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INDIAN ACADEMY OF CYTOLOGISTS

29th Annual Conference - MANGALORE • 13th - 16th November 1999

Dear Colleagues,

Greetings from Mangalore ! At the Goa conference in November 1998, we were bestowed upon the onus of conducting this year's conference at Mangalore. "It was a hurried acceptance and a Samaritan's decision" were the remarks made by our peers. The Organising Committee deems it a privilege to invite you to Mangalore - to enjoy the warmth of the people and the place both physically and metaphorically.

The highlights of this year's Scientific Meet shall be the long awaited intellectual bonanza to be delivered by no less a person than Dr. Sudha Kini ("the daughter of the soil !" as someone quipped) from Detroit, U.S.A. Dr. Sudha Kini's august presence in November will be a spectacular event for everyone. She will be there for the pre-conference workshop on thyroid FNA - a subject in which she has attained great heights, she will be there at the CME on thoracic cytology and has been magnanimous enough to accept to deliver Guest Lecture(s) too. To keep company to Dr. Sudha Kini, Dr. Gita Jayaram from Malayasia. There will be a slide seminar (Dr. Nijhawan), Symposium (Dr. Sreedevi Amma & her team) Kodachrome sessions by various Cytopathologists apart from the proffered paper sessions, Award paper sessions and Poster sessions.

In addition to the serene beaches Mangalore and its suburbs can also boast of several interesting places worth visiting. Please don't miss the splendour of Belur Halebeedu (175 kms.), the highlands of Coorg (135 kms.), the divine precincts of Udupi (Lord Krishna Temple - 60 kms.) Kollur (Devi Mookambika Temple - 135 kms.), Dharmasthala (Manjunatheshwara Temple - 75 kms.) Subrahmanya (100 kms.), Kudremukh (the iron ore project - 125 kms.) and the like. Let us meet on friendly platform to exchange our views, share our knowledge, renew our friendships and inculcate the spirit of CYTOLOGY in ourselves.

with warmest regards,

Sincerely,

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From the Secretary's Desk

Highlights of the 28th Annual Conference of Indian Academy of Cytologists held at Kala Academy Complex, Panaji, Goa from 19-22 November, 1998.

The conference was hosted by the Goa Medical College, Bambolim and comprised of two days of preconference CME's. The topics in CEM's covered almost all areas which can be penetrated by the fine needle to come to a morphologic diagnosis. A colposcopy session in the afternoon of the second day covered the state of the art from basic technique to diagnosis followed by a panel discussion and quiz.

The inaugural function was held at the Kala Academy Complex and was inaugurated by Dr. B. S. Sand, the Vice Chancellor of Goa University and presided by Dr. M.N. Pal, Dean of Goa Medical College. The P.N. Wahi Oration and Cipla Award was delivered by Dr. Kusum Kapila on "Fine Needle Aspiration Cytology in the next millennium". The Shirin Mehtajee Award was bestowed on

Dr. Lambrecht P Kok of Netherland who beautifully expounded on "Computer for cytology, diagnostics, theory and practice". We had the honour of having Dr. Mathilde E Boon of Netherlands who gave the Goa medical college cytology division oration on "Effects of applying PAPNET in primary cervical screening : less overdiagnosis, less overtreatment and lower costs for patients with mild/moderate dysplasia smears". Others who gave the Goa medical college orations were Dr. Astiva Mondal on "FNAC of vertebral lesions"; Dr. Revathi Ananth on "Free radicals and Antioxidants and their role in cervical lesions" and Dr. U.K. Luthra on "Diagnostic cytology towards the 21st century - the Indian context".

The symposium on central nervous system cytology was a treat for the clinicians, radiologist and cytologists. Dr. Shameem Shariff brilliantly illustrated the diagnostic dilemmas in challenging cases in the diagnostic slide seminar. On both the days a total of 66 oral presentations and 37 posters were presented.

The Satya Monga award for 1997 went to Dr. K. Sujathan who presented on "Differential expression of jack fruit lectin specific glycoconjugates in metastatic adenocarcinoma and reactive mesothelial cells - A diagnostic aid in effusion cytology". The Nalini Bai Thakar Award went to Dr. Abha Malik of Delhi who spoke on "Cytopathology of Leprosy reactions". The Jwala Devi award went to Mr. S. Pathuthara who spoke on "Our initial experience with Immunocytochemistry for diagnosis of serous fluids". Two posters shared the best poster award. They were by Dr. V.V. Holla, et al on "Sinus Histiocytosis with Massive Lymphadenopathy of the

Thyroid - a case report" and Dr. Shabnam Roohi, et al on "Cytodiagnosis of placental site trophoblastic tumour by direct endometrial aspirate".

The Banquet was a roaring success. Many members preferred to dance to the lilting goan music provided by the live band. All this was possible due to the untiring efforts of Dr. RGW Pinto and his family members who pitched in full strength to help him. Our sincere thanks to all of them for giving us a rollicking time in Goa.

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The **10th World Congress of Cervical Pathology and Colposcopy** organized by the "Sociedad Argentina de Patologia del Tracto Genital Inferior Colposcopia" sponsored by the International Society of Cervical Pathology and Colposcopy will be held on November 7 - 11, 1999 in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

IAC Fellowship - 1999

This one months training fellowship of Rs. 1000/- is being offered to Medical Doctors by IAC. Those interested may apply to Dr. Kusum Kapila, Secretary IAC along with self addressed stamped envelope latest by 31st August, 1999.

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