



NEWS LETTER

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EDITORIAL

After a gap of twelve years our XXIII Annual Conference will be held again at Thiruvananthapuram (then Trivandrum), Kerala. This issue brings you details of the Conference and awards, announcements from President I. A. C. and Chairperson A & E Committee, details of various activities of C. P. C. and a rapture on cytology.

Through this News letter I wish DR. N. Sreedevi Amma and her team a lot of success. So let us spend our New Year in this tranquil greenland. Till then good bye.

Maitreyee Munshi

A REQUEST FROM PRESIDENT I. A. C.

The May issue of FOGSI FOCUS alongwith a circular from Secretary I. A. C. must have been received by all the members. I have received numerous letters from gynaecologists requesting to identify cytologists in their city or area for this PAP Smear screening programme. I request all the members of I. A. C. to contact the gynaecologists in their vicinity to spread the message of this programme which is of national interest and actively participate in it.

Dr. Shobha Grover

XXIII ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF INDIAN ACADEMY OF CYTOLOGISTS THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, KERALA 29TH AND 30TH JANUARY 1994.

A mere mention of Kerala conjures up images of a land of green with vast coastline and palm trees dotting the skyline. Kerala known for its cultural and artistic heritage; lavish colourful celebrations of a myriad festivals, is the venue for our 23rd annual congress. Let us visit this Venice of Asia to experience the exotic life in back waters, to taste the cuisines of Kerala and to relax on the unspoilt calm beaches. So book your tickets for an academic treat in this God's green acre. For those who attended the XIth meeting of the academy on 5-6th December 1981 it will be a journey down the memory lane.

Following are the details about the conference :

Organising Secretary and Address for Correspondence :

Dr. N. Sreedevi Amma Professor of Cytopathology.
Regional Cancer Centre, Thiruvananthapuram - 695 011 Kerala.

Dates for the Conference : 29th and 30th January 1994.

Venue : Regional Cancer Centre, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

Preconference Workshop :

Topic : Effusions and fluid Cytology.

Date : 28th January 1994. By DR. Shameem Shariff, Bangalore. for 20-25 participants on first come first basis. Last date for applying for the workshop 30.10.93

Symposium : Classification of smears in relation to Dysplasia and cervix.

Moderator : Dr. Kusum Verma, New Delhi.

Cipla Academy Oration : Dr. Kumud Gangwal - Jaipur

Topic : Spectrum of urinary cytology.

Diagnostic Slide Seminar : Dr. P. V. Patil - Belgaum.

Guest Speaker : Dr. Gladwyn Leiman, Head Cytology Department The south African Institute of Medical Research Johannesburg.

Topic 1. : Prognostic factors in breast aspiration cytology.

Topic 2. : Cytopathology of hepatocellular carcinoma.

Last Date for receipt of Abstract for award & proffered papers : 15th November 1993

CALL FOR I. A. C. AWARDS

1. Nalinibai Thakkar Prize : For the best paper presented at the conference in cypopathology 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. Coincidentally both these awards were bagged by persons from Kerala. MR. T. S. Soy Cytotechnician and Ms. Sreekala K. A. Cytotechnologist from

Thiruvananthapuram and Ernaculum respectively. 'Congratulations'. We hope that both of them will attend the 23rd Annual Conference to receive their awards in person.

5. Dr. Satya Monga Award : For paper published in the field of Immunocytochemistry.

Regulations : A. Publication should be after 1990.

B. Publication must be in an indexed journal.

C. Candidate must be one of the authors or co-authors of the article.

D. He / She should submit in writing; permission from other co-outhors 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 31st October 1993.

" PAP, PAP, PAP "

PAP PAP PAP Cytological Rap.

Once upon a time; said dysplasia Madonna style

I grew, I grew; then overpowered you

Now you speculate, then you scrape, scrape

Laserize, Traumatize; Down you stage me

Ha ! said 'D' that's not fair

Oh ! said 'PAP' I don't care.

By M. M. M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CHAIRPERSON ACCREDITATION AND EXAMINATION COMMITTEE

1. **Accreditation of Laboratories :** Dr. Kusum Verma Chairperson A & E Committee has requested that persons incharge of laboratories which fulfil the minimum criteria for accreditation should come forward with a request for accreditation of their laboratories. For obtaining details and application forms they should contact DR. Kusum Verma, Chairperson A & E Committee Department of Pathology, A. I. I. M. S. Ansari Nagar, New Delhi 110029. Uptil now the academy has accredited 27 laboratories for diagnostic purpose and 8 laboratories for diagnostic as well as for examination and training of cytotechnicians and cytotechnologists.
2. **Examination for Cytotechnicians and Cytotechnologists :**
I. A. C. will be conducting the examination on 4th and 5th October, 1993 at K. G. Medical College, Lucknow.



Mandarins of the Academy

(L to R) Dr. Kusum Verma, Dr. Shobha Grover,
Dr. Usha Saraiya, DR. Maya Lulla.

ACTIVITIES OF THE SECTION OF CERVICAL PATHOLOGY AND COLPOSCOPY

1. A. V. School of Colposcopy run by Dr. Revathi Ananth in Madras has trained 10 medical doctors in Colposcopy and Cytology from April 92 to April 93. During this period the school has screened 1103 PAP Smears and performed 249 colposcopies.
2. 21st Annual Course in Cytology and Colposcopy was conducted by Association of Medical Women in India in April 1993 at Cama and Albless Hospital, Bombay.
3. **Dr. Usha Saraiya** is a recipient of **COLPOSCOPY RECOGNITION AWARD (CRA)**. This award is instituted by American Society of Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology to honour members who participate in Continuing Medical

Education and have acquired special knowledge in this sub-speciality.

Each Awardee receives a special gold Diploma, has the name published in "The Colposcopist" and is identified at all meetings with a special Tag with CRA designation.

We Congratulate Dr. Saraiya on this Unique honour.

4. Dr. Usha Saraiya and Dr. Radhika Joshi of Kolhapur attended the 8th World Congress of Cervical Pathology and Colposcopy in Chicago, USA in may 1993. Their Papers were well received. After the Congress they visited Prof. Adolf Staff's Department at Milwaukee and shared his experience in Cervicography.



Dr. Gladwyn Leiman

OUR GUEST

Graduated form University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg in 1967 and did her M. Rc. Path. in 1990. At present she is head of Cytology Department at the South African Institute of Medical Research Johannesburg. She was on editorial board of Diagnostic Cytopathology and Acta Cytologica in 1989 and section editor for, 'International News', of Diagnostic Cytopathology in 1991. Recipient of Hamilton - Maynard Medal for the best single author paper in 1979 and Neville Proctor Prize for the best article in Anatomical Pathology in 1990. She has more then 50 papers published in National and International Journals, delivered lecturers at National and International Conferences since 1983 on Gynaecological Cytology and F. N. A. C. We all welcome her.