



NEWSLETTER

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President Dr. K. Harilal, Kottayam.	1. Editorial	1	<p>The newsletter of IAC is circulated twice in the year. The purpose of the newsletter is to disseminate the news regarding activities of I A. C. It also acts as a media to give pre and post conference information specially in relation to the programme and details of awards etc. There are many new members admitted every year and for them this information is necessary.</p> <p>I have repeatedly appealed to the office bearers and members to send me their news. I feel there is a general apathy in the communication. What will be the fate of the newsletter without this information? Do we convert this News letter into an academic bulletin? We already have a journal for publishing this material. Please do co-operate and write to me so that the newsletter continues to be published.</p> <p>We will soon meet in Manipal as the XXI conference will be held there. The conference site will be the best place to discuss problems relating to the journal and the newsletter.</p> <p>Looking forward to meeting you all.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Dr. Shobha Grover</i></p>
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Highlights of XXI Annual Conference of Indian Academy of Cytologists to held in Manipal on 26th and 27th October 1991.

The XX1st annual conference of Indian Academy of Cytologists will be held at Kasturba Medical College, Manipal on 26th and 27th of October, 1991. Manipal has already hosted the All India Pathologists and Microbiologists conference twice. Manipal is set in rural surroundings and is known for its hospitality, warmth and comfort to the delegates. Manipal is situated between the emerald green western ghats and turquoise blue Arabian sea. There are many temples and tourist spots like Udupi, the abode of Lord Krishna. The Organising secretary of the conference is Dr. Nalini Venugopal, and she is working hard with her team to make this a great success. Highlights of the conference are as follows.

1. Pre conference workshop on Cervical and Vaginal cytology to be conducted by Dr. Sreedevi Amma, Trivandrum on 25th October 1991.
2. Cipla Academy oration to be delivered by Dr. Shobha Grover, Nagpur - "Role of Immunocytochemistry in Diagnosis and Prognosis of Malignancy".
3. Diagnostic Slide Seminar (Ernest Fernandez award)-
4. Symposium on CNS cytology to be organised by Dr. S. K. Shankar NIMHANS, Bangalore.

5. Nalini Bai Thakkar prize to be given to the best paper presented by a Medical Doctor in cytopathology. The age of the speaker must be less than 35 years. Candidates must bring their birth certificate for age verification during the conference.
6. Jwala Devi Award to be given to the cytotechnician/cytotechnologist presenting the best paper at the conference on any aspect of cytological techniques.
7. Dr. Satya Monga Award in immunocytochemistry to be given to the best published paper in Immunocytochemistry (No age bar)
 - a) Paper should have been published after 1988.
 - b) Publication must be in an indexed journal.
 - c) Candidate should be one of the authors of the article.
 - d) Candidate should submit in writing permission from Co-authors for entering the paper for the award.
 - e) Reprints of such papers should be sent to the Secretary IAC latest by September 10th 1991.
8. Dr. Bhaskar Reddy award to be given to the Cytotechnician standing first in the National Examination for cytotechnician conducted by IAC.

Activities of the Accreditation and Examination Committee.

At the XXth annual conference of I. A. C. the report of A&E committee was circulated by Dr. Usha Luthra. There are twenty five accredited laboratories for diagnostic services and eight for training and examination. She presented another document which was on standing committee of IAC "an over view of decade and a half". It contained the activities of A&E committee in the previous 15 years. The general body highly appreciated the efforts by Prof. Luthra as Chairperson of A&E committee. A body was constituted for human resource development in the field of cytology. The following are the members - Dr. Kusum Verma, Dr. Dilip Das, Dr. Shobha Grover & Dr. Sri Devi Amma.

Dr. Kusum Verma has already collected information regarding this. Efforts are being made to start Diploma or D. M. course for qualified pathologists in cytology.

Activities of the Section of Cervical Pathology and Colposcopy

1. Dr. Adolf Staffl, Prof. Wisconsin Medical College and Past President of International Federation of Cervical Pathology and Colposcopy visited India in January 1991.

He conducted a workshop in Coimbatore which was organised by Dr. M. Govindarajan. It was well attended.

He visited Bombay and gave a lecture on Cervicography.

2. Dr. Ravathi Ananth of Madras conducted 2 workshops on Cervical Cytology and Colposcopy. One was in Cancer Institute and the other in A. V. Hospital. 50 Doctors participated.
3. 18th Annual Course in Cytology was conducted by Cytology Clinic (AMWI) in Bombay. There were 32 participants. Dr. Kusum Kapila gave the Advani Braganza Oration. Dr. B. K. Goyal was the Chief guest.

From the News desk

1. A workshop on Cytology of Breast lesions was held in the department of Pathology, S. M. S. Medical College, Jaipur on 1st April 1991 as a continuing Medical Education Programme for Pathologists of Rajasthan State. Though the workshop was arranged for 25 delegates, 28 participants attended it.

Dr. Neelima Dhar, Jaipur

2. *Change of Secretary, I. A. C.*

Dr. Gita Jayaram, New Delhi, has taken over as Secretary of I. A. C. from Dr. Rajwanshi in April 1991 as he had to leave for Bahrain on foreign assignment. We congratulate Dr. Gita Jayaram for taking over as the Secretary.

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4. Dr. Gita Jayaram, Secretary I. A. C. was elected a
Member of the International Academy of Cytology
from March 1991.

Dear Members,

At the last I. A. C. conference at Belgaum in October 1991, the Corpus fund for the journal of cytology was created with the generous contribution of Dr. Kumud Gangwal of Jaipur of Rs. 20,000 and it was decided that all members (Life as well ordinary) of the IAC would donate not less than Rs. 100 per head for the Corpus fund. Contributions have been coming in from members in and outside India. I once again request and remind the members to make generous donations to the journal. It is our journal and it is up to all of us to put it back on its feet. Cheques for the Corpus fund of the journal may be drawn in favour of Treasurer, IAC, payable at New Delhi and sent to the Treasurer, I. A. C.

Dr. Gita Jayaram
Secretary, I. A. C.

*Request from Dr. Kusum Kapila
- Treasurer I. A. C.*

The members are requested to pay their fees.

— Annual dues for ordinary members.	Rs. 75/—
— Annual dues for associate members.	Rs. 30/—
— Life membership fees	Rs. 750/—
— Life associate membership fees	Rs. 500/—

Recommended Reading

Cytopathology – The official journal of the British Society of Clinical Cytology, published bimonthly by Blackwell Scientific publications Ltd. Osney Mead, Oxford OX20EL, U. K.

My Apology

All associate members of the Indian Academy of Cytologists who are members of at least *three years* standing are now eligible to become *life* members by paying Rs. 500/— if they satisfy any one of the following *four* criteria.

- a) B. Sc. Medical Laboratory technology with one year of cytology experience.
- b) Passed the National Examination of cytotechnician/cytotechnologist conducted by the I. A. C.
- c) Won awards given by Indian Academy of Cytologists.
- d) Author or Co-author of two published papers on Cytology in indexed journals.

In the newsletter of December 1990 under the section of awards, it was inadvertently published that "Dr. Chandralekha Shroff becomes the first fellow of IAC in India after the introduction of the examination". I have received letters from various members of I. A. C. that they have also successfully cleared this examination i. e. Dr. Kusum Kapila in 1986, Dr. Zubair Affandi in 1987 and Dr. Dilip Das in 1988/89.

I will be happy if other such successful members of I. A. C. would also write to me so that the record can be updated.

Dr. Shobha Grover

