



VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Association during the current pandemic

In spite of the various inconveniences faced by every one of us in the present situation, the Office bearers including the past office bearers have been working constantly behind the scene. There had been online meetings of the office bearers where many aspects of the Organisation were discussed. Major decisions that were taken in the virtual meeting were -i) postponement of the APCON 2020, ii) proceedings for the various awards conferred by the Association for the year 2020, and iii) the past Treasurer of the Association's report on pending auditing issues and accomplishments.



The Association is lucky to have a vibrant and a spontaneous Secretary General, and a strong and supportive President, who have been handling all the issues very suitably.

My belief about the pandemic is that the infection is going to remain with us like any other viruses. In such a situation, the best we all can do is to take precautions to reduce transmission and to practise a normalized life style, which many may refer to as the "new normal". It is also important to realize that in spite of our best efforts, there are certain things which are not within the control of any human being and important to realize that nature takes its own course.

Dr Kim Vaiphei



SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Dear all,

Just over a few weeks, the medical fraternity has dramatically changed. It was far away and then came closer infecting our near and dear ones. The rise of coronavirus pandemic (CoVid-19) in India has brought a drastic outcome in our life with a mandatory stay at home for most, social distancing, mask and sanitizer use. Because of this we had to cancel the annual conference APCON-20 and have resorted to virtual conferences/ webinars. The notice of cancellation has already come in previous issue of newsletter. Online executive council meeting was held on 16.08.20 for approval of this draft and was approved. Accordingly, conference, elections will be cancelled but awards session will continue as there is age limit for three prizes and age of interested candidates may exceed the limit next year. The rules and regulations for the prizes are given in this issue and interested suitable candidates may submit their research work to Secretary, IAPM before 31st December.

There is a dire need of updating of state chapter membership data in website for online elections and to avail other facilities. Hence all state chapter chairpersons are requested to instruct the members to update their mail id ,

mobile number and address in "Change of corresponding address" icon on home page of website. The members can put their request on website or mail us at iapm.org.in@gmail.com or coordinate with state chapter chairpersons. Also all state chapter chairpersons should submit their members list in excel sheet format to Secretary/ Joint secretary, IAPM so that updated members list can be formulated.



Due to non-conduct of physical conferences, there will be Webinars/ e-CMEs on behalf of IAPM. Interested members can send their choice of topics and speakers (mostly in form of slide seminars) which will be selected for presentation.

Lastly, in this difficult times of CoVid-19 pandemic, we are living through a world crisis which has caused a lot of fear, uncertainty and anxiety. In spite of this helplessness, let's redirect our energy towards dealing effectively with this situation and come out as winners.

Stay safe and healthy.

Jai IAPM

Dr. Asaranti Kar



STATE CHAPTERS' REPORT

As we are aware that, in view of Covid-19 pandemic; all National & State chapter conferences/ CMEs were postponed/ cancelled. But this pandemic opened a new Pandora of online CMEs and webinars under different platforms and organisations. Many online teaching webinars and series are being conducted regularly by many eminent speakers and senior pathologists. "Guidelines for various laboratory sections in view of COVID-19: Recommendations from Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists" were prepared by executive committee members of IAPM along with few contributors which was published in July- Sept'2020, Vol 63, issue 3 of Indian Journal of Pathology & Microbiology (IJPM).

1.Karnataka Chapter: 2nd KCIAPM Virtual Interactive Slide Seminar on 20th July 2020 was hosted by Dr Suresh Chandra and Dr Usha Kini, who discussed 10 interesting histopathology slides. On 8th August'20 KCIAPM conducted online webinar on "Interpretation of Breast biopsies with recent advances" by Dr Vidya S, Lead. On 6th September 2020 a panel discussion by Resident Ambassadors on the topic "Unconventional Approach to Mastering Pathology" was conducted. On September 12th, 2020 a one hour session on "Diagnostic Approach of Lung Neoplasms On Small Biopsy" was taken by Dr. Raghavendra Pillappa, USA. Panel Discussion as a part of KAPCON 2020 Virtual Conference was conducted on, September 19th, 2020 on Quality Aspects in Pathology - Spotighting Key Issues, followed by another panel discussion on 26th September'20 on the topic "Immunohistochemistry for Routine

Practice: Protocols, Pitfalls and Interpretation". All webinar are available on YouTube Channel playlist for KCIAPM Path Webinars..

2.Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry chapter: TNPCIAPM conducted



"TAPCON 2020 online virtual webinar cum CME" from 10th to 12th July 2020. Organizing Chairperson was Dr. Arunalatha P, Organizing Secretary was Dr. Padmavathi. R & Organizing co-Chairperson was Dr. Sudha Venkatesh. Scientific sessions with reputed national speakers covered slide seminars and lectures on nephropathology, gynecological pathology, pulmonary pathology, hematology, breast, CNS pathology, muscle biopsy, genitourinary, head and neck, soft tissue pathology. **3.Kearla Chapter-IAPM:** conducted 85th chapter meeting on online platform on 20th & 21st September, 2020. Academic activities of 1st day included a session on Multiplex immunohistochemistry, by Dr. Elizabeth followed by case presentation, spotters, post graduate quiz. On 2nd day; session on value of digital pathology during Covid by Dr. Ana Richelia followed by free poster presentations.

4. West Bengal chapter: Organised several online EC meetings and decided that a Virtual CME, in the name of Dr. R.N. Ghosh will be organized by APM WB, on 28th November 2020. Members of APM WB have been taking part in different Webinars, specially focusing on covid 19 diagnosis and management.

Dr. Harendra Kumar



IAPM 2020 AWARDS NOTIFICATION

Applications from IAPM members are invited for the Khanolkar Prize, Smt. Kunti Devi Mehrotra Award, Prof KC Basu Mallick Award, and Best Paper Award and should reach the Honorary Secretary before 31st December 2020.

1. 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 45 years of age on 31st July for that particular year (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 years

The principal author shall submit: 1. Covering letter indicating the IAPM Membership number, 2. Certificate from all authors certifying that this research work has been carried out in India and this work has not received any other award, 3. Certificate from the co-authors (if any), attesting and supporting the candidature of the principal author, 4. In case the applicant is a postgraduate or senior resident, there should be letter from Head of the Department/Dean stating that the applicant is eligible for the award, and 5. His / Her brief bio-data. The Covering letter, Certificates from all authors / co-authors, Letter from head of Department (if necessary), along with age proof must be sent as a hard copy and a soft copy to the Secretary IAPM.

- PDF format of the published paper is to be submitted to the Secretary IAPM as a soft copy.

- **The applications, complete in all respects should reach the Honorary Secretary before 31st December 2020.**

2. Smt Kunti Devi Mehrotra Award is another prestigious award given annually for published research work.

The contest for this prize is open to all members fulfilling following criteria: a. Age of the applicant should be below 40 years of age on 31st July for that particular year (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 years.

The principal author shall submit: 1. Covering letter indicating the IAPM Membership number, 2. Certificate from all authors certifying that this research work has been carried out in India and this work has not received any other award, 3. Certificate from the co-authors (if any), attesting and supporting the candidature of the principal author, 4. In case the applicant is a postgraduate or senior resident, there should be letter from Head of the Department/Dean stating that the applicant is eligible for the award, and 5. His / Her brief bio-data. The Covering letter, Certificates from all authors / co-authors, Letter from head of Department (if necessary), along with age proof must be sent as a hard copy and a soft copy to the Secretary IAPM.

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3. Prof. KC Basu Mallik Award is given to the best paper during the plenary session of the 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 submit have been carried out in India.

The Principal author shall submit: 1. Covering letter indicating the IAPM Membership number, 2. Certificate from all authors certifying that this research work has been carried out in India and this



work has not received any other award, 3. Certificate from the co-authors (if any), attesting and supporting the candidature of the principal author, 4. In case the applicant is a postgraduate or senior resident, there should be letter from Head of the Department/Dean stating that the applicant is eligible for the award, and 5. His / Her brief biodata. The Covering letter, Certificates from all authors / co-authors, Letter from head of Department (if necessary), along with age proof must be sent as a hard copy and a soft copy to the Secretary IAPM.

- All candidates should submit a full length text of the research work to be presented in the form of a manuscript for publication (refer to instructions to authors of Indian Journal of Pathology and Microbiology) -This should be a soft copy. The format is pdf with images embedded within the manuscript at the end of the write-up.

- **The applications, complete in all respects should reach the Honorary Secretary before 31st December 2020.**

- The 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 time allotted for presentation is generally 10 Minutes only (including the questions and answers).

4. Best Paper Award is given to the best paper presented during the plenary session of the Annual Conference of IAPM.

The award for this prize is open to all members fulfilling the following criteria: a. Age below 35

years on 31st July of that year (age proof to be provided), b. The research work submitted should have been carried out in India.

The principal author shall submit: 1. Covering letter indicating the IAPM Membership number, 2. Certificate from all authors certifying that this research work has been carried out in India and this work has not received any other award, 3. Certificate from the co-authors (if any), attesting and supporting the candidature of the principal author, 4. In case the applicant is a postgraduate or senior resident, there should be letter from Head of the Department/Dean stating that the applicant is eligible for the award, and His / Her brief bio-data. The Covering letter, Certificates from all authors / co-authors, Letter from head of Department (if necessary), along with age proof must be sent as a hard copy and a soft copy to the Secretary IAPM.

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- **The applications, complete in all respects should reach the Honorary Secretary before 31st December 2020.**

- The 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.





Minutes of EC meeting (Online) held on 16.08.20 at 10.30 AM

Meeting of Executive Council was held online on 16.08.20 at 10.30 AM. 34 members attended the meeting. Prof. Vatsala Misra, President IAPM presided over the meeting and welcome everyone to the meeting.

1. Confirmation of decision to declare 2020 as Null year- All members agreed with the decision to declare 2020 as 'Null year' including cancellation of APCON, annual conference of state chapters (except those held online) and elections. Publication of journal and newsletter to continue. Executive committee will meet quarterly by video conferencing.

2. Decision regarding awards 2020- Prof. GN Mohanty expressed that since there is age limit for 3 out of four awards by IAPM and time restriction for published research papers in two preceding years, it was decided to invite papers for Dr. V.R. Khanolkar and Smt. Kunti Devi Mehrotra awards, screen them and select as per the rules and awards may be given next year during inaugural function.. For Prof. KC Basu Mallick and Best paper awards papers should be invited from candidates before 31st December and should be selected and kept for presentation in APCON 2021. These will be presented separately in addition to papers invited in 2021. Extra time will be given for these papers while chalking out program for APCON 2021.

3. Handover of charge to new treasurer- New treasurer Dr. Varsha Dhume told to members that she has started document verification for IAPM membership. Regarding signatory change in bank, she has consulted the local branch manager and have initiated the process. Everyone suggested her to get it done as soon as possible. Dr. Dilip Ramrakhiani was advised to help her in early handover of the charge

4. Committee for amendment of Byelaws- As per agenda no 17 of IAPM news bulletin Oct-Dec, 2019, a committee was formed by EC and

approved by GBMin APCON -19 constituting of Dr. Anuradha Phatak, Dr. Pradeep Vaideeswar and Dr. Sharada Rane for amendments in byelaws and to incorporate GB decisions taken during last meetings and SOPs in printed byelaws. Secretary, IAPM will act as coordinator of committee. Prof. Datta Gupta couldn't attend the meeting but had expressed his willing to be a part of amendment committee if necessary. The members suggested to include him in the team. Dr. Sharada Rane informed house that she has enlisted the changes and has already sent to Dr. Pradeep and Dr. Phatak. Dr. Phatak informed that the changes till 2006 have already been documented in IAPM Directory published by Dr. Niranjana Rout and we have to start from 2006 onwards.

5. Functioning of state chapters- As per byelaws of IAPM, all state chapters must follow rules and regulations of National association. But it has been noted that some chapters are not following it and the chairpersons and secretary of chapters are continuing for indefinite period without holding election and electing the office bearers of chapters. This was conveyed to the chapter chairpersons present in meeting and were intimated to take necessary steps for correction of these irregularities

6. Any other matter- Prof Mohanty suggested to hold e-CMEs and virtual conferences during this year and it was also suggested to state chapters to conduct digital meets as per their convenience.

7. Vote of thanks- Meeting continued for one and half hours and was adjourned with vote of thanks by Dr. Asaranti Kar to President, IAPM and all the participants. Everyone was very happy with the conduct of meeting, having a new experience and seeing the stalwarts of pathology like Prof. BK Nanda who conveyed his goodwill and best wishes for everyone in this corona time; being the eldest member of association.



OBITUARY

Dr. Flora Dorothy Lobo Rosario

DOB - 03.12.1962

DOD - 21.09.2020

Dr. Flora Dorothy Lobo Rosario, Senior Professor of Pathology, Kasturba Medical College, Mangalore (Dotty for her friends and family) who met her creator on the 21st September 2020, at 1 a.m. Being an alumnus of Kasturba Medical College Mangalore both at Undergraduate and Postgraduate levels, Dr. Flora D. Lobo became a legend soon after she chose her career to become a Pathologist in 1987.

She was hard working & dedicated since her postgraduation days. She got her MD in Pathology in 1990. Soon after her MD, she joined as Assistant Professor in same department and became a Professor in 2006. She was very passionate teacher and

dedicated Pathologist; was involved in various academic activities including UG/PG teachings, scientific conferences, CMEs and research with many publications. She was kind and benevolent. She was kind, benevolent; very friendly and supportive to postgraduates of Department, who always motivated everyone for studies. She was very fond of flowers and used to take photographs with all alumni of Pathology department. She had a very sharp memory and was good at remembering people with names. In her loss the Pathology Department in particular and her college in general have lost a nice, hard working and diligent soul.



OBITUARY

Dr. Bharat Chandra Mohapatra

DOB - 20.02.1949,

DOD - 18.08.2020

Dr. Bharat Chandra Mohapatra was born on 20.02.1949 in Cuttack. He completed his MBBS in SCB Medical College, Cuttack in 1974 and MD in 1991 in same institute. He was a hard working and sincere pathologist; had worked in different government hospitals like City hospital, Capital hospital and state Pathology along with his own establishment.

Dr. Mohapatra was a fatherly, simple and nice person. He was a very amicable personality and liked very much by his colleagues and friends. He will be missed by his near and dear ones including Pathology fraternity of Odisha.

May God give immense strength to his family and friends to bear the loss. May his soul rest in highest heavenly abode.

