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Editorial

Dear Members,

After a gap of two decades and a half, lets all meet at the capital city, this year, in Mid November to participate in the 27th IAC meet.

We can all imagine the nimble, swift & competent Dr. Kapila toiling day in and day out with her folks to make it a grand gala.

So folks! 'Chalo Dilli'! Ab Dilli door nahi!"

Anjali Joshi



Diagnostic Cytology towards the 21st Century
(An Int. Expert Conf.) Hawai. U.S.A. June 5-10, 1997
Dr. M. R. Melamed, Dr. Leopold Koss, Dr. George Weid.

- * Some problems areas in thyroid FNA
 - * FNAC of anaplastic large cell lymphoma and its differential diagnosis.
 - * Dilemmas in diagnosis of Hepatocellular Carcinomas
 - * FNA of kidney masses including childhood tumours
 - * Concepts of dermatocytology
 - * Case discussions - Kodachrome Session
- The highlights of the **annual conference** are :
- * Oration : Dr. Maya Lulla, Bombay
 - * Guest lectures : Dr. Svante R. Orell, Australia
Dr. Jennifer A Young, UK, Dr. Gladwyn Leiman, Johannesburg
 - * Diagnostic Slide Seminar : Dr. A. Mondal, Calcutta
 - * Symposium : "FNAC of Breast" Coordinator Dr. Kiran Mishra, Delhi.

Call for I.A.C. Awards 1997

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.

President's Message

Dear Friends,

It gives me a great pleasure to communicate with you once more through this preconference news letter. I am sure you are all giving a thought to attend the same to make it a great success. I also hope that you have responded enthusiastically to send the nominations for the various executive committee posts. I particularly expect the young members to be more energetic and bring new ideas to the functioning of the Academy so that we remain alert and upto date. Recently I had the occasion to attend an expert Conference of the International Academy of Cytology on the theme "Diagnostic cytology towards the 21st century", giving much focus and attention to the fast developing technology, its impact on quality assurance/control issues, and 'the increasing public's expectations from the cancer screening programmes'. Perhaps these issues may not appear relevant in our country today because of the financial constraints, but we have to keep preparing ourselves for a better "tomorrow". For the time being let us all strive for 'good quality service' within our own available resources and methods.

With best wishes.

Jai Hind

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Diagnostic Cytology Towards The 21st Century

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The International Academy of Cytology organized a strategic Conference (An International Expert Conference and Tutorial on Diagnostic cytology towards the 21st Century) in Hawaii from June 5-10, 1997. This conference was completely different from other regular tutorials and congresses since it was geared mostly toward decision making leaders. The conference contained twelve (12) Task Force discussion workshops covering controversial issues and policies to be adopted on topics (1) ASCUS & AGUS criteria; (2) HPV & Cervical (pre) Cancer; (3)

From Secretary's Desk

Following is the agenda for General Body Meeting of IAC to be held at A.I.I.M.S. New Delhi during 27th Annual Conference at 5 p.m. on 15th November 1997. No amendments were received by me till 30th June 1997 for the minutes of the previous meeting held at Calcutta on 25th November 1996, circulated to IAC members on 20th May 1997.

AGENDA

01. Remarks by President of IAC.
02. Approval of the minutes of the General Body Meeting held at Calcutta on 25th November 1997 and to discuss the business arising there of. Reports of various office bearers.
03. Secretary
04. Treasurer
05. Chairperson A&E Committee
06. Chairperson C.P.C.
07. Editor-in-Chief Journal of Cytology
08. Editor News Letter
09. To select Academy oration Awardee for the year 1998.
10. And Ernest Fernandes Awardee for the year 1998.
11. To discuss the Venue for the next IAC Conference, Convenor for the workshop, topic for the Symposium, Guest-Speaker for Shirin Mehataji Award.
12. Any other matter with the permission of the chair.

Dr. Maitreyee Munshi,
Hon. Secretary, IAC.

(1) The **examination for cytotechnician and cytotechnologists** is to be held on 8th and 9th September, 1997 at PGI Chandigarh. The admit cards have been mailed to the respective examinees. They are requested to report to Dr. A. Rajwanshi Additional Professor Department of Cytopathology.

(2) The **27th annual conference of IAC** will be held at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi on 15th & 16th November, 1997. It will be preceded by two workshops and a CME. The highlights are as follows :

November, 13th 1997 - Workshop on "Gynaecologic Cytopathology"

Venue : ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES TOPICS :

- * Cytology Sampling methods & Bethesda System of Reporting.
- * Histopathologic basis of Colposcopy
- * Cytology of inflammatory, reactive and reparative changes.
- * Cytology of preneoplastic lesions and HPV related changes.
- * Diagnostic dilemmas in squamous cell carcinoma, Cervix
- * Glandular lesions of Cervix and Endometrium
- * Automated Screening and Quality Assurance
Practicals : Microscopy on glass slides
: Discussion of unknown slides.

November 13, 1997 : Workshop on "Colposcopy in early diagnosis of Carcinoma Cervix"

Venue : AIIMS AND SAFDARJUNG HOSPITAL

Topics :

- * Cytology Sampling methods & Bethesda System of Reporting.
- * Histopathologic basis of colposcopy
- * Technique of Colposcopy
- * Colposcopy of cervical lesions
- * Colposcopy of HPV lesions
- * Diagnostic problems and limitations of Colposcopy
- * Treatment Modalities
Practical : Colposcopy closed circuit demonstration on patients

November 14th, 1997 : CME on "Concepts and Critical Issues in Fine Needle Aspiration Cytology."

Venue : ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES

Topics :

- * Critical issues in FNA Techniques
- * Salivary gland FNA's - Problems in typing of tumours

Telecytology; (4) Terminology; (5) Quality Assurance Issues; (6) Computerized Screening Devices; (7) Cost/Benefit of Automated devices; (8) Cell Preparation Methods; (9) Sample Adequacy Criteria; (10) Colposcopy & Endoscopy; (11) Medico-Legal Affairs and (12) Computerized Cytology Training & Proficiency Testing.

The conference started on 6th June by three welcome messages from Dr. Rosenthal (IAC-President), Dr. Kato (Tokyo, 1998 Congress President) and Dr. Peter Vooijis (Conference Programme Chairperson). After this Dr. Weid made some technical announcements followed by the scheduled conference programme. The sessions on 12 Task Force Workshops were spread over four days and guest lectures on interesting topics like 'Cytological findings in early central type lung cancer and the endoscopic appearances of the lesions' (Dr. Kato, Japan); 'Novel Enzyme Immunoassay for endometrial cancer using cytologic specimens' (Dr. Nozawa Japan); 'New approaches to evolution of diagnostic cytology with focus on the correlation between cell morphology and genetic changes' (Dr. Sugishita, Japan); 'Clinical cytology, a valuable diagnostic tool in a tight health economy' (Nils Stromby, Sweden); 'comparison of cervical cell methodologies' (Dr. Diane Solomon, NIH, MD, U.S.A.). Noteworthy amongst the Chairs were : Ulrick Schenck (Munich, Germany); Willem Niekerk (Capetown, South Africa); Krieger (NJ, USA); Michael O'Brien (Boston, USA); M. John Melamed (NY, USA); William Frable (Richmond, USA); Ralph Richart (NY, USA); Euphemia McGoogan (Edinburgh, Scotland); Peter Bartels (AZ, USA); Maruce Biboo (Philadelphia, USA). Present amongst the august gathering were Drs. Koss and P. K. Gupta, names familiar to all of us.

Besides the scientific sessions, there was an ample opportunity for informal discussion and to get to

know each other at 'in between' tea breaks; at the 'scientific exhibit' and at the dinner entertainments in some or the other 'lagoons' of the hotel. The hotel in itself "Hilton Wikola Village" was unique combining the splendor of the west and the serenity of the east. The land on either side of the road was mostly like burnt charcoal with big cracks and craters left out of the old burst-outs of lava from these mountains. One wondered how humans dared to live here with the ever hanging threat of volcanic eruptions, and the ferocious tidal waves of the Ocean around! And yet there was this 'Hilton Waikola Village' like a fairland on this Island, as if there was nothing 'Beyond that'. Indeed it was an enriching experience for me both academically and otherwise.

Good News from Dr. Shammem Shariff.

Applications are called for the course of CYTOLOGIC TECHNIQUES AND INTERPRETATION conducted by the Division of Cytology of the Department of Pathology, St. John's National Academy of Health Sciences, open to final year postgraduate students of Pathology and qualified Pathologists.

DURATION : 8 weeks. Twice a year starting 01 March and 01 September.

APPLICATION FORMS : Can be obtained on payment of Rs. 10/- at the admission's office, SJNAHS. One month ahead starting of the course.

SUBMISSION : Application should be submitted to the Principal, SJNAHS on or before 15 February (for March course) and on or before 15 August (for September course).

Number of Candidates : will not exceed 3, each time.

Course Fee : Rs. 1000/- is to be paid by the candidate.

Accommodation : The candidates are expected to arrange for their own accommodation. The hospital annexe facility may be availed on payment of regular room charges.