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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends

I would like to thank each one of you for your support and trust by electing me as the President of the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists (IAPM) for the year 2014. I am lucky to have a set of gifted and extremely committed members in the current executive. I am also grateful to the previous outgoing members of the executive for their contribution and as always, we shall seek the advice and counsel of our respected senior members. IAPM is indeed one of the finest professional associations in India, with a well defined education program, and effective and likeminded sister bodies like the IAP-ID and the Indian College of Pathologists. There is, naturally, scope for improvement in several areas, as is true for all such bodies. Professional bodies such as IAPM can run only on the strength, criticism and suggestions of its members. Therefore please consider this as your own association, and send all constructive suggestions to us. We eagerly await your opinions, and will try to implement whatever is possible. Let us work towards making IAPM better academically and professionally. The contribution and input of every member especially by way of criticism and suggestions is invaluable.

At present, there is an increasingly large number of CME programs, conferences and teaching exercises carried out on various platforms all over the country. These are being done by the State Chapters, specialty associations, and also by branches of the IMA. It would be desirable to have a centralized repository where these can be displayed together; this would serve for advertisement as well as to exclude duplications. In this matter, Pathoindia and Dr Johnson are doing yeoman service to the Pathology community in India, and I feel that, if all organizers were to inform the central body, IAPM could well perform the role of co-ordinating these activities on an yearly basis. I request all people planning such activities to inform the Honorary Secretary as soon as possible.

Few of these teaching exercises are aimed exclusively at students. The Delhi chapter has experimented with these, and this effort has been highly appreciated by the target participants. It would be desirable to have topic oriented, "Hands on" microscopy sessions for MD and DNBE students, as well as practical demonstrations. It is easily done in any Undergraduate medical College, where a fair number of microscopes are available. Thus, while faculty may prepare slides in their own labs, one or more medical colleges in the region can be the actual venue. This will go a long way towards exposing our students to different types of disease processes with a view to improving their diagnostic acumen.

We need to, with honesty and in the national interest, utilize the newly emerging areas of TelePathology and Virtual Teaching. Besides compensating for staff and resource shortages, both in diagnostic and teaching sides, these advances will be a huge step forward for quality assurance, and establishing quality parameters which will elevate us beyond the clinging drawbacks of limited resources, lack of an organized, governmental setup, and lack of communication with each other, and offer all of us, as a community of Pathologists in India, a chance to achieve parity in every field with the best in the world.

With regards
Prof. Manoj Singh
President IAPM



VICE - PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members

At the outset I must thank you all for your trust and faith in accepting me as the Vice-President of the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists for the year 2014. I also consider this tenure as valuable since I have been given this opportunity to serve the association again after having been an Honorary Secretary from 2005-2007. I am particularly fortunate to be amongst extremely committed members in the current executive. I am also grateful to the previous outgoing members of the executive for their contribution and shall as always seek the advice and wise-counsel of our senior members.



I wish to convey to you that IAPM is indeed one of the finest professional bodies in this country. There is no doubt that there is tremendous scope for improvement in several areas, which is true for all such bodies, and IAPM is definitely not amongst the relatively financially well-to-do associations! Professional bodies such as IAPM, can run only on the strength, criticism and suggestions of its members. Therefore please consider this as an association that reflects the profession we have all chosen for life. It cannot be relegated to an organization that meets annually to conduct a conference and runs a journal! Let us not be merely critical about everything associated with this association, often forgetting about the contribution and its stature over the years, but work towards making IAPM better academically and professionally. The contribution and input of every member especially by way of criticism and suggestions is invaluable.

I would urge each and every Chapter to ensure that its members are members of the parent body. Unfortunately, most of our younger members attend various state chapter activities but rush for membership only if they have to attend the annual conference. In fact it should be the other way around! My predecessor did try to sort this out and I seek the co-operation of various state chapter chairpersons to please ensure that a membership list is provided to the Secretary, IAPM and ensure that all such members apply for the membership of the parent body, in case they have not done so.

Currently there are several CME programs and conferences that address the issue of educating us throughout the year. Thankfully and fortunately also provided and opportunity for those who cannot travel over long distances to attend such academic activities nearby. Many state chapters are in fact conducting such excellent programs. As an extension to this, it would be worthwhile considering programs exclusively for final year postgraduates [purely as a form for brushing up what is expected of them] in four or five cities so as to cater to students of these regions, co-hosted by the IAPM. This is neither new nor novel since some other specialties and some institutions do have such programs. Our annual conference can also be one such venue. I am sure there are several wonderful suggestions and the executive would be more than happy to receive them.

Professor Siddhartha Datta Gupta

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Dear Members

I feel greatly honored to assume the post of Secretary of this prestigious organization, the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists. This would not have been possible without the blessings and good wishes of several senior members and my colleagues. I will assure all of you that I would make every effort to continue with traditions and good work of my predecessors. I take this opportunity to wish all members a healthy 2014 and welcome suggestions and criticisms. Hope to see you all at APCON 2014, Pune.



Pradeep Vaideeswar

JOINT SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

I thank you all the members of IAPM for giving me the opportunity to serve Our National body and attempt to do some good work. I would appreciate if the office bearers would communicate the details under the following headings: Name of organization, Office bearers (names, designation, corresponding address, email, mobile number) and tenure of appointment. Furthermore, the election process and results of elections have also to be sent. I also appeal to all states chairpersons to kindly send information of state chapter activities (September of the previous year to August of next year) to me so that it can be published in news bulletin.



Dr. Sharada Rane

TREASURER'S MESSAGE

I wish all the members a happy prosperous New Year 2014. I am also thankful to all members of IAPM for elect me as Treasurer uncontested. I will try my best of serve the association in an organized manner. Hence I expect full support and cooperation from everybody. I request all our honorable members to enroll new members as ordinary-to-life (OL), Ordinary (O), Associates (A), and Affiliated (AF) members and strengthen our association. I request all members to update the address and other details directly on the IAPM website. Jai IAPM



Dr. Maya Nanda



President, IAPM 2014 - Dr. Manoj Singh :

Born in Delhi in 1956, Joined AIIMS in 1973, and stayed on! MBBS in 1978 and MD (Path) in 1982 from AIIMS; Worked as Senior Resident, then for two years in the Delhi Cancer Registry, before joining AIIMS as Lecturer in 1987; Worked in Surgical and Dermatopathology since then, with occasional stints in Cytopathology; Been involved in many research projects on various subjects, including Dermopathology, Cytopathology, Surgical Pathology and Oral Cancer; Set up the Dermatopathology Society of India as its founder Secretary, then Vice President, and now President till 2013; Author of the first two textbooks on Dermatopathology, and also 3 other books; Organized numerous conferences at AIIMS on Dermopathology, Cytopathology, Surgical Pathology, Diagnostic modalities, Recent advances and so on.; At APCON over the years, participated and moderated numerous slide seminars, symposia; Till recently, was a member of the Board of Governors of MCI; Elected member and executive member of the Delhi Medical Council; President, Faculty Association of AIIMS; BC Roy Awardee; At present, deeply involved in "Virtual Teaching in Medicine" as a supplement to regular teaching in medical colleges, and PI of two major projects funded by DIT in the area; Avid gardener, special interest in cacti and at present, growing succulents from Madagascar



Vice-President, IAPM 2014 - Dr. Siddhartha Datta Gupta :

Dr. Siddhartha Datta Gupta is currently a Professor, Department of Pathology, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi. Prof. S. Datta Gupta did his MBBS and DCP from the Bangalore Medical College, Bangalore and MD (Pathology) from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi. He was a British Council Study Fellow at the Royal Free Hospital, London in 1993 where he underwent training in Liver Pathology including Liver Transplantation Pathology. He has served as an Assistant Professor of Pathology at St. Johns Medical College, Bangalore, been a visiting faculty at the BP Koirala Institute of Health Sciences, Dharan Nepal and has completed a two-year sabbatical as the Professor & Head of Pathology at AIMST University, Malaysia. Prof. S. Datta Gupta is a histopathologist and his field of interest is Liver and Gastrointestinal Pathology. He has worked on both experimental and clinical aspects of liver diseases and gastrointestinal diseases. He has been teaching pathology to undergraduates for over thirty years and postgraduates for over twenty-five years now. He was the Honorary Secretary of the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists from 2005-2007. He was also one of the immediate past Councilors of the International Academy of Pathology-Indian Division. He has been associated with the editorial boards of the Indian Journal of Gastroenterology, Indian Journal of Pathology and Microbiology of which he is an Associate Editor, Indian Journal of Laboratory Physicians, Indian Journal of Dermatopathology and Diagnostic Dermatology and Hepatitis B Annual and is a peer reviewer of several journals. He has published over 275 abstracts and papers and has contributed to chapters in several books. He has been in various national, institutional and academic committees including notably, the Sub-Committee of the International Association for the Study of Liver (IASL) for the Nomenclature of Acute and Subacute Liver Failure and the International Working Party on Celiac Disease of the World Gastroenterology Organization and the Asian Pacific Association of Gastroenterology.



Secretary, IAPM 2014-2016 - Pradeep Vaideeswar:

A medical graduate from Grant Medical College, Mumbai (1985), did his MD from Seth GS Medical College, Mumbai; Continued as a teacher in the twin institutions of Seth GS Medical College & KEM Hospital from 1990;



Pursuing his special interest in Cardiovascular and Pulmonary pathology since 1991; Research fellow in Cardiovascular pathology at Toronto General Hospital, Ontario, Canada and Visiting Clinician in Pulmonary Pathology at Mayo Clinic, Scottsdale, Arizona, USA; Guide to 21 MD pathology students; More than 150 publications in International & National indexed journals; Member of different associations and reviewer to 27 journals; Contributing authors to five books. As a life member of IAPM, he has been participating in APCONs and an active member in the editorial board of IJPM. At present, he is working as Professor (additional), Pathology at Seth GS Medical College.

Joint Secretary, IAPM 2014-2016 - Dr. Sharada Rane :

After her MBBS and MD from B J Medical College (Pune University), Dr. Rane joined as a staff member in BJ Medical College from 1989 till date. Her interested sub-specialities are Infectious pathology, Renal pathology, General surgical pathology, Intra-operative consultation;



Membership - Indian Association of Pathology and Microbiology (Life member since 1996), Indian Association of Cytologist (Life member since 2003) and International Academy of Pathology Indian Division (IAP-ID); Awarded the First place in Poster session at Gold APCON 2002 Mumbai; Unanimously elected as Chairperson of Maharashtra Chapter of Pathologists from year 2009 to 2012, Fellow of Indian College of Pathologist (FICP) on 1st December 2005 at APCON Indore, Convener of PG Quiz session in Maharashtra chapter conference for year 2007 - 2009 and member of Under graduate committee of Medical council of India; 20 publications in various national and international journals; Papers are presented in national & international conferences; Guest faculty at various national and international conferences. She is currently Senior Associate Professor.

Treasurer, IAPM 2014-2016 - Dr. Maya Nanda:

Passed MD Biochemistry in 1973 and MD Pathology and Bacteriology in 1978; Worked as Professor & Head, Pathology at SCB Medical College, Cuttack and SUM Hospital & Medical College, Bhubaneswar, and as Professor, Pathology Narayan Medical College, Nellore; Life Member of IAPM last 34 years; Participated and presented papers in APCON since 1979; Member of Organising Committee of APCON 1993, Cuttack, APCON 2003, BBSR and HQ CME from 2004; Member - Advisory Committee of IAPM HQ and CYTOCON 2012; Treasurer Odisha Chapter of Indian Academy of Cytology from 2007 to 2009; Vice President Odisha Chapter of Indian Academy of Cytology from 2013 to 2015.



Joint Secretary, IAPM 2014-2016 - Dr. Asranti Kar:

After passing MD in Pathology, she started her career as Lecturer in SCB Medical College, Cuttack. She has established herself as a brilliant teacher and is a dedicated academician and surgical pathologist. She has been Editor of HQ CME Proceedings, Convener of IAPM CLUB-since 2010 and Pathologists Club of Odisha - 2004 to 2009, Editor of Orissa Journal of Pathologists and Microbiologists 2008 to 2010, Associate Editor, Bioinfo publications and member of editorial Board member and peer reviewer, IJPM. Her field of interests are Gynecological pathology , Autopsy, Medical education; Felicitated for outstanding work in "Screening of cervical cancer in female sex workers of urban slums of Bhubaneswar" by "Women Doctors Forum"; At present, she is engaged with a project work on HPV testing in abnormal pap smears. She has also conducted many cancer cervix screening camps. Associate editor-Text book on "Do's & don'ts in OBGYN Practice". She has more than 60 publications in National and International Journals and has contributed chapters in text books. She has also been an invited resource person in many National and International Conferences and CMEs.



REPORT OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF IAPM 2013

The conference was held from 13th Dec to 15th December 2013 at Government Medical College, Aurangabad. 1150 delegates were registered for APCON 2013. Total 80 companies participated by taking stalls for the display of their products. It was inaugurated by the Vice-Chancellor of Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, Dr Arun Jamkar, President of IAPM Dr C Sundaram, and Secretary of IAPM Col Dr Mishra along with other Office bearers of the association. The scientific program was packed with guest lectures and CMEs along with Oral Paper (115) and Poster (389) presentations. Dr BK Aikat memorial oration entitled 'Challenges in the histologic diagnosis of filamentous fungi' was delivered by Dr C Sundaram. Dr Gayaprasad memorial symposium on 'Malabsorption syndrome' was moderated by Dr S. Datta Gupta while Dr Anantanarayan Symposium on 'Advances in Genomics altering bacterial nomenclature' was moderated by Dr Subrat Panda and Dr Geeta Satpathy. Dr VV Joshi was the speaker for seventh ICP oration on "Recognition and study of a new disease in children-personal experience". Interesting papers were presented during the award sessions for the Dr. KC Basu Mallick Award and the Best Paper sessions. The Best Posters were also awarded prizes.

The histopathology slide seminar on 'Gall bladder mass lesions' and Hematology symposium on 'Myeloproliferative neoplasms' were held along with parallel CMEs on 'Current trends and advances in teaching Pathology', 'Acute febrile illness', 'CT guided FNAC of pelvic

lesions', 'Mimics of Lymphoma', and 'Audit in Histopathology'. Key note address on 'Melanocytic tumors' was given by Dr David Elder while the Tamilnadu-Puducherry chapter oration on 'Changing face of Breast Cancer' was given by Dr Kusum Joshi (President IAP-ID). There was a practising pathologists session on 'Day-to-day challenges of a practising pathologist' moderated by Dr Sujay Prasad while Online quiz session was moderated by Dr Sharada Rane.

On 15th December, the conference concluded with the Valedictory function. Dr. Harshdeep Kamble (Municipal Commissioner Aurangabad) was the Chief Guest. The new President IAPM Dr Manoj Singh and the new Secretary Dr Pradeep Vaideeswar were felicitated and given warm welcome. The function was followed by prize distribution. Under the guidance of the Organizing Secretary Dr Rajan Bindu, Professor & Head, Pathology GMC Aurangabad, the Team APCON took all the efforts to make the conference APCON-2013 a Grand Success.

VENUE OF APCON 2014

The forthcoming annual conference of IAPM and IAP-ID - APCON 2014 will be held at Armed Forces Medical College, Pune from 4th to 7th December 2014. The organizing chairperson is Brig. V Srinivas, professor and Head, Department of Pathology, AFMC, Pune (09326480846). The details will be published in the next newsletter and updated on the website.

OBITUARY

Prof. Laxminarayan Mahapatra

DOB: 06.10.1925 • DOD: 03.04.2013

Prof. LN Mahapatra matriculated from Mission School, Balasore supported by a scholarship from district administration. He passed MBBS from Prince of Wales Medical College, Patna with gold medal and did MD also from Patna University. He completed D. Bact from London & went to Duke's University, USA as an Assistant Professor in Microbiology for 1 year. After working in SCB Medical College as Assistant Professor & in Ravenshaw College as Medical Officer he joined the All India Institute of Medical Sciences where he became the Professor & Head of the Department of Microbiology and the Dean. An extremely learned and respected teacher, he was well recognized for his contribution in the field of mycology. He was elected as Secretary, IAPM (1975-77) & President, IAPM (1979). He was also Secretary, IAP ID & Founder Director of RMRC, Bhubaneswar. He was a WHO consultant working in Colombo & Rangoon. Prof. Mahapatra had research collaborations with Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden. He was felicitated as an outstanding microbiologist by KIMS, Odisha. He was recipient of many awards for his extra-ordinary talents from international & national societies of Pathology & Microbiology. He had published more than 300 peer reviewed papers and was a chapter contributor in text book of microbiology.

We deeply regret his sad demise, May his soul rest in peace.



Dr. S. K. Bobhate

DOB: 04.06.1952 • DOD: 23.02.2014

Dr. S. K. Bobhate was alumni of Government Medical College, Nagpur. He completed his undergraduate study in 1976 and post graduation in pathology in 1981 and joined as lecturer in pathology in the same institute in 1978 and then rose to become Professor and Head of pathology in 1998. He completed his PhD thesis on "A role of Human Herpes Simplex virus-2, Human Papilloma virus & Chlamydia in the patients with cervical intraepithelial neoplasia" from Nagpur University in 2003

He strived hard to develop the department in his tenure, organised various academic activities and state conferences. He was a skilled and efficient administrator, a good judge of peoples abilities and approachable to all the staff. His most noticeable quality was his decision making capacity and willingness to shoulder the full responsibility and face the consequences. He served as Dean at Vasant Rao Naik Government Medical College, Yavatmal from 2009 till 2011 and then as Dean, of Government Medical College, Akola from 2012 till February 2014. Dr. Bobhate was Chairperson of Maharashtra Chapter of IAPM and Executive Council member of Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists from 1995 to 1997. He had large number of publications to his credit. His sudden demise saddens all of us. We pray God to grant his family the courage to face this loss.

May God rest his soul in peace!

