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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

I feel honored to assume the appointment of President of Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists. I am aware of the onerous responsibilities on me. I take this opportunity to wish all the members good health and prosperity in the year 2009.

The world is witnessing the emergence and reemergence of infectious diseases and in contrast to predictions earlier, infectious diseases remain the leading cause of death worldwide. Compared to other regions of the world, an extremely high prevalence of infectious diseases exists in India. Pathologists have made enormous contribution to the diagnosis of infectious agents by direct microscopy and with the use of various histologic stains. With certain infections, particularly those caused by viruses, parasites and bacteria, it may not be possible to specifically identify infectious agents by conventional morphologic methods.

In the practice of pathology, conventional morphologic methods complemented by specific immunohistologic and molecular biologic studies of tissue specimen can be invaluable for the diagnosis of infectious diseases. Immunohistochemistry (IHC) has extended the contributions of pathologists beyond conventional histopathology and has provided new avenues for the detection of specific microbial pathogenic agents. New molecular techniques such as polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and in situ hybridization (ISH) have emerged as major technologies, and both of these techniques have been applied to the field of infectious diseases pathology.

A review of pathology services in India indicates that few subspecialties of pathology such as neuropathology, nephropathology, oncopathology, gastrointestinal and hepatic pathology, dermatopathology, cardiovascular and pulmonary pathology are well developed. However in addition to above subspecialties department of infectious disease pathology is also well established in developed countries

In our country, the current practices in pathology can help in diagnosis of very few commonly identified infections. The techniques (IHC, ISH) available for tissue diagnosis of CMV, Papova, and Toxoplasma gondii and many other infectious pathogens are not available in any pathology department of India. Hence in our region, establishment of infectious disease pathology as a subspecialty is essential and after establishment of this subspecialty training of pathologists and technicians in infectious disease pathology can be initiated. This may allow for more practical means of surveillance for pathogens. Further research and training in infectious disease pathology will be a critical component in the worldwide efforts to address the issue of emerging microbial threats.

Prof. D. N. Lanjewar



## OUR PRESIDENT

Dr. D. N. Lanjewar is a recognized leader in the field of autopsy pathology and pathology of HIV/AIDS. His spectacular carrier started in Aurangabad (Maharashtra State) where he obtained his undergraduate and postgraduate medical degree in pathology at the Government Medical College, Aurangabad.

After serving in academia up to the level of Associate Professor and Professor at the Grant Medical College Mumbai, he joined as Professor of Pathology at the Sir J. J. Groups of Hospitals Mumbai. His areas of interest and expertise include autopsy pathology, AIDS pathology and infectious diseases pathology. He conducted one of the first large autopsy studies to define causes of HIV and AIDS-associated mortality in Mumbai.

He has served as Secretary of Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists and Indian College of Pathologists. He has published extensively on AIDS pathology and has given more than 75 lectures and poster presentations throughout the India as well as in The Netherlands, USA, Australia, Greece, Canada, Argentina and directed more than 15 courses in autopsy pathology and various aspects of AIDS pathology.

## OUR VICE - PRESIDENT

Born on 17<sup>th</sup> September 1942 in a village of Cuttack district in Orissa. Passed High School Certificate Examination in 1959 from Ravenshaw Collegiate School, Cuttack. He had his MBBS from SCB Medical College, Cuttack in 1966 and MD (Pathology) from



Prof. Gyanendra Nath Mohanty

VSS Medical College, Burla in 1971.

Dr Mohanty served as a teacher in three medical colleges of Orissa in different capacities for thirty three years and finally retired as Professor and Head of Pathology from S C B Medical College, Cuttack in September, 2000. He is closely involved in IAPM and IAP - Indian Division activities for more than three decades. He represented Orissa chapter of IAPM in Executive Council for seven years as Chairperson and worked as a member of the organizing committees of 24<sup>th</sup>, 42<sup>nd</sup> and 52<sup>nd</sup> IAPM annual conferences held in Cuttack and Bhubaneswar. He served for a period of sixteen years in the Council of IAP-Indian Division as the Councillor, Secretary/Treasurer and Ex-officio member. He participated in various academic activities organized during annual conferences of IAPM as Chair person, faculty and moderator. His field of interest is urogenital pathology. He was awarded with Founder fellowship of Indian College of Pathologists in recognition of his service towards IAPM, IAP-ID and speciality of pathology as a whole.

## FROM THE HONORARY SECRETARY

Dear Friends,  
Namaskar,

A vital year 2008 is past now. During this year I will not forget the support I have received from our honorable members to manage the office of the secretary. The constructive criticism and timely advise of our President Prof. Harsh Mohan and Vice President Dr. S.K. Nema are worth remembering. I express my gratitude to both of them. Simultaneously I welcome Prof. D.W. Lanjewar, the president IAPM-2009 and Prof. G.N. Mohanty, Vice President IAPM 2009 to join the team of office bearers of IAPM to march ahead.

I take this opportunity to thanks Prof. Taralakshmi V.V. and her team to organise a memorable APCON-2008 at SRM University, Katankulathur in the Kancheepuram district of Tamilnadu.

I am grateful to Prof. K.P. Arvandan of Calicut for conducting the interesting online quiz programme and hope this year he will organise it in a more innovative way. I request you all including postgraduates to participate in large numbers.

The poster plenary session of APCON-2008 was a thrilling experience. Many young and budding pathologists and microbiologists participated in this programme which kept them busy upto the end of APCON. I take this opportunity to invite you all to participate in this programme during APCON 2009 at Kolkata.

Due to improper updating of change of address, a good numbers of news bulletins are returning back. I request you all to update your change of address.

To strengthen our organisation, I request each member of IAPM to enrol atleast one new member to our association.

Jai IAPM  
Niranjan Rout



**Minutes of the 57th General Body Meeting held on  
Wednesday 17th December 2008 at 18.30 Hours at the  
Auditorium of SRM University, Kattankulathur, Kancheepuram-603203 (TN)  
[ Venue of the 57th Annual Conference of IAPM: APCON 2008 ]**

The meeting was chaired by Prof. Harsh Mohan, President IAPM. Former Presidents of the Association, Prof. B.N. Datta and Prof.(Mrs) A.M. Phatak informed that they would not be able to attend the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at the commencement due to lack of quorum and resumed shortly thereafter.

**Item No. 1 : Condolences (if any)**

- (a) The Secretary IAPM proposed to pay homage to the victims of recent (Nov'08) Mumbai blast.
- (b) The house was informed regarding the sad demise of the following honourable members of the association. Maj. Gen. Dr. S.K. Nema informed about the sad demise of Col. Dr. R.N. Verma (L/815). Prof. S. Satyanarayana, informed about the sad demise of Prof. Maitreya Munshi (L/500).

**Resolution : Item No.01/2008**

The General Body observed two minutes of silence in memory of the departed souls. Rich tributes were paid to the victims of Mumbai blast and both the two eminent members of the association, Col. Dr. R.N. Verma and Prof. Maitreya Munshi. The message of condolence will be sent to the bereaved family members.

The General Body authorised the President/Secretary IAPM to send the message of condolence soon after receiving the news of departed souls which will be approved by EC/GB during the forthcoming meeting.

**Item No.2 : Confirmation of the minutes of the 56th General Body meeting of IAPM.**

The minutes were printed in the IAPM News Bulletin No.1, January-March, 2008.

Dr. M. Balaraman Nair, raised a question on enrolment of affiliated members to IAPM. The matter was discussed and clarified.

**Resolution : Item No.2/2008**

The minutes of the 56th GB meeting of IAPM held at Chandigarh on 28th November 2007 were accepted.

**Item No.3 : Admission of new members to IAPM.**

- (a) The Honorary Treasurer, Dr. Sukumar Chakravarty has informed that 381 applicants have been proposed for admission into the primary membership of IAPM.

Life Member (L)	01
Ordinary to Life (OL)	126
Ordinary (O)	97
Associate (A)	150
Affiliated (AF)	07
<b>Total</b>	<b>381</b>

- (b) Honorary Member : The Honourary Secretary wanted to know the status of honorary members, since we are not receiving any communication from them even after sending the IAPM News Bulletin and IJPM regularly.

**Resolution Item No.3/2008**

- (a) Proposal for new membership for 374 members as at 3 (a) has been accepted.

Life Member (L)	01
Ordinary to Life (OL)	126
Ordinary (O)	97
Associate (A)	150

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**Total** **374**

However, it was suggested that proposals for 7 affiliated (AF) members will be scrutinized for the presence of documents regarding their proposal by their guides/investigator of the project. In case the required documents were available, their proposals will be accepted for affiliated membership.

- (b) The Secretary was advised to contact the Honourary members by letters indicating that the newsletters and journals are available in website. In case any request letter received from the corresponding honorary members to send the hard copies, steps will be taken to send the hard copies.

**Item No.4 : Declaration of results of Election 2009**

Nominations for the post of President and Vice President were invited in the IAPM News Bulletin No.2 (April-June) 2008. Dr. B.K. Nanda, Past President and Dr. N.C. Parija, Jt. Secretary IAPM (HQ) were nominated to count the votes of the elections.

- (a) Declaration of results for the post of President 2009 : Only one valid nomination of Dr. D.N. Lanjewar (L/1998/1510) of Mumbai was received by the last date i.e. 31st Aug 2008.

Dr. D.N. Lanjewar of Mumbai is elected unopposed to the post of President IAPM 2009.

- (b) Declaration of results for the post of Vice President 2009 : Only one valid nomination of Dr. G.N. Mohanty (L/1971/489) of Cuttack was received by the last date i.e. 31st Aug 2008.

Dr. G.N. Mohanty of Cuttack is elected unopposed to the post of Vice President IAPM 2009.

**Resolution: Item No.4/2008**

- (a) The General Body accepted the election of Prof. D.N. Lanjewar (L/1510) to the post of President IAPM 2009.

- (b) The General Body accepted the election of Prof. G.N. Mohanty (L/489) to the post of Vice President IAPM 2009.

**Item No.5 : Nomination of two members for scrutiny and counting of ballot papers for Election in 2009.**

**Resolution Item No.5/2008 :**

Prof. B.K. Nanda, Past President IAPM and Dr. N.C. Parija, Jt. Secretary IAPM (HQ) were nominated to count the votes of the elections for the post of office bears of IAPM to be held in 2009.

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### Item No.6 : Seminars and symposia topics for 2009

#### a) Dr. Gaya Prasad Memorial Symposium. The proposals were :

- (i) Pathology of Female Infertility  
Dr. Manoj Kumar Chaudhury, Bankura (WB).
- (ii) Neuro Degenerative Disorder  
Dr. S.R.S. Kannan, Nagarkoel.
- (iii) Special Stains in Pathology  
Dr. M.K. Singh/Dr. S.K. Dattagupta, AIIMS, New Delhi.
- (iv) HPV and Oral Cancer  
Dr. M.K. Singh, AIIMS, New Delhi.
- (v) Nanotechnology in Pathology  
Dr. A.K. Dinda/Dr. A. Sharma, AIIMS, New Delhi.
- (vi) Molecular Pathology Techniques and application  
Col.(Dr.) S.S. Gill, AFMC, Pune.
- (vii) CNS Infections  
Dr. R.K. Vasistha, PGI, Chandigarh.

#### b) Dr. Ananthanarayan Microbiology Symposium. The proposals were:

- (i) Microbial Biofilms  
Dr. Niranjana Naik, AIIMS, New Delhi.
- (ii) Septicemia - recent problems  
Dr. Arunaloake Chakrabarti, PGI, Chandigarh.

#### c) Hematology Symposium. The proposals were:

- (i) Diagnosis and management of Bleeding Disorders- Role of Pathologist  
Dr. Renu Saxena, AIIMS, New Delhi.
- (ii) Myelodysplastic Syndrome  
Dr. S.R.S. Kannan, Nagarkoel

#### d) Slide Seminar. The proposals were :

- (i) Benign lymphoid lesions mimicking lymphoma and vice versa  
Dr. Ashim Das, PGI, Chandigarh.
- (ii) Non-neoplastic Pediatric liver diseases.  
Dr. Ashim Das, PGI, Chandigarh.
- (iii) Bone Tumors  
Dr. Janardan Mohanty, Cuttack
- (iv) Salivary Gland Tumors  
Dr. Aruna Prayag, NIMS, Hyderabad.
- (v) Non-neoplastic salivary gland tumours  
Dr. N.C. Parija, Cuttack.
- (vi) Non-tumours and non-bullous lesions of skin  
Dr. S.R.S. Kannan, Nagarkoel
- (vii) CNS Infections  
Dr. R.K. Vasistha, PGI, Chandigarh
- (viii) Renal Biopsy Interpretation with immunofluorescence and EM correlation  
Dr. Simi Bhatia, Mumbai
- (ix) Soft tissue tumors  
Dr. M.K. Singh / Dr. S. Dattagupta, AIIMS, New Delhi

#### (xi) Testicular Tumors

Dr. S. Dattagupta / Dr. Ruma Ray, AIIMS, New Delhi

#### (xii) Ovarian Tumors

Dr. Ruma Ray / Dr. Sandeep Mathur, AIIMS, New Delhi

#### (xiii) Thyroid Pathology

Dr. Sandeep Mathur / Dr. R. Gupta, AIIMS, New Delhi

#### (e) Seminar on Medical Education :

- (i) Seminar on restructuring undergraduate medical education

Dr. Harsh Mohan, Chandigarh.

#### (f) Tamilnadu Oration :

In response to the resolution made during 56th General Body Meeting of IAPM at Chandigarh during APCON 2007, no payment has been received from Tamil Nadu Chapter, nor any communication has been received related to the matter. It was suggested to organise a symposium on guidelines for preservation of pathology specimens.

#### (g) Proposal for Guest Lecture for APCON 2009 :

Dr. S. Satyanarayana, Editor-in-Chief IJPM proposed the name of Dr. Rahul Deb of UK who will be speaking on :

- (i) Core biopsies of breast lesions
- (ii) Breast pathology reporting - audit in UK
- (iii) Current trends of colorectal cancer

#### Resolutions : Item No.6/2008

#### (a) Dr. Gaya Prasad Memorial Symposium

The General Body accepted the topic "Pathology of Female Infertility" to be moderated by Dr. Manoj Kumar Chaudhury of Bankura.

#### (b) Ananthanarayan Microbiology Symposium

The General Body accepted the topic "Septicemia-recent problems" to be moderated by Dr. Arunaloake Chakrabarti of PGI, Chandigarh.

#### (c) Hematology Symposium

The General Body accepted the topic "Diagnosis and management of Bleeding Disorders - Role of Pathologists" to be moderated by Dr. Renu Saxena of AIIMS, New Delhi.

#### (d) Slide Seminar

The General Body accepted the topic "Benign lymphoid lesions mimicking lymphoma and vice versa" to be moderated by Dr. Ashim Das of PGI, Chandigarh.

#### (e) Seminar on Medical Education

The General Body accepted the topic "Seminar on Restructuring Undergraduate Medical Education" to be moderated by Prof. Harsh Mohan of Govt. Medical College, Chandigarh.

#### (f) The General Body accepted the topic for "Symposium on Guidelines for preservation of pathology specimen" to be moderated by Dr. S.K. Shankar of NIMHANS, Bangalore.

#### (g) Guest Lecture

The General Body accepted the proposal of Dr. S. Satyanarayana to invite Dr. Rahul Deb of UK to deliver guest lecture.



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The General Body also suggested that other speakers may be invited by the members and these should be forwarded to the Honourary Secretary for necessary action.

### Item No. 7 : Results of Prizes and Award 2008

#### (a) Dr. VR Khanolkar Prize 2008

(i) As per the resolution No. 8.2.2007 of 56th GBM held at Chandigarh during ADCON 2007 the Maharashtra chapter has donated Rs. 15,000.00 to IAPM fund for Dr. VR Khanolkar prize i.e. Rs. 5000 per year.

(ii) This year there were two entries for Dr. VR Khanolkar Prize.

- **Dr. Ritu Gupta** (L/2002/2323), Asst. professor, Laboratory oncology, IRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi - 110029, submitted the article entitled "Role of fine needle aspirate immunophenotyping by flow cytometry in rapid diagnosis of lymphoproliferative disorders" published in Diagnostic Cytopathology 2007;35(7) :381-385.
- **Dr Anita Mahadevan (O/2001/2256)**, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Neuropathology, NIMHANS, Bangalore - 560029 submitted the article entitled "Optic nerve axonal pathology is related to abnormal visual evoked responses in AIDS" published on Acta Neuropathologica, 2006; 112;461-69.

#### (b) Smt. Kunti Devi Metrotra Award - 2008

(i) As per resolution No. 8.4./2007 of 56th AGB held at Chandigarh during APCON-2007 Dr. Sanjaya Mehrotra and Dr. Bandana Mehrotra donated a cheque of Rs. 16,000 to the corpus fund. As per the statement of Hon. Treasurer IAPM Dr. S. Chakravarty the earlier corpus fund was Rs. 5500. The total amount of corpus fund now is Rs. 21,500. The interest incurred will meet the prize money of Rs. 1000 annually as prize money.

Also, Dr. Sanjaya Mehtotra & Dr. Bandana Mehrotra have paid another cheque for Rs. 1000 to meet the prize money for current year.

(ii) This year there were two entries for Smt. Kunti Devi Mehrotra Award 2008:

- **Dr. Shantaveer G. Uppin (O/1999/2014)**, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Pathology, NIMS, Panjagutta, Hyderabad - 500082, submitted the article entitled "Lesions of bones of hands and feet: a study of 50 cases" published in Arch Pathol Lab Med. 2008; 132:800-812.
- **Dr. Inchara Y.K., (OL/2006-11/150)** Asst. Professor, Dept. of Pathology, St. John's medical college, Bangalore -560034, submitted the article entitled "Early mycosis fungoides vs. Inflammatory mimics - How reliable is histology" published in Indian J Dermatology Venerology & Leprosy 2008 : Sept. (online)

#### (c) Prof. K.C. Basu Mallik Award 2008

This year there were two entries for Prof. K.C. Basu Mallik Award 2008. Both the entries were evaluated by a group of referees and chosen for platform presentation:

- **Dr. Anuradha Shekaran**, Chief Pathologist, Asian Institute of Gastroenterology Hyderabad - 5000082 presented the research work entitled "Prevalence of Non-Alcoholic steapoehepatitis (NASH) and association with metabolic syndrome in symptomatic gall stone patients - A prospective study."

- **Dr. Sunita Saxena**, Director, Institute of Pathology (ICMR), Safdarjang Hospital Campus, Post Box No. 4909, New Delhi - 110029 presented the research work entitled "Study of molecular functional pathways associated with esophageal cancer in North East India."

#### (d) Best Paper Award 2008

This year there were three entries for the Best Paper Award 2008. All the three entries were evaluated by a group of referees and chosen for platform presentation:

- **Dr Mukul Vij**, Senior Resident, Dept. of Pathology, SGPGI, Raebareli Road, Lucknow-226014 presented the research work entitled "Prognostic factors in Gastrointestinal stromal tumors(GIST) : A clinicopathological and immunohistochemical study of 121 cases after primary resection."

- **Dr. Anu Jacob**, PG Registrar, Dept. of General Pathology, CMC and Hospital, Vellore-632004 presented the research work entitled " Histological changes in rectal biopsies in acute graft versus host disease following hematopoietic stem cell transplantation."

- **Dr. Anjali Solanki**, Senior Resident, Dept. of Pathology, PGIMER, Chandigarh-160012, presented the research work entitled 'Correlation of cytokine expression with rabies virus distribution in rabies encephalitis.'

### Resolutions : Item No.7/2008

#### (a) Dr. V.R. Khanolkar Prize - 2008.

i) The General Body appreciated the donation of Rs.15000 by the Maharashtra Chapter for the prize money (Rs.5000 per year) which will be utilized for Dr. V.R. Khanolkar prize for the year 2008, 2009 and 2010.

(ii) The paper of Dr. Anita Mahadevan of NIMHANS, Bangalore has been recommended for Dr. V.R. Khanolkar prize 2008.

#### (b) Smt. Kunti Devi Mehrotra Prize 2008

(i) The General Body appreciated the contribution of Dr. Sanjaya Mehrotra and Dr. Bandana Mehrotra towards Smt. Kunti Devi Mehrotra prize fund and recommended to pay Rs.1000 annually as prize money to the winner.

(ii) The paper of Dr. Inchara Y.K. of St. John Medical College, Bangalore has been recommended for Smt. Kunti Devi Mehrotra prize 2008.

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

The paper of Dr. Sunita Saxena of Institute of Pathology, New Delhi has been recommended for Prof. K.C. Basu Mallick Award 2008.

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### (d) Best Paper Award 2008

The paper of Dr. Anu Jacob of CMC, Vellore has been recommended for the Best Paper Award 2008.

### Item No.8 : Venue of the next conference

(a) 58th Annual Conference of Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists (APCON 2009).

As per Resolution No.6/1/2007 of 56th GB meeting of IAPM held at Chandigarh during APCON 2007, the West Bengal Chapter of IAPM had offered to host APCON 2009 at Kolkata.

(b) 59th Annual Conference of Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists (APCON-2010).

(i) Dr. D.N. Lanjewar informed that the members of Aurangabad are willing to host APCON-2010.

(ii) Dr. S.R. S. Kannan of Nagerkoel has informed earlier to host it.

### Resolution : Item No.8 / 2008

(a) The General Body accepted the offer of the West Bengal Chapter of IAPM to host APCON 2009 at Kolkata.

(b) The General Body suggested the hosts for future APCON to write to the Hon. Secretary of IAPM which will be discussed in the next Executive Council meeting. Also the General Body suggested to form certain guidelines for the organisers which should be followed while organising APCON.

### Item No.9 : Report of IAPM Headquarters :

(a) Dr. N.C. Parija, Hon. Jt. Secretary, IAPM (HQ) presented the annual report of IAPM Headquarter, Cuttack.

(b) In the annexure IV (Budget proposal of IAPM HQ Fund for 2008-09) of his report the Jt. Secretary IAPM (HQ) proposed an additional budget of Rs.7,42,700.00 in the subheading capital expenditures (a) finishing of 2nd floor building of IAPM house.

### Resolution : Item No.9 / 2008

(a) The General Body accepted the report of IAPM Headquarter, Cuttack for the year 2008 presented by Dr. N.C. Parija, Hon. Jt. Secretary, IAPM (HQ).

(b) The General Body approved the proposal of additional amount besides the regular budget. The additional amount of Rs.7,42,700.00 (Rupees seven lakh forty two thousand seven hundred only) was approved as one time grant to complete the HQ building construction. Thereafter, the IAPM HQ will be self sufficient and will not ask for more money for construction in future.

The General Body recommended to maintain different records and old journals of IAPM at IAPM House, Cuttack.

### Item No.10 : Report of the Hon. Secretary, IAPM, Dr. Niranjan Rout.

### Resolution : Item No.10/2008 :

The General Body accepted the report of Honourary Secretary, IAPM for the year 2008.

### Item No.11 : Report of the Hon. Jt. Secretary, IAPM : Col. (Dr.) D.K. Mishra.

### Resolution : Item No.11/2008 :

The General Body accepted the report of Hon. Jt. Secretary IAPM for the year 2008.

### Item No.12 : Report of the Hon. Treasurer IAPM : Dr. Sukumar Chakravorty.

### Resolution : Item No.12/2008 :

The General Body accepted the report of Hon. Treasurer IAPM for the year 2008.

### Item No.13 : Report of the Hon. Editor-in-Chief Indian Journal of Pathology and Microbiology, Dr. S. Satyanarayana.

### Resolution : Item No.13/2008 :

(a) The General Body accepted the report of the Honorary Editor-in-Chief, Indian Journal of Pathology and Microbiology.

(b) The General Body appreciated the effort of the Editor-in-Chief for making the journal online and approved the MOU signed between the Editor-in-Chief & Medknow Publication, Mumbai.

(c) The General Body approved the additional budget for publication of supplementary issue of IJPM. Also the General Body suggested the organizers of APCONS to contribute generously towards journal fund.

### Item No.14 : Report of the National External Quality Control Programme :

Dr. P.K. Shukla expressed his inability to attend the General Body meeting and presented the annual report through Dr. Niranjan Rout, Hon. Secretary IAPM.

Dr. N.C. Parija, Hon. Jt. Secretary, IAPM (HQ), and Dr. Janardan Mohanty, Ex-Vice President IAPM have proposed to organise the IAPM-NEQAP at IAPM HQ, Cuttack in case Dr. P.K. Shukla gives his consent and IAPM approves it.

### Resolution : Item No.14/2008

The General Body recommended to invite a clarification from Dr. P.K. Shukla regarding this including the details of participants and accounts.

### Item No.15 : Report of the ICP Secretary Dr. D.N. Lanjewar.

### Resolutions : Item No.15/2008.

(a) The General Body accepted the report of the Secretary, Indian College of Pathologists for the year 2008.

(b) The ICP Oration will be a regular activity on the second day of APCON and the secretary ICP will inform the Hon. Secretary IAPM regarding the speaker and the name of the person to whom the oration will be dedicated.

### Item No.16 : Any other matter with the permission of the chair.

(a) Working period of IAPM Office bearers.

Dr. S. Datta Gupta, Ex-Hon. Secretary IAPM wanted a clarification regarding the working period of office bearers of IAPM whether from 1st Jan to 31st Dec or 1st Apr to 31st March.

(b) Mid-term meeting of Executive Council.

Dr. Harsh Mohan, President IAPM, suggested to organise a mid-term meeting of Executive Council either at IAPM House (National HQ of IAPM) at Cuttack or venue of forthcoming APCON.

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- (c) Designation of Chapter Office bearers.  
Col.(Dr.) D.K. Mishra, Jt. Secretary IAPM suggested to redesignate the designation of office bearers of chapters of IAPM as follows :
- (i) Chairperson
  - (ii) Chapter Secretary
  - (iii) Chapter Treasurer
- (d) ICP Oration during APCON :  
Dr. Niranjana Rout, Secretary IAPM, wanted to know regarding the status of ICP oration during APCON.
- (e) SAARC Association of Pathologists.  
Dr. Harsh Mohan, President IAPM, suggested to organise SAARC Association of Pathologists.
- (f) Unethical Laboratory practice.  
Dr. Janardan Mohanty, Ex. Vice President, IAPM, suggested mushrooming of fake laboratories in the state of Orissa and other parts of the country are providing fake reports and playing with the lives of patients.  
Dr. P.K. Srivastava of Chhatisgarh raised a point related to laboratory practice by non-pathologists and microbiologist by the MCI. The Secretary IAPM informed the house that he had discussed the matter with senior members of IAPM like Dr. M. Balaraman Nair, Ex-President IAPM and Dr. Harsh Mohan, President of IAPM.
- (g) Supplement Issue of IJPM.  
The Editor-in-Chief, Dr. S. Satyanarayana, suggested that the cost of supplement issue of Indian Journal of Pathology and Microbiology will be around additional amount of Rs.2 lakhs.
- (h) IAPM Website :  
Col. (Dr.) D.K. Mishra, Jt. Secretary, IAPM suggested to improve the IAPM website by creating individual profile and password, to invite donation from contributors and to tag bank/insurance for loan and insurance of members.
- (i) Life member certificate.  
The Secretary proposed that different organisations have shown interest to sponsor the life member certificate of individual members. The certificate will be issued as per IAPM style and the envelope which will carry the certificate to individual members will contain the information of the sponsoring organisations.
- (j) IAPM House as Heritage Home  
Dr. N.C. Parija, Jt. Secretary, IAPM (HQ) informed the house that President IAPM, Dr. Harsh Mohan visited the IAPM house at Cuttack and suggested to make heritage home of IAPM at IAPM HQ at Cuttack.  
For renewal of grant of 80G to IAPM by Income Tax Department, the public health activities by different chapters of IAPM should be published in IAPM News Bulletin.
- (k) National Cancer Registry :  
1. Dr. N. Kapoor of Bhopal proposed to organise National Cancer Registry under the banner of IAPM in collaboration with ICMR or any other national level organisation.
2. Dr. M.K. Singh of AIIMS, New Delhi proposed to organise IAPM and NABL collaborated Histopathology EQA programme.
- (l) Complain by Mr. N.K. Agarwal, Gurgaon  
Mr. N.K. Agarwal of Gurgaon lodged a complain to the Secretary IAPM regarding harassment by a laboratory to provide service to his son.

### Resolutions : Item No.16

- (a) The working period for IAPM Office bearers will be from 1st Jan to 31st Dec.
- (b) The General Body approved the proposal of sending minimum two IAPM Executive Council members to visit the venue of forthcoming APCON and collaborate with the Organising Committee to prepare as per the norm followed by IAPM for its National Conferences. In case the Organising Committee provides the TA and local hospitality, a mid-term Executive Council meetings may be organised to review the progress of IAPM activities.
- (c) The General Body accepted the proposal of uniform designation for chapter office bearers i.e.
  - (i) the chief of chapter will be Chairperson.
  - (ii) the executives may be Chapter Secretary, Chapter Treasurer, Chapter editor etc.
- (d) As in 15(b) resolution.
- (e) The Presidents/Secretaries of SAARC countries may be contacted for this purpose and explore the possibility.
- (f) The office bearers of local chapter may coordinate with local authorities and other state chapters to take steps to prevent such unethical practice. The Secretary IAPM will write a letter to the MCI to take steps to prevent unethical practice in our country.
- (g) The Supplement issue of IJPM will be published regularly instead of abstract book during APCON and the Organising Committee of APCON will provide financial assistance generously for its publications.
- (h) The General Body approved the proposal for IAPM website.
  - (i) The General Body approved to issue life member certificate to life members of IAPM.
  - (j) The General Body approved the idea of making IAPM Heritage Home at IAPM HQ, Cuttack.
  - (k) The General Body approved the name of Dr. S. Dattagupta, Ex-Honorary Secretary IAPM to act as convener for National Cancer Registry and to present the progress report through the Hon. Secretary during next EC & GB meeting of IAPM.
  - (l) The General Body advised Mr. Agarwal to inform the local administration and consumer forum for the inconvenience.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair and all the honourable members of IAPM including the office bearers who were present and actively participated.





## Report on APCON - 2008, SRM University, Kattankulathur

The Department of Pathology, SRM Medical College Hospital and Research Centre, SRM Nagar, Kattankulathur, Kancheepuram (TN) had organized APCON 2008, a memorable Annual Conference of IAPM.

The annual meeting of International Academy of Pathologists -Indian Division (IAP-ID) was held on 15th December. The major themes of this meeting included Paediatric Pathology and Pathology of aging. Various eminent scientists from India and abroad delivered lectures on the above mentioned topics. Prof. Jan van den Tweel, Utrecht, The Netherlands spoke on Burkitts lymphoma and Paediatric Bone Marrow Pathology.

The APCON-2008, 57th Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists, began with over 600 delegates from India and abroad on 16th Dec. 2008. The academic feast offered to the pathologists during the three day Conference covered the recent advances in the fields of Autopsy training, immunohistochemistry, molecular pathology, endoscopic biopsies, urinary bladder lesions and emerging mycoses, besides covering fundamental topics for postgraduate students.

The inaugural lecture was Dr. B.K. Aikat memorial oration by Prof. Harsh Mohan, President of IAPM. The topic on medical education particularly for MBBS course produced and impact on everybody for which the general body of IAPM passed a resolution to introduce a regular programme on medical education during every APCON.

In this conference, a host of speakers were invited to share their experiences. Dr. Sunil Badve and Dr. Romil Saxena from USA spoke on molucular basis of breast cancer and liver pathology respectively. Besides, Dr. Shivayogi Bhusunurmam from West Indies, Past Secretary of our Association, delivered the second ICP oration dedicated to Major General C.S.V. Subramaniam on the topic "Molecular pathology for the general pathologists on overview".

In the conference, young pathologists presented their research work in the form of oral presentations and posters for various

awards and prizes like the prestigious Prof. K.C. Basu Mallick award and best paper award. The Prof. K.C. Basu Mallick award was bagged by Dr. Sunita Saxena, Director, Institute of Pathology, New Delhi and the winner of the best paper award was Dr. Anu Jacob of CMC Hospital, Vellore. Besides, Dr. V.R. Khanolkar prize was awarded to Dr. Anita mahadevan of NIMHANS, bangalore and Smt. Kunti Devi Mehrotra award was given to Dr. Inchara Y.K. of St. John Medical College, Bangalore.

The online quiz program for postgraduates in pathology was well organised prior to APCON by the quiz master Prof. K.P. Aravindan. The winners of the online quize programme were Dr. Marie Theresm of Vellore (1st Prize), Dr. Suma B. Pillai of Coimbatore (2nd Prize) and Dr. Sithalaxmi of Kochi (3rd Prize).

The poster plenary session on the 3rd day of APCON was very interesting and many young and budding pathologists and microbiologists actively participated and the best plenary poster of APCON 2008 was awarded to Dr. Jazeera S. of Calicut.

During the three days programme we had five symposias and two slide seminars. Prof. D.N. Lanjewar moderated the Dr. Gaya Prasad memorial symposium on the topic "Role of autopsies in pathology training". Dr. Simi Bhatia moderated the symposium "Pros and Cons of Immunoistochemistry". Dr. Usha hardas microbiology symposium was moderated by Prof. Taralakshmi V.V. and Dr. S. Datta Gupta moderated "Not just for postgraduates only". The Hematology symposium on "sickle cell anaemia" was moderated by Prof. B.K. Nanda. The slide seminar on "Gastro intestinal endoscopic" biopsies was moderated by Dr. Vatsala Mishra and Prof. G.N. Mohanty moderated the slide seminar on "Urinary Bladder neoplastic and non-neoplastic lesions".

During the valedictory session the installation ceremony of new president of IAPM Prof. D.N. Lanjewar was conducted by the outgoing President of IAPM Prof. Harsh Mohan. The APCON 2008 was followed by Post-conference CME and workshops on Pulmonary pathology, Molecular pathology, Hematology & Transfusion medicine.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Events	Dates	Venue	Contact
HQ CME - 2009	14th & 15th Feb. 2009	IAPM House Cuttack	Prof. N.C. Parija IAPM House, Chahata, Bidanasi, Cuttack - 753014 E-mail : iapmhq@rediffmail.com
USCAP Annual Meet	07-13 Mar. 2009	Boston	United States Canadian Academy of Pathology (USCAP) 98th Annual Meeting Sheraton Boston Hotel & Hynes Convention Centre, Boston, M.A. Website : www.uscap.org
IAP-ID MYTP-2009 ( International Academy of Pathology - Indian division Mid Year Teching Programme )	23rd-24th May 2009	AFMC, Pune	Col. N.S. Mani Prof. & Head, Dept. of Pathology AFMC, Pune - 411040 Mobile : 09373728700, E-mail : ns_mhj@yahoo.co.in
6th APIAP Congress	20th-23rd August 2009	Kochi, Kerala	6th Asia Pacific IAP Congress Le Meredian Resort and Convention Centre, Kochi, Kerala, India Website : www.apiap2009.com
APCON 2009	19th-21st December 2009	Kolkatta Science City	Dr. P.K. Mishra Organising Secretary, APCON 2009 Director, Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education & Research, Kolkatta Phone : 09830096586 Email : apcon2009@gmail.com Website : www.apcon2009.com

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