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Pathology & Microbiology: The basis of disease, the foundation of cure, the essence of medicine

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News in brief

Apologies

The Honorary Secretary apologizes to all members for the delayed publication of this bulletin. Some of the inputs were received rather late and in hindsight we should have gone ahead with the publication without these. This edition is therefore a combination of two bulletins. The next bulletin should be expected in July.

APCON 2005

The 54th Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Pathologist and Microbiologists was held at Indore from 1st to 3rd December 2005. This conference was preceded by the IAP-ID Annual Meeting on 30th November 2005 and two days of four parallel sessions each of Workshops and CMEs.

The venue of the IAPM Conference was the newly built state of the art auditorium of Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya. The Dr. B.K. Aikat Memorial Oration was delivered by the then President, IAPM, Lt. Gen. J.R. Bharadwaj. The Dr. Gaya Prasad Memorial Pathology Symposium on Pathology of Renal Tumours was moderated by Prof. R. K. Gupta, Lucknow. The Ananthanarayan Memorial Microbiology Symposium on Antimicrobial Resistance was moderated by Col. Yogesh Chander from the Armed Forces. Prof. Kusum Joshi, Chandigarh moderated the Slide Seminar on Transplant Pathology. During the Plenary Session, five papers were presented for the Dr. K.C. Basu Mallick Award and four for the Best Paper Award. A total of 108 Oral Papers and 143 Posters were presented. In addition, there were talks by guest faculty from overseas (Dr. Kum Cooper and Prof. Andrew Folpe) and from within the country.

Our thanks to the Organizers, Speakers and Chairpersons for making the conference possible

President's Message

Dear friends

Let me first of all wish you a happy, prosperous and fulfilling 2006.

In this customary message, I take the opportunity to thank you all for the trust imposed in me by electing me as President of IAPM, and simultaneously salute all senior members of the association in acknowledgement of their contributions to our association.

We are indeed lucky to be trained as pathologists and microbiologists. The importance of "Pathology" in its role as forming the basis of the understanding of "disease" should not ever be under-estimated. It is acknowledged that "Pathology" provides the diagnoses and information regarding the extent of diseases, without which it is not possible to plan effective therapy. However, we should never forget that it forms an essential component of any research activity towards progress in medical sciences, and has the advantage of being placed between the basic scientists and clinicians. As we enter the molecular era, it is important to keep the technology updated so that we do not lag behind and let others take over as leaders in research, because neither basic scientists nor our clinical colleagues can do the job as effectively as we can. I would like our younger colleagues to remember that one of the important objectives of our association is the promotion and advancement of Pathology, Microbiology and allied sciences, including research activities in these fields.

The other issue of concern is regarding laboratory accreditation. The recent past has seen the establishment of a large number of well-equipped and well-manned diagnostic centers along with mushrooming of laboratories run by quacks. The distinction between the two can only be made through effect "laboratory accreditation" in which our association must take a larger role. We are grateful to Lt. Gen. J. R. Bharadwaj and Prof. Manoj Singh who have taken the initiative for involvement of IAPM in the decision-making process NABL.

With best regards,

Kusum Joshi

From the Honorary Secretary

Dear friends

At the outset I must apologize for the unprecedented delay in bringing out this news bulletin. There was a delay in getting some input. However whatever may be the reason, I accept full responsibility for this unfortunate inconvenience caused to all of you. I have realized that on such occasions when you are eagerly awaiting for the bulletin, you must be appalled at such *silent* workers of the association. I can assure you that the lessons learnt have made me wiser and in future you will receive bulletins in time. In fact the next one is partly ready.

We are indeed fortunate to have able successors to our illustrious immediate past-President, Lt. Gen. J. R. Bharadwaj and Vice President, Prof. S. C. Parija. Prof. Kusum Joshi from Chandigarh has been elected the new President and Prof. Manoj Singh from New Delhi is our Vice-President for the year 2006. While welcoming both Prof. Joshi and Prof. Singh, I take this opportunity to express my immense gratitude to Lt. Gen. Bharadwaj and Prof. Parija. It was a privilege and honour to have been associated with them.

I also welcome new members of our association. Their presence, support and membership will be an asset to the association.

Another memorable conference has gone by, this time at Indore. APCON 2005 was marked by the warmth, hospitality and the effort of a dedicated team under Prof. Sushma Bhargav, the Organizing Chairperson and of course the extremely hardworking Organizing Secretary, Dr. G. P. Bhagwat. Our congratulations to the entire team.

In keeping with the practice at Pune during APCON 2004, the Organizers gave 16 prizes to different categories of Poster presentation. This is an extremely laudable gesture and encourages our younger members and especially students. However we do hope one day the association will be involved in giving these awards since even a certificate from the association will enhance the longevity of the joy and the prestige of these awards.

We do hope you are preparing for the APCON 2006 to be held at Bangalore. The organizing committee is arranging a feast of academic events spread over nearly the first week of December. We expect your abstracts to be submitted in three about months time. We do hope all members especially our younger colleagues will not miss this opportunity. The term APCON was coined during the previous conference at Bangalore in 1996.

Finally just because we do not communicate, please do not hesitate to keep in touch. Your suggestions and criticisms are essential ingredients for the improvement of our association.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

S. Datta Gupta



Fermentation is a result of life without air

[The Physiological Theory of Fermentation]

Louis Pasteur (1822-1895)

The Bed-side Story.....

Semantics, terminology and labels often cast such a spell that they influence several facets of life sometimes without appreciating what the original word meant. Thus a different word can make a world of difference. Traditionally, the science and art of medicine and its teaching and training has been centered around a bed where the ill would lie down either in the hospital or even in a physicians chamber for examination. Thus came the word *clinical* derived from the Greek *kline* or bed. It implied that clinical branches of medicine are those that are directly or physically associated with the examination and care of the patient lying on the bed. Eventually the term was extended to dealing with patients who would sit or stand, and not necessarily lying in the bed. As specialization increased, dealing with apparently healthy individuals under the cloud of imminent ill-health due to various factors were also labeled as clinical - Community Medicine, Clinical Epidemiology and so on. It so appeared that the science and art of medicine could be easily divided into branches or subjects that are either clinical or non-clinical. The latter have been further subdivided into pre clinical (*prae* -before) and para-clinical (*para* -beside, beyond) depending on the time frame of teaching using clinical subjects as the reference point. It is a different matter that terms such as sub-clinical, periclinical, (*peri*-around,about), orthoclinical (*orthos*-straight, right) and metaclinical (*meta*-after, with) are not used. Perhaps the benzene ring did not influence terminologists! Caught in the maze of terminology are the original laboratory sciences (*L.laborare*- to work) of Pathology and Microbiology. These are "Paraclinical" for all practical purposes. Radiology & Imaging has fortunately shed the prefix of "*Para*" quite sometime ago. However, one must realize that present day medicine has shifted from the bedside to the bench and even into the Eppendorff tube. Although the examination of a patient is paramount and inescapable, decisions that have a direct bearing on patient care and management is nowadays based on evidence provided by Pathologists, Microbiologists and other non-clinicians. Thus a team has now replaced an individual. Pathologists & Microbiologists are in fact integral to the welfare of the sick. It is therefore not surprising that in the best centres of the world, clinical management of infection or sepsis always includes a microbiologist. Similarly the histopathologist or the cytopathologist is an active member of appropriate patient care groups. Such activities are now included as "clinical" duties in employment assignments in several countries in distinction to "teaching" and "research" work. Basically anything and everything to do with a patient is clinical. Thus a geneticist is perhaps more "clinical" in a given case than any one else. This is not a plea to re-designate Pathology & Microbiology but an appeal to emphasize that they are and should be related to the well being of a patient in a manner that has changed over the years. Unfortunately this realization is not universal.

The influence of semantics has shifted the original division of branches of medicine to those considered to be relatively important or unimportant and even worse, relatively superior or inferior. It is a clear case of a team that believes only in recruiting good forwards but not other players such as stoppers and goalkeeper! Winning is not dependent on scoring goals alone but also in ensuring that the opponent does not score. Most administrators believe, and often justifiably, that funds and grants to clinical services should be more than for others. The brunt is borne by Pathology and Microbiology Departments in medical colleges in our country. Without funding departments cannot improve. Unless departments improve, they cannot attract talent. Today subjects of pathology and microbiology are often careers by force than by choice. Unless the best talents decide on such careers, the standards of teaching, service and research are bound to fall. Obviously, one must not think that there has been any design by other subjects to belittle Pathology or Microbiology. Improvements can occur only if Pathologists and Microbiologists bring about a change in their very attitude. The magic of shabby requisition forms giving way to gleaming reports with a neat signature cannot constitute the source of utmost professional satisfaction. Incorporation of newer developments must be stressed to administrators. We should strive to ensure that reports all over the country meet certain standards and maintain quality. Above all these must have clinical relevance. Otherwise reports by trained pathologists & microbiologists will lose to competition from so-called quacks. In short, all of us who have chosen these glorious branches of medicine should strive to ensure credibility and responsibility towards patient management through our chosen fields of specialization.

While the stigma of terminology may remain, classification of Pathology, Microbiology and a rose should not matter eventually. However it is high time the subjects move from beside the bed to the bedside.

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Obituaries

The President, Honourable Members of the Executive Council and all members of the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists pay their gratitude to those members who have left for their heavenly abode in 2005. The members convey their grief and condolences to the bereaved families. These honourable members who are no more have always led by example and shall remain as role models to several generations of pathologists and microbiologists. The association has lost some of the most illustrious members. May their souls rest in peace.

Dr. (Mrs.) Sumati Shrikhande



Dr. (Mrs.) Sumati Shrikhande was an undergraduate & post graduate from the GS Medical College & KEM Hospital, Mumbai. She served on the staff of Tata Memorial Hospital for 26 years from 1964 to 1990. She was widely respected and retired as the Professor and Head of the Department of Pathology.

Dr. Shrikhande was an extremely hard working, honest and straightforward. She had the capacity to deal with all her responsibilities and the immense load of teaching, histopathology reporting and research with amazing speed and efficiency. She was one of the leading oncopathologists of her time. She was respected and loved by her staff for her kind-heartedness, her genuinely simple nature, dignity, humility and unquestioning integrity. She was an extremely wonderful human being. She was one of the most talented editors of the Indian Journal of Cancer, and brought about a very simple, direct style of editing and efficiency. She had published over 100 papers and had participated in various national and international conferences and seminars.

Her interests were varied and diverse, ranging from the culinary art of cooking, to knitting and embroidery, to a deep passion for travel. She had a soft corner and immense interest in nature and had the ability to organize trips and tours with the zeal of a missionary.

Dr. Shrikhande not only made a difference to others but was also a woman with a difference. She could balance her home with her profession, without compromising on any of the essentials in both these important spheres of her life.

Dr. Shrikhande leaves behind a grieving husband, a daughter, son in law and two grandsons.

She will be missed, but always remembered with deep affection by her numerous students, her Tata Memorial Hospital colleagues, staff members and friends.

Dr. Sudhir Ranadive

Dr. N. M. Purandhare



Born in 1913, Dr. N. M. Purandare was a student of Grant Medical College, Mumbai. He joined Seth G. S. Medical College for post-graduation in Pathology under Dr. R. G. Dhaygude. He was absorbed as a staff of Department of Pathology and remained so till he retired as Head in 1971. Dr. Y. M. Bhende, Dr. S. N. Kothare, Dr. Monteiro and Dr. D. D. Banker were his colleagues. It is here that they described for the first time malarial granuloma of the brain.

Dr. Purandare received a fellowship to visit Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston where he worked with Dr. Benjamin Castleman. On his return, he spent his time in active research. He was an active member of ICMR and was Head of the Blood Group Reference Centre, Bombay. He guided large numbers of post-graduates for M. Sc and M. D. Among his illustrious students were Dr. Girish Vyas, Dr. C. K. Deshpande and Dr. Suman G. Kinare. He was the founder member of Journal of Postgraduate Medicine, the official publication of the Staff Society, Seth G. S. Medical College and K. E. M. Hospital and remained its Editor for a long time. He was the Secretary of Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists (IAPM) and later became its President in 1974.

In the department, he was a strict disciplinarian. He enjoyed teaching and research. He encouraged many of his students to take fellowships abroad for higher studies.

Dr. Purandhare passed away in January 2005.

Prof. K. P. Deodhar

Dr R. M. L. Mehrotra



It is a great honour and a proud privilege for one to make an epitaph note on Dr. Ram Mohan Lal Mehrotra, born on 17 July 1923, one of the most brilliant second generation pathologists of independent India and my mentor and guide in the first formative years of my professional pathology career.

On completion of a very successful school and college education in Kanpur Mr. R.M.L. Mehrotra entered the portals of the King George's Medical College, Lucknow, then the finest medical educational institute in North India. Graduating in Medicine at the top of his class as Hewitt medallist he completed his M.D. in Pathology at the same university and college in 1948. He joined the Department of Pathology at K.G. Medical College as Lecturer and subsequently obtained a Ph.D. degree with credit from London University working on experimental pathology. Continuing with his academic and professional career on his parent institution he became a well-known teacher, an excellent diagnostician and a fine researcher. He chaired the large Department of Pathology at K.G. Medical College, Lucknow for 18 years creating several specialised services, expanded existing ones and advanced the name of the department to greater heights.

In recognition of his contributions to Medicine and Pathology he was honoured with several prestigious awards and prizes. He was nominated President of the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists for the year 1977-78 when this Association was considered as one of the finest professional cum academic bodies of the country. It is during his Presidentship that Regional chapters of the Association were created and started functioning. He trained a number of worthy pathologists most of who subsequently occupied important and responsible positions in Pathology and Medicine in general, in the country and abroad. All in all Dr. Mehrotra's role as a leader in development and growth of Pathology in this country has indeed been exemplary.

As a person Dr. Mehrotra was equally eminent. His dealings with seniors, equals and juniors were humble and respectful. He was a soft-spoken, kind and considerate human being interacting with every one in a fair and just manner. He did not run after laurels and praise, which instead followed him. Those of us who have had spent time with Dr. Mehrotra quickly know to admire and respect him. After his superannuation he built up, as expected, one of the finest pathology service laboratories in town that acquired an excellent reputation very fast.

In the passing away of Dr. Mehrotra the professional body of Pathologists and Microbiologists of India and the entire pathologist community has lost a great leader and all who knew him more closely, an adorable advisor, colleague and friend.

Prof. N. C. Nayak



Meet your President

Prof. Kusum Joshi



Prof. Kusum Joshi is currently the Professor and Head, Department of Histopathology, Post graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh. A graduate and a postgraduate of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, she completed MBBS in 1971 and MD in Pathology in 1975. Subsequently she was awarded MNAMS (Histopathology) in 1981. In 1985 she completed her PhD. from the Institute of Cancer Research, Royal Marsden Hospital, University of London. She has worked as a Tutor in AIIMS, Lecturer at the Medical College, Rohtak and eventually joined PGIMER, Chandigarh in 1981 where she has been in several positions in the faculty. She has numerous publications and has contributed to chapters in books. She has been bestowed with numerous memberships and fellowships. Her current interests include renal pathology including transplantation pathology.

An affectionate teacher, she is liked by her students and her colleagues.

A lover of animals, Dr. Joshi is fond of dogs.

Meet your Vice President

Prof. Manoj K Singh



Dr. Manoj K. Singh, is a Professor of Pathology at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi. He did his MBBS and MD from AIIMS. After his residency, he did a two-year stint as a Senior Research Officer, when he helped set up the Delhi Cancer Registry and then joined the faculty of AIIMS. He crystallized his interest in skin pathology by setting up the first comprehensive Dermatopathology lab and diagnostic services in the country. As a part of this journey he also wrote the first two Indian textbooks on the subject, *Understanding Dermatopathology* in 1996 and *Tropical Dermatopathology* in 2004. His organizational skills are well-known and much sought after. He set up the Dermatopathology Society of India which will be organizing its 9th National CME in November 2006. His current interests also include telepathology, Medical Museum technology, lymphomas and breast cancer. He has been awarded the Dr. B.C. Roy Award of the ICMR and nominated to the MRCPPath (London).

A born Delhite, Dr. Singh is keenly interested in gardening, collecting succulent plants, Urdu poetry and music.

Congratulations!

Prof. D. Bhaskara Reddy, a doyen amongst pathologists, one of our Past Presidents and an distinguished member of the IAPM has been bestowed the following honours:

- Honorary Doctor of Science (*Honoris Causa*) by the NTR University of Health during the Convocation held on 01 April 2006
 - Life Time Achievement Award of the SKS Neuro Hospital, Hyderabad on 12 April 2006.
- He was presented with a Gold Medal and a Citation during this ceremony.

Our heartiest congratulations to you Sir! The IAPM is extremely proud of your achievements.

IAPM Chapters

All members of various IAPM State Chapters are requested to hereby enroll themselves as members of the parent IAPM. According to the constitution of the IAPM it is mandatory for all members of State Chapters to become primary members of the parent body. The State Chapters are branches of the main body and not vice-versa.

The next news Bulletin will contain the activities of various IAPM State Chapters. All the State Chapters are therefore requested to provide the following to the Honorary Joint Secretary of IAPM, Dr. Vatsala Mishra as soon as possible.

1. List of Office Bearers with address and contact details.
2. Activities of the chapters in the preceding year.

This may be treated as most urgent since the next News Bulletin is in the final stages of preparation.

Gratitude and Thanks

While confidentiality prevents disclosure of their names, the President, members of the Executive Council, all the Office Bearers and the Organizing Committee, APCON 2005 express their gratitude and thanks to all those who have been referees and judges for various awards of the IAPM during 54th Annual Conference of IAPM [APCON 2005] at Indore.

IAP-ID Symposium

All those interested to participate in the Symposium on Pathology of the Prostate during the IAP-ID Annual Meeting to be held on 6th December 2006 at Bangalore may contact the moderator :

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Welcome new members

The Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists welcomes all its new members who have been admitted to the association during its Annual General Body Meeting in December 2005. We are indeed fortunate to have you with us. Many of you may have had to wait for nearly an year to become a member. Unfortunately the bye-laws and rules of the association require all memberships to be ratified by the general body and this is an annual event.

One of the common complaints of new and old members is the lack of proper communication. This can be partly sorted out by providing any change of address to the Honorary Treasurer, Editor-in-Chief & Honorary Secretary.

APCON 2006

The 55th Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists [APCON 2006] will be held in the Garden City of Bangalore from the 07 December 2006 to 09 December 2006. This will be preceded by the IAP-ID Conference and a CME Programme. The Karnataka Chapter of IAPM under the Chairmanship of Prof SK Shankar, Prof and Head Dept of Neuropathology, NIMHANS, Bangalore are toiling hard to ensure a very memorable week of academics. Although you will be receiving the announcements, the Organizing Secretary is :

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The Moderators for various Symposia/ Seminars may be contacted by those interested to contribute/ participate.

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Dr. B. D. Radotra
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The Usha Hardas Microbiology Symposium on *Reproductive Tract Infections* :

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**Minutes of the 54th General Body Meeting held on Wednesday 30th November 2005 at 18.30 Hours
at the Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya Auditorium, Indore
[Venue of the, 54th Annual Conference of IAPM (APCON-2005)]**

The Meeting was held with Lt. Gen. J.R. Bharadwaj, President IAPM in the Chair.

A total of 99 members attended the meeting that was adjourned at the commencement and resumed thereafter since the required quorum was incomplete [as laid down in the General Procedure of Meetings of the association No 7 of III: Bye-Laws]

Prof. P.V. Patil, Past President IAPM and Prof. P. K. Shukla [National External Quality Control Programme] had expressed their inability to attend the meeting earlier.

Item No.1 : Condolences

The Honorary Secretary received news of the sad demise of the following honourable members of the association:

- (i) E-mail from Dr. S. Bharadwaj on 11 October 2005 informing the sad demise of Dr. B.M. Bharadwaj [1960/L116] retired Regional Director at Shimla.
- (ii) E-mail from Dr. D. N. Lanjewar on 14 October 2005 informing the sad demise of Dr. S.S. Shrikhande [1994/L993] at Mumbai on 21 September 2005.
- (iii) In the same E-mail Dr. D. N. Lanjewar also informed of the sad demise of one of our Past Presidents, Dr. N.M. Purandare [1950/L601].
- (iv) Letter from Prof. R.K. Gupta intimating the sad demise of Prof. R.M.L. Mehrotra, [1953/L461] Past President, IAPM at Lucknow on 28 November 2005

The General Body observed a minute's silence as a mark of respect for the departed honourable members.

Resolution 1/ 2005: The General Body paid rich tributes to the stalwarts who had left for their heavenly abode. Their contribution to Pathology and to the association was deeply appreciated. The association has been saddened by the loss of eminent members: Dr. B.M. Bharadwaj, Dr. S.S. Shrikhande, Dr. N.M. Purandare, Dr. R.M.L Mehrotra in the year 2005.

Proposed action to be taken:

- It was proposed that members come forward to draft appropriate obituaries.
- Photographs of the honourable members who have left for their heavenly abode needs to be obtained
- Photographs and obituaries are to be printed in the next IAPM News Bulletin
- Letters of condolence would be sent to the bereaved family.

Item No. 2: Confirmation of the minutes of 53rd General Body Meeting of IAPM

Resolution 2/ 2005: The minutes of the 53rd General Body Meeting of IAPM held at the Armed Forces Medical College, Pune on 22 November 2004 [as printed in the IAPM News Bulletin (No.1) January-March 2005 issue, pages 03-05] were confirmed and accepted

Item No. 3: Matters related to Membership :

3.1: Admission of new members to IAPM, 2005

The existing strength of IAPM Members [as provided by the previous Honorary Treasurer, Dr Niranjana Rout] is:

Life Members	: 2544	}3372
Ordinary Members	: 828	
Associate Members	: 01	
Honorary Members	: 21	

The Honorary Treasurer, Prof Kanakalata Dei has provided a list of 244* applicants for admission into the primary membership of the IAPM:

Life Members	: 02	}238
Ordinary Members	: 157	
Associate Members	: 79	
Honorary Members	: NIL	

* Six applications were incomplete

There are several problems that were discussed regarding the procedures for becoming members of the association.

- Variety of forms are in circulation without current rules
- The provision of educational qualification certificates and proof of age is necessary but hardly followed. However many applicants are already employed in positions that require a postgraduate degree as an essential qualification.
- Type of membership [Associate, Ordinary, Life] not indicated
- Many forms do not have space for signature of the applicant
- Many forms do not have space for the IAPM No to be entered by the proposers
- Space for address for correspondence and permanent address not clear

3.2: Implementation of Constitution Rules (II NO.4) wherein members of Chapters should be primarily Members of IAPM



According to the above rule of the Constitution, members of Chapters should be Members of the parent association. It is necessary to implement this rule since the status of Chapters is that of a branch of the IAPM but not an independent body.

3.3: *Incomplete addresses*

The number of incomplete or wrong addresses is increasing at an alarming rate. Members do not update their addresses for correspondence. The Honorary Secretary and the Editor-in-Chief have a list of nearly 300 addresses from where mails have been returned undelivered.

Resolutions 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4 / 2005

- 3.1/2005** : All the applicants were accepted for admission to various categories of membership as proposed and completed
- 3.2/2005** : A New Application Form would be designed to overcome the shortcomings in the present form
- 3.3/2005** : State Chapters are requested to ensure that their members are primarily members of the parent IAPM
- 3.4/2005** : All members of the IAPM should ensure that the correct addresses are provided to the Treasurer, Honorary Secretary and the Editor-in Chief, who in turn shall ensure that changes are incorporated to avoid inconvenience to members.

Item No.4: Matters related to Elections

4.1: *Declaration of results for the post of Honorary Secretary 2005-2008*

Since the only nominated name for the above post was withdrawn, the post of Honorary Secretary could not be filled up in time. The erstwhile Honorary Secretary, Dr. B.D. Radotra was requested by the General Body at its Meeting at Pune to continue until such time that the process of election was completed. The Election for the post of Honorary Secretary was conducted subsequently.

The results are :

Total Ballots posted	:	2965
Total ballots returned undelivered	:	131
Total ballots received	:	646
Invalid votes	:	43
Votes in favour of Dr. S. Datta Gupta	:	274
Votes in favour of Dr. Medha Khandekar	:	198

Dr. S. Datta Gupta was therefore declared elected

The above Election was conducted by Dr. B. D. Radotra, Honorary Secretary, IAPM and the ballots were scrutinized and counted by Dr. B.N. Dutta, Past President IAPM, Dr. Kusum Joshi, Member, Executive Council and Dr. B. D. Radotra at Chandigarh.

4.2: *Declaration of results for the post of President 2005-2006*

Nominations for the post of President IAPM was invited in the News Bulletin July-September 2005

Nominations received within the stipulated date:

Prof. Taralakshmi Venugopal, Chennai [L783] on 30.09.2005

Prof. Manoj Kumar Singh, New Delhi [L1180] on 02.10.2005

Prof. Kusum Joshi, Chandigarh [L411] on 04.10.2005

Prof. Jaya R. Deshpande, Mumbai [L324] on 05.10.2005

Nominations withdrawn before the last date for filing nominations:

Prof. M. K. Singh on 04 October 2005

Nominations withdrawn before the last date for withdrawal of nominations: NIL

Candidates eligible for contesting the Elections and printed in the Ballot paper :

Prof. Taralakshmi Venugopal, Chennai [L783]

Prof. Kusum Joshi, Chandigarh [L411]

Prof. Jaya R. Deshpande, Mumbai [L324]

Total Ballots posted	:	2588
Total ballots returned undelivered	:	055
Total ballots received	:	491
Invalid votes	:	015
Total Votes Declared Valid	:	476
Votes in favour of Prof. Taralakshmi Venugopal	:	073
Votes in favour of Prof. Kusum Joshi	:	222
Votes in favour of Prof. Jaya R Deshpande	:	181

Result of Election : Prof. Kusum Joshi has been elected President, IAPM for the year 2005-2006

The above Election was conducted by Dr. S. Datta Gupta, Honorary Secretary, IAPM at Delhi.

The ballots were scrutinized and counted by Lt. Gen J. R. Bharadwaj, President, IAPM, Dr. S.K. Dutta, Past President, IAPM Dr. D.N. Lanjewar, Past Honorary Secretary, IAPM and Dr. S. Datta Gupta, Honorary Secretary, IAPM at Indore on 30 November 2005

4.3: *Declaration of results for the post of Vice-President 2005-2006*

Nominations for the post of Vice-President IAPM was invited in the News Bulletin July-September 2005

Nominations received within the stipulated date:

Prof. Manoj Kumar Singh, New Delhi [L1180] on 02.10.2005

Nominations withdrawn before the last date for filing nominations: NIL

Nominations withdrawn before the last date for withdrawal of nominations: NIL

Results: Since nomination of only one candidate was received, Prof. Manoj Kumar Singh, New Delhi is elected unopposed to the post of Vice President, IAPM for the year 2005-2006

The above Election was conducted by Dr. S. Datta Gupta, Honorary Secretary, IAPM at Delhi

4.4: *Discussion on whether Ballot Envelopes should have stamps affixed by the Association*



Over the years the number of ballots that are returned after casting votes has remained around 500-600. This is a small percentage of nearly 2500 to 3000 ballots that are posted. It was discussed that to encourage more votes being polled stamps may be affixed in the envelopes for returning the votes by the association itself. This would envisage an additional expense of Rs. 12,500.00 approximately [Stamp of Rs 5.00 for 2500 ballots]. However this expense may be worthwhile if voting is to be encouraged.

4.5: Nomination of two members for scrutiny and counting of ballot papers for Elections in 2006

The Executive Council proposed the following members for conducting elections in 2006 along with the Honorary Secretary:

1. Lt. Gen. J.R. Bharadwaj, Immediate Past President IAPM form New Delhi
2. Dr. B.D. Radotra, Immediate Past Honorary Secretary, IAPM from Chandigarh

Resolutions 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5 / 2005

- 4.1/2005 :** The General Body accepted the Election of Dr. S. Datta Gupta to the post of Honorary Secretary, 2005-2008
- 4.2/2005 :** The General Body accepted the Election of Prof. Kusum Joshi to the post of President, 2005-2006
- 4.3/2005 :** The General Body accepted the Election of Prof. Manoj Kumar Singh to the post of Vice President, 2005-2006
- 4.4/2005 :** The overwhelming majority was not in favour of this additional expenditure of affixing postage stamps by the association in the postal ballots. It was felt that members should take the responsibility of voting seriously and do this bit for the association
- 4.5/2005 :** The General body accepted the names of Lt. Gen. J.R. Bharadwaj, and Dr. B. D. Radotra to assist the Honorary secretary in conducting elections during the year 2006

Item No.5 : Matters related to constitution

5.1: Introduction of a post of Assistants to various posts (on nomination) for the purpose of operating bank accounts

The accounts of the association are primarily with the Honorary Treasurer and for several years located at Cuttack. Accounts are opened by the Honorary Secretary and the Editor-in-Chief at their respective locations for matters related to correspondence, printing of News Bulletin, Journals etc. All such expenses are borne by the Honorary Treasurer who transfers the requested amount through a Demand Draft

The following regulations should be practiced :

- For an Association to open an account an authenticated copy of the Constitution and Bye-Laws is to be deposited in the bank [such a copy must be readily available with the association and appropriate office-bearers]
- Cheques should be signed by at least two authorized signatories duly approved by the General Body or appropriate authority of the association and a copy of the approval thereof should be available with the bank

As far as possible all transactions and payments should be by Cheque or Demand Draft that are paid to an account.

While the regulations of banks are being followed, regarding the authorization of two signatories [mainly in the case of the account of the Honorary Secretary at New Delhi], the former Honorary Treasurer proposed the posts of Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, Assistant Editor etc be created for the purpose of operating bank accounts. These posts may be filled in by nomination duly ratified by the General Body. However the members felt that introduction of such posts are not necessary at this stage and two offices-bearers from the same city could be eligible as authorized signatories.

Resolution 5.1, 5.2 / 2005:

- 5.1/2005:** The General Body did not accept introduction of new posts of Assistants to various elected posts for the purpose of operating bank accounts
- 5.2/2005:** Prof. M. K. Singh, newly elected Vice-President, IAPM would be authorized as the second signatory for cheques related to the accounts of the Honorary Secretary at New Delhi.

Item No. 6 Venue for Conferences

6.1: 55th Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Pathologists & Microbiologists 2006 (APCON 2006)

With reference to Item No 8 of the 53rd Annual General Body Meeting held at Pune, Dr. Sujay Prasad, Secretary, Karnataka Chapter, bid on behalf of the Karnataka Chapter of IAPM to host APCON 2005. He was requested withdraw in favour of the Madhya Pradesh Chapter. He graciously accepted the request. This year the Karnataka Chapter, IAPM had again reiterated their commitment to host the 55th Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists [APCON 2006] at Bangalore.

6.2: 56th Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Pathologists & Microbiologists 2007 (APCON 2007)

The Delhi Chapter, IAPM had bid for the 56th Annual Conference of the 55th Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists [APCON 2007] at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi.

6.3: Permission to host the 10th Congress of Asia Pacific Association of Societies of Pathologists (APASP) in India in 2007

Prof. A.M. Phatak, Past President, IAPM and an active member of the Asia Pacific Association of Societies of Pathologists (APASP) is a representative of India in this association. She had sought the permission of the Executive Council and the General Body of the IAPM to host the 10th Congress of Asia Pacific Association of Societies of Pathologists (APASP) in India in 2007. This conference is held once in two years and in 2005 it was held in Kathmandu, Nepal. The conference is generally held around the same time as the IAPM Annual Conference.

The matter was discussed at length and the opinion of several members of the General Body sought. The General Body decided that at this juncture it was not possible for the IAPM to continue its association with the Asia Pacific Association



of Societies of Pathologists (APASP) and hence it would be advisable to withdraw from its membership.

Resolutions 6.1, 6.2, 6.3 / 2005

6.1/2005 : The General Body accepted the offer of the Karnataka Chapter, IAPM to host the 55th Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists [APCON 2006] at Bangalore.

4.2/2005 : The General Body deferred the decision on the venue for the 56th Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists [APCON 2007] to the next General Body Meeting to be held during APCON 2006.

4.3/2005 : The General Body decided that the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists should withdraw from the membership of the Asia Pacific Association of Societies of Pathologists (APASP). A letter conveying this decision would be sent to the President of APASP while thanking the APASP for the association till-date.

Item No.7: Seminars & Symposia topics for 2006

7.1: Seminars

7.1.1. Slide Seminars

Proposals that were received included:

- (i) Oral Pathology : Lesions of the jaw
- (ii) Neoplastic and Non-neoplastic lesions of the Urinary Bladder
- (v) Pathology of inflammatory pseudotumour
- (vi) Renal lesions in collagen vascular disease
- (vii) Proliferative lesions in prostate
- (viii) Myofibroblastic lesions
- (ix) Tissue reactions in Parasitology
- (vii) Uncommon Breast lesions
- (x) Early detection and diagnosis of breast carcinoma
- (xi) Carcinoma cervix-Early lesions
- (xi) Pediatric Tumours

7.2 : Symposia

7.2.1. Dr. Gaya Prasad Memorial Symposium

Proposals that were received included:

- (i) Tissue reactions and pathology related to biodegradable and non-biodegradable implants and prosthesis
- (ii) Atypical lesions of microscopic polyangitis involving different organs: A diagnostic challenge
- (iii) Glomerular diseases with organized deposits
- (iv) Helicobacter pylori and the stomach
- (v) Geographic Pathology of Cancer
- (vi) Cancer Registration in India
- (vii) Pathology of Stroke in India

7.2.2. Dr. Usha Hardas Microbiology Symposium

Proposals that were received included

- (i) Intra-abdominal infections
- (ii) Reproductive Tract infections

7.3 : Tamil Nadu Oration

No nomination was intimated by the state Chapter.

In 2005 also this Oration was not delivered since nominations had not been received

7.4: Proposal for introduction of more Orations to felicitate senior members of the association

There was a proposal to enhance the number of Orations since it was felt that given the number of members, especially senior members, the number of orations were few.

The requirements for these would be a corpus to at least take care of air-travel, a medal or a memento. The Indian College of Pathologists agreed to sponsor one such Oration.

7.5: Proposal for Guest Lecture at APCON 2006

Dr. D. N. Lanjewar had sent an E-mail to the Honorary Secretary regarding the proposal of Dr. Arundhati Chakrabarty, Consultant Neuropathologist, Leeds General Infirmary, Leeds UK. She had proposed the following:

- (i) 'Slide seminar on new entities of CNS tumours' (She can circulate CDs prior to the meeting)
- (ii) Formal lecture on 'New tumour entities of the CNS'
- (iii) 'Approach to muscle biopsy'- Formal lecture/ slide seminar
- (iv) 'Variant CJD- the UK experience'- Formal lecture
- (v) 'Approach to nerve biopsy' – Formal lecture/ slide seminar
- (vi) 'A practical approach to dementia'- Formal lecture

Prof. Harsh Mohan had informed the General Body that Prof Jan Baak, Professor of Pathology Stavanger University Hospital, Stavanger and The Gade Institute, University of Bergen, Norway was willing to come to the next Annual Conference of the IAPM. Prof. Baak is a renowned figure in the field of morphometry and molecular markers in neoplasia.

Resolutions 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 7.5 / 2005

7.1/2005: The topic *Pediatric Tumors* to be moderated by Lt. Col. S.S. Gill from the Armed Forces Medical College, Pune was accepted for the *Slide Seminar* to be held during the 55th Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists [APCON 2006] at Bangalore.

7.2/2005: The topic *Pathology of Stroke in India* to be moderated by Dr. B.D. Radotra from the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh was accepted for the *Dr. Gaya Prasad Memorial Symposium* to be held during the 55th Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists [APCON 2006] at Bangalore.

7.3/2005: The topic *Reproductive Tract Infections* to be moderated by Prof. Meera Sharma from the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh was accepted for the *Dr. Usha Hardas Microbiology Symposium* to be held during the 55th Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists [APCON 2006] at Bangalore



7.4/2005: The Indian College of Pathologists would present the modalities and details of the new Oration to the General Body in the next meeting at the 55th Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists [APCON 2006] at Bangalore. If accepted, the Oration would commence from the year 2007.

7.4/2005: The names of Dr. Arundhati Chakrabarty and Prof. Jan Baak were accepted as Guest Speakers during the 55th Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists [APCON 2006] at Bangalore. While the topic 'A practical approach to dementia' to be delivered by Dr. Arundhati Chakrabarty (as accepted by the Executive Council) was approved by the General Body, the lecture by Prof Jan Baak would be finalized later in consultation with the Honorary Secretary.

Item No. 8 Matters related to Awards

8.1: Dr. V.R. Khanolkar Award 2005

Two candidates submitted their *Curriculum Vitae* and papers for the Dr. V.R. Khanolkar Award: The panel of judges was unanimous in their opinion regarding the suitability and recommended Dr. Anna Pulimood, Department of Gastrointestinal Sciences, Christian Medical College, Vellore [*Segmental colonoscopic biopsies in the differentiation of ileocolic tuberculosis from Crohn's disease J. Gastroenterol. Hepatol.* 20:688-696, 2005] for the award

8.2: Smt. Kunti Devi Mehrotra Award 2005

Only one paper [*Flow Cytometric Analysis of CD5+ B Cells: A Frame of Reference for Minimal Residual Disease Analysis in Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia Am. J. Clin. Pathol.* 2004, 121:368-72] and *Curriculum Vitae* was submitted for this award: Based on the opinion of the panel of judges, Dr. Ritu Gupta, Department of Hematology, Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow has been recommended for the award.

8.3: Prof. K. C. Basu Mallik Award 2005

A total of seven papers were received for consideration for presentation for the Dr. K.C. Basu Mallick award. After preliminary evaluation by a panel of judges, five were selected for presentation. After presentation, one has been unanimously recommended for the award.

8.4 : Best Paper Award 2005

For the Best paper award, a total of 12 papers were received. Of these one was not eligible since the presenting author did not possess the degree of MBBS and hence could not become a member of the IAPM. One paper was withdrawn by the authors. Based on the evaluation of ten papers by the panel of referees, four were selected for presentation. Of these one was recommended for the award

Resolutions 8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4 / 2005

8.1/2005: The General Body ratified the recommendation of the judges for the award of the Dr. V.R. Khanolkar Award for the year 2005 to Dr. Anna Pulimood, Department of Gastrointestinal Sciences, Christian Medical College, Vellore.

8.2/2005: The General Body ratified the recommendation of the judges for the award of the Smt. Kunti Devi Mehrotra Award for the year 2005 to Dr. Ritu Gupta, Department

of Hematology, Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow

8.3/2005: Dr A.V. Vanikar was recommended for the Prof. K.C. Basu Mallick Award for the year 2005 for the paper Vanikar AV and Trivedi HL: *Natural Suppressor cell Chimerism: Biological Signature of Tolerance in Clinic* form the Institute of Kidney Disease and Research Center (IKDRC) and Institute of Transplantation Sciences (ITS), Ahmedabad. [Announced in the *Valedictory Function*]

8.4/2005: Dr. Amit Kumar Adhya was recommended for the Best Paper Award for the year 2005 for the paper Adhya AK, Radhika S, Firuza D Patel. *Radiation therapy induced changes in apoptosis and its major regulatory proteins, Bcl-2, Bcl-XL9 and Bax, in locally advanced invasive squamous cell carcinoma of the cervix* from the Department of Cytology & Gynecological Pathology PGIMER Chandigarh [Announced in the *Valedictory Function*]

Item No.9: IAPM Headquarter Report, Dr. N. C. Parija

Resolution 9 / 2005: Report of Joint Secretary Headquarters was accepted

Item No.10 Report of the Honorary Secretary, Dr. S.Datta Gupta
10.1. Request for financial assistance for Secretarial work

The office of the Honorary Secretary has to deal with numerous communications, mails, receipt and despatch etc. The previous Honorary Secretary had also pointed out that secretarial assistance was necessary to cope with such important activities. Hence approval of this expenditure was requested .

Resolution 10 / 2005: Report of Honorary Secretary was accepted

Resolution 10.1/ 2005: Request for Expenditure towards secretarial assistance for the Honorary secretary was accepted.

Item No.11: Report of the Joint Secretary, Dr. Vatsala Misra

Resolution 11 / 2005: Report of the Joint Secretary was accepted

Item No.12: Report of the Treasurer, Dr. Kanakalata Dei

Resolution 12 / 2005: Report of the Treasurer was accepted

Item No.13: Report of Editor-in-Chief, Indian Journal of Pathology, & Microbiology, Dr. Harsh Mohan

Resolution 13 / 2005: Report of the Editor-in-Chief, Indian Journal of Pathology, Microbiology, was accepted

Item No.14: Report of National External Quality Control Programme Dr. P.K Shukla

While the report was accepted, there was some discussion on the utility of the Programme.

Resolution 14 / 2005: The General Body deferred the discussion since Dr PK Shukla was not present.

Item No.15: Report of Secretary, Indian College of Pathologists, Dr. D.N. Lanjewar

Resolution 15 / 2005: Report of Secretary, Indian College of Pathologists was accepted

Item No.16: Matters requested by various members of the association with the permission of the Chair



16.1: Voluntary Health Services on behalf of IAPM (Dr. N. Rout)
It was proposed that voluntary service such as laboratory investigation and disease detection camps should be conducted by the IAPM in the Headquarters and the State Chapters. There was much discussion in this matter including the request that such camps may attract assistance from philanthropic organizations.

16.2: Opening & running Pathology Laboratories in the private sectors by those without formal medical degree or specialization in Pathology (From UP Chapter). The General Body had discussed this matter on several occasions. It is the appropriate governmental agencies and medical councils and not an association that can take action. Some State Governments are likely to propose laws to curb such menace in the field of health. Meanwhile if the members of the association ensure high standards of ethical practice, the public at large would gradually and eventually avoid unauthorized laboratories.

16.3: Accreditation of Pathology Laboratories (Dr. M.K. Singh)
Maintenance of proper quality of laboratories through the process of evaluation and accreditation is being done by various local and informal groups. The National Accreditation Board for Laboratories (NABL) is a respected body under the Department of Science and Technology that is engaged in credible accreditation process throughout the country. It was felt strongly by Lt. Gen. Bhardwaj that the IAPM should be involved actively in the accreditation process by providing the necessary expertise and assistance to NABL. In a boarder perspective, once laboratories throughout the country come under the accreditation process unauthorized laboratories run by unqualified personnel would automatically be forced to cease functioning.

16.4: Archival records, documents & Journals of IAPM (Dr. Balaraman Nair)

There was a plea to provide archival material for storage in the IAPM Headquarters. Several old issues of journals and other documents need to be stored as invaluable records.

16.5: Storage of Old documents in IAPM House (Dr. N.C. Parija)
This matter was discussed under Item 16.4

16.6: Dissolution of IAPM Building Committee approved by the Executive Council Meeting at 2004, following completion of its function (Dr. N.C. Parija)

16.7: Sanction of Rs.30,000.00 for furnishing three guest rooms at IAPM House (Dr. N. C. Parija)

16.8: Acknowledgement and gratitude for a generous grant from Honourable Members of Rajya Sabha Sri Surendra Nath (Rs.3 Lakhs) and Sri Rudranarayan Pani (Rs.2 Lakhs) from MP LAD Fund for construction of 2nd floor at IAPM House (Dr NC Parija)

16.9: Introduction of more Seminars/Symposia in Annual Conferences (Delhi Chapter)

Attempts would be made to improve the quality of academic programmes during the Annual Conference.

16.10 :Request for concession in registration for senior members of the association at annual conferences (Dr. B. K. Nanda)

The matter was discussed and it was not felt necessary to bring about a resolution to effect a change in the registration fees for senior members. However the local Organizing Committees of the APCONs could take a decision on this matter.

Resolutions 16.1, 16.2, 16.3, 16.4, 16.5, 16.6 / 2005

16.1/2005: The General Body felt that Voluntary Health services may be provided in the form of camps etc by individual members or State chapters as part of their activity but this shall not be provided under the banner of the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists [IAPM].

16.2/2005: The Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists [IAPM] should play an active role in the accreditation of laboratories through the National Accreditation Board for Laboratories (NABL). Lt Gen Bhardwaj would represent the IAPM and contact the NABL. He is free to choose his team from the IAPM that would render assistance to the NABL as required.

16.3/2005: All members of the IAPM should cooperate and provide all assistance for the archives at the IAPM Head quarters.

16.4/2005: The IAPM Building Committee approved by the Executive Council Meeting in 2004, stands dissolved with immediate effect following completion of its function

16.5/2005: Expenditure of a sum of Rs. 30,000.00 only (Rupees thirty thousands only) towards renovation of Guest rooms at the IAPM Headquarters is approved.

16.6/2005: The General Body unanimously expressed its gratitude and thanks to the Honourable Members of Rajya Sabha, Sri Surendra Nath and Sri Rudranarayan Pani for their generous grants towards the construction of 2nd floor at IAPM House. The President, IAPM, would send a letter of thanks to the Honourable Members.

Item No.17: Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.

The General Body unanimously proposed a vote of thanks to the outgoing President Lt. Gen. J.R. Bhardwaj and the Vice-President Prof. S.C. Parija for the excellent service rendered during their tenure in the office.

Lt. Gen. Bhardwaj also thanked the general Body for their support and cooperation.

The General Body Meeting came to an end with a vote of thanks to the chair.



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With the deepest sense of regret the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists informs all its members the sad demise of Dr. G.V.Talwalkar on 9th March 2006 at Mumbai. Dr. Talwalkar [L772/1966] was the President of IAPM in 1983.

AWARDS AND ABSTRACTS FOR APCON 2006

Important Announcement

The last date for receipts of Abstracts is tentatively fixed at 31 July 2006 [but shall not be extended beyond 15 August 2006 under any circumstances].

This time the abstracts will be accepted only through the web-site apcon2006.com that will be launched soon. The abstracts will have to be typed directly in the space provided and submitted online. The Organizing Secretary, Dr Sujay Prasad and his team have initiated this process to make the submission easy, friendly and in keeping with the times.

All members are requested to prepare for the conference accordingly.

This time there will be more opportunity and emphasis for making Poster Presentations.

Those who are not members shall not be permitted to present papers/ posters. Hence all post-graduate students and others desirous of participating in APCON 2006 are requested to initiate the process of membership right now.

Specialty Interests

All members of the IAPM are requested to inform the Honorary Secretary regarding their special interest if any. This will help the association to choose members to develop topics in their respective specialties: eg. Cardiovascular Pathology, Neuropathology, Gastrointestinal Pathology, Hematology, Cytopathology, Parasitology, Virology etc.

The data will help in restructuring the programme of the Annual Conference of the IAPM in future.

Dr. V. R. Khanolkar Prize [2006]

The Dr. V.R. Khanolkar Prize is one of the most prestigious awards of IAPM.

The contest for this prize is open to all members fulfilling the following criteria:

- The contest is open to those below 45 years of age on 31st July 2006
- The research work submitted should have been carried out in India
- The above research work should have been published in the preceding two years
- The Principal author shall submit a statement from his/ her co-authors (if any) supporting his/ her candidature for the prize

The publication will be judged by a panel of three judges to be appointed by the President/

Honorary Secretary, IAPM. The award may be shared by more than one paper if so adjudged or no prize may be given if no entry is found suitable

Smt. Kunti Devi Mehrotra Award[2006]

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

The award is open to all members fulfilling the following criteria:

- The applicant should be below 40 years of age on 31st July 2006
- 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 shall submit a statement from his/ her co-authors (if any) supporting his/ her candidature for the award

The publication will be judged by a panel of three judges, one of whom shall be nominated by Smt. Kunti Devi Mehrotra and the other two by President / Honorary Secretary, IAPM. The award may be shared by more than one paper if so adjudged or no prize may be given if no entry is found suitable

Applications for the Dr. V. R. Khanolkar Prize and the Smt Kunti Devi Mehrotra Award [2006]

All applications for the Dr V.R. Khanolkar Prize and the Smt Kunti Devi Mehrotra Award should include the following:

1. Five reprints / copies of the published paper
2. Five copies of the bio-data of the contestant
3. Certificate from the co-authors, if any, attesting and supporting the candidature of the principal author
4. Certificate from all the authors certifying that this research work has been carried out in India
5. Certificate from all the authors certifying that this work has not received any other award.
6. Proof of age
7. Covering letter indicating the IAPM Membership number

The above applications, complete in all respects should reach the Honorary Secretary by the 10 August 2006.

Prof. K.C. Basu Mallik Award [2006]

This award is given to the best paper presented during the Plenary session of the Annual Conference of IAPM.

- There is no age restriction
 - The research work should have been carried out in India
 - The Principal author shall submit a statement from his/ her co-authors (if any) supporting his/ her candidature for the award
 - All candidates should submit a full-length text of the research work to be presented in the form of a manuscript for publication
 - The paper shall be scrutinized by a panel of referees selected by the President/ Secretary and a maximum of five papers will be selected for presentation
 - The time allotted for presentation is generally 10 minutes only
 - The judges for the Plenary Session shall be appointed by the President/ Honorary Secretary maintaining strict confidentiality
- If none of the presentations are found suitable no award may be given

Best Paper Award [2006]

This award is given to the best paper presented during the Plenary session of the Annual Conference of IAPM. The rules are similar to the Prof. K.C. Basu Mallik Award except :

- Age below 35 years on 31 December 2005
- A maximum of four papers will be selected for presentation
- The time allotted for presentation is generally 10-12 minutes only

Applications for Prof. K.C. Basu Mallik Award and the Best Paper Award [2006]

All applications for the Prof. K.C. Basu Mallik Award and the Best Paper Award should include the following:

1. Five copies of the full-text of the presentation in the form of a manuscript submitted for publication to the Indian Journal of Pathology and Microbiology
2. Certificate from the co-authors, if any attesting and supporting the candidature of the principal author
3. Certificate from all the authors certifying that this research work has been carried out in India
4. Certificate from all the authors certifying that this work has not received any other award.
5. Dean / Head of Department should certify that the candidate is eligible for the award
6. Proof of age [For Best Paper Award only]
7. Covering letter indicating the IAPM Membership number

The above applications, complete in all respects should reach the Honorary Secretary by the 10 August 2006.



Forthcoming events

Event	Dates	Venue	Contact
XIIth National CME in Hematology & Hemato-Oncology	20-23 April 2006	Bombay Hospital Institute of Medical sciences, Mumbai Centre, Vijay Sadan 168-B,	Prof. M. B. Agarwal, Programme Director, Haematology Ambedkar Road, Dadar TT, Mumbai 400014 Tel: 022-24111508, Fax: 022-24140058, Mob:+91-9820024850, E-mail: mbaragwal@hotmail.com, Web-site: www.hemato-onco.com
CME on Endocrine Pathology Mid -Year Teaching Programme-2006 International Academy of Pathology- Indian Division (IAP-ID)	29-30 April, 2006	Kasturba Medical College, Mangalore	Dr. Ramdas Naik, Organizing Secretary, Mid-Year Teaching Programme-2006, Dept. of Pathology, Kasturba Medical College, Mangalore-575 001 [Tel:+91-9448249917]
4th National CME in Pathology [CME I,II,III]	12-14 August, 2006	Mammen Mapilla Hall, Kottayam [Kerala Chapter IAPM and Medical College, Kottayam]	Dr. Usha Poothode, Organizing Secretary / Prof. Joy Augustine, Chairman, Organizing Committee, IVth National CME in Pathology-2006, Dept. of Pathology, Medical College, Kottayam 686008, Kerala Tel: 0481-2597234 / 2598183 Mob: +91-9447025981/+91-9847111760 E-mail: pathocmektm06@yahoo.co.in / joyajoy@rediffmail.com
Symposium on Endoscopic Biopsies Mid -Term Programme-2006. International Academy of Pathology-Indian Division (IAP-ID)	18-19 August, 2006	BYL Nair CH Hospital & TN Medical College, Mumbai	Dr. Anjali Amrapurkar, Dept. of Pathology, BYL Nair Ch Hospital & TN Medical College, Mumbai 400008
Cytopathology Update 2006	06-07 September, 2006	BS Medical College, Bankura , West Bengal	Prof. Manoj Chaudhuri, Head, Department of Pathology, BS Medical College, Bankura 722101, West Bengal
1st National Course in Surgical Pathology	05-07 October, 2006	All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi	Prof. M. K. Singh, Dept. of Pathology, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Ansari Nagar, New Delhi 110029 E-mail: pathstudyiims@gmail.com
9th National CME on Dermatopathology	19 November, 2006	All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi	Prof .M. K. Singh, Dept. of Pathology, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Ansari Nagar, New Delhi-110029 E-mail: makusi@hotmail.com
Pre-Conference CME & Workshops	04-05 December, 2006	Bangalore	Dr Sujay Prasad, Organizing Secretary, 55 th Annual Conference of IAPM (APCON 2006), Anand Institute of Laboratory Medicine, 11 Blue Cross Chambers, Infantry Road Cross, Shivajinagar, Bangalore 560001 E-mail: sujay@anandlab.com Website: apcon2006.com
Annual Meeting of IAP-ID	06 December 2006	NIMHANS, Bangalore	
55th Annual Conference of IAPM [APCON 2006]	07- 09 December 2006	NIMHANS, Bangalore	
XIIth International CME in Surgical Pathology and Cytology	18-20 January 2007	Hotel Le Meridien, Pune	Conference Secretariat: "Parimal" 1194/22 Ghole Road, Shivajinagar, Pune 411004 Tel: 020-39514299 Mob: +91-9822403237 Website:www.intcme2007.org

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