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News in brief

NAMASKAR!

The end of this year marks the completion of the tenure of present office-bearers of the association. The office-bearers have been elected for periods varying from five years in the case of Prof. Harsh Mohan, Editor-in-Chief to one year in the case of the President, Prof. Taralakshmi V. Venugopal and Vice-President, Prof. B. D. Radotra. The Honorary Joint Secretary, Prof. Vatsala Misra and the Honorary Treasurer, Prof. Kanakalata Dei were in office for three years each and the Honorary Secretary, Prof. S. Datta Gupta for a little over two years. Past Presidents, Lt. Gen. J. R. Bhardwaj and Prof. Kusum Joshi and Past Vice-Presidents, Prof. S. C. Parija and Prof. Manoj K. Singh were also associated during the earlier two years. Dr. N. C. Parija, Joint Secretary [Headquarters] was with us throughout.

The entire team recalls the memorable time they had while serving the association. The co-operation, counsel, advice from all members were the pillars on which the team worked. All attempts were made to ensure that the flag of the association and the profession fluttered high. Several changes in functioning were brought. The journal saw a transformation. The scientific content of the journal and the conferences have improved. Our state chapters are vibrant. The treasurer has done an excellent job. The Headquarters and the building have shaped well. Above all our younger colleagues and students have excelled in the quality of presentations wherever they have participated. We have had memorable annual conferences marked by superb organizational skills of our members. What is regrettable is the sad demise of some of our outstanding and illustrious members of our association.

It would be incorrect to expect that every member was satisfied at all times. The functioning of an academic and scientific association such as ours is complex with highly educated members whose points of view are divergent but in their own way are also correct. However, by and large the association has been democratic in its dealings. The new team that takes over will definitely carry the association to greater heights. They have not only large number of members who will co-operate and support but a family of senior members whose wise counsel is unique and invaluable to the IAPM.

The present office-bearers thank you all and wish the new team the very best.

The moment is best exemplified by the greeting **Namaskar** which can be used in the context of both adieu and welcome!

President's Message

Dear Members,

Namaskar

This is the third News Bulletin of this year. I hope you all had a very happy and enjoyable Deepavali and enjoyed the festival season. I am happy to note that almost from the beginning of the year, a number of institutions from all over the country conducting state annual conferences, CMEs and workshops for the benefit post graduate students and pathologists.

I hope many IAPM members have registered for the conference and sent their abstracts for scientific presentations.

Foreign experts, Prof. A. Marie Nelson and Dr. Teri A. Longacre would be delivering lectures in the forthcoming annual conference.

Another important event in this conference is the introduction of Indian College of Pathologists in the memory of Prof. S. J. Nagalotimath.

I take this opportunity to thank you for all the support you gave me as President of IAPM during 2007.

I would like to request all members to visit the IAPM website at www.iapm.net.in to view all important announcements.

I look forward to meeting you all.

With best wishes

Prof. Taralakshmi V. V.

From the Honorary Secretary

Dear friends

As this IAPM News Bulletin reaches you the association reiterates three activities where your participation as a member is essential and cannot be overemphasized.

As we mark the end of the year with our annual conference, I hope you are all getting prepared to visit Chandigarh. The success of this conference like others rests on the delegates as much as the organizers. Therefore your presence and participation is paramount. The Organizing Committee at Chandigarh headed by Prof Kusum Joshi and ably supported by Prof R.K.Vasishta, Prof. B.D. Radotra and others are toiling hard to ensure you carry with you the memories of an eventful academic and social meeting.

The annual elections are also underway and all eligible voters would have received the ballots Remember to vote every time and do this immediately so that we receive the ballots in time. Like the previous year this year too "vote and post" since the postage is taken care of by the association. Your vote is extremely important.

Finally the General Body Meeting of the association urgently needs your participation where every individual member is supreme. This time we are trying to convene a special session to discuss matters related to the constitution, rules and bye-laws of the association. Therefore please feel free to make suggestions that would improve the functioning of the association.

I must inform you that this year marks the end of my tenure. Whether I have fulfilled the trust, aspirations and expectation of members during this period is for all of you to judge. However in my judgment I am certain I have faltered at times and perhaps on some occasions failed miserably. I apologize for the inconvenience and regret the difficulties you may have faced. At the same time if I have been able to function and make even the slightest difference to the association it is because of your constant co-operation, help, suggestions and above all criticisms. Senior members who formed the Executive Council constantly guided me and were a source of inspiration. My fellow-office bearers were more than functional colleagues in an association. I am indeed indebted to all of you and take this opportunity to express my gratitude and thanks. Truly it was a privilege to have been associated with you during this period of a little over two years.

The printing of the IAPM News Bulletin will soon be handed over to my successor. This was one of the most enjoyable tasks I had. This issue is in indigo while the first one that I had to print was in red. Although the rainbow may not have been covered, I hope members found the issues informative and useful.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

S. Datta Gupta



Ignorance of all things is an evil neither terrible nor excessive, nor yet the greatest of all; but great cleverness and much learning, if they be accompanied by a bad training, are a much greater misfortune.

Plato
(427 BC -347 BC)

The associate professional

The subjects of Pathology and Microbiology are truly corporate subjects. Professional standards are not entirely dependant on the Pathologist or Microbiologist. Dependence on others is more common than independence. This is because samples are collected and processed not necessarily by the pathologist or the microbiologist. The interpretation and the quality of the result however is the independent responsibility if not the right of the qualified practitioners of the subjects. This brings us to the cross-road where we should ponder whether our clinical colleagues and technical staff who with us form the sides and angles of the diagnostic triangle [this is the short-form we are so familiar with] are trained and sufficiently familiar with our requirements.

Clinical training beginning with undergraduation is indeed standardized since several years. The theory of pathology and microbiology that is taught is adequate although there is room for improvement. However practical classes seem to have little relevance to preparing for interaction between colleagues who choose clinical medicine and those who practice pathology and microbiology. While microbiology training has shed its old coat several times and has now acquired some relevance the same cannot be said for pathology. Most of the tests of identification [such as those of slides] are training in pattern recognition and consequent improvement in observational skills. The hematology exercise and urinalysis does test other aspects of practical skills, but subsequent relevance [especially in urinalysis] is better than that for slides and spots. We hardly teach on the relevance of providing history for a clinico-pathological correlation. Clinical Pathology is forgotten and even the importance of overnight fasting for lipid profile may not be heard of till internship, much after the degree is obtained with flying colours! Thus routine teaching is concentrated to the understanding of the basis of disease often ignoring laboratory diagnosis. At the same time postgraduates, except for most super-specialists, are hardly exposed to laboratories that help them with their diagnosis. Visits are often limited to enquire the reason for the delay in a report, to find out why the sample was inadequate or insufficient, to gather details for publication or presentation of an interesting case or series, of course to point out a wrong diagnosis and sometimes to provide history [is it needed when the entire organ or tissue is in front of you?!]. Therefore responsibility of training clinical colleagues in the practical aspects of pathology and microbiology rests with the clinicians themselves while appointed postgraduate teachers in the concerned subjects are paid for it! Perhaps a day may not be far of when pathologists and microbiologists would reciprocate and repay by teaching bed-side medicine and surgical skills in the same vein [true penance!]. However one must admit that the current system of learning is working to a fair and perhaps accepted extent. Is this desirable or should we change? Would it not be advisable to include pathologists and microbiologists to teach clinical students some aspects of our daily requirements and expectations from them? The same applies to nursing students. Certainly this would improve matters and reduce constant complaints and bickering about problems in obtaining a reasonable diagnosis.

The other arm of efficient hospital and clinical services in pathology and microbiology is the technical staff. Their role is undoubtedly important. However there does not appear to be a systematic accreditation and training programme. Adequate courses that encompass essential theoretical and practical training in the subjects are hardly available [except in few institutions]. By and large diploma in Medical Laboratory Technology, and graduates in science are the basic qualifications that are necessary for such posts nowadays. However experience indicates that varying periods of in-house training actually are necessary to improve their skills. Many would vouch that even those with primary or secondary schooling are as efficient provided they are trained sufficiently by the institution or the pathologist or microbiologist under whom they worked. Thus should pathologists and microbiologists in addition to qualified and experienced technologists themselves be actively involved in the formal training of medical technologists?

The role of the pathologist and the microbiologists in education is thus much wider than teaching undergraduates and postgraduates in pathology or microbiology. The service aspects of the subjects are uniquely bonded to other specialties and technical staff. While the possible means of training of medical staff and nursing staff can be understood and formulated, that of technical staff is complex unless the sane institution runs such courses. Since the training of technicians is not under the purview of the Medical Council, some form of accreditation may be necessary to maintain uniformity. For example in the case of radiation technologists / technicians, certification by the Atomic Energy and Radiation Board is essential. Cytotechnologists can obtain one through the Indian Academy of Cytology.

It is thus necessary for the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists to seriously contemplate on these issues to improve standards of the profession. Perhaps a separate Education Council / Committee within the association should take this responsibility. At least the ground must be prepared so that the association with its large pool of experienced members can suggest and reasonably advice appropriate boards for education and training.

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With the deepest sense of sorrow, the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists informs its members the passing away of Prof Bhanumathi Pandya [L/2003/2453] at Mumbai on 7th April 2007 after prolonged illness. At the age of 54 years. She was the former Head of the Department of Pathology at Grant Medical College, Mumbai. She took a keen interest in neuropathology and was the past Chairperson of the Maharashtra Chapter of the association.

Tentative Schedule (*liable to be changed*) for the 56th Annual Conference of IAPM at Chandigarh

26 November 2007 (Monday): Evening Inauguration [Conference Venue: PGIMER, Chandigarh]

27 November 2007 (Tuesday):

09.00 10.00 Dr. B. K. Aikat Memorial Oration: *Mycoses: Contribution of Histopathology to Diagnosis*. Prof. V.V. Taralakhmi, President, IAPM
10.00 11.00 Guest Lecture: Prof. Ann Marie Nelson, USA: *Pathology of AIDS in the era of anti-retroviral therapy*
11.00 12.00 Best Paper Award Plenary Session
12.00 12.30 Debate [Postgraduate Series]: *Special stains have lost their relevance in histopathology today: Thanks to immunohistochemistry*: Dr Subhada Kane [For], Prof Sarah Kuruvilla [Against]
12.30 13.45 Lunch and Poster Viewing
13.45 15.15 Things Pathologists & Microbiologists should know but are not taught [Postgraduate Series]
Laboratory Equipment Management: Issues, Challenges and Strategies: Prof Shakti Kumar Gupta, Dept. of Hospital Administration, AIIMS
Designing Parameters for Laboratories: Dr. R. Chandrasekhar, Senior Architect, DGHS
15.15 16.45 Proffered Papers and Posters [Parallel Sessions]
17.00 18.30 Special session of IAPM General Body Meeting to discuss constitutional issues
18.30 20.00 Meeting of the Executive Council, IAPM

28 November 2007 (Wednesday):

08.00 08.30 Specialty Breakfast Sessions [Postgraduate Series]: Pulmonary Pathology, Pediatric Pathology, Clinical Pathology, Hematology, Renal Pathology
08.30 10.00 Slide Seminar: *Spectrum of lesions in Breast Carcinoma* [Moderator: Prof. Harsh Mohan, Chandigarh]
08.30 10.00 Parallel Microbiology Symposium [Postgraduate Series]: *Peritonitis: Implications for management* : Moderator: Dr. Ranganathan Iyer, Hyderabad]
10.00 11.00 *Indian College of Pathologists Oration 2007 in memory of Prof. S. J.Naglotimath*. Dr. N. C. Nayak, New Delhi: *The making of Pathologists for the Twenty-first century: Are we on the right track?*
11.00 12.30 Dr. Gaya Prasad Memorial Symposium: *Lymphoproliferative Disorders* [Moderator: Dr. H.P.Pati, New Delhi]
12.30 13.15 Guest Lecture: Dr. Teri Longacre, USA: *Neuroendocrine tumours of the GI Tract*
13.15 14.00 Lunch and Poster Quiz
14.00 14.45 *Ethical issues in scientific publication*: Dr. Peush Sahni, AIIMS, Associate Editor, NMJI
14.45 16.45 Proffered Papers and Posters [Parallel Sessions]
16.45 17.30 How I do it [Postgraduate Series]
Autopsy Techniques
Demonstration of Pulmonary Embolism. Dr. D.N. Lanjewar, Mumbai
Perinatal Autopsy Technique. Dr. Grace D'Costa, Mumbai
Demonstration of Amyloid. Dr V.B.Shah, Mumbai
Digital photography for pathologists, Dr. Manoj Jain, Lucknow
18.00 19.30 General Body Meeting

29 November 2007 (Thursday):

07.30 08.30 Specialty Breakfast Sessions [Postgraduate Series]: GI Pathology, Neuropathology, Museum Technology, Lymph Node Pathology, Gynaecologic Pathology
08.30 10.00 Dr. Ananthanarayan Microbiology Symposium: *Arthropod borne viral infections*: [Moderator Lt Gen. D. Raghunath, Bangalore]
10.00 11.30 Hematology Symposium [Postgraduate Series] *Laboratory Diagnosis of Anemias* [Moderator: Dr Renu Saxena, New Delhi]
11.00 11.30 Answers to Microbiology Quiz [Postgraduate Series]: Dr Pallabh Ray, Chandigarh
11.30 11.45 Answers to On-Line Pathology Quiz [Postgraduate Series] Dr KP Aravindan, Calicut
11.45 12.30 *Quality Assurance and accreditation in Pathology* [Dr A.Relias, NABL]
12.30 13.15 IAPM Guidelines: A review
13.15 14.00 Valedictory Function

Strange but true: Out of the Ordinary!

This year the Honorary Treasurer had prepared a list of members with dues. This is astounding. Of the list of 925 Ordinary Members, the membership dues have been cleared till 2006 by 76, 2007 by 3, 2008 by 1, 2009 by 14, 2010 by 2, and 2011 by 3. There are in addition 153 Members who have applied for Life Memberships and they have obviously paid for five years or the appropriate period. of Ordinary memberships. All Ordinary members are requested to clear their dues by June of every year otherwise they will not enjoy their privileges including voting rights.



Andhra Pradesh Chapter

Chairperson: Dr. PVB Ramalakshmi

Secretary: Dr. P. Uday Kumar

Annual Conference of State Chapter and a Pre-conference CME for the year 2007 was held from 7th - 9th September at Kakatiya Medical College, Warangal. The Organizing secretary was Prof. K. Durga, The Chief Guest was Shri. A. V. Krishnam Raju, Vice Chancellor, Dr. NTR University of Health Sciences, Vijayawada. Pre-conference CME on "Bone Marrow Morphology" conducted by Dr. Tejinder Singh was attended by 180 delegates. A total of 410 delegates attended the conference and 110 proffered papers were presented. In addition 20 papers were presented in the Award Session. Highlights of the conference includes an. Oration [Giant cell tumour of bone.] delivered by Dr. Asitava Mondal from Kolkata, Guest lecture delivered by Dr. Sujatha from JIPMER, on 'Staphylococcal Infections', slide seminar conducted by Dr. Sravan Kumar, Prof. of Pathology, Kakatiya Medical College, Warangal, and symposium on 'Vasculitidis' conducted by Dr. K.S. Ratnakar, Retd. Prof. of Pathology, NIMS, Hyderabad. The Post Graduates Slide Quiz was conducted by Dr. Renuka, Prof. & HOD of Pathology and Dr. Shashank, Prof. of Pathology Siddhartha Medical College, Vijayawada.

Dr. PVB Ramalakshmi, Prof. & HOD of Pathology, ASRAM Medical College, Eluru was elected as Chairperson for the year 2007-8.

Bihar Chapter

President : Prof A. K. Mishra

Secretary : Dr. Dilip Kumar

Regular meetings of chapter were held. The venue for the next IAPM Bihar chapter was decided to be Muzaffarpur.

Chattisgarh Chapter

Chairperson : Dr. Arvind Neral

Secretary : Dr. N. Pathak

.State conference and CME was held on 28th Jan 2007 which was well attended. Eminent Guest speakers were Dr. Tejinder Singh Prof. & Head, Dept.of Pathology Maulana Azad Medical College, Delhi and Dr. Deepika Mohanty Retd. Director IIT Mumbai. A slide seminar of unusual lesions was conducted by Dr. Patel. Free paper sessions and scientific quiz was also held. Besides this regular clinical meetings were also held in which interesting case material were discussed.

Dr Arvind Neral, Head of the Department of Microbiology, Pt JNM Medical College, Raipur has been elected as next Chairperson of the state chapter.

Delhi Chapter

Chairperson : Dr. Manoj Singh

Secretary : Dr. Geeta Dev

Quarterly meetings are held indifferent centres regularly where Lectures and Slide Seminars are the routine.

The "National Symposium on Lung Pathology" (NSLP) being held at the Vallabhbai Patel Chest Institute on 5th April 2007 on the occasion of the 58th Foundation Day. Dr.V.K.Vijayan was the chairperson and, Dr.Ritu Kulshrestha was organizing secretary. Eminent Speakers included Prof. Kusum Joshi, Prof. M. K. Singh, Prof. Usha Kini, Prof. Manjula Jain, Dr. A. K. Dinda, Prof. D. N. Lanjewar, Prof. S. Datta Gupta, Dr. Sunita Saxena, Prof. Renu Saxena, Prof. Ruma Ray and, Prof. V. K. Arora. The Pathology Study Society of the Department of Pathology at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences organized a two day 1st National Course on Renal Pathology on the 18th and 19th of August 2007. The course covered several important topics in renal pathology, included an exhaustive microscopy session, slide discussion in addition to an interactive/practical session on urine sediment examination. Eminent national and international faculty from AIIMS, PGI Chandigarh, and the Mayo Clinic, USA delivered the lectures.

Gujarat Chapter

Chairperson: Dr. Menka Shah

Secretary: Dr. Sanjeev Chaudhari

The 31st annual conference of Gujarat Chapter was held on 3rd and 4th February 2007 at Pramukhswami Medical College, Karamsad. The Organizing chairperson and secretary were Dr. Menka Shah and Dr. Sanjeev Chaudhari. A CME was held on 3rd Feb.'07 where guest speakers were Dr. Prashant Buch, Baroda, [Endoscopic Pathology], Dr. Mukta Ramadwar, [Interpretation of Gastric biopsies and Liver FNAC: Dealing with Primary and metastatic tumours], Dr. Anjali Amarapurkar, Mumbai [Liver biopsies-An approach to non-neoplastic lesions involving liver], Dr. Kedar Deodhar, Mumbai [Surgical pathology of the biopsies of the periampullary region] and Dr. Anna B Pulimood, Vellore [Crohn's disease and its differential diagnosis]. Dr. Monica Gupta and Dr. Neena Doshi, Karamsad demonstrated grossing of resected specimens of GIT. A slide seminar was also held. On 4th Feb 2007, the Keynote address was given by Dr. Anita Borges Mumbai on 'The challenges in post-graduate teaching in Pathology in India'. Dr. Uttamray Vyas Oration was given by Dr. H.T. Toprani, Baroda on 'Laboratory approach to autoimmune diseases-Past and Present'. Other guest speakers were Dr. Shashikant Apte: Pune, The relevance of the new WHO classification of Acute Leukemia in current day clinical practice', Dr. A. Chakraborty, PGI, Chandigarh: 'Fungal sinusitis-Relevance in Indian scenario and controversies surrounding it.'; Dr. Nalini Shah, Mumbai: 'The interpretation of thyroid function tests' and Dr. R. B. Deshpande, Mumbai: 'Approach to inflammatory and infectious diseases'. There were case discussions in hematology and proffered papers were presented.

The 32nd Annual Conference and CME of Gujarat Chapter will be held on 2nd and 3rd February 2008 in Vadodra.

Jharkhand Chapter

Chairperson : Dr. Madhusudan Prasad

Secretary : Dr. Manoj Kumar Rai

The chapter had organized regular meetings and a CME

Karnataka Chapter:

Chairperson : Dr. Shankar S. K.

Secretary : Dr. N. K. Alva

KCIAPM '07 Conference will be held on 2nd-4th Nov. 07 at Davangere.

Kerala Chapter

Chairperson : Dr. Vijayalakshmi Nair

Secretary : Dr. G. Nand Kumar

No information of activity received.

Madhya Pradesh Chapter

Chair person: Dr. G. P. Bhagwat

Secretary : Dr. Reeni Malik

The M.P. Chapter has organized a C.M.E. on 8th Jan 2007 at Gandhi Medical College, Bhopal. The organizing Secretary was Dr. Reeni Malik. Dr. Scott Anderson from University of Vermont, Burlington U.S.A. delivered a lecture on 'Pathology of Human Papilloma Virus and its vaccine'. Dr. Harsh Mohan delivered a lecture on 'Pathology of Leprosy'. Both the guest speakers conducted slide seminars also. Dr. Mrs. Neelkamal Kapoor was elected as president of the Bhopal chapter and Dr. Suresh Kumar as the secretary. In August on Hemophilia day Dr. Tejinder Singh, Professor of Pathology of Maulana Azad Medical College gave a lecture on 'Recent trends in Hemophilia and diagnosis' at Medical College Bhopal. Prof Dr. G. P. Bhagwat presented "Lesions of thyroid" at the meeting held at R.D. Gardi Medical College Ujjain. At Gandhi Medical College Bhopal the chapter arranged a meeting on accreditation of NABL quality control. Members of NABL spoke on various aspects. On 30th September Dr. Vani Santosh gave a lecture in the CME arranged on Neuropathology.

Maharashtra Chapter

Chairperson: Dr. Nitin Gangane



Dr. Nitin Gangane, Professor and Head, Department of Pathology, MGIMS, Sevagram has taken over as Chairman of State Chapter from Dr. B. S. Pandya. The 28th Annual State Chapter conference was held at Pad. Dr. D.Y. Patil Medical College, Hospital and Research Centre, Nerul, Navi Mumbai from 4th to 7th October 2007. Pre-conference Workshop was held on 4th and 5th October 2007 at Department of Transfusion Medicine, ACTREC, Tata Memorial Centre, Khargar, Navi Mumbai on Transfusion Medicine. The main topic was Apheresis and Peripheral Blood Stem cell Harvesting. On 5th October 2007 the Pre-conference CMEs were held at Pad. Dr. D. Y. Patil Medical College, Hospital and Research Centre, Navi Mumbai. on Head, Neck Face Cytology and Histopathology, and also on Hemato-Oncology. The main conference was held on 6th and 7th October 2007. The theme of conference was "Vision with action can change the world". The key note address was delivered by Dr. M. K. Sahib, Director, Genomics and Biotechnology Wockhardt Research Centre on 'Frontiers in Biotechnology and their impact on health care'. This year the state chapter has started a new session on "Know your teachers", where the life and work of Dr. Vasant Khanolkar, Founder President of Indian Association of Pathologists and Dr. P.V. Gharpure was narrated by Dr. K.P. Deodhar and Dr. U.L. Wagholikar. There were seminars on "Practicing Laboratory Medicine Today" and "Neuroendocrine tumours". There was also debate on "Role of Autopsy in Pathology Training" which was moderated by Dr. D.N. Lanjewar. Dr. N. Jayaram delivered lecture on Quality in context of Histopathology and Cytology. There were also oral paper and poster presentations, prizes were awarded to best papers. The ever popular sessions of e Postgraduate quiz and Slide Seminar were conducted by Dr. Sharda Rane and Dr. Meenal Hastak respectively. The General body of State Chapter expressed condolences on sad demise of Dr. B. S. Pandya, Immediate Past Chairperson of State Chapter and Dr. S. B. Athawale

The following CMES were organized by Dr. R. G. W. Pinto in Goa Medical College between January to June 2007.

Dr. Ramdas Naik (Mangalore) Microwave processing, Dr. Sharda Rane (Pune) Slide Seminar, Dr. Sunil Sanon (Mussorie) Stress Management, Dr. Uday Khandolkar (Goa) Cardiology, Dr. Shweta Malik (Delhi) Nuclear Medicine, Dr. Sanjay Pandya (Rajkot) Acid Base Balance, Dr. V.M. Bapat (Pune) Mycobacterium Tuberculosis and Slide Seminar, Dr. S. Saraswat (Delhi) Blood Banking Dr. Sherin Thomas (Delhi) - LDL Subfractions, Dr. Joseph Xavier (Bangalore) Cardiac Surgery, Dr. Tejinder Singh (Delhi) Hematology, Dr. S. Dokwal (Mumbai) Deep Vein Thrombosis, Dr. Ganesh Pai (Manipal) and Dr. S.P. Girish GIT Dr. Dilip Das (Kuwait) FNA of thyroid, Dr. B.M. Kandalkar (Mumbai) Pediatric soft tissue tumors, Dr. S.S. More (Kolhapur) clinical case presentation, Dr. P.K. Rangappa (Hubli) Blood Bank

North East Chapter

Chairperson: Dr. A. L. Borah

Secretary: Dr. U. C. Datta

The North-East IAPM Annual Conference (XIX NERC IAPM-07) was held on 9th & 10th Sept., 2007 at Assam Rifle Auditorium at Agartala, Tripura. Organising Chairperson & Secretary were Dr. S. R. Deb Barma & Dr. Abhijit Datta. IAPM Honorary Secretary, Dr. S. Datta Gupta attended the Conference. Guest speakers were - Dr. S. Datta Gupta, Dr. Lalit Dar, (Delhi), Dr. Sumeet Gujra (Mumbai), Dr. U. C. Datta (Guwahati), Dr. W. Gyaneswar Singh (Imphal). There was a seminar on NRHM (National Rural Health Mission). Around 150 delegates attended the Conference and Six Free papers were presented. New Committee -- President : Dr. A. L. Borah (Guwahati), Vice-President : Dr. Abhijit Datta (Agartala), Secretary : Dr. U. C. Datta (Guwahati), Treasurer : Dr. Ronica Baruah (Guwahati)

North West Chapter

Chairperson: Prof Harsh Mohan

A two-day 5th Zonal CME in Pathology under the auspices of North West Chapter of IAPM was hosted by the Department of Pathology at Sher-e-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS), Srinagar, (J & K) on 23-24th June 2007 under the able guidance of Prof Azra Shah, Head of the Department of Pathology, SKIMS, Srinagar. Prof AH Zargar, Director, SKIMS, Srinagar, inaugurated the CME as part of the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of

SKIMS. The academic session commenced with a talk on "Pathology of infantile cholestasis" by Dr Ashim Das, PGI, Chandigarh. This was followed by discussion on "Role of core needle biopsies in breast lesions" by Prof Harsh Mohan, GMC, Chandigarh while the breast imaging aspects were presented by Prof Amina Akhtar from New York and an alumnus of SKIMS. In the afternoon session on day 1, a CPC was presented by Dr Mushtaq Bhat (Clinical Discussant, SKIMS) and Dr Amanjit Bal (PGI, Chandigarh), followed by two Slide Seminars: "Potpourri of interesting renal biopsies" by Prof K Joshi, and on Non-Hodgkin's lymphomas: Pitfalls in diagnosis" by Prof Ashim Das, both from PGI, Chandigarh. On Day 2 the topics included: Myelodysplastic syndrome: pathophysiology, diagnosis and management (Col Deepak Mishra, R & R, Delhi), Management of acute leukaemias: our problems and solutions (Dr Samoon Jeelani (SKIMS, Srinagar) and Antiphospholipid antibody syndrome (Prof MI Qadri, GMC, Srinagar). The latter part of second day included talk on "Advances in cervical cytology" (Prof PV Patil, JLN MC, Belgaum), "Potpourri of interesting cases" (Prof Harsh Mohan, GMC, Chandigarh) and "Amyloid and amyloidosis: present status" (Prof MY Khan, USA).

Orissa Chapter

Chairperson : Prof Kailash Nathsarma

Secretary: Dr. M K Biswal

A CME was held at IAPM Head Quarter Cuttack on 14th April 2007. A symposium was organized on CNS infections. Dr. Sarala Das from Kalinga Hospital was the moderator. Guest speakers were Dr. S. Shankar from NIMHANS, Bangalore, who spoke on 'Viral infections of CNS', Dr. C. Sundaram from NIMS, Hyderabad delivered a lecture on 'Fungal infections of CNS'. Prof. Sarala Das spoke on 'Approach to diagnosis of infections of CNS'. Other guest speakers were Dr. Mala Banerjee from Kolkata- Steatosis in liver and other facets of liver biopsies, Dr. Asaranti Kar, Cuttack Non-neoplastic urothelial lesions, difficulties in interpretation and Dr. G.N. Mohanty from Cuttack Relevance of 2004 WHO classification of papillary urothelial tumours. An interactive quiz session was moderated by Dr. Niranjana Rout. The CME was organized by Prof N.C. Parija Jt. Secretary, IAPM Headquarter along with Prof Sarala Das, Prof G.N. Mohanty and Prof. K.C. Nathsarma. A health camp was organized on 15th April, 2007 at Nimapur highschool, Nimapur, Jagatpur Cuttack. On 8.9.2007 President IAPM, Prof Taralakhshi V. Venugopal visited head quarters and expressed her satisfaction on the progress of building work and updation of IAPM website.

The 35th Orissa Chapter meet of Indian Association of Pathologists and microbiologists was held on 8th September 2007 at Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS), Bhubaneswar. It was organized by Prof. Kanaklata Pattnaik and her team. After the inaugural function a condolence was held for sad demise of Prof Bikram Das (13/2/1921-24/6/2007) and Dr. Parvat Kumar Sil (14/3/1939-15/6/2007). The Honourable Governor of Orissa Mr. M.C. Bhandare was the chief guest and the souvenir was released by Prof. Taralakhshi V. Venugopal. Life time achievement award was presented to Prof Lakshmi Narayan Mohapatra, and Prof. B.K. Nanda. The Orissa chapter oration was given by Prof Taralakhshi V. Venugopal. The topic was 'G.I. Pathology in HIV/AIDS'. A symposium on 'Ocular infection' was moderated by Dr. Savitri Sharma. Speakers were Prof. Reba Kanungo 'Viral infections of the eye', Prof. Nirupma Chayani 'Bacterial infections of the eye' and Dr. Savitri Sharma Das - 'Fungal infections of the eye' There were about 40 papers which were presented as oral/ posters. Awards were given to the best poster. Venue for the next conference was decided as S.C.B. Medical College, Cuttack. Prof. Janet Khalkho was entrusted with the task of moderator for the slide seminar next year.

Prof. Sarala Das was elected as Chairperson for the next year and Dr. Manoj Kumar Patra as Secretary for the year 2008-10.

Rajasthan Chapter

No chapter executive exists. They have been advised to form a chapter.

Tamilnadu & Pondichery Chapter

Chairperson: Dr. Ezhilvizhi Alavandar

Secretary: Dr. Mary Lilly



A meeting was held at Madras Medical College, Chennai on 11.2.07. Following topics were discussed: Laboratory diagnosis of malaria infection Dr.V. Rajalakshmi, Prof of Pathology, Institute of child health, Chennai. Unusual facets of anemia and thrombocytopenia- Dr. T. Usha Varadharajan, Madras Medical College, Chennai. Pathology quiz- Dr. A.V.Shanthi, Director, Dept of Pathology, Madras Medical College, Chennai. A general body meeting was held to discuss the raising of funds for continuation of Tamilnadu IAPM oration. A C.M.E. was conducted on 28th and 29th April on 'Non-neoplastic lesions-diagnostic dilemma'. Dr. P. Madangopalan was the organizing secretary. There were 12 speakers who covered various topics in elaborate interactive sessions. A total of 230 delegates from India and abroad attended the conference. The annual pathologists meet TAPCON 2007 was organized at Trichy on 14th and 15th July 2007 at Breeze Hotel. The two day programme had eight scientific sessions, slide discussions and cultural program.

Uttar Pradesh Chapter

Chairperson: Prof Rani Bansal

Secretary: Dr. P K Singh

A CME on endocrine pathology was organized at SGPGI, Lucknow. Eminent speakers were Prof A.N.Srivastava, Prof. Nuzhat Husain and Prof. Madhumati Goel from KGMC Lucknow, Dr. Ritu Lakhtakia from Command hospital Lucknow and Prof. Rakesh Pandey, Dr. Manoj Jain and Dr. Vineeta Agarwal from SGPGI. Various topics of endocrine pathology were covered in detail with case presentations. Annual conference of state chapter was held on 6th October 2007 at Subharti Medical College Meerut. Prof Rani Bansal was chairperson and Prof. Anjali Khare was the organizing secretary. Key note address was delivered by Prof. Rajat Kumar from AIIMS New Delhi on 'Cord Blood Banking'. Prof. R.K.Vasishta from PGIMER, Chandigarh presented case studies of some rare CNS tumours. Dr. Asitava Mondal from Kolkata delivered a lecture on 'Breast Pathology- from cytology to molecular biology'. Prof. Preena Bhalla from Dept. of Microbiology from UCMS New Delhi nicely deliberated on 'Role of histopathologic examination in infectious diseases.

Dr. Chetan Manohar from KMC, Manipal impressed the delegates with her excellent lecture and slide seminar on 'Bone marrow interpretation and approach to cytopenias'. A parallel Microbiology session was addressed by Dr. Ashok Rattan from SRL Ranbaxy. Quizzes for post graduates in Pathology and Microbiology were also held. About 50 proffered papers were presented as posters. The conference was attended by 250 delegates. Prof. Rani Bansal was elected as Chairperson for the next session. Venue for the next conference was decided as S.N. Medical College, Agra.

Uttaranchal Chapter

Chairperson: Dr Sanjeev Kishore

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

West Bengal Chapter

Chairperson: Dr. Prof. Pradip Mitra

Secretary: Dr. Anjali Dasgupta

Regular monthly meetings with scientific programmes were held. Prof. R.N. Ghosh Memorial CME was held on 16.9.07. A CME and 17th Annual State conference IAPM West Bengal chapter will be organized by Dept of Pathology, Rama Krishna Mission Seva Pratishthan, Vivekananda Institute of Medical Sciences, Kolkata from 5th to 7th Oct 2007 at the auditorium of the Institute. The CME (in association of with Calcutta Society of Haematology and Transfusion Medicine and IAPM) deals with the topic of Non Hodgkin's Lymphoma and Eminent speakers from all over the country like Dr Vikram Mathews, Dr Lalit Kumar, Dr. Tapan Saikia, Dr Harsh Mohan, to name a few, will be the Faculty members. A handbook and a CD on the topic will also be released on this occasion For the conference Dr V V Taralakshmi will deliver the Dr S N Dey Memorial Oration and Dr Harsh Mohan will enlighten on surgical pathology updates. Apart from this, a pre conference workshop having parallel session on Immunohistochemistry, Flow cytometry and Immunoassay of ANA by fluorescence microscopy will also be held.

Forthcoming Events

Event	Dates	Venue	Contact
Pre-Conference CME	24-25 Nov 2007	Post-Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh	Prof. R.K.Vasishta, Organizing Secretary, Dept. of Histopathology, PGIMER, Chandigarh 160012 Tel Nos : 0172-2755137-38 Fax: 0172-2744401.2745078 E-mail: rkvasishta@gmail.com, apcon2007@gmail.com Website: www.apcon2007.co.in
IAP-ID Annual Meeting	26 Nov 2007		
56 th Annual Conference IAPM [APCON 2007]	27-29 Nov 2007		
CME in Cardiovascular Pathology	11-13 January 2008	Seth GS Medical College, Parel, Mumbai	Dr. Pradeep Vaideeswar, Dept. of Pathology, Seth GS Medical College, Parel, Mumbai 400012 Tel Nos: 022-32501327 / 20352182 E-mail: shreeprajai@yahoo.com, shreeprajai@gmail.com
13 th International CME and First Prof. S.J.Nagalotimath Memorial CME	25-27 January 2008	NIMHANS Convention Centre, Hosur Road, Bangalore	Dr.N. Kishore Alva, Organizing Secretary, 13 th International CME, Department of Pathology M S Ramaiah Medical College, M S R Nagar, Gokula Extension, Bangalore - 560 054 Phone: 080-23605190 Ext.415, E-mail: dr.nkalva@yahoo.com Web-site :www.intcme2008.com
National Hematology Update VII (NHU-VII)	23-24 February 2008	All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Ansari Nagar, New Delhi	Dr. Seema Tyagi, Dept. of Hematology, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Ansari Nagar, New Delhi 110029 Tel Nos: 011-26594670 / 26594797 E-mail: drseematyagi@hotmail.com, pravas_mishra@rediffmail.com

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