE : 57TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF PATHOLOGISTS AND MICROBIOLOGISTS

SRM Medical College Hospital and Research Centre, SRM University, Kattankulathur-603203 Tamilnadu, (India), E-mail: apcon2008@gmail.com

IAP-ID Meeting December 15, 2008 (Monday)

IAP-ID Teaching Session
IAP-ID General Body Meeting
Inauguration of APCON 2008 (IAPM Conference)

APCON 2008 (Day-1) December 16, 2008 (Tuesday)

Registration
Dr. B.K. Aikat Memorial Oration by President, IAPM
Plenary Session : Best Paper Award.
Guest Lecture
Gaya Prasad Memorial Symposium.
Proffered Papers (Oral Presentation)
Posters Presentation & Review
IAPM Executive Council Meeting

APCON 2008 (Day-2) December 17, 2008 (Wednesday)

ICP oration 2008
Slide Seminar
Symposium
Proffered Papers (Oral Presentation)
Posters Presentation & Review
IAPM General Body Meeting

APCON 2008 (Day-3) December 18, 2008 (Thursday)

Plenary Session - Best Poster
Symposium
Quiz Session
Valedictory Function

CME 19th & 20th December 2008

Post Conference CME and Workshop.
(To be organised by Organising Committee APCON 2008)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Events	Dates	Venue	Contact
IAP-ID Annual CME 2008	Sept 2008	Mumbai	Dr. Anita S. Bhaduri, Organising Secretary Surgical Pathologist, P.D. Hinuja National Hospital, Mumbai- 400016, Ph.: 09820401597 Email : asbhaduri@yahoo.com
27th International Congress IAP	12-17 Oct, 2008	Athens, Greece	Congress organiser Era Ltd. Email : info@era.gr Website : www.era.gr, www.iap2008.com
Cytocon 2008	13-16 Nov, 2008	Ahmedabad	Dr. Chetan Dharaiya Organising Secretary, Dept. of Pathology B.J. Medical College, Ahmedabad, Gujarat-380016 Ph. - 094264 42214, Email : dr_chetandharaiya@yahoo.com
APCON - 2008	16-18 Dec, 2008	Kattankulathur, Tamilnadu (42 KM from Chennai)	Prof. Taralakhmi V. Venugopal Organising Secretary, APCON 2008 SRM Medical College Hospital and Research Centre, SRM University, Kattankulathur-603203 Tamilnadu, (India). Phone : 91-044-27454603-1526, E-mail: apcon2008@gmail.com

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