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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,
Namaskar,

At the outset I must express my heartfelt and sincere gratitudes for the confidence and faith you have reposed by electing me unopposed for the prestigious post of President of IAC in the New Millennium. You have offered me the best gift of my career. I am deeply honoured and feel privileged to occupy this prestigious post in the Academy, an august National Body. Most of you must have received my greeting cards

for the Very happy and Prosperous New Millennium. Some of the cards have been returned to me due to non-delivery etc. I would like to request you to please inform the Secretary IAC immediately about your changed address, so that you keep on getting Academy's communication well in time.

Our Academy is now 30 years old. The importance, simplicity, integrity and acceptability of cytodiagnosis is well established. By the untiring efforts of our senior members and founder members the cytology has been included in the undergraduate and postgraduate courses and has become an important exercise in P.G. examination. But a lot more is to be done, especially in the direction of cancer control and prevention. Rural population, in particular is

not satisfactorily benefitted by this simple non-invasive and economical diagnostic science. Diagnostic biopsies are still performed instead of FNAC, women are given treatment randomly for gynaecological problems without proper Pap smear examination and the patients with breast lumps are reporting for the first time in 3rd and 4th stage of cancer etc. This is because of lack of public awareness about the cytodiagnosis. My experience has been that even the medicos and paramedical staff, working in remote areas are not well aware of the importance of cytodiagnosis. This gap of knowledge can be bridged by our learned and devoted members of IAC. This is my appeal to every one of you to come forward for the service of humanity. Make your Academy strong by encouraging young colleagues in Pathology, Radiology, Gynae. & Obst. and other clinical branches to join this Academy and attend annual meetings regularly to exchange views and enrich their knowledge by listening to learned speakers from India and abroad. If the clinicians could join hands, the acceptability of the techniques and its limitations will be better understood.

Hope to see you all at Nagpur, Dr. Maitreyee Munshi with her team of organisers is working hard to host the 30th Annual Conference and are leaving no stone unturned to provide you rich academic feast and making your stay comfortable and memorable. We are going to Nagpur 2nd time and certainly we have not forgotten the flavour of fresh orange juice and the rich hospitality of organisers last time.

I shall be looking forward keenly to meet you all in a cheerful mood.

Dr. Padam K. Agarwal
President IAC-2000



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Highlights of the 29th Annual Conference of Indian Academy of Cytologists held at Mangalore 13th - 16th November, 1999.

The organising secretary Dr. C.V. Raghuvver and his group of dedicated volunteers took great pains to see that the 29th IAC Conference of Cytology, last of the millennium, held in the coastal city of Mangalore was a roaring success.

The preconference workshop held on 13th November on thyroid cytology was conducted by no less a person than Dr. Sudha R. Kini from Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit. Her soft style of presentation and her vast collection of slides had the audience's rapt attention for the whole day. The CME on thoracic cytology was equally engrossing with speakers from India and abroad sharing their experiences.

The inaugural function had the Vice Chancellor of Manipal Higher Academy of Education Prof. B.M. Hegde along with revered Professors K P Ganesan and KL Agarwal on a beautiful, culturally aesthetic stage which words fail to describe.

This year's P.N. Wahi oration and Cipla award were conferred on Dr. Geeta Jayaram from Malaysia who spoke on "Salivary gland lesions". The Shirin Mehtajee Award was bestowed on Dr. Sudha Kini who spoke on "Lesions of the Endocervix" an extremely topical problem one is facing more and more today with the frequent use of the endocervical brush. The symposium conducted and moderated by Dr. Kusum Verma brought to the fore the issue of Quality Assurance in Cytopathology and discussed proposals for

both internal and external quality assurance. The Ernest Fernandes award for the diagnostic slide seminar was awarded to Dr. Raje Nijhawan who chose slides on extremely interesting and varied topics including some rare and unusual cases.

The prize paper session elicited a very good response and the Nalini Bai Thakar Award went to Dr. N.K. Alva from Pondicherry who spoke on "FNAC of salivary glands." The Jwala Devi Award went to Ms. Neelam Prabhudesai from Mumbai who spoke on "Modified H & E staining technique for FNAC". The proffered paper sessions had a number of interesting and thought provoking papers. The 50 posters presented matched the oral sessions and the best poster award went to Dr. Asiq Siddeeqe of Mangalore for "Problems in the FNAC diagnosis of papillary of breast."

Besides all the hectic academic activity Prof. Raghuvver kept everyone very busy sampling the exquisite Kannada cuisine specialties which were served at regular intervals of breakfast and lunch. The banquet included an enjoyable and interesting variety show put up by the students from the various medical colleges in Mangalore. The grand finale to the banquet was a spectacular fireworks display. Our sincere thanks to all of them at Mangalore for giving us such an enjoyable and memorable time.



Kasturba Medical College

Prof. C. V. Raghuvver

"About 20 copies of the workshop Manual on FNAC thyroid held during the 29th IAC CON 99 at Manglore in November 1999 are available for sale. Those who wish to procure a copy, may send a D/D for Rs.225/- (Rupees two hundred and twenty five only) drawn in favour of PALM payable at Manglore to Dr.C. V. Raghuvver Pathology Department, Kasturba Medical College, Manglore 575 001.

The Manual will be sent by Registered Post A/D."

Message from Editor Journal of Cytology

Journal of Cytology is now published thrice in a year, thanks to the support from all its readers. With a little more effort, we could bring out the journal once every quarter. I appeal to you all to send your best articles to our journal.

N Jayaram

From Treasurer's Desk

Dear Members,

"Happy New Year 2000 to all the Members of IAC".

I would like to appeal to all of you to strengthen our association by enrolling as many new life / ordinary members as possible. Please note the change in membership subscription fee from April 1st, 2000.

Members Subscription from April 1st 2000 :

Life Membership : Rs. 1500/-

Ordinary Membership yearly : Rs.150/-

Life Associate Membership : Rs.750/-

Associate Membership yearly : Rs.75/-

CPC membership yearly : Rs.150/-

Dr. Jayashri K.

ACTIVITIES IN GOA

The Cytopathology Division of Goa Medical College organised 3 Cancer Detection Camps for women at different areas of Goa (Cuncolim, manpuca and Ponda). The patients were Screened for Breast and Cervical Cancers. At these camps lectures on "Cancers in women - Prevention and early detection were also delivered by Dr. R.G.W.Pinto, Executive member of IAC. Two books 1) Cancers in women and 2) Cytopathology in Clinical practice were also published and edited by Dr. R.G.W. Pinto. The book "Cancers in women" is being distributed to the Womens organisations and groups in Goa and the book Cytopathology in clinical practice is being distributed to the Clinicians, Radiologist and General Practitioners in Goa.

The dates of examinations of Cytotechnicians / Cytotechnologists for this year are as follows :

1. The date for the above examination have been fixed as follows :

Theory : 20.9.2000

Practical and Oral 21.9.2000

2. The Convenor and Venue of examinations will be : Dr. Krishnamurthy, Tata Memorial Hospital, (Tata Memorial Centre), Dr. Ernest Borges Road, Parel, Mumbai - 400 012. Tel.No.414-6750 Fax: 022-4146937

3. Please circulate the information for the same through the next forthcoming issue of IAC News Bulletin.

4. The application forms for the same can be obtained from Prof. Subhash K. Gupta, Chairperson, Accreditation and Examination Committee, Professor and Head, Department of Cytology, P.G.I.M.E.R. Chandigarh-160012.

5. Last date for receipt of application will be 31st July, 2000.

ACTIVITIES OF CPC COMMITTEE, IAC FROM DECEMBER 1999 TO MARCH 2000

Report by CPC Chairperson - Dr. Revathi Ananth

December 13th to 17th 1999 - Workshop on Cytological detection of RTI in female Genital tract was organised at IRR, Mumbai. The convenors were Dr. B.N.Mali and Dr. K.T. hazari. IAC members Dr. Usha Saraiya delivered the Keynote address RTIs global perspective, Dr. Maya Lulla gave a Lecture on Association of RTI's with cervical cancer and screening programmes & Dr. Revathi Ananth. Spoke on Syndromic diagnosis of reproductive tract infections. Slide staining, preparation, record keeping filing of normal and abnormal slides were done very well by Dr. Mali and his team.

December 26th 1999 - A Pre conference workshop on Colposcopy and premalignant lesions was held for the 43rd AICOG, FOGSI at King George Hospital, Lucknow. CPC members - Dr. S. K. Das, Dr. Usha Saraiya, Dr. Sudha Nigam and Dr. Revathi Ananth were faculty members and contributed text for the workshop manual. During the workshop IAC and CPC section activities were detailed to all the gynaecologists and membership drive was done. There was live demonstration of colposcopy cases including computerised video colposcope and laser.

10th February 2000 - Workshop on Colp[oscopy and Cervical lesions was conducted at A. V. Hospital as pre conference workshop for OGGSI XVIth Annual Conference at Chennai. The following subjects were covered Dr. Revathi

Ananth along with live demonstration of 19 cases.

Cervical screening and Technic of Colposcopy, Current Status of Colposcopy and demonstration of management of CIN lesion.

There was a separate session on computer CD. Three teaching volumes - 2 video cassettes of 1 hour each on technic of colposcopy and demonstration of different lesions and an interactive CD prepared by Dr. Revathi Ananth and A.V. Systems was released by the school of colposcopy & A.V. Medical Foundation. 18 doctors were trained in the workshop.

IAC Activities and CPC committee with details regarding membership was done during the workshop.

Doctors trained from A.V.School of Colposcopy.

1. Dr. Usha - Erode
2. Dr. Asha Jain - MadhyaPradesh

Screening for DESH organisation Cytology and AVIA-(Aided visual inspection using acetic acid application) and Colposcopy was done as a part of health education and screening for women. Total of 84 Cases were screened by A.V. school of Colposcopy. (from 27.1.2000 to 19.2.2000)

Nominations for Election of IAC Office Bearers

Nominations on plain typed sheets are invited for the election of

1) President - Elect (one year tenure)

Eligibility Criteria.

- i) President - Elect should be an active member of IAC with no dues for 10 years.
- ii) served as an executive member for one term of three years.
- iii) should have attended three or more general body meetings in the last 5 years.

2) Secretary (three years tenure)

Eligibility Criteria :

- i) Should be an active member of IAC with no dues for five years.
- ii) served as an executive committee for atleast one term
- iii) attended three or more general body meetings in the last 5 years.

3) Editor - Journal of Cytology (five years tenure)

Eligibility Criteria :

- i) Should be an active member of IAC with no dues for five years.

4) Editor - Newsletter (three years tenure)

- i) should be an active member of IAC with no dues for five years.

5) Executive Committee Members - 3 Posts (three years tenure)

Eligibility Criteria :

- i) Should be an active member of IAC with no dues for five years.

Each nomination duly proposed and seconded must be accompanied by signed consent and brief one page (double space typed) biodata of the nominee. The nominee, the proposer and the Seconder must be regular members of IAC with no subscription dues. The nominations must be sent by registered post to Dr. Kusum Kapila, Secretary IAC, Department of Pathology, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Ansari Nagar, New Delhi-110029.

Time Table for Election

- Receipt of Nomination Paper on or before 15th July, 2000.
- Information to contestants about other contestants for the same post on or before 31st July, 2000.
- Withdrawal of nomination on or before 15th Aug.2000.
- Return of Marked Ballot Paper on or before 20th September, 2000.
- Scrutiny of Ballot Papers and Counting on 25th September, 2000.

Biodata of the candidate should include

- 1) Duration and type of IAC membership
- 2) Contribution to IAC
- 3) Contribution to Cytology
- 4) Telephone numbers - Office & Residence
- 5) FAX number (if available)

SATYA MONGA AWARD-2000

Last date for Satya Monga award is 31st Aug. 2000. It is for the best paper published in the field of immunocytochemistry.

Regulations : 1) Publication should be after 1997. 2) Publication must be in an indexed journal 3) Candidate must be one of the authors or co-authors of the article. 4) He/She should submit in writing permission from the other co-authors for entering the paper for the award. 5) Reprinting of this should be sent to secretary IAC on or before 31st August, 2000.

Awardees for the year - 1999

Nalini Bai Thakar Award - Dr. NK Alva, Pondicherry.
Jwaladevi Award - Ms. Neelam Prabhudesai, Mumbai.
Susheel Malhotra Award - Mr. Saleem Pathuthara, Mumbai
Bhaskar Reddy Award - Ms. Deepali Danayak, Jabalpur.

IAC Fellowship-2001

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 alongwith a self addressed stamped envelope latest by 31st Aug.,2000.
Address : Department of Pathology, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Ansari Nagar, New Delhi-110029.
Ph.No.(R) 6492380.

IAC '2000' NAGPUR
2nd to 5th November 2000
30th National Conference of
INDIAN ACADEMY OF CYTOLOGISTS

Conference Highlights

4th and 5th November, 2000

- **Nalinibai Thakkar Award Paper** : For doctors below 35 years of age
- **Jwaladevi Award Paper** : For Cytotechnologists and Cytotechnicians
- **Guest Speaker** : Dr. Yolanda C Oertel, Washington, USA
- **Academy Oration** : Dr. Prakash Patil, Belgaum
- **Slide Seminar** : Dr. B. Chandralekha, Thiruvananthpuram
- **Symposium** : Carcinoma Cervix Moderator - Dr. Usha Saraiya
- **Proffered Papers and Posters** : Case reports will be accomodated as posters

PRECONFERENCE

2nd November 2000	Workshop	Effusions/Fluid Cytology
3rd November 2000	CME	FNA of Abdominal masses - Pandora's Box
2nd & 3rd November 2000 (Simultaneously but independently)	Workshop	Research Methodology 'Writing a Research Paper' By Lata Medical Research Foundation, Nagpur

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FROM THE EDITOR NEWS LETTER

Dear Reader,

Namaste ! You surely are aware of the coming IAC, 2000, to be held at Nagpur and must have mentally geared up for the same with your academic contributions. So, see you at Nagpur in November in huge numbers. Till then, goodbye !

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Anjali Joshi

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