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	3. Awards and Fellowship 2	Dr. Usha K. Luthra presented the report of a decade and half of the standing committee for accreditation and examination (SCAE) which was very well received by the members of the general body. A report of the activities of SCPC was also read.
	4. Report of SACE and SCPE 3	The members will now look forward to meeting in Pune in October 1991. In the meanwhile I request all members to send their comments on this Newsletter. They may also send any information which they wish to publish in the next Newsletter.
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Dr. Shobha Grover

Highlights of XX Annual Conference of Indian Academy of Cytologists held at Belgaum on 30-31st October 1990.

Dr. A. Rajwanshi, Secretary, IAC and Associate Professor Department of Cytology, PGI, Chandigarh.

The XX Annual Conference of IAC was held at Belgaum from 30-31st October, 1990. It was preceded by the workshop on soft tissue tumor Cytology. The Director of the workshop was Dr. A. Rajwanshi and the inaugurated it by lighting the lamp. Dr. Geeta Jayaram of New Delhi was the Chief Organizer and the moderator of the workshop. The problems in the diagnosis of soft tissue tumors in histology as well as the Cytology were discussed. This is an area where Fine Needle Aspiration Cytology helps a lot because the biopsy is usually not performed.

The conference began on Oct 30th 1990 with lots of Pranams to the Lord Rama and was inaugurated by the evercharming Prof. Usha K. Luthra, Additional Director General of ICMR, New Delhi. It was attended among others by Dr. Raja Shekhar, Principal of the host J. N. Medical College, Belgaum and it was presided by Mr. P. B. Kore, M. P. The guest speaker was Dr. V. C. Padki from Bangalore who was the computer expert and gave a talk on image analysis and computerised measurements of the cell dimensions to make a diagnosis of malignancy. The com-

puters are going to storm the Cytology Laboratories in the near future.

The papers presented at the proferred paper session, Nalinibai Thakar Award and Jwala Devi Award session of the Conference were of high standard and evoked tremendous response and queries from the audience. A total of sixty papers were presented. The slide Seminar by Dr. Kumud Gangwal was full of life and she mastered the art of presentation and the review of literature was exacustive

The entertainment programme and the dinner at Shiva Temple were really refreshing and enjoyable.

We bid farewell to Belgaum with lots of Pranam's to Dr. Nagalotimath and his team composed of Dr. P. v Patil the busy lively Organising Secretary, Dr. Malur, Dr. Dhaded etc. We the delegates attending the conference felt very much obliged and delighted by the young volunteers who would be doctors and were in attendance all the time throughout the conference.

The delegates enjoyed the three days Conference with treasure of knowledge of entertainment at Belgavm.

AWARDS

- 1) Dr. Chandrakala shorff was awarded FIAC. She appeared for the examination at the Buenos Aires Conference of International Academy of Cytology and was declared successful. She becomes the first Fellow of IAC in India after the introduction of the examination. The other 3 Fellows from India, Dr. P. N. Wahi, Dr. U. K. Luthra and Dr. Usha Sariaya were all elevated to Fellowship.
- 2) Dr. Usha Sariaya was nominated to the Executive Council of the international Federation of Cervical Pathology and Colposcopy at the Rome Conference. She was also included in two committees one on "Fcrmtion of new societies in the developing countries" and second oh "instrumentations and New Develnpments in Colposcopes."

Jawala Devi Award

- 3) Molykuttp John won this award on her paper entitled "Cytological evaluation of Artophic Cervical smears and Oestrogen Application as an aid in Diagnost c Problems."
She is working at the Regional Concer Centre and SAT Hospital, Thiruvamthapuram Medical Coilege.

4. Nalini bai Thakar Prize

Dr. Pranab Dey, M. D., Senior Resident, Department of Cytology, Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh who won the Nalini Bai Award for his pape rentitled "FNAC of Orbital and Eye Lesions."

Indian Academy of Cytologists

The XX Indian Academy of Cyrologists will present the following awards at the next IAC Meeting for the year 1991.

- 1) Cilpa-Academy Oration to be delivered by Dr. Shobha Grover, Nagpur.
- 2) Ernest Fernandez Award to be given to Dr. A. Rajwanshi, Chandigarh for slide seminar.
- 3) NALINI BAI THAKAR PRIZE : To be given to the best paper presented in Cytopathology to a Medical Doctor. The age of the principal author to be less than 35 years. Please bring birth/Matriculation Certificate for age verification at the time of Conference.
- 4) JWALA DEVI AWARD : To be given to Cytotechnologist/Cytotechnicians presenting the best paper at the Annual Conference on any aspect of Cytological techniques.
- 5) D. BHASKAR REDDY AWARD : To be given to Cytotechnician who standsfirst in the National Examination for Cytotechnician to be conducted by IAC.
- 6) Mrs. Satya Monga Award in Immunocytochemistry would be for published paper in the field of Immunocytology
 - a) Publication should be after 1988 (last 3 years in any indexed journal.
 - b) Candidate must be one of the author or co-author of the article.
 - c) He should submit in writing permission from other co-authors.
 - d) Last date for receipt of such papers with the Secretary is July 31, 1991.
- 7) Sushil Malhotra Award : To be given to Cytotechnologist who standsfirst in the National Examination for Cytorechnologists to be conducted by IAC.

IAC Fellowship

Number of Fellowships : Two
Duration : One month
Value : Rs. 1000/- only each

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*Report of Standing Committee for
Accreditation and Examination (SCAE)
of Indian Academy of Cytologists an
Overview of Decade and a Half 1975-1990
Executive Summary*

The standing Committee for Accreditation and Examination (SCAE) was constituted in 1975 with the following three fold objectives :

- i) Accreditation of the cytology laboratories in the country.

The Committee has conferred accreditation to 25 laboratories for diagnostic cytology service and to 8 of these for training and examination also.

- ii) Organising examination for cytotechnicians and Cytotechnologists.

After laying down the guidelines for curriculum for cytotechnicians and cytotechnologists, examinations for cytotechnicians and cytotechnologists are being conducted from 1982 and 1987 respectively. So far, 48 and 17 candidates have passed the cytotechnicians and cytotechnologists examinations respectively.

- iii) To assist in human resource development in cytology through training, seminars workshops and possibly through school of cytology.

The Indian Council of Medical Research has taken a lead role in instituting a fellowship programme for training cytotechnicians and cytotechnologists in the field of cytology. Till now, 39 personnel, i. e. 24 cytotechnicians and 15 cytotechnologists have been trained under this programme.

It is heartening to note that 11 of these candidates have got higher promotional avenues after availing fellowship/passing the examinations.

In addition, ICMR has also started short term visiting fellowship for pathologists/cytopathologists/gynaecologists for training in the field of cytology.

The Indian Academy of Cytologists has instituted a fellowship for pathologist for a period of one month.

Although the above accomplishments are heartening there is still scope for improvement to strengthen these activities. It is clear that lot of hard work and dedication has gone in by varied groups of experts to bring cytology to this level. In order to place cytology on still firmer grounds as an independent discipline, it is suggested that the activities of IAC-SCAE be subjected to Performance Evaluation by an external group of specialists. A subcommittee could be constituted to undertake this task.

*Report of the Section of Cervical
Pathology and Colposcopy*

Dr. Usha Saraiya

This section comprises of about 30 Members who are actively working in the subject and it is affiliated to the international federation. This year the subcommittee has

been reconstituted with Dr. Usha Saraiya as chairperson. The members are Dr. Jayasree Roy Chowdhary, Dr. S. K. Das, Dr. Maya Lulla, Dr. Revathi Ananth. Emphasis on the activities, so far has been directed to the teaching and training of doctors with the aim of making early diagnosis available to the vast majority of women in India. This year one more objective, that has been added of collecting data from established centres, So far Delhi, Lucknow, Bombay and Madras have contributed data.

The teaching and training programmes have gathered momentum. Workshops have been held in Delhi and Bombay. This activity needs to spread to many more centres. It is earnestly requested that all members of IAC organise at least one programme in their own institution. Three technical manuals on colposcopy have been published in India by Dr. Revathi Ananth, Dr. Veena Singh and by Dr. S. K. Das. These are excellent publications and available at a modest cost.

News from the International Federation

A very successful 7th world congress was held in Rome in May 1990. It was attended by over 2000 Colposcopists. Dr. Hans Stegner of Hamburg is the new president. Dr. Usha Saraiya was elected as a member on the Executive and Dr. Jayasree Roy Chowdhary attended the conference from India and were invited speakers.

The International Federation is also concerned about the high cost and non availability of Colposcopes in India. Another committee was formed called "committee for instrumentation" with Dr. Staff as Chairman. The committee has been entrusted to go into details of the difficulties involved and see that low-cost Colposcopes are available in the developing world. Dr. Staff will be visiting India in January 1991.

Finally we urge more members to join this section. They will get 2 copies of the colposcopist free of charge and will receive information about national and International activities. The IFCCP will now meet in Singapore in September 1991 at the FIGO World Congress. We hope there will be more papers on Colposcopy from India and at least some of our members will be seen at this glittering international gathering.

Appeal

Dear Members,

The journal of Cytology which was at the verge of its closure has been revived by the generous gesture of Dr. Kumud Gangwal of Jaipur (Rajasthan) of donating Rs. 20,000/- (Rs. Twenty thousands) to the IAC to create a corpus fund for the journal. The general body of IAC at its meeting held on Oct. 30, 1990 decided to create a corpus fund for the journal with every member of IAC contributing Rs. 100/- (One hundred only) towards the journal fund. There is no maximum limit to your contribution.

I, therefore, request you to kindly make the required donation. The cheques may be drawn in favour of Treasurer IAC payable at New Delhi.

The Indian Academy of Cytologists shall always remain indebted to you for your generous gesture for the noble academic pursuit.

"All those people who have become Life members and have not received the "Life Membership Certificates"

may write to me all those who wish to be members many contact me,

Dr. A. Rajwanshi
Secretary, IAC.

*Belgaum Conference :
A Tribute to Committed Organisers*

By Dr. Asha Kher

After a tedious journey with a feeling of uncertainty due to national happenings, welcome at Belgaum was a throw in bonus. The scenic beauty, peace and serenity of J. N. Medical College campus, further gave us a sense of reassurance from the charged atmosphere in the city. The inaugural function was true to Karnataka tradition. The flower-decked auditorium and pretty girls offering garjas and flowers and galaxy of dignitaries on the dias gave a right ambience for the conference. The Scientific

sessions were especially informative, providing an update on diagnostic problems in cytology. The devotion shown by the participants was apparent as there was no change in scheduled programme. The banquet in the idyllic surroundings of the Shiva temple allowed free and frank exchange of ideas between the delegates. This also made them forget their travails of travel and look forward next years venue probably Pune.