

# **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 Executive 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](http://www.cytoindia.com)

The IAC has its own Journal named

Journal of Cytology

It is a quarterly

Online Journal

Published by

Wolters Kluwer - Medknow

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

Dr PN Wahi Oration

IAC Oration

IAC.Guest Lecture by an International cytologist

Ernest Fernandes Award Slide Seminar

Nalinibai Thakkar Award

Jwala Devi Award

Dr Bhaskar Reddy Award

Sushil Malhotra Award

Satya Monga Award

Dr S K Gupta Oration

Dr Monisha and Dr Panna Chowdhury Award

At CYTOCON there are also Preferred Oral papers and Posters

Preconference CME

Symposium

Workshops.

IAC also holds Companion Meetings At the ICCs International Congress ' of Cytology organised by the International Academy of Cytology.

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

1971 New Delhi ICMR

1972 New Delhi MAMC

1973 Bombay

1974 Srinagar

1975 Indore

1976 Agra

1977 Calcutta

1978 Madras

1979 Baroda

1980 Hyderabad

1981 Trivandrum

1982 Jaipur

1983 Nagpur

1984 Aligarh

1985 Lucknow

1986 Pondicherry

1987 Bangalore

1988 Ahmedabad

1989 Udaipur

1990 Belgaum

1991 Manipal

1992 Pune

1993 Trivandrum

1994 Madras

1995 Bombay

1996 Calcutta

1997 New Delhi

1998 Goa

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 Bhubaneswar  
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