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THE AUTOPSY IS DYING! RISE AND SAVE THE AUTOPSY!

The autopsy has a long history. In the 1800s, before medicine became specialized, clinicians performed autopsies on their own patients to verify their diagnosis and to evaluate treatment. In the 19th centuries, the autopsy was at the cutting edge of Medicine, a critical part of progress and the essential component of the understanding of the morphologic basis of all disease. The Golden Era of autopsy occurred during the 19th century, when tens of thousands of autopsies on adults provided the data base that underlies the basis of modern medicine. Even today, it has a significant role to play in medical progress and in the diagnosis of new diseases (HIV & SARS being the most recent). Unfortunately recent years have seen autopsy rates decline in most countries, a phenomenon which defies logic-given that the autopsy continues to be the gold standard for determining the quality of care. The autopsy rates have plummeted from 50% in 1940s to around 14% in 1980s and currently less than 5% in many hospitals. A variety of societal, medical and technological factors are responsible for the decline of the autopsy, and it is clear that there is no single cause, or even principle cause, for this decline.

In spite of the feeling amongst clinicians that the contemporary investigative tools such as the echocardiogram, CT scan and the MRI, provide them with all the answers they need, many cases still end up with a wrong diagnosis. Some patients die and if a post mortem examination is performed, the case often ends up with a revised diagnosis, one which may have made a significant difference to the outcome, if known in time.

The first autopsy in India was performed on 5th January 1884 at the Grant Medical College, Mumbai. Since then many institutes in our country have worked extensively on autopsy pathology and published several articles on autopsy pathology including neuropathology, cardiovascular pathology and AIDS pathology.

The total numbers of existing medical colleges in our country are 289 (129 Government Medical colleges and 160 Private Medical Colleges). Out of 289 medical colleges only 8 government and semi-government Medical colleges have functional autopsy program. There are few government medical colleges where the autopsies are performed, though with significantly inadequate resources and hence difficulty in getting appropriate testing and drawing appropriate conclusions. While in almost all private medical colleges autopsy program is not functional. Due to non availability of autopsy program, postgraduates are missing out on the fundamental instruction on which the practice of medicine has been built.

As per the guidelines of universities, the autopsy is an essential part of the pathology curriculum. Undergraduate medical students have to attend 10 pathological postmortems and have to record findings of these autopsies in the journals. Similarly, 50 marks are allocated to autopsy exercise at MD pathology examination. Since there is non existence of autopsy program in most of the medical colleges, it is likely that university curriculum is not followed.

The autopsy workshops conducted in the past at the Grant Medical College, Mumbai concludes that postgraduates in pathology are interested to learn the autopsy science; hence we need to revive this dying specialty by acting today. Those institutes having sufficient numbers of autopsies should start organizing autopsy workshops for Post graduates. The course should comprise of didactic lectures, performance of post mortems, autopsy technique demonstration, autopsy specimen demonstrations and discussion of clinico-pathological conferences. In these workshops Postgraduates should be made aware regarding likely emergence of infectious diseases in future (such as the avian flu or Swine flu), and therefore should be taught guidelines of performing infectious autopsies.

To conclude, the decline in autopsy is a progressive one. The blame lies, at least in part, at our own door. It is time for us, the pathologists, to reshape the future by acting now. It is that or death of the autopsy.

Prof. D. N. Lanjewar
President IAPM



APCON PROGRAMME AND ELECTION 2009

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 30.09.2009 to the Organising Secretary, Dr. Pradeep Kumar Mitra and send a copy to the Hon. secy IAPM Dr. Niranjan Rout.

There are announcements for IAPM Election and invitations for various IAPM Awards in this News Bulletin. Please go through the rules and regulations carefully and send your entries before the deadline i.e. 31st August 2009.

The organising Secretary Dr. Pradeep Kumar Mitra and his team are doing tireless efforts to make this conference memorable. Soon you will receive the brochure of information about APCON 2009 from the Organising Secretary.

I take this opportunity to invite you all to come to Kolkata with family and friends to participate in this scientific programme and enjoy the Tourist spots in and around the venue.

Jai IAPM
Niranjan Rout

IAPM Elections 2009

- 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 2009.**
- Last date for withdrawal of nominations is : 25 Sept.2009.
- Ballot Papers will be dispatched by : 30 Septmber 2009.
- Last date for receipt of Ballot Papers :10 Nov. 2009.
- Ballot Papers will be despatched only to those members who have cleared all dues by 30th June 2009 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

PARTICIPATION IN SYMPOSIA AND SEMINARS OF APCON 2009

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

1. Dr. Manoj Kumar Choudhury, Bankura
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Symposium : Pathology of female infertility
2. Dr. Harsh Mohan, Chandigarh
Ph. : 0172-2664736,
Email : drharshmohan@gmail.com
Seminar: Seminar on undergraduate medical education
3. Dr. Asim Das, Chandigarh
Ph.:09872223744,
Email : ashim126@gmail.com
Slide Seminar : Benign lymphoid lesions micking lymphoma & vice versa.
4. Dr. Arunaloke Chakravarty, Chandigarh
Ph.: 0172-2711994
Email : arunaloke@gmail.com
Symposium : Septicemia recent problems
5. Dr. Renu Saxena, New Delhi
Ph. : 09899546664,
Email : rebusax@hotmail.com
Symposium : Diagnosis & management of bleeding disorders - Role of pathologist
6. Dr S.K. Shankar, Bangalore
Ph. : 080-26995130,
Email : shankarsk2004@gmail.com
Symposium : Symposium on guideline for preservation of pathology specimen.

IAPM AWARDS AND PRIZES 2009

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 2009. The applications, complete in all respects should reach the Honorary Secretary by the **31st August 2009**.

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 (2009)

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 2009.
- 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 2010.

Smt. Kunti Devi Mehrotra (2009)

- 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 2009.
- 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 (2009)

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 (2009)

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 2008
- A *maximum of four* papers will be selected for presentation
- The time allotted for presentation is generally 10-12 minutes only.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIVITIES OF IAPM

IAPM Orissa Chapter organised a blood grouping health camp at Nimpur High School, Jagatpur, Cuttack on 15th February 2009. Free health checkup and blood grouping of school students, both boys and girls were done by members of IAPM. Blood grouping certificates were distributed by the guest Dr. Sangita Desai of Mumbai, Dr. Pradip Ku. Mitra of Kolkata, Dr. G.N. Mohanty, Vice-president IAPM and Dr. N.C. Parija jt. Secretary IAPM (HQ).

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION FOR APCON 2009

(Last date of abstract submission 30th September 2009)

The abstracts should be submitted to the **Organising Secretary, APCON 2009** with a copy to the **Hon. Secy IAPM**.

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 (apcon2009@gmail.com) and a copy to the Hon. Secretary IAPM (secretaryiapm@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 2009.

Oral presentations will be limited to 150 abstracts. Rest of the abstracts will be included as posters.

BEST POSTER AWARD (2009)

To accommodate more free papers during APCON 2009 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 2009. 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 2009. (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 2009. The prize will be distributed in the valedictory session of APCON 2009.

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME (APCON - 2009)

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International Conference on Gynaecological Breast pathology ICON_GYNAE & BREAST-2009	28th & 30th Aug. 2009	Colombo, Srilanka	Dr. Bmalka Sneviratne No.06, Wijerama House, Wijerama Mawatha, Colombo 7, Sri Lanka E-mail : bimalkas@yahoo.com.au
CYTOCON 2009	12th & 15th Nov. 2009	Chandigarh	Dr. Arvind Rajwanshi, Prof. & Head of Cytology & Gynaec Pathology PGIMER, Chandigarh-160023 Ph: 9914208117, 9914208116, E-mail : drsradhika@gmail.com Website : www.cytoindia.com
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