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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As I sit down to write the last message of the year during my tenure before passing on the baton, I begin to introspect. Being President of our national organization for one year, just after having been Editor of our journal for 5 long years—it is quite natural for me to compare and contrast the work profile between the two posts. While the latter post was very demanding in terms of needs of authors, expectations from reviewers, dealing with members, and of course spending a lot of time with production and publishing team of my department and with printer, the high profile post of President has much less active work; it required working in tandem with Hon Secretary and undertaking travel on generous invitations from state chapters. Besides, the tenure of editor for 5 years appeared to be rather too long, while that of President for one year was too short to accomplish much! Nonetheless, in this short period of one year, the energetic and enthusiastic Executive Committee of IAPM has achieved some major milestones this year—bringing the IJPM online and getting it published through professional agency, and Quality Assurance Program in Histopathology. Needless to say that the Hon Secretary has been quite active in regular communication with members through newsletters and mails.

The festival season soon commences with the Durga Puja and shall continue till Christmas and I wish everyone good health and rewarding new year. Our major annual professional festival of Apcon-2008 comes in mid-December 2008. After initial hiccups, the organizers of Apcon-2008 at Kattankulathur are trying to reach out to all members through the main information brochure. It is my privilege to invite all members to attend the Apcon-2008 in good strength to interact with each other professionally and socially.

Jai Hind
Prof. Harsh Mohan

FROM THE HONORARY SECRETARY

Dear Friends,
Namaskar.

The annual mega event of our association i.e., APCON-2008 will be at your door by the time you receive this news bulletin. Kindly, mark the dates in your calendar and plan your travel to Kattankulathur with family and friends.

You must have received the final announcement from the organisers of APCON 2008. Since, some of the members are receiving this announcement late, **the last date of early registration has been extended to 31st October 2008. Also, the last date for abstract for poster session has been extended to 31st October 2008 too.**

The APCON QUIZ 2008 is now a very interesting programme particularly for the young and budding pathologists and microbiologists. This programme keeps all of us active till we meet at the APCON venue.

The 57th General Body Meeting (GBM) will be held on 17th December 2008 at 6.30 pm. All members are invited to attend the GBM, and participate actively to make this mega event a memorable one.

Jai IAPM
Niranjan Rout



ANDHRA PRADESH CHAPTER

Chairperson : Dr. R.Sriramulu Naidu,

Secretary : Dr. Sandhyarani,

We conducted CME on gastrointestinal pathology at Siddhardha medical college, on 1st march 08

A state IAPM conference was organised on 13 & 14 Sept 2008 with a preconference CME and workshop on Flow cytometry and immunohistochemistry. The organising secretary was Dr. R. SriramuluNaidu, of Rangaraya medical college., Kakinada. AP.

Another CME will be organised at Kakitaya medical college, Warangal on UROPATHOLOGY on 8-11-08.

BIHAR CHAPTER

Secretary : Dr. Dilip Kumar

We had two programmes.

1. Along with deptt of radiotherapy we did a CME on cancer awareness and methods of early detection at patna medical college and hospital.
2. A CME on breast cancer diagnosis and histological reporting of breast cancer at patna medical college and hospital.

KERALA CHAPTER

Chairperson : Dr Usha Poothiode

Secretary : Dr. R. Ranjan

There are 180 members. Yearly we meet on second Saturdays of February and August. 61st chapter meet was held at JUBILEE MISION HOSPITAL in Feb 08.

62nd meeting was at Dr. SMCSI medical college Trivandrum. Slide seminar on BONE LESIONS was moderated by Drs Krishns Balachandran and Laly Alex. It was attended by 145 members. Prof. Balaraman Nair was honoured for bagging the veteran award from Kerala Govt. Next meet will be at Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences, Kochi. in Feb 09. Topic for SLIDE SEMINAR - lesions of CNS, moderated by Dr. Radhakrishnan, Sree Chitra Institute Trivandrum. Local path clubs at kottayam. Trivandrum and kochin are meeting once in 2 months with topics and case discussions.

NORTH-WEST CHAPTER

Chairperson: Prof. Harsh Mohan

A two-day Zonal Conference of North West Chapter of IAPM was hosted by the Department of Pathology, Government Medical College, Patiala, Punjab, on 1st-2nd March 2008. It was attended by about 150 delegates from Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, J & K, besides Chandigarh. The conference was inaugurated by Hon'able Minster of Medical Education & Research, Punjab. The academic session commenced on day-1 with discussion on **Diabetes Mellitus**. It included talks on "*Clinical Aspects of Diabetes Mellitus*" (by Prof Harbir Kaur Rao, GMC, Patiala), *Role of Clinical Laboratory in Diagnosis of DM* (Prof Harsh Mohan, GMC, Chandigarh) and *Autopsy Findings in DM* (Prof K Joshi, PGI, Chandigarh). This was followed by symposium on **Interpretation of GI Biopsy** moderated by Prof RK Vasishtha, PGI, Chandigarh and participating speakers were Dr R Nada (PGI, Chandigarh) and RK Saran (GB Pant Hospital, Delhi). In

the afternoon session on day 1, **Haematology Session** included a talk on *Bone Marrow Aspiration & Biopsy Procedure and Interpretation* by Prof Tejender Singh, MAMC, Delhi, and a *Haematology Slide Seminar* by Prof Sheila Das, CMC, Ludhiana. The day ended with a **Cytology Slide Seminar** moderated by Prof Vineeta Malhotra, DMC, Ludhiana, and contributed by Dr P Dey (PGI, Chandigarh), Dr Monika (DMC, Ludhiana) and Prof Uma Handa (GMC, Chandigarh).

On Day-2, the session started with **Tuberculosis** in which Dr Pawan Bansal (Punjab State TB Officer) gave the *epidemic profile*, Dr Roma Issac (CMC, Ludhiana) talked on *pathology of tuberculosis* while Dr Jai Kishan (GMC, Patiala) spoke on *international standard of TB care*. This was followed by a session on **AIDS** in which Prof AK Gill (GMC, Patiala), Dr Gambhir (AIDS Control Society, Punjab), Dr R Minz (PGI, Chandigarh) and Prof BD Radotra (PGI, Chandigarh) participated. The last academic session was on Clinical Pathology in which Prof MS Bal (GMC, Patiala) spoke on Semen Analysis while Prof BS Shah (DMC, Ludhiana) spoke on Urine Examination. In addition, 26 posters were also displayed which were reviewed by Prof SK Mathur (PGIMS, Rohtak) and Prof S Bharadwaj (GMC, Jammu).

ORISSA CHAPTER

Chairperson : Prof. Sarala Das

Secretary : Dr. Manoj Ku Patro

Fourth successive CME was conducted at the IAPM Headquarters, Cuttack on 12th April 2008 by Dr. N.C. Parija and his team. Eminent young & experienced Pathologists both from inside & outside the state delivered Scientific deliberations. Dr KK Deodhar, TMH Mumbai - [i] Tumors & tumor-like lesions of Cervix & [ii] Controversies in the diagnosis of Ovarian malignancies. Dr Rama Gopalan, Dr ALMPGIBMS, Chennai - Trophoblastic diseases. Col (Dr) S Satyanarayan, Editor IJPM, GSL MC, Rajahmundry, AP - "Needles & Doodles" and Dr A Kar, SCB MC, Cuttack - Intraoperative Cytology of Ovarian tumors - Promise, Practice & Problems.

Free Blood Grouping Health Camp was organized by the State Chapter at Nimapur High School, Jagatpur, Cuttack on 13th April 2008.

A Plantation Programme was organized on 10th August 2008 in the premises of the National Headquarter of IAPM (IAPM House) at Chahata, Bidanasi, Cuttack.

Prof Harsh Mohan, President IAPM visited the IAPM House on 12th September evening and address the meeting of the Headquarter advisory committee members. He proposed to make the IAPM House to a state-of-art Museum for the Pathologists & Microbiologists.

36th Annual Conference of IAPM Orissa Chapter "ODISHA APCON 2008" was held in the SCB Medical College, Cuttack on 13th September'08 successfully organized by Prof Surama Satapathy & her team.

In his inaugural address to the gathering, Shri AS Naidu, Honourable judge, Orissa High Court emphasized on the role of Academic meets in refreshing knowledge. Justice Naidu also addressed to an important issue of "Mushrooming of illegal pathology laboratories by unqualified persons." He

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expressed his views that steps must be taken to ban such laboratories those are a serious threat to the society.

The academic session began with the Orissa Chapter Oration in the memory of Late Prof Bikram Das, under the chairmanship of Prof. B.K. Nanda and Prof. K.C. Nathasarma. The Guest Speaker, Prof Harsh Mohan, President IAPM 2008, delivered an excellent & educative talk on, "Interpretation of Core Needle Biopsy specimens of Breast lesions. The Slide Seminar on "Lesions of Cutaneous Appendages" was moderated by Prof Kanak Lata Dei, Brahmapur.

Joint Secretary IAPM (Headquarter), Prof NC Parija, presented the Annual report on IAPM Headquarter. The days of State Chapter Meet (ODISHA APCON) and Head quarter CME (HQCME) remained the same i.e. on 2nd Saturday of September & 2nd Saturday of February respectively. Prof Kadambari Mishra was unanimously selected as the Chairperson of the Orissa Chapter IAPM for the year 2009. Hi-tech Medical College, Bhubaneswar will host the next Chapter Meet i.e. on 2nd Saturday, September 2009.

TN / PUDUCHERRY CHAPTER

Chairperson : Prof.Dr.D.Gomathinayagam

Secretary : Dr.S.Ramesh

2 Day Annual Pathology Meet APCON 2007 was convened at Trichy by IAPM with Dr. R. K. Rath as organising secretary on July 2007.

There were Guest lectures by Dr. Vani Santosh of NIMHANS on CNS Tumors and 'Lymphomas' by Dr. Deba Dutta of JIPMER and Immuno histochemos of interesting lesions.

There were paper presentations by participants Madras Medical college, Stanely Medical college and Karaikal.

The 1 day Cme in Hematology and Annual Pathology Meet 2008 was conducted at Kilpauk Medical College on May 1st and 2nd.

1 day CME had several experts in the field delivering various topics Dr. Pushpa, Chennai, Dr. Gayathri, Hyderabad, Dr. Varadharajan, Chennai, Dr. Laksmanan, Chennai, Dr. Revathy Raj

The Secondary Annual Pathology meet had Guest lectures by Dr. Yasha from NIMHANS on 'Peripheral Nerve Sheath tumor' and quality control in cytology by Dr. Jayaram of Anand Laboratories, Bangalore. A Slide Seminar was conducted by members of our chapter.

A brief General Body Meeting was convened and Dr. Gomathinayagam HOD, Madurai Medical College as Office bearer for 2008-2010

1) Online slide discussion on August 2008.

2) IAPM-Appolo Madurai joint meeting conducted on October 2008
Speakers : Prof.Thilagavathy, Consultant Pathologist, Madurai
Dr. Selvanayagi, M.D pathology PG ,MMC ,Madurai
Topics: Glomus Tumour, Haemangiopericytoma of Brain, Symplastic Leiomyoma and Small cell carcinoma lung.

3) Renal pathology at Govt Royapettah Hospital, Kilapuk medical college, Chennai on September 2008.

Speakers: Dr.Balasingh,Dr.Swarnalatha,Dr.Sarah Kuruvilla
Topics : Cystic lesions of Kidney, Inflammatory diseases of Kidney, Renal Biopsy and Slide Discussion.

UP CHAPTER

President : Dr. Rani Bansal

U.P. Pathmicon 2007, XVI U.P. chapter of Indian Association of Pathologist and Microbiologists was held at Subharti Medical College, Meerut on 6th October 2007.

This august one day conference was attended by approximately 200 Pathologists, delegates, faculty members from other state Medical Colleges and post graduate students.

A galaxy of highly eminent guest speakers viz. Prof. Rajat Kumar (AIIMS, Delhi), Prof. R.K. Vashishta (PGI, Chandigarh), Prof. Asitava Mondal (Kolcutta), Prof. Preena Bhalla (UCMS Delhi) and Dr. Chethan Manohar (KMC, Manipal) congregated from distant corners of the country to deliver lectures on eclectic topics in Pathology and Microbiology. These lectures proved to be very fruitful and inspiring. A poster competition and a Pathology & Microbiology Quiz which was highly popular amongst the young post graduate students were also held. The conference was hailed as a thumping success adding another feather in the cap of we, Subhartians. It was a milestone, an occasion to cherish in memories, forever. Finally the baton was handed over to, the department of Pathology, SN Medical College, Agra to officially host the next U.P. Pathmicon 2008.

According to latest information given by Dr. Kalpana Singh, HOD, Department of Pathology S. N. Medical college, Agra, tentative date of U. P. Pathmicon 2008 shall be in last week of November, very soon she will communicate final dates to IAPM main body.

WEST BENGAL CHAPTER

President : Dr. P. K. Mitra

Secretary : Dr. Anjali Dasgupta

During the whole year, we had regular monthly meetings with scientific programmes & CMEs held at different Govt. Medical Colleges and Private Medical non-teaching Institutions.

Dr.R.N. Ghosh Memorial CME and Workshop on Immunohistochemistry was held on 27th Sept.'08. Eminent speakers from different parts of the country took part at the CME and made highly educative presentations.

The Annual State Conference was held on 28th Sept.'08. Dr. Harsh Mohan, National President of IAPM, was present at the Conference to deliver the Dr. S.N.De Memorial oration.

Agenda for 57th GBM of IAPM (17.12.2008 at 6.30 pm)

1. Condolences (if any).
2. Confirmation of the minutes of 56th General Body Meeting of IAPM.
3. Admission of new members to IAPM.
4. Declaration of results of Election 2009.
5. Nomination of two members for scrutiny and counting of ballot papers.
6. Seminars and symposia topics for 2009.
7. Results of prizes and Award 2008.
8. Venue for the next conference.
9. Report of IAPM Headquarter.
10. Report of the Secretary.
11. Report of the Joint Secretary
12. Report of the Treasurer.
13. Report of the Editor-in-Chief, IJPM.
14. Report of the National External Quality Control Programme.
15. Report of the ICP Secretary.
16. Any other matter with permission of the Chair.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Events	Dates	Venue	Contact
Lymphoma update	21-23 Nov. 2008	Mumbai	Dr. Tanuja Shet Professor and Pathologist, 8th Floor, Annexe Building Tata Memorial Hospital, Parel, Mumbai - 400012 Ph : 022-24177264; Fax : 022-24125556, Email :tanujashet@yahoo.com
International Conference on Pathology of Chest Diseases	6-7 Dec.2008	Delhi	Dr. Ritu Kulashrestha, Organising Secretary, VP Chest Institute University of Delhi, Delhi -110007 Ph : 09891334373, Website : www.vpci.org.in
APCON - 2008	16-18 Dec, 2008	Kattankulathur, Tamilnadu (42 KM from Chennai)	Prof. Taralakhshmi V. Venugopal Organising Secretary, APCON 2008 SRM Medical College Hospital and Research Centre, SRM University, Kattankulathur-603203 Tamilnadu, (India). Phone : 91-044-27454603-1526, E-mail: apcon2008@gmail.com Website: www.srmuniv.ac.in / apcon2008.php
6th Asia Pacific IAP Congress	20-23 Aug, 2009	Kochi, Kerala	Le Meredian Resorts & Convention Centre Kochi, Kerala, India Website : www.apiap2009.com

REGISTRATION FEES FOR APCON 2008

S.No.	Registration Fee	Till 30.10.08	After 30.10.08
1.	IAP-ID-Conference	Rs.	Rs.
a.	Members	600	700
b.	NonMembers	800	900
c.	Overseas Delegates	US\$100	US\$125
2.	IAPM-Conference		
a.	Members	2500	3000
b.	NonMembers	3000	3500
c.	Associate Delegates	2000	2500
d.	PO Students	1500	2000
e.	Overseas Delegates	US\$200	US\$250
3.	CME / Workshop		
a.	One day	750	1000
b.	Two day	1500	2000

Hotel tariff ranges from Rs. 350/- to Rs. 10,500/- per day. Pay 1 day's hotel tariff along with registration fees to book your acomodation. All the hotel are within 10-15 km. from the venue. Transportation will be provided from Hotel to venue and back by the Organisers of APCON.

For more informations kindly visit the website : www.srmuniv.ac.in/apcon2008.php

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Last date for early registration extended up to 31st October 2008.**
- **Last date for Abstract for Poster Session extended upto 31st October 2008.**
- **Transportation will be provided from Airport and Railway station to the venue/ hotels with prior intimation to the organising secretary regarding your arrival.**

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