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Editorial

This issue of the Newsletter brings you details about the XXIIInd Conference of I.A.C. to be held in Pune for which Pune Branch of Indian Association of Practicing Pathologists deserve a lot of praise. Publication of this issue was delayed because the conference venue was not decided at Manipal. In such dire situation Dr. N. R. Kolte and her team came forward to host the conference. Three cheers for their enthusiasm.

This Newsletter also has messages from our President Dr. Shobha Grover and Secretary Dr. Maya Lulla.

I have tried to up to date the mailing list. I request all the members to write to me about change in addresses, wrong addresses etc. I thank all office-bearers of I.A.C. for their co-operation in bringing out this Newsletter.

So see you at Pune till then good bye.

Dr. Maitreyee Munshi

XXIInd Annual Conference of Indian Academy of Cytologists Pune 13th to 14th December, 1992

Pune is a charming city in the foothills of the Western ghats known for its historical background, rich cultural heritage, scenic beauty and soothing climate. Our XXIInd Annual conference shall be hosted by Pune branch of Indian Association of practicing Pathologists. Dr. N. R. Kolte and her team is working hard for this big event. So get your papers ready for presentation and your woollens for chilly Pune climate in December. Following are the details about the conference.

Organising Secretary : Dr. N. R. Kolte
Address for correspondence : Dr. N. R. Kolte,
1184/4 C Gokul Nagar,
F.C.Road, Pune - 411005
Dates for the conference : 13th and 14th December,
1992.

Venue for the conference : Hotel Blue Diamond.
Pre-conference workshop : Topic - Breast cytology.
Date: 12th December, 1992
By : Dr. Kusum Kapila
Cipla Academy Oration : Dr. Shyamala
Bhaskaran.
Diagnostic Slide Seminar : Dr. Nalini Venugopal
Chief Guest : Dr. D.V.Coleman (London)
Topic - The Association
between smoking and
cervical Cancer : Causal
or casual

Call for I.A.C. Awards 1992

1. **Nalinibai Thakkar Prize** : For the best paper presented in cytopathology to a Medical doctor less than 35 years. Please bring proof, for age verification at the time of conference.
2. **Jwaladevi Award**: For the best paper presented at the conference by cytotechnician or Cytotechnologist on any aspect of cytological technique.
3. **Dr. Bhaskar Reddy Award** : Cytotechnician standing first in the National examination conducted by I.A.C.
4. **Sushil Malhotra Award**: Cytotechnologist standing first in the National examination conducted by I.A.C.
5. **Dr. Satya Monga Award** : For paper published in the field of Immunocytochemistry.

Regulations

- a. Publication should be after 1989
- b. Publication must be in an indexed journal.
- c. Candidates must be one of the authors or Co-authors of the article.
- d. He/She should submit in writing permission from other co-authors for entering the paper for the award.
- e. Reprints of such paper should be sent to Secretary I.A.C.. Last date for receipt of such papers is 30th September, 1992.

Activities of the Section of Cervical Pathology and Colposcopy

Association of Medical Women in India (AMWI), Bombay Branch conducted 19th Annual course in cytology/colposcopy from 16th April to 30th April 1992 at Cama and Albles Hospital, Bombay. This year they had forty participants, thirty medical doctors and ten technicians from all over India. The function was inaugurated by Chief Guest Murli Karfath. Dr. Lele, joint Director of Medical

Education was the guest of honour. Valedictory function was attended by Mrs. Bakul Patel, Hon'ble Sheriff of Bombay as chief guest. Advani Branganza oration was delivered by Dr. Mrs. Shobha Grover on "Immunocytochemistry". This course was successfully conducted by Dr. K. G. Tripathy as course director.

Message From President I.A.C. Dr. Shobha Grover

I am grateful to the members of Indian Academy of Cytologist for nominating me as the President for the year 1991-92. I consider it my proud privilege that you have bestowed your trust in me and I promise to do my duty to the best of my ability.

Members of this organisation include mainly Pathologist, Gynaecologists and cytotechnologists. Without team work no organisation survives and it is almost mandatory for smooth working to have a good rapport between the office bearers and the members. The newsletter forms a media for this communication and thoughts which may not occur to the executive members; can be communicated by letters to the editor. This free flow of communication till we meet at the venue of the conference will be very helpful.

The major thrust area in the past decade has been directed towards the early diagnosis of cancer. Many centres are working towards the goal of downstaging carcinoma cervix. Newer technics like immunocytochemistry and molecular biology are emerging. These are not cost effective in our country. Besides as a cytologist you all know that a "borderline malignancy" or "precancerous lesion" will be interpreted differently by the various workers. In other words the "interobserver and intraobserver" variations are tremendous. With this in mind, we the executive members will make an effort this year to work on the human resource development, inclusive of networking of cytology and a quality control programme. Without your help it will not be possible to do so - but I hope you will participate with us in this endeavour. I look forward to a fruitful conference in Pune and wish you all the best for the same.

Message from Secretary I.A.C. Dr. Maya Lulla

I take this opportunity to thank all the members of I.A.C. who were present at Manipal for electing me as Secretary Indian Academy of Cytologists.

I joined I.A.C. in 1976 and over a period of 14 years, I have found that we clinicians who are actively involved in cytology are a dwindling species in this academy. My aim will be to bring more clinicians into the fold of I.A.C. A membership form was already circulated with the News letter. I request each one of you to enroll at least three members from your hospital or place of work. One pathologist, one Gynaecologist or clinician interested in cytology and one cytotechnician or cytotechnologist as associate member. This will have a proportionate increase in membership with equal involvement of clinicians, pathologist, and cytotechnicians and cytotechnologists.

The dates and venue for our next annual conference has been finalised and it is scheduled to be held from 12th to 13th December 1992 at Pune. I must thank Dr. Neelam Kolte for helping me out this time. Pune is going to

be very pleasant in December and Dr. Kolte and her team is working hard to make it academically and socially successful and it cannot succeed without your active participation. We are trying to get Dr. Coleman as Chief Guest. I request all of you to block these dates in your diary and come in large numbers to make it a grand success.

We do not have long term planning for our annual conferences. When one conference gets over, we try to find the venue for the next. I request all to find out if anyone is willing to host congress in 1993 and 1994. Please convey your invitation to me in writing or come with your invitation at the time of Annual congress at Pune. This will help us to arrange conferences in a better way. The places from where I would like invitation to come from are Varanasi, Goa, Cochin. I hope members from these places will do some home work in this direction and see if it is feasible for them to host conference in 1993 and 1994.

Wishing you all the best in 1992 and hoping to see you in person at Pune.

