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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wishing all the members a joyous, successful and rewarding new year, 2008!

I am sure all the delegates who attended Apcon-2007 at Chandigarh went back richer in knowledge by the academic feast that they enjoyed. It will be the endeavor of the new executive committee to carry forward the legacy of good work done by our predecessors in this direction. This year, an academic committee has been constituted to oversee the academic agenda for the entire year in general, and for the next year's annual conference in particular.

First of all, in the present era, our website surely needs to be updated monthly, if not more frequently. Our journal too needs to be made more electronic-oriented. Our team will make efforts to achieve these goals soon.

During the deliberations at Apcon-2007 on the last day, it was emphasized that in order to harness good quality technical human resources and to put an end to widely prevalent malpractice in laboratory medicine, there is a dire need for IAPM to get involved proactively and follow up with the Central Govt for constitution of a Paramedical Council of India for registration. The efforts by some of us for its establishment has recently resulted in incorporation of this agenda as one of the goals for implementation towards improving medical care and education laid down by National Knowledge Commission.

During formal and informal exchange with our professional colleagues from the SAARC countries, it has been felt that they look towards us to take lead in taking initiative for establishing the SAARC Academy of Pathologists in coming times so that "colonial cousins" of South Asia can share their knowledge and expertise. A beginning can be made by extending invitation to them at our next Apcon.

Suggestions from members on these matters as also any other academic issues towards betterment of pathology education and services will be greatly appreciated (Please note my new email ID: [drharshmohan@gmail.com](mailto:drharshmohan@gmail.com)).

Jai Hind!!

**Prof. Harsh Mohan**



### FROM THE HONORARY SECRETARY

Dear Friends

Namaskar

It is a privilege and honour to put on the shoes of my predecessors as honorary secretary of our association and to avail the opportunity to serve IAPM in a more organised manner. My strengths are the blessings of seniors and support of all honourable members.

On behalf of the new team of office bearers, I express my gratitude to the outgoing office bearers for their contributions to IAPM.

APCON 2007 at PGI, Chandigarh is still fresh in our memories. I take this opportunity to thank Prof. Kusum Joshi, Prof. R.K. Vasishta and their team for the excellent academic feast and warm hospitality.

To accommodate more free papers during APCON-2008 at Chennai the poster presentations will be divided into seven to nine sessions. The best posters of each session will be presented orally in the 3rd day morning session of APCON 2008 in the poster plenary session. The best plenary poster of APCON-2008 will be awarded a certificate and prize during the valedictory function. I invite youngsters to participate actively in this competition.

Finally, I request all our honorable members to enroll new members as ordinary to life (OL), Ordinary (O), Associate (A) and Affiliated (AF) members and strengthen our association.

Jai IAPM  
Niranjan Rout



## Report on APCON - 2007, Chandigarh

The Department of Histopathology, PGIMER, Chandigarh, had organized APCON 2007 a mega event of learning and discussing the latest innovations in the field of pathology.

The conference began with eight CMEs spread over two days on 24th & 25th November 2007. The CMEs offered an in depth coverage and current information on a wide range of exciting topics in pathology and microbiology involving various themes such as tuberculosis, paediatric pathology, diseases of the uterine cervix, protozoa of medical importance and autoimmune hepatitis. The eminent speakers who shared their experiences during this conference included both the renowned international and national faculty with laudable achievements in their respective fields. Professor VV Joshi, from Hartford, USA, an eminent paediatric pathologist, Dr. C Varghese (WHO consultant), Prof M Vergani (London), Dr. S. Bhusnurmath (Grenada), Dr S Kumar (Bangalore), Dr BC Das, Dr Sunita Saxena (New Delhi), Dr VM Katoch, Dr PR Narayan, Dr A Borges, Dr T Longacre and many others delivered lectures on their respective fields that were well attended. Dr T Longacre, the renowned cytologist from Stanford, USA spoke on the correlation of histopathological findings with molecular markers in patients with the cancer of the cervix.

Besides lectures by eminent faculty, the conference program included workshops and hands-on demonstrations of the latest advances in field of microscopy, diagnosis of tuberculosis, parasitic diseases and autoimmunity. Latest technological innovations in microscopy enhancing the diagnostic capabilities of a pathologist were extensively covered and discussed in these workshops which included fluorescence microscopy, FISH technique, digital imaging, morphometry, laser dissection and confocal microscopy. The response to these workshops was overwhelming.

The annual meeting of International Academy of Pathologists -Indian Division (IAP-ID) was held on 26th November. The major themes of this meeting included skin cancer, lung disease and molecular genetics of gynecological tumors. Various eminent scientists from India and abroad delivered lectures on the above mentioned topics. Prof. Jaime Prat, who is Chairman, Department of Pathology, Barcelona, Spain spoke on molecular and genetic aspects of uterine cancer.



Lighting The Lamp Ceremony

The APCON-2007, 56th Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists, began with over 700 delegates from India and abroad on 27th Nov.



Welcome Address By Chairperson      Presidential Address      Address By The Chief Guest Honable Governor Of Himachal Pradesh

2007. The academic feast offered to the pathologists during the three day Conference covered the recent advances in the fields of emerging infections, AIDS, cancer of the breast, blood cancers, besides covering fundamental topics for postgraduate students. In this conference, a host of speakers were invited to share their experiences. Dr Ann Marie Nelson from Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, USA who is an anatomist and clinical pathologist with more than 25 years experience in global infections spoke on changes in AIDS infection following retroviral therapy.



Eminent Gathering

In the conference, young pathologists presented their research work in the form of oral presentations and posters for various awards and prizes like the prestigious Dr KC Basu Mallick award which was awarded to Dr Ruchi Gupta from PGI Chandigarh. The online quiz program for postgraduates in pathology that was ongoing for the past one and a half months was won by pathologist from Nellore.

The conference ended with two symposia on Hematology and Microbiology, which covered the latest advances in diagnosis of anemia and arthropod-borne infections. The highlights of these symposia include lectures by Lt Gen D Raghunath from Bangalore and Dr R Saxena from All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Delhi. Mr. Anil Relia, National Accreditation Board for Medical Laboratories for testing and calibration (NABL, New Delhi) delivered a presentation highlighting the need and requirements for accreditation of laboratories for improving the quality of test results. He emphasized that test results by accredited laboratories will increase confidence of both medical practitioners and patients in diagnosis and treatment.

The curtain on the conference was finally drawn on 29th November 2007 with the valedictory function organized by the Chairperson, Prof K Joshi and Prof RK Vasishta, the organizing secretary.

**Minutes of the 56th General Body Meeting held on Wednesday 28 November 2007 at  
18.30 Hours at the Bhargava Auditorium, PGIMER, Chandigarh  
[Venue of the 56th Annual Conference of IAPM (APCON 2007)]**

The meeting was chaired by Prof. Taralakshmi V. Venugopal, President IAPM.

Former Presidents of the association, Prof. Bhaskara Reddy, Prof. Balaraman Nair, Surg. Commodore P. Sivadas and Prof P. V. Patil also informed that they would not be able to attend the meeting.

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].

**Item No.1: Condolences**

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

- (i) Dr Janardan Mohanty informed about the sad demise of one of honourable members Prof. Bikram Das [L/1990/181] on 24 June 2007.  
Dr. Janardan Mohanty also kindly provided a photograph and an obituary. The obituary and the photograph of Dr. Bikram Das (13Februaray 1921 24 june 2007) was printed in the IAPM News Bulletin (Vol 03/07 page 03, May-August 2007 issue)
- (ii) Dr. D.N. Lanjewar informed the Honorary Secretary through an E-mail of the passing away of one of our active Life Members and the immediate Past Chairperson of the Maharashtra Chapter, Prof. Bhanumati S. Pandya [L2003/2453] on 07 April 2007.  
Since this was known only sometime ago this has been printed as a news in the IAPM News Bulletin (Vol 04/07 page 03, October-December 2007 issue)
- (iii) Just before leaving for Chandigarh, the Honorary Secretary received a letter from Prof. Anand Kumar Mishra, Professor & Head, Department of Microbiology, S.K.Medical College, Muzaffarpur, Bihar who informed the sad demise of his father Dr.Bindeshwari Prasad Mishra, (L1955/ 473) on 19 April 2007.  
During the meeting members also informed the sad demise of two more distinguished Life Members of the association
- (iv) Dr. Dushyant Dhirajlal Banker [L/1952/84] from Mumbai
- (v) Prof. T.S. Jaswal [L/1975/322] former Professor of Pathology, Medical College, Rohtak

**Resolution 1/2007:**

The General Body observed two minutes silence in respect and memory of the departed souls. Rich tributes were paid to Prof. Bikram Das, Prof. Bhanumati S. Pandya, Dr.Bindeshwari Prasad Mishra, Dr. Dushyant Dhirajlal Banker and Prof. T.S. Jaswal. The association recalled with gratitude

the contributions of the stalwarts to the profession and the members were saddened at the loss of five eminent members of the association.

Proposed action to be taken :

- (i) It is necessary to draft an appropriate obituary of Prof B.S. Pandya, Dr. B.P. Mishra, Dr. D.D.Banker and Prof. T.S. Jaswal. Members associated with them may please come forward to help in the preparation of the obituary and provide photographs.
- (ii) Photographs and obituaries are to printed in the IAPM News Bulletin
- (iii) Letters of condolence would be sent to the bereaved families.

**Item No.2.1** Confirmation of the minutes of 55th General Body Meeting of IAPM held at Bangalore on 08 December 2006.

The minutes were printed as a supplement to the IAPM News Bulletin Vol 01 & 02, January April 2007.

**Item No. 2.2** Confirmation of the minutes of Special General Body Meeting of IAPM held at Chandigarh on 27 November 2007

Prof C.I.Jhala reminded the General Body about the Special General Body Meeting and the decisions thereof.

**Resolution 2.1, 2.2/2007:**

2.1/2007: The minutes of the 55th General Body Meeting of IAPM held at Bangalore on 08 December 2006 are accepted

2.2/2007: The minutes of the Special General Body Meeting of IAPM held at Chandigarh on 27 November 2008 are accepted

**Item No.3 Matters related to Membership**

3.1: Admission of new members to IAPM, 2007

The existing list of IAPM Members [as available in the list provided by the Honorary Treasurer in July 2007] is:

Life Members [L]	:	2556
Ordinary Members [O]	:	926
Awaiting Life Membership through one-time payment [OL]	:	153
Associate Members [A]	:	132
Honorary Members [H]	:	21

The Honorary Treasurer had indicated clearly in the list the date till when the respective members had cleared their dues. It is regretted that of the 926 Ordinary Members many members had unfortunately not paid their membership subscription that is due on January every year. Thus in reality only 23 Ordinary Members are eligible for enjoying the due privileges of membership!

This is an unfortunate state of affairs and has a bearing on the right to vote and receive journals as enshrined in the constitution of the association. Unless urgent steps are taken these memberships will only be

token and meant for completing the necessary formalities to attend and participate in conferences and for making entries in ones curriculum vitae.

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 [A]	:	210
Ordinary Members [O]	:	121
Life Membership through one-time payment [OL]	:	154
Honorary Members [H]	:	NIL
Processing Fees Paid only [PF]	:	56

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. However this is not being followed. 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.

- The parent body is helpless in implementing this rule without the active co-operation of the state chapters
- According to the Resolution 3.4/2006, the State Chapters are required to provide a list of members to the parent body. This needs to be implemented or an alternative thought of.

This matter was discussed in the Special General Body Meeting of the IAPM held on 27 November 2007 at Chandigarh.

3.3: New Membership Directory

The new IAPM Membership Directory had been printed. The previous Honorary Treasurer Dr Niranjana Rout and the current Honorary Treasurer, Dr Kanaklata Dei have tried to distribute these copies

- Many have been returned due to wrong addresses
- Changes in address should be intimated to the Honorary Treasurer in writing so that all records may be updated. A copy of this may be forwarded to the Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Editor-in-chief. [The Honorary Secretary has received requests for change of address by 167 members over the past two years].
- Some members have not received their copy of the directory
- The President, IAPM has received complaints of non-receipt of journals and News letters by numerous members

3.4: 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.

According to the Resolution No 3.6/2006 a charge of Rs. 5000.00 is to be levied for all requests except those from the organizers of APCON and Surgical Pathology CME.

However there are requests from organizers of innumerable CMEs for such lists.

Therefore a decision needs to be taken whether

- The scope of free distribution is widened
- The association can print stickers of addresses and sell them at a pre-decided cost. This would not only help the organizers but also prevent copying of addresses when CDs with the directory are sold.

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

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

- By convention IAPM Membership is mandatory for presenting authors
- This year initially over 50% of initial registrants did not have IAPM membership. Majority of such delegates were postgraduate students
- The problem lies more with our own members who not only fail to advise their students but make undue requests to allow their students to present papers / posters without membership.
- Resolution No.3.7/2006 [All future announcements regarding the annual conference must clearly spell out the eligibility criteria for presentations of papers and posters] should be adhered to strictly.

This matter was discussed in the Special General Body Meeting of the IAPM held on 27 November 2007 at Chandigarh.

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

Last year [2006] the matter came up for discussion in the meetings of the Executive Council and the General body. According to Resolution 3.9/2006 it was decided to refer the matter to a committee since these were issues pertaining

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 was pleased to nominate Prof. C.I. Jhala and Prof. Balaraman Nair as core members of the committee on 23 June 2007. Both Prof. Jhala and Prof. Nair were free to co-opt any other members into the committee and seek the assistance, opinion and suggestions of any member as deemed fit. Prof Vatsala Misra, Joint Secretary, IAPM was also requested to provide assistance. The honorable members were required to advice on the following matters:

- (i) Membership issues especially since applicants are to wait till the next General Body Meeting before acceptance and hence the so called delay in receiving journals and News Bulletins

- (ii) Membership of postgraduate students especially of the first year so that they may be permitted to participate in academic activities of the association that year
- (iii) Inclusion of PhD and research Scholars etc as limited members so that they may participate in academic activities of the association
- (iv) Membership and election of office bearers of State Chapters
- (v) Possibility of the post of President-elect
- (vi) Modalities to ensure that all members of the state chapters are members of the parent body
- (vii) Whether City and other Local chapters of IAPM should be considered as branches of the IAPM and if so the guide-lines for their formation and acceptance
- (viii) Introduction of posts of assistants to Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Editor-in-Chief for the purpose of including them as second signatories during bank transactions
- (ix) Any other matter related to the constitution of the association

Both the learned members were of the view that the present constitution does not require any change. Also there was a considered opinion that these matters need to be discussed in a Special Session of the General Body for early ratification of decisions.

This matter was discussed in the Special General Body Meeting of the IAPM held on 27 November 2007 at Chandigarh.

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.

- The processing fee may be amalgamated with the first membership fee. A separate fee should not be accepted at all. This should avoid all problems

This matter was discussed in the Special General Body Meeting of the IAPM held on 27 November 2007 at Chandigarh.

#### **Resolutions 3.1, 3.2/2007:**

3.1/2007: The proposals for new memberships in 2007 as provided by the Honorary Treasurer and presented by the

Honorary Secretary has been accepted.

3.2/2007: The association shall hence forth provide only address stickers of members to Organizers of CME's and other academic activities etc. The Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer shall work out the costing for the printing and posting of the address stickers so that the sum of Rs.2000.00 only as suggested in the meeting, if

unrealistic or does not cover the preparation charges, this may be modified accordingly. The previous decision [Resolution No 3.6/2006] of a charge of Rs. 5000.00 only for commercial agencies shall remain. The association shall not provide the address of members in any electronic form such as CDs to any organization, organizers of conferences etc.

Regarding all other matters as above, the Resolutions of the Special General Body Meeting held on 27 November 2007 at Chandigarh shall prevail since these have been discussed in that meeting.

#### **Item No.4 Matters related to Elections**

Nominations for the post of President, Vice-President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Joint-Secretary and Editor IAPM were invited in the IAPM News Bulletin May-August 2007. In addition this was announced in the IAPM website and the Honorary Secretary sent E-mails to those senior members whose e-mail ids were available with the request to provide wide publicity.

4.1: Change in the nomination for counting of postal ballot

According to the Resolution No.4.4/2006, the votes were to be counted by Lt Gen JR Bhardwaj and Prof Kusum Joshi, Past presidents, IAPM. However to certain exigencies, Lt Gen Bhardwaj expressed his inability to participate in this process and requested that (i) Prof B.N.Dutta, Chandigarh and (ii) Dr. N.K. Chaturvedi, Delhi be nominated in his place. The matter was discussed with the President, IAPM and was accepted. However due to unavoidable circumstances, since Prof. B.N.Dutta could not be present at the time of counting the votes, Prof. D.N.Lanjewar was requested to count the votes with Prof. Kusum Joshi, Prof. N.K.Chaturvedi and Prof S. Datta Gupta at the venue of APCON 2007 [PGIMER], at Chandigarh.

4.2: Declaration of results for the post of President 2007-2008

Nominations received within the stipulated date:

Prof Manoj K Singh, New Delhi [L1180] on 05.10.2007

Prof Harsh Mohan, Chandigarh [L298] on 05.10.2007

Nominations withdrawn before the last date for filing nominations: NIL

Nominations withdrawn before the last date for withdrawal of nominations:

Prof Manoj K Singh, New Delhi [L1180] on 12.10.2007

Results:

Since nomination of only one candidate Prof Harsh Mohan, Chandigarh remained, Prof Harsh Mohan is declared elected unopposed to the post of President, IAPM for the year 2007-2008 [One year]

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

4.3: Declaration of results for the post of Vice-President 2007-2008

Nominations received within the stipulated date:

Prof. A.N. Srivastava, Lucknow [L751] on 06.10.2007

Prof. Tejinder Singh, New Delhi [L746] on 03.10.2007

Prof Gyanendranath Mohanty, Cuttack [L1489] on 03.10.2007

Brig.(Dr.) S.K.Nema, Lucknow [L534] on 03.10.2007  
Nominations withdrawn before the last date for filing nominations: NIL

Nominations withdrawn before the last date for withdrawal of nominations:

Prof. A.N. Srivastava, Lucknow [L751] on 17.10.2007

Prof. Tejinder Singh, New Delhi [L746] on 16.10.2007

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

Prof Gyanendranath Mohanty [L1489]

Brig.(Dr.) S.K.Nema [L534]

Total Ballots posted : 2855

Total ballots returned undelivered : 122

Total ballots received : 503

Invalid votes : 040

Votes in favour of Prof Gyanendranath Mohanty

: 230

Votes in favour of Brig. (Dr.) S.K.Nema : 233

Result :

Brig. (Dr.) S.K.Nema is elected to the post of Vice-President, IAPM 2007-2008 [One year]

The above Election was conducted by Dr S. Datta Gupta, Honorary Secretary, IAPM at Delhi. The ballots were scrutinized and counted by Prof. Kusum Joshi,, Past President, IAPM, Prof. D.N.Lanjewar, Past Honorary Secretary, IAPM, Prof. N.K. Chaturvedi, New Delhi and Dr S. Datta Gupta, Honorary Secretary, IAPM at Chandigarh on 25 November 2007

4.4 : Declaration of results for the post of Honorary Secretary 2007-2010

Nominations received within the stipulated date:

Dr. Niranjana Rout, Cuttack [L545] on 03.10.2007

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. Niranjana Rout, Cuttack is elected unopposed to the post of Honorary Secretary, IAPM for the year 2007-2010 [Three years]

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

4.5 : Declaration of results for the post of Honorary Treasurer 2007-2010

Nominations received within the stipulated date :

Dr. Sukumar Chakravarty, Cuttack [L1570] on 03.10.2007

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. Sukumar Chakravarty, Cuttack is elected unopposed to the post of Honorary Secretary, IAPM for the year 2007-2010 [Three years]

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

4.6: Declaration of results for the post of Honorary Joint Secretary 2007-2010

Nominations received within the stipulated date:

Col. (Dr.) Deepak Kumar Mishra, Delhi [L471] on 03.10.2007

Prof. S.R.Srinivasa Kannan, Kanyakumari [L756] on 03.10.2007

Prof. Rama Gopalan, Chennai [L627] on 08.10.2007

Nominations withdrawn before the last date for filing nominations: NIL

Invalid Nomination: The Nomination of Prof. Rama Gopalan was accepted on 08.10.2007 since 07.10.2007 was a Sunday. However the nomination was considered invalid since the nomination was seconded by an applicant who is not a member of IAPM till date.

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

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

Col. (Dr.) Deepak Kumar Mishra [L471]

Prof. S.R.Srinivasa Kannan, [L756]

Total Ballots posted : 2855

Total ballots returned undelivered : 122

Total ballots received: : 503

Invalid votes : 043

Votes in favour of Col. (Dr.) Deepak Kumar Mishra

: 313

Votes in favour of Prof. S.R.Srinivasa Kannan

: 147

Result :

Col. (Dr.) Deepak Kumar Mishra is elected to the post of Honorary Joint Secretary, IAPM for the year 2007-2010 [Three years]

The above Election was conducted by Dr S. Datta Gupta, Honorary Secretary, IAPM at Delhi. The ballots were scrutinized and counted by Prof. Kusum Joshi,, Past President, IAPM, Prof. D.N.Lanjewar, Past Honorary Secretary, IAPM, Prof. N.K. Chaturvedi, New Delhi and Dr S. Datta Gupta, Honorary Secretary, IAPM at Chandigarh on 25 November 2007

4.7 : Declaration of results for the post of Honorary Editor-in-Chief 2007-2012

Nominations received within the stipulated date:

Dr. (Col.) S Satyanarayana, Rajahmundry [L1404] on 03.10.2007

Dr. Pradeep Vaideeswar. Mumbai [L589] on 03.10.2007

Prof. Vatsala Misra, Allahabad [L1040] on 06.10.2007

Dr. Reeni Mallik, Bhopal [L1907] on 08.10.2007

Nominations withdrawn before the last date for filing nominations: NIL

Invalid Nomination: The Nomination of Dr. Reeni Mallik was received by FAX on 08.10.2007 and was accepted since 07.10.2007 was a Sunday. The acceptance of a nomination by FAX was discussed with several members of the Executive Council and since the rules are silent, this was accepted.

However it was considered invalid since the nomination copy received by post was found to be posted on 08.10.2007 by Speed Post one day after the last date of receipt of nomination.

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

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

Dr. (Col.) S Satyanarayana, [L1404]

Dr. Pradeep Vaideeswar [L589]

Prof. Vatsala Misra [L1040]

Total Ballots posted : 2855

Total ballots returned undelivered : 122

Total ballots received : 503

Invalid votes : 042

Votes in favour of Dr. (Col.) S.Satyanarayana : 251

Votes in favour of Dr. Pradeep Vaideeswar : 084

Votes in favour of Prof. Vatsala Misra : 162

Result :

Dr. (Col.) S. Satyanarayana is elected to the post of Honorary Editor-in-Chief, IAPM for the year 2007-2012 [Five years]

The above Election was conducted by Dr S. Datta Gupta, Honorary Secretary, IAPM at Delhi. The ballots were scrutinized and counted by Prof. Kusum Joshi,, Past President, IAPM, Prof. D.N.Lanjewar, Past Honorary Secretary, IAPM, Prof. N.K. Chaturvedi, New Delhi and Dr S. Datta Gupta, Honorary Secretary, IAPM at Chandigarh on 25 November 2007

4.8 : Nomination of two members for scrutiny and counting of ballot papers for Elections in 2008.

The Executive Council may propose two names for the purpose of conducting elections in 2008. These names may be from members in and around Cuttack since the office of the Honorary Secretary will be located there. However if the counting is to be performed at the venue of the Annual Conference, as was done for the past three years, then the names may be from anywhere in the country.

4.9 : Discussion on the changes in the system of Elections

- Every year the number of voters is only a fraction of the total membership of the association. Invariably there are complaints of Ballots not reaching voters. This year the President, IAPM has received complaints that Ballots of Life Members from Tamil Nadu have not reached the members.
- It is suggested that the process of elections be done by a separate Electoral College comprising of three nominated members of the association. These members can present the results to Executive Council and the General Body.
- List of eligible members with addresses must be sent to the Chairperson of State Chapters / put up on the website.

After much deliberation it was admitted that the problem of non-receipt of postal ballots was nothing new and difficult to resolve. Members were advised to update their addresses with the Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Editor-in-Chief regularly.

**Resolutions 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6, 4.7, 4.8/2007 :**

4.1/2007: The counting of votes by Prof. Kusum Joshi, Prof. N.K. Chaturvedi, Prof D.N.Lanjewar and Prof. S. Datta Gupta was accepted by the General Body

4.2/2007: The General Body accepts the election of Prof Harsh Mohan [L298] to the post of President, IAPM for the period 2007-2008 [One year] and this is accepted by the General Body

4.3/2007: The General Body accepts the election of Brig. (Dr.) S.K.Nema [L534] to the post of Vice-President, IAPM for the period 2007-2008 [One year]

4.4/2007: The General Body accepts the election of Dr. Niranjan Rout [L545] to the post of Honorary Secretary, IAPM for the period 2007-2010 [Three years]

4.5/2007: The General Body accepts the election of Dr. Sukumar Chakravarty [L1570] is declared elected to the post of Honorary Treasurer, IAPM for the period 2007-2010 [Three year]

4.6/2007: The General Body accepts the election of Col. (Dr.) Deepak Kumar Mishra to the post of Honorary Joint Secretary, IAPM for the period 2007-2010 [Three year]

4.7/2007: The General Body accepts the election of Dr. (Col.) S.Satyanarayan to the post of Honorary Editor-in-Chief, IAPM for the period 2007-2012 [Five years]

4.8/2007: Prof.B.N.Nanda, Past President and Prof..N.C. Parija, Joint Secretary (Headquarters) are nominated to count the votes of the elections for the post of office -bearers of IAPM to be held in 2008.

4.9/2007: Postal Ballots should be posted Under Certificate of Posting to ensure proof of posting.

**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]

In accordance with the Resolution No 5..1/2006 al the three numbers are being printed in the iAPM News Bulletin.

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

The matter is for discussion in the Special General Body Meeting.

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.

The role of the Disciplinary Committee needs to be clarified and also it needs to be decided whether such a committee should be nominated every year.

Three members may be nominated to this committee.

## Resolutions 5.0/2007:

5.0/2007: Prof. Balaraman Nair, Prof. A.M.Phatak and Prof. R.K.Gupta, Past Presidents, IAPM who were members of the Disciplinary Committee in 2006-2007 are to continue as members of the Disciplinary Committee of the IAPM for the year 2007-2008.

Regarding the posts of Assistants to various Office-bearers of the association, the resolution of the Special General Body Meeting held on 27 November, 2007 at Chandigarh shall prevail.

## Item No.6 Venue for Conferences

6.1 : 57th Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Pathologists & Microbiologists 2008 (APCON 2008)

- Prof. V. V. Taralakshmi had written to the Honorary Secretary on 25.06.2007 for hosting APCON 2008 at SRM Medical College and Research Center at Kattankualthur, 42 Kms from Chennai.
- Prof AR Srinivasa Kannan had written on 30.08.2007 willing to host APCON 2008 on behalf of Vivek Institute of Laboratory Medicine and Sree Miikambika Institute of Medical Sciences at Kanya Kumari.

6.2 : 58th Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Pathologists & Microbiologists 2009 (APCON 2009)

Although there had been no written offer to host the 58th Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Pathologists & Microbiologists 2009 (APCON 2009), during the meeting of the Executive Council the West Bengal State Chapter of IAPM offered to host the conference at Kolkata. There was also a suggestion to hold the APCON 2009 with the Asia Pacific Conference of the International Academy of Pathology to be organized by the IAP-Indian Division at Cochin in September 2009.

## Resolutions 6.1, 6.2 /2007:

6.1/2007 : The General Body accepted the offer of Prof .V.V. Taralakshmi for hosting APCON 2008 at SRM Medical College and Research Center at Kattankualthur , 42 Kms from Chennai.

6.2/2007: The General Body accepted the offer of the West Bengal Chapter of IAPM to host APCON 2009 at Kolkata

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

7.1 : Seminars

7.1.1. Slide Seminars

- Endoscopic Biopsies (Gastric and Intestinal)  
[Dr. Simi Bhatia, SRL Ranbaxy, Mumbai]
- Urinary Bladder-Neoplastic and Non-neoplastic lesions  
[Prof.G.N.Mohanty, Cuttack]
- Inflammatory Bowel Disease  
[Dr. Mala Banerjee, Kolkata]
- Gastrointestinal Endoscopic Biopsies  
[Dr. Mala Banerjee, Kolkata and Dr. Vatsala Misra, Allahabad]

7.2: Symposia

7.2.1. Dr.Gaya Prasad Memorial Symposium

- Role of autopsies in Pathology Training  
[Dr D.N.Lanjewar, Grant Medical College, Mumbai]
- Pros and Cons of Immunohistochemistry  
[Dr. Simi Bhatia, SRL Ranbaxy, Mumbai]
- Nanotechnology in Pathology  
[Dr. A.K. Dinda, AIIMS, New Delhi]

7.2.2. Dr.Usha Hardas Microbiology Symposium

- Emerging Mycoses in the 21st Century  
[Prof. Taralakshmi V. Venugopal, Chennai]

7.2.3. Hematology Symposium

- Sickle Cell Anemia  
[Dr BK Nanda, Cutack]
- Plasma Cell Disorders  
[Dr. S. Tanaka, Chennai]

7.3: Tamil Nadu Oration

- In May this year Dr Chitra Srinivasan through an e-mail informed the Honorary Secretary that after the 1991 Annual Conference of IAPM at Chennai, Dr Panchanadm Madanagopalan donated a sum of Rs.50,000.00 only was donated to initiate the TN & Pondicherry Chapter Oration. Subsequently she was informed that the association had suggested that a sum of Rs1,50,00.00 only should be deposited to augment the existing corpus of the Oration. The Honorary Secretary had contacted both Dr Panchanadam Madanagopalan and the President, IAPM to apprise them of the matter. Dr Madnagopalan has informed that she would arrange for the payment of this amount. However she wanted an assurance that the amount shall be fixed and she would not be requested to donate again later.
- No topic or Orator has been suggested

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.

The Indian College of Pathologists has initiated an Oration from this year.

It is suggested that a Life Time Achievement Award or other orations be introduced.

7.5 : Proposal for Guest Lecture at APCON 2008

Dr DN Lanjewar had sent an E-mail to the Honorary Secretary regarding the following Guest speakers:

- Dr Sunil Badve, Associate Professor, Departments of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, USA in Pathology,



- (i) Pre malignant Diseases
- (ii) Molecular Pathology of Breast Cancer
  - Dr Romil Saxena, Assistant Professor in Pathology Indiana University, Staff Pathologist, Indiana Pathology Institute, Indiana, USA
- (i) Slide Seminar on Liver Pathology
- (ii) Talks on Liver Pathology, Liver tumour, Cholestatic Liver Disease

In the event of approval the IAPM can send a formal invitation

**Resolutions 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6, 7.7, 7.8 /2007 :**

7.1/2007: The General Body accepted the topic Endoscopic Biopsies to be moderated by Dr. Simi Bhatia, SRL Ranbaxy, Mumbai as the topic for the Slide Seminar during APCON 2008

7.2/2007: Role of autopsies in Pathology Training to be moderated by Prof.. D.N.Lanjewar, Mumbai was accepted as the topic for the Dr. Gaya Prasad Memorial Symposium to be held during APCON 2008.

7.3/2007: Emerging Mycoses in the 21st Century to be moderated by Prof. Taralakshmi V. Venugopal, Chennai was accepted as the topic for the Dr. Usha Hardas Microbiology Symposium to be held during APCON 2008.

7.4/2007: For the recently introduced Hematology Symposium the topic Sickle Cell Anemia to be moderated by Prof. B.K. Nanda was accepted for presentation during APCON 2008.

7.5/2007: The General Body appreciated the efforts of Dr. Panchanadam Madanagopalan and accepted her gesture of donating a sum of Rs.1,50,00.00 only towards the corpus of the Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry Chapter Oration. This amount would definitely go a long way in reviving the glory of this oration. However the General Body felt that it would not be possible to give a categorical assurance to Dr. Panchanadam Madanagopalan that this amount of Rs.1,50,000.00 only would be the final sum required for continuing the oration and no further donation would be requested for in future. This is because under the current circumstances according to the constitution of the association, a corpus of Rs5,00000.00 only (rupees Five Lakhs only) is necessary for all endowments so that the interest available is sufficient for this purpose [Part III (Bye-Laws) under 15 (iv)(a)]

7.6/2007: The Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry Chapter shall nominate the Orator after due discussion in the chapter.

7.7/2007: The General Body accepted the proposal of Dr.D.N.Lanjewar to invite Dr. Sunil Badve and Dr. Romil Saxena from Indiana, USA to deliver Guest Lectures during APCON 2008. The topic of preference for Dr. Sunil Badve was Molecular Pathology of Breast Cancer whereas for Dr. Romil Saxena, any topic of her choice on Liver Pathology was acceptable.

The General Body also suggested that other speakers may be invited by the members and these should be forwarded to the Honorary Secretary for necessary action.

7.8/2007: The Honorary Secretary had requested both in the Executive Council and the General Body regarding the need for more Orations, Awards and improvement of academic activities of the association. The Executive Council

and the General Body has therefore resolved to constitute an Academic and Educational Committee of the association comprising of: President, IAPM; Past Presidents, Prof. C.I. Jhala from Ahmedabad and Prof. S.K.Dutta, from Kolkata; Prof. Anita Borges from Mumbai; Prof. Tejinder Singh from New Delhi and Honorary Secretary IAPM to look into all such matters. The committee is free to co-opt any other member and seek the assistance of any other member as deemed necessary. All matters related to scientific activities during APCON may also be looked after by the committee whenever necessary. The committee shall also look into the possibilities of introducing more Orations, Awards, Symposia, Seminars etc. and the modalities thereof on behalf of the association.

**Item No. 8 Matters related to Awards**

8.1: Dr. V.R. Khanolkar Prize 2007

There was no applicant for this Prize this year

8.1.1: Revival of Prize Money & Citation

The Prize money has been discontinued.

There was much deliberation on the mode of reviving the glory of this prestigious prize. It was unanimously felt that it would not be possible to collect a corpus at this juncture by any member and it was the responsibility of the association to manage the prestigious prize named after such an eminent founder member whose contribution in shaping the profession in this country cannot be repaid. However the Prize money of Rs.5000.00 only could be easily paid from the interest available with the association either alone or in combination with that of the Maharashtra State Chapter. The Maharashtra State Chapter graciously offered to provide a sum of Rs.5000.00 only towards the Dr. Khanolkar Prize to be awarded every year.

8.2 : Smt. Kunti Devi Mehrotra Award 2007

Only one paper and Curriculum Vitae was submitted for this award: Major histocompatibility complex class I and II detection as a diagnostic tool in idiopathic inflammatory myopathies . Arch Pathol Lab Med 2007; 131:1070-1076 by Dr Ayushi Jain, Junior Resident, Department of Pathology, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Ansari Nagar, New Delhi.

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 neuropathology especially muscle pathology. Dr Raj Mehrotra was sent a copy for nomination and forwarding to a judge of his choice.

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 has requested for kind consideration of augmenting the corpus in small installments since it would be difficult to arrange for a large sum at one time. Till the corpus is realized he would take the responsibility of ensuring the Prize money is disbursed.

- Dr Sanjay Mehrotra and Dr Bandana Mehrotra have written to the Honorary Secretary on 05.10.2007 indicating that they were willing to arrange for a corpus to revive the prize money.

This matter was discussed in detail and the Executive Council and the General Body felt that it would be necessary to have an adequate corpus so that the interest generated would be available for disbursing the prize money. It was not advisable to receive grants every year.

8.3: Prof. K.C. Basu Mallick Award 2007

There were no applicants this year.

8.4: Best Paper Award 2007

For the Best Paper Award, a total of 07 papers were initially received of which one withdrew before this was sent to the referees for evaluation of their suitability for presentation in the Plenary Session of APCON 2007.

Based on the results of the evaluation, four papers were selected for presentation.

8.5: All India Prize in Histopathology

Dr Sanjay Mehrotra and Dr Bandana Mehrotra have written to the Honorary Secretary indicating their desire to institute an All India Prize for Histopathology in the memory of their father Late Prof RML Mehrotra.

8.6: Proposal for Best Poster Awards / Quiz Winners etc.

The awards for the Best Poster / Quiz etc during the annual conference of the association [APCON] are given by the local Organizing Committee of the conference and not by the association. The IAPM should consider giving Certificates and Prizes instead of the Organizers. This would encourage youngsters and add to the value of the awards.

**Resolutions 8.1, 8.2., 8.3, 8.4, 8.5, 8.6, 8.7, 8.8 /2007:**

8.1/2007: The General Body accepted that there was no awardee for the Dr. V.R.Khanolkar Prize for the year 2007 since there was no applicant this year.

8.2/2007: The General Body accepted with deepest appreciation the offer of the Maharashtra State Chapter of the association to graciously provide a sum of Rs.5000.00 only (Rupees five thousand only) towards the Dr. V.R.Khanolkar Prize every year. The sum shall be presented to the awardee by the association and shall be disbursed only on those years when the prize is awarded.

8.3/2007: The recommendation of the panel of honourable judges to award the Smt. Kunti Devi Mehrotra Award for the year 2007 to Dr Ayushi Jain, Junior Resident, Department of Pathology, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Ansari Nagar, New Delhi for the research work entitled Major histocompatibility complex class I and II detection as a diagnostic tool in idiopathic inflammatory myopathies and published in the Archives of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine [Arch Pathol Lab Med 2007; 131:1070-1076] was accepted by the General Body.

8.4/2007: The General Body suggested that the Honorary Secretary should convey to Dr. Raj Mehrotra and to Dr. Sanjay Mehrotra and Dr. Bandana Mehrotra the requirement of an adequate corpus to ensure that the prize money for the Smt. Kunti Devi Mehrotra Award is obtained from the interest of the corpus amount.

8.5/2007: The General Body accepted that there was no awardee for the Dr. K.C.Basu Mallick Awarde for the year 2007 since there was no applicant this year.

8.6/2007: Dr. Ruchi Gupta from the Department of Histopathology, Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh was recommended for the Best Paper Award for the year 2007 for her paper Ruchi Gupta, S Radhika, Raje Nijhawan, Vanita Suri: Expression of tissue transglutaminase II and p16INK4A in cervical intraepithelial neoplasia and invasive carcinoma.

8.7/2007: The Academic and Education Committee would look into the feasibility and modality of the All India Histopathology Prize in the memory of Late Prof. R.M.L. Mehrotra as suggested by Dr Sanjay Mehrotra and Dr Bandana Mehrotra.

8.8/2007: The General Body accepted in principle that the parent body should institute prizes for Posters and Quiz during the annual conference (APCON) more so since the financial burden would not be much if certificates and token prizes are awarded. The Academic and Education Committee is to examine this matter and suggest means of implementation.

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

9.1. Request by Dr BK Nanda to Karnataka Chapter IAPM to donate Rs1,00000.00 only to the Building Fund from the proceeds of APCON 2006.

This matter was discussed in the meeting of the Executive Council and the General Body. Prof. B.K.Nanda informed that a sum of Rupees three to four lakhs would be necessary to complete the IAPM Headquarter Building at Cuttack. At this time there was an urgent need of Rupees one lakh only to complete some of the payments that are due. He requested that the generous donation provided by the Karnataka Chapter to the IAPM after APCON 2006 be provided to the IAPM Building Fund to meet the current expenses. Dr. Sujay Prasad, Organizing Secretary of APCON 2006 had clarified that the sum was donated to the IAPM without any specific limitation or clause and the association was free to utilize this amount in a an appropriate manner. During the course of this discussion some members suggested that if the association had sufficient funds the total requirement for completing the building should be disbursed so that the building is functional as soon as possible.

**Resolutions 9.1, 9.2 /2007:**

9.1/2007: The General Body accepted the Report of the IAPM Headquarters for the year 2007 presented by Dr. N.C. Parija, Joint Secretary (Headquarters) .

9.2/2007: The General Body approved the disbursement of Rs.1,00,000.00 only (Rupees one lakh only) from the funds of the association towards the construction of the IAPM Headquarters Building at Cuttack.

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

**Resolution 10 /2007:**

10/2007: The General Body accepted the Report of the Honorary Secretary for the year 2007.

**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

The matter related to the Draft Proposal of Constitution for State Chapters was discussed in the Special General Body Meeting held on 27 November 2007 at Chandigarh and the decisions thereof shall apply.

**Resolution 11 /2007:**

11/2007: The General Body accepted the Report of the Honorary Joint Secretary for the year 2007.

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

**Resolution 12 /2007:**

12/2007: The General Body accepted the Report of the Honorary Treasurer for the year 2007.

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

**Resolution 13 /2007:**

13/2007: The General Body accepted the Report of the Honorary Editor-in-Chief, Indian Journal of Pathology and Microbiology for the year 2007.

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

**Resolution 14 /2007:**

14/2007: The General Body accepted the Report of the National External Quality Control Programme for the year 2007.

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

**Resolution 15 /2007:**

15/2007: The General Body accepted the Report of the Secretary, Indian College of Pathologists for the year 2007.

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

16.1 : "Family Security Scheme" for Life Members (Brig. C. Lakshmanan)

This was discussed briefly during the previous Meeting of the Executive Council in 2006. Subsequently Prof Bhaskara Reddy sent relevant documents of the scheme as practiced by the Indian Medical Association, AP

State Branch. Dr Rajesh Phatale also sent papers of the Social Security Scheme of the Indian Medical Association, Maharashtra State Branch. The Honorary Secretary, on advice of Prof Bhaskara Reddy sent the papers to Prof RK Gupta for comments on the feasibility of the scheme for the IAPM.

Unfortunately a final decision could not be taken.

16.2 : Regulation of the titles of CMEs sounding similar to established ones and their timings [Dr Vatsala Misra]

Dr. Vatsala Misra informed that some CMEs with titles identical to those organized by IAPM or related organizations. This included a recent CME entitled International CME in Surgical Pathology. The General Body felt that the association did not have a control over such matters and it was left to the members to exercise caution and restraint while organizing conferences, CMEs etc. so that duplications do not occur.

16.3: Schedule of APCON and CYTOCON [Dr SK Gour]

This year there was a near overlap of two important conferences APCON and CYTOCON. This caused undue

hardship to several members who wanted to attend both conferences. It was explained that this year there was a problem of availability of the venue and facilities on suitable dates since the organizers had to less time to book the facilities. Members would recall that one of the prospective venues had to be changed. There is a shortage of conference venues with adequate facilities to cater to a large number of delegates and often these have to be booked over a year in advance. Hence this year was exceptional.

16.4 : Consortium of Association of Laboratory Medicine [CALM]: Bill regarding Clinical Establishment Act

without taking into consideration laboratories [Dr Sujay Prasad]

Dr. Sujay Prasad had informed the Executive Council that the Bill regarding Clinical Establishment Act was likely to be passed without taking into consideration laboratories. Hence it was necessary for all such associations to put forth their case so that the views of such specialties may be considered. It was with this view he requested the IAPM to join the Consortium of Association of Laboratory Medicine [CALM] since many members who practice laboratory medicine have been traditionally members of IAPM also.

Since there were no guidelines available regarding the constitution, activities and benefits of IAPM joining the consortium, members felt that this should be obtained first.

16.5 : Opening of private laboratories by under qualified persons including MBBS degree holders.[Dr SK Gour]

As discussed during earlier General Body Meetings, the members felt that this was outside the purview of the association.

16.6 : Formation of Federation of Medical Associations of India under the aegis of Indian Medical Association

The President and Honorary Secretary of the association had received an invitation to attend a meeting regarding the Formation of Federation of Medical Associations of India under the aegis of Indian Medical Association at the IMA House in Delhi in December 2007. The details regarding the federation were not known and it is presumed this would be discussed at the meeting.

16.7 : Non-receipt of various communications from the IAPM [Dr VV Taralakhmi, Dr AV Deshmukh]

The matter was discussed and Past Honorary Secretaries and Editor-in-Chiefs indicated that postal delays have been a problem even earlier and this was difficult to solve. However as far as possible, whenever important notices are posted there should be proof of posting available as recommended for Postal Ballots ( See Resolution 4.9/2007)

16.8 : Discussion on on-line registration for conferences (various members)

On-line Registration facilities are unavoidable in current times. However it was felt that facilities for conventional registration especially for senior members and those without internet facilities should also be available.

16.9 : Formalization of formation of guidelines for reporting with the participation of National Cancer Registry, ICMR and IAPM

While some guidelines are in the process of being prepared some members felt that this was not necessary. Others felt that this was required.

16.10: Academic cooperation with Association of Pathologists of Indian origin in North America

Prof. V.V. Joshi had written to the Honorary Secretary that members of the Association of Pathologists of Indian origin in North America were willing to participate in the Annual Conference of IAPM, delivering Lectures, conducting Slide Seminars, Workshops etc. They would travel to India at their own expense and they only expected local hospitality to be taken care of. Prof. Joshi met the current and past Honorary Secretaries: Prof. S. Datta Gupta, Prof. B.D. Radotra and Prof. D.N.Lanjewar before the meeting and discussed this matter in detail. Prof. V.V.Joshi was informed that while the association appreciated his kind gesture and offer, it would not be possible to give a categorical assurance on this matter since the slots for such activities are limited and traditionally every member is encouraged to invite Guest Speakers from overseas who may or may not be from North America. However the association would definitely keep this offer in mind. The Honorary Secretary also requested Prof. Joshi to explore the possibility of providing Fellowships / training to younger members of the IAPM in North America and also to support awards, orations etc. of the IAPM.

16.11 : Dr. Niranjan Rout, Past Honorary Treasurer had raised the point that if Abstracts are not considered as publications it may not be advisable to print Supplementary issues of the journal. This would save space and expenditure. However it was clarified that publication of abstracts in a indexed journal may be cited and this would also encourage youngsters. Hence it was advisable to continue with the current practice.

**Resolution 16.1, 16.2, 16.3, 16.4 /2007:**

16.1/2007: The General Body requested all members to ensure that duplication of titles of conferences, CMEs, Symposia, Workshops and other academic and scientific activities are avoided.

16.2/2007: The Honorary Secretaries of the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists (IAPM) and the Indian Academy of Cytologists (IAC) may coordinate to ensure there is an adequate gap in the dates of the annual conferences (APCON and CYTOCON) as far as is possible.

16.3/2007: Dr.Sujay Prasad is requested to communicate to the Honorary Secretary details regarding the Consortium of Association of Laboratory Medicine [CALM] especially the constitution, activities, the benefits of memberships and the responsibilities thereof so that the IAPM can take a decision on this matter.

16.4/2007: The Honorary Secretary, Prof. S. Datta Gupta was authorized to attend the meeting Formation of Federation of Medical Associations of India under the aegis of Indian Medical Association to be held at IMA House in Delhi. Consequent to the election of Prof. Harsh Mohan as President IAPM, Prof S. Datta Gupta requested Prof. Harsh Mohan to attend the meeting since he was coming to Delhi on that day and because due to unavoidable circumstances, Prof S. Datta Gupta would not be able to attend the meeting.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair and to all Office-Bearers of the association as the newly elected members take charge.

December 2007  
New Delhi

**Dr. S. Datta Gupta**  
Honorary Secretary (2005-07)

**Donation to IAPM**

1. Donation to Indian Association of Pathologists & Microbiologists qualify for tax benefit under Section 80-G of Income Tax Act 1961 vide letter No.CIT/CTC/80G-63/2004-2005/481 dt.18.05.2004 by the Commissioner of Income Tax, Cuttack.
2. The approval is valid for the financial year 2006-07 and 2007-08 vide F.No. CIT / CTC / Tech/80-G/2006-07 / 17 dated, Cuttack 02 Apr 2007

**Mode of payment to IAPM**

Payment to IAPM can be made to the bank account through any core bank of **State Bank of India (SBI)**.

Name of Account : **IAPM**  
Account No. : **10145483498**  
Name of the Bank : **State Bank of India, SCB Medical College Campus Branch, Cuttack - 753007**

- N.B. :** (1) Interested donors can deposit directly to this account of IAPM and send the counterfoil duly signed on its back along with a forwarding letter to the Treasurer IAPM, to obtain money receipt and copy of 80 G approval.
- (2) Also, members who are interested to pay IAPM, any dues, can use this core banking facility and send the counterfoil duly signed on its back along with a forwarding letter to the Treasurer to obtain money receipt.



# IAPM NEWS BULLETIN

## SUPPLEMENT TO VOL 1 / 2008 : January - March

Minutes of the Special General Body Meeting held on Tuesday 27 November 2007 at 17.30 Hours at the Bhargava Auditorium, PGIMER, Chandigarh [Venue of the 56th Annual Conference of IAPM (APCON 2007)]

The Special General Body Meeting was chaired by Prof. Taralakshmi V. Venugopal, President IAPM and was conducted by Prof C.I.Jhala, Past President, IAPM.

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].

### Background :

In the year 2006, certain matters related to the constitution of the association came up for discussion in the meetings of the Executive Council and the General Body held during the 55th Annual Conference of IAPM (APCON 2006) at Bangalore, December 2006. According to Resolution 3.9/2006, it was decided to refer the matter to a committee and the Honorary Secretary was assigned the task of identifying members of the committee for this purpose. After much thought and deliberations, in keeping with the vast knowledge, previous experience, expertise and commitment, the Honorary Secretary was pleased to nominate Prof. C.I.Jhala and Prof. Balaraman Nair as the core members of the committee on 23 June 2007. Both Prof. Jhala and Prof. Nair were free to co-opt any other members into the committee and seek the assistance, opinion and suggestions of any member as deemed fit. Prof. Vatsala Misra, Joint Secretary, IAPM was also requested to provide necessary assistance. All the matters were discussed during the Special General Body Meeting.

### Regrets :

Prof. Balaraman Nair regretted that he would not be able to attend the meeting.

Former Presidents of the association, Prof. Bhaskara Reddy, Surg. Commodore P. Sivadas and Prof P. V. Patil also informed that they would not be able to attend the meeting.

### Agenda Discussed :

- (i) Membership issues especially since applicants are to wait till the next General Body Meeting before acceptance and hence the so called delay in receiving journals and News Bulletins

According to the current practice all proposals for memberships are ratified in the General Body Meetings that are generally held during the annual conference [APCON] in end November or December every year. Thus applicants may have to wait for up to one year before being accepted as members. During this long period they do not enjoy any privileges of membership including receipt of news bulletins and journals. Further, Ordinary Members who pay for one year membership at the first instance do not receive any journals for which they may have subscribed during that year.

The Honorary Secretary pointed out that while it is customary to permit only members to present papers / posters during the annual conference, the present system of ratification of membership creates problems for postgraduate students of the first year who are keen to participate in such academic activities.

The Honorary Treasurer brought up the issue of Processing Fee that is paid by applicants. Often the applicants pay only Rs.100.00 only (Processing Fee) and expect membership to be accepted or do not pay further even if provisionally accepted. This results in problems of accounting.

During the course of discussion it was also apparent that there was a delay in communicating the list of new members to the Honorary Editor-in-Chief. The list is generally available with the Honorary Treasurer by virtue of the subscription paid and communicated to the Honorary Secretary thereafter.

The members also put forth prevailing rules of other associations, wherein such members are admitted provisionally but agreed in general that ultimate ratification by the General body should be adhered to.

- (ii) Membership of postgraduate students especially of the first year so that they may be permitted to participate in academic activities of the association that year

This issue was discussed with the previous item and it was felt that postgraduate students should not be denied the opportunity to participate in such academic activities.

- (iii) Inclusion of PhD and research scholars etc as limited members so that they may participate in academic activities of the association

Several members have pointed out that research activities in Pathology and Microbiology are now a days often not restricted to medical professionals only. With increasing use of basic science and molecular biology techniques, scholars who have a background in science and molecular biology (and not MBBS) form the backbone of various research projects. The current rules of the association permit only those with a medical post graduate degree in Pathology and Microbiology

or postgraduate medical students in these subjects to become members of the association and participate in academic activities. Therefore all other scholars who may be doing research in Pathology and Microbiology are not able participate in any of the academic activities of the association. Some senior members also pointed out several oral pathologists possess a postgraduate qualification in dentistry. Similarly veterinary pathologists and microbiologists often have interesting research results very relevant to human pathology and microbiology. Thus there was unanimous opinion that the scope of membership needs to be widened to enhance the academic activities of the association relevant to present day needs. It was however felt that those without requisite postgraduate qualifications or research should not be under this purview at the current juncture.

The format used by other associations was cited for consideration by the association wherein such members are admitted for the purpose of participating in academic activities only without any rights to vote or become office-bearers.

(iv) Membership and election of Office Bearers of State Chapters

Dr.G.P.Bhagwat had pointed out that according to Part III (Bye Laws) of the Constitution of the association, the State Chapters (Item 4) shall have Rules and Bye-Laws according to the parent body. Consequently he had made a Draft Proposal of the Constitution for State Chapters of IAPM in 2006 based on the Constitution of the parent body. The main point of discussion related to election of office-bearers of the State Chapters. If the rules of the parent body are followed then the procedure for election would be by postal ballot or similar means. However the members present discussed the issue at length and came to the conclusion that over the years different State Chapters adopted different means of electing / selecting their office-bearers. These included various means such as consensus, rotation amongst different institution, location of annual meetings etc. Several members pointed out that the procedures adopted by their State Chapters were well accepted and changing the format would result in problems.

(v) Possibility of the post of President-Elect

The Honorary Secretary informed the members that several associations had the provision of a President elect or a President-in-waiting. Such candidates could become members of the Executive Council for a year and then assume the charge of the President thereafter. This would allow them to contribute to the association in a better manner since one year may be too short a period.

The members discussed the issue at length including the possibility of electing the Vice President who would become the President subsequently. However by and large it was felt that the position of the President-elect may not serve any meaningful purpose. Some members even pointed out that since the duties of the Vice-President are not adequate enough, it would not be worthwhile to introduce another post at this juncture.

(vi) Modalities to ensure that all members of the state chapters are members of the parent body.

The Honorary Secretary pointed out that since the State Chapters were sections of the parent body ideally all members of the State Chapters should be primary members of the parent body (IAPM).

After much discussion while it was agreed that this should be encouraged it would be difficult to implement this compulsorily in a practical manner since this would depend on the list provided by the local chapter. Nevertheless it was suggested that all local chapters should ensure that this is followed as far as possible.

(vii) Whether city and other local chapters of IAPM should be considered as branches of the IAPM and if so guidelines for their formation and acceptance

The Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Joint Secretary informed that there are several city chapters and similar local bodies that claim to be affiliated to the IAPM and often communicate with the parent body.

The members discussed this issue and came to the conclusion that most of these bodies were indeed formed by the members of the association for the purpose of convenience. Thus clubs of pathologists and microbiologists exists indifferent cities that are academic in nature meeting more often than the state chapters themselves. It was felt that the parent body cannot have any jurisdiction over such bodies and should communicate only with and recognize the state or regional chapters as accepted by the General Body and activities of which are coordinated by the Honorary Joint Secretary.

(viii) Introduction of the posts of assistants to Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Editor-in-Chief for the purpose of including them as second signatories during bank transactions

The issue of assistants to office-bearers of the association was raised earlier by Dr. Niranjana Rout, former Honorary Treasurer and subsequently by the Honorary Secretary. These were necessary since current guidelines of banks require two signatories for operating accounts by associations / societies etc.

The members accepted this proposal.

(ix) Additional matters that have come to the notice of the association recently (after the meetings in 2006)

[a] Ordinary Members to be discontinued in favour of Ordinary Life Memberships

The Honorary Treasurer informed that several Ordinary Members do not renew their memberships in time. The Honorary Secretary intimated according to the list provided by the Honorary Treasurer, of the 925 Ordinary Members around only 76 had renewed their memberships in 2006! Under these circumstances it might be convenient to have only Life Memberships paid at one-time rather than Ordinary Memberships and Life Memberships.

After much discussion it was decided not to do away with Ordinary Memberships. Thus the present types of memberships would continue.

[b] Issue of Life Membership Certificates

The Honorary Secretary proposed that Life Members be issued certificates of memberships. This was done by several associations. Further some members had written to the Honorary Secretary requesting for certificates of membership since this [membership of relevant professional bodies] was a requisite for employment abroad.

During the course of discussion it was agreed that membership certificates could be issued to Life Members only. A suggestion of introducing Identity Cards with photographs was also made by a senior member. However it was felt that this would be difficult to implement. Further it was felt that the cost incurred in making the certificate could be borne by the member.

[c] Status of electronic means of communication especially for elections

The Honorary Secretary informed that the issue of using electronic means of communication came up during the recent elections since one of the candidates sent the nomination by fax. Several senior members were then consulted since the constitution of the association is silent on this issue. While several members felt that during current times electronic means of communication should be accepted some felt that only conventional written communication should be accepted for matters related to elections. The Honorary Secretary had consulted office-bearers of some other associations who informed him that they do not accept electronic communication for elections.

(x) Any other matter with the permission of the chair

There were no other matters raised during the meeting

## Resolutions

S(i)/2007: The President, Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer are hereby authorized to scrutinize applications for all categories of membership to the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists [IAPM]. The President and the Honorary Secretary are also authorized to provisionally accept applicants as members of the association after the due scrutiny subject to ratification in the following General Body Meeting of the association. Members thus accepted shall receive News Bulletins and Journals from the next quarter.

S(ii)/2007: The Honorary Secretary shall provide a list of new members to the Honorary Editor-in-Chief periodically so that the journal may be provided to the new members from the subsequent quarter since the journal is published quarterly [January, April, July, October] every year.

S(iii)/2007: The Processing Fee shall be amalgamated with the respective membership fee for the first year payable at the time of application. The amount of Rs.100.00 only towards Processing Fee shall remain unchanged. Therefore if the annual membership fee is Rs. 500.00 only, the applicant shall pay a sum of Rs. 600.00 only at the time of application and the annual fee of Rs.500 only thereafter. Similarly the applicant opting for payment of one time Life Membership, shall be liable to pay Rs. 5600.00 only [Rs.5500.00 + Rs.100.00] at the time of application. These changes should be hereafter intimated to all applicants and announced in the Membership Proposal Form and the website.

S(iva,b,c,d)/2007:[iva] The Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists shall henceforth admit as Affiliated Members of the association all those with a postgraduate degree who are actively engaged in research and teaching of Pathology and Microbiology but do not possess a medical degree: PhD, MSc, MDS [Oral Pathology], MVSc [Veterinary Pathology /Microbiology] provided their research activity is related to or has relevance to human Pathology and Microbiology. It is mandatory for research scholars / associates /fellows with MSc / PhD working under a Pathologist / Microbiologist to be proposed for membership by their guides / investigator of the project.

[ivb] All such Affiliated Members shall be admitted only for the purpose of participating in all academic activities of the association such as attending conferences, presenting papers / posters etc.

[ivc] Such Affiliated Members shall not enjoy any voting rights whatsoever

[ivd] On no account shall such Affiliated Members ever be permitted to be nominated for or contest for or have the privilege of becoming an office-bearer or a member of the Executive Council of the association or the State Chapters of the association or be eligible for Ordinary or Life Membership of the association.

Thus the status of these Affiliated Members will be similar to those of Associate Members [postgraduate students of Pathology and Microbiology] of the association.

S(v)/2007: The State Chapters of the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists are authorized to elect / select / nominate office-bearers according to rules / regulations / norms acceptable to the chapter. However it is mandatory for the office bearers to be Life Members of the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists [IAPM].

S(vi)/2007: The Executive Council, General Body and Office-Bearers of the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists [IAPM] shall recognize, accept and communicate with only those Regional and State Chapters as conventionally accepted by the General Body of the association and whose activities are coordinated by the Honorary Joint Secretary who also compiles and presents their activities to the Executive Council and General Body every year.

Members are requested to refrain from using the name of IAPM in local city chapters / clubs /societies other than in the case of State Chapters / Regional Chapters recognized by IAPM.

S(vii)/2007 : The Indian Association of Pathologists introduces the posts of assistants to Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Editor-in-Chief herein named as Honorary Assistant Secretary, Honorary Assistant Treasurer and Honorary Assistant Editor-in-Chief. The assistants are authorized to function as second signatories for operating the corresponding bank accounts in addition to assisting the Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, and Honorary Editor-in-Chief in their day to day functioning.

The Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Editor-in-Chief are hereby authorized to nominate and co-opt any Life Member of the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists [IAPM] as the corresponding assistants, preferably from the city / town of their office. The names of the assistants may be forwarded to the Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary and President for information.

The assistants shall not be included as members of the Executive Council and shall not take over the function of the Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Editor-in-Chief and the respective elected office-bearers shall be responsible for their offices and all communications, decisions and duties as enshrined in the constitution of the association.

S(viii)/2007 : The Honorary Secretary shall work out the modalities for the issue of Certificates for Life Members of the association and shall also in consultation with the Honorary Treasurer determine the cost of each certificate that may be levied on the member.

S(ix)/2007 : The Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists shall accept electronic communications in the form of FAX for the purpose of elections [nominations/ withdrawals etc] provided these are followed by a valid original written communication posted before the last date for the receipt of communication as announced by the Honorary Secretary.

It must be emphasized that use of Fax for filing nominations etc should be done only under exceptional circumstances and the written communications shall serve as the final proof of the communication. The date of posting should be clearly indicated by way of postal cancellation / franking / seal / speed-post label etc.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair. The members also expressed their sincere gratitude and expressed their appreciation to Prof. C.I.Jhala and Prof. Balaraman Nair for their contribution and efforts towards this Special General Body Meeting.

November 2007  
New Delhi

**Prof S. Datta Gupta**  
Honorary Secretary (2005-07)

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Events	Dates	Venue	Contact
Leukaemias : molecular insights to treatment paradigms	07-09 Mar. 2008	The Grand Central, Parel, Mumbai	E-mail : <a href="mailto:eso2esoncology.org">eso2esoncology.org</a> Website : <a href="http://www.cancerworld.org/eso">www.cancerworld.org/eso</a>
16th Annual Conference Indian National Association for Study Liver (INASL)	07-09 Mar. 2008	Airforce Auditorium Subroto Park, New Delhi - 10	Col. V.K. Gupta Dept. of Gastroentology Base Hospital, Delhi Cantt. - 110010 Website : <a href="http://www.inasl2008.net.in">www.inasl2008.net.in</a>
9th Sir Dorabji Tate Symposium	10-11 Mar. 2008	IIS Campus, Bangalore	Lt. Gen D. Raghunath Principal Executive Sir Dorabji Tata Centre for Research in Tropical Diseases, Innovations Centre, IIS. Campus, Bangalore - 760012 Email : <a href="mailto:sdtc265iisc@vsnl.net">sdtc265iisc@vsnl.net</a>
HQ CME - 2008	12th Apr. 2008	IAPM House Cuttack	Prof. N.C. Parija IAPM House, Chahata, Bidanasi, Cuttack - 753014 E-mail : <a href="mailto:iapmhq@rediffmail.com">iapmhq@rediffmail.com</a>
IAP-ID MYTP-2008 ( International Academy of Pathology - Indian division Mid Year Teching Programme )	June ' 2008	Bangalore	Dr. N. Jayaram Programme Director, IAP-ID, MYTP - 2008, Ananda Institute of Laboratory Medicine II, Blue Cross Chambers, Infantry Road Cross, Shivjinagar, Bangalore-560001 Mobile : 09449866266 E-mail : <a href="mailto:jayaram@anandlab.com">jayaram@anandlab.com</a>

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