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### President's Message

*Dear Members,*

“Seasons Greetings”.

Dear friends, with memories of the Ahmedabad Conference still lingering in our minds, we now have the anticipation of meeting again at Chandigarh in November this year. With the wisdom of Dr. Rajwanshi, the dynamism of Dr. Radhika and the commitment of the entire organizing team, I am confident the forthcoming annual conference of the Indian Academy of Cytologists will be one to remember for long. Dr. Satyanarayana along with the organizing team has laid down an academic feast and I look forward to a good attendance.

The nation is now awakening to the need for licensing and accreditation of medical testing laboratories. It will not be too long before the need for accreditation shifts from voluntary to mandatory. Professional bodies such as the Indian Academy of Cytologists have a vital role to play. We should focus our thoughts and resources towards improving the quality of cytological reporting across the country by a multipronged approach of; a) education and awareness; b) monitoring of quality by way of EQA programs; c) liaison with accreditation bodies. The state chapters of IAC shall have a role in the first two aspects. It is my suggestion to all the upcoming state / regional chapters of the academy to devote adequate time to focus on and sensitize their members to the concept of quality control and quality assurance in cytology. The EQA committee of Indian Academy of Cytologists has already initiated steps towards launching a nationwide EQA program.

The recommendations for formation of state chapters are ready and will be made available shortly. The Indian Academy of Cytologists has now made its presence felt in a big way on the international front, thanks to the efforts of Dr. S. Satyanarayana. We have the honour of conducting a workshop and a symposium during the 17th International Congress of Cytology Edinburgh 16-20 May, 2010. I once again look forward to a good attendance by our members.

The Indian Academy of Cytologists has come a long way from the time of its inception. We owe this to the untiring efforts of all its members. Let us keep the good work going and take our Academy to never scaled heights.

Jai Hind!



*Dr. N. Jayaram*  
Bangalore

## Editorial

*Dear Friends,*

My best wishes and greetings to the members of IAC.

I sincerely wish to thank you all for your kind help and timely support in past 3 years. I tried my level best to improve the Newsletter and to publish it in time. I also enjoyed my tenure as Editor Newsletter. Thank you once again for your valuable guidance and trust in me.

*Prof. Shyama Jain*

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## From The Desk of Secretary

*Dear Friends,*

Greetings to all the members of the academy.

This is my last year as secretary of one of the largest group of experts of the world in cytology. I had really enjoyed serving the academy with the constant guidance of senior members. I had tried to bring our academy to be recognized by our parent international academy of cytology. The president of the international academy participated in our scientific proceedings at Ahmedabad and this year secretary general will be attending the Chandigarh conference. Our academy has been given the opportunity to conduct a workshop and a satellite symposium at the world congress at Edinburgh in May 2010. I request the members to contribute and participate in the world congress. Members who are possessing glass slides of cytological preparations of infective lesions are requested to contribute the slides for the workshop at Edinburgh. Members who have done pioneering work in low cost adjunct techniques in cytology are requested to contact Dr N Jayaram for participation in the symposium.

Dr Arvind Rajwanshi and Dr S Radhika have planned an exciting conference at Chandigarh and I request all the members to plan to attend in large numbers. Dr Volker Schneider from Germany, Dr Savitri Krishnamurthy from USA, Dr John Smith and Dr Mina Desai from UK are participating in the proceedings. I wish our members from all parts of the country attend and interact with the experts from the other parts of the globe.

*Prof S. Satyanarayana*  
Rajahmundry (AP)

## External Quality Assurance Programme - 2009

Acting on the suggestions offered at the General Body Meeting of the IAC at CYTOCON 2008, , the EQA sub-committee was formed whose members are Dr. Rajwanshi (Chandigarh), Dr.Jayaram (Bangalore), Dr.Manjula Jain (New Delhi), Dr.M.M.Goel (Lucknow), Dr.Jaysree (Trivandrum) and Dr.V. Iyer (New Delhi). Based on discussions through e-mail, the committee arrived at the decision to revise the ongoing EQA programme and the following recommendations were made.

1. To open EQA programme for non-IAC-accredited laboratories.
2. An initial EQA registration fee of Rs.5000/- shall be charged.
3. The annual fee will be Rs.500/-.
4. IAC accredited laboratories will continue participation as before.
5. The EQA slides will include FNAC, non-gynecological exfoliative cytology and gynecological exfoliative cytology (cervical Pap smears).
6. Instead of the chain system used previously, slides will be mailed to each lab and in turn, they will be mailed back to the EQA chairperson.
7. A certificate of successful participation will be given to the laboratories.

This is for the information of all the participating laboratories. It is hoped that the EQA program will achieve its primary aim of ensuring adequate standards of cytopathology reporting through education.

*Dr. Radhika Srinivasan*  
Chairperson EQA Programme  
PGIMER, Chandigarh

## Awards and Orations for CYTOCON 2009

### IAC oration:

Dr. Prof. Volker Schneider, Germany  
Secretary-General, International  
Academy of Cytologists

### Dr PN Wahi Academy Oration:

Dr. N. Jayaram  
Anand Diagnostic Centre, Bangalore

### Ernest Fernandes Diagnostic Slide Seminar:

Dr. Monisha Chowdhury  
Lady Harding Medical College, Delhi

### NaliniBai Thakkar Award Papers:

For medical doctors, < 35 years of age

### Jwaladevi Award papers : For

Cytotechnicians and Cytotechnologists

## International Faculty/ Speakers in CYTOCON 2009

### Guest Lecture I-

Dr John Smith, London, UK

### Guest LectureII-

Dr. Savitri Krishnamurthy, USA

### Guest Lecture III-

Dr. Mina Desai, Manchester, UK

## Oral/ Poster Presentation

**Abstract Deadline-** 31<sup>st</sup> August 2009

**Registration in the conference is a  
must for presenting a Paper/Poster**

Papers for Nalinibai Thakkar Award  
and Jwaladevi Award session should be  
clearly indicated on top of the Abstract.  
Proof of age must accompany the papers  
for Nalinibai Thakkar Award.

## Agenda for GBM, 14<sup>th</sup> Nov 2009, at 5.00 PM, PGIMER, Chandigarh.

1. Opening remarks by President
2. Approval of last General Body meeting held at Ahmedabad, Nov. 2008 (minutes of GBM has been sent to all members by secretary)
3. Report of Secretary
4. Report of Treasurer
5. Report of Editor Journal of Cytology
6. Report of Webmaster
7. Report of Editor News Letter
8. Report of Chairperson, A&E Committee
9. Report of Chairperson EQA committee
10. To elect the President for 2010
11. To elect President- Elect for 2010
12. To elect Secretary for the years 2010 – 2012
13. To elect Editor Newsletter for the years 2010 – 2012
14. To elect Executive member (1) for the years 2010 - 2012
15. To select IAC Fellowship nominee for 2010
16. To select Guest Faculty for the year 2010
17. To select Academy Oration Awardee for 2010
18. To select 'Ernest Fernandes Slide Seminar' Awardee for 2010
19. To discuss scientific programs for the year 2010 conference.
20. To approve venues of Annual Conferences for 2011-2013.
21. Any other matter with the permission of the President

*Dr. Satyanarayana*  
Secretary IAC

## Congress of International Academy of Cytology, Edinburgh, Scotland, May 2010

The Indian Academy of Cytologists has been offered to conduct one workshop and one symposium each lasting 2 hours during the Forthcoming International Cytology Congress at Edinburgh.

Dr. Satyanarayana is moderating the workshop on, 'Cytology of Infections'

Dr. N.Jayaram is moderating the symposium on "Low Cost Adjunct Techniques In Cytology."

We would be seeing a lot on "Beyond Morphology" during the 4 days of congress. The symposium has been scheduled for 18.5. 2010, 2 - 4 pm. Dr. Satyanarayana is trying for subsidized / group accommodation but the other expenses would have to be borne by each one of us.

Interested persons may **contact the moderators** of the workshop and symposium: jayaram@anandlab.com, secretary@cytoindia.com.

## Highlights of 'CYTOCON 2009', 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of IAC, PGIMER, Chandigarh, 12- 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2009

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**Preconference Workshop: “ Looking Beyond Morphology in Cytopathology”**  
(12.11.2009) Moderator- Dr. S. Radhika, Chandigarh

(Hands on Workshop: only for 40 persons on a ‘forst come first serve ‘basis)

**Preconference CME: Head and Neck Cytopathology (excluding thyroid)**

(13.11.2009) Moderator- Dr. Col.US Dinesh, Dharwad\*

**Symposium- Infectious Diseases in Cytologic Material**

(15.11.2009) Moderator- Dr. Col. Reena Bhardwaj, Command Hospital, Delhi

**Quiz for Postgraduates:** Dr. Pranab Dey, Chandigarh

\* Cytopathologists desirous to participate in CME as faculty / Slide Seminar Session are requested to communicate with the moderator Col Dinesh, SDM College of Medical Sciences, Sattur, Dharwad, 580009 (Karnataka)  
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### CYTOCON 2009- Registration Details

	Upto 31 <sup>st</sup> July	Upto 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	1 <sup>st</sup> Nov - Spot
<b>Conference: Delegate, IAC members</b>	Rs 3000	Rs 3000	Rs 3500
<b>Conference: Delegate, non IAC members</b>	Rs 3000	Rs 3500	Rs 4000
<b>Associate Delegates</b>	Rs 2000	Rs 2500	Rs 3500
<b>Conference: PG students</b>	Rs 2000	Rs 2500	Rs 3000
<b>CME</b>	Rs 1000	Rs 1000	Rs 1500
<b>Workshop</b>	Rs 1000	Rs 1000	Not available
<b>Conference + CME</b>	Rs 4000	Rs 4500 Rs 4000 (IAC member)	Rs 5000
<b>Conference + Workshop</b>	Rs 4000	Rs 4500 Rs 4000 (IAC member)	Not available
<b>Conference + CME + Workshop (Entire conference)</b>	Rs 4500	Rs 5000 Rs 4500 (IAC member)	Not available
<b>Conference + CME + Workshop (Entire conference) for PG student</b>	Rs 3000	Rs 3500	Not available

**All payment to be made only by DD in favour of ‘Cytocon 2009’ payable at Chandigarh**



## News from Different Parts of the Country

1. International CME Programme was organized in Goa by Indian Academy of Cytologists and Goa Medical College on 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4th April 2009. The Faculty included Dr. Scott Anderson (USA), Dr. Jacqueline Hwang (Singapore), Dr. Geeta Vemuganti (Hyderabad), Dr Asitava Mondal (Kolkata), Dr. Raje Nijhawan (Chandigarh), Dr. Suresh Bhambhani (Noida) and Dr. R. G. W. Pinto (Goa). Various topics in Cytology and Histopathology were covered Delegates from all over India participated.
2. Dr. R. G. W. Pinto, has been invited to chair the plenary session titled 'Demystifying Molecular Cytopathology' at the 35th European Congress of Cytology to be held in Lisbon, Portugal between 27-30<sup>th</sup> September 2009.
3. Other CME Programmes organized in Goa included the following faculty; Dr. Anil Amin (Norway), Breast Cancer, Dr. R. C. Mathur (Jodhpur ) Fungal Infections, Dr. Mary Mathew (Manipal) and Dr. (Col) U. Dinesh (Dharwad) Slide Seminar.
4. Goa Medical College under Dr. R. G. W. Pinto has launched a website [www.gmcmeec.gov.in](http://www.gmcmeec.gov.in)
5. Dr. Asitava Mondal highlighted the diagnostic role of FNAC of tumours of various organs at Sheer - i - Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences, Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir, 29.4.09- 2.5. 09.
6. Dr. Asitava Mondal is also invited at Bhubaneswar, Orissa to highlight on 'Cytology of Mediastinal Tumours'
7. Dr. Rajat Mukherjee, Secretary West Bengal Chapter IAC, organized a guest lecture on 13th June. The program was very well attended.
8. Dr. M. M. Kamal, Govt. Medical Collage, Nagpur, was invited as faculty at the Asia Oceanic Research Organisation on Genital Infections and Neoplasia -Indian Chapter, held at Kolkata 25.4.09; she delivered a talk on "Liquid Based Cytology -Is there a Definite Advnatage?"
9. Dr. M. M. Kamal, Nagpur, has contributed the chapter, "Reaching Rural Women With Cervical Cancer Screening Services" in the book "Cytology and Colposcopy in Gynecologic Practice" Edited by Usha B. Saraiya and Giovanni Miniello, published by JAYPEE publishers.
10. Dr. M. M. Kamal moderated a Panel Discussion during PAP -Public Awareness Programme on Cancer Cervix held in collaboration with AOGIN ( Asia Oceanic Research Organisation on Genital Infections and Neoplasia - Indian Chapter ) at nagpur. The Panelissts were Dr. Partha Basu - HOD Gynecologic Oncology CNCI, Kolkata; Dr. C. S. Sarodey, Ex-HOD, ObGyn, GMC, Nagpur; Dr. Anita Singh, Practicing gynecologist and Dr. Rajeev Mohta, President-Adolescent Chapter of Indian academy of Paediatricians.
11. Dr. Shyama Jain, New Delhi, presented 'Slide Quiz for Postgraduates' in 'Delhi Chapter of IAPM' organized by Maulana Azad Medical College, N. Delhi on 1<sup>st</sup> Aug 2009

## Over seas News

1. The next Congress of International Academy of Cytology is being held in Edinburgh, Scotland in May 2010 ([www.cytology2010.com](http://www.cytology2010.com))  
If a fair number of delegates attend, concessional accommodation and facility for Indian meal can be arranged. Fellowships or sponsor of the attendance can be available through WHO, DBT, State/ Central Governments and Industry.  
Those who are interested may contact Dr S Satyanarayana, secretary of IAC ([secretary@cytoindia.com](mailto:secretary@cytoindia.com)).

## *Thought of the Letter*

**Do you wish to rise? Begin by descending. You plan a tower that will pierce the clouds? Lay first the foundation of humility."**