HISTORY OF IAC (INDIAN ACADEMY OF CYTOLOGISTS)

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The IAC Indian Academy of Cytologists was Founded in the year 1970 by a group of Pathologists ,Gynecologists and Clinicians interested in Cytology under the leadership of Dr P.N Wahi the then Director General of ICMR.

There were 42 founder members.

They elected the following

Dr P.N.Wahi President

Dr Usha Luthra Secretary

Dr S Tejuja Treasurer

and

Dr Kamala Chandra Executive Member

Dr P.K. Gupta Execurive Member

Dr M Aikat Executive Member

Dr B Lahiri Executive Member

It was multidisciplinary

It involved both the Medical and Paramedical personnel to share their views on one platform.

IAC got affiliated to the International Academy of Cytology.

Today IAC has

2026 Life Members and

127 Associate Members.

The Membership of IAC is growing.

The IAC has its own website www.cytoindia.com

The IAC has its own Journal named

Journal of Cytology

It is a quarterly

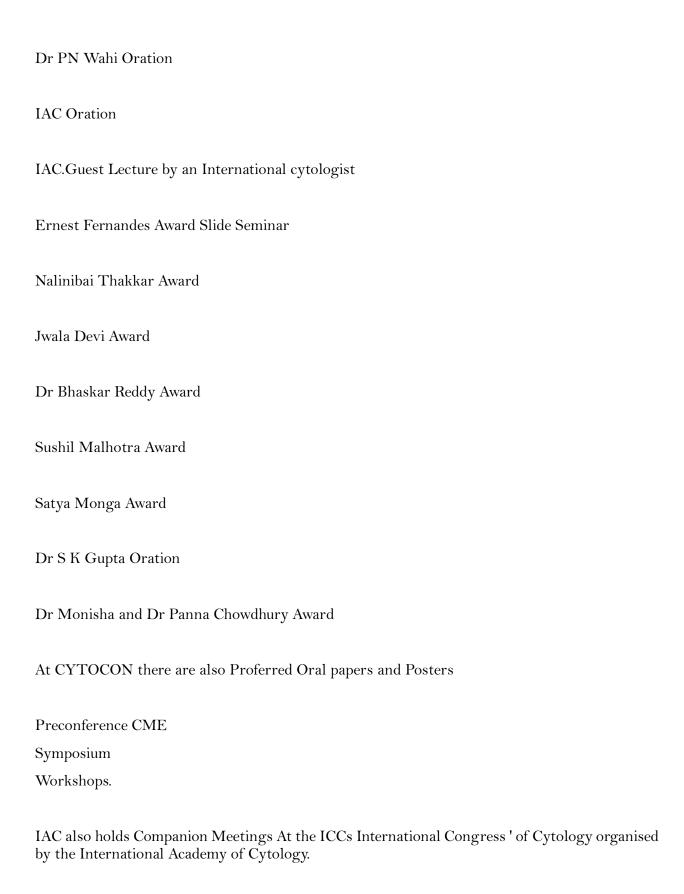
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The objectives of IAC

1 To encourage Excellence and appreciate efforts put in research both fundamental and clinical in the field of Cytology 2 To discuss the Recent Advances in Cytology 3 To encourage cooperation among its Members 4 to disseminate and share knowledge in the field of Cytopathology 5 To standardise Terminologies. The IAC also has State Chapters The IACs activities Annual National Conference which is termed CYTOCON Scientific meetings and CMEs **State Chapter Conferences** A and E Accreditation and Examination Committee Accreditation of Cytology labs Examinations for Cytotechnicians and Cytotechnologists. IAC Newsletter EQA External Quality Control and Quality Assurance of Cytology labs Offers IAC Fellowships for training in Cytology. IAC Academy Oration



The Annual National Conferences of the IAC which are now termed CYTOCON gave been held in



1999 Mangalore

2000 Nagpur

2001 Hyderabad

2002 Chandigarh

2003 Pune

2004 Bhopal

2005 Jamnagar

2006 Ranchi

2007 Allahabad

2008 Ahmedabad

2009 Chandigarh

2010 Kolkata

2011 Dharwad

2012 Bhubaneshwar

2013 Pondicherry

2014 Kota

2015 Dehradun

2016 Nagpur

2017 Shillong

2018 Goa

2019 Chandigarh

2020 - due to the COVID19 Pandemic

2021 New Delhi

2022 Siliguri

2023 Gwalior

2024 Jodhpur