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## MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

Dear Colleagues,

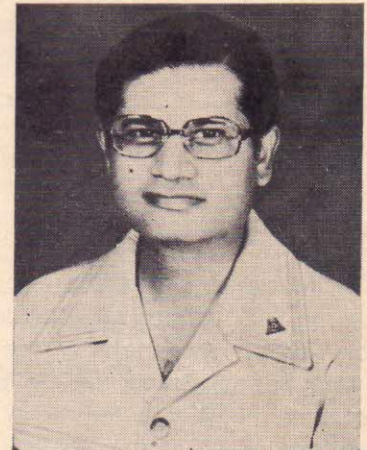
The audited accounts for the year ended December 1979 is submitted herewith. During the year 1979, the total income was Rs. 7,799.99 and from 1.1.1980 to 10.10.1980, the income is Rs. 6,089.72.

At present the total membership is 209, out of which 41 are life members and 168 are ordinary members. This includes 11 life members added this year. It is distressing to report that inspite of repeated reminders, 25 members have not paid their fees for more than 6 years, 13 for 5 years, 11 for 4 years, 28 for 3 years, 19 for 2 years and 22 for the current year. As per the last year's Executive Council meeting decision, the reminders were sent but a very poor response was obtained.

Your co-operation is sought towards the payment of outstanding dues and advance payment of the subscription for the year 1981. The yearly subscription of Rs. 30 and the bank charges for out-station cheques are Rs. 3. Those of you who are not life-members are requested to become so by paying the subscription of Rs. 300 which will enable the Academy to save finances of correspondence and postage.

I wish you a very fruitful coming year.

Yours sincerely,  
(Dr. P. V. MEHTA)



Dr. Pravin Mehta graduated from Grant Medical College, Bombay and subsequently did his M.D. in Obstetrics "Gynaecology". During his college days, he was very active in student activities. He was a Successful Sport Secretary and developed his organisational abilities at a young age.

Dr. Mehta has travelled widely abroad and has attended many Conferences. He has visited practically all the well known Cytology Laboratories in America. He is a Member of the International Academy of Cytology.

Dr. Mehta comes from a well known family of Jewellers. He is married to Dr. Kumud, a well-known Pediatrician. Together they run a Mother and Child Hospital in South Bombay.

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(Emeritus President)

**Editor of Newsletter :**

Dr. U. SARAIYA, Bombay

fields of Pathology and Oncology although he himself admits that his involvement with cytopathology is due to the interest his wife Satya takes in the subject. The Newsletter hence forth will be published from Gwalior where Mongas are currently based. I hope his dream of making it into a full fledged Journal will materialise soon. I have already assured him of my full support and co-operation. I do hope all of you will echo my feelings. Please send him articles news and views, book reviews and any thing which will interest our members. Those of you who are in a position to help him with booking of advertisement space must do so.

I have enjoyed my 3 years of Editorship. It has been a welcome opportunity for self expression and of direct access to so many intelligent minds. My own group have supported this activity and in many ways lightened my burden. I must take this opportunity of thanking all of them. In particular, I would like to thank Mrs. Paraskar my Chief Cytotechnician and her husband Mr. Paraskar who have helped me substantially in collecting advertisements. If this publication hasn't come up to the expectations of some of you, I must seek your forgiveness. There have been difficulties and everyone has their limitations.

Dear Readers,

As I write this Editorial, fire crackers are bursting all round and the feeling of Diwali is everywhere. Although by the time this issue is in your hands, Diwali will be behind us. I cannot but wish all of you the best of Seasons Greetings. Hope all of you have a Happy Diwali and will go on to have a Merry X'Mas.

This is my farewell Editorial. Usually any farewell at all is sad, but I am not feeling so at the moment. This is primarily because the Newsletter is going into very capable hands and secondly because my association with all the members is going to continue in the coming year when I take over the Secretaryship of our Academy,

It was decided in Hyderabad that Dr. J. N. Monga should take up the Editorship from 1981. Dr. Monga is a well known personality in the

In this issue I am publishing a list of members with their addresses. My staff has had to work on it for days to bring it upto date. Even then I am sure there are many mistakes of omission and commission. All I can say is that I look forward to receiving the corrections and will incorporate the change in the coming year. Reluctantly, largely due to the poor response I had to drop the idea of compiling a Roster. However, I do hope that at a later date we are able to publish one.

We have all just returned from a yet another successful conference in Hyderabad. The attendance this time surpassed all previous records and the programme was very interesting. Yet I do feel that we are doing just a fraction of what we can really do. Imagine writing a paper on cytology of 250 women, when given the density of population any one chawl will have that many

people. I was also surprised to hear a few hundred smears collected in a year from an Institute which has that many thousand women patients. When one screens 10% of a given population can those figures be said to be representative of what is truly happening in that community? Although one hears all along that much has been done in the last decade, I do feel at times that some one must also tell us that much more needs to be done. Atleast all teaching hospitals which have a full Pathology Dept. must try to cover all the women patients attending it. Perhaps it is due to the lack of communication between Obst Gyn Depts and Pathology Dept. I suggest that a joint meeting of both these Departments should be held to discuss the programme and make it more effective. As I said in Hyderabad, it is not the management of one case that matters, nor that of a group of cases, it is the totality of the approach that will give the results. I hope in years to come, the figures will be truly representative of our vast population.

Many important decisions were taken in Hyderabad. One of them was that the next Conference will be held in Trivandrum. The dates will be announced soon, but in the meantime our Members from Trivandrum have started making plans. Over the last 10 years we have had Conferences in different parts of the country. Kerala we had not visited so far and so most of us are looking forward to this trip.

I for one am looking forwards to the coming year with some apprehension. I will be taking over the onerous task of Secretary. All the previous Secretaries have been very capable and have done much to enhance the prestige of the Academy. I only hope I can come up to that standard. On my part I can try to put in my best

effort but I also seek the support of each and every member. I do hope you will write to me and let me have your views. I know that with the rapport that has already been established, you will feel free to communicate with me.

Many people asked me what plans I had and what I felt the Academy should be doing. I have not given it much thought yet. But to start with I would like to concentrate on the following points.

- (1) To increase our Membership
- (2) To organise training programme and workshops
- (3) To enhance the activities of Accreditation Committee and the Newsletter
- (4) To work for the success of the Annual Conference.

I know that each and everyone of you can participate in the above activities. What's more I am sure you will find this participation enjoyable and rewarding.

There is a lot to be done in the coming years and I am reminded of the famous lines of Robert Frost.

"The woods are lovely, dark and deep,  
But I have promises to keep,  
And miles to go before I sleep,  
And miles to go before I sleep."

and on this note, dear Readers, I bid you a fond farewell.

Yours,  
USHA SARAIYA

