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REGARDING OUR SILVER JUBILEE YEAR

Indian Academy of Cytologists celebrated its Silver Jubilee Year by hosting a Congress in Bombay after a gap of 22 years. IAC was born in 1970 with 42 founder members in Delhi under the guidance of Dr. P.N. Wahi, the then Director General of ICMR. Today 25 years later the academy has grown with 523 members comprising of not only pathologists and clinicians but cytotechnician and cytotechnologists as well.

The Silver Jubilee year was celebrated throughout the country by conducting workshops, CME, updates at various places like Wardha, Delhi, Chandigarh, Bangalore and Lucknow. These academic activities culminated at Bombay with Six days celebrations comprising of two days preconference workshop on Head and Neck lesions and Thyroid; at Tata Memorial Hospital and two days post conference workshop at Sir H.N. Hospital on Laser and colposcopy. More than 170 persons registered for these workshops.

The megaevent was of two days with lot of academic and gastronomic feasts; jointly hosted by IAC and Association of Medical Women in India (AMWI) attended by more than 250 delegates. On day one Shrin Mehtaji oration was delivered by Jan Stjernswardt of W.H.O.; Academy oration by

Dr. Nagalotimath Dean, Mysore Medical College and Daruwala Oration of AMWI by Joe Jordan and W. Fernandes Oration of AMWI by Adolf Staf. Award papers comprising of Nalinibai Thakker Award for young doctors below 35 years of age and Jwaladevi Award for cytotechnicians & cytotechnologists were presented. Two young doctors from P.G.I.M.E.R. Chandigarh Dr. Uma Nahar and Biman Saikia Shared the honour. Mrs. Rita Purani of B. Nanavati Hospital bagged the Jwaladevi Award.

On the second day Ernest Fernades Award for conducting Diagnostic Slide Seminar was conferred on Dr. Arvind Rajwanshi, Professor of cytopathology at P.G.I.M.E.R. Chandigarh. In addition to this Symposium on Respiratory cytology moderated by Dr. P.K. Agrawal of Lucknow, Jhirad Oration of AMWI delivered by Dr. Usha Luthra (Kuwait); Guest Lectures by Dr. B. Andersh (Sweden) Dr. Peter Kelehan (Ireland) Dr. G. Miniello (Italy) were the highlights of day two of the congress.

A record number of 107 scientific papers were presented at the conference. Poster presentation was introduced for the first time & 25 persons presented their work as posters. Organisers of the Congress awarded two prizes for best posters. Slot one was

bagged by Dr. Shyama Jain of New Delhi and 2nd prize shared by Dr. Manjula Jain of Delhi and Jayashree Joshi of Bombay.

Training Fellowship offered by IAC for 1994-95 was awarded to Narendra Krishnani of Lucknow. In the Cytotechnician & Technologists examination conducted by Accreditation and examination committee of IAC on 10th - 11th Sept. at P.G.I.M.E.R. Chandigarh Mr. Sabuddin Cytotechnologist from Aligarh received Sushil Malhotra Prize for securing highest marks and Ms. Vimal Lingam, Cytotechnician from Madras was receiptant of Bhaskar Reddy award.

12th issue of the Journal of Cytology was also released on the occasion. Along with these academic activities there was a lot of fun at Gallops Restaurant like the parade of past presidents, founder members & guest speakers. Witty question answer sessions, melodious songs by Dr. Miniello and Geeta Jayaram. Lucky draw during the valedictory function had many surprises & Prizes. So most of the delegates left with their hands full of prizes including the best of Govan wines. Executive & General Body Meeting was also held during the Congress. Many important decisions were taken including fixing the Venue for the 26th Congress at Calcutta.

Awards

1. Nalinibai Thakar Award

Uma Nahar and Biman Saikia from PGIMER Chandigarh shared the honour.

2. Jwaladevi Award

This award was won by Mrs. Rita Purani of B. Nanavati Hospital.

3. Bhaskar Reddy Award

For Cytotechnician went to Ms. Vimal Lingam from Madras.

4. Sushil Malhotra Award

Mrs. Sabuddin, Cytotechnologist of Aligarh, won this award.

EXAMINATION FOR CYTOTECHNICIAN AND CYTOTECHNOLOGISTS (2nd & 3rd September, 1996)

The Indian Academy of Cytologists is planning to conduct the examination for cytotechnologists and cytotechnicians on 2nd & 3rd September, 1996 at Govt. Medical College, Nagpur.

Eligibility criteria for cytotechnologists examination are :

M.Sc. Medical Lab. technology with cytology as special subject.

OR

B.Sc. Medical Lab technology with experience in cytology for one year.

OR

5 years experience in cytology as lab technician following diploma in MLT.

OR

5 years experience in cytology as lab technician following passing the cytotechnicians exam, conducted by IAC.

Eligibility criteria for cytotechnician examination are :

Higher Secondary in biological sciences with diploma in MLT/certificate course and 6 months experience in cytology.

OR

Higher Secondary in biological sciences with 5 yrs. experience in cytology.

Those desirous of appearing in the examination may write for detailed form and course contents. **Last date for receipt of applications is 30th June, 1996.**

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APPEAL FROM EDITOR OF JOURNAL OF CYTOLOGY

The Editor of "Journal of Cytology" sincerely appeals to all fellow members of IAC to actively participate in the upbringing of your own journal by contributing interesting articles and case reports for publication. This will not only help in increasing the frequency of publication but will also go a long way in qualifying for indexing in the Index Medicus.

Please send your Articles and Case Reports right away to the following address :

Dr. N. Jayaram,
Editor-in-Chief Journal of Cytology,
Anand Institute of Laboratory Medicine,
No. 11, Blue Cross Chambers,
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Bangalore 560 001.

Suggestions to improve the quality of Journal are always welcome.

Dr. N. Jayaram

ACADEMY NEWS

Address of New Treasurer :

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CALL FOR ENTRIES FOR IAC AWARDS

1. Nalinibai Thakkar Prize : For the best paper presented at the Conference in Cytopathology by a medical doctor less than 35 years of age and is a member of IAC. Please bring proof for age verification at the time of the conference.
2. Jwaladevi Award : For the best paper presented at the Conference by a Cytotechnician or a Cytotechnologist on any aspect of cytological technique.
3. Dr. Bhaskar Reddy Award : Cytotechnician standing first in the national examination conducted by the IAC.
4. Sushil Malhotra Award : Cytotechnologist standing first in the national examination conducted by the IAC.
5. Dr. Satya Monga Award : For paper published in the field of immunocytochemistry.

REGULATIONS :

- A. Publication should be after 1991.
- 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-authors for entering the paper for the award.

Reprints of such paper should be sent to Secretary, IAC. Last date for receipt of such papers is 31 August 1995.

Kindly note that last minute entries will not be allowed so send your entries well in advance to the secretary with required details.

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR IAC FELLOWSHIP

Last date 31st August 1996

Fellowship of IAC

A fellowship of one month duration carrying a value of Rs. 1000/- is being offered to Medical Doctors by IAC. Those who are interested may apply to Dr. Maitreyee Munshi, Secretary of IAC on Address given below :

35, Swapna Apartments,
Off Cement Road, Shivaji Nagar,
Nagpur - 400 010.

Kindly send self addressed envelope. Last date for receipt of application form is 31 August, 1996.

