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Message from the President

Indian Academy of Cytologists



At the outset, I would like to extend my deep gratitude to all the members of the Indian Academy of Cytology for giving me the proud privilege and the singular honor to serve as the President.

Cytology has a vast and rapidly advancing diagnostic armamentarium. It has progressed to advance ancillary techniques like immunocytochemistry, FISH and PCR to enhance personalized medicine in targeted therapy. On a personal note I have witnessed a transformational growth in this field along with the Academy. We must continue to strive to upgrade our skills and keep abreast with the contemporary techniques. Teaching the budding cytologists is a primordial role for each of us along with the imperative requirement to roadmap intuitive and translational research. It is heartening to know that the State Chapters are also continuously and consistently aligning with these objectives and disseminating the knowledge, knowhow and expertise to the young members. I appeal to all members to attend both CMEs and workshops at the State, National and International level in large numbers and participate in the General Body Meetings to take the Academy forward with newer ideas.

As this Newsletter reaches you, Gajra Raja Medical College, Gwalior must be busy preparing for the next Annual Conference. I wish them all the best and I am sanguine it will be grand success.

Major Gen Reena Bharadwaj(Retd)

Sena Medal, Vishisht Sewa Medal
Professor and HoD (Pathology)
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Message from the Secretary

Indian Academy of Cytologists



Dear and Respected All,

Foremost, I would like to express my sincere thanks to one and all for electing me the new secretary and giving me another opportunity to serve our prestigious Academy. As I step forward with my responsibilities towards this new endeavor, I seek your good wishes and support in taking our Academy to further heights, especially when we have a great legacy as a result of the remarkable contributions from the former Presidents, secretaries, and other Executives.

I congratulate our new President, Dr. Reena Bharadwaj, and look forward to her support and guidance in working for our Academy. I also congratulate Dr. Radhika Srinivasan as the President-elect, Dr. Shilpi Agarwal as the new Treasurer, and the other new executive committee members.

We had a memorable 52nd Annual IAC CYTOCON2022 in the serene Siliguri. Thanks to the entire organizing team led by Dr. B.K. Goswami and Dr. Mamata Guha Mallick, along with Dr. Indranil Chakrabarti and Dr. Biswajit Halder as able secretaries for the wonderful arrangements and the academic feast.

We also had an exemplary representation during the recent International Academy of Cytology (IAC)-American Society of Cytopathology (ASC) Conference in Baltimore 2022 with the active participation of many eminent Indian faculty across various fora, including symposiums, CME, platform, and poster sessions. The CME, entitled VIBGYOR: Ancillary Techniques in Cytopathology Practice: highlighting the Indian Panorama using a Case-based approach showcased several interesting scenarios from the resource faculty and that was very well received. A substantial representation from certain members of our Academy in the published as well as upcoming WHO-IARC classification systems in cytopathology reporting further reflects the influence of the Indian Academy of Cytologists in the world of cytology.

I am sure that the coming 53rd Annual IAC CYTOCON 2023 at Gwalior will be another academic and cultural treat. The organizing team led by Dr. Sudha Iyenger is putting in great effort to make it a memorable event in the culturally rich city of Gwalior. There are various sessions, including updates in cytopathology, for the residents as well as consultants/practicing cytopathologists. There would be opportunities for platform and poster presentations, especially for the residents and young cytopathologists. The prestigious Dr. P.N. Wahi oration will be delivered by Dr. Ravi Mehrotra, Delhi. Dr. Venkateswaran Iyer from AIIMS, New



Delhi is the awardee for this year's Ernest Fernandes slide seminar. The distinguished, Dr. Subhash Kumari Gupta Memorial Lecture will be delivered by Dr. Manjula Jain, New Delhi. The pre-conference CME on salivary gland cytopathology: Solving difficult cases and mastering emerging concepts will be moderated by Dr. Nalini Gupta from PGIMER, Chandigarh and the symposium on cases illustrating the upcoming IARC-WHO system for reporting soft tissue cytopathology will be moderated by Dr. Bharat Rekhi, Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai. Post-conference, there will be four different workshops, on cell blocks: a perfect bridge, grey zones in gynec cytology, urine cytology, and squash cytology in neuropathology. Moreover, there are also interesting sessions on art in cytopathology, to tickle your creative side. On behalf of the organizers, I invite you all for your active participation during the conference in the city of Gwalior with its rich cultural, spiritual, and musical heritage. Let's make this conference a memorable event that intends to build bridges and fill knowledge gaps, in an attempt of taking cytology one step higher in our country, where this discipline will remain a significant diagnostic modality.

I hope we continue to have themes for our National Conferences in years to come; with even more structured academic sessions including diverse representation and participation; encourage membership, especially younger colleagues; strengthen bridges with the state chapters and strive towards a value-based system of promoting excellence and celebrating the spirit of cytology.

Please feel free to reach out to me with your valuable suggestions. Feedbacks are always welcome. I firmly believe #Together we achieve even more#

Dr Bharat Rekhi

Professor/Pathologist
Department of Surgical pathology
Tata Memorial Hospital
Mumbai



CALL FOR AWARDS 2023

NALINI BAI THAKKAR AWARD

For the best oral paper presented in a special award session at the Annual Conference of IAC by an MBBS doctor under the age of 35 years (as determined by his age as on 31st December 2023) who is either doing or has done post graduation in Pathology in India. Details about the award, eligibility and procedure are available on the IAC website www.cytoindia.com under the heading Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)>Part C - Orations, Lectures, Slide seminars, Awards>Nalini Bai Thakkar (NBT) Award.

JWALA DEVI AWARD

For the best oral paper presented at the Annual Conference of IAC by a cytotechnician or a cytotechnologist working in India. Details about the award, eligibility and procedure are available on the IAC website www.cytoindia.com under the heading Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) >Part C - Orations, Lectures, Slide seminars, Awards>Jwala Devi Award.

COL. D. B. NAYAR MEMORIAL AWARD

For the best oral paper on oncology presented in a special award session at the Annual Conference of IAC by an MBBS doctor under the age of 35 years (as determined by his age as on 31st December 2023) who is either doing or has done post graduation in Pathology in India. Details about the award, eligibility and procedure are available on the IAC website www.cytoindia.com under the heading Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)>Part C - Orations, Lectures, Slide seminars, Awards>Col. D. B. Nayar Memorial Award.

CALL FOR TOPICS FOR CYTOCON 2024

Call is made for submission of topics for CME, Symposium and Workshops for CYTOCON 2024. Details of the procedure are available on the IAC website www.cytoindia.com under the heading Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)>Annual National Conference>Continued Medical Education (CME)/Symposium/Workshops. The same is to be sent to the Secretary Indian Academy of Cytologists, Dr Bharat Rekhi, Professor, Department of Pathology, Tata Memorial Hospital, Dr E. Borges Road, Parel, Mumbai, Maharashtra, 400012. Email: rekhi.bharat@gmail.com.





Call for Awards 2023

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR DR. SATYA MONGA AWARD

The award is for best paper published in the field of immunocytochemistry and molecular techniques applied in cytology by an IAC member below the age of 35 years.

Last date for entry: 15.09.2023

Criteria to be followed:

1. Publication should be within the last three years, i.e. within 2020–2023.
2. Publication should be in an Indexed medical journal.
3. Applicant must be the first author or the corresponding author of the published paper.
4. Applicant should submit written permission from all co-author(s) for entering the paper for this award.
5. Reprint of the paper in consideration along with proof of age should be sent, so as to reach before deadline, to Secretary IAC, Dr Bharat Rekhi, Professor, Department of Pathology, Tata Memorial Hospital, Dr E. Borges Road, Parel, Mumbai, Maharashtra, 400012.

Details about the award, eligibility and procedure are available on the IAC website www.cytoindia.com under the heading Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) >Part C - Orations, Lectures, Slide seminars, Awards>Dr. Satya Monga Award.

Announcement of date and venue for national examination for cytotechnologists and cytotechnicians for 2023

The national examination for cytotechnologists and cytotechnicians for 2023 shall be conducted by Prof. V. K. Iyer as the local examiner and Dr Deepali Jain as the convenor at AIIMS, New Delhi. Dates for the same shall be updated in due course of time. For updates, kindly visit www.cytoindia.com

Call for hosting CYTOCON 2025

The interested institution/chapter is to submit a formal proposal for hosting the annual national conference CYTOCON 2025 in a written communication to the Secretary IAC, which shall be in hard copy on the official letter head of the Institute/Chapter. There is no fixed format for the same. The bid should reach the Secretary IAC by 1st September 2023.



Announcement for Election - 2023

CALL FOR NOMINATION FOR ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Nomination typed on plain sheet in the format given below are invited for the undermentioned posts. Duly filled and signed nomination form along with bio-data are to be sent by post to Secretary IAC, Dr Bharat Rekhi, Professor, Department of Pathology, Tata Memorial Hospital, Dr E. Borges Road, Parel, Mumbai, Maharashtra, 400012.

1. President Elect for 2024:

(a) Number of post - 1

(b) Tenure of post - 1 year

(c) Eligibility criteria :-

i) Should be an active life member of IAC for at least 15 years.

ii) Should have served at least one full term of three years as an executive committee member prior to his/her nomination.

iii) Should have attended three or more GBMs in the immediate past 5 years.

FORMAT FOR BIO-DATA OF CANDIDATE

It should be under the following headings:

1. Name of the candidate:

2. Duration and type of membership:

3. IAC Membership no. :

4. Contribution to IAC :

5. Contribution in the field of Cytology :

6. Address for Correspondence (off & res):

7. Telephone No : landline and mobile

8. E-mail id

9. Number of GBMs of IAC attended in immediate past 5 years:

Date :

Signature of Candidate

STANDARD FORMAT FOR NOMINATION FORM

I propose the name of Dr....., having IAC membership No..... for the post ofof IAC executive body

Name & Signature of the Proposer
IAC membership No of proposer.....

I, Dr.....second the above proposal

Name, Signature of the proposer
IAC membership No of proposer.....

I, Dr.....having IAC membership no.....accept the above proposal.

Name, Signature of the Candidate
IAC membership No of candidate...



Announcement for Election - 2023

TIME TABLE FOR ELECTION

Receipt of nomination by Secretary's Office	: 15.07.23
Information to contestants after scrutiny	: 31.07.23
Withdrawal of nomination	: 14.08.23 by 1700 hours
Dispatch of ballot papers by post on / before	: 01.09.23
Return of ballot papers by	: 15.10.23
Scrutiny and counting	: 20.10.23
Declaration of results	: At the time of Annual General Body/Executive Committee Meeting to be held during 53rd Annual Conference of IAC at Gwalior.

CRITERIA FOR REJECTION OF APPLICATION

Application form shall be rejected under the following circumstances :-

- (a) Incomplete nomination form
- (b) Nomination form without appropriate signatures
- (c) Nomination form received after due date
- (d) Nomination form received electronically
- (e) One member can file nomination for only post at one time – if more than one nomination is received from a candidate, then all nominations received from that candidate shall be rejected.
- (f) Life associate member and honorary members are not eligible for election/nomination for any post

Once rejected, application from the given candidate shall not be entertained again in the same year.

Report of **CYTOCON 2022**

held at North Bengal Medical College
on 4th to 7th of November, 2022

Submitted by - Dr Indranil Chakrabarti, Secretary, West Bengal Cytology Society

CYTOCON 2022, the 52nd Annual Conference of the Indian Academy of Cytologists was organized by the Department of Pathology, North Bengal Medical College, Siliguri and West Bengal Cytology Society (IAC-West Bengal chapter). The grand event took place in the state-of-the-art auditorium of North Bengal Medical College from 4th to 7th of November, 2022. The academic feast was attended by 400+ delegates from India and abroad. The program was graced by erudite international and national speakers in the field of cytopathology.

Dr Bidyut Krishna Goswami, Prof. and Head, Department of Pathology, North Bengal Medical College and Dr Mamata Guha Mallick Sinha, Prof. and Head, Department of Pathology, IPGMER & SSKM Hospital, Kolkata and President, West Bengal Cytology Society, were the organizing chairpersons. The organizing secretaries were Dr Indranil Chakrabarti, Additional Prof, Department of Pathology, AIIMS Kalyani and Dr Biswajit Haldar, Associate Professor, Department of Pathology, North Bengal Medical College.

The pre-conference CME started with a lecture on medical ethics by Dr Rupsha Dutta (Pal), North Bengal Medical College. The topic of the CME was cytopathology of pancreatico-biliary lesions and was moderated by Dr V. K. Iyer, Prof and Head, Department of Pathology, AIIMS New Delhi and assisted by Dr Prasenjit Das and Dr Rajni Yadav (AIIMS New Delhi). The speakers were Dr Narayan Pandit (North Bengal Medical College), Dr Rajni Yadav (AIIMS New Delhi), Dr Pavneet Kaur Selhi (DMC, Ludhiana), Dr Sandeep Mathur (AIIMS New Delhi), Dr Pranab Dey (PGIMER, Chandigarh). Dr Nalini Gupta (PGIMER, Chandigarh), Dr Prasenjit Das (AIIMS New Delhi), Dr Pooja Bakshi (SGRH, New Delhi) and Dr Anuradha Sekharan (AIG, Hyderabad). This was followed by a panel discussion by all panellists of the CME. Dr Surbhi Goyal (GB Pant Hospital, New Delhi) and Dr Meeta Singh Anand (MAMC New Delhi) presented some interesting cases on the topic. The JOC committee and IAC executive committee meetings were done online before the conference and the resolutions were reiterated in presence of the members. The formal inauguration of CYTOCON 2022 was done in the gracious presence of Mr Gautam Deb, Mayor, Siliguri, Dr Dev Prasoon, President IAC, Dr Radhika Srinivasan, Secretary IAC, Dr Indrajit Saha, Principal North Bengal Medical College and the organizing chairpersons and secretaries of CYTOCON 2022. This was followed by a cultural extravaganza and a sumptuous dinner.



The prestigious Prof P N Wahi Oration 2022 was delivered by Dr Pranab Dey (PGIMER, Chandigarh) on the first day of the conference, highlighting the journey from quantitative cytology to artificial intelligence. Dr Naresh Rai (ex-IAC President) who delivered the Prof P N Wahi Oration 2020-21 and Dr Sandeep Mathur (AIIMS New Delhi) who had delivered the Ernest Fernandes Award Slide Seminar 2020-21 on virtual platform during CYTOCON 2020-21, were also felicitated along with Dr Dey. The world-renowned cytopathologist Dr Kennichi Kakudo from Osaka, Japan enthralled the delegates with his lecture on Medullary and Neuroendocrine carcinoma of thyroid in the guest lecture segment. Participants presented their research work in the Nalini Bhai Thakkar award, Jwala Devi award and the proffered paper sessions. Dr William C Faquin, from Harvard Medical School, United States, delivered the IAC Academy Oration on integrated cytologic and molecular approach to diagnosis and management of salivary gland neoplasia, on virtual mode. The oration was followed by a general body meeting in which important resolutions were passed. An elaborate banquet with melodious musical performances ended the night with sweet memories.

Dr Nalini Gupta (PGIMER, Chandigarh) presented the Ernest Fernandes Award Slide Seminar 2022 showcasing several challenging cases. Dr Shyama Jain (Dr Babasahab Ambedkar Medical College and Hospital, New Delhi) delivered the prestigious Dr SK Gupta Memorial Lecture 2022. Dr Uma Handa moderated the symposium on Bone FNAs where the stalwarts like Dr Bharat Rekhi (TMH, Mumbai), Dr Uma Handa (GMCH, Chandigarh), Dr Vikas Bachhal (Dept of Orthopedics, PGIMER Chandigarh), Dr Shantveer G Uppin (NIMS, Hyderabad), Dr Poonam Elhence (AIIMS Jodhpur), Dr Manish Rohilla (PGIMER Chandigarh) and Dr Meeta Singh (MAMC, New Delhi) highlighted the challenges and opportunities in diagnosis. This was followed by the Col D B Nayar Memorial award, proffered paper session and poster presentations. Dr Paromita Roy, Dr Arghya Bandopadhyay, Dr Sarbashish Hota and Dr Palash Kumar Mandal conducted a very interesting quiz session for the postgraduates which was enjoyed by one and all.

There were 117 poster presentations and 68 oral proffered papers. 11 entries were selected for the Nalini Bhai Thakkar award, 9 for the Col D B Nayar Memorial award, and 4 for the Jwala Devi award.

The awards for the various categories were announced during the valedictory session. Dr Dev Prasoon handed over the baton of IAC President to Dr Reena Bharadwaj while Dr Radhika Srinivasan handed over her charge as Secretary IAC to Dr Bharat Rekhi during the session. Dr Radhika Srinivasan was elected as President-elect.

All the delegates were awarded credit points by the West Bengal Medical Council.

Five parallel workshops on cell blocks, liquid-based cytology with HIV testing, Flow cytometry in lymphoproliferative disorders, LBC in non-gynecological specimens, and Squash cytology of brain tumors, were organized on the next day in which the post-graduates, practicing pathologists and faculties participated.

The 4-day academic feast ended with good memories.

The organizing team expressed gratitude to the speakers, delegates, sponsors, college authority, and support staff, for the success of CYTOCON 2022.



Glimpses of CYTOCON 2022



Inauguration and lighting of the lamp of the pre-conference CME



Lighting of the lamp of the CME



Dr Rupsha Pal (Dutta) felicitated for her talk on medical ethics by Dr Ranu Roy Biswas



Dr V. K Iyer introducing the topic of pre-conference CME



The renowned speakers of the CME and panel discussion



Dr B K Goswami felicitating Dr Rajni Yadav



Dr Sandeep Mathur felicitating Dr N Siddharaju as chairperson



Dr Santosh Kumar Mondal felicitating Dr Pranab Dey

Glimpses of CYTOCON 2022



Dr Nalini Gupta felicitating Dr Anup Roy as chairperson



Inauguration of the conference by Shri Gautam Deb, Mayor Siliguri, Dr Indrajit Saha, Principal NBMC, Dr Dev Prasoon, Dr Radhika Srinivasan, Dr B K Goswami, Dr Mamata Guha Mallick Sinha, Dr Biswajit Haldar and Dr Indranil Chakrabarti



Dr Radhika Srinivasan welcoming the delegates to CYTOCON 2022



Cultural program



Dance extravaganza



Dr Pranab Dey delivering the prestigious Prof P N Wahi Oration 2022



IAC president Dr Dev Prasoon and IAC secretary Dr Radhika felicitated Dr Naresh Rai for Prof P N Wahi Oration 2021 which was delivered online in CYTOCON 2020-21



Dr BK Goswami felicitating Dr Sandeep Mathur for the Ernest Fernandes Award Slide Seminar 2020-21 which was delivered online in CYTOCON 2020-21

Glimpses of CYTOCON 2022



Dr Radhika Srinivasan, Dr Sandip Mathur, Dr Dev Prasoan, Dr Pranab Dey, Dr B K Goswami and Dr Mamata Guha Mallick Sinha (from left to right)



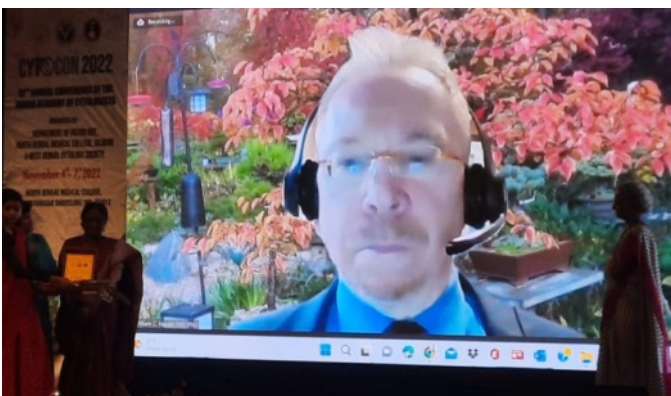
Dr Kennichi Kakudo from Osaka, Japan delivering the Guest lecture



Dr Kennichi Kakudo felicitated by the former IAC Presidents Dr U S Dinesh, Dr Asitava Mondal and Dr RGW Pinto (from left to right)



Dr Arvind Rajwanshi, Mr Saleem Pathuthura, Dr Ramnawal Rao and Dr SM Nadeem (from left to right)



Dr William C Faquin, from Harvard Medical School, United States, delivered the IAC Academy Oration



Dr Reena Bharadwaj and Dr Amita Giri (Majumdar)



Dr Asitava Mondal and Dr Kusum Kapila



Dr Dev Prasoan and Dr Mala Banerjee

Glimpses of CYTOCON 2022



Executive council of Indian Academy of Cytologists with Past Presidents Dr U S Dinesh and Dr Naresh Rai



Dr Nalini Gupta delivering the Ernest Fernandes Award Slide Seminar 2022



Dr Biswajit Halder, Dr Radhika Srinivasan, Dr Nalini Gupta, Dr Indrani Chakrabarti (from left to right)



Dr Shyama Jain delivering Dr SK Memorial lecture 2022



Dr Arvind Rajwansi, Dr Shyama Jain, Dr Manoj K Choudhuri and Dr Radhika Srinivasan (from left to right)



Speakers of the symposium on bone tumors: Dr Meeta Singh, Dr Manish Rohilla, Dr Poonam Elhence, Dr Bharat Rekhi, Dr Uma Handa and Dr Shantveer G Uppin with chairpersons Dr Madhusmita Jena, Dr Subodh Bhattacharya and Dr Amlan Gupta



Dr Kusum Kapila felicitating the quiz masters Dr Paromita Roy, Dr Arghya Bandopadhyay and Dr Palash Kumar Mandal



Dr Dev Prasoan handing over the charge of IAC President to Dr Reena Bharadwaj

Glimpses of CYTOCON 2022

November 4th - 7th, 2022 | North Bengal Medical College

Award distribution a



Dr Radhika Srinivasan welcoming Dr Bharat Rekhi as the new IAC Secretary



The organizing team sharing a lighter moment



Together Everyone Achieves More: The group photo of CYTOCON 2022



The collage of post conference workshops



Group photo of Flow Cytometry Workshop





Winners of various awards and prizes

Dr. Satya Monga Award 2022	Dr. Neha Bhardwaj, PGIMER for her paper "MYCN amplification and International Neuroblastoma Risk Group stratification on fine-needle aspiration biopsy and their correlation to survival in neuroblastoma Corresponding author: Dr. Radhika Srinivasan Journal of Clinical Pathology Published Online First: 12 April 2022. doi: 10.1136/jclinpath-2022-208177
Drs. Monisha & Panna Choudhry Memorial Award 2022	Dr. Tanvi Arora / Corresponding author: Dr. Neelam Wadhwa UCMS and GTB hospital, New Delhi for paper titled "Evaluation of hTERT gene expression and chromosome 7 copy number variation in anal squamous intraepithelial lesions: a pilot study. J Cytol 2022;39:14-9.
Dr. Bhaskar Reddy Prize 2022 Sushil Malhotra Prize 2022	Dr. Tanvi Arora / Corresponding author: Dr. Neelam Wadhwa UCMS and GTB hospital, New Delhi for paper titled "Evaluation of hTERT gene expression and chromosome 7 copy number variation in anal squamous intraepithelial lesions: a pilot study. J Cytol 2022;39:14-9.
Nalini Bai Thakkar Award 2022	Dr. Sharan KC from PGIMER for paper titled 'Evaluation of FISH in improving the diagnostic performance of Urine Cytology in the Atypical Urothelial Cell category and Highgrade Urothelial Carcinoma'
Jwala Devi Award 2022	Ms. Neelam Prabhudesai for paper titled 'Feasibility of Cell Block Preparation Using Egg Albumin'
Col. D .B. Nayar Memorial award 2022	Dr. Loomila Lourdudasan from PGIMER, Chandigarh, for paper 'Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor Mutation Profiling Among The Primary And Metastatic Non-Small Cell Lung Carcinomas: A Prospective Comparative Analysis On The Cytologic Samples'

The first place in post graduate Quiz in CYTOCON 2022 was secured by the team from PGIMER Chandigarh (Dr Sanjoli Chugh, Dr Yukim Dong and Loomila L) and the team from Guwahati Medical College (Dr Ekaparna Hazarika, Dr Neeharika Phukan and Nayana Bora) was the runners-up.



21st International Congress of Cytology and 70th Annual Scientific Meeting in Baltimore USA

15th November to 20th November, 2022

VIBGYOR: Ancillary Techniques in Cytopathology Practice: highlighting the Indian Panorama



The moderators were Dr Radhika Srinivasan, Dr Nalini Gupta and Dr Bharat Rekhi.
Other Speakers: Dr Uma Handa, Dr Sandeep Mathur, Dr Deepali Jain, Dr Ram Nawal Rao



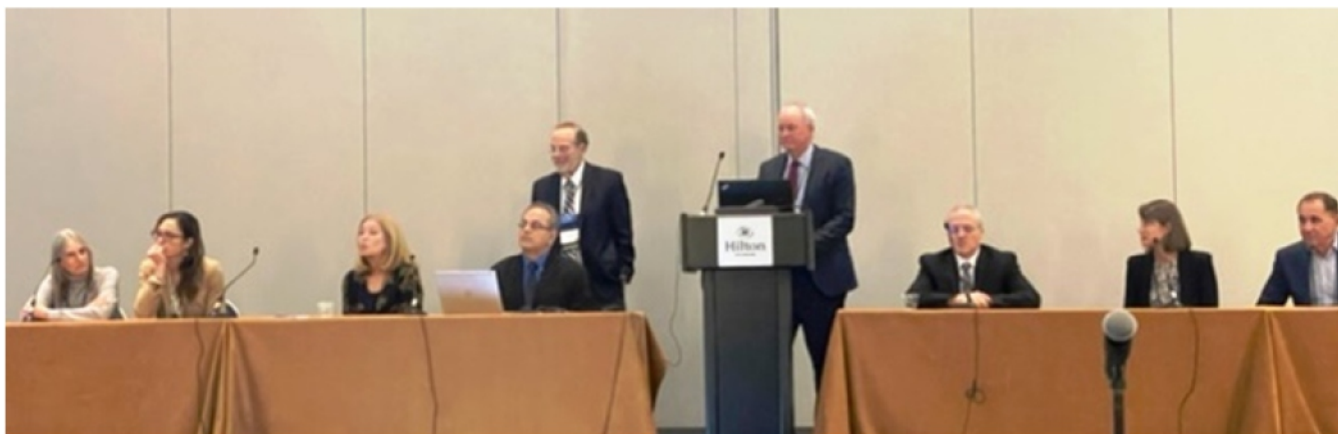
Poster and Platform Presenters

A memorable evening of felicitation to JEWEL Series speakers





WHO IARC Soft tissue Symposium



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Activities in Goa (IAC- Goa chapter)

Submitted by - Dr RG Wiseman Pinto, Chairperson, Intl. Affairs Committee, IAC

Dr RG Wiseman Pinto, Prof and Head, Dept of Pathology Goa Medical College, Ex Dean, Goa University, Ex Dean GMC and President Asian Society of Cytopathology was invited for the following Scientific meetings

1. Chairman, moderator and faculty for the session on Infectious Diseases at the 21st ICC and 70th American Society of Cytopathology Conference at Baltimore, Maryland, USA
2. Chair and leader for the Felicitation function of IAC.
3. Faculty for the International Cancer Conference in Chicago USA on Sept 2022. His talk was on Wilms Tumor
4. Coordinator for Asia for the Webinar on Lung Cytology organised by the EFCS German and Spanish Society of Cytology in January 2023. At this 638 delegates from 69 countries participated
5. Faculty, Chairman, Moderator and Organizing Committee Member of the European Congress of Cytology (ECC) in Budapest, Hungary in October 2023
6. Chaired session of Prof Kennichi Kakudo, Japan in CYTOCON 2022 in North Bengal Medical College
7. Faculty at the international conferences like world conference on Education, Clinical Immunology and Allergy etc 2023 and National Conference in Animal Sciences Integrated Solutions for sustainability
8. Organized several CMEs in Goa on COVID 19, PEL, Lymphomas, skin and soft tissue tumors etc where renowned international and national faculties participated.



Report of 6th annual conference of Association of Cytologists of Maharashtra : MACyCON 2023

Submitted by - Dr. Vikas S. Kavishwar, Secretary ACM

The 6th Annual Conference of Association of Cytologists of Maharashtra, MACyCON 2023 was organized by the Department of Pathology, Dr Vasant Rao Pawar Medical College, hospital and research center, Nashik on 4th and 5th February 2023. It was conducted in offline mode after a gap of 3 years and it was attended by over 200 delegates from all over the state. The theme of the conference was to "Revise, Review and Refresh" the science and art of Cytology Practice.

The prestigious "Dr Shobha Grover oration" was delivered by Dr Roshan Chinoy, consultant pathologist at Prince Ali Khan hospital and Ex Prof. and Head of Pathology at Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai. She elaborated on various aspects in cytological diagnosis of Salivary gland lesions.

Other scientific talks included practical approaches towards problems in routine cytology practice as illustrated by Dr. Gauri Vidolkar [Fluid effusion cytology], Dr. Meherbano Kamal [PAP smear cervical cytology challenges in inflammatory smear], Dr. Vikas Kavishwar with Dr. Sangeeta Kini [Lymph node Cytology and Sydney Classification] and Mr. Saleem Pathuthara [Quality Control in Cytopathology]. These were nicely blended with focussed talks like intra operative cytology of ovarian tumours [by Dr. Rasika Gadkari] and most recent updates in Classifications of Thyroid Pathology [by Dr. Shubhada Kane] as well as Cytopathology of Soft tissue Tumors [by Dr. Bharat Rekhi].

Slide Seminar of interesting cases from Bombay Cytology Group, moderated by Dr. Kanchan Kothari and Dr. Mona Agnihotri, added flavour to the scientific program. A slide viewing session moderated by Dr. Anupama Gupta and Dr. Suprita Nayak was icing on the cake, giving hands-on experience to the delegates. There was an overwhelming response for oral paper and poster presentation by Post Graduates and Three prizes were awarded in each category.

Overall there was some take home message for everyone including Postgraduate Students, Practicing Pathologists and Medical college Faculty participating in the conference. Organizing chairperson of the conference Dr Preeti Bajaj and organizing secretary Dr Rajendra Chaudhari had not left any stone unturned to make this conference successful in all aspects.



Report of West Bengal Cytology Society (WBCS)

Submitted by - Dr Indranil Chakrabarti, Secretary, West Bengal Cytology Society

West Bengal Cytology Society (WBCS) and IPGME & R, SSKM Hospital Kolkata jointly organized a CME on Gynaecological Cytology on 21st January 2023 at the auditorium of IPGMER, Kolkata. Prof (Dr) Bharat Rekhi, TMH Mumbai and Secretary, Indian Academy of Cytologists along with Prof (Dr) Anup Kumar Boler, Burdwan Medical College were the guest speakers. President of WBCS Prof (Dr) Mamata Guha Mallik Sinha received the presidential medal from WBCS Founder President Dr Asitava Mandal, Dr S M Nadeem, President elect was the scientific coordinator of the program. It was attended by 244 delegates.

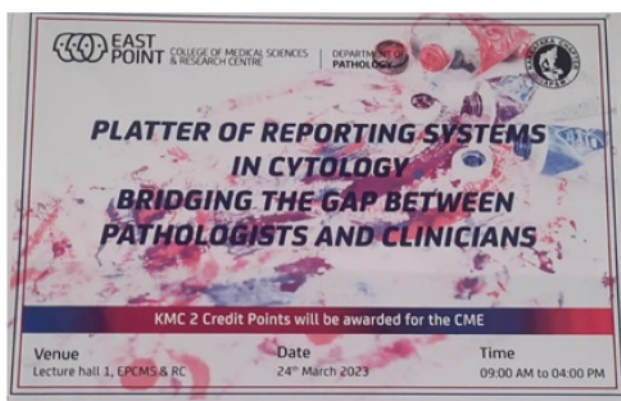


Activities in Karnataka

Submitted by - Dr Madhusmita Jena, (Professor & HOD, Department of Pathology, EPCMS & RC, Bengaluru)

1. A series of webinars and masterclasses on cytology was conducted by Dr Nandini N.M, Prof. Dept of Pathology, JSSAHER, Mysore, Karnataka in association with BD Path Bangalore, from 2020 to 2022 which were attended by delegates from India and abroad.

2. A state level CME programme titled “ PLATTER OF REPORTING SYSTEM : BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN THE PATHOLOGISTS AND CLINICIANS “ was organized in East Point College of Medical Sciences & Research Centre ' Bengaluru by the department of Pathology on 24th March, 2023. Dr. Madhusmita Jena, Professor & Head, Department of Pathology, was the organizing chairperson. Dr. Niranjana J, Professor and Dr. Shivkumar Chabba, Assoc Prof, were the organizing secretaries. Renowned speakers like Dr. Vidyavathi K (EPCMSRC, Bangalore), Dr Amita K (AIMS, Mandya), Dr. D Priya, (Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology, Bangalore), Dr. Hemalatha M, (KIMS, Bangalore) and Dr. Kusuma V, (EPCMSRC, Bangalore) enlightened the audience with their lectures. 140 delegates participated. The clinicians were the chairpersons. 2 KMC credit points were awarded to the delegates.



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On behalf of the organizing committee, we are glad to invite all the eminent pathologists, academicians, young scholars, residents, and students from all over the world to attend **"CYTOCON-2023"**

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Hybrid Event (Physical & Virtual)

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QUIZ TIME

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Case 1: A 58-year-old male farmer presented with a 45 × 30 mm cystic swelling in the right posterior triangle of the neck for 1 month. Clinical diagnosis was that of a cold abscess. The following are the photographs of the aspirate from the swelling:

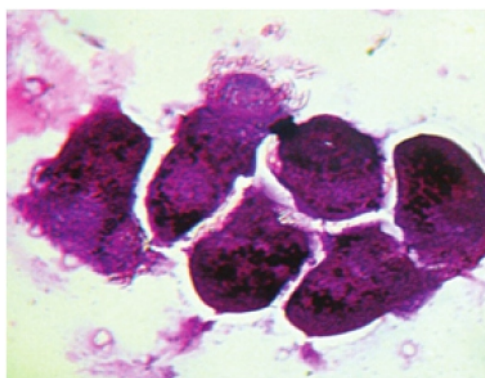


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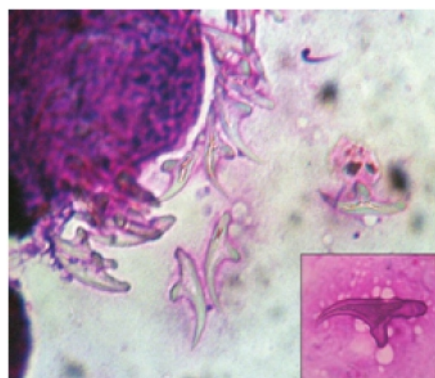


Figure 1B

Case 2: 65-year-old male smoker presented with right-sided parotid swelling for 2 years. The patient complained of a sudden increase in size over the last 2 months. On examination, the swelling was firm to hard, fixed to the underlying tissue, and measured 4X5cm. FNAC from the swelling showed the following:

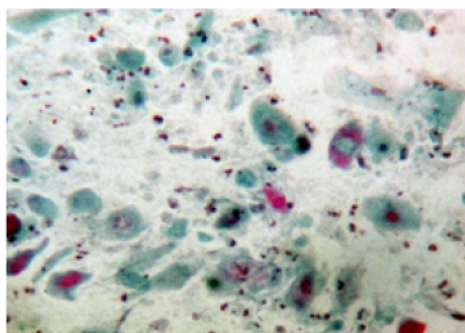


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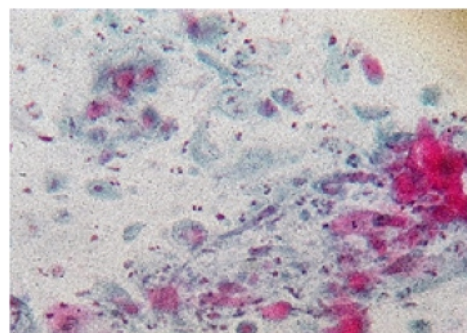


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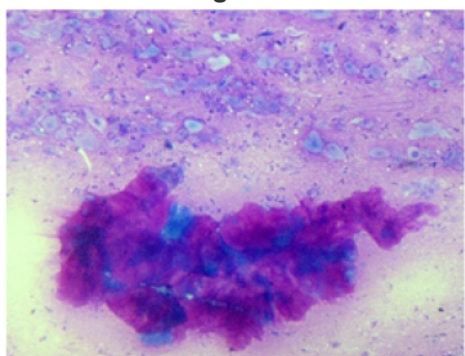


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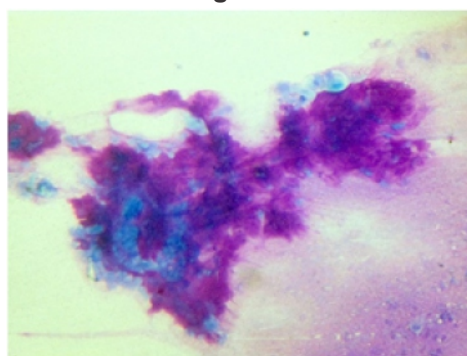


Figure 2D

Answers to the October 2022 News Letter Quiz

Case 1: Rosai-Dorfman-DeStombes (RDD) disease

Case 2: Fibroepithelial lesion- Possibly Benign Phyllodes tumor



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Message from the Editor

Indian Academy of Cytologists



It is my proud privilege to release the first newsletter of 2023 from my desk.

We had a wonderful experience in Siliguri where the organizing team of CYTOCON 2022 put up a great academic feast, the memories of which are still fresh in our minds. It was a great and pleasant experience to finally meet up with our peers after a gap of 3 years and share our thoughts and experiences.

The new year also heralds a change in the leadership of the academy. It is my honor to congratulate and welcome our new President Dr. Reena Bharadwaj, President-elect Dr. Radhika Srinivasan, Secretary Dr. Bharat Rekhi, Treasurer Dr. Shilpi Agarwal and all the new executive committee members.

Our academy had a memorable representation in the 21st International Congress of Cytology (ICC)-70th American Society of Cytopathology (ASC) Conference held in Baltimore, USA on November 2022 where our renowned cytopathologists of IAC showcased their experience and expertise, just like the previous years.

Back home, the state chapters have restarted various offline conferences and CMEs as the menace of COVID-19 has waned and we are slowly going back to the pre-COVID normalcy.

I take this opportunity to invite all to the upcoming CYTOCON 2023 in Gajra Raja Medical College, Gwalior where Dr Sudha Iyengar is organizing the first hybrid annual conference of IAC. The registration process has already started and the turnout is expected to be huge.

I would also like to request all the members to be part of this newsletter by sending the announcements and reports of CMEs, conferences, workshops, webinars etc, quizzes, case snippets, interesting articles, fun facts-- which will make the newsletter more vibrant and informative.

Looking forward to your feedback emails



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