

News in brief

Apology

Due to circumstances beyond control the IAPM News Bulletin Vol. 1 has been delayed. This IAPM News Bulletin is of both Vol. 1 & 2. The inconvenience caused to members is deeply regretted.

Thanks

The Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists wishes to appreciate and thank all the Referees, Judges, Chairpersons, Moderators and Speakers who have contributed to the 55th Annual Conference of IAPM [APCON 2006] held at Bangalore in December 2006. The association looks forward to their support in the future also.

The IAPM also wishes to express the deep sense of gratitude to innumerable delegates who have been the very essence of the conference. We wish our members will be able to participate in larger numbers in future conferences.

The association would like to thank The Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and all members of the Karnataka Chapter of the IAPM for having made the conference memorable. No words can express our gratitude to them.

Finally there are numerous members who have silently contributed to the planning and conduction of scientific sessions. We are indebted to them.

Suggestions and Comments

All members are requested to write to the Honorary Secretary regarding the academic content of APCON 2006 and give suggestions for improvement.

Sorry!

While very effort was made to ensure the best possible by the organizers, there may have been problems and difficulties faced by members during APCON 2006. The IAPM regrets any apologies for inconvenience if any caused to Speakers, Chairpersons, its members and delegates during the conference. This was unintentional and inadvertent.

President's Message

Dear Friends,

Wish you all a very Happy and Prosperous New Year. I am extremely thankful to all the honorable members of the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists for conferring the great honour on me by electing as the President of our association for the year 2007.

I am sure all of you would have carried back pleasant memories of the wonderful scientific deliberations of APCON 2006 at Bangalore organized by Dr. Sujay Prasad and his team.

In this connection, I wish to stress the importance of scientific research in our field. We have to concentrate on the research apart from doing regular diagnostic and teaching work. The concept of research activities should be introduced among the postgraduate students, encouraging them to present papers compulsorily at the continuing medical education programmes. Hope all the state chapters would be active during this year also and send their reports periodically to the Secretary.

I am fully aware of the tremendous responsibilities associated with the post of the President of IAPM and I assure you that I would make concentrated efforts to further the cause of our association with your esteemed support.

I once again thank all of you and welcome your valuable suggestions and advice.

With best wishes

Prof. V. V. Taralakshmi

From the Honorary Secretary

Dear friends

We have completed another year, 2006 that was marked by several important events.

While we can count on the happy events I would firstly like to remind our members that in 2006 we unfortunately lost several of our stalwarts who passed away. They were giants in their fields and served the association with distinction and pride. The void cannot be filled. However they shall continue to remain a source of inspiration to all of us. The best homage we can pay to them is to continue to follow the path they have shown: the path of commitment and concern to our profession. Pathology and Microbiology are not just about reports although this is an important aspect of our specialties. It is also about teaching and training, providing a meaningful and relevant service and nurturing and engaging in research so that every generation of qualified specialists are better than the previous one.

Our membership has increased but not to the extent it should have. Perhaps our younger colleagues find the association lacking in their expectations. It is obviously a time for introspection and we should strive to improve ourselves this year. We have incidentally a new proposal form (if that is of any help!).

In the year gone by two of our eminent office bearers: Prof. Kusum Joshi, President and Prof. Manoj Singh, Vice President completed their tenure with distinction. I thank them wholeheartedly on behalf of the association. Personally I shall miss their counsel and advice. At the same time we are fortunate to have very able successors in Prof. Taralakshmi Venugopal as our President and Prof. B.D. Radotra as our Vice-President. They have served the association as office-bearers earlier and are both extremely capable and committed. On behalf of all members I welcome them and look forward to working with them.

The year culminated with a wonderful annual conference at Bangalore. The Karnataka Chapter under Prof. S.K.Shankar and Dr. Sujay Prasad deserve all praise and applause. The association made an honest attempt to revamp the format of the scientific sessions this year and look forward to your suggestions and advice.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

S. Datta Gupta

Few words from our immediate Past President

Dear friends

As I lay down office on completion of my tenure, I would like to express my deepest sense of gratitude to all of you. Without your support and constant guidance I could not have carried out my responsibilities.

When I assumed office a year ago I felt honoured with the responsibility bestowed on me. This was more so because my predecessors were illustrious stalwarts and I was wondering whether I would be able to match the high standards set by them. However I have been fortunate to receive their guidance and advice during my tenure.

I was also fortunate to have a wonderful team of Vice President, Prof. Manoj K Singh, Honorary Secretary, Prof. S. Datta Gupta, Joint Secretary, Prof. Vatsala Misra, Joint Secretary Headquarters, Dr. N.C. Parija, Treasurer, Prof. Knanaklata Dei and Editor-in-Chief, Prof. Harsh Mohan who worked with me. Together, we have attempted to provide the best possible scientific temperament in the association. This is reflected in the scientific sessions at the recently held annual conference at Bangalore. Indeed the conference has been organized excellently and full credit goes to the hosts, the Karnataka Chapter headed by Prof. S.K. Shankar and Dr. Sujay Prasad.

I do wish to request you all to ensure that despite all odds, despite all difficulties, despite the lack of facilities that we desire, we should neither compromise on professional standards nor on research. Unless we continue with a vision to improve through good research and high standards of service, we cannot expect to meet standards of diagnostic skills expected of us nor keep pace with the developments in our field. Further, those of us who are in teaching institutions should not forget the added responsibility of ensuring training and mentoring our students. They are the future of our profession that is expanding every day.

I am happy that I am succeeded by an eminent and acclaimed academic, Prof. Taralakshmi Venugopal. My congratulations and best wishes to her and our new Vice-President, Prof. Bishan Radotra.

I must admit that in this short period of one year I may not have fulfilled whatever I had planned. Further there may have been shortcomings on my part for which I apologize.

I wish to reiterate that although my tenure has completed my service to IAPM has not and I shall always be available for the association whenever required.

With best wishes

Prof. Kusum Joshi

Bodily exercise, when compulsory, does no harm to the body; but knowledge which is acquired under compulsion obtains no hold on the mind

Plato

[428/427 B.C 348/347 B.C.]

Quo Vadis

The Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists was established in 1949. Several changes have occurred over the years. There has been an enormous explosion of knowledge with subsequent refinement in the form of distinct subspecialties. Paralleling this was the formation of separate associations, societies, academies and bodies for Medical Microbiology, Cytopathology and Hematology. However IAPM has remained a form of parent body for the community of pathologists and microbiologists. Members of other related associations still retain their roots in the association; at least that is the general perception.

Every association survives on the participation of its members. Office Bearers, generally elected or rarely nominated and certain committed members undoubtedly are given the responsibilities as guardians of the association. However the custodian of the constitution and the functioning of the association undoubtedly is vested with every member both as individuals and as the general body. Since it is not possible for the entire family of members to meet often to take stock, this is invariably limited to an annual meeting of the general body. Thus all important decisions that relate to accountability, progress and future plans of the association are taken during the general body meeting. The general body is undoubtedly the best investment of an association with assured returns and dividends that surpass all economics of growth.

A brief look into the register for general body meetings indicate that in about 18 meetings including special sessions there are 1451 signatures. Thus on an average of 80 of us attend each general body meeting. Even in the last conference with nearly 800 delegates around 81 (about a tenth) attended the meeting. These include certain senior members who attend the meetings regularly and members of the Executive Council. Further there are those who are attracted by the hope of moderating the next seminar or symposium!

Elections is another annual event where despite all efforts including using reply paid postal ballots yields around 500 to 600 votes: a fifth of what is expected.

Therefore it is apparent that there has been reluctance on our part to contribute in the improvement of the association. While it may be argued that general body meetings are only of administrative (political to some) interest and have no place in the itinerary of scientists and academics, it must be realized that such disinterest percolates along all levels. Postgraduate students no longer seem to register as members nor are there any peers to guide them about the association. This year a record number of nearly 70 students who submitted abstracts did not register as members. All these abstracts had members of our association as senior authors. Further routine requirements for award papers were not followed in some cases-despite announcements.

While all these may have no bearing on the interest of our members, these are ominous signs. A sample of this surfaced

Meet our President



Prof. Taralakhshmi V. Venugopal, MD, MNAMS, FIMSA, FMMC, FICP, is the new President, IAPM. The ever unassuming, soft-spoken Prof. Taralaksmi was born on 11 September 1940.

She is an alumnus of the Madras Medical College, Chennai, having completed her MBBS in 1966 and MD [Pathology] in 1972 from that institution. She served her alma-mater subsequently in the faculty and rose to retire as the Director and Professor, Institute of Pathology, Madras Medical College and Research Institute, Chennai. Currently she is the Professor and Head, Department of Pathology, SRM Medical College, Hospital and Research Centre, Kattankulathur..

Prof. Venugopal carries with her a rich experience as an excellent teacher. She has been teaching undergraduates for over 37 years and postgraduates for over 32 years.

Her fields of specialization are ocular pathology and cytopathology. Her interests include pulmonary pathology and infectious diseases including mycology. These are subjects that have very few experts in this country. She has thus been associated with several CMEs and

symposia on these topics. To name a few, she moderated the Dr. Gaya Prasad Memorial Symposium on Pulmonary Pathology held at the 52nd Annual Conference of IAPM, Bhubaneswar, December 2003 and was invited to conduct the pre-conference workshop in Mycology in the National Conference to be held at Sri Ramachandra Medical College and Research Institute in October 2005. She has delivered lectures, presented numerous papers, and has several publications to her credit that have been quoted in several books. She has also contributed to the New International Text Book of Medicine Vol.II, the IADVL Textbook and Atlas of Dermatology and has edited the book Mycoses in the New Millennium, 2000 and Mycotic Infections in the 21st Century.

Prof. Taralakhshmi is well-known for her organizational skills having been associated with several conferences and teaching programmes in Chennai.

Prof. Taralakhshmi has been the Vice President of our association (IAPM) in 2004. She has also served as the Vice President of the Society for Indian Human and Animal Mycologists (SIHAM) 2002-2004 and President of the Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry Chapter, of IAPM in the year 1998-2000. She is also a member of several academic societies.

In view of her achievements she has not only been conferred several fellowships but was also awarded the Woman of the year 1997-1998 Medal by the International Biographical Center Cambridge, England. Her biographical sketch appeared in Who's Who in the world 15th, & 16th, Edn. (1998, 1999), USA, Dictionary of International Biography 26th Edn. 1998 and "Outstanding Scientists of the 21st. Century", First Edn. by International Biography Center Cambridge, England.

The Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists is honoured to welcome Prof. Taralakhshmi V. Venugopal as its new President.

Meet our Vice-President



Prof. Bishan D. Radotra is the new Vice-President of IAPM. He is currently a Professor of Histopathology (Neuropath.) at the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education & Research Chandigarh.

He graduated from Govt. Medical College Jammu in 1979 and completed his post graduation from Govt. Medical College, M. D. University, Rohtak on 1984. He joined PGIMER, Chandigarh the same year and on completion of senior residency in 1987, he was appointed as Lecturer in Department of Histopathology where he has served in several positions in the faculty. In 1991, he was awarded a commonwealth scholarship by Government of UK and deputed to The Institute of Pathology at The Queen's University of Belfast (UK) where he was conferred PhD (Neuropathology) in 1995. Subsequently, he has been awarded membership of National Academy of Medical Sciences in 1996. He was a Visiting Fellow to Department of Oncology, The Queen's University of Belfast 1997.

Neuropathology has been his main interest since 1984, although his other subspecialty interests include Dermatopathology and Endocrine Pathology. He has more than 170 publications to his credit and has also contributed to chapters in books. His work is on brain tumours is quoted in reference books. With over 25 years of experience in teaching and research, Prof. Radotra developed curriculum for one-year postgraduate Diploma course in Neuropathology for the Indian College of Pathologists (ICP) and is recognized as postgraduate teacher by Indian College of Pathologists in 2003 for the training of Neuropathologists. He was appointed by the Government of India as a Member advisory committee to set up postgraduate medical institute at national level in Jammu (J&K state). Prof. Radotra has delivered several lectures and has contributed to numerous slide seminars and symposia. He is well known for his organizational skills and has a wide administrative experience. Prof. Radotra served as Honorary Secretary of Indian Association of Pathology and Microbiology (2002-2004). He is a fellow of Indian College of Pathologists (ICP). He is a life member and fellow of many scientific societies including British Neuropathological Society. He also contributes actively to voluntary service.

His dedication, sincerity, commitment and pleasant personality has endeared him to his colleagues, students and all who know him. At the IAPM we all remember him fondly as our previous Honorary Secretary: always calm but in control of the proceedings. He is an excellent human being.

The Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists is privileged to welcome its new Vice-President.

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Obituary

DR. SADASHIVIAH J. NAGALOTIMATH



Dr. Sadasahivaiah Jambaiiah Nagalotimath (SJN) was born at Gadag, Karnataka on 24th July 1940. He was multifaceted: a teacher, a thorough professional, academic, orator, and a writer to name a few. Very rarely do we come across so many facets of human virtues in one individual. His fields of interest and achievements were numerous. However what was always apparent was his perseverance, hard work, and devotion that made him excel academically, socially and spiritually. He was a researcher with a keen sense of analysis, reformer and an efficient organizer. Despite all these qualities he was always unassuming, straightforward, helpful and displayed simplicity that was worth emulating. He served as a role model to many.

Against several odds he completed his MBBS (1965) and MD in Pathology & Microbiology (1970) from Karnatak Medical College, Hubli. His mentor was Prof. M. Krishna Bhargava (Past President IAPM). He then joined J.N. Medical College (JNMC) Belgaum in 1970 at the Dept of Microbiology and became Head of the Department of Pathology in 1974. It was here along with Prof. A.V. Ramaprasad, he developed the renowned Pathology Museum. This is a landmark that has been appreciated both within the country and abroad. It is with this museum he demonstrated his skills in the art and science of museum technology as well as the value of a museum in education.

His tenure at Belgaum literally highlighted the department throughout the country as a centre for quality education. In 1980 the 29th Annual Conference of IAPM was held at Belgaum. All those who attended the conference recall even today the meticulousness and perfection with which he organized the conference. He pioneered the National CME and PG courses in Pathology at JNMC in 1981, which has retained its popularity amongst residents and consultants largely due to Dr. Nagalotimath's contribution even today. He also organized the Indian Academy of Cytologists conference at Belgaum in 1990.

Subsequently Dr Nagalotimath served as Principal of BLDEA's Medical College at Bijapur from 1991 to 1993. There he established the famous 'Stone Museum' that has a collection of stones formed in different parts of the human body. From 1994 to 1996 he was Principal of JSS Medical College at Mysore and Director of its hospita. There he organized the 1st International CME in Surgical Pathology and Cytology in collaboration with AIPNA in 1995. In 1996 he was appointed the first Director of KIMS Hubli, where he organized the 2nd International CME in Surgical Pathology and Cytology. In 1997 Prof Nagalotimath was invited to be the Medical Director of BVV Sangh at Bagalkot and Principal of the new S. N. Medical College and HSK Hospital in 2002, which he established literally from scratch. His skills in organization, his efficient ability to establish departments and administrative capabilities thus made him much sought after. Wherever he went he worked with sincerity and conviction that left an indelible mark.

Prof. Nagalotimath's relentlessly contributed to improving the subject of pathology in this country. He served the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists in various capacities. He was Joint Secretary of IAPM from 1981 to 1983, the Editor in Chief of Indian Journal of Pathology and Microbiology from 1983 to 1987. He served as Secretary of IAPM from 1988 to 1989 and later held the highest office of President in 1993. He was founder member of Indian College of Pathologists (ICP). Later he rose to be the Dean and was presently the Chairman of ICP. Along with Dr Vijay Joshi he was instrumental in starting the International CME in Surgical Pathology and Cytology 'in collaboration with AIPNA in 1995. He was also nominated to be the President of International Academy of Pathology-Indian Division. This distinction of serving all the major academic bodies related to pathology in different positions is unsurpassed. He has been the recipient of several noteworthy awards like 'the Hari Om Ashram Alembic Research Award' in 1986 for his work on bruceellosis. In 1989 he was conferred the Dr B.C. Roy Award for his contribution to Museum Technology. His research contribution included bruceellosis, fluorosis, guinea worm, diabetes (pancreatic calcification) and sediment cytology. Dr Nagalotimath was a charming speaker and a great teacher and his proud students are settled all over the world. He was a voracious reader and a voluminous writer. More than 125 of his scientific papers have appeared in national and international journals; and he has contributed several chapters in medical textbooks. He was one of the editors of 'Textbook of Pathology' of IAPM.

His writings in Kannada on medical science (more than 40 books) earned him thousands of fans throughout the Karnataka state. Two of these books got him the Karnataka State Sahitya Academy Award in 1989. His autobiography in Kannada 'Bichhida Jolige' is considered to be a rare gem. Considering his achievements the Government of Karnataka conferred on him the Karnataka Rajyotsava Award in 1994. Prof. Nagalotimath started a monthly health magazine in Kannada, 'Jeevanadi' (published from Bangalore) to educate the rural population mainly on health related topic. The magazine has become very popular and has a wide readership. He was President of Karnataka State Vidnyana Parishad for three consecutive terms. In 1986 he started the 'Belgaum Science Centre' for school children which is considered to be the best and a model science centre in the state.

He had a religious bent of mind too, and had close contact with many Swamijis. In fact the Vibhuti on his forehead was a hallmark. He was both traditional and unconventional, combining science with religion. He amazed the Swamijis by reinterpreting Vachanas (poems of life's experience) written by spiritual and social reformers of the past on a scientific and medical basis. He has thus given a new dimension to these Vachanas.

Prof Nagalotimath passed away after a brief illness on 24 October 2006. In him we have lost a multifaceted personality; a life that was always vibrant. Members of IAPM we shall miss him dearly. Sitting in the front row, invariably in a white shirt, shawl wrapped over his shoulders, vibhuti on his forehead and greeting everyone with a smile, he was a part of every annual conference. With all humility he would patiently attend every session. No official meeting of the association was complete without him. Whenever necessary he would give his suggestions and comments in an extremely convincing and logical manner. The association and all those who knew him have lost a friend, philosopher, guide, counsel and above all an excellent human being.

We pray to the Almighty to provide his grief-stricken family members with strength and fortitude to face the loss on his death and we pray that this noble and striving soul may rest in peace!

[This Obituary is based on the one written by Prof. P.V.Patil for the Indian Journal of Pathology and Microbiology and the photograph has been provided by Dr. Mala Banerjee]

FELLOWSHIP OF THE INDIAN COLLEGE OF PATHOLOGISTS (ICP)

The Indian College of Pathologists [ICP] awards Fellowships to eligible members of the IAPM every year. Up to 10 such fellowships are awarded each year. Only senior IAPM members of at least 10 years standing are eligible to apply. The applicant should have contributed substantially to IAPM and to the subject of pathology in general by way of teaching, research and publications etc. Applications will be screened by the Credential Committee, Executive Committee, and Faculty Council of ICP.

All applications are to be made in the prescribed application form that may be obtained on written request from the Secretary ICP:

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DR. GAYA PRASAD SYMPOSIUM 2006

Few CDs of the proceedings of the Dr. Gaya Prasad Symposium on Pathology of Stroke in India held during APCON 2006 at Bangalore are available. These are being distributed free of cost. All members of IAPM desirous of obtaining a copy of this CD may please contact the moderator Prof. Bishan D. Radotra, regarding availability and postage:

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56th ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF IAPM [APCON2007]

The 56th Annual Conference of IAPM [APCON 2007] is being organized by the Department of Histopathology, Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research [PGIMER], Chandigarh 160012 from Tuesday 27th November 2007 to Thursday 29th November 2007.

This will be preceded by the IAP-ID Annual Meeting and a two-day CME at Chandigarh.

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From the Desk of the Joint Secretary [Headquarters] : News from IAPM Headquarters [2005-2006]

There are very few associations in this country that can boast of a house or a building that is their exclusive headquarters. Our association is one such proud owner of the headquarters. This is the IAPM House at Cuttack. The mutation work is in progress and IAPM Headquarters is paying the Municipal Holding Tax regularly having been allotted a holding number.

The IAPM House has two floors and the construction for the second floor is underway. This construction has been possible due to the generous grants provided by Sri Surendra Nath and Sri Rudranarayan Pani Honourable Members of Parliament, Rajya Sabha who have contributed Rs.3 Lakhs and Rs.2 Lakhs respectively from the M.P.LAD Funds. This construction is going on under guidance of the Collector, Cuttack.

In addition to the office space there are Guest Rooms on the first floor. These are ready except for some minor furnishings. At Rs.100.00 per day, members can utilize these facilities while at Cuttack. In fact this is the ideal location to visit Orissa's golden triangle of Puri, Konark and Bhubaneswar. All these sites are well connected by road and provide a glimpse of the rich heritage of our country.

The Headquarters is under the care of the Joint Secretary (Headquarters). He is nominated by the Orissa Chapter of IAPM. We have had able and capable members in the Joint secretary (Headquarters).

The IAPM Headquarters is one of the most active arms of the association. There are several regular activities of the association. Often our members are not aware of these.

Continuing Medical Education- The CME at the Headquarters was the second such CME in 2006 and will be a regular feature in the month of April every year. The



Prof. D N. Lanjewar at the health camp at Nimur High School, Cuttack

CME was organized at IAPM HQ on 8th April 2006. Nearly 300 delegates including postgraduate students of all medical colleges participated. The interaction between the young and senior Pathologist and microbiologist was memorable. All the participants agreed to spread the acquired knowledge & medical information amongst general public so as to enrich their awareness.

The academic programme included a Symposium on HIV/AIDS by Dr. R.N.Panda, Dr. Annapurna Mishra, and Dr.S.C.Mohanty from OSACS; Guest Lectures on Autopsy in AIDS by Prof. D.N. Lanjewar Grant Medical College,



Recent photograph of the IAPM Headquarters building at Cuttack

Mumbai, on Oculomycosis by Dr. N. Naik, AIIMS, New Delhi, and on Laboratory Diagnosis of AIDS by Prof. Nirupama Chayani from Cuttack. A Cytology Slide Seminar was moderated by Dr. Niranjana Rout, Cuttack.

Monthly seminar at IAPM House: Academic seminars are organized at IAPM house every month. The monthly seminar is followed by business meeting of IAPM(HQ) advisory committee where the development work of IAPM HQ are discussed and the reports are sent to Hon. Secretary IAPM.

Public Health Awareness Camps: The IAPM Headquarters conducted a blood grouping health camp at Nimur High School, Jagatpur, Cuttack in the presence of Dr. D. N. Lanjewar, Secretary ICP on 9th April 2006. Similar camps were conducted round the year at various places as a voluntary service to the public in general.

Computerization of IAPM Directory: The IAPM Headquarters is maintaining the address of members for the Hon. Treasurer IAPM and updating them from time to time with the help of Dr.N.Rout, Ex-treasurer IAPM. Members are therefore requested to inform the IAPM Headquarters also regarding a change in their addresses. This is an important activity that has been undertaken by the Headquarters of IAPM and will benefit the association and its members. This will also help in publishing the address book regularly.

Storage of documents at IAPM House: The IAPM Headquarters has been over past several years trying to develop an archive of the association. One of the proposals is to store and record all old journals of the association [Indian Journal of Pathology and Microbiology]. Old issues received earlier from Ex-Editor Dr.S.K.Shahi have been verified and arranged volume wise. In due course the journals that are not available would be announced and members are requested to submit these issues to replenish the missing copies so that a complete stock of journals are available for future reference.

It is proposed that journals will be stored electronically and it is estimated that the charges for conversion of one copy of our journal will be around Rs.10/- per page.

Contribution to the IAPM headquarters: Donations to the IAPM Headquarters is exempted from Income Tax under Section 80G. Several generous members and organizers of annual conferences have contributed to the IAPM Headquarters Fund. Members are requested to contribute to the fund.

APCON - 2006



Prof. P. Balaram, Director Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore delivering the address at the inaugural ceremony of APCON 2006

The 55th Annual Conference of the IAPM [APCON 2006] from 7th to 9th December 2006 was a landmark created by the Karnataka Chapter of the association. The essence of Bangalore or Bengaluru, the Garden City and the Silicon Valley of this country was felt at every nook and corner of the conference. Several features set a benchmark for future conferences.

Firstly the team-work under the able guidance of Prof. S.K.Shankar [you just had to think of him and he would be there!], Prof. Kumar [always articulate and innovative!] and Dr. Sujay Prasad [who became the virtual trademark of the conference!] was an example to follow.

Responsibility and duties were executed and

fulfilled like the latest processors. Everyone involved including silent heroes and heroines who toiled behind the scenes deserve all praise.

Months preceding the conference we were introduced to an interactive website. This became the life line between the delegates and the conference. For the first time an APCON witnessed both on-line registration and submission of abstracts. The acceptance and allotment of abstracts was also electronically available. E-mails, SMS regarding status of abstracts, virtual slides, on-site print-outs of badges, receipts and certificates at the registration desk completed the indulgence in IT technology.

The venue was appropriate. A modern convention



A galaxy of our Past Presidents at the inaugural ceremony of APCON 2006 at the NIMHANS Convention Centre, Bangalore

center in of the best institutions of this country, NIMHANS, provided the right ambience. Well appointed halls and auditorium, a large space for displaying posters was exactly what was prescribed by academics. Even the lay-out of the exhibition especially in the foyer was a departure from closed cubicles to open exhibitions. The highlight was a photographic exhibition of some of our stalwarts who are no more. The halls of scientific deliberations were named the Khanolkar, Ramalingaswami, B.K.Aikat, Ngalotimath and Ananthanarayan Halls.

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APCON 2006

The inauguration on the evening of 6th December 2006 was in itself a delight. In the auditorium was an extremely rare sight. Three consecutive Chairpersons of our annual conferences held at Bangalore were present: Prof. K.M.Bhargava (1986), Prof. A.V.Ramaprasad (1996) and Prof.S.K.Shankar (2006). The Chief Guest of the evening Prof. P. Balaram, Director, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore delivered a scholarly speech on the virtues of science and how individual subjects that have evolved are actually complimentary and serve each other. Science can benefit man-kind only when every branch contributes and supplements each other. This set the tone for the conference. Various awards for 2005 were presented during this ceremony.

The Prof. B.K.Aikat Memorial Oration on the Role of the Histopathologist in the era of transplantation was delivered by Prof. Kusum Joshi, President of our association as the inaugural session of the conference on 7th December 2006.. Two masterly Guest Lectures by Dr. Aruna Chakravarty, Leeds, UK [Pathology of Dementia] and by Prof. Jaan Bak, Bergen, Norway [Genomics and Proteomics in Neoplasia] held the audience spell-bound. The Plenary Session for the Dr. K.C.Basu Mallick Award was held on the first day [7th December 2006].The second day

started with the Slide Seminar on Pediatric Pathology moderated by Lt.Col.S.S.Gill from AFMC, Pune. The morning also had the Plenary Session for the Best Paper Award and the Dr. Gaya Prasad Memorial Symposium on the Pathology of Stroke in India moderated by Prof. B.D.Radotra, PGIMER, Chandigarh. The third day commenced with the Usha Hardas Memorial Microbiology Symposium on Reproductive Tract Infections moderated by Prof. Meera Sharma, PGIMER, Chandigarh.

This year a total of 807 delegates registered for the IAPM conference and 375 abstracts were accepted: 103 for oral platform and 272 for poster presentations. Of these, 98 papers and 243 posters were presented. The local organizers very kindly awarded two prizes each for the best posters displayed on the on the 7th [Dr. Babina B. Thangjam, Bharati Vidyapeeth Medical College, Pune and Dr.Geetha JP from JJM Medical College, Davengere] and 8th December [Dr. Sakshi Malhotra, KMC Mangalore and Dr. Nisheena Raghavan, St.Johns Medical College, Bangalore]. In addition there were poster quizzes [another first] in Pathology conducted by Dr.N.Jayaram and in Microbiology by Dr. Satish Ambernath.

Several new sessions were introduced by the IAPM for the first time under the "Postgraduate Series". A session on Careers in Pathology by a galaxy of speakers was an

eye-opener for the young and the old! Prof. K.P.Aravindan and Prof. Anita Borges enthralled the audience debating on Mitotic Figures are the sine qua non of malignancy. The How I do it session generated keen interest with a video on demonstration of esophageal varices at autopsy [Dr. D.N.Lanjewar],examination of urine [Dr.A.K.Dinda] and How to improve your presentation [Mr. Yogesh Kumar]. There were two new parallel symposia: one in Microbiology [Chlamydial Infections moderated by Dr. Gita Sathpathy Panda] and in Hematology [Vascular Thrombo-embolism: Role of Laboratory Physicians moderated by Lt.Col.(Dr.) Deepak Mishra]. A panel discussion on IAPM Guidelines : The beginning or the end? saw the use of voting pads for the first time. Breakfast sessions by different subspecialty groups completed the list.Some of the groups discussed matters that would go a long way in improving diagnostic, teaching and research activities in their respective fields.

The best of Udipi cuisine, cultural show by medical students and a banquet with a laser show, songs and dance with a palace as a backdrop provided the right relief from the hectic academic sessions.

Thank You Bengaluru! You have really made the conference memorable.

We hope to meet again at Chandigarh in 2007!

Forthcoming Events

EVENT	DATES	VENUE	CONTACT
XIIIth National CME in Hematology and Hematooncology	4-7 January 2007	Bombay Hospital Institute of Medical Sciences, Mumbai	Prof. (Dr.) M.B.Agarwal,[Programme Director], Hematology Centre, Vijay Sadan,168-B, Dr. B. Ambedkar Road, Dadar TT, Mumbai 400014 E-mail:mbagarwal@hotmail.com Tel Nos: 022-24153790, 24142272 Mob: +91-9820024850]
CME on Surgical Pathology & Cytology	8 January 2007	Gandhi Medical College, Bhopal	Dr. Reeni Malik, Dept. of Pathology, Gandhi Medical College, Bhopal 462001 [E-mail: reenimalik2002@yahoo.co.in Tel Nos:0755-4050140, 4050141 Mob:+91-9827054497]
XIIth International CME in Surgical Pathology and Cytology	18-20 January 2007	S.G.Barve Auditorium, Alpa Bachat Cultural Complex & Convention Centre, 7 Queens Garden, Behind Council Hall, Pun-411001	Conference Secretariat: "Parimal" 1194/22 Ghole Road, Shivajinagar, Pune 411004 Tel: 020-39514299 Mob: +91-9822403237 Website:www.intcme2007.org
1st International CME in Bone Pathology, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi ,in collaboration with Harvard Medical School and Yale Medical School, USA	23-25 February 2007	India Habitat Centre, New Delhi	Prof. Rajni Safaya, Dept. of Pathology, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Ansari Nagar, New Delhi 110029 E mail : rajni97@hotmail.com Tel No. +91-9810054729
National Symposium on Lung Pathology	05 April 2007	Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute University of Delhi	Dr Ritu Kulshetra, Org. Secretary, Lecturer, Dept of Pathology, Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute, University of Delhi, Delhi 110007 [E-mail: ritukumar71@yahoo.com Mob. 9891334373, 27667102/27667441 Ext 114/139
IAPM Headquarters CME 2007	14 April 2007	IAPM House, Cuttack	Dr. N. C. Parija, Joint Secretary (HQ), IAPM House, Chahata, Bidanasi, Cuttack 753014 E-mail: iapmhqkatak@rediffmail.com Tel. : 0671-6451443
IAP-ID 10th Annual CME on Tumor and Tumor-like lesions of soft tissues	28-29 July 2007	Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences, Hyderabad	Dr. Shantaveer G. Uppin, Dept. of Pathology, Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences, Punjagutta, Hyderabad E-mail:drsguppi@yahoo.co.in Tel Nos:040-23320332 Ext 151 Mob:09866231933
5th National CME in Pathology	11-13 August 2007	Calicut Towers, Indira Gandhi Road, Calicut 673004	Dr. K. P. Aravindan, Dept. of Pathology, Medical College, Calicut 673008 Mob : 09349113880 E-mail : kparavindan@gmail.com Website : cmeatcalicut.com/iapmkerala.com
Update in Surgical Pathology 2007	31 August - 2 September 2007	Choksi Auditorium, Tata Memorial Hospital, Ernest Borges Marg, Parel, Mumbai 400012	Dr. Mmukta Ramadwar,Dept.of Pathology, 8th Floor, Annexe Building, Tata Memorial Hospital, Ernest Borges Marg, Parel, Mumbai 400012 E-mail: muktaramadwar@gmail.com Tel No. : 022-24177263 Mob : 09322508455
XVI Annual conference of IAPM UP Chapter [UP-PATHMICON 23007]	06 October 2007	Subharati Medical College, Meerut	Dr. Anjali Khare, dept. of Pathology, Subharati Medical College, Delhi-Hardwar Bypass Road, Meerut250002 E-mail: uppathmicon@yahoo.com Tel; 021-2439056
Pre-Conference CME	24-25 November 2007	Chandigarh	Dr. R. K.Vasishta, Dept. of Histopathology, Postgraduate Institute of Medical education and Research, Chandigarh 160012 Tel: 0172-2755137-38, E-mail: rkvasishta@gmail.com /apcon2007@gmail.com, Website:www.apcon2007.com]
International Academy of Pathology-Indian Division [IAP-ID] Annual Meeting	26 November 2007	PGIMER, Chandigarh	
56th Annual Conference IAPM [APCON 2007]	27-29 November 2007	PGIMER, Chandigarh	

Participation in Annual Conferences

All are requested to note that as of date only members are permitted to present papers and posters in annual conferences. Kindly convey this to your colleagues and students so that they may apply for membership immediately. Please contact office-bearers in case of difficulty.

Role of IAPM in Annual Conferences ?

The Honorary Secretary has been asked by several members regarding the role of IAPM in our annual conferences! It appeared to them that the IAPM was only doing an administrative function of enrolling members and sending News Bulletins and Journals (invariably late and often to the wrong addresses!). There was apparently nothing academic about the association. It must be clarified that the entire scientific sessions of the annual conference is conceived and planned by the parent body. This includes everything from presentations to lectures, symposia etc. Undoubtedly this is done with the help from numerous members and with the close co-operation of the local organizers who have the stupendous task of hosting the event. This practice is common to all academic associations including ours in the past, present and future. It goes without saying that the association looks forward to the views of our members on the changes brought about in the last conferences and suggestions for improving future conferences.

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**Minutes of the 55th General Body Meeting held on Friday 08th December 2006 at 18.30 Hours at the NIMHANS Convention Centre, Bengaluru, [Bangalore]
[Venue of the, 55th Annual Conference of IAPM (APCON 2006)]**

The Meeting was held with Prof. Kusum Joshi, President IAPM in the Chair.

A total of 81 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: Byelaws]

Prof PV Patil, Past President IAPM, Prof. M.K. Singh, Vice-President, IAPM and Dr. Niranjn Rout, Past Treasurer IAPM had expressed their inability to attend the meeting to the Honorary Secretary verbally.

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

- (i) Dr. D. N. Lanjewar informed about the sad demise of one of our Past Presidents [1983], Dr. G.V Talwalkar [L/1966/772] on 09 March 2006.

Dr. D. N. Lanjewar also kindly provided a photograph and an obituary. Dr. Shubhada Kane also helped in editing the obituary. The obituary and the photograph of Dr. G.V. Talwalkar (18 April 1923 -09 March 2006) was printed in the IAPM News Bulletin (Vol 03/06 page 03, May-July 2006 issue)

- (ii) The passing away of one of our active Life Members, Dr. Nalini Venugopal [L1976/521] on 31 May 2006 was obtained from the ICP News Bulletin.

Members were informed of the sad news in the IAPM News Bulletin (Vol 03/06 page 03, May-July 2006 issue). Subsequently Dr. Francisco Couto helped in providing the obituary and the photograph of Dr. Nalini Venugopal (30 December 1944-31 May 2006) which were printed in the next IAPM News Bulletin (Vol 04/06 page 03, August-October 2006 issue)

- (iii) Dr. Prakash V. Patil informed through an E-mail the sad demise of one of our revered Past President, (1993), Honorary Secretary (1988-1989), Honorary Editor (1983-1987) and Honorary Joint Secretary (1981-1983) Dr. S.J. Nagalotimath [L/1968/508] on 24 October 2006.

The sad news was printed in the IAPM News Bulletin (Vol 04/06 page 03, August-October 2006 issue). A befitting obituary of Dr. S. J. Nagalotimath (20 July 1940-24 October 2006) would be printed in the next IAPM News Bulletin and members were requested to provide the necessary text and photographs for this purpose.

- (iv) Dr. Ashish Darbari in a letter dated 4th October 2006 informed that his father Dr. B.S. Darbari [L/1993/970] had passed away on 4th May 2002 and requested that his membership may be closed. The association had not received this sad news earlier.

Resolution 1/2006 : The General Body observed a minute of silence in memory of the departed members. Rich tributes were paid 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 G. V. Talwalkar, DR. Nalini Venugopal, Dr. S. J. Nagalotimath in the year 2006 and Dr. B.S. Darbari earlier in 2002.

Proposed action to be taken :

- (i) It is necessary to draft an appropriate obituary of Dr S. J. Nagalotimath. Members associated with him may please come forward to help in the preparation of the obituary and provide photographs.
(ii) Photographs and obituaries are printed in the IAPM News Bulletin
(iii) Letters of condolence are to be sent to the bereaved families

Item No. 2 : Confirmation of the minutes of 54th General Body Meeting of IAPM

? The Minutes discussed in the Meeting of the Executive Council and subsequently in the General Body during the 54th Annual Conference of the IAPM at Indore on 30th November 2005 and printed as a supplement to the IAPM News Bulletin Vol. 01 & 02, January-April 2006 was placed for the kind perusal of the honourable members.

? The minutes were unanimously confirmed and accepted by the members present.

Item No. 3 : Matters related to Membership

3.1: Admission of new members to IAPM, 2006

The existing list of IAPM Members [as available and printed in the IAPM News Bulletin Vol 3 May-July 2006] is :

Life Members	: 2549	} 3377
Ordinary Members	: 828	
Associate Members	: 24	
Honorary Members	: 20	

The Honorary Treasurer, Prof Kanaklata Dei has informed that 357 applicants have been proposed for admission into the primary membership of the IAPM:

Associate Members	: 100	} 256
Ordinary Members	: 156*	
Honorary Members	: NIL	

? *Seventy applicants have applied for direct Life Membership

? Only processing fee [Rs. 100.00 only] has been paid by 101 applicants

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 : New Proposal Form for Membership

As discussed in the previous meeting of the Executive Council and the General Body [Item 3.1], the existing Proposal Form needed to be redesigned to make it more clear and friendly. This had been done. This form can also be downloaded from the IAPM website [www.iapm.net.in].

Some forms have been provided to the Honorary Treasurer and any other member who needs these forms can collect them from the Honorary Secretary.

3.4: New Membership Directory

The new IAPM Membership Directory has been printed. The previous Honorary Treasurer Dr Niranjn Rout was responsible for completing this Herculean task.

The efforts of Dr. Niranjn Rout were gratefully acknowledged by the members.

Some members felt that instead of arranging the names in the order of the IAPM Membership numbers this should be done alphabetically. It was pointed out that a alphabetic list is provided as an index and the members could refer to this to determine the IAPM Number that could then be used for tracing the required information. However it was still felt that in future an alphabetical list should be available.

Dr. Niranjn Rout had mentioned to the Honorary Secretary that since the cost of preparing and printing the Directory in the form of a book is expensive, a CD may be a cheaper alternative. This suggestion was appreciated by the members. However it was felt that since CDs would require ready access to computers and may be easily duplicated, for the time being the existing practice of printing books should continue.

Further it was pointed out that all Members should receive a copy of this directory

3.5 : Decision on requests for copies of Membership Directory from various organizers of conferences, companies etc.

The Honorary Secretary receives numerous requests from Organizers of Conferences and various companies for a copy of the membership directory of the association.

The Honorary Secretary has in the past year provided addresses only to the Organizing Secretary of the Annual Conference of IAPM and the International CME in Surgical Pathology since this involves members of the association.

Hence the Honorary Secretary requested a discussion on

- ? Whether Others may be provided with the directory
? The category of organizations that may receive the addresses
? Whether the book or an electronic version is to be provided [Duplication is easier in the latter]
? Payment if any that should be collected for providing the addresses
? The office from where this should be done [Ideally the Honorary Treasurers Office]

3.6: Problem of presenting authors at Annual Conferences not being members of IAPM

This year the Honorary Secretary faced tremendous difficulties due to a large number of delegates who were desirous of presenting papers /posters in the annual conference but were not members.

- ? By convention IAPM Membership is mandatory for presenting authors
? This year due to on-line submission and computerization detection of such short-coming was easier and at one point of time over 70 delegates did not have IAPM Membership numbers.
? Majority of such delegates were postgraduate students [Unfortunately their senior authors who included their teachers who are members of IAPM perhaps did not consider it necessary to guide them in this regard]
? Many applied for membership after reminders, SMS and finally a letter with the Proposal Form attached.

These matters were discussed at length. While it was appreciated that students should be encouraged to present papers and posters, it was also pointed out that the constitution of the association cannot be undermined. Hence if any



relaxation was to be made this could be done within the frame-work of the existing rules and regulations and if necessary by bringing out the necessary changes in the constitution.

3.7: Status of Research Scholars who are students for IAPM members at Annual Conferences especially with regard to presentation of papers / posters

Several honourable members are guides of PhD and Non-Medical scientists who do good basic research. Such research scholars cannot present papers / posters [which are otherwise of a high academic quality] in the IAPM Annual Conference due to the membership clause.

Various suggestions were put forward to resolve this issue. The most acceptable one was to include these members as Associate Members only with the clause that they would neither have voting rights nor be able to contest for or hold any official position in the association. In short these members would only have access to and participate in all academic and scientific activities of the association. Apparently similar memberships exist in some of the other scientific bodies / associations in the country.

However it was once again pointed out that these changes could be incorporated after necessary amendments in the constitution.

3.8: Problem of applicants paying only the processing fee of Rs100.00 only.

With the introduction of a processing fee for the membership application, several applicants pay only the processing fee. These applicants later do not even respond. Further the association, especially the Honorary Treasurer is overburdened with the task of tracing such cases. Some students apply with the processing fee to obtain the "Applied For" tag so that they may present papers during our Annual Conference. They may not become members thereafter.

- ? It is requested that applications with the processing fee must not be accepted. At least one year's membership fee must accompany the form.
- ? While it is mandatory to ratify each and every application form by the General Body, some modification in the constitution may be considered so that at least one issue of the News Bulletin and the journal is received by those members who apply within six months of application. This will prevent the complaints of delayed membership after application.
- ? Senior members indicated that since it was enshrined in the constitution of the association that the General Body should ratify all requests for membership, it would not be advisable to deviate from this practice. Hence it was necessary to alter the constitution for this purpose.
- ? One of the suggestion put forth during the meeting of the Executive Council held a day earlier was to provisionally accept membership and ratify later during the General Body Meeting since till date no membership application, correct in all respects has never been rejected by the General Body and ratification is a mere formality.

Resolutions 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7, 3.8, 3.9/2006

- 3.1/2006 :** All the applicants were accepted for admission to various categories of membership as proposed and completed
- 3.2/2006 :** The New Application Form is accepted and members would point out shortcomings if any. The old form should not be used to maintain uniformity of applications.
- 3.3/2006 :** State Chapters are requested to ensure that their members are primarily members of the parent IAPM. All State Chapter Chairpersons / Secretaries should provide a list of members to the Joint Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer.
- 3.4/2006 :** 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 and update the address book.
- 3.5/2006 :** All members should receive a copy of the address book.
- 3.6/2006 :** The association should continue to provide the Organizers of the Annual Conference of IAPM and the Surgical Pathology CME the address book free of charge. All other commercial organizations may be provided a copy of the address book [not CD] on payment of Rs. 5000.00 only [Rupees five thousands only] to the Treasurer, IAPM.
- 3.7/2006 :** All future announcements regarding the annual conference must clearly spell out the eligibility criteria for presentations of papers and posters. These must be adhered to strictly.
- 3.8/2006 :** No application for membership shall be entertained by the association without both the processing fee and the requisite membership fee amounting to not less than the fee for one year or more as the case may be. The Honorary Treasurer can inform all such applicants. Members who propose and second such membership applications are requested to inform the applicants regarding this requirement
- 3.9/2006 :** Since several issues were raised that required modifications and amendments in the constitution, a Committee would be set up to look into these matters. Some of the points that needed attention were:
 - (i) Status of applicants during the year of application for membership pending current requirement of ratification by the General Body including presenting papers and posters in annual conferences and receipt of journals etc.
 - (ii) Changes in the procedure for accepting members and any alteration in the status of applicants as in (i) above.
 - (iii) Whether non-members such as students of regular members or

co-authors from other specialties who have contributed to the scientific study being presented in a major way should be permitted to present papers / posters in the annual conferences.

- (iv) Acceptance of non-medical scientists as members of the association and if acceptable their status in the association
- (v) Any other matter related to the constitution of the association

The Honorary Secretary was assigned the task of identifying the members of the committee for this purpose.

After much thought and deliberation, in keeping with the vast knowledge, previous experience, expertise and commitment, the Honorary Secretary is pleased to nominate Prof. C.I. Jhala and Prof. Balaraman Nair as core members of the committee. Both Prof. Jhala and Prof. Nair are free to co-opt any other member / members into the committee and seek the assistance, opinion and suggestions of any member as deemed fit.

All suggestions regarding the above matters may please be directed to the Honorary Secretary or to the above respected members of the committee.

The committee would present their suggestions during the next annual conference. As required a special session may be convened for this purpose.

Item No. 4 Matters related to Elections

4.1: Declaration of results for the post of President 2005-2006

Nominations for the post of President IAPM was invited in the IAPM News Bulletin May/July 2006

Nominations received within the stipulated date:

Prof Taralakshmi Venugopal, Chennai [L783] on 26.09.2006

Prof Manoj K Singh, New Delhi [L1180] on 29.09.2006

Dr. B. D. Radotra, Chandigarh [L 876] on 30.09.2006

Nominations withdrawn before the last date for filing nominations : NIL

Nominations withdrawn before the last date for withdrawal of nominations:

Dr. B.D. Radotra on 14.10.2006 [informed of one candidate for one post]

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

Prof. Taralakshmi Venugopal, Chennai [L783]

Prof. Manoj K. Singh, New Delhi [L1180]

Total Ballots posted	:	3333
Total ballots returned undelivered	:	75
Total ballots received after voting	:	587
Invalid votes	:	106
Total Votes declared valid	:	481
Votes in favour of Prof Taralakshmi Venugopal	:	257
Votes in favour of Prof. Manoj Kumar Singh	:	224

Result of Election : Prof. Taralakshmi Venugopal was declared elected to the post of President, IAPM for the year 2006-2007

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. Bhardwaj, Past President, IAPM, Dr. B. D. Radotra, Past Honorary Secretary IAPM and Dr. S. Datta Gupta, Honorary Secretary, IAPM at Bangalore on 06 December, 2006

4.2: Declaration of results for the post of Vice-President 2006-2007

Nominations for the post of Vice-President IAPM were invited in the IAPM News Bulletin Moay-July 2006

Nominations received within the stipulated date:

Dr. B. D. Radotra, Chandigarh [L876] on 30.09.2006

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, Dr. B. D. Radotra, Chandigarh is elected unopposed to the post of Vice President, IAPM for the year 2006-2007

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

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

The Executive Council proposed two names for the purpose of conducting elections in 2007. These names were considered from members in and around Delhi since the office of the Honorary Secretary is located there. It was felt that since there would be election for several posts in 2007 it would be advisable to count the votes at New Delhi rather than at the venue of the Annual Conference, as was done in the last and this year.

4.4: Discussion on the changes in the system of Postal Ballot

- ? Every year the number of voters is only a fraction of the total membership of the association. Last year a discussion on this matter took place. Various views were expressed including the inconvenience of affixing postage stamps. Since affixing postage for over 3000 ballots many of which may not be posted would be a waste, this year the system of Business Reply Envelopes was introduced. Only the envelopes that return are paid for.
- ? Since counting of votes is preceded by checking the membership status of voters, space was provided in the outer envelope for members to enter membership details. This saved immense time since checking of the



eligibility status was done prior to the actual counting. There was some criticism that an element of bias could enter because the origin of the voter could be identified. The Business Reply Envelope provided an additional cover and also since the post office gives the count of envelopes for their accounting purposes there is no likelihood of any inadvertent or otherwise loss of envelopes.

- ? Receiving and counting of votes in the conference venue provides easy access for any observer to examine the counting process

All the above changes were brought due to numerous suggestions received from senior members of the association including Past Presidents. The Organizing Secretary, APCON 2006 had helped the Honorary Secretary with the registration for the Business Reply Envelope at the G.P.O. Bangalore and provided all support to ensure that this system worked.

The members welcomed the change and appreciated the assistance rendered by the Organizing Secretary, APCON 2006. However there was grave concern that despite all efforts members did not choose to vote.

Resolutions 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4/2006

- 4.1/2005:** The General Body accepted the Election of Prof. Taralakshmi Venugopal to the post of President, 2006-2007.
- 4.2/2005:** The General Body accepted the Election of Prof B.D.Radotra to the post of Vice President, 2006-2007
- 4.3/2005:** The overwhelming majority agreed that the system of Business Reply Paid Envelope was helpful.
- 4.4/2005:** The General body accepted the names of Lt. Gen. JR Bharadwaj, and Prof. Kusum Joshi to assist the Honorary Secretary in conducting elections during the year 2006.
- 4.5/2006:** As a measure to ensure voting during the annual elections, a copy of the list of members to whom ballots have been posted would be sent to Chairpersons of different State Chapters.

Item No. 5 Matters related to constitution

5.1: Use of IAPM Regd. No. 22157/138 of 2005-06 in the IAPM News Bulletin and all publication of IAPM. [This registration number has been accepted by Income Tax Department]

The IAPM News Bulletin carries the following "Founded in 1949 & Registered under the Society Act of 1863, Reg. No 669 of 1953-5" since a long time.

The Joint Secretary [Headquarters] has suggested the use of IAPM Reg. No.22157/138 of 2005-06 in the IAPM News Bulletin since this number has been accepted by the Income Tax Department.

The Honorary Secretary also has a Certificate of Registration from the Registrar of Societies, Greater Bombay Region 1977.

It was discussed at length in the Meeting of the Executive Council a day earlier regarding whether all these numbers are to be printed or any particular number should be used. The general opinion was that all available registration numbers should be displayed or printed.

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

The Honorary Secretary's Office incurs expenses related to printing of News Bulletin, correspondence related to Annual Conference and with members and expenses related to conducting elections. Similar expenses are incurred by other office bearers, notably the Editor-in Chief. All such expenses are borne by the Honorary Treasurer who transfers the requested amount through a Demand Draft. Due to regulations followed by banks certain observations have been made:

- ? For an Association to open an account an authenticated copy of the Constitution and Bye-Laws is to be deposited in the bank
- ? 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 minutes thereof should be available with the bank
- ? As far as possible all transactions and payments should be by Cheque or Demand Draft paid to an account.

Dr Niranjana Rout, Past Honorary Treasurer in his letter dated 05.10.06 has reiterated the need for two signatories for operating accounts. He has suggested that Sl No. 14 (viii) Part II of the Rules and Bye Laws of IAPM allows for co-opting a member to assist the Treasurer. He has also suggested

- ? Similar provision may be extended to the Honorary Secretary and Editor-in-Chief
- ? Such co-opted members should be Life Members and will be designated as Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer and Assistant editor as the case may be
- ? Such members shall not be members of the council
- ? They shall be nominated by the respective office-bearers and approved by the President and Honorary Secretary
- ? They shall specifically assist the office-bearer and be a authorized signatory for operating Joint Bank Accounts along with the office-bearer

It may be mentioned that the Honorary Secretary had received a letter (undated) from the Honorary Treasurer regarding the nomination of Dr Sukumar Chakravarty (L/1998/1570) for the above co-opted post.

5.3: Implementation of the Disciplinary Committee

According to Part II 12 (ii) of the Constitution and Rules of the association, the Executive Council has the powers to appoint various committees as and when necessary.

It was accepted that a Disciplinary Committee should be nominated every year.

Resolutions 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4/2006:

- 5.1/2006:** The General Body endorsed the recommendation of the Executive Council that all the available registration numbers should be printed in a descending chronological order in all official publications of the

association. The latest registration number would be printed first followed by the previous ones with the prefix "Formerly" preceding the earlier numbers, if necessary.

- 5.2/2006:** The nomination of Dr. Sukumar Chakravarty (L/1998/1570) to assist the Honorary Treasurer and also as an additional authorized signatory for cheques related to the accounts of the Honorary Treasurer, IAPM was accepted.
- 5.3/2006:** Dr. M.K. Singh, Past Vice-President, IAPM is authorized to continue as the second signatory for cheques related to the accounts of the Honorary Secretary at New Delhi.
- 5.4/2006:** Prof. Balaraman Nair, Prof. A.M.Phatak and Prof. R.K.Gupta, Past Presidents, IAPM were accepted as members of the Disciplinary Committee of the IAPM for the year 2006-2007.

Item No.6 Venue for Conferences

6.1: 56th Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Pathologists & Microbiologists 2007 (APCON 2007)

The Delhi Chapter, IAPM had bid to host the 56th Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists [APCON 2007] at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi during the annual General Body Meeting of the IAPM in 2005.

Unfortunately the prospective hosts expressed their inability to organize the conference at Delhi in 2007.

The Chairperson then requested the members of the Delhi Chapter, IAPM to identify an alternate venue in Delhi to resolve the matter. The members requested that they be given some time to discuss this matter at Delhi once again since the problem regarding the venue was recent and this could not be discussed prior to this General Body Meeting.

On further requests two other venues were tentatively proposed: Kolkata and Chennai. However since both these venues were proposed without prior verification regarding the availability of suitable venues, the respective members from the two states requested that they be given time to confirm these proposals.

After much deliberation it was obvious that a decision regarding the venue would not be finalized during the General Body Meeting. It was felt that the most reasonable manner would be give time to all the concerned members to discuss the feasibility on their return after the conference and communicate this to the Honorary Secretary later. It was agreed that three chapters were willing, the order of preference for venue of the next conference would be Delhi, followed by Kolkata, followed by Chennai. The Honorary Secretary could take a decision on the venue and if any other chapter was willing to host the conference they would be considered thereafter.

6.2: 57th Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Pathologists & Microbiologists 2008 (APCON 2008)

There has been no offer to host the 57th Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Pathologists & Microbiologists 2008 (APCON 2008) till date.

Resolution 6.0/2006:

6.0/2006: The General Body empowered the Honorary Secretary to receive in writing proposals to hold the 56th Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists [APCON 2007] and to take a decision on this matter.

On return from the conference the Honorary Secretary received written requests for holding the 56th Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists [APCON 2007] from Prof. Kusum Joshi [PGIMER, Chandigarh] and Dr. S.R. Srinivasa Kannan [Kanyakumari]. On telephonic conversation, the offer from Kolkata was open. However a suitable venue would be available in the third week of December since prior booking was not available. Prof. Kusum Joshi informed that Chandigarh had hosted the conference 16 years ago. This time the Department of Histopathology, Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research was keen to host the conference in November. Taking all aspects of requests into consideration and delays of flights and trains in winter months, Chandigarh was considered as a suitable venue.

Unfortunately the dates could not be finalized immediately since there appeared to be some overlap with the Annual Conference of the Indian Academy of Cytology at Allahabad. Finally keeping in view the availability of the venue, the dates for the 56th Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists [APCON 2007] has been fixed from 27th to 29th November 2007. The conference would be preceded by CMEs and International Academy of Pathology -Indian Division Annual Meeting as is customary.

The members of the association may kindly realize the extremely difficult circumstances under which the venue for the next annual conference has been finalized. Nowadays it is very unlikely that a suitable venue for a large conference will be available unless bookings are done much in advance, often over a year in advance. This was the best that could be done.

Item No.7 Seminars & Symposia topics and Guest Speakers for 2007

7.1: Seminars

7.1.1. Slide Seminars

Proposals that were received (including those suggested by members during deliberations without naming moderators) included:

- (i) Non-Tumorous Lesions of the skin
[Dr. S.R.Srinivasa Kannan, Vivek Laboratories, Nagerkovil].
- (ii) Mixed Bag of assorted lesions of the Central Nervous System
[Dr Bhanu Pandya, Bombay Neuropathology Group, Mumbai]
- (iii) Spectrum of proliferative lesions of Breast
[Dr. Harsh Mohan, Govt. Medical College, Chandigarh]



- (iv) Histopathology of Lymphomas
- (v) GI Endoscopic Biopsies

7.2: Symposia

7.2.1. Dr. Gaya Prasad Memorial Symposium

The following proposals were received:

- (i) Thalassemia and Hemoglobinopathy
- (ii) Myelodysplastic Syndrome
- (iii) Acute Leukemias
- (iv) Lymphoproliferative Disorders
- (v) Myeloproliferative Disorders
- (vi) Hemophiloid Disorders
[Dr H.P.Pati, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi]
- (viii) Postgraduate Training in Pathology in the third millennium
[Dr Manoj K. Choudhuri, Bankura with the Medical Council of India and National Board of Examinations]

7.2.2. Dr. Ananthanarayan Microbiology Symposium

The following proposals were received or suggested during the meeting :

- (i) Intra-abdominal infections
[Dr Ranganathan Iyer, Global Hospitals, Hyderabad]
- (ii) Arthropod borne infections
[Gen. D. Raghunath, Bangalore]

7.3: Tamil Nadu Oration

The Convener and Co-convener of the Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry Chapter of IAPM had written to the Honorary Secretary, IAPM nominating the following for the Tamil Nadu Oration, 2007:

- (i) Dr. V. Taralakshmi, Professor and Head, Department of Pathology, SRM Medical College, Kattankalathur [GI Pathology in HIV/AIDS]
- (ii) Dr. Prathiba Shyam Kumar, Professor and Head, Department of Pathology, Sri Ramachandra Medical College and Research Institute, Porur, Chennai [Atherosclerosis: recent Concepts]
- (iii) Dr. A.V. Shanthi, Director, Institute of Pathology, Madras Medical College, Chennai [Topic not provided]

The Convenor / Co-convenor have requested the association to inform them regarding the funds available and funds required to ensure continuation of the Oration.

During the course of deliberations it was pointed out that the oration was due next in 2008. Hence the Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry Chapter was requested to find out a suitable Orator in due course of time.

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

There are several senior members of the association who have contributed substantially to the profession, subject and to the association. However the number of Orations and similar honours are limited. With such a large membership, the association needs to invite more Orations and Awards. Such orations may be arranged during the Annual Conference.

In the previous meeting of the Executive Council and the General Body [Indore, 2005], the Indian College of Pathologists had agreed to look into the feasibility of sponsoring such an oration.

The Indian College of Pathologists had decided to sponsor one oration named the every year in memory or in honour of an eminent pathologist. It was requested by the Secretary, Indian College of Pathologists that the Oration be held as the first activity on the morning of the second day during the annual conference. This year the Oration would be named "Indian College of Pathologists Oration in memory of Dr. S.J. Nagalotimath".

7.5: Proposal for Guest Lecture at APCON 2007

Dr. D. N. Lanjewar had sent an E-mail to the Honorary Secretary regarding the proposal of Dr Ann Nelson, Director of Pathology, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP), Washington DC and Member USCAP- IAP to speak on the following topics:

- (i) Altered Host Response in HIV Infection
- (ii) Pathology of Anti-Retroviral therapy

The Honorary Secretary informed that Prof Vinay Kumar, Chairman, Department of Pathology, University of Chicago and the Editor of Robbin's and Cotran's Pathologic Basis of Disease, has offered to come to India during the conference provided he is given adequate notice.

Resolutions 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 7.5 / 2006

7.1/2006 : The topic *Spectrum of proliferative lesions of Breast* to be moderated by Prof. Harsh Mohan from the Government Medical College, Chandigarh was accepted for the *Slide Seminar* to be held during the 56th Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists [APCON 2007] at Chandigarh.

7.2/2006 : The topic *Lymphoproliferative Disorders* to be moderated by Prof. H.P. Pati from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi was accepted for the *Dr Gaya Prasad Memorial Symposium* to be held during the 56th Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists [APCON 2007] at Chandigarh.

7.3/2006 : The topic *Arthropod Borne Infections* to be moderated by Gen. D. Raghunath from Bangalore was accepted for the *Dr Anathanarayan Microbiology Symposium* to be held during the 56th Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists [APCON 2007] at Chandigarh.

7.4/2006 : The proposal to sponsor the Indian College of Pathologists Oration every year on the second day of the Annual Conference was accepted by the General Body. The name of the Orator and other details for the

first "Indian College of Pathologists Oration in memory of Dr S.J. Nagalotimath" for the year 2007 at the 56th Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists [APCON 2007] at Chandigarh would be intimated in due course.

7.4/2006 : The proposal of inviting Dr Ann Nelson as a Guest Speaker during the 56th Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists [APCON 2007] at Chandigarh was accepted. The topic of the lecture 'Pathology of Anti-Retroviral therapy' (as accepted by the Executive Council) was approved by the General Body. The proposal of inviting Dr. Vinay Kumar was acceptable provided the dates of the conference were convenient for him. Members could also convey names of other possible Guest Speakers to the Honorary Secretary.

Item No. 8: Matters related to Awards

8.1: Dr. V.R. Khanolkar Prize 2006

There was no applicant for this Prize this year

8.1.1: Revival of Prize Money & Citation

The Prize money has been discontinued in view of a paucity of funds.

A decision was necessary whether any efforts are possible to revive the prize money or to award only a certificate in future.

8.2: Smt. Kunti Devi Mehrotra Award 2006

One paper and *Curriculum Vitae* was submitted for this award:

Study of p53 and bcl-2 oncoproteins in ulcerative colitis with dysplasia [Med J Armed Forces Ind 2005; 61:125-129] submitted by Sqn. Ldr. (Dr) Prateek Kinra, Department of Pathology, 7 Air Force Hospital, Kanpur

After preliminary scrutiny with regard to eligibility, the paper and Curriculum Vitae were evaluated by three Judges two of whom are Pathologists with special interest in gastrointestinal pathology. Dr Raj Mehrotra was sent a copy for nomination and forwarding to a judge of his choice.

The paper was not awarded the prize.

8.2.1: Revival of Prize Money & Citation

The Prize money has been discontinued.

The Honorary Secretary has been in touch with Prof Raj Mehrotra to make the award attractive and retain its glory.

Dr Raj Mehrotra has requested to place before the Executive Council and General Body his plea that the cash prize should continue. He will send a Draft of Rs. 1000.00 only towards the award for the year 2007 and later for 2008. In the meanwhile he would arrange for a suitable corpus for continuing the award. He has also requested to improve the certificate.

This proposal was placed before the Executive Council and the General Body for approval.

After discussion it was felt by both bodies that it was necessary to have a corpus rather than an yearly advance towards the cash prize.

8.3: Prof. K.C. Basu Mallick Award 2006

A total of 05 papers were received for consideration for presentation for the Dr KC Basu Mallick award.

After preliminary scrutiny with regard to membership and other eligibility criteria, the papers were evaluated by three referees each. For the purpose of evaluation, a total of ten eminent judges were sent papers. Each paper was evaluated by three judges each and marks awarded for ten predetermined criteria (maximum marks 100). The average of the total marks obtained was calculated for the purpose of ranking. This time all judges were requested to indicate the suitability of presentation of the paper in the Plenary Session. Based on the results of the evaluation, four papers were selected for presentation.

One of the four papers that were presented was recommended for the award by a panel of three judges.

8.4: Best Paper Award 2006

For the Best Paper Award, a total of 08 papers were received.

The eight papers were reviewed to assess their suitability for presentation by a panel of 19 eminent referees [three referees for each paper]. The referees also commented on the suitability of presentation of the papers in the Plenary session. Based on the results of the evaluation, four papers were selected for presentation.

One of the four papers that were presented was recommended for the award by a panel of three judges.

Resolutions 8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, 8.5, 8.6/2006

8.1/2006 : The General Body accepted that there would be no awardee of the Dr. V.R. Khanolkar Prize for the year 2006 since there were no applicants.

8.2/2006 : Since there was no adequate corpus, the cash prize would be discontinued for the Dr.V.R.Khanolkar Award till an adequate corpus was available. The certificate would continue to be awarded.

8.3/2006 : The General Body ratified the recommendation that no paper was found suitable for the Smt Kunti Devi Mehrotra Award for the year 2006.

8.4/2006 : The General Body considered the proposal of Dr. Raj Mehrotra regarding revival of prize money for the Smt. Kunti Devi Mehrotra Award but this could be done only when a suitable corpus was available.

8.5/2006 : Lt. Col. (Dr) Nikhil Moorchung was recommended for the Prof KC Basu Mallick Award for the year 2006 for the paper Moorchung N, Srivastava AN, Gupta NK, Achyut BR, Kalghatgi AT, Magu SK, Mittal B: *The etiopathology of lymphoid follicles in chronic antral gastritis A study from North India* from the 167, Military Hospital. (Announced in the Valedictory Function)



865/2006 : *Dr Ruth Shifa Ecka* was recommended for the Best Paper Award for the year 2006 for the paper Ecka RS, Chawla Y, Das A. *Relationship of histology activity index in liver biopsy with serum enzyme levels and apoptotic index as measured by tunnel method.* from the Department of Histopathology PGIMER Chandigarh (Announced in the Valedictory Function)

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

- 9.1. Collection of old journals of the association at the IAPM Headquarters
- 9.2. Announcement in the News Bulletin of voluntary health camps held by the association at the headquarters for availing income tax rebates and benefits of tax exemption
- 9.3. Funding for the construction of the third floor of the IAPM House
- 9.4. Funding for mutation of the land where the IAPM House exists
- 9.5. Approval of proposal to begin a Diploma in Medical Laboratory Technology (DMLT) course at the IAPM Headquarters
- 9.6. Generous grant from the Organizing Committee APCON 2005 to the IAPM Building fund
- 9.7. Request for shifting the host for the IAPM Website to the IAPM Headquarters, Cuttack from its existing location at Pune

Incidentally, Dr. Medha Khandekar in a letter dated 05 December 2006 had requested the Honorary Secretary that since she had been looking after the association website (iapm.net.in) since 2000, she would be happy to hand over this responsibility to some other member.

The General Body accepted the request of Dr Medha Khandekar especially in light of the request from the IAPM Headquarters. The General Body placed on record the deep sense of appreciation of the efforts of Dr. Medha Khandekar to initiate and host the IAPM website since its inception in the year 2000. It was hoped she would continue to assist the association in such matters in future also.

Resolutions 9.1, 9.2, 9.3, 9.4, 9.5, 9.6/2006

- 9.1/2006: The General Body accepted the IAPM Headquarters Report presented by the Joint Secretary (Headquarters)
- 9.2/2006: The General Body accepted the request to print activities of the IAPM Headquarters in the News Bulletin. The Honorary Secretary assured that this was planned for the first issue in 2007.
- 9.3/2006: The General Body approved the funding for the construction of the third floor of the IAPM House.
- 9.4/2006: The General Body approved the funding for the mutation of the land where the IAPM House exists.
- 9.5/2006: The General Body did not approve the proposal to begin any course under the banner of the IAPM in the IAPM Headquarters.
- 9.6/2006: The IAPM website would henceforth be hosted and managed by the IAPM Headquarters. The domain name *iapm.net.in* would remain the same. However it was requested that Dr. Medha Khandekar should continue till such time that the present contract of the website is over.

Item No.10 Report of the Honorary Secretary: Dr. S.Datta Gupta

Resolution 10/2005: Report of the Honorary Secretary was accepted

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

- 11.1. Discussion on the Draft Proposal of Constitution prepared and submitted by Dr Gopal C. Bhagwat
- 11.2. Creation of Zonal / Regional posts in IAPM [Suggested by Dr Md.Sikinder Hyat, Hyderabad]
These would actually comprise of few State Chapters and would result in closer co-operation with the parent body
- 11.3. Increasing the number of Life Members in Bihar State Chapter [Dr. Dilip Kumar, Patna]

The matter related to the Bihar State Chapter was not discussed in the Executive Council and the General Body since the Chairperson could not attend the meetings.

Resolutions : 11.1, 11.2, 11.3/2006

- 11.0/2006: The General Body accepted the report of the Joint Secretary, IAPM.
- 11.1/2006: The General Body referred the issue of the constitution of State Chapters to the committee constituted for the purpose of reviewing matters related to the constitution of the IAPM. (Please see Resolution 3.9/2006). The joint Secretary would assist the committee in this regard.
- 11.2/2006: The General Body did not approve the creation of regional posts. The State Chapters were considered to be sufficient in this regard.

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

Resolution 12/2006 : Report of Treasurer was accepted

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

Resolution 13/2006 : Report of Editor-in-Chief, Indian Journal of Pathology and Microbiology, was accepted

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

Dr. Shukla has specifically requested that no decision on this programme should be taken without a proper discussion and definitely not in his absence. This follows the discussion held briefly during the last meeting [Indore, 2005].

The Honorary Secretary had received several letters and some E-mails attesting the good work done by Dr Shukla and requesting not to discontinue the

programme.

Resolution 14/2006: Report of National External Quality Control Programme was accepted and as decided in the Executive Council Meeting the programme would continue status quo.

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

Resolution 15/2006: 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: External Quality Assurance Programmes of the IAPM (Lt Gen J.R. Bhardwaj and Prof M.K. Singh)
- 16.2.: 'Family Security Scheme'± for Life Members (Brig. C. Lakshmanan)
- 16.3: Formation of subspecialties in Pathology (Dr. Neelkamal Kapoor)
- 16.4: Formation of a central fund with the help of the industry (Dr. Neelkamal Kapoor)
- 16.5: Formulation and recommendation of curriculum by IAPM to the Medical Council of India (Dr. Neelkamal Kapoor)
- 16.6: Initiation of 'All India Path Quiz'± by the association (Dr. Neelkamal Kapoor)
- 16.7: Discussion on on-line registration for conferences (various members)
- 16.8: Collaboration of Indian Society of Renal Transplantation Pathology with the IAPM (Prof. R.K. Gupta)
- 16.9: Change in the timing of the General Body Meeting (Dr. Sanjay Pai)
- 16.10: Induction of younger members into the Executive Council (Dr. Sanjay Pai)

Most matters could not be discussed since the appropriate members themselves were not present

- ? Prof. Bhaskara Reddy assured that he would send a copy of the Family Benefit Scheme of the IMA for perusal by the Honorary Secretary
- ? Prof. R. K. Gupta would work out the modalities of his proposal (16.8)

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

The General Body thanked the outgoing President, Prof. Kusum Joshi and Vice-President, Prof. Manoj K. Singh for the services rendered to the association.

The Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

January, 2007
New Delhi

Dr. S. Datta Gupta
Honorary Secretary

Important Announcement

As resolved [3.9/2006] in the last meeting of the Executive Council and the General Body at Bangalore the Honorary Secretary is honoured to nominate Prof. C.I. Jhala and Prof. Balaraman Nair as core members of the committee that would look into amendments of the constitution /rules / bye-laws of the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists [IAPM]. Both Prof. Jhala and Prof. Nair are free to co-opt any member/members into the committee and seek the assistance, opinion and suggestions of any member as deemed fit. All members are requested to send in their suggestions with regard to the amendments to the Honorary Secretary by 31 July 2007. However should there be any suggestions with regard to State Chapters it is requested that these be directed to the Joint Secretary, Prof. Vatsala Mishra who will be assisting the committee in this regard [11.4/2006]. The suggestions of the members will be forwarded to the committee.

A special session of the General Body will be convened during APCON 2007 to discuss these amendments.

All members are invited to participate in this endeavor and encouraged to make suggestions and provide all help to the committee so that we can improve our association.

The Honorary Secretary also invites suggestions regarding a Family Benefit Scheme of IAPM [in-house welfare/insurance scheme for members that can be availed at the time of distress]. Prof. Bhaskara Reddy has provided a format of the scheme that is being followed by the Andhra Pradesh Chapter of the Indian Medical Association.