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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear members of the IAPM family

Wish you a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year!

I would like to express my immense gratitude to all of you for your faith, confidence and trust as I begin my tenure as President of this august association. I take this opportunity to thank my predecessor Prof Tejinder Singh who has served this office with dedication and distinction. Our Past Presidents have been extremely distinguished stalwarts under whose guidance this association has grown in stature over the years.

I am therefore humbled to occupy this position. I seek their wise counsel and advice as well as your continued guidance to serve and fulfill your expectations from this executive. I always cherish and am indebted for the advice and support I have received from each one of you not only as a member for nearly 35 years but especially during my earlier tenures as an Honorary Secretary and Vice-President. I also congratulate and thank Prof Ashim Das for accepting the post of Vice President of the association. He is one of our most accomplished members and will be an asset to the executive. I am fortunate to have an excellent team of Office Bearers with me. Their sincerity and dedication in the past years and have made the association proud.

Our specialties are at an important juncture in the history of medicine. With advances in molecular biology, genetics and every other field, the foundations of the basis and cure of diseases are undergoing tremendous changes. Medicine is becoming personalized consequent to a clear understanding that individual responses differ significantly. Thus, the expectations from our profession are not only immense and but changing. The added responsibility can only be fulfilled through appropriate changes in education, training and the way we work. We cannot remain mute spectators during this momentous period and must keep pace with these changes. The association, through its academic deliberations and discussions should be in the forefront of incorporating such changes in our profession.

The previous year culminated with a memorable annual conference. Our congratulations and thanks to Prof KP Aravindan, Prof Praseeda Nair and the entire team from Kerala for organizing a wonderful APCON 2015 at Kochi. It is a matter of pride that a vast majority of the presentations, the majority from our younger colleagues, were of a high standard and in keeping with the excellent orations, symposia, seminars and education programs.

I must request all members of our profession especially those in academic institutions to encourage our postgraduates, the future of our profession, to participate in the academic activities of the association regularly. While most of our younger colleagues are members of state chapters, it must be reiterated that it is mandatory that they become members of the parent body that is the actual



book to which the chapters belong! Every academic and scientific association grows more due to the contribution of each and every member than to the working of its functionaries. This is true even for the Indian association of Pathologists and Microbiologists. It is obvious that there will always be room for improvement. Therefore your criticisms, suggestions, and co-operation would go a long way in our endeavor not only to improve the IAPM but also the professional standards in the country.

Thank you once again and with kind regards

Yours sincerely

**S. Datta Gupta**

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## SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

The first Newsletter of the year contains important information for the forthcoming APCON 2016 at Jaipur scheduled from 30<sup>th</sup> November onwards. The instructions for the various sessions are fairly explicit so that there are no misunderstandings and I do hope that the members follow the dates of the deadlines. In addition, members have to note that newsletters will be uploaded on to the IAPM website and as per the decision taken earlier, printed version would only be available to the senior most members. Suggestions from members for further improvement in the working of the IAPM office are most welcome so that this can be put in the agenda for the GBM.



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## PRESIDENT, IAPM 2016

**Dr. Siddhartha Datta Gupta**

MBBS, DCP, MD (Path), MAMS, FIMSA, FICPath

Dr. Siddhartha Datta Gupta is currently a Professor, Department of Pathology, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi. He did his MBBS and DCP from the Bangalore Medical College, Bangalore and MD (Pathology) from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), 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 been in the faculty at the St. Johns Medical College, Bangalore and subsequently at the



Department of Pathology, AIIMS, New Delhi where he served in various positions starting as an Assistant Professor. He was also the Professor-in-charge of the Dr. KL Wig Center for Medical Education & Technology (CMET) at the AIIMS, New Delhi. He was deputed to serve as a visiting faculty to the BP Koirala Institute of Health Sciences, Dharan, Nepal and he completed a two-year sabbatical as the Professor and Head of Pathology at AIMST University, Malaysia.

Prof 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 for over thirty-four years now. He has supervised /co-supervised several postgraduate and PhD thesis and served as a member of PhD Doctoral Committees. He is both an undergraduate and postgraduate examiner. He has co-authored several publications in national and international journals, has presented/co-authored papers/posters in national and international conferences, over twenty of which have received awards. He has delivered lectures, participated in symposia and slide seminars in various conferences.

He joined the membership of IAPM in 1979 and has served the association as its Honorary Secretary from 2005-2007 and the Vice-President in 2014 and 2015. He was also one of the 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 currently one of the Associate Editors, Indian Journal of Laboratory Physicians, Indian Journal of Dermatopathology and Diagnostic Dermatology, Indian Journal of Chest Diseases and Hepatitis B Annual in addition to being a peer reviewer of several other journals. Prof. S. Datta Gupta has served as a member of various committees of the AIIMS, Government of India, the AIMST University during his sabbatical at Malaysia and others 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. He has been honoured with the 8<sup>th</sup> MV Parthasarathy- AV Ramaprasad Silver Headed Cane Oration of the Karnataka Chapter and the Dr. BD Baruah Oration of the North East Chapter of Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists [IAPM]. He has been awarded the Membership of the National Academy of Medical Sciences, India and Fellowships of the International Academy of Medical Sciences and the Indian College of Pathologists.

## VICE-PRESIDENT, IAPM 2016

### Dr. Ashim Das

MBBS, MD (Path), Dip NB , FRCPath, FICPath

Prof Ashim Das started his undergraduate career in Calcutta Medical College and graduated with MBBS degree from Calcutta University in 1981. He completed his internship in 1982 followed by house staffship in General Medicine in the same college. His career in Pathology started as a MD student in Pathology in the prestigious Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh (PGIMER, Chandigarh) in the year 1984. After obtaining MD degree in 1987, he continued as a Senior Resident in the same Institute for another three years. In 1990, he joined as an Assistant Professor of Histopathology (then known as Department of Morbid Anatomy) in PGIMER, Chandigarh and is at present working as a Professor of Histopathology since July 2008.



In 1992, he obtained the Diplomate of National Board of Examination (Dip NBE Pathology). In 1997, he went to UK for advanced training where he was trained in the North Manchester Health care trust for 2 years until

1999. He cleared the membership examination and became a Member of the Royal College of Pathology (MRC Path). On returning to India in 1999 he continued to serve as a faculty member in the Department of Histopathology of PGIMER, Chandigarh. In 2007, he became a Fellow of Royal College of Pathology (FRC Path). In 2011, he became also a Fellow of Indian College of Pathology.

During his career as a pathologist, he found a special interest in liver and lymphoreticular pathology along with breast and pulmonary pathology and published around 180 articles in the national and international journals. Apart from presenting several papers in the national and international conferences related to liver and lymph node pathology, he moderated slide seminars namely "Benign lymphoid lesions mimicking lymphoma" and "Tracheo-bronchial lesions" and a CME on "Pathology of Vasculitis" in the annual conferences of Pathologists and Microbiologists. Apart from contributing cases in the slide seminar sessions, he delivered several lectures in the National conferences of the IAPM and IAPID. He has been invited to JIPMER, Pondicherry as a Visiting Professor and also been awarded "MR Parthasarathy – A V Ramaprasad Oration KCIAPM 2013" by the Karnataka chapter of IAPM. He has guided many MD and PhD theses as principal and co-investigators and contributed several chapters in the book.

## TENTATIVE IAPM PROGRAM AT APCON 2016 – JAIPUR

### IAPM PROGRAM

#### 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016

6.30 pm onwards: Inauguration

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016

8.30 am to 10.00 am: Free Paper Presentations

10.00 am to 10.45 am: Dr BK Aikat Memorial Presidential Oration – *Dr. Siddhartha Datta Gupta*

10.45 pm to 12.15 pm: Plenary Paper Session - Dr KC Basu Mallick & Best Paper Award

12.15 pm to 1.00 pm: Guest Lecture – *Dr. Meenakshi Nandedkar*

1.00 pm to 2.00 pm: Lunch

2.00 pm to 3.00 pm: Dr. Gaya Prasad Memorial Pathology Symposium: Diffuse Endocrine System and Paragangliomas: Pathology, Predictive Biochemistry and Genetics – *Lt Col Dr Tanushri Mukherjee (tanujamukherjee@yahoo.com)*

3.00 pm to 4.30 pm: Parallel CMEs

1. Cystic Lesions of the Pancreas: *Gp Capt Prateek Kinra (09945277110, pkinra\_in@yahoo.com)*

2. Skin Adnexal Neoplasms: *Dr. Rajalakshmi Tirumalae (rajnav@gmail.com)*

3. Sinonasal Tumors: *Dr. Shubhada Kane (09223424134, drsvkane@gmail.com)*

4. Infectious Diseases of the Female Genital Tract: *Dr. Urmila Senapati (09078410824)*

4.30 pm to 5.30 pm: Free Paper Presentations

5.00 pm to 6.00 pm: Editorial Board Meeting of IJPM

6.00 pm to 8.00 pm: Executive Committee Meeting of IAPM  
8.00 pm onwards: Dinner

### 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2016

8.30 am to 10.00 am: Free Paper Presentations  
10.00 am to 11.00 am: ICP Oration (To be announced)  
11.00 am to 11.30 am: Guest Lecture – *Dr. Murali Varma*  
11.30 am to 1.00 pm: Parallel CMEs

1. Cardiac Tumors: *Dr. Ruma Ray* (09899862958, [rumasrc2@hotmail.com](mailto:rumasrc2@hotmail.com))
2. Pre-malignant and Malignant Lesions of the Esophagus: *Dr. Kim Vaiphei* (09815912943, [kvaiphei2009@gmail.com](mailto:kvaiphei2009@gmail.com))
3. Indolent Clonal Lymphoid Proliferations: *Dr. Sumeet Gujral* (09820523962, [s\\_gujral@outlook.com](mailto:s_gujral@outlook.com), [flowtmh@gmail.com](mailto:flowtmh@gmail.com))
4. To be announced

11.30 am to 1.00 pm: ICP – Executive Committee Meeting  
1.00 pm to 2.00 pm: Lunch  
2.00 pm to 3.00 pm: Hematology Symposium: Flow Cytometry in Benign Hematological Disorders - *Dr. Tejinder Singh* (09599547135, [tsinghmamc54@gmail.com](mailto:tsinghmamc54@gmail.com))  
2.00 pm to 3.00 pm: ICP – General Body Meeting  
3.00 pm to 4.00 pm: Histopathology Slide Seminar: Diseases of Spleen - *Dr. Asitava Mondal* (09830909655, [asitava05@rediffmail.com](mailto:asitava05@rediffmail.com))  
4.00 pm to 5.30 pm: Free Paper Presentations  
6.00 pm to 8.00 pm: General Body Meeting of IAPM  
8.00 pm onwards: Dinner

### 4<sup>th</sup> December 2016

8.30 am to 9.30 am: Selected Poster Presentations  
9.30 am to 10.30 am: Tamil Nadu-Puducherry Oration – *Dr. Vani Santosh*  
10.30 am to 11.00 pm: Guest Lecture 03 – *To be announced*  
11.00 am to 12.15 am: Laboratory Medicine Session: Training of Laboratory Professionals - *Dr. Sachin Kale* (09823244033, [drss.kale@gmail.com](mailto:drss.kale@gmail.com))  
12.15 pm to 1.00 pm: Online Quiz session – *Dr. Sharada Rane* (09422081682, [sharadarane22@gmail.com](mailto:sharadarane22@gmail.com))  
1.00 pm to 1.30 pm: Valedictory Function  
1.30 pm onwards: Lunch

## ANNOUNCEMENTS 2016

### A. IAPM Elections 2016

Nominations are invited by the Honorary Secretary for the election to the following posts (to be elected through postal/electronic ballot):

1. **President** - Tenure of one year
2. **Vice President** - Tenure of one year
3. **Honorary Secretary** - Tenure of three years
4. **Honorary Joint Secretary** - Tenure of three years
5. **Honorary Treasurer** - Tenure of three years
6. **Editor (Elect)** - Tenure of one year (2017 to be followed by five years from 2018 to 2022)

The duties of the above posts are provided in the Bye-Laws of the Association. Every candidate for the posts of **President, Vice President and Editor (Elect)** should have at least **10 years standing as Life Member** (without interruptions) 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. For all other posts, the candidate should have at least five years standing as a Life member.

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 a letter of consent and a copy of their bio-data (not exceeding one A4 size page). Note: Under no circumstances the candidates should canvas for elections by any means.

The last date for receipt of nominations is **31<sup>st</sup> August 2016**. Last date for withdrawal of nominations is **25<sup>th</sup> September 2016**. Ballot Papers will be dispatched by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016, only to those members who have cleared all dues by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016 as notified by the Honorary Treasurer. Last date for **receipt of Ballot papers** is **15<sup>th</sup> November 2016**. 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.

## B. APCON 2016 Awards Session

Applications from IAPM members are invited for the Dr VR Khanolkar Prize, Smt. Kunti Devi Mehrotra Award, Prof KC Basu Mallick Award, and Best Paper Award. The applications, complete in all respects should reach the Honorary Secretary by the **31<sup>st</sup> August 2016**.

1. The **Dr VR 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: **1.** Age of the applicant should be **below 45 years** of age on 31<sup>st</sup> July for that particular year (age proof to be provided), **2.** The research work submitted should have been carried out in India, **3.** The above research work should have been published as the first author in the preceding two years.
  - The principal author shall submit: **1.** Covering letter indicating the IAPM Membership number, **2.** Certificate from **all authors** certifying that this

research work has been carried out in India and this work has not received any other award, **3.** Certificate from the **co-authors** (if any), attesting and supporting the candidature of the principal author, **4.** In case the applicant is a postgraduate or senior resident, there should be letter from Head of the Department/Dean stating that the applicant is eligible for the award, and **5.** His / Her brief biodata. The Covering letter, Certificates from all authors / co-authors, Letter from head of Department (if necessary), along with age proof must be sent as a **hard copy** and a **soft copy** to the Secretary IAPM.

- PDF format of the published paper is to be submitted to the Secretary IAPM as a **soft copy**.
  - The applications, complete in all respects should reach the Honorary Secretary by the **31<sup>st</sup> August 2016**.
2. The **Smt Kunti Devi Mehrotra Award** is another prestigious award given annually for published research work.
    - The contest for this prize is open to all members fulfilling the following criteria: **1.** Age of the applicant should be **below 50 years** of age on 31<sup>st</sup> July for that particular year (age proof to be provided), **2.** The research work submitted should have been carried out in India, **3.** The above research work should have been published as the first author in the preceding two years.
    - The principal author shall submit: **1.** Covering letter indicating the IAPM Membership number, **2.** Certificate from **all authors** certifying that this research work has been carried out in India and this work has not received any other award, **3.** Certificate from the **co-authors** (if any), attesting and supporting the candidature of the principal author, **4.** In case the applicant is a postgraduate or senior resident, there should be letter from Head of the Department/Dean stating that the applicant is eligible for the award, and **5.** His / Her brief biodata. The Covering letter, Certificates from all authors / co-authors, Letter from head of Department (if necessary), along with age proof must be sent as a **hard copy** and a **soft copy** to the Secretary IAPM.
    - PDF format of the published paper is to be submitted to the Secretary IAPM as a **soft copy**.
    - The applications, complete in all respects should reach the Honorary Secretary by the **31<sup>st</sup> August 2016**.
  3. **Dr KC Basu Mallick Award** is given to the best paper during the plenary session of the APCON.

- The award for this prize is open to all members fulfilling the following criteria: **1.** There is no age restriction, **2.** The research work submitted should have been carried out in India, **3.** The principal author shall submit: **1.** Covering letter indicating the IAPM Membership number, **2.** Certificate from **all authors** certifying that this research work has been carried out in India and this work has not received any other award, **3.** Certificate from the **co-authors** (if any), attesting and supporting the candidature of the principal author, **4.** In case the applicant is a postgraduate or senior resident, there should be letter from Head of the Department/Dean stating that the applicant is eligible for the award, and **5.** His / Her brief biodata. The Covering letter, Certificates from all authors / co-authors, Letter from head of Department (if necessary), along with age proof must be sent as a **hard copy** and a **soft copy** to the Secretary IAPM.
  - All candidates should submit a full length text of the research work to be presented in the form of a manuscript for publication (refer to instructions to authors of Indian Journal of Pathology and Microbiology) – This should be a soft copy. The format is pdf with images embedded within the manuscript at the end of the write-up.
  - The applications, complete in all respects should reach the Honorary Secretary by the **31<sup>st</sup> August 2016.**
  - The paper will be initially scrutinized by a panel of referees selected by the President/Secretary, IAPM for its presentation at the plenary session.
  - A **maximum of five papers** will be finally selected for presentation. If the paper is not selected, it will be submitted for the Oral free paper session by the Secretary with due notification
  - The time allotted for presentation is generally **10 minutes** only (including the questions and answers).
  - 4. The **Best Paper Award** is given to the best paper presented during the plenary session of the Annual Conference of IAPM.
  - The award for this prize is open to all members fulfilling the following criteria: **1.** Age below 35 years on 31<sup>st</sup> December of that year (age proof to be provided), **2.** The research work submitted should have been carried out in India, **3.** The principal author shall submit: **1.** Covering letter indicating the IAPM Membership number, **2.** Certificate from **all authors** certifying that this research work has been carried out in India and this work has not received any other award, **3.** Certificate from the **co-authors** (if any), attesting and supporting the candidature of the principal author, **4.** In case the applicant is a postgraduate or senior resident, there should be letter from Head of the Department/Dean stating that the applicant is eligible for the award, and **5.** His / Her brief biodata. The Covering letter, Certificates from all authors / co-authors, Letter from head of Department (if necessary), along with age proof must be sent as a **hard copy** and a **soft copy** to the Secretary IAPM.
  - All candidates should submit a full length text of the research work to be presented in the form of a manuscript for publication (refer to instructions to authors of Indian Journal of Pathology and Microbiology) – This should be a soft copy. The format is pdf with images embedded within the manuscript.
  - The applications, complete in all respects should reach the Honorary Secretary by the **31<sup>st</sup> August 2016.**
  - The paper will be initially scrutinized by a panel of referees selected by the President/Secretary, IAPM for its presentation at the plenary session.
  - A **maximum of four papers** will be finally selected for presentation. If the paper is not selected, it will be submitted for the Oral free paper session by the Secretary with due notification
- C. APCON 2016 – Free Papers**
- The aim of this session is to encourage post-graduates and young faculty to present research papers and **is meant for the non-award papers only.**
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  - The presenting author should be member of IAPM. If the author is a non-member and wishes to present the paper, then he/she should apply for IAPM membership in advance and at the earliest. Only registered delegates can send the abstracts. Each member can present only one paper (either paper or poster and not both)
  - All the abstracts are to be uploaded using online registration at the Conference web-site. It is mandatory that the delegate be an IAPM member during the process of uploading. There is no need to send hard copies by post or by CDs. **The cut-off date will be 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016.** No abstracts will be taken after this deadline.

- The **First Page** of the abstract should contain the following details: Name of the Presenting Author (underlined) and co-authors (if any), IAPM Number of the presenting author, Address for correspondence, Delegate registration number (if already available), Mobile number, Email, and the appropriate sub-specialty.
- The delegates may choose the following sub-specialty: Autopsy Pathology, Bones/Joints/Soft Tissue Pathology, Cytopathology, Dermatopathology, Endocrine Pathology, Gastrointestinal Pathology, Hepatobiliary & Pancreatic Pathology, Laboratory Medicine (includes Biochemistry, Clinical Pathology, Immunology and Hematology), Lymphoreticular Pathology, Microbiology, Neuropathology, Pediatric Pathology, Thoracic Pathology, Uro-genital & Breast Pathology, **AND** Others.
- The **Second Page** of the abstract should include: the **Title**, **Presenting Author** (underlined) and co-authors (if any) and **Institutional Affiliations**. The abstract is restricted to a maximum of 250 words, using Times New Roman size 12 font. It should include: **Objectives**, **Methods**, **Results**, **Conclusions**, and **Key words**. Please check for grammar and spelling mistakes.
- The number of cases/patients for a free paper should be more than ten; otherwise it will be relegated to the poster category, unless the cases are unusual or rare.
- **All abstracts are peer reviewed, and the IAPM reserves the right to assign it as oral or poster presentation.** The abstract therefore should not be casually written and due care should be taken to ensure its contents.
- There will be total of seven minutes for presentation and two minutes for discussion. All participants should finish in the time allotted.
- No correspondence regarding a change in the presentation shall be entertained and all members are requested not to contact the Conference Secretariat or the Honorary Secretary in the matter.
- On the basis of the consensus received from the screening committee members and Secretary IAPM, Secretary Organizing Committee shall prepare the final list of papers to be presented. Accepted abstracts will be listed on the conference web-site by **31<sup>st</sup> October 2016**. Abstracts may be withdrawn by a written communication via email to the Organizing Secretary by **15<sup>th</sup> October 2016**.

#### D. **APCON 2016 – Posters**

The aim of this session is to encourage post-graduates and young faculty to present rare or unusual cases.

- The presenting author should be member of IAPM. If the author is a non-member and wishes to present the poster, then he/she should apply for IAPM membership in advance and at the earliest. Only registered delegates can send the abstracts. Each member can present only one paper (either paper or poster and not both)
- All the abstracts are to be uploaded using online registration at the conference web-site. It is mandatory that the delegate be an IAPM member during the process of uploading. There is no need to send hard copies by post or by CDs. **The cut-off date will be 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016**. No abstracts will be taken after this deadline.
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Conference Secretariat or the Honorary Secretary in the matter.

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- Accepted abstracts will be listed on the conference web-site by **31<sup>st</sup> October 2016**. Abstracts may be withdrawn by a written communication via email to the Secretary by **15<sup>th</sup> October 2016**.
- A total of ten posters **will be** selected for presentation. Every effort should be made to select equal number of case reports and case series (presented as poster). The presentation will be for five minutes (three minutes for presentation and two minutes for discussion).

#### E. APCON 2016 – Online Quiz

Contributions are invited for the online quiz on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2016, conducted by Dr. Sharada Rane, Joint Secretary (09422081682, sharadarane22@gmail.com). The contributors will be acknowledged.

#### IAPM Announcements for 2017

**Proposals** are invited for **APCON-2017** Conference by email on or before **1<sup>st</sup> November 2016** for the following:

1. Gaya Prasad Memorial Pathology Symposium
2. Histopathology Slide Seminar
3. Hematology Symposium
4. Six to eight parallel CMEs (in all sub-branches of pathology including molecular pathology and pathology education)
5. Laboratory Medicine Session

The moderator should have been a **life-member** of the IAPM for at least ten years. The moderator should put forward **NO** more than **two** proposals. The topic chosen should not have figured in the programs of the past five APCONs and they should be contemporary and of current importance. The selection of the moderator should be based on the person's experience, past work and/or publications in that field of the suggested topic. As a principle, to give wide scope to members from all over the country, proposing members should not have moderated any session in the APCON in the past two years. On receipt of the proposals,

the Secretary IAPM shall circulate the same to the members of Executive Committee. The matter shall be discussed in the Executive Committee meeting before being presented to the General Body. The topics shall be finally selected only after approval by the General Body. If the topics are not received on the stipulated time, topics (which have not figured in the programs of the past five APCONs) will be selected during the General Body Meeting.

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