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Mr. S. L. Havelle
is making
my papers

Editorial

I am sorry for the delay in publishing this I. A. C. Newsletter. The main reason is that I have waited for the details of forthcoming XIX annual conference of I. A. C. at Udaipur without which this Newsletter would be incomplete. I know that all the members are looking forward to this conference which is being held from 10-12th February 1990.

Dr. M. K. Dube is organising secretary of XIX Annual conference of Indian Academy of Cytopathologists and has organised pre conference workshop on 10th Feb. 90 on "Cytology of intra-abdominal Aspiration". There will be a symposium on 12th Feb. 90 on Special staining Techniques in Cytology and a Slide Seminar. I hope you will try to attend this conference in the beautiful city of lakes and fountains.

In the last Newsletter, I had requested all the members to send me short information regarding workshops/seminars held at their institutes. This is of great interest to most readers because it gives incentive to the progress in the field of cytology in our country. I again appeal to you all for the same.

Dr. SHOBHA GROVER

Dr. S. J. Nagalotimath

ADVANI - BRAGANZA ORATION

Our President, Dr. Kusum Verma was invited to Bombay to deliver the Advani Braganza Oration at the Valedictory Function of 16th Annual Cytology Course conducted by Cytology Clinic (AMWI) of Cama and Albless Hospital.

Speaking at the Occasion she emphasised the important role that FNAC plays not only in diagnosis but also in prognosis of breast lumps. She showed her slides on Tuberculosis of the breast, a rare and prized personal collection.

She addressed a select gathering of 32 participants, many of whom had come from District Hospitals of Maharashtra as also members of Indian Academy of Cytologists and members of Association of Medical Women in India, Bombay Branch. Mr. D. T. Joseph, Secretary, Public Health was the Chief Guest at this function.

Guest Lectures

1. "Colposcopy and cytology in normal, Pre-neoplastic and Neoplastic lesions of Cervix" a guest lecture by Dr. S. K. Das at Muzaffarpur Obst. & Gynae society on 22nd July '89.
2. "Cytology and colposcopy" guest lecture by Dr. Usha Saraiya at Guntur Obstetrics and Gynaecological society during the CME programme in August 1989.
3. "The Role of Cytologist in Down staging of Carcinoma Cervix" Guest lecture by Dr. Mrs. Shobha Grover at Branchy therapy workshop at Padhar hospital, Betul 3-4th Nov '89.

Jwala Devi Award

Ms Bernadette Carvalho won the Jwala Devi Award at Ahmedabad at Indian Academy of Cytologists, 18th Annual Conference. Ms Carvalho, Research Officer at Cytology Clinic, Cama Hospital emphasised that cancer cervix must be diagnosed in the In-Situ stage, before it has spread. Reiterating W. H. O's stand of Down Staging of Cervical Cancer, She said the responsibilities lie with the Cyto Technicians, doing the screening programme. They have to be aware

of the Cellular patterns and histologic features of carcinoma In-Situ. Proper teaching and experience would enable the technician to make the diagnosis with confidence.

Bernadette started her career in Cytology in 1970. She has worked in Muscat for six years and has returned to her Alma Mater, Cama Hospital last year as research officer. She is now involved in teaching and training of Cytotechnologists for Maharashtra state.

WORKSHOP

A. Workshops held by ICMR and other Societies.

1. National workshop on Enzyme Histochemistry and Immuno-histochemistry, July, 5-22, 1989 (Madras).
2. Workshop on "Early Detection of Cancer Cervix" was held by Muzafferpur Obst. & Gynae society on 22nd and 23rd July 1989.
3. Symposium on Early Breast Cancer and workshops on laser in Cancer Surgery; and Epidemiology of oral cancer. September 9-10, 1989 Jabalpur.
4. Brachytherapy workshop for Cancer cervix. Nov. 89 (Betul M. P)

B. Workshops/Symposiums to be held

1. Indo-US workshop on Chemoprevention of the uterine cervical Dysplasia with Nutrient Intervention (Dec. 89).
2. Symposium on "Recent Development in Gynaecological Oncology" to be organized by IMA New Delhi Branch at IMA House New Delhi on 2nd December 1989-moderator Dr. S. K. Das.

Recommended New Books

1. Clinical Aspiration Cytology
By Linsk and Franzen, 2nd Edn, 1989.
2. Biopsy Pathology and Cytology of the Cervix
D. V. Coleman and IMD Evans ed Chapman and Hall London

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

1. From Dr. S. K. Das, Deptt. of Obst. & Gynae, Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi-110029.

Dear Presidents/Secretaries,

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that the members of Sub-Committee of Gynaecological Oncology and Trophoblastic tumours are interested in popularising the art of Colposcopy & Cytology among our members who are from every nook and corner of this country. We have proposed to hold workshops in different societies of FOGSI and proposed a half day, one day or one and a half day programme, according to the convenience of the host society.

Each society has to send request to the undersigned and then members of the society will be requested to take necessary action.

Lectures selected for the workshop

- i) Importance of Early Detection of Cancer of lower genital tract, a Global and National perspective.
- ii) Basic lecture on Cytology.
- iii) Primary prevention and Selection of High risk with Virus Oncogenes.
- iv) Clinical assessment and Colposcopy.
- v) Treatment of Early Lesions.

2. From Dr. S. J. Nagalotimath, Prof. & Head, Dept. of Pathology, J. N. Medical College, Belgaum-590 010.

Dear Members,

I am trying to approach you through Cytology Newsletter. I have studied and still studying the problems of Journal of Cytology of our Association. I request all the members to spare sometime on this aspect. The journal should be more regular, bi-annual or quarterly. Financially it should have a sound background. If all the members plan and contribute for this cause the goal is not difficult. I request all the members to come to the ensuing conference at Udaipur in February 1990 with suggestions.

News from Section of Cervical Pathology & Colposcopy

From -Dr. Usha Saraiya
Chairperson-Section of Cervical Pathology & Colposcopy.

The Grand old man of Colposcopy, Dr. Wespi has sent us copies of his article on "50 Years of Colposcopy". It is a beautiful historical Survey & also has the latest developments. We received 10 copies which have all been dispatched. For reference, it is kept in our department & anyone can drop in & go through it. In fact we have an interesting collection of books & manuscripts which are worth a visit.

Another landmark was the visit of Prof. Joseph Jordan of Birmingham. He conducted a workshop & showed Laser treatment of the Cervix including Laser Conisation. He gave an oration on "Management of Premalignant Lesions of the Cervix". to a packed auditorium on Sunday 3rd December '89. His visit has kindled a lot of interest in the subject & many doctors began enquiring about training in Cytology & Colposcopy after his oration.

Early next year, the 7th world Congress of Cervical Pathology & Colposcopy will be held in Rome, Italy from 13th to 17th May. We hope some of our members will attend.

Our committee is being reconstituted. We once again, remind all members interested in this Subject to join the Section & take active interest. Control of Cervical Cancer continues to be a major health problem which we must handle successfully before the turn of the century. This can only be done if the small group already involved get united & involve a larger section of health care personnel. That remains our "Raison d'etre".

