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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

It gives me a great pleasure to communicate with you through this news letter once more. The time passes away very quickly and it is hard to believe that a year has already gone by since our last meeting in Bombay. Compared to last year which was full of activity and enthusiasm for its Silver jubilee year celebrations, this year has been rather a quiet one. It seems as though everyone is resting a while to gain a fresh momentum for the march to go on. I just returned after attending an annual conference of the Indian Assoc. of Gynaec. Oncologists held in Wardha from 13-15th September. As a Cytologist and Gynaec. Pathologist, it was a delight for me to able to have interaction with the Gynecologists on several of the issues of current interest and in particular the "Cervical Cytology". I was particularly happy to note that the subject of breast cancer screening also received apt attention as a part of proceedings of this conference. I had the occasion to talk on "Role of FNAC in early detection of breast cancer" and also participate in panel discussion on this subject. Breast cancer as the second most frequent cancer amongst women in already receiving global

attention like cervical cancer for its early detection and prevention. The developing concept of grading of proliferative breast disease according to its associated risk of breast cancer and the possibility of applying these criteria in FNAC smears with as much success as in histopathology material provides a new hope of cytological detection of precancerous lesions like in cervical cancer. I feel breast cancer screening should receive as much attention as the cervical cancer and should be combined with the cervical cancer screening programs. The two programs combined together can prove to be greatly cost effective. So let it be our added "Motto" to achieve that.

I look forward to meet you all in the next forthcoming conference in Calcutta. Since I have completed my two year's tenure as President of the Academy, I shall be handing over the charge to the next elected President of the Academy. I indeed thank you all and owe you a deep sense of gratitude for considering me worthy of this position.

With good wishes and JAIHIND.

Dr. (Miss) Subhash K. Gupta
President, IAC.

EDITORIAL

Let me avail this last opportunity to reach you all and wish you a "Happy Diwali & Prosperous New Year."

This Preconference Newsletter, brings you, our President's message, Highlights of coming Annual Conference and International conference. There is also an interesting article on "Role of FNAC in Early detection of Breast Cancer" etc.

During last three years as Newsletter Editor, I have tried by level best to publish the newsletter in time. However kindly pardon me for any shortcomings and mistakes.

With kind regards.

*Dr. N. R. Kolte
Pune*

LETTER FROM NATIONAL EDITOR FOR ACTA CYTOLOGICA

Dear Member

I have received a letter from Prof. George Wied dated 27th July giving me some information about Acta Cytologica. Hence I am writing this to share the news with all of you.

Acta Cytologica will be soon celebrating its 40th anniversary. To coincide with this happy occasion they have announced the following new policy changes and innovations.

1. No cost for color illustrations.
2. Sept./Oct. 96 issue onwards the Journal will be on INTERNET Acta's Web address is <http://www.acta.cytol.com>.
3. The International Academy of Cytology will have its own Webside & will make its Internet debut later on.
4. Every Jan/Feb issue will be devoted to Industrial development, quality control, automated screening and proficiency testing.
5. Cytology in Restrospect - Interesting excerpts and commentaries from the past will be published.
6. Acta is also increasing its number of pages to eliminate its backlog.

I hope all the members are as enthusiastic about these changes as we are.

WE ARE ALSO THE PROUD OWNERS OF ALL THE 40 ANNUAL ISSUES.

yours Sincerely,
(Dr. Usha B. Saraiya)

HIGHLIGHTS OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE

26th Annual National Conference of Indian Academy of Cytologist will be held from **23rd to 26th November 1996 at Calcutta**, hosted by IAC & IAC - West Bengal Branch.

Already more than 210 delegates have registered for the conference & more than 100 delegates are attending CME & about 160 delegates will be attending CME & Workshop. More than 75 papers have been accepted for presentation.

The programme will be as follows :

- 23rd November 1996** : **CME on Cytology of Pelvic tumours** - conducted by Dr. Astava Mondal
8 am to 5 pm
Topics covered will be - Tumours of Urinary Bladder, Prostate, Soft tissue & bones, colon, rectum, Anal Canal and Ovary, Endometrial Cytology, Cervical Cytology.
- 24th November 1996** : **Workshop on Paediatric Tumours** - Conducted by - Dr. Jyotsna Pandey
8 am to 5 pm
Epidemiology, Imaging Techniques in FNAC, EM and special stains. Lymphomas, round cell tumours, bone, CNS, Liver and Testes Tumour, Benign and mesenchymal tumour will be highlighted.
- 25th November 1996** : **Conference**
8 am to 3.30 pm
Cipla Academy oration by Dr. Shyamala Bhaskaran,
2 pm to 3 pm
Shireen Mehtaji Oration by Dr. R. N. Chakraborty,
3 pm to 4.30 pm
Nalini Bai Thakkar Award Papers,
11.30 am to 01.00 pm
Symposium of FNAC to Testis,
5.15 pm to 6.15 pm
Free paper Session, Chairperson - Dr. Manoj Ray
Speakers - Dr. Kusum Verma - New Delhi, Dr. Padam K. Agarwal - Lucknow,
Dr. N. Jayaram - Bangalore, Dr. Atul Gupta - Agra, Dr. A Mondal - Calcutta.
- 26th November 1996** : **Conference**
8 am to 3.30 pm
12 noon to 01.30 pm
Diagnostic Slide Seminar will be conducted by Dr. Dilip K. Das

