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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Wish you all a happy and safe celebration of Christmas and New Year. After few months of safety and silence, the corona is again knocking at our doors in a changed form e.g. "Omicron variant" and we have to be very careful and alert to avoid any situation like 2nd wave.

After almost full silence in 2020, the year 2021 witnessed organization of annual conference by most of the state chapters. APCON 2021 at Raipur was also held successfully from 1-5th December along with IAP-ID in digital mode. The program was excellent and presentations went on smoothly...Dr. Gahine and her team worked hard to make it successful.

A difficult task of modifying the bye laws of IAPM with addition of modifications finalized in various executive council meetings and ratified by General body in last few years has been successfully completed by Dr. Anuradha Phatak and her team. My heartfelt thanks to Dr. Phatak and team specially Dr. Siddharth Dattagupta for meticulously and quickly documenting it.

The association is changing fast and moving towards digitalization. EC and various other sub committees had regular online meetings to carry forward the work of association. All the members are requested to visit the association website and update their contact details regularly for information regarding conference, awards and elections etc. Elections for various posts (President, Vice President and Editor in Chief-elect) were held digitally and new office bearers are ready to take the association forward to new heights. My heartiest congratulations and best wishes to them

In the end I would like to thank all the senior members for their blessings and suggestions and to office bearers for helping me in carrying out the work of association smoothly.

With best wishes for happy, safe and prosperous NEW YEAR 2022

Dr. Vatsala Misra





VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I like to say a big Namaskar to all members of IAPM. It has been a great year for me. I express my heart felt gratitude to all members across the country and abroad for the constant support that have been extended to me in various ways. This is the last news bulletin for me to communicate with the respected members of IAPM as the Vice President of the Association. With the blessings from all members of the Association, I will be working for the next one year as the President of the Association. During my tenure as a person holding the top position of the Association, I pray to God for blessings and guidance, and constant support from all respected members of the Association so that I will be able to function effectively with focus on welfare and progress of the Association.

It is holiday time for every one of us; Christmas and New year are due in a few days-time. I like to wish everyone of you to have a blessed time with your love ones. I also pray to the Almighty for a safe and healthy 2022 for every one of us.

With regards and best wishes

Dr Kim Vaiphei



SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Dear members of IAPM,

Warm greetings and welcome back from APCON 2021. I'm sure you all must have benefited from and enjoyed the hybrid conference held successfully at Raipur from 1st to 5th December after an interval of two years. Scientific program of APCON was selected carefully for the residents, grooming and experienced pathologists alike. Amidst the Corona scare, 2021 has been an active year with regular online teaching sessions in the form of IAPM webinars, online EC and GB meetings and conference. Also we utilised this time to finish the mammoth task of modifying the constitution, rules and bye-laws of IAPM which couldn't be done over so many years. A Bye law committee was constituted for this purpose under able chairmanship of Dr. Anuradha Phatak, Past president with other eight members. There were total 7 meetings and special EC and GB meetings which spent hours together untiringly and ultimately came up with the final draft of modified bye laws. Hearty congratulations and a great applause for the whole team with special thanks to Dr. Sidhartha Datta Gupta for the commendable job of incorporating all changes and preparing the draft after each meeting.

Many new decisions have been taken in APCON and lot of tasks are to be done. So we, the office bearers of our association need to be on our toes to perform and maintain the standard of IAPM. Online election was held for three posts, namely: President, Vice-President and Editor-in-Chief (Elect). New office bearers have been elected through the smooth flawless electronic voting like last time. I congratulate the new office bearers: President-Dr. Kim Vaiphei, Vice-President-Dr. Sharada Rane and Editor-in-Chief (Elect)- Dr. Bharat Rekhi and expect that as a team we will be working day and night and whole heartedly to contribute significantly to IAPM.

During elections, it was noticed that details of many life members were not updated in website. In addition, membership number was also not found for some which may be due to the error incurred during digitalisation of manual data.



Hence we have initiated the process of tallying both the data physically to find out any discrepancies thereby. To begin with, we have started giving new numbers to these members whose number is not displayed in website after verifying their documents/ credentials. In this regard, I don't want to exaggerate that all chapter chairpersons, EC members and even all life members have a huge role. Since in coming few months, we will take over this crucial task, I once again request everyone to be proactive and send their details including mobile numbers and mail ids to Secretary, IAPM or webmaster for updating (if not already updated). Regarding scientific program of APCON 2022, we are soon going to put notice in website home page and all are requested to visit it regularly to contribute their topics for inclusion in program.

Omicron/ 3rd wave of Corona pandemic is at our door step. Hence it's a sincere request to all to take care, maintain Corona guidelines and stay safe.

I express my heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Vatsala Misra for constantly guiding me throughout the two years and helping me out in difficult situations. I thank all office bearers, Past-presidents & EC members for their full support and constant guidance.

Wishing a happy, prosperous and Corona free new year -2022 to all the dear members of IAPM.

Jai IAPM.


Dr. Asaranti Kar



JOINT SECRETARY'S STATE CHAPTER REPORT

As we are aware that "APCON 2021" was successfully conducted virtually by Chhattisgarh chapter, which was held at Raipur. Before we say good-bye to year 2021; I'm summarising academic activities of various state chapters of IAPM which were conducted in last quarter (Oct, Nov & Dec'21) of the year:



Karnataka Chapter: KCIAPM organized KAPCON 2021 Virtual Conference from 1- 3 October, 2021 under the Dr Usha Kini, President, and Dr Vijayshankar, Hon Secretary, along with Dr Aditya Agnihotri as the Organizing Secretary. Twelve Sessions on various subspecialities were organized with 36 National and International faculty of repute including Dr Philip Mckee, Dr John Goldblum, Dr Jason Hornick, Dr Zubair Baloch, Dr Jerad Gardner, Dr Surya Seshan, Dr Mahul Amin, Dr Anil Parwan, Dr Vikram Deshpande etc addressing 2432 Registered delegates from across the country and abroad. Dr K Ramnarayan, delivered Dr M R Parthasarthy and Dr A V Ramaprasad Oration on the topic "The Pathologist as a teacher". 300 Oral Paper and 440 E-Poster were presented. 10 Virtual Pre-Conference Workshops with Subject experts from across the country were conducted for over 300 delegates. Innovative competitions link PathKalakar, PathMeme, PathReels, PathArt, Pathblogs were conducted. Dr Nandakishore Alva, elected as new President of KCIAPM, Dr Suresh Hanagavadi, Vice-President, Dr Aditya Agnihotri as Hon. Secretary & Dr Thejasvi Krishnamurthy continuing as Treasurer of KCIAPM.

Odisha Chapter: The 49th Annual meet of IAPM, Odisha chapter was held in virtual mode on 14th November 2021, "Odisha APCON Virtual - 2021". organised by VSS Institute of Medical Science and Research (VIMSAR), Burla, Odisha, jointly with IAPM HQ and Odisha chapter. IAPM President, Prof. Vatsala Misra delivered the prestigious Odisha chapter oration on "Recent WHO update in Tumors of Gastrointestinal tract" in loving memory of Dr. Ambika Charan Panda, which was moderated by Prof. Swayamprava Pradhan. Haematology slide seminar on interesting case-based discussion was discussed by Prof. (Dr.) Rakhee Kar. This event was attended by 170 delegates. 42 posters, 09 award oral papers & 28 free oral papers were presented by the participants. "6" CME credit hours awarded by the Odisha Council of Medical Registration, Bhubaneswar.

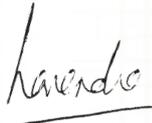
Tamilnadu and Pondicherry Chapter: Department of Pathology, Chettinadu hospital and Research institute conducted a National CME (online) on 20.11.2021 titled "CHETPATHCON 2021 - Heme connect - a conclave of cytomorphology and technical hematology". Presesident Dr. Sandhya Sundaram and secretary Dr. Chandramouleswari. Speakers included Dr. Ajay Gandhi, Dr. Yashita Gupta, Dr. Meenakshi Balasubramanian, Dr. Asish Gupta & Dr. Pappathi. The second online lecture organised by Department of Pathology; Dr Rela Institute, on 15th December 2021. Dr Haeryoung Kim, from Seoul, Republic of Korea spoke on the "Histological and molecular subtypes of Hepatocellular Carcinoma". It was attended by around 70 Pathologists from India and outside India. Department of Pathology, Chettinadu hospital and Research institute conducted a national CME (online) on 18.12.2021 titled "CHETPATHCON 2021 - "Lymphoproliferative diseases An Overview and Update". Around 120 delegates attended it. Speakers included Dr Muthalagu Ramanathan, Dr Sarala Ravindran & Dr Rakee Kar. An online academic activity conducted by Zone 5 (Thirunelveli, Madurai, Theni, and nearby places) on 23 Dec'21. Dr Swaminathan

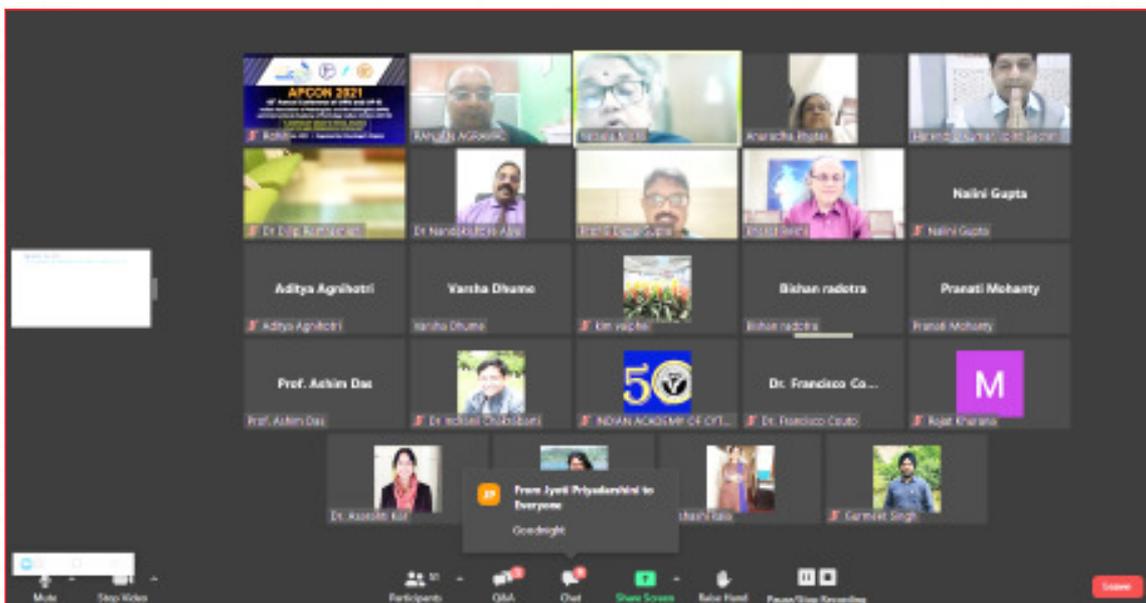
delivered a lecture "Introduction to CBME" followed by 8 interesting cases discussed by faculty from various institutes. It was attended by around 100 delegates.

Uttarakhand Chapter: Dr. Naveen Thapliyal and Dr. Neelima Bahal and team of Government Doon Medical College, Dehradun conducted a CME on "International Pathology Day 2021" on 15th November 2021. Speakers included Dr. S. Acharya, Dr. Anuradha Kusum & Dr. C. Joshi. Total 143 delegates participated in this CME.

West Bengal Chapter: Organised Dr. R. N. Ghosh Memorial CME & 28th annual state conference of APMWB (West Bengal chapter of IAPM) on 30th & 31st, October, 2021. Conference was dedicated to Prof. Dr. Subir Kumar Dutta. Prof. Dr. Amita Giri was organising chairperson, Prof. Dr. Mamata Guha Mallick (Sinha) - organising secretary and Prof. Dr. Dipanwita Nag was convener of scientific committee. Prof. Dr. Anup Roy, Dr. Indranil Chakrabarty & Dr. Anuradha Dey; delivered their lectures on different aspects of thyroid lesions. 2nd day speakers were Dr. Palash Kumar Mandal & Dr. Mala Banerjee. National president of IAPM, Prof. Dr. Vatsala Mishra delivered Dr. S.N De memorial oration. In conference 20 award papers, 42 colorful E-Posters by post graduates of West Bengal and 13 free paper presentations by young pathologists, were discussed. Around 260 delegates attended CME & conference.

I hope all state chapters will continue online academic activities till the as fear of "Omicron" gets over.
Long live IAPM.


Dr. Harendra Kumar



Online General body meeting of 69th APCON on 01.12.2021



MINUTES OF GB MEETING (ONLINE) HELD ON 01.12.2021 AT 05:30PM

General body Meeting of IAPM was held online on 01.12.2021 at 05.30pm. Sixty seven members attended the meeting. Prof. Vatsala Misra, President IAPM presided over the meeting and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Agenda No.1-Condolence to the departed souls of IAPM members: In the beginning, all members were informed about sad demise of members of IAPM; Dr. Arun R. Chitale, Dr. Raj Mehrotra, Dr. Subir Datta, Dr. (Col) S. Satyanarayana, Dr. B.K. Mohapatra, Dr. Vijay Bhaskar, Dr. S.D.Patil, Dr. Zarin Bharucha and Dr. Nikhil Moorchung.

Resolution: Agenda No. 01/2021: GB observed 02 minutes silence in the memory of departed souls. Secretary expressed that condolence letters had been sent to their family members except Dr. Zareen Bharucha which will be sent soon..

Agenda No.2: Apologies by EC members about their not availability:

Resolution: Agenda No. 02/2021: Dr. Harsh Mohan and Dr.(Col) D.K. Mishra had sent message expressing their apology for not being able to attend the GB meeting.

Agenda No.3: Confirmation of minutes of last GBMs

Resolution: Agenda No. 03/2021: Minutes of 68th GBM at APCON 2019, Chandigarh was approved in online meeting held on 16.08.20 & minutes of online EC meeting held on 02.05.21 was approved by GB on 11.07.21.

Agenda No. 4: Report of Honorary Secretary, IAPM:

Resolution: Agenda No. 04/2021: GB accepted the report of Secretary, IAPM and appreciated the effort of Secretary for wide display of IAPM in several digital platforms like facebook, telegram and YouTube: as well as Secretary's

sincere efforts in conducting online teaching sessions (IAPM webinars). Since year 2020 was declared a null year, President Dr. Vatsala misra & Vice President Dr. Kim Vaiphei continued in same posts for 2 years i.e. 2020 & 2021.

Agenda No. 5: Report of Joint Secretary, IAPM:

Resolution: Agenda No. 05/2021: The GB accepted the report of Joint Secretary IAPM. But expressed concern over inactivity of many chapters barring a few. The state chapter chairpersons were requested to make their chapters active & perform various academic & social activities & send report to Jt. Secretary in time. Regarding North west chapter joint secretary of IAPM was authorised to initiate the process of revival. It was decided to call a meeting of Prof Harsh Mohan, Prof Bishan Radotra and Prof Ashim Das at the earliest to solve the issue.

Agenda No. 6: Report of Treasurer, IAPM:

Resolution: Agenda No. 06/2021: GB accepted report of Treasurer IAPM. Members expressed concern over continuation of very old awards / orations of IAPM after so many years instituted in names of Dr. Anantnarayan, Dr. Usha Hardas & Kidwai institute etc. & it was decided to take a decision after asking their family members whether to stop/continue them & whether to increase the prize money. Regarding continuation of Tamilnadu Puducherry Chapter Oration Secretary, IAPM was asked to consult chapter chairperson Dr. Sandhya Sundaram.

Financial year of 2020-2021 has ended with surplus balance of rupees 17,60,266.95/-. In order to utilise these funds judiciously, IAPM has proposed to increase the prize money given for various papers, posters and quizzes & also



by providing travel grant to postgraduate students.

DCB bank savings account needs to be closed as it is reflected in annual information statement of IAPM and interest generated (2,18,058/-) will be considered as IAPM income. In this issue, it was decided to urgently contact Dr. Dilip Ramrakhiani for closure of Jaipur conference Account, 2016 and to write a letter why IAPM is paying IT for interest incurred by APCON 2016 account.

Agenda No. 7: Report of Editor, Indian Journal of Pathology & Microbiology:

Resolution: Agenda No. 07/2021: GB approved report of Editor & appreciated effort of Editor-in-Chief for maintaining high standard of journal. Proposal for two Assistant Editors (social media) were accepted. IAPM best paper award was given to the paper "Impact of ERCC1 gene polymorphisms on response to cisplatin based therapy in oral squamous cell carcinoma (OSCC) patients." published in Oct-Dec 2020 IJPM issue by ML Avinash Tejasvi, G Maragathavalli, Uday Kumar Putcha, M Ramakrishna, R Vijayaraghavan, CK Anulekha Avinash, From Department of Prosthodontics, Kamineni Institute of Dental Sciences, Narketpally, Nalgond, Telangana.

Two special issues were released: Genitourinary, gynecological & breast pathology in 2020 & Gastrointestinal, hepatobiliary & pancreatic pathology in 2021.

Agenda No. 8: Joint Secretary, IAPM HQ:

Resolution: Agenda No. 08/2021: GB approved report of Joint Secretary, IAPM HQ along with the Annual Budget Proposal. Extra budget of one lakh for purchase of a laptop was not approved by EC members. It was suggested that Joint Secretary, HQ will store all the records of IAPM in HQ.

Agenda No. 9: Report of Secretary, ICP:

Resolution: Agenda No. 09/2021: Hon. Secretary, ICP expressed that the 26th AIPNA ICP CME was held online at Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences Kochi from 4-6th Feb 2021 with Dr Ajit Nambiar as the Organizing Chairperson and Dr Seethalakshmi NV, the Organizing Secretary Executive council election was held & the new council executives were elected unopposed which consists of Prof Francisco Couto as Dean, Col Prof D K Mishra as Associate Dean, Prof Usha Kini as Secretary, Dr J Thanka as Joint Secretary and Prof Ritambhra Nada as Treasurer. Dr N Jayaram, Dr Sharda Rane, Dr Sandhya Sundaram, Dr. Ranjan Agarwal and Dr Manoj Jain were nominated as Executive Council Members. GB approved report of Hon. Secretary, ICP

Agenda No. 10: Admission of new members to IAPM:

Resolution: Agenda No. 10/2021: Total members admitted to IAPM are 124 in 2021 & 39 in 2020. GB approved the new members of IAPM. Members expressed concern over admission of less number of members to IAPM. Though it could be due to the CoVid pandemic mostly, it was decided to create membership drive through chapter chairpersons & HODs of Pathology in different medical colleges.

Agenda No. 11: APCON 2022 & scientific program:

Resolution: Agenda No. 11/2021: GB accepted the proposal for APCON 2022 to be conducted by Ramaiah Medical College, Bangalore from 30th Nov to 4th December 2022 with Dr. N.K. Alva as Organizing secretary. Scientific program will be decided later by the academic committee.

Agenda No. 12: Election for 2022: Nominations were received for posts of the President, Vice President and Editor-in-Chief (Elect)



a: Declaration of results for the post of President 2022: There were 2 valid nominations for the post of President- Dr. Dilip Ramrakhiani, Professor, Pathology, SMS Medical College, Jaipur, Rajasthan & Dr. Kim Vaiphei, Professor, Histopathology, PGIMER, Chandigarh. Electronic voting was held this year also from 28th to 31st October with prior information to all members in website & personal mails. Mails were sent to 2032 members but voting was done by 513 only. It was observed by webmaster that many members are not opening their mail box which might be resulting in low voting. After election, Dr. Dilip Ramrakhiani got 183/464 votes (39.44%) & Dr. Kim Vaiphei received 281/464 votes (60.56%).

Resolution: Agenda No.12a/2021: The General Body accepted the election of Dr Kim Vaiphei to the post of President, IAPM for the year 2022.

b: Declaration of results for the post of Vice-President 2022: There were 2 valid nominations for the post of Vice- President- Dr. Kanaklata Dei, Retd. Prof. & HOD, Pathology, MKCG MCH, Brahmapur, Odisha & Dr. Sharada Rane, Prof. & Head, Pathology & Deputy Dean, Govt. Medical College, Baramati, Pune Dr. Kanaklata Dei got 184/501 votes (36.72%) & Dr. Sharada Rane received 307/501 votes (63.28%).

Resolution: Agenda No.12b/2021: The General Body accepted the election of Dr Sharada Rane to the post of Vice-President, IAPM for the year 2022.

Declaration of results for the post of Editor-in-Chief (Elect) 2023-27: Two valid nominations were received of Dr Amanjit Bal, Professor, Histopathology, PGIMER, Chandigarh & Dr. Bharat Rekhi, Professor, Pathology, TMC, Mumbai, Dr. Amanjit bal got 210/474 votes (44.31%) & Dr. Bharat Rekhi got 264/474 votes (55.69%).

Resoluon: Agenda No.12c/2021: The General

Body accepted the election of Dr Bharat Rekhi to the post of Editor-in-Chief (Elect). Soumya Ranjan Sahoo, the web manager was thanked & congratulated for smooth conduct of voting electronically.

Agenda No. 13: Declaration of award papers for 2021 & 2020:

a) Dr.V.R. Kahanolkar award

There were 3 entries for this award for 2021 which were sent to judges. Out of them, paper of Dr. Akash P. Sali for his paper “A Modified Histopathologic Staging in Penile squamous cell carcinoma predicts nodal metastasis and outcome better than the current AJCC Staging, Am J Surg Pathol 2020;44:1112–1117” was recommended by the judges.

For year 2020, there was no paper for this prize.

Resolution: Agenda No. 13a/2021: The paper of Dr. Akash P. Sali was approved for Dr. VR Khanolkar award 2021 & no award for 2020.

b: Smt.Kunti Devi Mehrotra Award: There was one entry for this award which was sent to judges. After evaluation, it was found unsuitable for award.

For the year 2020, there was no paper for this award.

Resolution: Agenda No. 13b/2021: No awards were given for Smt. Kunti Devi Mehrotra award for the years 2021 & 2020.

c: Prof. KC Basu Mallick award and the Best paper Award: For 2021 there were 2 entries for Prof. K.C.Basu Mallick award which were selected for presentation after evaluation. After presentation, paper of Dr. Ridhi Sood, PGIMER, Chandigarh “Transcription factor immunohistochemistry in the classification of pituitary adenomas: proposal in limited resource setting” was selected by judges for this award. For 2020, there was only one entry for this award, which was found unsuitable for presentation after evaluation by judges.



Among entries for best paper award: in 2021 there was only one entry of Dr. Shruti NR, AIIMS, Bhubaneswar which was selected for presentation and after presentation paper of Dr. Shruti NR

“Cholesterol transporters in Glioblastomas: A clinicopathological study” was judged suitable for award. In 2020, out of 4 papers received for best paper award 3 were selected and only two were presented. After presentation, paper of Dr. Akruhi Mishra, S.C.B. Medical College, Cuttack- “Study of association of Serous Tubal Intra-epithelial Carcinoma in various gynaecological malignancies and its role in pelvic serous carcinogenesis” was selected for award.

Resolution: Agenda No. 13c/2021: Paper of Dr. Ridhi Sood was approved for Prof. K.C.Basu Mallick award for 2021 & no award in this category for 2020.

For best paper award, papers of Dr. Shruti NR & Dr. Akruhi Mishra were approved for 2021 & 2020 respectively.

Agenda No. 14: Proposal for CMEs, Symposium & Oration an APCON 2022:

Resolution: Agenda No. 14/2021: Deadline for the above proposal was kept as 15th January 2021. Proposal by Dr. Ranjan Agrawal only was received by Secretary. Hence it was suggested that academic committee will finalize the topics for APCON 2022 later after discussion.

Agenda No. 15: Proposed venue for APCON 2023, 2024 & 2025:

Resolution: Agenda No. 15/2021: GB accepted the proposal for venue as follows: 2023-AIIMS New Delhi, 2024-Cuttack, Odisha. Symbiosis MCH, Pune had sent a request letter to host APCON for the year 2025 but this was postponed to be discussed in next APCON.

Agenda No. 16: Dr. K. S. Ratnakar award

Resolution: Agenda No. 16/2021: It was decided to rename Best paper award of IAPM

into Dr. K. S. Ratnakar Best Paper award with a contribution Rs 5 lakhs as FD by his family members, which was approved by GB. After the payment of endowment money, MOU will be prepared & signed by his two daughters. The award will be instituted from next year.

Agenda No. 17: Any other matter:

Resolution: Agenda No. 17/2021:

Point from EC members

Agenda No. 17a: Points from Secretary, IAPM

a) Selection of 2 persons for Editorial Board of WHO: Dr. Ian Cree had sent mail asking for nomination of two members for editorial board of WHO.

A credential committee was formed chaired by Dr. Lanjewar, along with Dr. D.K. Mishra & Dr. Sidhartha Datta Gupta to look after this and formulate guidelines for selection of two members..

b) Regarding formation of new Tripura chapter: It was discussed by members & was decided that Joint secretary will examine the credibility of formation of a new chapter in name of Tripura chapter with existing North East chapter at present. He'll share the details after discussion with Tripura members to decide further course of action.

c) Request letter from Dr. Deep Sikha Arora for instituting RCPATH@Apollo award from IAPM with a donation of 10-20 lakhs: It was decided to ask her for a formal letter stating details of funding & award to be instituted. Secretary was asked to send her a mail regarding this.

d) Proposal by Dr. (Col) D.K.Mishra: Dr. Mishra has given proposal to rename the Hematology session in APCON as IAPM-ISLH joint CME/symposium which will be more popular and give more visibility to the program. GB asked



for a request letter by members of ISLH following which it can be initiated.

- e) Dr. Sidhartha Datta Gupta: Proposal for the “2nd Jt IAPM-ISG guidelines” on interpretation & reporting of IBD :It was approved by GB.
- f) Mail from Dr. Manoj Singh: He had sent a mail to Secretary asking for starting of Histopath EQUAS Program in Lifeline lab which is an accredited laboratory. GB did not allow a private lab (lifeline) to run EQUAS program & suggested to put a notice asking for different Govt. Medical Colleges for taking up Histopathology EQUAS program.

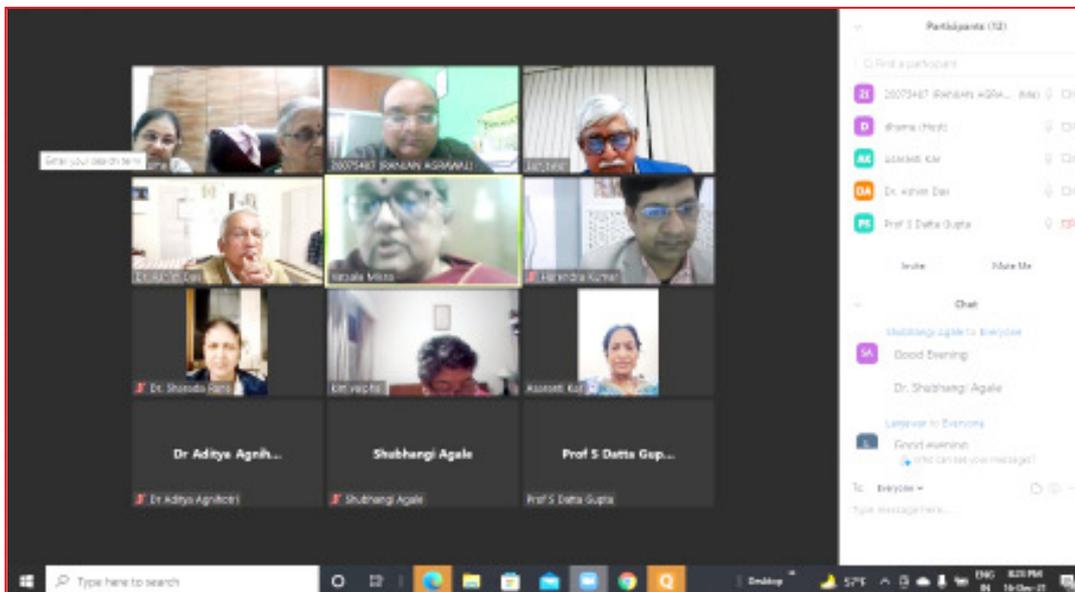
Agenda No. 17b: Points from Dr. Anuradha Phatak

Dr. Anuradha Phatak, Past President suggested for fast modification of constitution, rules & bye laws of IAPM so that this can be approved by special EC & GB meetings. She also suggested to take necessary steps for archival of all old records in IAPM HQ including MOUs of awards & orations. It was approved by GB.

Agenda No. 18: Vote of thanks:

Resolution: Agenda No. 18/2021:

Meeting continued smoothly for more than two hours and was adjourned with vote of thanks by Dr. Asaranti Kar to President, IAPM for presiding and all members of IAPM for attending & actively participating in GBM .



Online zoom meeting for bye laws modification in progress

**OBITUARY**

Sometimes things happen in life which you aren't prepared for. The 3rd of May 2021 was one such day when we lost our beloved Dr. (Col).Nikhil Moorchung to Covid.

Dr.(Col) Nikhil Moorchung- Born In New Delhi on the 31st of March 1969, completed his MBBS and MD (Pathology) from Armed Forces Medical College , Pune and DNB in 2000. He was conferred PhD in 2007 (Molecular Biology) from King George Medical University, Lucknow and went on to acquire Fellowship of the Indian College of Pathologists- 2013 and International Fellowship of the Indian Council of Medical Research in 2014.He was a Member of the National Academy of Medical Sciences. With a rich experience of being associated with the Indian army for over a decade he had served as medical officer in Ladakh, Kashmir and Punjab under extreme conditions.He was the Recipient of Dr K C BasuMallick Award 2006 and won National Awards for Best Research Papers for over 3 times under the IAPM. With over 60 original articles published in reputed national and international journals he authored a book 'Molecular Medicine Demystified'. He had served several academic posts including the cadre of HOD- Pathology at AFMC Pune and had worked as Senior Consultant - Surgical Pathology and Molecular Diagnostics in Anand Diagnostic Laboratory Bengaluru, had designed his own primers and standardised several molecular diagnostic tests.

An avid reader and an excellent writer, his middle pieces were published regularly in Deccan Herald and Bangalore Mirror. He led a simple life with limited needs and was ever approachable when needed. Sir is survived by his wife Mrs.Mamta Moorchung and sons Udbhav and Siddharth.

My interaction with Sir was when he joined us as Head of Department in an upcoming Medical Institute during the latter half of 2020. Though with us for a few months, he has created memories for many of us to last for a lifetime

Dear Nikhil Sir, You will be remembered and missed beyond measure.....

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