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President's Message

Dear Members,

“Seasons Greetings for a Happy and Prosperous New Year”.

For many of us, memories of the wonderful conference that was organized by Dr. Chethan Dharaiya and his team are still fresh in our minds. The spontaneous appreciation from the audience is testimony to this. The Indian Academy of Cytologists is growing surely and steadily, with increasing numbers of new members. The initiation of state / regional chapters is another step towards consolidation of our activities. While encouraging the starting of newer regional chapters, the Academy would at the same time ensure that certain minimum requirements are complied with. It is very heartening to note that there is a healthy competition among different cities and states to organize the annual conference of IAC. This is in stark contrast to the situation of few years ago, when we had to plead and coax.

The Journal of Cytology has been steadily improving year after year and can now be compared with any of the reputed International Journals. The untiring efforts of the successive editorial teams deserve special applause.

The time is now ripe for the Indian Academy of Cytologists to don a new mantle of quality control provider with the aim of improving the standard of cytology reporting across the country. This can be done by adopting a “hub and spoke” approach with a central monitoring cell and peripheral nodal centers. The regional cancer centers should involve themselves in strengthening this cause and the Academy should establish cooperation with all these centers. The primary intent of such a program would be educational and at this stage the Indian Academy of Cytologists would not indulge in “policing” activities.

We are the largest cytology organization in this part of the world and we should reach out and interact with similar organizations in our neighboring countries in an attempt to understand each others problems and work out solutions that would benefit the public.

I begin my journey as president of the Academy and in this endeavor I seek your blessings and assistance. Let us all work together to strengthen the Indian Academy of Cytologists.

Jai Hind!

Dr. N. Jayaram, Bangalore



Editorial

Dear Friends,

Wishing a very Happy and prosperous New Year to all of you. This is the final year of my tenure as an Editor-Newsletter of IAC. Please provide inputs and brief write-ups regularly for the News Letter. Thank you very much for providing me your timely help and support

Dr. Shyama Jain

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From The Desk of Secretary

Dear Friends,

I wish all the members an eventful and happy new year. This will be the last year for me as honorary secretary of the academy. The memories from the Ahmedabad conference are still fresh. We all had an excellent four days at Ahmedabad, thanks for the efforts of Dr Chetan Dhariya and his team. It was indeed a rare opportunity for the academy, when Prof Alain Verhest, the President of the International Academy of Cytology, participated in the proceedings. The hospitality showered on the delegates has shown the hearts of the Gujarat. The Secretary General of the International Academy has informed that the Indian Delegates attending the 2010 congress in Edinburgh can appear for the Fellowship Examination even before the membership. The membership application is also available in our website: www.cytoindia.com. In the year 2009, PGI, Chandigarh is hosting the conference from 12- 15 Nov 2009. I request all the members to start preparing for the feast of scientific events.

Prof S. Satyanarayana, Rajahmundry (AP)

Awardees for the year 2008

IAC Oration Award:

Dr.Menaxi Desai, UK

Dr PN Wahi Academy Oration:

Dr RGW Pinto, Goa

Ernest Fernandes Award:

Dr. S Satyanarayana,
Rajahmundry

Nalini Bai Thakkar: Not awarded

Jwala Devi Award: No paper was submitted for the award

Bhasker Reddy Award: Shobha BR & Buhartwala Zinobia T.

Highlights of CYTOCON 2008, 38th Annual Conference of IAC, BJ Medical College, Ahmedabad

The Annual Conference of Indian Academy of Cytologists was held from 13th-16th Nov 2008 at BJ Medical College. Over 400 delegates attended the conference. The hospitality of the organizers was evident from the reception of the delegates itself.

Dr Radhika Srinivasan and her team conducted the workshop on 'HSIL and ASCUS' followed by the workshop on 'Grey-zone lesions of the Breast' moderated by Dr Roshan F Chinoy'.

On 14 Nov 2008, CME on 'Cytology of Thyroid' was conducted by Dr Shyama Jain'. Current controversies and problem areas were discussed. The inaugural session on 14 Nov 2008 was graced by Prof Alain Verhest, President of International Academy. It is for the first time, the president of the International Academy participated in the proceedings of the country. He delivered a Guest Lecture on 16 Nov 2008.

Dr Minaxi Deasi, alumni of the BJ Medical College, now Director of Cytopathology in Manchester has presented the Academy oration. She is in the organizing committee of next International Academy Congress in Edinburgh (www.cytology2010.com). She had invited all the Indian cytopathologists for the congress and informed that as a group, an economic travel and stay arrangements can be organized in Edinburgh. Organizing committee of CYTOCON 2008 has given prizes for oral and poster sessions.

Delegates enjoyed the site seeing of the state which has rich historical heritage and religious value. The hospitality shown by Dr Chetan Dhariya and his team was commendable.

The conference ended with welcome to Dr. Arvind Rajwanshi who will be hosting the CYTOCON 2009 at PGIMER, Chandigarh 12-15th November, 2009

**Prof S. Satyanarayana,
Secretary IAC**

Awards for the year 2009

IAC Oration Award:

Dr. Savitri Krishnamurthy
Houston, USA

Dr PN Wahi Academy Oration:

Dr. N. Jayaram
Anand Diagnostic Centre,
Banglore

Ernest Fernandes Award:

Dr. Monisha Chowdhry
Lady Harding Medical
College, Delhi

IAC Fellowship

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

Dr A Sudha successfully completed her training and was awarded the fellowship.

Dr Ritu Singhal has not completed her training and was permitted to complete the training in the year 2009.

Selected for the year 2009:

Dr. Aneta Singh, Jammu

Dr. Anuradha Kusum, Dehradun

For the year 2010:

No. of fellowship -1

Last date for receipt of completed applications: 31 Oct 2009

Those interested may apply to:

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Highlights of 'CYTOCON 2009', 39th Annual Conference of IAC, PGIMER, Chandigarh, 12-15th November, 2009

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Preconference Workshop: Molecular Techniques

Moderator- Dr. S. Radhika, Chandigarh

Preconference CME: Head and Neck Lesions (excluding thyroid)

Moderator- Dr. Col.US Dinesh, Dharwad*

Symposium-

Cytology of Infections:

Moderator- Dr. Reena Bhardwaj

Command Hospital, Pune

Guest Speaker- Dr. Philippe Vielh, Paris

* CME on Cytology of Head & Neck Lesions (Excluding Thyroid) will be conducted during CYTOCON 2009 at PGI Chandigarh, Nov 2009. Cytopathologists desirous of participating as faculty and /or in the Slide Seminar Session are requested to communicate with the Moderator Dr Col U.S. Dinesh, Prof of Pathology, SDM College of Medical Sciences, Sattur, Dharwad, 580009 (Karnataka) at the earliest.
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EQA program 2009

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](http://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

Deptt. of Cytology&Gynae Pathology
PGIMER, Chandigarh

Accreditation and Examination Committee

Notice for National Examination for Cytotechnician & Cytotechnologist for the year 2009:

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:** Dept of Pathology, Chatrapati Shahuji Maharaj Medical University (formerly KG medical College, Lucknow)

3. **Dates of examination:** 11th, 12th September 2009

3. **Last date for supply of application:** 15. 6. 2009

The completed applications must reach the undersigned by: 30.6. 2009

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.

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A&E committee

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

Dr. Arvind Rajwanshi

Chairman, A&E committee

OBITUARY



**Dr. Maitryee
Munshi, Nagpur**

The premature & unbearable demise of Dr. Munshi on 9.9.08 has cast a pall of gloom over the entire medical fraternity at the state and National level. She was a graceful lady, who was delicate physically, but strong mentally, a professor - fortified with the passion for learning & teaching, and an individual-gifted with overflowing compassion & concern for one and all. Dr. Munshi was extremely devoted and dedicated to her subject. Through her hard work in the field of Cytology, over 3 decades, she surged as an excellent teacher, a thorough academician, a cytologist with excellent diagnostic acumen and above all a gem of a person. The personal progress of Dr. Munshi, as an academician, was amalgamated with the progress of her department and her colleagues.

Dr. Munshi was a popular figure at the IAC, an organization close to her heart. She grew with this association and held all important posts including the prestigious post of the president. She was a perfectionist, paying attention to the smallest detail. This quality of her's was brought to the fore when she organized the annual IAC in 2000. She was a recipient of innumerable awards & prestigious orations. She left no stone unturned reading, writing & rehearsing for all her/ these educational and award winning talks to be shared with eminent cytologists of national and international standing.

IAC at large has lost one of the extremely talented & loving human being. She leaves behind her husband and 2 daughters. May god give her family the strength to bear this loss and may her soul rest in peace.

Dr. M Kamaal, Nagpur

Nominations 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. Electronic submissions are not accepted.**

President Elect	:	1 post (One year tenure)
Secretary	:	1 post (Three years Tenure)
Editor News Letter	:	1 post (Three years Tenure)
Executive Committee Member:	:	1 post (Three years Tenure)

Eligibility criteria:

President Elect: i) Should be an active member of IAC for 10 yrs with no dues. ii) 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.

Secretary, Editor News letter: i) Should be an active member of IAC with no dues ii) Should have attended 3 more GBM in the last 5 years.

Executive Committee Members i) Should be an active member of IAC for 5 yrs with no dues. ii) Should have attended three or more GBM in the last 5 yrs.

Time Table for IAC election

Receipt of nominations	:	15. 7.09
Information to contestants for the same post by / before	:	31. 7.09
Withdrawal of nomination	:	14. 8.09
Dispatch of ballot papers on / before	:	1. 9. 09
Return of ballot papers by	:	15.10.09
Scrutiny and counting	:	20.10.09

Declaration of results:

At the time of Executive Meeting & GBMeeting during 38th Annual Conference of IAC at PGIMER, Chandigarh, Nov. 2009

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
8. Number of GBM of IAC attended in past 5 years:

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

Satya Monga Award

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

Last date for entry: 30.09.2009

Regulations:

1. Publication should be after 2006
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 paper for award
5. Reprint of the article should be sent to the **Secretary IAC:**

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News from different parts of the country

1. The 2nd Annual meet of Orissa Chapter of Cytologists (Orissa Cytocon 2008) was held on 13th Sept 2008 at SCB Medical College, Cuttack. It was attended by medical teachers, PG students and several papers were also presented. A business meeting was also held and was attended by several members of Orissa Chapter of Cytologists. It was decided to organize the CME in the Feb 2009.
2. Dr Aruna Prayaga from Hyderabad delivered a guest lecture on "pulmonary cytology" in a "CME on Respiratory Diseases" conducted by Government Maternity Hospital, Hyderabad on 9th Jan 2009
3. Dr Aruna Prayaga from Hyderabad delivered a guest lecture on 'Urinalysis' in the CME on 'An Update in Clinical Pathology' in Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences, Hyderabad on 10th Jan 2009.
4. Dr Shyama Jain from Delhi was invited faculty for 'Pathology Update -2009' organized by Government Medical College to deliver a guest lecture on 'Cytotechniques and FNAC of Liver and Gall Bladder on 20th Jan 2009.
5. Dr S Satyanarayana organized one day CME on 'Current Trends in Cytology' on 15 Feb 2009 at Rajahmundry.
6. Dr. Asitava Mondal will deliver the Rajasthan State Chapter of IAPM ORATION in February, 2009 and will visit as Guest speakers in Jharkhand Chapters of IAPM and Association of Radiology.

Nalini Bai Thakkar Award

Best paper award for doctor < 35 yrs of age

Jwala Devi Award

Best paper award for cytotechnician and cytotechnologists

Those interested may apply to:

Dr. S. Satyanarayana

Secretary IAC

Over seas News

1. The next Congress of International Academy of Cytology is being held in Edinburgh, Scotland in 2010 (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).

Medical Membership of International Academy of Cytology

Application form for Medical Membership for MIAC, International Academy of Cytology is available from:

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