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President's Message

Dear Members,

A very Happy and Prosperous New Year to all of you. I thank all the members of IAC for electing me the President of IAC for the year 2008. Medical Science is progressing very rapidly & the field of Cytology is also expanding and making waves and its presence felt both in the Diagnostic & Preventive aspect and is guiding the clinicians in the management and follow up of patients. The International Academy of Cytology was founded in 1957 & simultaneously Wied started Acta Cytologica. The Indian Academy of Cytologists was founded in 1970 and we have the Journal of Cytology. The IAC is growing in leaps and bounds, the membership is increasing. I appeal to the members to participate in the IAC activities, organize CMEs, Seminars, Updates, and Workshops in different corners of the country. There is a need to take Cytology to areas in India where this field has not developed. We also need to arrange Cancer Awareness & Cancer Control Programmes all over India as the incidence of cancer is going up. We must also network with Cytologists of other countries. Our Academy is 38 years old and this year the 38th Annual National Conference of the IAC (CYTOCON 2008) will be held at Ahmedabad, Gujarat with Dr. Chetan Dharaiya as the Organizing Secretary. We do hope that a large number of IAC members attend this important event. The local chapters of IAC are being formed in different states of India. This will help in further strengthening the academic activities and Cancer Control Camps. We must encourage research in Clinical Cytology. Many of us attended the 16th International Congress of Cytology in Vancouver, Canada as well as the European Congress of Cytology in Madrid, Spain in 2007. An International CME in Pathology (Histopathology & Cytology) was organized in Goa Medical College from 14th - 16th March 2008. The faculty were Dr. William Geddie (Canada), Dr. Laszlo Vass (Hungary), Dr. Gary Tse (Hong Kong), Dr. Dilani Lokuhetty, (Colombo), Dr. A. Mondal (Kolkatta), Dr. Arvind Rajwanshi (Chandigarh) & Others. I invite the IAC members to attend the same. We must strengthen Cytology teaching to our Post Graduate Students as well as Practicing Pathologists who are eager to learn Cytology.

I wish all the members of the IAC the very best and Greetings from Goa.

Dr. RGW Pinto, Goa



From The Desk of Secretary

Dear Friends,

The year 2007 ended with a well organized conference at Allahabad. I have taken voluntary retirement from Armed Forces & Joined G.S.L. Medical College, Rajahmundry as Professor & HOD Pathology. The minutes of the GBM held at Allahabad have been circulated to all the members. The members are requested to forward feed back on the scientific & academic activities undertaken by them to my office well before the annual conference. Active participation by proposing topics for workshop, CME and symposium before the conference will give sufficient time for better planning of annual conferences. The bids for hosting conferences from different parts of the country are not coming forward. Next year's conference at Ahmedabad is going to be excellent with the hospitality of Gujaratis well known all over the world. President of International Academy of Cytologists, Dr Alain Verhest is participating in the conference. Members may start preparing for making it a great success.

Dr S Satyanarayana

Editorial

Dear Friends,

Wishing you a very Happy Holi to all of you. I completed the 1st year of my tenure as an Editor-Newsletter of IAC with your timely help and support. Please provide inputs and brief write-ups regularly for the News Letter.

Dr. Shyama Jain

Awardees for the year 2007

Nalini Bai Thakkar:

Dr Paari Murugan, Pondicherry

Jwala Devi Award:

Mr S Pathuthara, Mumbai

Bhasker Reddy Award:

Ms Vinita Mayekar

Academy oration Award:

Dr. B Chandralekha

Ernest Fernandes Award:

Dr. Shyama Jain (Delhi)

IAC fellowship for year 2008:

Dr. Ritu Singhal (Bhopal)

Light Source



Dr Kusum

Kapila

MD, FIAC, FAMS,
FICP, FRCPath,

Dr K. Kapila has been honoured by International Academy of Cytology for her extensive contribution in the field of cytology.

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EQA program 2008

All laboratories accredited by IAC are required to participate in the EQA program. This year selected representative images of the cases will be put on website, www.cytoindia.com. Even individuals are welcome to participate online. The aim of this program is to ensure quality in reporting of cytology smears especially gynecology cytology across laboratories in the country. I also request all the laboratories to send me the cases of cervical pap smears with adequate follow up information for inclusion in the EQA

Dr. Radhika Srinivasan

Chairperson, EQA Program

Dept of Cytology & Gynaecology Pathology,
PGIMER, Chandigarh.

Highlights of CYTOCON 2007, 37th Annual Conference of IAC, MLN Medical College, Allahabad

The annual conference of Indian Academy of Cytologists was held from 29th November to 02nd December 2007 at Allahabad, located at the confluence of three holy rivers. On the first day two workshops were arranged. Dr Ravi Mehrotra moderated the workshop on 'Fluid cytology and Dr MM Kamaal conducted the workshop on 'Viral infections of cervix'. CME on Cytology of Renal and Adrenals was conducted by Dr RGW Pinto. Symposium on soft tissue tumors was moderated by Dr Arvind Rajwanshi, President of the academy. Prof S R Orell, Richard DeMay and Carlos Bedrossian spoke as invited faculty from abroad. Award paper sessions and free paper sessions were held on 3rd day of the conference. 'Ernest Fernandes Diagnostic Slide Seminar' was delivered by Dr. Shyama Jain, New Delhi.

Organizing committee of CYTOCON 2007 has given prizes for oral and poster sessions. In Oral Paper Session I, Dr Anuradha Kusum (Dehradun) got first prize and Dr Malti Kumari (Lucknow) got II prize. In Oral paper session II, Dr Upasana Gautam (Chandigarh) got I prize while Dr Reena Bharadwaj got II prize. In poster sessions, Dr Sanjay M Chauhan (Nagpur), Dr P Malhan (Delhi), Dr R Mannan (Allahabad) got first prizes and Dr S Kushwaha (Agra), Dr S Sen (Delhi), Dr Leena dennis Joseph (Chennai) got second prizes.

Over 300 delegates from all parts of the country attended the conference. Delegates also enjoyed the site seeing of the city which has rich historical heritage and religious value. The hospitality shown by Dr Ravi Mehrotra and his team was commendable. The images of the conference can be viewed at: www.cytology-iac.org/newsletter The conference ended with welcome to Dr. Chetan Dhariya, who will be hosting the CYTOCON 2008 at Ahmedabad from 13 to 16 Nov 2008.

Dr S Satyanarayana,
Secretary IAC

Accreditation and Examination Committee

Notice for National Examination for Cytotechnician & Cytotechnologist for 2008:

1. All the information is available on website <http://www.cytoindia.com>. Candidates can download the syllabus, eligibility criteria application form, from the website.
2. Venue of examination: Department of Cytology and Gynaecology Pathology, PGIMER, Chandigarh.
3. Dates of examination: September 8, 9th 2008
3. The last date for supply of application: June 15, 2008. The completed applications must reach the undersigned by June 30, 2008

Note: The candidates should come prepared to stay for 2 days. No TA/DA will be paid for coming to attend the examination. No boarding/ lodging arrangement will be made by the organizers.

A&E committee:

All the information regarding A&E committee that is accreditation criteria, application form for lab accreditation and examination, format for sending progress report etc. is also available on the website.

Dr. Arvind Rajwanshi,
Chairman, A&E committee
Department of Cytology & Gynaecology Pathology,
PGIMER, Chandigarh.

Satya Monga Award

The award is for the best paper published in the field on immunocytochemistry

Last date for entry: 30.09.2008

Regulations:

1. Publication should be after 2005
2. Publication should be in Indexed medical journal / Journal of Cytology
3. Candidate must be the author/ co-author of article
4. Applicant should submit in writing permission from all co-authors for entering the paper for award
5. Reprint of the article should be sent to the Secretary IAC:

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IAC Fellowship

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

Last date for receipt of completed applications: 31. 10. 2007

No. of fellowship - 1

Those interested may apply to Secretary IAC:

Dr. S. Satyanarayana

IAC Logo Contest

General body decided to change the logo of our Academy. Designer of the selected logo will get an attractive prize during the next annual conference. Members are requested to design new logo and send to webmaster@cytoindia.com

Nomination for election of IAC office bearers

Nominations on plain typed sheets are invited in the format given below for the following posts with Bio data, and sent to the Secretary IAC.

President Elect: 1 post (One year tenure)

Treasurer: 1 post (Three years tenure)

Eligibility criteria:

- i) President elect should be an active member of IAC for 10 years with no dues. President elect & treasurer should have served as an executive member for at least one term of 3 years.
- ii) Should have attended three/ more GBM in the last 5 years.

Time Table for IAC election

Receipt of nominations	: 15. 7.08
Information to contestants for the same post by / before	: 31. 7.08
Withdrawal of nomination	: 14. 8.08
Dispatch of ballot papers on / before	: 1. 9.08
Return of ballot papers by	: 15.10.08
Scrutiny and counting	: 20.10.08
Declaration of results: At the time of General Body Meeting or executive meeting during the 38 th Annual Conference of IAC at Ahmedabad, Nov. 2008	

Bio-data of candidate: It should be under the following headings-

1. Name of the candidate :
2. Duration & type of membership :
3. Contribution to IAC :
4. Contribution in the field of Cytology :
5. Address for Correspondence (off & res):
6. Telephone No : Off. Res. Fax.
7. Email address :

Format of Nomination Paper

I propose the name of Dr....., IAC membership No.
for the post ofof IAC executive body

Name, Signature of the Proposer.....

IAC membership No.....

I, Dr.....second the above proposal

Name, Signature of the Seconder.....

IAC membership No.....

I, Dr.....accept the above proposal

Name, Signature of the Candidate.....

IAC membership No.....

Important: No nominations without signatures will be accepted

All nominations received electronically will be rejected

Thought of the 'Letter'

Success is not measured by what you accomplish, but by the opposition you have encountered, and the courage with which you have maintained the struggle against overwhelming odds.

38th Annual Conference of Indian Academy of Cytologists, CYTOCON 2008 (13-16th November 2008)

Conference Venue: BJ Medical College, Ahmedabad.

Organizing Secretary: Dr. Chetan Dharaiya (email: dr_chetandharaiya@yahoo.com Mobile +91 99099 11205, +91 94264 42214)

Conference Highlights:

Pre conference Workshop (1) : ASCUS and LSIL

Pre conference Workshop (2) : Gray-zone lesions of Breast

Pre conference CME : Thyroid Lesions

Symposium : Pulmonary Cytology

Moderator- Dr. R. Nijhawan, Chandigarh

Moderator- Dr. R F.Chinoy, Mumbai

Moderator- Dr. Shyama Jain, New Delhi

Moderator -Dr. Aruna K Prayaga, Hyderabad

IAC Academy Oration: Dr. R.G.W. Pinto, Goa

Ernest Fernandes Slide Seminar: Col S. Satyanarayana, Rajamundry, AP

IAC oration: Dr. Minaxi Desai, Manchester, UK

Guest Faculty: Dr Alain Verhest, President International Academy of Cytology, Belgium,

Dr Latha Pisharodi, USA

IMPORTANT DATES:

Early Registration : upto 30th June, 2008

Last date for Submission of Abstracts : 31st August, 2008

News from different parts of the country

1. The first Orissa State Chapter of IAC (CYTOCON 2007) was held on 8.9.07 at Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences, Bhubaneswar.

Participants from different parts of Orissa attended the meet & presented the papers. Office bearers of the Orissa State Chapter of Cytologists were elected. For further detail Dr. N. Rout, Secretary may be contacted, email: drniranjanrout@gmail.com, (M) 094370 24833

2. Dr Aruna Prayaga has organized CME in Cytology on Nov 22nd 2007 at Hyderabad, the faculty speakers were Prof Svante R Orell, Dr Gita Jayaram and Col Satyanarayana.

3. Dr. R.G.W. Pinto was invited as a faculty and chaired scientific sessions at the 33rd European Congress of Cytology in Madrid, Spain 14-17 Oct. 2007; the International CME in Tata Memorial Hospital Mumbai; Karnataka chapter of IAPM conference in Davangere, Karnataka & JIPMER, Pondicherry.

4. Dr. Asitava Mondal (Kolkata) has been felicitated by Honourable Mayor of Kolkata, has delivered the prestigious "Dr. R. K. Menda Memorial Oration" by IMA and has been invited as Guest Speaker in Rajasthan Chapter of IAPM,2008.'

5. Dr. R.G.W. Pinto organized the following CMES in Goa Medical College. The Faculty speakers included: Dr. V.M. Bapat, Pune- Mycobacterial Diseases & Slide Seminar; Dr. P. Mahatre – Management of thyroid Cancer; Dr. Anil de Cruz, Mumbai – Overview of Head & Neck Cancers; Dr. S. Gauns, Dr. S. Mauzo – Neonatal Shock; Dr. J. Alvares, Dr. P. Rocha – GIT diseases; Dr. V.R.K. Rao, Manipal – Interventional Radiology; Dr. Jayashree Sharma, Mumbai – Blood Banking & HIV; Dr. A.K. Purohit, Hyderabad– Neurosurgery; Dr.V. Parameshwaran, Bangalore – PE-CT; Dr. S. Kamat – Anesthesia CME; Dr. P. Vaidya, Dr. E. Gomes, Dr. Reshma Salelkar - Low Molecular weight Heparins; Dr. Nagnesh Gaunekar , Australia – Tubo-Ovarian Masses.

6. The Dept of Pathology, Goa Medical College in collaboration with the Indian Academy of Cytologists organized an International CME in Goa on 14th -16th March 2008. The faculty were Dr. William Geddie (Canada), Dr. L Vass (Hungary), Dr. Gary Tse (Hong Kong), Dr. Dilani Lokuhetty (Srilanka), Dr. A. Mondal (Kolkata), Dr. A. Rajwanshi (Chandhigarh), Dr. R.G.W. Pinto, Dr. Grace D'Costa, Dr. Meenal Hastak, Dr. S. Bhatia, Dr. S. Anuadha, Dr. Premila Rocha, Dr. S. Mandrekar, Dr. S. Bhambani (Noida). and others. The topics covered were FNA of Lymph Nodes, Salivary Glands, Male breast, Soft Tissue tumors, Spindle cell lesions of the breast, cervical cytology, Head & Neck Tumors, Papillary lesions of the breast, slide seminars & interesting case presentations. The CME was coordinated by Dr. R.G.W. Pinto.

Overseas News

1. The 33rd European Congress of Cytology was held at Madrid, Spain between 14-17 October 2007 organized by the Spanish Society of Cytology and European Federation of Cytology Societies. Dr. R.G.W. Pinto and Dr. Kusum Kapila were invited as faculty.

2. The forthcoming International Cytology Conferences scheduled are:

34th European Congress of Cytology, 15-18 June 2008 in Rovaniemi, Finland;

35th European Congress of Cytology, 27-30 September 2009 in Lisbon, Portugal;

International Tutorial on Clinical Cytology in Sao Paulo, Brazil, 4-9 November 2008;

17th International Congress of Cytology, 16-20 May, 2010, Edinburg, Scotland.

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