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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Greetings to you for the New Year 2005.

The I.A.C. Conference organized by Dr. Bhardwaj, Dr. Reeni Malik, Dr. Neelkamal Kapoor and their team left no stone unturned for the success of the recently conducted conference at Gandhi Medical College at Bhopal in Dec. 2004.

I congratulate the immediate past President Dr. N.K.Chaturvedi and the other office bearers who did wonderful job for the progress of IAC during 2004.

We are aware that Cytology was brought into limelight by Dr. George Papanicolaou for early detection of uterine cervical cancer. Today it is still the leading cancer in India. We have to find out how Cytology services can be made available in all 593 districts of the country. I appeal to all members to conduct many cervical cancer screening programs and help the community at large. This could be the best service our Academy could render to the country by detecting 1) Ca in early stages to prevent further progress or 2) Ca for appropriate therapeutic measures. Let us all pledge to work in this direction during 2005.

I would be pleased to know of all the cytology activities that you conduct during this year in your places. I assure you on behalf of all the office bearers and myself, to uphold the objectives of our Academy. Any constructive suggestions from the members are most welcome.

With kind regards,

Dr. Prakash Patil

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Highlights of the 34th Annual Conference of IAC held at Gandhi Medical College, Bhopal from 16th - 19th December 2004

The conference was organized by Dr. Reeni Malik, Dr. V.K. Bhardwaj, Dr. N. Kapoor and their team at Bhopal. The conference arrangements were excellent and will be remembered for years to come.

The pre-conference workshop on FNAC of Head and Neck Masses, moderated by Dr. R.F. Chinoy was very informative.

The pre-conference CME on GIT Cytology, moderated by Dr. Shyama Jain was also well attended.

The Dr. P.N. Wahi Cipla Academy Oration was delivered by Dr. Asitava Mondal on "Aggressive Giant Cell Tumors of the Bone - My experience of twenty years. Dr. Alexander Chang delivered the Shirin Mehtaji Oration on the topic "The Pap Smear in the Era of Globalisation."

The visiting guest faculty included

- 1) Dr. Gladwyn Leiman (USA) who spoke on "Anal Screening Cytology", "Cytology of Better - Prognosis Tumors of the Pancreas".
- 2) Dr. Vinod Shidham (USA) who spoke on "GIT Cytology - An Overview", and "Pulmonary Cytology".
- 3) Dr. Alexander Chang (Singapore) who delivered the Shirin Mehtaji Oration.
- 4) Dr. Gita Jayaram (Malaysia) who spoke on the "Non neoplastic and Benign Tumors" of Salivary Gland.

The Nalini Bai Thakkar Award was bagged by Dr. T. Rajalakshmi from St. John's Medical College, Bangalore.

The Jwala Devi Award was bagged by S. Dighe (Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai).

The Ernest Fernandes Award Slide Seminar was presented by Dr. C.V. Raghuvver, Mangalore.

The symposium on Salivary Gland Lesions was moderated by Col. S. Satyanarayana, Pune and the faculty were Dr. Gita Jayaram, Dr. Kusum Verma, Dr. R.G.W. Pinto and Col. S. Satyanarayana.

During the conference there were 13 papers for Nalini Bai Thakkar Award, 3 papers for Jwaladevi Award, 42 Preferred papers and 55 Posters.

Satya Monga Award

Last date: 31st October 2005

It is for the best paper published in the field on Immunocytochemistry.

Regulations:

1. Publication should be after 2002
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.
5. Reprint of this should be sent to:

Dr. R.G.W. Pinto

Secretary, IAC3Sunshine Building,
Benard Guedes Road Panaji, Goa.

The Banquet was really enjoyable where after a day's feast of knowledge, the delegates had a chance to unwind themselves and dance to the tunes of popular music and enjoy the delicacies. The Executive Committee and the General Body Meetings were held. In addition, for the first time, the Editorial Board of Journal of Cytology held its first meeting.

Dr. N.K. Chaturvedi, President IAC presided and Dr. RGW Pinto, Secretary conducted the proceedings. The conference ended with a promise to meet again at Jamnagar in 2005.

Dr. R.G.W. Pinto

OBITUARY TO GEORGE L WIED MD, DSc. FIAC

7th Febraury 1921-25th July 2004.

Dr. George Wied died in his sleep in Salzburg Austria on 25th July 2004.

It is said that he was 2nd only to George Papanicolaou in the birth and growth of Cytology in the 2nd half of 20th Century. The two Georges dominated the scene and created a new science, which would have a great impact on the practice of Medicine.

He graduated from Charles University in Prague and did his Residency in Obstetrics & Gynaecology at Munich and Berlin. He came to USA in 1950 to do Cytology with George Papanicolaou and made Chicago his base. He became Blum Riese Professor in Gynaecology in 1968 and remained on the faculty of University of Chicago till retirement.

He had many achievements but he will be remembered most for founding Acta Cytologica in 1957 and remaining an active Editor throughout his life. He also co founded the International Academy of Cytology with George Papanicolaou. He remained a Scientist all his life and was a pioneer in cell image analysis.

The world of Cytology, especially Gynaec Cytology has lost its most fervent supporter. Many shall mourn his passing. His contributions to Women's Health will forever find great inspiration in his life.

May his soul rest in Peace.

Contributed by Dr. Usha B. Saraiya

IAC Fellowship

Last date for receipt of completed applications: 31st October 2005.

No. of Fellowships : One

The IAC offers a training fellowship for doctors practicing in India.

Those interested may apply to:

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"Dr. Asitava Mondal will be delivering a guest lecture on FNAC OF LUNG AND PLEURAL TUMOURS in the CME organised by Osmania Medical College, Hyderabad on 4th and 5th June, 2005".

Dr. M.M. Kamal was honored with the Dr. Aptekar memorial Oration during the 31st Annual course of Gynecologic Cytology and Colposcopy held at the Cama and Albless Hospital at Mumbai. The topic was "The Pap Smear-Historical Perspective and where Screening stands Today".

FROM THE EDITORS DESK

As the 1st issue of the IAC Newsletter for the year 2005 is being printed I extend my greetings to all the readers. It has been brought to my knowledge that the newsletter does not reach many readers either due to change of address or due to postal errors. On my part I post approximately 1100 letters each issue and out of which approx. 50 come back due to non availability of the person at the given address. So to make it easier for the readers it was proposed in the executive committee to put the newsletter on the IAC website : <http://www.cytoindia.com>. This year I will be mailing the newsletter as well as putting on the website. If the response is good then in the year 2006 I will only put the newsletter on the website. This will save the academy of the postal expense. Hoping to get suggestions from you. See you at Jamnagar in December, 2005

DR. MANJULA JAIN

CERTIFICATE COURSE IN CYTOLOGIC TECHNIQUES AND INTERPRETATION

The Division of Cytology at the Department of Pathology, St. John's Medical College, Bangalore offers twice a year (Feb-March, Aug-Sept), a two month hands-on certificate course in all aspects of Cytology and FNAC.

The course is open for final year post-graduate students of pathology and to qualified pathologists. Those desirous should send their Biodata along with a crossed demand draft for Rs.3,750/- which is the course fee in favour of "St. John's Medical College, Bangalore" and payable at Bangalore to the undersigned at the earliest for their selection on first-cum-first-serve basis. Selected candidates can avail Hospital Annexe facilities on the Campus with prior arrangement.

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