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## Message from the President

Dear Colleagues

I hope this edition of the IAPM Newsletter finds everyone in happy spirits as we prepare for the upcoming festival season.

I earnestly request all the members and fellow pathologists to motivate your friends and colleagues as well as postgraduates to become a life member of our prestigious association. Our wish is to make each and every pathologist at every corner of our country, a life member. Our executives are in process of data sorting and updation of membership. It should get over by APCON 2023.

Regarding pathology speciality should be considered as "clinical Speciality", we have given our representation on behalf of IAPM to NMC executives in March 2023, They were very positive and given reassurance. They are working on it and very soon it will be done.

This year, we have already uploaded scientific programme well in advance in the website of IAPM and APCON 2023. The present executive along with an academic committee helped in making this programme well in advance. This year Conference is occurring in Premier institute where all advanced diagnostic modalities are available, there are 20 half day workshops and 4 full day workshops are organized. We tried to balance the programme from basics to advanced, so that all postgraduates as well as senior pathologists can attend and participate in discussion. I assure you for excellent academic feast. I request all the members of IAPM to participate in the APCON 2023 in large number to make the conference a great success academically.

Of course, the IAPM Annual Conference remains an excellent way to update oneself on the latest in the field, and also meet and network with fellow professionals. We all are looking forward to the APCON-2023 being organized in the capital city of Delhi, India.

Thank you once again and with kind regards

Dr. Sharada Rane



## *Message from the Secretary*

Dear Members,

I am sure that this 2nd News bulletin for 2023 finds you all in the best of health and spirit. As the days are nearby I am sure that you all must be geared up for the mega event – APCON 2023, with the early bird registration date extended further. The list of moderators has been uploaded on the IAPM as well as APCON 2023 websites. Various announcements are also being published in this news bulletin. All members are requested to go through them and make use of these opportunities.



My main aim is to increase the IAPM Memberships so that the standing of Pathologists reaches a higher level. Every year hundreds of students pass their MD exams. They all should become members. I request all the heads of departments and other faculty members to motivate their postgraduates to apply for membership. The online process is smooth and hassle-free. In case of any issue the Secretary or Treasurer are always ready for assistance and guidance.

The National Pathology Day celebrated on 13th April every year in memory of Dr. V R Khanolkar is gaining popularity and news of celebrations from across India are being received. It is a cherishable moment for all the Pathologists. Remembering stalwarts make us realise their contributions as well as dedication and passion towards the subject.

Various Chapters are very active in organising academic activities. I appreciate their endeavour and request them to follow chapter guidelines as per the byelaws, promote postgraduates and youngsters to participate actively and also make them Life Members of the parent body – IAPM.

All members should make IJPM their first choice journal. The impact Factor has reached the magical figure of 1.0. Good articles would further increase the number of citations reflecting on the Impact Factor.

Long Live IAPM!

Jai Hind!

**Dr. Ranjan Agrawal**  
Hony. Secretary, IAPM

## Joint Secretary's Report: April- June 2023

**North West Chapter:** The Conference of NW Chapter IAPM was organised by the Department of Pathology, Dayanand Medical College & Hospital, Ludhiana on 2nd April 2023. It was attended by 432 physical delegates with 46 oral presentations and 92 posters. Eminent speakers Dr Anita Borges, Dr Nirmala Jambhekar and Dr Sunil Pasricha delivered lectures on approach to encapsulated tumours of thyroid and bone tumours, blues and browns of lymphomas, how to navigate carcinoma with unknown primary and how to make sense of salivary gland tumours. In addition, processing and reporting of effusion cytology and acute leukemia diagnosis were also discussed.



### Maharashtra Chapter:

Mid-year conference of Maharashtra chapter of IAPM was organised by Department of Pathology, Topiwala

Medical College (TNMC), Mumbai on 14'th and 15'th April 2023. It was based on theme of 'An update on endocrine pathology' A Day prior to conference, on 13'th April 2023 'National Pathology Day' was celebrated by conducting online selection round for paper presentation.

The conference was inaugurated by Dr Pravin Rathi, Dean of TNMC in presence of chairperson Dr Shubhangi Agale and Dr Hafeezunnisa, Director of Jagjivan Ram Hospital. It was attended by 210 delegates. The conference covered wide spectrum of endocrine lesions (Thyroid parathyroid, adrenal, paraganglia, pituitary and GEPNETS) with special focus on 'WHO classification of endocrine tumours 2022'

Highlights of the conference were case based panel discussions on 'Adrenocortical tumours', 'Approach to Thyroid Lesions' and 'Disorders of sexual development' by Dr Anita Borges, Dr Shubhada Kane, Dr BM Kandalkar, Dr Milind Bhide, Dr Asawari Patil, Dr Lekha Tampi, Dr Uma Nahar and members of Mumbai Endocrine Pathology group. Senior endocrinologists namely Dr Varthakavi, Dr Bhagwat, Dr Anurag Leela and Surgeons like Dr Gauri Pantvaidya, Dr Mukund Andarkar, Dr Mahey shared their expertise and experience. 10 oral papers and 25 posters on various topics based on 'endocrine pathology' and in Quiz on the same theme were also there.



The organising team including Chairperson of MC-IAPM



**Chattigarh Chapter:**

1- On the occasion of National Pathology Day, a CME and other Activities were conducted at Chandulal Chandrakar Medical College, Durg.

2- On 25th June, JNL Hospital & Research Centre Bhilai had organised haematology updates. Guest speakers were Dr Suman Kumar from command hospital Kolkata, Dr Nitin Goyal from Max superspeciality hospital Saket, Dr Ankur Ahuja AFMC Pune, Dr Manas Sule & Dr Maha Sengupta. Various aspects of haematology Including classification of leukemia, treatment of acute leukemia, CLL, molecular pathology. In haematology quiz; PGs from JNM Medical College, Raipur secured first rank.

**North East Regional Chapter:**

The Department of Pathology, Gauhati Medical College organized the Mid-term CME of the NERCIAPM on 8th April'2023. The topic of the CME was Dermatopathology & Bone tumour. Dr Uma Nahar Saikia and Dr Biman Saikia from PGI Chandigarh conducted the Dermatopathology session while Dr Pampa C Toi from JIPMER, Puducherry conducted the session on Bone tumour. Dr Asitava Dev Roy from AIIMS Jharkhand delivered lecture on role of artificial intelligence on skin biopsy. A total 150 numbers of delegates attended the

CME. A Quiz competition on Pathology was held among the PG students. The CME was inaugurated by the Prof Kanak Ch Baruah, one of the senior most and founder member of NERCIAPM with vote of thanks by Dr Usha Sarma, Organising Secretary.

**Andra Pradesh Chapter:**

The 7th midterm CME of IAPM AP CHAPTER was conducted by Dept of Pathology, Alluru Sitarama Raju Academy of Medical Sciences, Eluru, Andhra Pradesh, on 23rd April 2023. 135 delegates registered and attended. The renowned speakers were Dr Vani Ravi Kumar and Dr. P. Panaga, consultants of Metropolis lab, Bengaluru. There was workshop on liquid based cytology with digital slide viewing and demonstration of staining technique for LBC slides, along with microscopy of LBC slides.







Address by President, IAPM at Govt. Medical College Baramati, Pune



MBBS Students being briefed about Dr. Khanolkar by Dr. Ranjan Agrawal at Rajshree Medical Research Institute, Bareilly

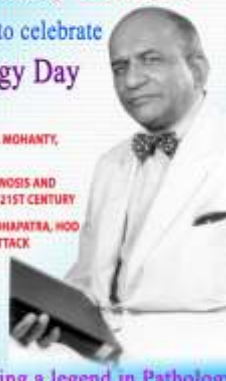


Celebration at SN Medical College, Agra

**INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF PATHOLOGISTS & MICROBIOLOGISTS (IAPM)**  
**IAPM House, Cuttack**  
 Welcomes you to all to celebrate  
**National Pathology Day**

4.30PM- INAUGURATION  
 4.40PM- INTRODUCTION BY PROF. G.M. MOHANTY, PRESIDENT IAPM (2019)  
 4.50PM- TOPIC - CHALLENGES IN DIAGNOSIS AND ERADICATION OF LEPROSY IN 21ST CENTURY  
 SPEAKER- PROF. DHARITRI MOHAPATRA, HOD MICROBIOLOGY, SCBRMC, CUTTACK  
 5.30PM- VOTE OF THANKS

**13<sup>th</sup> April 2023**  
**From 4.30 onwards**  
 Commemorating a legend in Pathology:  
**Dr. V. R. Khanolkar**  
 CME at IAPM House, Cuttack



## NATIONAL PATHOLOGY DAY CELEBRATIONS 2023 Glimpus



Celebration at IAPM Headquarter



Cake Cutting Ceremony



Pathology Day Celebration at SRMS, Bareilly



Celebration at GVP Medical College, Visakhapatnam

## IAPM Elections for 2023

**Nominations are invited for the election to the following posts (to be elected through electronic ballot):**

- 1. President -** Tenure of one year
- 2. Vice President -** Tenure of one year

The duties and responsibilities of the above posts are provided in the Bye-Laws of the Association that can be accessed via the IAPM website. Every candidate for the posts of President and Vice President should have at least 10 years of standing as Life Member (without interruption) and must have served the Association in one or more ways by being an office-bearer, or being a member of the council or state Chapter/ Chairperson or participating in Symposium / Seminar at the Annual Conference or as an Organizing Secretary / Chairperson of one of the APCON's.

Nominations to be made on plain paper and sent duly proposed and seconded by Life Members who do not owe any membership dues. The nominated member, proposer and seconder should provide their IAPM Membership Numbers and sign the nomination form. The nominated candidate shall provide a letter of

consent and a copy of his/her resume (not exceeding one A4 size page- strictly to be followed).

The application form, consent letter and broad headlines of the resume to be submitted may be downloaded from the IAPM website. All documents are to be submitted as email attachment ONLY to [secretary1iapm@gmail.com](mailto:secretary1iapm@gmail.com).

**Note:** Under no circumstance the applicants should canvas for elections by any means.

- The last date for receipt of nominations is 31st August 2023
- Last date for withdrawal of nominations is 25th September 2023.

Online voting will be done in the month of October 2023, & it will be communicated to all the life members of IAPM. The result would be declared during the General Body Meeting to be held during APCON 2023 at AIIMS, New Delhi.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Applications are invited from interested Life Members of IAPM of at least 5 Years standing for various Scientific Sessions during APCON 2024 to be held at SCB Medical College, Cuttack – Dr Gaya Prasad Memorial Symposium, Dr. Usha Hardas Infectious Disease Symposium, 18 Parallel CMEs.
2. Nominations from various active and recognised Chapters of IAPM are invited for the prestigious Dr. C I Jhala Oration for 2024. The guidelines are available in the IAPM Byelaws on the IAPM website.
3. **Travel Grants:**  
Travel Grants are available for Postgraduate students attending APCON (Details available in the IAPM Byelaws 2022). All Postgraduates can apply for this grant.

### 4. APCON 2025 Venue:

Applications are invited from Institutes / Medical Colleges or Organisations to host APCON 2025. Applications should be submitted via active IAPM Chapters or their letter of collaboration be attached. The format for applying can be downloaded from the official website of IAPM. Applications with complete details in all respect along with powerpoint attachment including photographs of infrastructure, connectivity, Conferences organised in recent past and tourist attractions should be sent via email to [secretary1iapm@gmail.com](mailto:secretary1iapm@gmail.com).



## In Memoriam:

Prof. Anil Kumar Agarwal was born on 5th of July 1949. He was a very simple, kind hearted person, very friendly and down to earth with everyone. He was a graduate from KGMC Lucknow in year 1971, and postgraduate in Pathology from MLN Medical College Allahabad in 1976. He has worked as lecturer & Assistant professor in BRD Medical College, Gorakhpur from 1977 to 1985 and in LLRM Medical College Meerut for 23 years as assistant professor, associate professor and professor.

Later he joined as Professor and Head in Department of Pathology at Muzaffarnagar Medical College in 2009. He also worked as Principal in Muzaffarnagar Medical College for 2010 to 2015. After a glorious career of nearly four decades, He retired as CEO in Muzaffarnagar Medical College 2019.

He was one of the senior life member of Indian Association of Pathology & Microbiology (IAPM), Indian Academy of Cytology (IAC) and Indian Society of Hematology & Blood Transfusion (ISHBT). He has conducted the UP PATHCON twice successfully and also remained the President of UP CHAPTER of IAPM.

A researcher par excellence with his contributions in the field to Pathology are immense with more than 200 publications in National & International Journals. His areas of interest were

Bone marrow pathology, Lymph node & bone cytology.

He was Perfectionalist to the core, very immaculate in his work able administrator, excellent teacher and good hearted. His absence is deeply missed by colleagues, friends, students and his family, along with members of IAPM.

He is survived by his wife, Prof. Dr. Sudha Agarwal MD Physiology, a very gentle, sweet and a lovely person who worked as Professor & Head in the Department of Physiology & is now also retired. They have two sons, Bhaskar & Aditya who are well settled with their families.

May his soul rest in peace and may the almighty give strength to all his near and dear ones to bear the loss.



**Prof. Anil Kumar Agarwal**

(05-07-1949 to 25-04-2023)

Dr. Mahesh Kumar Biswal was born in a small village Srijanga of Balasore district of Odisha near Bahanaga station which recently got noticed because of the tragic triple Coromandal train accident on 2nd June 2023. Dr. Biswal also worked there day and night for injured passengers and worked relentlessly for 48 hours in blood collection camps for which local people, administration including Collector of Balasore and politicians were overwhelmed and surprised. But unfortunately few days later, he went to heavenly abode on 14th June 2023 in the morning at 7AM before he could be felicitated. Astonishingly the man who worked his full life for blood collection and blood examination, passed away on the World blood donor day; 14th June.

He did MBBS and MD in Pathology in 2001 from VIMSAR, Burla and started his professional career from Vardhaman district of West Bengal in 1980. In next years, he worked in different places of Odisha like Koraput, Phulbani, Balasore, Mayurbhanj but maximum period of his professional life was spent in VIMSAR, Burla. He retired as Additional Director Level-I of Odisha health services. He was a good human being, always smiling and friendly and very popular not only among students but also among patients and public young and old alike. He was very hardworking, simple, honest and a man of principles. He had organised many blood donation camps throughout Odisha and created awareness of donating blood among youths. Towards later part of his life, he worked in blood bank of Balasore where he breathed his last.

Dr. Biswal was also praised and remembered for his outstanding contribution for control of Cholera by taking multiple innovative steps and continuous hard work. He was a leading person in organising any event and would always be very supportive.

During his posting in Burla Medical College, he used to be a pillar of support and mentor for postgraduates in Pathology and helped them a lot. Here, he worked for the development of department and college. Each and every student, faculty and staff remembers him fondly. After winning Gandhi award for his commendable social work in periphery areas of Odisha he was popularly being referred as 'Gandhi Biswal'. After his death, many doctors, staff, politicians, organisers, local public and students went to his home for the last 'darshan' and paid tribute to his noble soul. He had attended the 19th HQCME in 2023 at Cuttack and many had seen him there for the last time. News of his death had spread grief and sorrow and created an irreparable loss among medical fraternity, staff, public and students.

He is lived by his wife, two sons (both are engineers and well established) and only daughter.

Odisha association of Pathologists mourns his death, conveys heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and pray God for the noble soul to rest in heavenly abode.



**Dr. Mahesh Kumar Biswal**

(05-02-1956 to 14-06-2023)