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## News in brief

### CORRIGENDUM

*In the previous News Bulletin [No. 1 & 2, January - April 2006] the date of the General Body Meeting has been inadvertently printed as 30<sup>th</sup> November 2005 [which is actually the date of the Executive Council Meeting] instead of 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2006. Therefore the date of the General Body Meeting should be read as 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2006 instead of 30<sup>th</sup> November 2006. The error is deeply regretted.*

### APPEAL

On behalf of the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists, the Honorary Secretary appeals to all members to kindly provide photographs and brief write-ups of Prof B.K.Aikat, Prof. Usha Hardas and a write-up of Prof Ananthanarayan. There are Orations / Symposia in the name of these eminent figures. Unfortunately we do not have photographs or sufficient material for projection and reading during such events. Some of our younger colleagues may not be aware of the greatness of these stalwarts. The IAPM therefore requests all its members who have been associated with them to provide the necessary inputs so as to enhance our regard and respect to such illustrious persons. This is the least we could do for them. Your contribution shall be a great service to the association and the profession and shall be gratefully acknowledged.

All contributions may please be sent to the Honorary Secretary, IAPM.

### APCON 2006

All members are encouraged to send abstracts to APCON 2006 to be held at Bangalore. Kindly visit the website [apcon2006.com](http://apcon2006.com) for details. The entire team is toiling hard to make this a unique and memorable event.

### Address Book

Our previous Hon. Treasurer Dr. Niranjana Rout has printed the IAPM Address Book. An excellent effort! All members should be receiving a copy. Please do keep us informed of changes in address.

### Elections

Nominations are invited for the post of President and Vice-President [page 3]

## President's Message

Dear Friends,

First of all, let me wish you all a happy and prosperous festive season just ahead of us. The last few months have gone by rather quickly, but it is heartening to note that most of the chapters of IAPM have been busy in organizing various meetings, symposia and CMEs with enthusiastic participation from our younger friends. The forthcoming annual conference (APCON 2006) is round the corner. The team led by Prof. S.K.Shankar and Dr. Sujay Prasad working hard to make the scientific deliberations and your stay in Bangalore memorable. I hope that all of you have also started preparing for the same, so that you can attend the conference in large numbers, present your work, interact with other groups, share your experiences, broaden your outlook and look ahead with confidence for the advancement of pathology and microbiology.

Many of our senior colleagues would vouch for the fact that the pathologist /microbiologist have been an integral part of the clinical team looking after the patients, not only for diagnosis but also for management. In the present era of medical / surgical super specialties, this can only be possible if we also specialize towards specified super specialties. I hope that our younger colleagues will keep this in mind and work towards their development as "specialists" along with being "generalists" right from the beginning of their career.

With my very best wishes, I look forward to meeting you in Bangalore.

**Prof. Kusum Joshi**

## From the Honorary Secretary

Dear friends,

The association has grown from its humble beginnings to a large one. Our Annual Conference is undoubtedly an occasion to show case our academic talent and exchange newer ideas and thoughts. Add to this our social obligations, shopping and sightseeing (all conferences always seem to be held in the best of destinations!). Hence two and a half days hardly ever can be sufficient.

Over the years the workshops and CMEs are gaining popularity and not without reason. The best of faculty with a selected number of delegates provide the appropriate environment for learning. Every year there seems to be a healthy competition and mix of the Pre-conference CME and the Annual Conference. However the pre-conference events also cannot cater to everyone. In fact the Pre-conference and the Conference period spans over a week and several members have to choose between this period and their jobs!

It is here that regional activities that are spread over the entire year play an important role. In fact the various state chapters should provide the primary academic platform for the association while our annual events are in reality tertiary conferences. All state chapters should thus be active bodies that are the face of the association and provide all members especially our younger ones with the joy of having chosen these branches of medicine as a career. Everything else (including unfortunate squabbles) is unimportant. This News Bulletin provides an account of the excellent progress made by our state chapters. The reports compiled by our Joint Secretary makes us feel proud and we hope this trend continues and enhances every year.

Meanwhile taking a cue from all these events we are trying to introduce more education at the Annual Conference. This may partially limit oral presentation. This will in no measure undermine the importance of the hard work and scientific quality of the presentations of our honourable members. We hope this will bring about some refreshing change in the format of our conference.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

**Prof. S. Datta Gupta**



**The life so short, the craft so long to learn.**

*Hippocrates*  
[460 BC-377BC]

### **The Master: more or less..**

The capabilities of mankind are endless. History proves that accomplished thinkers, scientists, musicians, poets and other virtues and skills can be found in different combinations in the same individual. This is also true today and we have to just look into our lives to recall such individuals. Many are gifted, some are trained while others hone their skills to accomplish. Paul Ehrlich [1854-1915] for example was an immunologist, discovered stains (he was responsible for staining the tubercle bacillus discovered by Robert Koch) discovered drugs for treating diseases such as trypanosomiasis and syphilis, was credited with introducing liver biopsies... the list is endless. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in Medicine and Physiology with Metchnikoff in 1908. Such examples are rare. Medical education and training has undergone a sea of change. Over the years there has been an incremental advance in conventional training in our country starting with graduation earlier considered to be sufficient, to house-staffships for a year or two after internship in a particular subject and postgraduation beginning with diplomas and then degrees. Thus specialization came into being and a specialist was the order of the day. This did not stop here. Advancement in knowledge and know-how gave birth to superspecialization. Today there are over fifty branches or subcategories of medical sciences. Only some branches seem to retain faith in their in the original division : obstetrics and gynecology being one although experts in fertility / infertility, endocrine, laproscopic gynecology are available; radio-diagnosis being another in addition to anatomy, physiology and biochemistry.

Close on the heels of such conservatives are the breed of Pathologists and Microbiologists (who were rolled into one perhaps on the basis of pathogenesis and the use of the microscope, have nevertheless separated out). Pathology and Microbiology have contributed to the development of specialist branches and therefore it is ironical that they have not formally branched out further. In keeping with the tremendous explosion in knowledge, while loyalty to research interests are invariably confined, the same is not true for diagnostic proficiency. Everyone is assumed to be an expert in all aspects of the postgraduate curriculum. Obviously, it would not be fair at all to expect the same individual to examine a urine sediment, and diagnose *pityriasis lichenoidis et varioliformis acuta* as well as glioblastoma multiforme or a congenital dyserythropoietic anemia type III with equal flair! Similarly a microbiologist may not be equally at ease with isolating and identifying non-aerobic bacteria, basidobolus, acanthameoba or an adenovirus. This is expected. Even bowling and batting seem to be incompatible specialties as much as kicking a corner or a penalty is. Hidden super-specialization is nevertheless apparent especially in academic institutions. Special interests or, to put it better, experts have silently surfaced in several institutions. These include specialist neuropathologists, renal pathologists, hematologists, oncopathologists, lymphopathologists, gastrointestinal pathologists, liver pathologists, gynecpathologists and cytopathologists: some with formal training, others with knowledge handed over by their mentors and still others who have learnt by the hardest method available-through experience.

Are such specialists readily available? Or even required? With a boom in the health sector with over 25400 laboratories in India, even those hospitals that are flooded with reputed super specialists in every hue and form prefer to employ one pathologist or less [principle of least common factor] who is expected to report kidney, liver, gastrointestinal, bronchial, lymph node biopsies matching the competence of the nephrologist, hepatologist, gastroenterologist, pulmonologist and the oncologist. All these specialist physicians would have undergone a further training of three years concentrating on their specialty alone after postgraduation in medicine. The matching pathologist or microbiologist is extremely unlikely to be abreast with all such requirements in general, although exceptional individuals do exist. The consequence is a state of induced dyspnoea where the hospital perceives a deficiency in the expectations from the pathologists. Comparisons are invariably made to other experts in the individual field available elsewhere much to the dismay of the pathologist. This is unfair. A single pillar is not sufficient to support present high-rises

The question that now arises is should we begin super-specialization in pathology and microbiology? Or is the time too premature for Jacks to become Masters? Unanimity on this matter is not expected as this would herald a new era for mankind! The argument against such specialization is practical. Can there be a pathologist or microbiologist for every specialty in one hospital? Smaller hospitals can ill afford more than one pathologist and a microbiologist. Further, out of sight is out of mind. Practicing in one confined field for several years would mean attrition of skills in others. Therefore post-retirement jobs are doubtful. On the other side there seems to be apparent merit in some form of specialized training after postgraduation. If not a DM degree in histopathology, virology etc., this could be in the form of Fellowships [currently available in a limited form]. Or should the duration of postgraduation be increased to five years as in most countries overseas?

The time is however just right for deliberations on this matter by peers in our fields for the sake of our patients, our colleagues and above all the future these branches of medicine in our country. This will shape not only avenues in diagnostic acumen but also on focused and concentrated research in our country. To progress perhaps we do need to know more and more of less and less!

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## ELECTIONS FOR THE POST OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

- Nominations are invited by the Honorary Secretary for the election to the post of President (one post) and Vice President (one post) to be elected through postal ballot [Part III (Bye-laws of the Association under 8 (Election of Office-Bearers) (I)]
- The duties of the above post are provided in the Part II (Bye-Laws of the Association) under 12 (1) President and 12 (2) Vice President
- The tenure of both posts is one year (2007)
- 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 biodata (not exceeding one A4 size page)
- According to Part III (Bye-laws of the Association under 8(Election of office-bearers) item (vi)
  - Every candidate for the post of President and Vice President should have at least 10 years standing as Life Member and have served the Association in one or more ways by being an office-bearer, or being a member of the council or Chapter Chairperson or participating in Symposium/ Seminar at the Annual Conference or as an Organizing Secretary/Chairman
- Last date for receipt of nominations is : 30 September 2006
- Last date for withdrawal of nominations is : 15 October 2006
- Ballot Papers will be dispatched by : 18 October 2006
- Last date for receipt of Ballot Papers will be : 02 December, 2006
- Ballot Papers will be dispatched only to those members who have cleared all dues by 30 June, 2006 as notified by the Honorary Treasurer [Part III (Bye-laws of the Association under 8 (Election of Office-Bearers) item (viii)]
- *The Association shall not be responsible for any delays non-receipt of ballot papers due to incorrect address/ postal delays or similar circumstances beyond its control*

## OBITUARY

### Dr. G.V. TALWALKAR MD, M.Sc. FCPS

Dr. G.V. Talwalkar was born on 18<sup>th</sup> April 1923 in the erstwhile state of Baroda. After his matriculation from Baroda he graduated (B.Sc.) from Elphinston College, Mumbai. He subsequently joined the Grant Medical College, Mumbai and obtained the M.B.B.S. degree in 1948. Here he planned his career in Pathology and in 1949 joined as a staff of the Department of Pathology Tata Hospital. In 1951, he was deputed to join a one-year residency program in pathology at Mount Sinai Hospital, New York. After completing the residency, he returned to India in 1952. He joined the Tata Memorial Hospital and under the guidance of Late Dr. V. R. Khanolkar, then Head of the Department, completed his post graduation. He continued in Tata Memorial Hospital to head the department in 1975.



The Department of Pathology, Tata Memorial Hospital, grew to new heights under his able leadership. He was a man of four D's. Dedication, Determination, Discipline & Devotion. He was a visionary and encouraged all staff members to develop different specialties in Pathology. He pioneered the establishment of lymph node pathology as a specialty in India. He was renowned for his skills in the diagnosis of lymphomas (which is a difficult subject) in India and abroad. He started conducting autopsies in cancer patients especially in Leukemia cases to learn more about the biology of cancer. It was under his tenure that the department obtained recognition for M.Sc and Ph.D degrees. He was a recognized post-graduate teacher for MD (Path), M.Sc. & Ph.D. in applied biology. He visualized the need for expansion of the pathology department with changing times and not only laid the foundation for a modern histopathology laboratory but also planned the establishment of electron microscopy and immunohistochemistry way back in 1984. He established FNAC as diagnostic technique in the department in 1985

In 1983 he became the first elected President of IAPM. He also became President of Indian Association of Hematology and Blood Transfusion. Very few may be aware that he was the founder member of Bombay Hematology Group. He was also the founder member of Asian Pacific Association of Pathologists, the first conference of which was held in 1987 at Rawalpindi. He was then specially invited to give a talk on Spectrum of lymphoma in India. He was also instrumental in making IAPM a member of the World Association of Societies of Pathology.

His main fields of research interest in Pathology were Hodgkin's Disease, Nuclear Magnetic Resonance and Rhinoscleroma. He had traveled all over India & world to deliver lectures, key note addresses and to participate at various conferences, symposia and workshops on oncopathology, hematology. He has more than 150 publications in various national and international scientific journals.

Some of the qualities he possessed were transparency, humility, discipline, loyalty to institution, perseverance, quest for knowledge and hard work. No wonder then, he was considered to be an excellent administrator. He was very encouraging teacher and was a fatherly figure to all the staff members who were like a large joint family. Behind the strict figure was a kind and humane person.

After retirement in 1985, he joined as a consultant pathologist at S.L.Raheja Hospital where he remained active till 2000. Even after retirement his interest in pathology and cricket continued.

He died peacefully on March 9, 2006.

May his soul rest in peace.

*[The Honorary Secretary is deeply indebted to Prof. D. N. Lanjewar, Prof. Roshan Chinoy and Dr. Subhada Kane for this obituary]*

### Dr. NALINI VENUGOPAL

It is with the deepest sense of sorrow the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists informs its members the sudden demise of one of our distinguished members Prof. Nalini Venugopal [L1976/521] recently.

*[The Honorary Secretary requests all members associated with Prof. Nalini Venugopal to kindly send a photograph and a brief write-up for printing a befitting obituary in the next News Bulletin]*



## From the Desk of the Joint Secretary: News from IAPM Chapters [2005-2006]

### Andhra Pradesh Chapter :

**Chairperson :** Dr. Md. Sikinder Hayat  
**Secretary :** Dr. P. Uday Kumar

One day Symposium-cum-slide seminar on Bone Pathology was held in Guntur Medical College on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2005. Organizing Secretary was Dr. Padmavathi Devi, Guntur Medical College.

Pre-Conference CME of IAPM-AP Chapter at Kamineni Institute of Medical Sciences, Narketpally was held on 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2005. Organizing secretary was Dr. T. Ramamurthi. Interesting topics covered included 'Research Methodology' by Dr. K.Ratnakar, Yashoda Hospitals, Secunderabad and 'Digital Microscopy' by Dr. B. Sesikeran Head of Pathology, National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad.

IAPM-AP Chapter was held at Kamineni Institute of Medical Sciences, Narketpally on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> September 2005.

The Sri Kamaraju Bapayya & Smt. Sarojini Devi Oration was given by Dr. Anita Borges, Mumbai on the topic on 'Immunohistochemistry in surgical pathology - When & why?'

Dr. Vani Santosh, NIMHANS, Bangalore delivered a guest lecture on 'Paediatric Brain Tumours'. A slide seminar was moderated by Prof. Ram Mohan Rao, Rangaraya Medical College, Kakinada.

Symposium on 'Inflammatory Bowel Disease' was moderated by Prof. R. Ashok Kumar, Kakatiya Medical College, Warangal. Six papers were presented in plenary session and about 70 papers were presented in oral and poster session

The Executive Committee of IAPM-AP Chapter (outgoing and incoming) met on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2005 at Tapadia Medical Center and new office bearers for 2005-07 were elected.

### Bihar Chapter :

**Secretary :** Dr. Suresh Narain Sharma

Local meetings were held. No annual state chapter conference could be held.

### Chattisgarh Chapter :

**Chairperson :** Dr. Ravindranath M

Regular meetings of the members is held on last Wednesday of the every month where interesting cases are discussed.

### Delhi Chapter :

**Chairperson :** Dr. Nishi Madan  
**Secretary :** Dr. Geeta Dev

Regular Meetings are held by rotation in various institutions every three months. Interesting talks and slide seminars are conducted. The Annual Conference of the chapter was held on 16, April 2006. In addition to talks on 'Genetic susceptibility to Breast Cancer in Indian women' by Dr. Sunita Mittal and on the 'Diagnosis of Chlamydia Infections from culture to molecular genetics' by Dr. A. Mittal, there were Oral and Poster presentations. The prestigious Prof V. Ramalingaswami Award for the best oral paper and the Prof. H.D.Tandon Award for the best poster was awarded.

### Gujarat Chapter :

**Chairperson :** Dr. Toparani Baroda

### Jharkhand Chapter :

**Chairperson :** Dr. Shivnandan Prasad  
**Secretary :** Dr. Manoj Kumar Rai

Local meetings were held. No annual state chapter meet was held. The Chapter has offered to hold Cytocon 2006 at Ranchi. State Chapter meeting was scheduled to be held in Darbhanga in December 2005.

### Karnataka Chapter :

**Chairperson :** Dr. Shankar S.K.  
**Secretary :** Dr. Sujay Prasad

Dr. Sarala Das at St. Johns Medical College held a lecture series on muscle biopsies on 15 April 2005. A Pathology slide seminar was held on 9 July 2005 at Manipal Hospital. Moderators were Dr. Suresh Chandra and Dr. Sanjay Pai. Another slide seminar was held on 31 July 2005 at Anand Diagnostic Lab. Moderators were Dr. Jayaram N., Dr. Geetha, Dr. Savitha and Dr. Tejaswini. A CME on bone tumours was held in August. Guest speakers included Dr. Krishnan Unni and Dr. Franco Bertoni

XXXIII Annual Conference of the Karnataka Chapter was held at Hubli on 21-22 October 2005. Several interesting topics were discussed. There was a live demonstration of autopsy techniques by Prof. Jaya Deshpande and Prof. D.N.Lanjewar. The 8<sup>th</sup> M.R.Parthasarathy-A.V.Ramaprasad Silver Headed Cane Oration was delivered by Dr. S. Datta Gupta on *Celiac Disease: A cause of chronic diarrhea in children revisited: Lessons from a Tertiary Care Center*. There were talks on *GI Endoscopic Biopsy Interpretation* [Dr. R.B.Deshpande and Dr Mukta Ramadwar], *Non-neoplastic lesions of the breast* [Dr. R.F.Chinoy], *Leukemia Update* [Dr. Madhumati D.S.] and slide seminars [Dr. Sujata S. Giriyan, Dr. N. Jayaram, Dr. R.F.Chinoy].

### Kerala Chapter :

**Chairperson:** Dr. Vijayalakshmi Nair

The Kerala Chapter conducted two chapter meetings and IIIrd National CME in Pathology.

First chapter meet was held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2005 at Kottayam. A slide seminar was conducted on 'Non-neoplastic lesions-noninfectious etiology'. 14 interesting cases were presented and discussed. There was a teaching session on 'Pathology of vasculitis' conducted by Dr. Vijayalakshmi. The meet also included ten oral and poster papers presented by delegates from various medical colleges, hospitals and private labs of the state. Second meet was held Trivandrum on 13<sup>th</sup> August followed by IIIrd national CME in Pathology on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> August 2005. The chapter meet had a slide seminar on 'Unusual neoplasms' consisting of 13 interesting cases. Dr. Mira Mohanty, Biomedical Technology Wing, SCTIMST delivered a talk on 'Implants in Humans: Significance of tissue study'. A poster and free paper session was also held.

The IIIrd National CME was a 3-day program, organized by the Kerala Chapter. Various topics were covered in lectures and slide seminars. The guest faculty included Dr. K Krishnan Unni of Mayo clinic and Dr. Franco Bertoni of Italy.

As per the decision of the IAPM - Kerala Chapter a new Trivandrum Path Club was formed on 24.2.2006. This Path Club named as the Trivandrum City Branch of Kerala Chapter IAPM has 45 local Pathologists of Trivandrum District as members. A 5 member executive committee was formed with Dr. Elizabeth Abraham (Consultant Pathologist, RCC Trivandrum, Kerala) as the Chairperson and Dr. C.P. Muthukrishnan (Senior Lecturer in Pathology, Medical College, Trivandrum Kerala) as the Secretary/Treasurer.

Following academic programmes were carried out recently by this Path Club.

'Diagnosis of Acute Leukemia from morphology to molecular biology' by Dr. M.B. Agarwal, Consultant Pathologist, Bombay Hospital, Institute of Medical Sciences, Mumbai on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2006.

Neuropathology of HIV Infection by Dr. Fransisco Scaranelli, Neuropathologist, London on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2006.

'Cutaneous malignant melanoma-recent developments' and a slide seminar on 'Melanocytic Tumours' by Dr. Mariamma Joseph, Professor, Department of Pathology, London Health Sciences Centre, Canada

A Guest Lecture by Dr. Bernd. W. Scheithauer, Professor, Department of Anatomic Pathology, Mayo Medical Centre Minnesota and CME on 'Pathology of Lymphomas and Leukemias' and a Surgical Pathology CME workshop on 'Placental and Embryofetal Pathology' are planned.

### Madhya Pradesh Chapter :

**Chair person :** Dr. D. P. Bhagwat  
**Secretary :** Dr. Reeni Malik

Apart from local meetings MP chapter organized APCON 2005 in Indore. The team has made all efforts to make this event successful.

### Maharashtra Chapter :

**Chairperson :** Dr. Bhanu Pandya

Workshop on Autopsy Pathology was held on 10 - 14<sup>th</sup> August 2005 at Grant Medical College, Mumbai. Program Director was Dr. B S Pandya.

The Department of Pathology and Microbiology of Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences, Deemed University, Karad from 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept. 2005 to 25<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2005 organized state level conference of the chapter. In the conference the topics discussed ranged from areas of every day practice to the recent advances in the field. Guest lectures in Pre - Conference CME were delivered by Dr. Megha Joshi, (USA) on 'Unusual tumors of the breast', Dr. Sushama Desai (KIMS, Karad) on 'Blood Components', Dr. Jaya Deshpande (Mumbai) on 'Cardiac Autopsy' and Dr. Sunila Nagle (Pune) on 'Paediatric Autopsy'



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Dr.A.G.Gujar (Miraj) moderated the Symposium on 'Tumors of kidney, bladder and prostate'. Col.S.Satyanarayan, (AFMC, Pune), & Dr. Neelam Kolte (Pune) conducted cytology slide seminar.

The conference program included guest lectures by Dr.Dilip Giri (USA) on 'Gene Micro arrays in tumor diagnosis', Dr. Anita Borges (Mumbai) on 'Rational approach to the diagnosis of thyroid neoplasm', Dr. V. L. Yemul (Pune) on 'Laboratory waste disposal', Dr. Ajit Kulkarni (Kolhapur) on 'Morphologist to Hemato-Pathologist - A Journey with some interesting cases' and Dr. R. F. Chinoy, (Mumbai) on 'Cervical Cytology'. Dr. Megha Joshi (USA) conducted slide seminar on 'Newly described lesions of the breast'.

The ever popular and widely participated sessions of post graduate quiz and MAPCON slide seminar were conducted efficiently by Dr. Meenal Hastak, Mumbai and Lt. Col. S. S. Gill (Pune) respectively.

### North East Chapter :

**Chairperson :** Dr. B.C. Buragohain  
**Secretary :** Dr. B. C. Gogoi

The XVII Annual Conference of the chapter was held at Aizwal on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> March 2006 (Dr. Eric Zomowia, Organizing Secretary). In addition to proffered papers there was a CME on 'Leukemias and Lymphomas' by Dr Sumit Gujral.

### North West Chapter :

**Chairperson :** Prof. Kusum Joshi

No separate annual meeting was organized as all the members were requested to attend and help in organization of International CME organized by DMCH Ludhiana in February 2005.

### Orissa Chapter :

**Chairperson :** Dr. R M Mohanty  
**Secretary :** Dr. M. K. Biswal

The 33<sup>rd</sup> Orissa chapter meet (APCON Orissa 2005) was held on 10<sup>th</sup> Sept 2005 at Brahmapur, Ganjam. Chief speaker was Prof J C Samantaray, Prof. & Head, Dept of Microbiology, AIIMS. He delivered a lecture on 'Present scenario of emerging parasitic diseases'. A symposium was held on 'Emerging infectious diseases' moderated by Prof. Nirupma Chayani of Medical College Cuttack. Prof. S.C. Parija from JIPMER, Pondichery delivered a lecture on 'Emerging parasitic diseases'. Dr. Ashok Mahapatra spoke on 'Viral diseases', Dr. B. Mullick on 'Fungal diseases', and Dr. S. K. Sahu on 'Bacterial diseases'. About 20 oral and 22 poster papers were presented. Prof. Jennet Khalko judged oral papers and Prof. Sridhar Das and Prof. Kailash Chandra Nath Sharma judged posters. The launching of Orissa Journal of Pathology and Microbiology was inaugurated by the Chief Speaker. Meeting of the executive council was held and venue for the next conference was decided to be VSS Medical College Burla. Prof Kailash Chandra Nath Sharma was elected as Chairperson for 2006.

### Rajasthan Chapter

**Chairperson:** Dr. M.C.R.Vyas

### Tamil Nadu & Pondichery Chapter

**Chairperson :** Dr.V.Rajalakshmi

Dr. Ezhilvizhi Alavandar has been recently elected as the convener

**Secretary :** Dr. Shanthi Vijayalakshmi

Meeting was held at Raja Muthaia Medical College, Chidambaram.

CME on Nephropathology was held at Sri Ram Chandra Medical College, Pourar, Chennai.

A meet was held at Govt. Royapettah Hospital with slide seminar on Dermatopathology and Haematology

### Uttar Pradesh Chapter

**Chairperson :** Prof. Mamta Singh

**Secretary :** Dr. P. K. Singh

XIII annual conference of UP-chapter was held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2004 at MLN Medical College Allahabad. A CME on 'Recent advances in pathology and intraoperative cytopathology' was held which included lectures and hands on demonstration of techniques of intraoperative cytopathology, pulmonary cytology, bone marrow changes in MPS disorders and RT-PCR. Guest faculty included Dr. Vinod B Shidham from Wisconsin, U.S.A., Dr. Sue J Kholhepp from Portland Medical Centre and Prof Tejinder Singh from MAMC, New Delhi. A free paper session was also held where the delegates presented about 50 posters from medical colleges, hospitals, defence services and private labs.

A mid term conference was jointly organized by K.G.M.University, SGPGIMS and Indira Diagnostic Centre at Lucknow on 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2005. Various aspects of neoplastic diseases were discussed.

Local associations of Pathologists in various districts like Allahabad, Lucknow, Kanpur, Agra and Varanasi had their separate meetings and guest lectures by invited guest faculty of repute.

XIV Annual Conference for 2005 was held at JLN Medical College, AMU on 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov. 2005. Organising Secretary was Dr. Rana K. Sherwani. Guest lectures were delivered by Prof. Tejinder Singh of Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi on 'Role of bone marrow trephine biopsy in non-haematological disorders', Prof. Harsh Mohan Chandigarh on 'Role of core needle biopsy in breast lesions', Prof. Preena Bhalla, New Delhi on 'Role of laboratory in diagnosis and management of HIV and AIDS' and Prof. R.K. Gupta from SGPGI on 'FNAC of testes in infertility'. Two separate PG quizzes were organized in pathology and microbiology. About 60 papers were presented as posters. Prizes were given to the winners of quiz and best papers in various subspecialties of pathology. A meeting of executive council was held and Prof. Nazoora Khan of JLN Medical College Aligarh was elected as the president for the next session.

### Uttaranchal Chapter

**Chairperson :** Dr S. L.Gupta  
**Secretary :** Dr. Girish Goyal

Local meetings were held. Invited faculty delivered Guest lectures. No state level meet was held.

### West Bengal Chapter

**Chairperson :** Dr. Dahalia Banerjee  
**Secretary :** Prof. Pradeep Mitra

The RN Ghosh Memorial CME was held on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2005 at B N Singh Hospital.

XIV Annual State Chapter Conference with pre-conference CME was held on 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2005 at NRS Medical College Kolkata. Several interesting sessions were held. The S.N.Dey Memorial Oration was delivered by Lt. Gen. J.R.Bharadwaj and the topic was *Viral infections of the CNS*. Besides this meetings are held on a regular basis.

**While it must be realized that several chapters are more active than what is brought out in this brief account, it must be appreciated that only those reports that are available with the Joint Secretary supplemented with those available with the Honorary Secretary and in web-sites could be highlighted.**

**All State Chapters are requested to send their reports to the Joint Secretary for presentation at the next General Body Meeting during APCON 2006.**

## Congratulations

The Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists is privileged to announce that Dr. C.C.Kartha, Professor, Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Trivandrum has been elected as a Fellow of the International Academy of Cardiovascular Sciences. He is the only pathologist from our country to be elected to this prestigious academy which has a limited fellowship of about 250 cardiovascular scientists from all over the world.

Our heartiest congratulations! The association is extremely proud to have members of the caliber of Prof. Kartha



### The state of [membership] affairs of the association!

The printing of the Address Book of the association by our previous Hon.Treasurer, Dr. Niranjana Rout with the help of our present Hon.Treasurer, Prof. Kanakalata Dei, has brought out some interesting facets of our membership. Since this issue of the News Bulletin carries the report of our State Chapters, the following is the break-up of the members in different states (according to the electronic version available till June 2006). *The data may not be entirely accurate since these are based entirely on the address available, including some that may have not been changed.* Nevertheless the table is self-explanatory.

| STATE                      | HONORARY MEMBERS | ASSOCIATE MEMBERS | ORDINARY MEMBERS | LIFE MEMBERS | TOTAL MEMBERS |
|----------------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------|---------------|
| ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS  | -                | -                 | -                | 02           | 02            |
| ANDHRA PRADESH             | -                | -                 | 48               | 98           | 146           |
| ASSAM                      | -                | -                 | -                | 40           | 40            |
| BIHAR                      | -                | -                 | 18               | 96           | 114           |
| C/O ARMY POST OFFICES      | -                | -                 | 04               | 11           | 15            |
| CHANDIGARH                 | -                | -                 | 22               | 28           | 50            |
| CHATTISGARH                | -                | -                 | 03               | 13           | 16            |
| DELHI                      | -                | 02                | 47               | 218          | 267           |
| GOA, DAMAN & DIU           | -                | -                 | 04               | 16           | 20            |
| GUJARAT                    | -                | -                 | 14               | 136          | 150           |
| HARYANA                    | -                | -                 | 10               | 53           | 63            |
| HIMACHAL PRADESH           | -                | 01                | -                | 14           | 15            |
| JAMMU & KASHMIR            | -                | -                 | 04               | 17           | 21            |
| JHARKHAND                  | -                | -                 | 09               | 33           | 42            |
| KARNATAKA                  | -                | 12                | 88               | 192          | 292           |
| KERALA                     | -                | -                 | 52               | 59           | 91            |
| MADHYA PRADESH             | -                | 01                | 20               | 212          | 233           |
| MAHARASHTRA                | -                | 03                | 209              | 515          | 727           |
| MANIPUR                    | -                | -                 | -                | 04           | 04            |
| MIZORAM                    | -                | -                 | 01               | 04           | 05            |
| ORISSA                     | -                | -                 | 36               | 112          | 48            |
| PONDICHERY                 | -                | -                 | 05               | 07           | 12            |
| PUNJAB                     | -                | -                 | 18               | 69           | 87            |
| RAJASTHAN                  | -                | -                 | 16               | 55           | 71            |
| TAMIL NADU                 | -                | 01                | 45               | 97           | 143           |
| TRIPURA                    | -                | -                 | 05               | 01           | 06            |
| UTTAR PRADESH              | -                | 02                | 46               | 120          | 168           |
| UTTARANCHAL                | -                | 01                | 08               | 10           | 19            |
| WEST BENGAL                | -                | 01                | 86               | 194          | 281           |
| <b>TOTAL IN ALL STATES</b> | -                | <b>24</b>         | <b>828</b>       | <b>2539</b>  | <b>3391</b>   |
| <b>OVERSEAS MEMBERS</b>    | 20               | -                 | -                | 10           | 30            |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>         | <b>20</b>        | <b>24</b>         | <b>828</b>       | <b>2549</b>  | <b>3421</b>   |

Maharashtra has the largest number of members (21.3%) followed by Karnataka (8.5%), West Bengal (8.2%) and New Delhi (7.8%).

These four states account for 45.8% of the membership. If Madhya Pradesh is added, these states combined have 52.6% of members.

It is gratifying to note that 74.5% of our members are Life Members. Ordinary Members account for 24.0% of our total membership.

Overseas members include those with their addresses in Nepal and Bhutan in addition to countries such as United States, Canada, Germany, Australia, New Zealand and Kuwait. However there are none from the United Kingdom which is the home of traditional Pathology and Microbiology !

Associate Memberships are actually meant for students who are training for their postgraduate degree. Is it not strange that we have only 23 such members? Some may have enrolled as Ordinary Members, duly proposed and seconded.

All members are requested to ensure that memberships that they propose or second should be properly verified so that applicant fills these properly.



## Announcements regarding APCON 2006

Please visit the web-site [www.apcon2006.com](http://www.apcon2006.com) for all details regarding the conference.

Abstracts are to be submitted on-line. A hard copy should be sent to the Organizing Secretary at Bangalore. The Organizing Secretary will forward the copy to the Honorary Secretary for approval. To avoid any confusion, members are requested to send the copies to the Organizing Secretary only.

Only members are permitted to present papers / posters. All new applicants are therefore requested to send a copy of their application form and a copy of the draft (submitted in original to the Honorary Treasurer at Cuttack) to the Organizing Secretary at Bangalore with their abstracts.

Due to a shortage of time, each member is restricted to present either one oral paper or a poster in the conference.

The last date for submission of abstracts is given in the web-site.

Regarding the Award Sessions, please refer to the earlier News Bulletin [No.1&2/2006. January-March, in blue]. The last date for submission has been extended to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2006.

## Tentative Schedule (*liable to be changed*) for the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of IAPM at Bangalore

**06 December 2006 (Wednesday) :** Evening Inauguration [Conference Venue: NIMHANS, Bangalore]

**07 December 2006 (Thursday) :**

- 09.00 – 10.00 Dr. B. K. Aikat Memorial Oration [Prof. Kusum Joshi, President, IAPM]
- 10.00 – 11.00 Dr. K.C. Basu Mallick Award Plenary Session
- 11.00 – 12.00 Best Paper Award Plenary Session
- 12.00 – 13.00 Guest Lecture Genomics and Proteomics in Neoplasia [Prof Jan Baak, Norway]
- 13.00 – 14.00 Lunch
- 14.00 – 16.00 Proffered Papers and Posters [Parallel Sessions]
- 16.00 – 17.30 Careers in Pathology [Postgraduate Series]

**08 December 2006 (Friday) :**

- 07.30 – 08.30 Meet the Professors over Breakfast [Postgraduate Series]
- 08.30 – 10.30 Slide Seminar Pediatric Pathology [Lt Col S.S. Gill, AFMC, Pune]
- 09.00 – 10.30 Parallel Microbiology Symposium on Chlamydia [Prof. Gita Panda, AIIMS, New Delhi]
- 10.30 – 12.00 Dr. Gaya Prasad Memorial Symposium: Pathology of Stroke in India [Dr. B.D.Radotra, PGIMER, Chandigarh]
- 12.00 – 13.00 Guest Lecture Pathology of Dementia [Dr. Aruna Chakraborty, United Kingdom]
- 13.00 – 13.30 Lunch
- 14.00 – 14.30 Debate : Mitotic Figures are the *sine-qua-non* of malignancy  
[For: Prof K.P.Aravindan, Calicut, Against: Prof Anita Borges, Mumbai] [Postgraduate Series]
- 14.30 – 16.30 Proffered Papers and Posters [Parallel Sessions]
- 16.30 - 17.30 How I do it [Postgraduate Series]
- Autopsy technique
- Improving a presentation
- Urine examination for cellular sediments
- 18.00 – 19.30 General Body Meeting

**09 December 2006 (Saturday):**

- 07.30 – 08.30 Meet the Professors over Breakfast [Postgraduate Series]
- 08.30 – 10.30 Usha Hardas Microbiology Symposium: Reproductive Tract Infections [Prof Meera Sharma: PGIMER, Chandigarh]
- 10.30 – 12.00 Hematology Symposium [Lt. Col Deepak Kumar Mishra, Army Hospital (R & R), New Delhi]
- 12.00 – 13.00 Proffered Papers [Parallel Sessions]
- 13.00 – 13.30 Quiz [Postgraduate Series]
- 13.30 – 14.00 Valedictory Function

### List of specialty interests

A request was made in the previous News Bulletin to all members to indicate their specialty interests to the Honorary Secretary. This is necessary so that we may draw a list of experts who may utilize a part of the time during Proffered Paper Sessions to either discuss diagnostic problems or to bring out strategies for drawing guidelines for Diagnostic Pathology as applicable to our country. The feasibility of these may be discussed in the General Body Meeting.

### Call for agenda for discussion in the GBM

All members are requested to kindly intimate in writing, matters they wish to deliberate and discuss during the 55<sup>th</sup> General Body Meeting of the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists to be held at NIMHANS, Bangalore. The meeting is tentatively fixed at 18.00 Hours (06.00 PM) on Friday 08 December 2006. All such requests should reach the Honorary Secretary by 15 October 2006.

### New Membership Application / Proposal Form

A new Application / Proposal Form for membership of the IAPM is now available .

Please visit the IAPM web-site: [iapm.net.in](http://iapm.net.in)



### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

| Event  | Dates                 | Venue   | Contact   |
|--|-----------------------|---|---|
| National CME Programme in Pathology  | 19-20 July 2006       | Goa Medical College, Bambolin, Goa  | DR.R.G.W.Pinto, Prof.& Head, Dept. of Pathology, Goa Medical College, Bambolim, Goa-403202.<br>E-mail : lalita@sesagoa.com  |
| 4th National CME in Pathology [CME I,II,III]   | 12-14 August 2006     | Mammen Mapilla Hall, Kottayam [Kerala Chapter IAPM and Medical College, Kottayam]   | Dr. Usha Poothiode, Organizing Secretary / Prof Joy Augustine, Chairman, Organizing Committee, IVth National CME in Pathology-2006, Dept. of Pathology, Medical College, Kottayam-686008, Kerala [Tel: 0481-2597234 / 2598183<br>Mob: +91-9447025981/+91-9847111760<br>E-mail : pathocmektm06@yahoo.co.in<br>joyajoy@rediffmail.com |
| Symposium on Endoscopic Biopsies Mid - Term Programme-2006<br>International Academy of Pathology- Indian Division (IAP-ID) | 18-19 August 2006     | BYL Nair CH Hospital & TN Medical College, Mumbai   | Dr. Anjali Amrapurkar, Dept. of Pathology, BYL Nair Ch Hospital & TN Medical College, Mumbai-400008.  |
| Cytopathology Update 2006  | 06-07 September 2006  | BS Medical College, Bankura , West Bengal   | Prof. Manoj Chaudhuri, Head, Department of Pathology, BS Medical College, Bankura-722101, West Bengal   |
| XXXIV Annual Conference of the Orissa Chapter of IAPM  | 09 September, 2006    | V.S.S.Medical College, Burla, Dist. Sambalpur, Orissa   | Dr. Ramesh Ch. Mohanty, Org. SECRETARY< V.S.S. Medical College, Burla, Dist. Sambalpur, Orissa 768017. Tel. No. 9437163344  |
| XVIth Annual State Conference of the West Bengal Chapter of IAPM   | 23-24 September, 2006 | Army Institute of Mangement, Command Hospital Complex, Kolkata  | Col. S. Bandopadhyay, Organizing Secretary, Dept. of Pathology, Command Hospital [EC], Alipore, Kolkata-700027  |
| 1st National Course in Surgical Pathology  | 05-07 October, 2006   | All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi  | Prof. M. K. Singh, Dept. of Pathology, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Ansari Nagar, New Delhi-110029<br>E-mail: pathstudyaiims@gmail.com  |
| 1st TMH Workshop on Advances in Histotechnology 2006   | 14-15 October, 2006   | Tata Memorial Hospital, Parel, Mumbai-400012  | Dr. R.F.Chinoy, Conference Chairperson/ Mrs. Ujjwala Joshi or Mrs.Rekha Thorat, Organizing Secretary, Dept. of Pathology, Tata Memorial Hospital, Parel, Mumbai 400012.<br>Tel No. 24146750 Ext.4383/4382 Fax No. 022-412556<br>E-mail : urekha1@yahoo.co.in  |
| XVth Annual Conference of the UP Chapter of IAPM [UP-PATHMICON- 06]  | 11 November, 2006     | Institute of Medical Sciences, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi   | Dr. Rajendra S. Garbyal, <i>Organizing Secretary</i> , UP-PATHMICO-06, Dept. of Pathology, Institute of Medical Sciences, BHU, Varanasi   |
| Rajasthan State Chapter Conference of Pathologists 2006 [RAPCON 2006]  | 11-12 November, 2006  | S.P.Medical College and Acharya Tulsi Regional Cancer Centre, Bikaner   | Dr. R. L. Solanki, Org. Secretary, RAPCON 2006, C/17 Shastri Nagar, Near Hanumanji Ka Temple, Bikaner Tel: 0151-2200211 / 9828833749  |
| 9th National CME on Dermatopathology   | 19 November, 2006     | All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi  | Prof. M. K. Singh, Dept. of Pathology, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Ansari Nagar, New Delhi 110029. E-mail: makusi@hotmail.com  |
| Pre-Conference CME & Workshops   | 04-05 December, 2006  | National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences [NIMHANS]' Bangalore  | Dr. Sujay Prasad, Organizing Secretary, 55 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of IAPM [APCON 2006], Anand Institute of Laboratory Medicine, 11 Blue Cross Chambers, Infantry Road Cross, Shivajinagar, Bangalore 560001<br>E-mail : sujay@anandlab.com<br>Website : apcon2006.com  |
| Annual Meeting of IAP-ID   | 06 December, 2006     |   |   |
| 55th Annual Conference of IAPM [APCON 2006]  | 07- 09 December, 2006 |   |   |
| XIIth International CME in Surgical Pathology and Cytology   | 18-20 January, 2007   | S.G.Barve Auditorium, Alpa Bachat Cultural Complex and Convention Centre, 7 Queens Garden, Behind Council Hall, Pune 411001 | Conference Secretariat: "Parimal"<br>1194/22 Ghole Road, Shivajinagar, Pune 411004<br>Tel: 020-39514299 Mob+91-9822403237<br>Website:www.intcme2007.org   |