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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

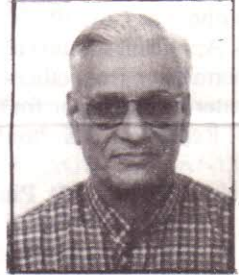
Dear Members,

Over the years, this Association and its activities have grown in leaps and bounds. There has also been a dramatic rise in the use of Cytopathology as a major diagnostic tool; applicable to almost every organ of the body. Perhaps, one of the major challenges for Cytopathologist is to meet the expectations of clinical colleagues and society at large, who are becoming more and more dependent on cytological methods. Although this is a reflection of success of Cytopathology as a discipline, it dictates a need for evolution in the relationship between Cytopathologists and other Physicians, including Surgical Pathologists and society; which is possible to a large extent by publishing interesting and unusual cases encountered during cytology practice.

The advancements in imaging techniques for stereotactic aspirations immunocytochemistry, computer assisted Cytopathometry, flow Cytometry and molecular technology has completely changed the face of Cytopathology and has greatly influenced the ability to establish definitive diagnosis; thereby meeting the challenges faced by a Cytopathologist.

The annual national conference this year is being organized in Bhopal in December 2004, and we look forward to the whole hearted participation of Senior as well as upcoming Cytopathologists for interaction in this scientific treat.

N. K. Chaturvedi
President - IAC - 2004.



SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues,

At the outset, I would like to thank the Academy for giving me an opportunity to serve as the Secretary of IAC. The Academy is growing in leaps and bounds. The 34th Annual Conference of the Indian Academy of Cytologists will be held at Gandhi Medical College, Bhopal between 16th - 19th December 2004. Dr. Reeni Malik and Prof. V.K. Bhardwaj have already posted, the Conference Brochures to all the members with a wide array of Scientific Programmes awaiting us. I am sure that many of us are preparing to attend the CYTOCON 2004 at Bhopal with great enthusiasm. I am sure Dr. Reeni Malik and Prof. V.K. Bhardwaj are working overtime to make this event memorable both Scientifically and Culturally.

A large number of CMEs, Workshops, Seminars and Updates have been organised in different parts of the country. Besides I am happy to inform you that I was invited as a Faculty for the Diagnostic Cytopathology Workshop at Singapore, held from 11-13 June 2004. The Faculty of Indian Origin invited were Prof. P.V. Patil, Prof. R.G.W. Pinto, Prof. Gita Jayaram, Dr. Thomas Putti, Dr. Naresh Chachlani and Dr. Anjula Thomas, besides a vast number of other International Faculty. The Workshop was a grand success and I am sure that the Cytopathologists from Asian countries will network, interact and co-operate in future.

Cancer Control and Screening Programmes are also being organised in different parts of India. We still, need to do much more in this area.

The Journal of Cytology is being regularly brought out by Col. S.Satyanarayana and the IAC Newsletter is also being regularly printed and published by Dr. Manjula Jain.

I am looking forward to meeting you all at Bhopal in December 2004.

R. G. W. Pinto

Satya Monga Award

Last date : 31 August 2004

It is for the best paper published in the field on Immunocytochemistry, Regulations

1. Publication should be after 2001
2. Publication should be in an Indexed Journal
3. Candidate must be one of the authors or Co-authors of the article
4. Applicant should submit in writing permission from other Co-authors for entering the paper for the award.
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IAC Fellowship

Last date for receipt of completed applications: 31 October 2004.

No. of Fellowships : Three

The IAC offers a training fellowship for doctors practicing in India by the Indian Academy of Cytologists.

Those interested may apply to:

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Business Meeting
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16 - 18 October 2004**

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DIAGNOSTIC CYTOPATHOLOGY WORKSHOP

Singapore - 11 to 13 June 2004 - A Report

A 3 day Diagnostic Cytopathology Workshop was organised by the Chapter of Pathologists, Academy of Medicine, Singapore on 11th, 12th, 13th June 2004 at the National University of Singapore. This Scientific meeting was attended by 180 delegates comprising of Cytopathologists, trainees and Cytotechnologists from Asian countries with a primary objective of upgrading the skills and raising the standards of Cytopathology in the South-East Asian region to meet international standards. Prof. Aileen Wee (Organising Chairperson) and Dr. Priyanthi Kumarasinghe (Scientific Chairperson) were mainly instrumental in the organisation of the Workshop which was attended by 180 delegates from 17 countries namely Australia, Brunei, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Malaysia, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, Phillipines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, U.K., Vietnam and Singapore. There were a series of lectures, case Seminars, glass slides workshops, slide quiz and poster competitions. The topics covered were Cytology of Vagina, Cervix, Breast, Thyroid, Lymph node, Fluids, Lung, Liver and other intra-abdominal organs.

The international Faculty comprised of : Prof. A. Chang (Singapore), Dr. J. Avila (Phillipines), Prof. S. Maeda (Japan), Prof. Aileen Wee (Singapore), Dr. P.Kumarasinghe (Singapore), Prof. S. Rangaeng (Thailand), Prof. Pichet Sampatanukul (Thailand), Dr. S.K. Tang (Australia), Dr. G.Tse (Hong Kong), Prof. P.V. Patil (India), Prof. R.G.W. Pinto (India), Dr. Thomas Putti (Singapore), Prof. Gita Jayaram (Malaysia), Dr. Naresh Chachlani (U.K.) and Dr. Anjula Thomas (Singapore). More such meetings are planned with a consideration of networking, co-operating and interacting with the Cytopathologists from the Asian countries. The Cytopathologists of Indian Origin were Prof. P.V. Patil, Prof. R.G.W. Pinto, Dr. Thomas Putti, Prof. Gita Jayaram, Dr. Naresh Chachlani and Dr. Anjula Thomas. The Workshop was sponsored by Health Promotion Board of Singapore and the Lee Foundation.

R. G. W. Pinto

CYTOCON 2004

**34th Annual Conference of Indian Academy of Cytologists,
Venue: Gandhi Medical College, Bhopal-462001
Dates: 16-19th December 2004**

**Scientific Programme
16th December 2004**

Preconference

Workshop-I

FNAC Head and Neck Masses

Moderator Dr. Roshni Chinoy, Mumbai

- FNAC of nonneoplastic, infective and inflammatory lesions of Head and Neck
- Dr. Kusum Verma, New Delhi.
- FNAC of neoplastic lesions of Head and Neck
- Dr. N. SreeDevi Amma, Trivandrum
- FNAC of nonneoplastic lesions of Thyroid
- Dr. Arvind Rajwanshi, Chandigarh
- FNAC of neoplastic lesions of Thyroid
- Dr. Shubda Kane, Mumbai.
- FNAC of metastatic lesions of Head and Neck
- Dr. Roshni Chinoy, Mumbai
- Orbital Cytology
- Dr. A. Mondal, Kolkata
- Cytology of Head and Neck lesions in Paediatric Age group
- Dr. Tanuja Sheth, Mumbai.
- Cytology of tubercular and tubercular like lesions of lymph nodes in HIV patients.
- Dr. Surendra Verma, Pondicherry.

