

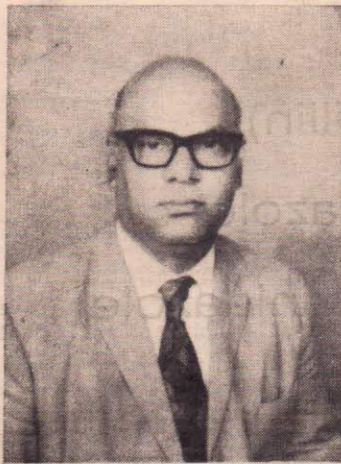


NEWSLETTER

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Message



I am extremely grateful to all the Members of the Academy for bestowing this signal honour on me by electing me as a President for the year 1979. Every one of us now realise the significance of early diagnosis of cancer, so that many lives can be saved and they can live comfortably for good number of years, if cancer is detected early and treated promptly. For this, many detection centres have to be established in various parts of the country and for establishing detection centres, we need Cyto-Technicians and Doctors. For this, training of personnel in Cytology is very essential. I think our Association can do this and I would request our Members to devote more time for establishing such centres and also involve themselves in mass screening of the general public and by all means go into the rural areas to do this work, as 80% of the population come from village. My motto for this year will be "EARLY DIAGNOSIS OF CANCER BY CYTOLOGY AND CARRY THIS MESSAGE TO RURAL AREAS."

D. BHASKARA REDDY
President.

Indian Academy of Cytologists

Dr. D. Bhaskara Reddy, brings to his new appointment a wealth of 22 years of experience as a Professor of Pathology, Principal of Medical Colleges & able administrator of various Universities.

Amongst all the important assignments he has held, mention must be made of his Membership of the Syndicate, Senate & Academic Council of Sri. Venkateswara University for the last 6 years.

Earlier he devoted his energies to developing the 2 Medical Colleges, one at Guntur and the other at Kurnool during his tenure as Principal. He is mainly responsible for inculcating high sense of discipline in the Student Community.

In his current appointment as Director of Medical Education & Administration of Andhra Pradesh, he has furthered the cause of Cytology, his special interest. By a very interesting talk illustrated with beautiful slides of the countryside of Andhra Pradesh, he showed us in Madras how he has introduced Cytology smear taking by A.N.M. of Primary Health

Centres. Moreover, he has carried Laboratory Medicine to the rural people by improving the District Laboratories. We certainly wish him luck in this new venture and hope that others will emulate the same experiment.

It will be a great source of encouragement to our junior members to know that our President has to his credit 231 scientific papers published in both Indian & Foreign Journals.

He is a fellow of the Indian Academy of Medical Sciences, Fellow of American College of Pathologists and Fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists, Great Britain. Last year he was elected as the President of the Indian Association of Pathologists & Microbiologists. An impressive list, no doubt!

However, if you ask me what has impressed me about our President, I can say quite definitely, it is his sense of humour. So much so that during his term of office I expect the working of our Academy to be delightfully cheerful.

The following were elected as office bearers of the council for 1979 :

President

Dr. B. Bhaskara Reddy, Hyderabad

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Dr. Kamla Chandra, Delhi.

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Dr. U. Saraiya, Bombay
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Dr. S. Amin, Baroda
Dr. P. N. Wahi, Ex-officio member
(Emeritus President)

Editor of the Newsletter

Dr. U. Saraiya, Bombay

Delegates to UICC (1979-82)

Dr. Krishnamurthi, Madras
Dr. V. Shanta, Madras

*Delegate to the board of
International Academy of Cytology*

Dr. U. Luthra, Delhi

It is regretted that due to an oversight the name of Dr. P. V. Mehta was not included in the list of Council Members in the last issue. Dr. P. V. Mehta was elected as Member at Calcutta for 1978.

Editorial

Dear Readers,

Have you been wondering why the Newsletter is not yet in your hands? Well if you have, I am delighted, for it means you have got into the habit of reading the Newsletter.

I believe that it is more important to have news worth publishing rather than to keep to a time schedule. Hence, I would like all of you to note that the first issue will reach you sometime before June and the 2nd issue before December.

Another year has come and gone and we are steadily moving ahead. Much of the credit must go to the various Past Presidents & Secretaries who have so diligently worked for the Academy. Those who have shaped the policies and guided the destiny in the first few years of the life of any organisation always have a special place in its history. On behalf of all our readers I shall take this opportunity to express our gratitude to Dr. Luthra & Dr. Aikat who have recently handed over their charge to the newly appointed team.

This year I feel will be a turning point for our Academy. There are many reasons for this feeling First

of all we have a new team to head our organisation. If you know of their bio-data you will realise that they are very dynamic individuals. I am sure they will bring laurels to this organisation whose affairs they will now be steering. Let us all wish them good luck in their endeavours.

Secondly, after seven years of existence, we have had some second thoughts about our Constitution. Some Members had suggested some changes and very rightly so. Accordingly a Committee has been formed to go through the Rules & Regulations and frame new ones. The convenor of this committee is our Secretary.

All members are earnestly requested to go carefully through the Rules & Regulations published in the previous issue and if they want any changes write to the Secretary. Please attend to this right away. It is easy to effect changes altogether in one stage, afterwards it may be very difficult.

With the I.A.C. becoming a full member of U.I.C.C., many opportunities have been thrown open to our Members. I hope they will utilise these avenues for furthering the cause of cancer control. In this issue we are publishing the details of some of the Grants offered by U.I.C.C. More details can be had by writing directly to U.I.C.C.

This year we shall meet in Baroda.

In the idyllic atmosphere of Fisherman's Cove in Madras last year, many of us thought of our near and dear ones left behind. Although it was vacation time for school, very few members had come with their families. This year I do hope that situation is remedied and we get to know the families of our Members.

Finally, my friends, I renew my earlier request to you to contribute to this publication. If you have any news, or views or comments that you would like to share with other Members please feel free to write it down and send it to me for publication. Let this be your publication, and let your voice be heard.

Sincerely,
Usha Saraiya.

The Academy Congratulates

Jayasree Roychowdhury on being elected President of the Medical & Veterinary Sciences of the 67th Session of the Indian Science Congress for the year 1979-80.

Dr. Tarun Bannerjee on being elected President of the Federations of Obstetric & Gynaecological Societies of India. Dr. Bannerjee will be installed as President at the Annual Conference to be held in Bangalore in December, 1979.

IAC News

UICC Membership :

Indian Academy of Cytologists has become a full member of this International organisation.

Training Fellowships :

1. G. Shanta Kumari, Medical College, Trivandrum is awarded cytotechnologist fellowship of Indian Academy of Cytologists. She will have her training under supervision of Dr. M. Aikat, P.G.I., Chandigarh.
2. C. Chowdappa, J. J. Medical College, Devangere is awarded cytotechnician fellowship of Indian Academy of Cytologists. He will have his training under Dr. U. K. Luthra, I.R.P., New Delhi.
3. V. K. Nayak, Medical College, Cuttack, is awarded Sohan Lal Cytotechnician fellowship. He will have his training under Dr. M. Aikat at P.G.I., Chandigarh.
4. Miss G. H. Ram Chandra, Grant Medical College, Bombay, is awarded Jwala Devi Cytotechnician fellowship and will have her training at I.R.R. Bombay.

*List of New Members :—

1. Dr. Padam Agarwal,
Reader in Pathology,
K. G. Medical College,
Lucknow.

2. Dr. M. Samarendra Singh,
Sagolband Meino Leirak,
Imphal-795001.
3. Dr. V. L. Bhargava,
Deptt. of Obst. & Gynaec.,
A.I.I.M.S., New Delhi.
4. Dr. A. C. Mehta,
Hospital for Women,
6—A, 2nd Dadyseth Road,
Near Babulnath Market,
Bombay 400 007.
5. Dr. Nalini Venugopal,
Deptt. of Pathology,
Kasturba Medical College,
Manipal—576119,
Karnataka,

* Kindly correct the name published in Vol. III, No. 2 as Mazumdar Amma Prasad. It should be "Dr. Amiya Prasad Mazumdar."

Zonal workshops :

Three zonal workshops were conducted in 1978 :

1. Hyderabad—organized by Dr. B. Reddy. It was of 5 days and was attended by a large number of Pathologists Gynaecologists and Technicians of entire Andhra Pradesh.

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