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Message from the President

Dear Esteemed Members of IAPM,

It is with great pleasure and immense gratitude that I extend my heartfelt greetings to all of you through this new edition of 2025 newsletter. The field of Pathology with its subspecialities continues to evolve rapidly, and as members of this esteemed Association, we stand at the forefront of diagnostic medicine, research, and education.

Let IAPM remain the beacon of knowledge and collaboration, fostering excellence in laboratory medicine and strengthening our collective expertise.

Our Association's role in ensuring quality diagnostics, innovative research, and continued medical education will be our paramount importance. With the advancements in molecular pathology, artificial intelligence, and personalized medicine, we are and will be witnessing an exciting transformation that will redefine the way we approach diagnostics and patient care.

I am grateful to all of you, the esteemed members to have actively participated in the conferences, workshops, and academic discussions organised by IAPM and its State Chapters in the yesteryears and has helped significantly to promote pathology as a discipline. I urge each one of you to continue this pursuit of knowledge, engage in collaborative research, and support the younger generation of pathologists and microbiologists who are the future torchbearers of our field.

As we move forward, IAPM remains committed to facilitating academic growth, policy advocacy, and interdisciplinary collaborations. We must also emphasize the importance of quality assurance in laboratory diagnostics and the ethical practice of pathology.

I sincerely thank my predecessors and their team for their dedication and contributions to IAPM and Let us continue to strive for the excellence and innovation in our work, ensuring that IAPM remains a pillar of strength for the pathology community in India.

Wishing you all continued success and professional fulfilment for this New year 2025.

Warm regards,

(Dr. Usha Kini)



Message from Vice-President IAPM

Dear Colleagues,

I am honored to get the opportunity to serve as Vice President of Indian Association of Pathologists & Microbiologists, a prestigious organization built on the principles of promoting excellence in Pathology practice, education and research. Under the aegis of IAPM innumerable academic activities have taken place since decades and the credit of shaping IAPM goes to our predecessors who had the vision and foresight to establish this esteemed Association. We are a vibrant community of professionals who share passion for Pathology and we have the power to transform patient care through cutting edge research. To follow the footsteps of the Doyens of Pathology let us encourage all to formulate high quality educational programs and resources that supports the ongoing development of upcoming pathologists and contribute to make a positive impact on patient care. In the upcoming events we are working on planning comprehensive scientific programs covering latest advances in Diagnostic Pathology, Molecular Pathology, Digital Pathology, Artificial Intelligence etc but not forgetting the importance of Basics in Pathology. Looking forward for each ones support and contribution.



Dr Reeni Malik

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Message from the Secretary IAPM

Dear Members,

Wishes from the IAPM Secretariat

I extend my warm greetings to all the IAPM members for attending APCON 2024 at SCB Medical College, Cuttack in large numbers. Such large gatherings strengthens the Association as well as boosts the morale of the Organisers.

All state chapter representative are urged to be more proactive and carry out further academic activities attracting more number of CMEs and IAPM memberships from their respective States and Institutes. The process of applying for membership is much simplified now with no delay in processing of the documents.

Postgraduates and young pathologists can apply for various awards, both in the published paper as well as the presentation sessions categories. The details are published in this news bulletin as well as available on the IAPM website in the Byelaws bluebook 2021 (Pages 51-54). 13th April is celebrated as the National Pathology Day across India. I request the State Chapters as well as members of IAPM to celebrate this day and remember the great legend Dr VR Khanolkar, in whose memory we fondly remember this day.

All those members whose emails and mobile numbers have not been updated in the website are requested to send their details via email to secretaryliapm@gmail.com at the earliest. Even chapter representatives can take this responsibility. Members can also do the corrections themselves via the orange box available in the website, the procedure for which is explained in the announcements printed in this news bulletin.

The registration for APCON 2025 have started. All members are requested to register in large numbers.



Jai Hind

Long Live IAPM !

Dr. Ranjan Agrawal

IAPM State Chapter Reports

AP Chapter: The 9th Midterm CME was organised on 8th March by Bhaskar Menon school of Pathology on “Approach to diagnosis of needle core biopsies of soft tissue tumours and lymph nodes”. The speakers included an Interventional radiologist- Dr P Rajesh and four pathologists - Dr Faiq Ahmed, Dr I Satish Rao, Dr Indu R Nair, and Dr Yashaswini. The CME was attended by 318 delegates. The CME integrated the Dr P V Jagannatha Rao Memorial Oration, which was delivered by Dr Faiq Ahmed. The inaugural function was presided by the IAPM AP Chapter President Dr Neeraja and Treasurer Dr BVN Kumar guru, with the Principal of AMC, Dr KVS Sandhya Devi being the chief guest. The CME was concluded with a valedictory function which also included Women’s day celebrations



Bihar Chapter: 18th Annual Conference of Bihar Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists (BAPCON, 2025) was organised by Department of Pathology, KMC, AKU, Katihar from 14th to 16th February 2025 based on *Theme* - The paradigm shift in diagnostic medicine- "Morphology to Molecular Pathology". Organising team included Prof. Dr Rajesh Kumar, Prof. Dr Neyaz Ahmed, Dr Birendra Prasad & Dr Pranab Kumar Verma. On Day 1, Workshops were conducted under guidance of Dr. Kumar Suneet on topic 'Liquid Based Cytology' and Dr. Shreekant Bharti on the topic 'Frozen Section'. On Day 02, Inaugural Function was graced by Chief guest Dr. Ahmad Ashfaque Karim, Chancellor, AKU & Guest of Honor- Dr. R.V.N Singh. Interactive sessions were conducted with 14 eminent speakers from various institutes from all over India. Lifetime achievement award was given to Dr. R V N Singh, Dr Ajit Choudhary and Dr S K Shahi.



Chhattisgarh Chapter : 20th Annual Conference of Chhattisgarh Chapter (CAPCON 2024-25) organised in LKAM Govt Medical College, Raigarh on 10th -12th January 2025 with preconference workshop. Various topics on histopathology, cytopathology, clinical pathology & Autopsy had been covered in these two days conference. Eminent speakers included Dr D.N. Lanjewar, Dr Suma Sheshadri, Dr Suprita Nayak, Dr Rahul Bhargva, Dr Gurmeet Singh, Dr Avani Tiwari & Dr Priya Pathak. For postgraduates, activities like PG quiz, poster competition, oral paper competition were held. Dr M.K. Minj was organising president & Dr Reena Naik was organising secretary. Pré conference workshops were conducted by Dr R. K Nigam on ‘Approach to bleeding and coagulation disorder’ and by Dr Rahul Satarkar & Dr Parvati Joshi on IHC-Pathology & Biotechnologies, and - Dr. Rahul Bhargava on AI and computational pathology. Around 250 delegates have attended the conference.

CME One day state level CME on histopathology was organised by Pt JNM medical college, Raipur on 22 February 2025. Dr Rajni Yadav covered histopathology of various GI lesions & lesions of lymph node. Dr Suprita Nayak discussed advancement of histopathology & cytopathology for practising pathologists. Dr RP Siddiqi, Dr Varsha Pandey, Dr Vanita Bhaskar presented many



interesting cases. Dr A.Neral was organising chairperson & Dr RP Siddiqi was organising secretary . More than 125 delegates have been benefitted by this CME .

Jammu & Kashmir : The Postgraduate Department of Pathology organized a three-day Oncopathology Teaching Program (March 20-22, 2025) under Dr Jyotsna Suri with the support from “TMH and The Tata Trust Mumbai” under the aegis of the J&K Chapter of IAPM. The event featured distinguished pathologists Dr. Anita Borges, Dr. Sumeet Gujral, and Dr. Rajiv Kaushal, who delivered expert insights into “Lung cancer, Breast cancer and Haematolymphoid pathologies”. On the first day, 'Tumor Board Meet' was moderated by Dr. Bharti Thaker wherein a series of oncology cases were discussed by esteemed expert panelists from various disciplines. The highlight of the second day was the Slide safari moderated by Dr. Sindhu Sharma. This session featured live slide projection of cases which was followed by in depth interactive discussions. The final day of the event featured insightful lectures by expert guest speakers. Parallel hands-on workshops were conducted on histopathology and cytology techniques, frozen section, flowcytometry and ROSE. The CME had a total attendance of 115 delegates from different medical colleges of Jammu & Kashmir.

Karnataka Chapter: A 6-month online EPA course was launched on KCIAPM School of Pathology with Dr. Reshma Kini as Lead Faculty attracting learners from six states. The second season of the Monthly Virtual Slide Seminar engaged students and faculty in interactive case discussions. KCIAPM supported the 20th Annual Pathology CME at SDUMC, Kolar, conducted on 1st March and themed “Hematology Updates” and a workshop on “Quality in Diagnostics” at MVJ Medical College, Bengaluru.

Kerala Chapter : A CME was organised by Govt. Medical College, Kozhikode on 9th February 2025. A Slide seminar on “Non neoplastic and cutaneous lymphoproliferative disorders” was moderated by Dr. Sunitha Balakrishnan. Quiz based web series was conducted by Dr Sheila Thomas. Free paper session was moderated by Dr Bindu MR which included 10 free oral papers. A total of 364 delegates attended the conference. 64 case reports, 24 case series and 6 original articles were presented during the conference.



Maharashtra: The Mid-year CME of the Association of Pathologists (Maharashtra Chapter-IAPM) was successfully held at SMBT IMSRC, Nashik, on February 1st & 2nd, 2025 with total Of 79 Delegate.

A formal inaugural ceremony was graced by Dean Dr. Meenal Mohgaonkar, Chief guest Dr. Sudhir Sanklecha, Chairperson of AOP MC-IAPM Dr. Shubhang Agale & the organizing



team comprising of Dr. Supriya Joshi, Dr. Ashwini Khadatkhar, Dr. Manjushree Ghadi. Dr. Sudhir Sanklecha in his inaugural speech highlighted the importance of Pathology as clinical subject and as a career option. A ‘QR code linked Digital Pathology Museum’ was launched at this occasion. Various topics covered included Oral Oncopathology, GI pathology and clinical Pathology. Eminent speakers like Dr Shubhada Kane, Dr Anjali Amarapurkar, Dr Vikas Kavishwar, Dr Varsha Dhume, Dr Mukta Ramadwar, Dr Leena Naik, Dr Rajiv Kumar Kaushal, Dr Mujal Shah and Dr Nandkumar Dravid shared their experiences. For Post graduates, Oral paper presentation and E Poster presentation competitions were conducted.

MP Chapter : The 15th MP PATHCON 2025, organized by Government Medical College, Datia on February 22-23, 2025, with pre-conference workshops on February 21, 2025. The theme of the conference was-“Innovations in Laboratory Diagnostics: From Bench to Bedside.” The conference was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Dr. Deepak S. Maravi, Dean of GMC Datia, Other dignitaries included Dr. Amit V. Varma, President IAPM MP, Dr. Anoop Nigam Dr. Arjun Singh, Dr. Kiran Tripathi, Dr. Anand Bhadkariya. The workshops featured hands-on sessions on Diagnosis of Lymphoid Malignancy by Dr. Sumeet Gujral and on Diagnostic Mycology by Dr. T. Karuna, AIIMS Bhopal. With 346 registered delegates, the conference saw 84 oral presentations and 85 poster presentations.



The conference included keynote address by Dr Vinay Kumar who highlighted the importance of innovation in pathology teaching using case-based scenarios. The eminent speakers included Dr. Sumeet Gujral, Dr. Suresh Nair, Dr. Ruby Khan, Dr. Atul Gupta, Dr. Pinki Pandey, Dr. Amit Varma, Dr. S. K. Sutrar, Dr. Rakesh Gupta, Dr. Rajesh Mahobiya, Dr. Gautam Bhagwat, Dr Sumeet Rawat, Dr, Pankaj Goyal, Dr. APS Tomar, Dr. Nisha Modi and Dr Abhiraj Ramchandani among others. A panel discussion on the topic “Innovations in Laboratory Diagnostics: From Bench to Bedside” was moderated by Dr. Archana Shrivastava. A digital postgraduate quiz was moderated by Dr Anand Bhadkariya. Lifetime achievement awards were given to Dr. Manmohan Kaur, Dr. Bharat Jain, Dr Savita Bharat Jain, Dr. G. P. Bhagwat, Dr. S. K. Nema and Dr. U. R. Singh.

Tamil Nadu & Pondicherry Chapter :

Two CMEs conducted under the aegis of TNPCIAPM (Jan 2025 to March 2025)

1. Recent Advances in HER2 Testing and Therapies in Solid Tumours was conducted on 17th February, 2025. This was a concentrated 3-hour CME on HER2 testing and therapies with both international and state faculty. 2. A one day CME titled PATHOVISION 2025 was conducted by Velammal medical college, hospital and research institute Madurai on 15 March 2025.



UP Chapter: On the International women's Day 8th March 2025, Department of Pathology, Kanti Devi Medical College, Mathura successfully organized a CME on “Recent Advances in Molecular Pathology” under the aegis of UP Chapter of -IAPM and MPAI. The invited Guest speakers included Dr. Niraj Kumari, Dr. Reena Das, Dr. Vamshi Krishna thamtam, Dr. Vivek Gupta, Dr. Atin Singhai, Dr. Geeta Yadav, Dr. Anil Tarigopula, Dr. Anuradha Chougale, Dr. Bani Jolly. A total of 19 posters were presented along with 9 oral paper presentation. From January to March 2025, two midyear conferences were organized under aegis of Uttar Pradesh Chapter of IAPM.



“Oncopathology Conference 2025” with award of 16 credit hours by UP Medical Council, was held on 28th February and 1st March 2025 at Clarks Awadh, Lucknow. This distinguished event was organized by RML Pathology Labs,

led by Dr. Bandana Mehrotra as Chairperson, Dr. Sanjay Mehrotra as Co-Chairperson, and Dr. Supriya Mehrotra as Organizing Secretary. The conference revolved around the theme “Slide Safari, with Experts” for Slide Seminar and “Bridging Knowledge, Shaping Future” for CME. The CME saw around 200 attendees, while Slide Seminar witnessed an engaging participation of 90 attendees in the audience and 36 participants presenting a diverse array of Oncopathology cases on Hematolymphoid, Breast and Head & Neck Pathology.

“Recent advances in Molecular Pathology”, with 3 credit hours awarded by UP Medical Council, was held on 8th March 2025 at Kanti Devi Medical College, Mathura led by Prof. Dr. Praneeta J. Singh as Organizing Chairperson and Dr. Sangeeta Singh as Organizing Secretary. All the sessions in this CME including panel discussion were based on the theme of recent advances in the field of molecular pathology, covering different sub specialties. 152 delegates participated, among whom many also presented oral papers and posters.



West Bengal: Dept. of Pathology at NRS Medical College and Hospital on 8th February 2025 conducted Basic Research in Medical Science with Special Focus on Endocrine Pathology by Dr Partha Chakrabarti, Update on Pituitary tumours with special focus on MGMT Promoter Methylation by Dr Chhanda Das.

On 1st March 2025 CME was organized at Bhagirathi Auditorium, which included Potpourri of Interesting cases by Dr. Mahamaya Sharma, Chronic Hepatitis by Prof. Ashim Das, Biomarkers of Therapeutic Importance in Lung Cancer - Current Scenario by Dr. Sanjiban Patra.

An Online CME on Colorectal Cancer Updates was held on 31 March 2025 by Dr. Paromita Roy.

Annual Report of IAPM Head Quarter 2024

Greetings from the National HQ !!!

This is my proud privilege to present the activities of the IAPM HQ during 2024.

- 1) **HQ CME & Workshop:** Annual HQ-CME was conducted on 10th & 11th February 2024 with Pre-conference workshop basing on the theme “Urothelial Neoplasms” Dr Santosh Menon, Professor, TMH, Mumbai was the invited guest speaker.
- 2) **Pathology Day Celebration :** National Pathology Day was celebrated on 13th April 2024 at 5 pm. President IAPM inaugurated and graced the occasion. Dr Subhashree Subhasmita Dash Asst Prof, IMS & SUM hospital gave a deliberation on ‘Grey Zone Lymphomas, a case based discussion’.
- 3) **Hon Secy IAPM Visit to HQ :** The Hon. Secretary IAPM visited the HQ on 28.07.2024. After visiting the venue for APCON he joined a meeting and addressed the organizing members, also shared his views.
- 4) **Celebration of National Days :** Republic day and Independence day were celebrated in the HQ followed by HQ advisory committee meetings.
- 5) **Renovation of IAPM Head Quarter for 75th Year Celebration :** IAPM HQ building repair with internal & external colouring has been done after approval of Rs.8,49,628 by EC & GB. Front road has been concreted by Cuttack Municipal Corporation (CMC) for Rs.1,00,000/- as per our request. Members appreciated and thanked the Mayor Sri Subash Singh for the work.
- 6) **Presidents' Photo Gallery Renovation :** Presidents' photo gallery was made update along with replacement of old & damaged photographs of past Presidents, from available sanctioned budget. Initial donation from APCON 2024 for Rs.1,00,000/- towards wall decorating & window blinds has been made.
- 7) **HQ Advisory Committee Meetings :** This year total six meetings have been held in IAPM House. All important matters were discussed and decisions were taken. Income & expenditure statement, Receipt & Payment and Trial Balance for the F.Y.2023-24 have been submitted to the office of Treasurer for finalization & Audit. Proposed Budget for IAPM HQ fund for F.Y.2024-25 is submitted for approval of EC & GBM.

Lastly, I take this opportunity to thank all the Hon'ble members of the advisory committee for guiding me. I must thank all the Executive members of IAPM for their support & advice.

Dr. Pranati Mohanty

Brief CV of Nominee

Name: **Dr. Usha Kini**
Designation & Affiliation: Professor of Pathology (Research), Former Professor & Head, Department of Pathology, St. John's Medical College, Bangalore.
Qualification: MD, DNB, FICPath, FAMS
Specialisation: Surgical Pathology and Cytopathology
Position of Responsibilities: 1. Founder and PI of Translational Research Lab for Gut Motility Disorders, St. John's Medical College, Bangalore, the only diagnostic referral centre for Hirschsprung's disease in India. 2. ICMR Emeritus Scientist



A. Awards & Achievements:

- Karnataka Life Time Women Achievement Award 2020
- Fellow of Academy of Medical Sciences (National Academy of Medical Sciences) 2011
- Linnaeus Palme Award, Umea University, Sweden 2011
- Dr R. M. Khasliwal Award by (National Academy of Medical Sciences) 2009
- Fellow of Indian College of Pathologists (FICPath) 2006
- Sir C V Raman Young Scientist Award (Medical Sciences, Ministry of Science and Technology) 2005
- BMJ South Asia Healthcare Award finalist - Category of Non-Communicable Diseases Initiative, 2016
- Dr MR Parthasarathy and Dr AV Ramprasad Silver Plaque Oration, 2019 by KCIAPM
- Excellence in Teaching' award, 2004
- Dr MR Parthasarathy and Dr AV Ramprasad Silver Plaque Oration, KLE Deemed-to-be University, Belgaum, 2015
- National Merit Scholarship holder from the Ministry of Education & Social Welfare, GOI

B. Contributions to any other sister Associations:

- President, Association of Pediatric Pathologists (India) (2015-todate)
- Secretary, Indian College of Pathologists, India(2022-2024)
- Past President, Karnataka Chapter of Pathologists and Microbiologists(2019-21)
- Councilor, International Academy of Pathologists-Indian Division (2018-2019)
- Advisory Board member, National Academy of Medical Sciences

C. Membership of other Academic Bodies:

- ICMR Emeritus Scientist, Chairperson, IEC, NIMHANS, Bangalore
- Head, Translational Research Lab for Gut Motility Disorders, St. John's Medical College, Bangalore
- Editorial board member and Reviewer for several International and National journals
- PhD guide,,: Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, India
- Principal Supervisor- Wellcome-DBT India Alliance Clinical Research Training Fellowship 2015-18 Member of the University Research Advisory Board (URAB) of Sri Devaraj Urs Academy of Higher Education and Research

D. Conference & CME attended: More than 250 conferences both National & International

E. Books & Publications: Indexed Journals 140: International 63, National 77, Books/ Chapters 13, Papers presented 114.

Name: **Dr. Reeni Malik**
Designation & Affiliation: Ex Prof & Head, Dept of Pathology, Gandhi Medical College, Bhopal. Currently Dean Academics & Research, Prof of Pathology, Chirayu Medical College, Bhopal.
Qualification: MD, Path, FICPath
Experience : Has more than 40 years of teaching experience in Pathology.
Specialisation: She has interest in both Histopathology and Cytology with special interest in Breast, Gynae and Head & Neck Pathology.
Books & Publications : Has more than 50 publications to her credit.



Contributions to any other sister Associations: She is presently Secretary & Treasurer IAP-ID & Chairperson, Indian Association of Pathologists IAPM, Bhopal Chapter and Past Chairperson of MP State Chapter of IAPM.

Academic activities: Has organised several academic events as Organising Secretary including National conference of Cytology (CYTOCON in 2004) and, APCON in 2017 in Bhopal. She is a Fellow of Indian College of Pathologists. She is a Commonwealth Fellow and did one year fellowship in Immunohistochemistry from Imperial College of Medicine, Hammersmith Hospital London. She was the Principal Investigator of Population Based Cancer registry of Bhopal. Fellow of Academy of Medical Sciences (National Academy of Medical Sciences) 2011

Applications / Nominations Invited For IAPM Awards 2025

A. AWARD PAPERS

Applications from IAPM members are invited for the Dr V R Khanolkar Prize, Smt. Kunti Devi Mehrotra Award, Prof K C Basu Mallick Award, and Dr. K S Ratnakar Best Paper Award. The applications, complete in all respects should reach the Honorary Secretary by 31st August 2025 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:

- Age of the applicant should be below 50 years of age as on 31st July 2025 (age proof to be provided).
- The research work submitted should have been carried out in India.
- The above research work should have been published as the first author in the preceding two years.

The principal author should submit:

- Covering letter indicating his/her IAPM Membership number.
 - Certificate from all authors certifying that this research work has been carried out in India and this work has not received any other award.
 - Certificate from the co-authors (if any), supporting the candidature and eligibility of the principal author.
 - 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.
 - A copy of the complete published article to be attached
 - A brief bio data of the candidate to be enclosed along with the covering letter
 - 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:

- Age of the applicant should be below 40 years of age as on 31st July 2025 (age proof to be provided).
- The research work submitted should have been carried out in India.
- 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:

- Covering letter indicating the IAPM Membership number.
- Certificate from all authors certifying that this research work has been carried out in India and this work has not received any other award.
- Certificate from the co-authors (if any), supporting the candidature and eligibility of the principal author.
- 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.
- A copy of the complete published article to be attached.
- A brief bio data of the candidate to be enclosed along with the covering letter.
- 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:

- There is no age restriction.
- The research work should have been carried out in India. The principal author shall submit:
 - Covering letter indicating the IAPM Membership number.
 - Certificate from all authors certifying that this research work has been carried out in India and this work has not received any other award.
 - Certificate from the co-authors (if any), and supporting the candidature of the principal author.
 - 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.
 - His / Her brief biodata.
 - 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 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 attachment name, place of work or Institution. 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 Hony. Secretary IAPM with due notification to the author.

A4. Dr K S 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 2025 (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 Hony. Secretary IAPM with due notification to the author.

All Award papers as detailed above should be directly emailed to the Honorary Secretary of IAPM. Submission of Award category entries : Last date for applying for Award paper presentations is 31st August' 2025.

B. Plenary Oral paper/ Poster submission guidelines:

All papers other than categories 1 to 4 should be directly submitted online in the prescribed format given on the APCON 2025 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 the 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 should be 250 words.

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. 10,000 Other prizes as may be decided by the Organisers would be distributed.

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1. **Member Login:** IAPM Members who wish to update their profile including email, password, affiliation etc can do so easily by logging to the IAPM website <https://www.iapm.org.in> On the right side enter your IAPM Life Membership number or registered email ID. In case you forgot your password you can reset it again with the help of forgot password link. Even the Membership certificate and Identity card can be downloaded once logged in.
2. **Member details update:** A goggle form is also available on the IAPM website <https://www.iapm.org.in> (Request for change of correspondence address). The filled in form can be submitted which will reach the IAPM office and your details will be updated accordingly.
3. Postgraduate students who attended APCON 2024 at SCB Medical College, Cuttack dated 13-15 December 2024 may apply for PG Travel Grant (details available on IAPM website in the Byelaws 2021 Blue book page 56). Last date to apply with all complete details has been extended till 30 April 2025.
4. Life Members of IAPM who wish to suggest any changes / modifications in the IAPM Byelaws may send their suggestions / points via email to the Secretary IAPM at secretary1iapm@gmail.com.



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Secretary IAPM

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S. No.	Moderator	Session	Topic	Affiliation	Email ID
1	Dr Ritambhra Nada	Dr Gaya Prasad Memorial Symposium	Black bowel-Haunting the black sheep	Professor, Deptt. of Histopathology, PGIMER,, Chandigarh, India.	ritamduseja@yahoo.com
2	Dr Ranjan Agrawal	Anant Narayan Memorial Symposium	Systemic Parasitic Infections	Professor & Head Pathology, Rajshree Medical Research Institute, Bareilly	dranjan68@gmail.com
3	Dr Prashant Sharma	Haematology Symposium	Molecular Diagnostics of Benign Haematological Disorders	Professor, Hematology PGIMER, Chandigarh	prashant.sh@gmail.com
4	Dr Rinu Goyal & Dr Arijit Sen	Practicing Pathologist Session	Setting Up a New Laboratory: An Approach We Were Never Taught in Medical School	Head, Lab Medicine Sitaram Bhartia Institute of Science and Research Delhi	rinu73@gmail.com & aseniat@gmail.com
5	Dr Sandhya Panjeta Gulia & Dr Sonam Sharma	Medical Education Session	The Art of Crafting Effective Multiple Choice Questions	Professor & Head, Pathology Manipal Tata Medical College Jamshedpur, Jharkhand	sandhyapanjeta25@gmail.com & drsonamsharma@gmail.com
6	Dr Indranil Chakrabarti	CME	Thyroid Pathology: Navigating the Diagnostic Maze	Additional Professor Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine AIIMS, Kalyani	indranil.patho@aiimskalyani.edu.in
7	Dr Siddhartha Datta Gupta	CME	Approach to Malabsorption Syndromes	Professor Adjunct, Bangalore	sdattagupta@gmail.com
8	Dr Kedar Deodhar	CME	Integration of molecular testing in reporting carcinoma endometrium: Morphology to molecular and beyond	Professor Pathology, TMH Mumbai	kedardeodhar@hotmail.com
9	Dr G Uma Maheswari	CME	Re-evaluating perinatal autopsies for it's impact: Its role in Modern Medicine	Professor of Pathology, PSG Institute of Medical Sciences & Research Coimbatore	umsi2giri@gmail.com
10	Dr Gayatri Rath	CME	The Dark side of the Breast Core Biopsy, Challenges, Controversies & Future Directions.	Prof Pathology, FM MC, Balasore, Odisha	drgrath1968@gmail.com
11	Dr Prasenjit Das	CME	The Art of identifying Early Gall Bladder Neoplasia	Professor of Pathology AIIMS New Delhi	praseniims@gmail.com
12	Dr Sandeep Mathur	CME	Endoscopic ultrasound guided fine needle aspirate/biopsy: Role in navigating through the neoplastic lesions of pancreas	Professor, AIIMS, New Delhi	mathuraims@gmail.com
13	Dr Atin Singhai	CME	WHO Updates on tumours of Kidney	Professor, Pathology King George's Medical University, Lucknow	atinsinghai@yahoo.com
14	Dr. Meera Thomas	CME	Update on Autoimmune Mucocutaneous Blistering Diseases	Professor & Head, Department of Pathology, CMC Vellore	meerathomas@cmcvellore.ac.in
15	Dr Pragya Sharma	CME	Patterned based diagnosis of soft tissue neoplasms and the role of immuno-histochemistry and molecular diagnostics	Professor, Pathology AFMC, Pune	pragyavinoy@gmail.com
16	Dr Mondita Borgohain	CME	Virus associated lymphoproliferations	Professor of Pathology Assam Medical College Dibrugarh	monditaborgohain@gmail.com
17	Dr Uma Nahar	CME	Approach to Vasculitis and Vasculopathic reactions	Professor, Dept. of Histopathology PGIMER, Chandigarh	umasaiakia@gmail.com
18	Dr Pradeep Vaideeswar	CME	Unsuspected Infections at Autopsy	Professor, Seth GS Medical College, Mumbai	shreeprajai@yahoo.co.in
19	Dr Paromita Roy	CME	Sex Cord Stromal Tumors: Histopathological and Immunohistochemical Features and Diagnostic Challenges	Senior consultant, Tata Medical Center Kolkata.	paromita.roy@tmckolkata.com
20	Dr Megha Uppin	CME	Approach and Updates in Non-neoplastic and Neoplastic pathology of Sellar lesions	Professor, Pathology Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences, Hyderabad	megha_harke@yahoo.co.in
21	Dr. Asitava Mondal	CME	Updates on Cytology and Ancillary techniques in diagnosis of paediatric round cell tumours of Head and Neck	Consultant Pathologist, Kolkata	asitavamondal@gmail.com
22	Dr Gurudutt Gupta	CME	Transforming Pathology: The Role of AI in Diagnostics, Workflow Optimization, and Precision Medicine	Head-Histopathology, Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute, New Delhi	gupta.gurudutt@rgcirc.org
23	Dr Shantveer Uppin	CME	The pearls and pitfalls of Interstitial Lung Disease	Affiliation : Professor, of Pathology, Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences, Punjagutta, Hyderabad	drsguppin@yahoo.co.in

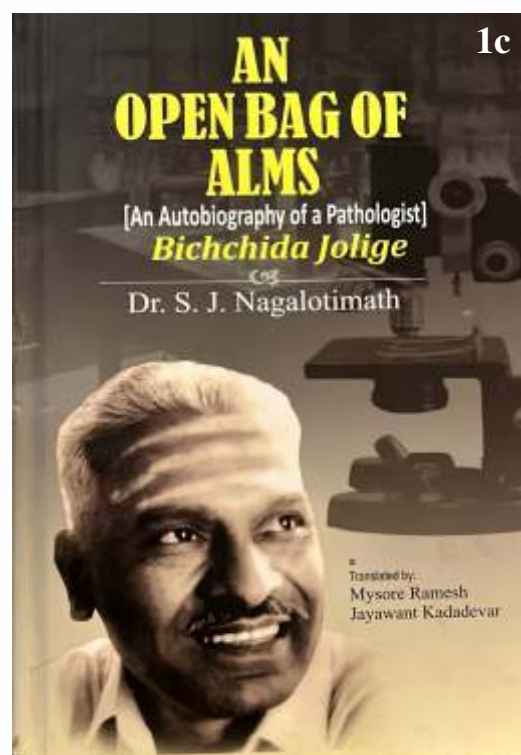
Late Dr S J Nagalotimath : A Stalwart Remembered



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I recently happened to visit Belagavi (Belgaum), the work place of a great stalwart in Pathology Dr S J Nagalotimath. during the AIPNA-ICP conference dt. 7-9 February 2025. A half bust statue in his memory has been built in a prime area (Fig 1a), an entire road named after him (Fig 1b). I was presented with a copy of an autobiography book on Dr SJ Nagalotimath entitled “An open bag of alms” (fig 1c) by Dr P V Patil, Past President IAPM.