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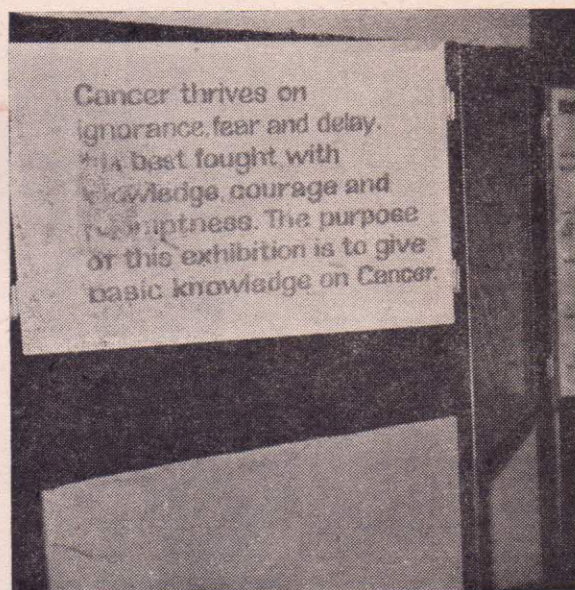
C.P.A.A. Organises an Exhibition on 'Cancer'

In Nov. 1976, Cancer Patients Aid Association, a national body devoted to the service of Cancer patients organised a highly successful exhibition on Cancer for the lay public in Bombay.

The spacious Coomaraswamy Hall in Central Bombay was used to depict facts and figures about the disease of cancer. The aim was to enlighten and not frighten. All posters were artistically prepared. The lay-out, design and material were of high professional standard and immediately caught the eye of the lay public. Although majority of the matter was in English, some posters in regional languages were also displayed.

The Cytology Clinic of Association of Medical Women and Cama Hospital organised an on the spot facility for Pap Smear Test which proved very popular. About 300 people visited the exhibition during the course of the week and about 50 underwent the Pap Smear Test. The crowd showed keen interest and asked

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1st poster, at the entrance of exhibition.



Shri K. M. Patil, Minister for Health, Government of Maharashtra in conversation with Dr. J. C. Paymaster, eminent Cancer Surgeon and President of C.P.A.A. and Dr. Usha Saraiya at the exhibition.

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Editorial

Dear Readers,

It is once again time to write to you and to keep you informed about the activities of our Academy.

A significant number of interesting people have joined our fold. I welcome all of them and hope they will enjoy their association with our Academy.

I hope my plea for Membership Drive has been taken seriously by all of you.

In this issue we are publishing the rules and regulations of our Academy. I hope you will keep this issue carefully for future reference. We are also attaching a proformat of the application for membership for your use.

Many a times I have been asked what the Academy does for its Members or what we hope to achieve by this new organisation. I must admit that it is difficult to answer these questions. But I have borrowed on occasions John F. Kennedy's wise words and said "Ask not what the Academy can do for its Members but ask what the members can do for the Academy." However, these are valid questions and deserve some soul-searching and reflection.

In this issue a few ideas have been introduced. One of them is to hold exhibitions on Cancer so as to enlighten the public and make them aware that early diagnosis by cytology is one of the answers. It is hoped that some members will be motivated to start such activities. In future some articles relating to the subject of publicity for Cancer control, will be published in this communication.

I have introduced this time the cyto-quiz. It is always a pleasure to see interesting and rare smears. Since it is not feasible to exchange slides, we can at least exchange information through photographs. Do please send your contributions for this feature.

One of the main aims of our organisation is to train more technologists and help in setting up more Depts of Cytology. Towards this the Bombay group had organised a regional workshop in August. In the mean time I hope many more people will work towards this goal.

Various people attend various conferences for various reasons. Some only for academic and intellectual stimulation, some only for a holiday, some only to make new contacts and others because its one way to get official leave and travel expenses. Whatever the reasons no one can deny that attending conferences is the cheapest, quickest and the most pleasant way in which to gain further knowledge in the subject concerned. Wait a minute. . . Am I beginning to sound like a travel agent? That's not the intention.

But, I, for one, am looking forwards to December, and to being in Madras and to the warmth of friendship from old friends and new. Perhaps many of you share my feelings.

Bye for now,

Yours
Usha Saraiya

