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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear fellow IAPM members,

My journey with the Association began in 1973, when I attended my first APCON national meeting in AIIMS, New Delhi as a postgraduate student from MAMC, and had its most recent highlight when I had the privilege and the honour of delivering the Presidential Address at Kochi in 2015.



Over these 40-plus years, I saw the IAPM grow and develop and adapt itself to changing times, views and technologies. Old stalwarts glowed like the mid-day sun even as new saplings pushed their way out of the soil. The specialty of Pathology itself evolved, the mother discipline slowly splitting into a brood of major and minor sub-specialties. Some, like Medical Microbiology and Transfusion Medicine left the parental home early, with the establishment of full-fledged MD courses in their own right. Others like Hematology, Nephropathology, Neuropathology and Dermatopathology carved out a distinct niche for themselves, but stayed connected to the basic stream.

In the midst of all these changes, certain values have thankfully remained constant, and others have seen a welcome return. At the excellently-organized Kochi national conference, for instance, I noted with pleasure how the well-attended sessions ran with clockwork precision, and how eager young trainees listened with rapt attention to the scientific deliberations. I also observed how the new-generation is less shy and more confident about interacting with the expert speakers, a welcome trend that needs encouragement. These young pathologists will of course encounter a professional world vastly different from what their counterparts in the 1970s and 80s faced. Autopsy rates are declining, while genetic and molecular tests have an increasingly important role in diagnosis and prognostication of various pathological entities. It is not just enough to perform tests; laboratories need to demonstrate acceptable evidences of proficiency and quality control. In the midst of all these churnings, a solid ground-level knowledge of etiopathological mechanisms and basic morphology retain its importance, in fact, it is more important than ever since it guides us to the required markers.

Lifelong learning is a mandatory requirement in our noble profession, and this is actually a gift in disguise. It has been my privilege to learn and share knowledge with fellow pathologists, teachers and students, and hopefully serve the profession. I thank all office bearers and all association members for making 2015 a memorable one because of your support, love and confidence in me.

Wishing everyone success and happiness and a great 2016.

Dr. Prof. Tejinder Singh
President, IAPM



SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Dear Members

A Happy and Healthy 2016 to all of the IAPM fraternity. Once again it was a pleasure to participate in APCON 2015, where the Organizing committee, particularly the Chairperson Dr. Aravindan and the Secretary Dr. Praseeda Nair played a stellar role in making it a resounding success. All the members are requested to check the web-site at regular intervals for updates as printed newsletters are to be sent only to a selected few for reducing our financial burden. I wish to thank Dr. Tejindar Singh for his guidance and encouragement and welcome our new President IAPM, Dr. Siddhartha Datta Gupta.

MINUTES OF THE 64TH GENERAL BODY MEETING OF IAPM AT APCON 2015, KOCHI, KERALAM

The meeting was chaired by President, IAPM Prof. Tejindar Singh.

Agenda No. 1: Condolences: The house was informed regarding the sad demise of the following honorable members of the association: Dr. Bhimsen Sannacharya Raichur, Dr. Subimal Roy, Dr. Sarla Shrivastava and Dr. CS Bhaskaran

Resolution: Agenda No. 01/2015: 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 informed their inability to attend the Executive Committee and General Body Meetings: Dr. Challa Sundaram, Dr. Prakash Patil and Dr. Harsh Mohan.

Resolution: Agenda No. 02/2015: The general body was informed about the apologies.

Agenda No. 3: Confirmation of minutes of 63rd GBM at APCON 2014

a. A memorandum of understanding between Dr. Nirag Jhala and IAPM (represented by the Secretary) to fund the Professor CI Jhala Memorial Oration is still in process.

b. The report of the financial sub-committee comprising Dr. AM Phatak (Chairperson), Pradeep Vaideeswar (Convener), Dr. Lanjewar and Dr. Harshmohan (Members) was submitted, reviewed and discussed.

c. The SOPs for all the sessions in APCON were applied to APCON 2015.

Resolution: Agenda No. 03/2015: The minutes of the 63rd GBM at APCON 2014, Pune were confirmed and passed, proposed by Dr. Dr. BK Nanda and seconded by Dr. Lanjewar.

Agenda No. 4: Report of Honorary Secretary, IAPM

Resolution: Agenda No. 04/2015: The General Body accepted the report of Honorary Secretary IAPM for the year 2015.

Agenda No. 5: Report of Joint Secretary, IAPM

Resolution: Agenda No. 05/2015: The General Body accepted the report of Joint Secretary IAPM for the year 2015.

Agenda No. 6: Report of Treasurer, IAPM

Resolution: Agenda No. 06/2015: The General Body accepted the report of Treasurer IAPM for the year 2015.

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

Resolution: Agenda No. 07/2015: The General Body accepted the report of the Editor IAPM for the year 2015.

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

Resolution: Agenda No. 08/2015: The General Body accepted the report of Joint Secretary, HQ IAPM for the year 2015.

Agenda No. 9: Report of Secretary, Indian College of Pathologists **Resolution: Agenda No. 05/2015:**

The General Body accepted the report of the Secretary, ICP for the year 2015.

Agenda No. 10: Admission of new members to IAPM

Resolution: Agenda No. 10/2015: The General Body accepted the proposal of conferring membership to 446 applicants, who had applied for membership till 30th October 2015.

Agenda No. 11: Election 2015

Agenda No. 11a: Declaration of results for the post of President 2016

Only one valid nomination of Dr. Siddhartha Datta Gupta, New Delhi was received for the post of President IAPM.

Resolution: Agenda No. 11a: The General Body accepted the election of Dr. Siddhartha Datta Gupta to the post of President IAPM 2016, unopposed.

Agenda No. 11b: Declaration of results for the post of Vice President 2015

Only one valid nomination of Dr. Ashim Das, Chandigarh was received for the post of Vice-President IAPM.

Resolution: Agenda No. 11b: The General Body accepted the election of Dr. Ashim Das to the post of Vice President IAPM 2016, unopposed.

Agenda No. 12: Nomination of two members for scrutiny & counting of ballot papers

Resolution: Agenda No. 12: Dr. Anuradha Phatak 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 2016.

Agenda No. 13: Declaration of Papers for Awards

Agenda No. 13a: For the Dr VR Khanolkar and Smt. Kunti Devi Mehrotra prizes for published papers, there were three entries and two entries, respectively. The judges recommended Dr. Lavleen Singh (AIIMS, New Delhi) for the Dr VR Khanolkar award 2015, and Dr. Aanchal Kakkar (AIIMS, New Delhi) for the Smt. Kunti Devi Mehrotra Award 2015.

Resolution: Agenda No. 13a: The papers of Dr. Lavleen Singh were approved for the Dr VR Khanolkar award 2015, and the paper of Dr. Aanchal Kakkar was approved for Smt. Kunti Devi Mehrotra Award in 2015.

Agenda No. 13b: For the Prof KC Basu Mallick Award and Best Paper Award, three and two entries, respectively were selected. Among these, the judges selected Dr. Shouriya Ghosh (AIIMS, New Delhi) for the Prof KC Basu Mallick Award 2015, and Dr. Sayali Honap (TMC, Kolkata) for the Best Paper Award 2015.

Resolution: Agenda No. 13b: The papers of Dr. Shouriya Ghosh were approved for the Prof KC Basu Mallick Award 2015, and the paper of Dr. Sayali Honap was approved for Best Paper Award 2015.

Agenda No. 14: Proposals for Orations, Symposia, Slide Seminars & CMEs

a. Tamil Nadu-Puducherry Oration: TN-Puducherry Chapter has nominated Dr. Vani Santosh, Professor-Pathology, NIMHANS, Bengaluru for this oration at APCON 2016.

Resolution: Agenda No. 14a: The General Body accepted the proposal.

b. Symposia:

i) Dr. Gaya Prasad Memorial Pathology Symposium: The following proposals have been received: Lt Col Dr Tanushri Mukherjee, Army Command Hospital, Kolkata - *Diffuse Endocrine System and Paragangliomas: Predictive Biochemistry and Genetics*; Dr Bharat Rekhi, Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai - *Soft Tissue Tumors - Perils, Pitfalls and Pearls* OR *Bone and Soft Tissue Tumors - Perils, Pitfalls and Pearls*; Dr. Asaranti Kar, SCB Medical College, Odisha - *Gestational trophoblastic disease-The new FIGO staging and modified WHO risk factor scoring system* OR *Histogenetic concepts, terminology and categorization of biphasic tumors of body*

Resolution: Agenda No. 14b (i): The General Body accepted the proposal of Lt Col Dr. Tanushri Mukerjee on

“Diffuse Endocrine System and Paragangliomas: Predictive Biochemistry and Genetics”. The duration of the symposium will be for one hour and will include preferably only three speakers. The title should include the word *“Pathology”* before *“Predictive Biochemistry and Genetics”*

ii) Hematology Symposium: There was one proposal - Dr. Seema Tyagi, All India Institute Of Medical Sciences, New Delhi - *Flow cytometry in Hematology* OR *Benign Red blood cell disorders (other than thalassemia and hemoglobinopathies)*

Resolution: Agenda No. 14b (ii): Since Dr. Seema Tyagi is not an IAPM member, the General Body decided that Dr. Tejindar Singh will moderate the session and the title would be changed to *“Flow Cytometry in Benign Hematological Disorders”*

c. Slide Seminar: Seven proposals had been received for the Slide seminar.

Resolution: Agenda No. 14c: The topic of *“Lesions of Spleen”* was selected. Since Dr. Uppin (who had proposed this topic) had been a moderator in APCON 2014, Dr. Asitava Mondal (who had proposed the same topic for the CME) was selected as the moderator by the General Body.

d. CMEs: Fourteen proposals had been received.

Resolution: Agenda No. 14d: It was decided by the General Body that the CMEs should be organ/system specific so that pathology of many organs can be covered. Seven topics were selected for the CME - Dr. Shubhada Kane, Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai - *Sino-nasal tumors*; Gp Capt Prateek Kinra, Command Hospital Air Force, Bangalore - *Cystic lesions of the pancreas and their significance in daily practice*; Prof Kim Vaiphei, PGIMER, Chandigarh - *Pre-malignant and malignant lesions of Esophagus*; Dr.Rajalaxmi T, St. John's Medical College, Bangalore - *Practical Approach to Skin Adnexal Neoplasms*; Dr. Urmila Senapati, KIMS, Bhubaneswar - *Infectious diseases of female genital tract*; Dr. Ruma Ray, AIIMS, New Delhi - *Tumors of the Heart*; Dr. Sumeet Gujral, Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai - *Indolent Clonal Lymphoid Proliferations*.

e. Practising Pathologists' Session: The following proposals had been received from Dr Ranjan Agrawal: *Training of Laboratory Professionals - Means, Evaluation and Expectations* OR *Laboratory Instrumentations - What to expect from vendors*

Resolution: Agenda No. 14e: The topic of *“Training of Laboratory Professionals - Means, Evaluation and Expectations”* was selected. Since Dr. Agrawal (who had proposed this topic) had been a moderator in APCON

2013, Dr. Sachin Kale was selected as the moderator by the General Body.

Agenda No. 15: Request from Joint Secretary

A letter was received from Dr. Sharada Rane on 21st December 2014 regarding payment of Rs. 5000.00 for official purposes.

Resolution: Agenda No. 15: The General Body approved of the payment to the Joint Secretary.

Agenda No. 16: Request from Editor-in-Chief

A letter was received from Dr. Vatsala Misra for reimbursement of the registration fees of Rs. 12000.00 for attending the first international conference of World Association of Medical Journal editors (WAME) organized by AIJME from 1st -4th Oct 2015 at New Delhi

Resolution: Agenda No. 16: The General Body approved of the reimbursement to the Editor-IJPM

Agenda No. 17: Suggestions from Editor-in-Chief

Resolution: Agenda No. 17: The following suggestions made by the Editor-in-Chief were approved by the General Body:

a. Appointment of Associate Editors and the members of Editorial Board and inclusion of International Advisers is the prerogative of the Editor. The General Body felt that the duties of the Associate Editor and Assistant Editor should be better defined and incorporated in the Bye-laws, Rules and Regulations of the constitution of the IAPM. Apart from the International Advisers, all should be members of IAPM.

b. Increasing the remuneration of the office assistant from Rs. 2000.00 per month to Rs. 3000.00 per month.

c. Appointment of a Technical Assistant who apart from the initial screening of the submitted manuscripts, shall also be responsible for tracking the online or demand draft or cheque payment of author processing fees made to the IJPM account and for the time-to-time transfer of the money to the IAPM account. The remuneration should be Rs. 5000.00 per month. It was also decided that one of the accounts of the IAPM should be reserved for receiving the journal income.

d. To reduce the printing and postage costs the members who have had life memberships before 2000 will get the printed version of the journal, while all the others would have an online access. The treasurer's office should also review and revise the list of members, which will further

help in decreasing the printing and postage charges and wastage due to return of these journals.

e. The online version only should have color photographs and it will be free. A choice should be provided for authors to opt for either color or black and white photographs for the print version at the time of submission. Facilities to make this choice should be clearly available while submitting manuscripts on-line. Color photographs for the print version will be charged and charges may be increased from Rs 500.00 to Rs. 1000.00 per color figure.

f. Increasing the subscription charges for institutions and libraries from Rs. 6000.00 per year to Rs. 10000.00 per year and for book agents from Rs. 5700.00 per year to Rs. 9500.00 per year.

g. Payment of IJPM supplement by the APCON Organizing Secretary.

h. Appointment of Editor Elect for proper training and handing over the charge.

The General Body did not approve the inclusion of President AIPNA as Associate Editor and it was also felt not necessary that the review articles should be from AIPNA members.

Agenda No. 18: Upgradation of Website

The General Body approved upgradation of the IAPM website for Registration Process of IAPM membership, and not for voting.

Agenda No. 19: Any other matter with permission of the Chair

a. The General Body approved the suggestion from Dr. Sharada Rane that the IAPM membership should be increased to Rupees One Thousand a year for five years of Ordinary membership and an additional payment of Rupees Five Thousand for Life Membership.

b. The General Body did not approve the proposal of Dr. Dilip Ramrakhiani to start an oration in the memory of Late Dr. Rani Ramrakhiani.

Agenda No. 20: Thanking the Hosts of APCON 2015

The General Body applauded the great efforts of the entire Organizing Committee of APCON 2015 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.

