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Message from the President

Esteemed members,
Namaskar

The forthcoming annual event APCON 2024 is going to be organized in the culturally vibrant state of Odisha. Cuttack, the National Headquarter of our Association and this year's venue for APCON, is putting all efforts to make this conference memorable.

To encourage our young pathologists and postgraduates, sufficient time is devoted to oral and poster presentations and that most of the research papers presented and posters displayed during the annual conference are of high quality and that they measure up to the international standards.

Four prestigious awards have been instituted in the memory of great teachers and pathologists of our country. The purpose is to recognize and acknowledge research conducted in the country and papers published by the researchers.

In recent years, heightened attention has been directed towards the issue of blood transfusion safety. Regrettably, avoidable errors in transfusion procedures, predominantly stemming from lapses in patient identification, persist as a grave concern. Even minor mistakes may precipitate instances of injury and fatality. Moreover, there exists a heightened awareness regarding the potential transmission of viral and bacterial infections through blood products.

In light of these challenges, it is mandatory to convene and deliberate upon the risks inherent in transfusion practices, as well as to explore the implementation of novel measures aimed at enhancing blood safety. Through a recalibration of our perspectives, with a pronounced emphasis on meticulous education and training initiatives targeting all stakeholders involved in blood prescribing and component administration, we can affect tangible improvements in transfusion safety protocols. I eagerly anticipate our forthcoming discussions and the collective strides we shall undertake towards fostering a safer and more efficacious transfusion landscape.

I earnestly implore all esteemed members of the IAPM to graciously participate in APCON 2024 in substantial numbers, thereby contributing significantly to the success of the conference on academic fronts.

This year, we have already uploaded scientific programme well in advance in the website of IAPM and APCON 2024. The present executive along with an academic committee helped in making this programme well in advance.

I wish the members to attend the annual conference of IAPM and enjoy the Silver city Cuttack among family and friends.

With regards

(Dr. Kanak lata Dei)
President IAPM



Message from the Secretary IAPM

Dear Members,

I hope that this April - June 2024 issue of IAPM News bulletin finds you all in the best of health and spirit. We are nearing to our Annual Conference (APCON 2024) and are filled with full enthusiasm and valour. The event as every year is packed with scientifically rich sessions including 4 Orations, 3 Guest lectures by Invited foreign speakers, 3 Symposiums, 18 parallel specialty CMEs, 12 Breakfast sessions, PG Quiz competition and numerous prize presentations and sessions. I request all the IAPM members to regularly visit IAPM and APCON 2024 websites for regular updates. and also attend APCON 2024 in large numbers.

The land of Lord Jagannath has not only its spiritual significance but now is blended with a rich academic fest also. Year 2024 for IAPM is celebrated as the 75th (Platinum) year of its establishment since the year 1949, so again this conference holds its own importance.

IAPM plans to celebrate this year in various ways making it memorable. IAPM has decided to reduce the fees towards life membership from the existing ₹10,000 to ₹ 7,500, which started from 15 June 2024 and will continue till 30th November 2024. All Heads of Departments and senior members of IAPM are requested to motivate postgraduates and other pathologists to become life members and avail this special scheme.

This issue of the Newsbulletin also contains glimpses of the National Pathology Day celebrations across India on 13th April 2024, in memory of Late Dr. V.R. Khanolkar, the Father of Indian Pathology.

Announcements for various prize papers of IAPM has already been made, however repeat details are again printed in this Newsbulletin. All IAPM members can avail the opportunity. Proposals for various scientific sessions during the next APCON 2025 are also invited. All Life members of IAPM with at last 5 years of standing may apply for the different sessions. Various other announcements have also been made in this Newsbulletin. The IAPM members are requested to look into those notifications and apply accordingly.

Long Live IAPM !

Jai Hind!



Dr. Ranjan Agrawal
Hony. Secretary IAPM



ANNOUNCEMENTS

IAPM Postgraduate Travel Grants 2024:

Bonafide Postgraduate students, who are Life Associate IAPM Members, who register for the Conference APCON 2024 and whose Abstract is accepted for presentation during the conference can apply for IAPM Postgraduate travel grants. The format & SOP is available on the IAPM website.

All Members are requested to go through the IAPM Byelaws available on the website. Kindly suggest for any changes (if any). All changes would be put up in the Byelaws committee meeting. Kindly reply back latest by 30th July 2024.

Dr. Ranjan Agrawal
Honorary Secretary, IAPM

1. Applications are invited from interested Life Members of IAPM of at least 5 Years standing for various Scientific Sessions during APCON 2025 to be held at NEIGRIHMS Shillong- Dr Gaya Prasad Memorial Symposium, Dr. Usha Hardas Infectious Disease Symposium, 18 Parallel CMEs and, 12 Breakfast sessions.
2. Nominations from various active and recognised Chapters of IAPM are invited for the prestigious Dr. C I Jhala Oration for 2025. The guidelines are available in the IAPM Byelaws on the IAPM website.

Joint Secretary's Report (April- June 2024)

North East Chapter: The department of Pathology Kokrajhar Medical College organised the Midterm CME under the aegis of North Eastern Regional Chapter (NERC-IAPM) on the 11th of May 2024. The theme of the CME was "Haematology from Basics to Recent". A comprehensive scientific program explored the many facets from basic morphology with PBS interpretation to recent insights to diagnostic techniques like PCR, NGS Flow, Transfusion medicine and ethics in diagnostic field. Poster session was conducted for the Post graduate trainees. It was attended by 128 delegates from all over the North Eastern states The organizing team was led by Prof and head of pathology, Dr Bhubaneswar Saikia, Dr Riju Rani Deka and Dr Amit Kumar Muchahary.



Maharashtra Chapter: Second mid-year CME was organised by department of pathology Dr DY Patil Medical college, hospital and research centre, Pimpri on 31'st May and 1'st June 2024. The CME based on theme" Under my scope: From basics to recent"

E-souvenir of CME was inaugurated by honourable Dr D.Y Patil, Chancellor of D.Y Patil Vidyapeeth. CME focussed on Nerve and muscle biopsy interpretation, CNS tumours: Role of frozen section and immunohistochemistry in interpretation of CNS tumours, transplant pathology, Role of artificial intelligence in diagnosis, ancillary techniques in diagnosis of thyroid neoplasms, correlating morphology with molecular diagnostics. A total of 122 posters and 102 oral papers were presented during this conference.



Uttarakhand Chapter: A CME on Dermatopathology was organised by the Department of Pathology, Veer Chandra Singh Garhwali Govt Institute of Medical Science and Research, Srinagar Pauri Garhwal Uttarakhand on 11th May 2024. This CME was held under the auspices of Uttarakhand Chapter of IAPM. A total of 52 delegates attended the CME which included postgraduate students. A total 22 posters were presented by post graduates. The CME concluded with a PG quiz.



Chhattisgarh Chapter: National CME of ACH on Update on Thyroid Pathology was held on 29th June 2024 at BRLSABVM Govt Medical College, Rajnandgaon (C.G.). CME covered WHO updates on Thyroid Neoplasm, Emerging biomarkers for diagnosis of thyroid lesion & other thyroid lesions were discussed in detail. More than 100 delegates attended the CME.

International Sickle day was celebrated on 19th June by Pt JNM Medical college Raipur, CCM Govt medical college Durg, Govt Medical college Rajnandgaon by organising camp for sickle cell patients & orientation program for awareness. Various blood donation camps were organised by every college on 14th June for blood Donor's Day.



IAPM Elections for 2024

Nominations are invited for the election to the following posts of IAPM (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 Executive Council or State Chapter/ Chairperson or participated 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 are eligible to apply. 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 under download. All documents are to be submitted as email attachment ONLY to 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 2024
- Last date for withdrawal of nominations is 25th September 2024.

Online voting will be done in the month of October 2024, and 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 2024 at SCB Medical College, Cuttack.

Honorary Secretary IAPM secretary1iapm@gmail.com Mobile: 7060387009

National Pathology Day Celebrations (13 April 2024)

UP Chapter:

Various institutes under the auspices of UP Chapter celebrated National Pathology day



At S.N. Medical College, Agra

Bareilly:

In Rajshree Medical College, students were motivated to consider Pathology as a career option



Prayagraj:

The day was celebrated at MLN Medical College, Prayagraj by organising a Poster competition, Elocution and Nukkad Natak on 'Sahi Janch to Sahi Ilaj' theme.



Haryana Chapter :

ESICS Faridabad had organised a quiz for UG students



At IAPM Head Quarters :

The Celebrations at Head Quarters were attended by Senior members of IAPM and PG students. Honourable president IAPM, Dr Kanaklata Dei informed the audience about Dr V.R. Khanolkar and his achievements. A lecture on 'Grey zone lymphoma' was delivered by Dr Shubhashree Das.

Maharashtra Chapter:

The Day was celebrated at Grant Govt. Medical College, Mumbai by conducting a PG Quiz and discussion on bony lesions. Achievements of Dr V.R. Khanolkar, which were narrated by Dr Shubhangi Agale were really inspirational for the PG students



Rangoli competition organised at MGM Medical college, Navi Mumbai to celebrate National Pathology Day

Chhattisgarh Chapter:

LSLRAM Govt medical college, Raigarh celebrated the National Pathology Day by organising pot decoration stone art and rangoli making competitions & quiz for undergraduates. Pt JNM Govt medical college Raipur and ABVM Govt Medical College conducted Rangoli competition for undergraduates & quiz for postgraduate students, Dr J.C. Gupta distributed prizes to winners. These various activities helped to spread orientation & awareness of pathology to undergraduates & postgraduates.



Bihar Chapter:

AIIMS Patna organised a lecture by Dr Poonam Prasad on ‘Past, Present and Future of Pathology’.

Rajasthan Chapter:



North East Chapter:

UG Quiz competition was organised at NEIGRIHMS Shillong



Karnataka Chapter:

KCIAPM Conducted a Reels contest and Literary contest for its members which were widely circulated on most Some platforms. The best Reels and Literary contest winners were awarded. Department of Pathology at KIMS, Hubballi celebrated the day by conducting quiz and Patho-Rangoli for PG students. Chief guest Dr J.H. Makannavar, Former HOD in Pathology Department and Principal KIMS Hubli was felicitated on the occasion.



APCON 2024 Paper Presentation Guidelines

A. AWARD PAPERS

Applications from IAPM members are invited for the Dr V R Khanolkar, Smt. Kunti Devi Mehrotra, Prof K C Basu Mallick, and Dr. K S Ratnakar Best Paper Awards. The applications, complete in all respects should reach the Honorary Secretary by 31st August 2024 via email to secretaryliapm@gmail.com



A1. Dr VR Khanolkar Prize:

Is one of the most prestigious awards of IAPM for published research work. The contest for this prize is open to all members fulfilling the following criteria:

- a) Age of the applicant should be below 50 years of age as on 31st July 2024 (age proof to be provided).
- b) The research work submitted should have been carried out in India.
- c) The above research work should have been published as the first author in the preceding two year

The principal author should submit:

- I. Covering letter indicating his/her IAPM Membership number.
- II. Certificate from all authors certifying that this research work has been carried out in India and this work has not received any other award.
- III. Certificate from the co-authors (if any), supporting the candidature and eligibility of the principal author.
- IV. In case the applicant is a postgraduate student or senior resident, there should be a letter from the Head of the Department/Dean stating that the applicant is a bonafide student I employee of the Institute and eligible for the award.
- V. A copy of the complete published article to be attached
- VI. A brief bio data of the candidate to be enclosed along with the covering letter
- VII. Valid Age proof must be attached. All documents to be sent as separate attachments to the Honorary Secretary, IAPM in a PDF format via email : secretaryliapm@gmail.com

The submitted paper will be initially scrutinized by a panel of three judges selected by the President/Secretary, IAPM

A2. Smt Kunti Devi Mehrotra Award:

Is one of the prestigious awards given annually for published research work. The award is open to all members fulfilling the following criteria:

- a) Age of the applicant should be below 40 years of age as on 31st July 2024 (age proof to be provided).
- b) The research work submitted should have been carried out in India.
- c) The above research work should have been published by the contesting member as the first author in the preceding two years.

The principal author should submit:

- I. Covering letter indicating the IAPM Membership number.
- II. Certificate from all authors certifying that this research work has been carried out in India and this work has not received any other award.
- III. Certificate from the co-authors (if any), supporting the candidature and eligibility of the principal author.
- IV. In case the applicant is a postgraduate student or senior resident, there should be a letter from the Head of the Department/Dean stating that the applicant is a bonafide student/employee of the Institute and eligible for the award.
- V. A copy of the complete published article to be attached.
- VI. A brief bio data of the candidate to be enclosed along with the covering letter.
- VII. Valid Age proof must be attached

All documents to be sent to the Honorary Secretary, IAPM in a PDF format as separate attachments via email : secretaryliapm@gmail.com

The submitted paper will be initially scrutinized by a panel of referees selected by the President/Secretary, IAPM.

A3. Dr KC Basu Mallick Award:

Is given to the best paper presented by a life Member of IAPM during the plenary session of APCON. The award for this prize is open to all members fulfilling the following criteria:

- a) There is no age restriction ..
- b) The research work should have been carried out in India. The principal author shall submit:
 - I. Covering letter indicating the IAPM Membership number.
 - II. Certificate from all authors certifying that this research work has been carried out in India and this work has not received any other award.
 - III. Certificate from the co-authors (if any), and supporting the candidature of the principal author.
 - IV. In case the applicant is a postgraduate student or senior resident, there should be a letter from the Head of the Department/Dean stating that the applicant is a bonafide student / employee of the Institute and eligible for the award.
 - V. His / Her brief biodata.
 - VI. Valid Age proof must be attached.

The paper must be submitted as a full-length text of their search work to be presented in the form of a blinded manuscript for publication with photographs embedded at the end of the write-up (refer to instructions authors of Indian Journal of Pathology and Microbiology). Kindly submit separate pdf files of covering letter, including certificate from all co-authors, HOD letter, age proof etc. title page, manuscript. The manuscript should be blinded with no mention of author attachment name, place of work or Institution and must be sent as soft copy only to the Honorary Secretary, IAPM via email :secretaryliapm@gmail.com

The submitted paper will be initially scrutinized by a panel of referees selected by the President/Secretary, IAPM for its presentation at the plenary session. A maximum of five papers will be finally selected for presentation. The total time allotted is 10 minutes with 7 minutes for the presentation followed by 3 minutes of Question/Answer session. If the paper is not selected, it will be submitted for the Plenary oral paper session by the Hon. Secretary IAPM with due notification to the author.

A4. Dr KS Ratnakar Best Paper Award:

Is given to the best paper presented during the plenary session of APCON. The award for this prize is open to all members fulfilling the following criteria:

- a) Age below 35 years as on 31st July 2024 (age proof to be provided).
- b) The research work submitted should have been carried out in India. The principal author should submit:
 - I. Covering letter indicating the IAPM Membership number.
 - II. Certificate from all authors certifying that this research work has been carried out in India and this work has not received any other award.
 - III. Certificate from the co-authors (if any), attesting and supporting the candidature of the principal author.
 - IV. In case the applicant is a postgraduate student or senior resident, there should be a letter from the Head of the Department/Dean stating that the applicant is a bonafide student / employee of the Institute and eligible for the award.
 - V. His / Her brief biodata.
 - VI. Valid age proof must be attached.

Conference Registration is mandatory for the presentation.

The paper must be submitted as a full-length text of their search work to be presented in the form of a manuscript for publication with photographs embedded at the end of the write-up (refer to instructions to authors of Indian Journal of Pathology and Microbiology). Kindly submit separate Pdf files of covering letter, including certificate from all co-authors, HOD letter, age proof etc. title page, manuscript. The manuscript should be blinded with no mention of author name, place of work or Institution sent as a soft copy only to the Honorary Secretary, IAPM via email : secretaryliapm@gmail.com

The submitted paper will be initially scrutinized by a panel of referees selected by the President/Secretary, IAPM for its presentation at the plenary session. A maximum of four papers will be finally selected for presentation. The total time allotted is 10 minutes with 7 minutes for the presentation followed by 3 minutes of Question/Answer session. If the paper is not selected, it will be submitted for the Plenary oral paper session by the Hon. Secretary IAPM with due notification

to the author.

All Award papers as detailed above should be directly emailed to the Honorary Secretary of IAPM. Last date for applying for Award paper presentations is 31st August' 2024.

B. Plenary Oral paper/ Poster submission guidelines:

- All papers other than categories 1 to 4 should be directly submitted online in the prescribed format available on the APCON 2024 website or as directed by the organisers.
- Desired category of presentation should be chosen from drop down menu. However, final decision would depend on the recommendation of the Selection Committee and available space and time slots with the organizers.
- Only original non-repetitive research works, original case series, rare case reports with significant impact, technical papers and/ or innovations, and papers on new insight on laboratory diagnoses would be entertained. Papers based on unpublished works will be preferred.
- The presenting author **MUST** be a registered member of parent IAPM and should also provide valid Conference registration number while submitting the abstract. Papers submitted with others membership ID will be rejected and will not be evaluated.
- Only those who register for the conference will be eligible to present papers.
- The abstract should fit into the specialty topic chosen and the maximum word count acceptable would be 250 words.
- Abstract submission for paper presentation will start on 15th July 2024 or as indicated on the Conference website. Last date of submission of Abstracts for preferred Poster & Oral Papers is 30th October 2024. Any change in the dates would be indicated on the Conference website.
- The presenters will be provided certificate of presentation, only if there are physically present during the conference.
- The best 10 posters will be chosen for Plenary poster presentation and out of those the top 5 posters will be awarded prizes - First prize of ₹ 10000/- , Second prize of ₹ 5000/- Third prize of ₹ 3000/- and two consolation prizes of ₹ 1000/- each along with certificates. Other prizes as may be decided by the Organisers would be distributed.

Minutes of Mid-Year IAPM General Body Meeting dt. 12 June 2024

A Mid-Year General Body Meeting (GBM) was held in ONLINE mode at dt 12 June 2024 1830 Hrs onwards. Only 41 IAPM Members were present for the meeting. Since the quorum was not complete so it was reconvened after a gap of 5 minutes.

The main agenda of the Mid-Year EC was Celebrating Platinum 75th Year of IAPM. After much suggestions, the main points of consensus included.

1. The Life Membership fees would be made to ₹ 7,500/- (instead of ₹ 10,000/- as at present). This discounted rate would be extended to Life Associate Membership also but not to the only Associate Membership applications. The revised rates would be applicable from 15 June 2024 and last till 30 November 2024. The following chart will summarise the Membership fee structure.

		At Present	Revised rates
a)	Life Membership	₹10,000	₹ 7,500
b)	Life Associate Membership		
	IIIrd year PG	₹11,000	₹ 8,500
	IInd year PG	₹12,000	₹ 9,500
	Ist year PG	₹13,000	₹10,500
c)	Associate & Affiliate Memberships (Annual)	₹1,000	₹ 1,000

A letter to this revised effect would be sent to all the HODs for promotion of Memberships.

2. **IAPM Platinum Jubilee Honors:** Each IAPM Chapter can send names and details (Brief CV) of nearly 5 Senior Pathologists (Preferably Life Members of IAPM and above 75 years of age) who have made significant contribution to IAPM or to the field of Pathology at International/ National or stats level, who would be felicitated during APCON 2024. The list would NOT include the Past Presidents of IAPM. In case the Pathologist is unable to attend APCON 2024 at Cuttack, he/ she would be felicitated by the respective Chapter representatives/ IAPM Office bearers with

the felicitation photographs clicked and displayed during APCON 2024. The expense towards the felicitation would be borne by IAPM.

3. A brooch of the IAPM logo with 75 years inscribed on it would be prepared and given to all the delegates during APCON 2024 at Cuttack.
4. **IAPM Young Achiever Award:** A proposal from Dr. Aditya Agnihotri & Dr. Vijay Shankar was tabled on the theme “Forty under Forty” wherein, faculties below 40 years of age based on their credentials would be awarded the IAPM Young Achiever Award. Top three faculties would be Awarded. The credentials would be based on their Academic achievements especially publications, extracurricular excellence and contributions to Pathology advancements or IAPM parent body or Chapter would be included. The shortlisted candidates would have to face an interview for the final selection of the Awardees. Initially, the Academic Committee of IAPM would scrutinize these applications. The proposal was put forward by Dr. D.N. Lanjewar and seconded by Dr. Anita Bhaduri. House accepted this.
5. A proposal from Dr Harendra Kumar stating that a letter should be sent to all the Inactive members or those who did not convert their IAPM Associate Membership to Life Membership should be initiated, especially availing the special discounted rates. The proposal was accepted.
6. A documentary of 75 years of IAPM would be prepared. Dr AM Phatak and Dr DN Lanjewar assisted by Dr Varsha Dhume were entrusted this project. Name of the past president Dr GN Mohanty was suggested by the House which was accepted.
7. This year, the first 3 students who opt for PG in Pathology via NEET PG examination 2024, would be felicitated by IAPM. Once the results are declared, further details would be worked upon. The house had the opinion that since we would be celebrating the Platinum Jubilee year in 2024, so those students who are pursuing MD (Pathology) presently via NEET 2023 should be included rather than NEET 2024. This was proposed by Dr. Sujay Prasad (Bengaluru) and seconded by Dr. Jyotsna Suri (Jammu).
8. A reel competition would be organized. The House was detailed about the reel competition by Dr. Vijay Shankar. A committee comprising of Dr. Vijay Shankar, Dr. Aditya Agnihotri, Dr. Asaranti Kar in collaboration with Dr. Ranjan Agrawal was formed. The House approved it.
9. Sand art and Cultural programmes would also be organised during APCON 2024.
10. Release of a big balloon was also proposed by Dr. Asaranti Kar which was approved. Dr. Ranjan Agrawal suggested that for the Platinum jubilee celebrations 75 tree plantation should be done in different places of SCB Medical College Campus and few in and around the IAPM Headquarter. The house agreed to this. Dr. Asaranti who was present in the meeting was informed about this and asked to seek the help of Principal /Dean, SCB Medical College, Cuttack and Nagar Nigam/ Muncipal Corporation, Cuttack.
11. Dr. Jyotsna Suri suggested that similar to the IAPM Celebrations, each Chapter should also organise multiple activities and send their reports to the Secretary IAPM on a regular basis. The proposal was seconded by Dr. Vijay Shankar. The House accepted the proposal.

Discussions held but decision deferred:

1. Dr. Pranaty Mohanty, Jt secretary HQ tabled a proposal for sanction of additional ₹ 4.0 lacs towards repair and maintenance of the Headquarters. Since, there were no quotations procured nor the expense details of the previous sanctioned budget was made available, the proposal was deferred for later discussions. The House asked Dr. Pranaty Mohanty and Dr. Asaranti Kar to furnish fresh quotations/estimates and also submit picture of the work completed in the Headquarter so far.

Any other matter:

The House was informed that only a single Account existed in Cuttack which had become dormant due to lack of Re-KYC, but has been reactivated. However, the old as well as the new signatories have been included in it. Dr. Harendra Kumar, informed the House that he is pursuing the matter and if required he would have to visit the Bank in Cuttack for personal verification. The house approved of this.

The House was informed that since this meeting was scheduled under 'SPECIAL GBM', attendance in this meeting would not be considered for IAPM Electoral purpose as per the byelaws. Only attendance at Regular GBM during APCONs would be considered. The meeting ended with a group photograph.



Dr Ranjan Agrawal
Secretary IAPM