President’s Message

Dear Friends,

We are all preparing to meet at the 37th Annual Conference of IAC 2007 at Allahabad. Dr. Ravi Mehrotra is doing his best to make all of us feel comfortable at Allahabad. At the same time he has drawn a feast of academic programme. The conference will be star studded with stalwarts like Dr. De May attending it. We all are looking forward to the oration by Dr.Chandralekha and a slide seminar from Dr. Shyama Jain an excellent practicing cytopathologists and a teacher par excellence. The free paper session will be of paramount importance as that will reflect our research and will permit the free exchange of thoughts.

Cytopathologists practice is undergoing a sea change as we started from the stained smears and now we are looking at the cell with all sorts of techniques like immunochemistry, molecular biology including proteomics and genomics. These are excellent tools for in-depth studies of the cell. But, I still feel the well made and stained smear examination is the best bet for making a purposeful diagnosis, which helps the patient and the treating physicians in our day-to-day life. The morphology cannot replace any of the modern technology for making a diagnosis.

I hope to see you all at Allahabad with full vigor and strength.

With best wishes

Prof. Arvind Rajwanshi

From Secretary’ Desk

Dear Friends,

Dr Ravi Mehrotra and his team are going to make the next conference ‘Cytocon 2007’ a memorable one and I request the members to come and also to encourage their residents to participate.

We vow the present strength of our academy to those 40 founder members who started the academy. I request all the members to inform their current contact details. The list of the founder members is on our website.

With best wishes.

Col S Satyanarayana
Editorial

Dear Friends,
The Annual IAC conference for the year 2007 is in Allahabad, a city of three holy rivers. The organizing committee is striving hard to make the conference a grand success. All members of IAC are therefore requested for early registration and can look forward for an academic feast. With best wishes

Dr. Shyama Jain, New Delhi

Reminder for E-mail Addresses

All members and specially the office bearers of IAC are requested to send their e-mail addresses to the Secretary, Editor Journal of Cytology and the Editor Newsletter for easy communication and also to save the time and postage.

Highlights of ‘CYTOCON 2007’, 37th Annual Conference of IAC
29th November - 2 December, 2007

Conference Venue: MLN Medical College, Allahabad, UP
Organizing Chairperson: Dr. Mamta Singh
Organizing Secretary: Dr. Ravi Mehrotra
Associate Professor Pathology
Moti Lal Nehru Medical College, Allahabad – 211 001 (UP)
Email: cytocon 2007@gmail.com

Conference Highlights:
Pre conference Workshop (1) 29th Nov 2007 - Fluid and Effusion Cytology
Moderator- Dr. Ravi Mehrotra (Allahabad)
Pre conference Workshop (2) 30th Nov 2007 - Viral Related Cervical Cytology
Moderator- Dr. MM Kamal (Nagpur)
Pre conference CME :30th Nov 2007 - Kidney & Adrenal
Moderator- Dr. RGW Pinto (Goa)
Symposium :2nd Dec 2007 - Soft Tissue Tumours
Moderator- Dr. Arvind Rajwanshi, Chandigarh

Foreign Faculty:
Dr. Svante R Orell, Australia
Dr. RM DeMay, Chicago
Dr. Roberto Dina, London
Dr. Carlos Bedrossian, Chicago
Dr. Prabodh Gupta, Philadelphia
Dr. Vinod Sidham, Milwaukee

Important Dates:
Early registration- 15. 6. 07
Regular registration fee- 1. 8. 07
Hotel registration - 1. 8.07
Abstract submission- 31. 8. 07
Abstract acceptance - 10.10. 07
CYTOCON 2007- Registration Fees

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Registration should be made online only. In case it is not possible, than a bank draft favoring Cytocon 2007 payable at Allahabad may be sent along with a photocopy of registration form downloaded from website.

For hotel accommodation – see website & contact the travel in-charge, ‘Travel Ease’, www.travelease.co.in

Agenda for General Body Meeting on 1st December 2007, Allahabad

1. Remarks by president
2. Approval of last GBM held at Ranchi (minutes sent to all members by secretary)
3. Report of secretary
4. Report of Treasurer
5. Report of Chairperson, A&E Committee
7. Report of Editor, News Letter
8. Report of Chairperson EQA committee
9. Report of Webmaster
10. To elect the president for 2008
11. To elect president elect for 2008
12. To elect Executive committee members
13. To nominate Chairperson A&E committee
14. To nominate Indian editor of Acta Cytologica
15. To select Guest Faculty for the year 2008
16. To select Academy oration awardee for 2008
17. To select Ernest Fernandes slide seminar awardee for 2008
18. To discuss scientific program for 2008 conference
19. To approve venues for annual conferences for years 2009 and 2010
20. Any other matter with permission of the President

Awards & Orations for CYTOCON 2007

PN Wahi Oration- Dr. B. Chandralekha
IAC Oration- Dr. R.M. DeMay
Ernest Fernandes Award- Dr. Shyama Jain
Nalini Bai Thakkar Award- Best paper award for doctor < 35 years of age
Jwala Devi Award- Best paper award for cytotechnician.

Journal of Cytology

I thank the members for electing me as the editor of our journal. I request you to send quality original articles as these are essential for indexing. I also request you to cite the articles published in Journal of Cytology in the articles you send to other journals. These cross references will help to increase the awareness of our journal. Even after 24 years of publication we are yet to get indexed. Your cooperation is needed to achieve the goal.

Col VS Nijhawan
Editor
16th International Congress of Cytology: The conference was held from 13-17 May 2007 at Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Center, Vancouver (Canada). It was organized by the IAC and hosted by the Canadian Society of Cytology. The ‘International Academy of Cytology’ celebrated the Golden Jubilee (1957-2007). The theme of the conference was ‘Cytology in the Global Village’. The main topics discussed were the forthcoming challenges introduced by the current and future technologies in genomics and proteomics, HPV screening and vaccine, FNACs of various organs. Around 600 delegates from all over the world attended the conference. A record attendance of ten delegates of our academy made it noticeable about our interest in Cytology and the international congress. The Indian delegates who attended and presented the scientific papers were Dr. RGW Pinto (Goa), Dr. RF Chinoy, Dr Bharat Reiki & Ms Ajit Dulhan (Mumbai), Dr. T. Singh, Dr. S. Thomas, Dr. S. Saraswat & Dr. S. Malik (Delhi), Dr. J. Xavier (Banglore), Dr. S. Pandya (Rajkot), Dr. S. Sanon (Mussorie), Dr. S.S. More (Kolhapur), Dr. P.K. Rangappa (Hubli), Dr. R.G.W. Pinto (Goa).

Forthcoming International CME in Pathology: 14-16 March 2008, Goa Medical College, Goa: Renowned International faculty speakers on topics - breast, prostate, LNs, salivary gland, soft tissue, cervical cytology, guided FNAC on lung, mediastinum, retroperitonium, slide seminar in cytology & histopathology. Contact CME secretariat: Dr RGW Pinto, 3 Sunshine Building, Benard Guedes Road, Panaji, Goa-403001.Tel Nos.(M):9422641170, (R) 0832- 2424177

Forthcoming Academic Events
2. 34th European Congress of Cytology: 15-18 June 2008, Finland. E-mail: congress@ulapland.fi