MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT

My dear friends,

My warmest greetings and best wishes to you all. Let me begin by wishing each and every one of you and your families a very Happy and Prosperous New Year 2009.

Thank you very much for the great honour you have bestowed on me by electing me as your President. I am truly over whelmed by all the affection and sort of love you have showered over the years culminating in electing me as President and earlier for giving me the opportunity to serve for three terms as Secretary & Treasurer and also as the Editor of Newsletter since Vol 1, No 1, 1998.

In the last more than 11 years I have tried to serve with great dedication to the best of my ability and will continue to do so as your President. I was able to achieve great progress and build up the IAP-ID only because of the unstinted support and co-operation of the members. With your support and help I was able to increase the finances of the IAP-ID from few thousand rupees when I took over to more than 14 lacs at the present in spite of unavoidable increased expenses, increased activities, etc; increase the number of members from less than 100 to the large number present today; start a new academic activity, the IAP-ID Annual CME, besides the existing activities which has proved a grand success; improved the quality of academic meetings of the IAP-ID which is now attracting large number of Pathologists to attend the IAP-ID meetings as well as become members; edited the IAP-ID Newsletter from Vol 1, No 1, 1 January 1998 till now and produced a high quality Newsletter of international standards now containing 8 pages and produced in colour; also introduced and produced and edited the Proceedings Booklets of the IAP-ID Annual Conference for last several years so as members could benefit; started new category of Associate members to benefit PG students and encourage them to become full members later; started the IAP-ID website for which I would like to specially thank Dr. John Marshall Johnson for all the support and help in making this possible; vastly improved the international standing of the IAP-Indian Division in international fora including the IAP making it one of the most respected Divisions of the IAP; got sanctioned fund allocations for future use from Education Committee of the IAP as a member of the prestigious Education Committee of the IAP; and, formalised co-operation arrangements between British Division of IAP and AIPRNA with the IAP-ID. I thank each and everyone of you, my dear members, for all the encouragement, support and help you gave me in making all this possible.

As Secretary & Treasurer, it was my privilege to serve 6 enlightened Presidents who encouraged and supported me namely Rear Admiral P. Sivadas, Dr. K. R. Harilal, Dr. Panchanadam Madanagopalan, Dr. Anila Borges, Lt. Gen. J. R. Bhardwaj and Dr. K. Uma Chaturvedi to whom I express my gratitude and thanks. It was also a privilege to work with so many distinguished and enlightened Councilors over the last more than 11 years like Dr. Sushila Chauhan, Dr. G. N. Mohanty, Dr. A. V. Ramaprasad, Dr. Jyotsna Pandey, Dr. C. V. Raghuvreer, Dr. Jaya Deshpande, Dr. K. Gayathri, Dr. Subir K. Dutta, Dr. A. V. Deshmukh, Dr. Kusum Joshi, Dr. C. Sundaram, Dr. Sujay Prasad, Dr. Roshan Chinoy, Dr. K. S. Ratnakar and Dr. S. Sankar whom I would also like to thank for all their help and support to me and who have helped me in various ways. Also my gratitude and thanks to all the organizers of the various academic activities of the IAP-ID like Mid Year Teaching Programme, Annual CMEs and Annual Conferences who not only organized these but many of whom made handsome financial contributions to the IAP-ID when requested by me. Also I express my sincere thanks to all the members who have actively participated in the academic activities of the IAP-ID and contributed as moderators, speakers, etc, and enriched the academic activities of our Division. I also had the honour of being the Editor of the IAP-ID Newsletter since the first issue and would like to express my sincere gratitude and thanks to all those who arranged sponsors for the Newsletters and in particular to Dr. Sujay Prasad who has always come forth to help and has arranged sponsors for the last several years. Once again a million thanks to all.

We have a new Secretary & Treasurer, Dr. Krishna Balachandran Nair from Trivandrum who will also be the Editor of the IAP-ID Newsletter and I wish her well and all success in her new positions.

Our academic activities this year will include the IAP-ID Mid Year Teaching Programme on “Head & Neck Pathology” at AFMC, Pune, which will be held in May this year and promises to be a very good and interesting programme. The IAP-ID Annual CME has been incorporated this year into the 6th Asia Pacific IAP Congress in August.

From the 20th to 23rd August, we have a very big event the 6th Asia Pacific IAP Congress at Kolkata, Kerala state, India, held under the auspices of the IAP - Indian Division and organized on its behalf by the Kerala Chapter of IAPM. India is honoured and privileged to be hosting this Congress. The Congress has a distinguished faculty from all around the world who will deliberate on various topics and delegates from abroad would also be attending besides delegates from our country. The Congress would give any excellent opportunity to attend an international Conference in India without having to travel abroad and at a fraction of the cost involved as compared to international Conferences held abroad and would also provide an excellent opportunity for exchange of ideas and knowledge. I urge all of you to attend in large numbers. Detailed information about the Congress is available on the Congress website namely, www.apiap2009.com

I end by thanking you once again and wishing all the very best in the coming year to all of you.
The IAP-ID congratulates and welcomes the new President Dr. Francisco Couto (Goa), Dr. Krishna Balachandran Nair (Trivandum) the new Secretary & Treasurer and Editor IAP-ID Newsletter and Dr. Vatsala Mishra (Allahabad) the new Councilor, who were elected at the Annual Meeting held at the SRM Medical College, Kattankulathur (near Chennai), on 15th December 2008. For the benefit of the members their brief biodata is given below:

Dr. Francisco Couto

Dr. Francisco Couto did his M.B.B.S from Bombay University and then his MD (Pathology) and is also a Fellow of the Indian College of Pathologists (FICP) and has been on the teaching staff of the Goa Medical College, Goa, for the last 24 years since 1985. He has been the Secretary & Treasurer of the International Academy of Pathology – Indian Division (IAP-ID) and Editor, IAP-ID Newsletter for three terms serving for more than 11 years in these positions and has contributed tremendously to the growth and development of the IAP-ID. He has been one of the Councilors representing the Indian Division in the world Executive Council of the International Academy of Pathology (IAP) for more than 11 years and is a member of the prestigious Education Committee of IAP. Besides his responsibilities in the Department of Pathology in Histopathology, Cytopathology, Haematology and Autopsy, Dr. Couto has in the past, headed the Haematology section of the Department and been the In charge of the Central Pathology Laboratory. Dr. F. Couto is involved in the teaching of undergraduate Medical and Dental students and postgraduate students in Pathology, Dental and Genetics. He is in charge of the Post Graduate teaching programme in the Department of Pathology and Post Graduate guide for MD (Pathology) students as well as has been co-guide for several students of MD (Medicine). He is an Undergraduate and Post Graduate Examiner for several Universities like Mumbai, Pune, Goa, Manipal University, Maharashtra University of Health Sciences (MUHS), Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS), Pravara Rural University, KLE University, Delhi, etc. Dr. Francisco Couto has various administrative responsibilities both in Department of Pathology as well as in the Goa Medical College. Dr. Couto has been the Co-Project Officer (Goa Region), National Cancer Registry Project (NCRP) and Atlas of Cancer in India. He has also headed the Blood Bank, Goa Medical College; was member, Technical Advisory Committee of Goa State AIDS Control Society; and was member, Goa State Blood Transfusion Council. He is a member, Ethical Research Committee of the Environmental Research Institute (TERI). Dr. Couto has been enquiry officer for several enquiries and also has been Senior Supervisor in charge of Goa University examinations at Goa Medical College. Dr. F. Couto is a member, Editorial Board of Journal of Clinical Pathology (part of the BMJ group); former member, Editorial Board of the Indian Journal of Pathology & Microbiology and a referee for the Journal; former member, Editorial Advisory Board of the Indian Journal of Hematology and Blood Transfusion. Dr. Couto has attended large numbers of Conferences (both national and international), CMEs, Workshops, etc, and has been an active participant and has presented papers, chaired scientific sessions, etc. He has organized, arranged and conducted several Conferences, CMEs, workshops and meetings. Has 38 publications in various journals, presented 26 scientific papers at national and international conferences and has been faculty for various academic meetings. Dr. Francisco Couto is an active member and office bearer of several associations like the International Academy of Pathology – Indian Division (IAP-ID) and is a Life Member of Indian Association of Pathologists & Microbiologists (IAPM), Indian Academy of Cytopathologists (IAC), Indian Society of Haematology & Transfusion Medicine (ISHTM), Indian Society for Parasitology (ISP), Indian Society for Hospital Waste Management (ISHWM), etc, and several local bodies.

Dr. Krishna Balachandran Nair

Dr. Krishna Balachandran Nair did her M.B.B.S in 1982 and MD (Pathology) in 1987 both from Kerala University. She has served in various capacities in the Medical College, Trivandum and Kottayam starting from Registrar and is currently Associate Professor of Pathology at the Medical College, Trivandum. Dr. Krishna Balachandran has also served the Kerala Government Health Services as Medical Officer in Charge, Clinico pathological Lab and Blood Bank, District Hospital, Trivandum and Medical Officer in charge of Cytopathology Lab, Medical College, Trivandum. She was Associate Professor, Regional Institute of Ophthalmology, Trivandum from 2006 – 2007 and organized the Histopathology Lab while working there. She has worked in “NABL and ISO certified” accredited Histopathology and Cytopathology Lab in Adelaide, South Australia for 3 years having been a Visiting Fellow, Histopathology Department, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Adelaide, South Australia (working under Dr. P. W. Allen) and Visiting Fellow, Department of Cytology, Flinders Medical Centre, Adelaide, South Australia (working under Dr. Svante Orell) from 1992 – 1993. In 1994, she was Registrar, Histopathology Department, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Adelaide, South Australia. Dr. Krishna Balachandran is involved in Histopathology, Cytopathology and Autopsy pathology work and teaching M.B.B.S and B.D.S and paramedical and nursing students. She is also involved in teaching Post Graduate students in Pathology and has been Guide for MD (Pathology), Dip NB in Pathology and MS Surgery students. She has been involved in 19 Research projects and has 23 publications and presentations in various journals and Conferences. She is a Life Member of Indian Academy of Cytopathologists and the Indian Association of Pathologists & Microbiologists; Member, International Academy of Pathology – Indian Division; Fellow of Indian Academy of Sciences. She has been a past Member Board of Studies in Medicine University of Kerala.

Dr. Vatsala Mishra

Prof. Vatsala Misra has done her MBBS in 1980 and MD (Path) in 1984 from M.L.N. Medical College, Allahabad. She joined on the post of Assistant Professor of Pathology at BRD Medical College Gorakhpur in 1988 and moved to Medical College Allahabad in 1989. She was promoted to post of Associate Prof in 1999 and to the post of Professor in 2006. She has published over 115 research papers till date in front-line international and national journals most of which are covered by Science Citation Index. She has received prestigious Smt Kunti Devi Mehrotra award (1998) and Dr. V. R. Kanhokar Award (2000) of IAPM for best published research work. She was elected as Fellow of Indian college of Pathologists (2002) on the basis of her academic achievements. Her research contributions have been cited in several standard textbooks and journals of Hepatology, Gastroenterology, Endoscopy, Cancer, Pathology, Radiology, Molecular Biology and Surgery. She is on the reviewer panel for several leading international journals viz. World Journal of Gastroenterology, Journal of Clinical Pathology, Indian Journal of Pathology and Microbiology, Journal of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Acta cytologica, Internet Journal of medical update, Pathology, Acta histochemica and Saudi Journal of Gastroenterology. She is an active member of various scientific societies like Association of Clinical Pathologists (U.K.), National Academy of Medical Sciences, National Academy of Sciences, Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists (Joint Secretary 2005 – 2007), International Academy of Pathologists (Indian Division), Indian Association for Study of Liver, Indian Society of Gastroenterology, Indian Academy of Cytologists and Indian Medical Association. She is one of the few pioneers to work in the field of portal hypertensive intestinal vasculopathy and H. pylori in India. She has attended about 50 national and International conferences as Delegate, Faculty and Chairperson and presented / co-authored about 100 abstracts in these conferences. She has supervised about 70 research projects in pathology and allied clinical branches.
The 27th Congress of the International Academy of Pathology was held in October this year in Athens, Greece. About 20 delegates from India attended the meeting. Dr. Anita Borges (Vice President Asia IAP) attended the Executive meeting of the IAP. Dr. Anita Borges, Dr. Francisco Couto (Secretary & Treasurer IAP-ID) and Dr. K. R. Harilal attended the International Council meeting and the Business meeting of the IAP. Dr. Francisco Couto attended the meeting of the Education Committee of the IAP being a member of this Committee. Dr. Francisco Couto also had meetings with the Secretary of the British Division of the IAP and several other Divisions on matters of mutual interest. Dr. Anita Borges, Dr. K. R. Harilal and Dr. Francisco Couto also attended the Executive meeting of the Asia Pacific Divisions of the IAP where discussions were held on the forthcoming 6th Asia Pacific IAP Congress in Kochi in 2009. Several members from India were Faculty for sessions in the Congress including Dr. Anita Borges, Dr. Nirmala Jambhekar, Dr. Shaila Khubchandani, Dr. Geeta Vemuganti, Dr. D. N. Lanjewar, Dr. Sangeeta Desai, Dr. Tanuja Shet & many others presented scientific posters at the Congress.

IAP-ID MID YEAR TEACHING PROGRAMME 2009
Pune

The Mid Year Teaching Programme will be held in Pune on 23rd and 24th May 2009 at the Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC), Pune, on the topic “Head and Neck Pathology”. The CME brochures will be mailed to all the IAP-ID members by the Organizers in due time.

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M E E T I N G S

United States Canadian Academy of Pathology (USCAP)
98th Annual Meeting
Sheraton Boston Hotel & Hynes Convention Center
Boston, MA
7 – 13 March 2009
Website: www.uscap.org

Australasian Division of IAP
Pathology Update 2009
RCPA in conjunction with XXV WASPaLM
13 - 15 March 2009
Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre
Darling Harbour
Sydney, Australia
Website: http://www.rcpa.edu.au/pathologyupdate2009

6th Asia Pacific IAP Congress
20 -23 August 2009
Le Meredian Resorts & Convention Center
Kochi, Kerala, India
Website: www.apiap2009.com

22nd European Congress of Pathology
4 - 9 September 2009
Florence, Italy
Website: http://www.ecp2009.org

IAP-ID Associate Members
Membership of the IAP-ID as Associate Members has been started from this year for Post Graduate students in Pathology and others. These Associate Members would have no voting rights or other statutory rights of full members and would have to become full members of the IAP-ID on attaining their post graduate qualification. The Annual Membership fee for Associate Member is Rs. 250.
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CD on “Interstitial Lung Diseases”
A CD with the proceedings and discussion of the IAP-ID Symposium on “Interstitial Lung Diseases”, moderated by Dr. Kusum Joshi (PGIMER, Chandigarh), is available for a fee of Rs. 200 paid by Demand Draft in favour of “Secretary / Treasurer, IAP - Indian Division” payable at “Panaji (Goa)”.

CD on “Neuromuscular Disorders”
A CD with the proceedings and discussion of the IAP-ID Symposium on “Neuromuscular Disorders”, moderated by Dr. C. Sundaram (NIMS, Hyderabad), is available for a fee of Rs. 200 paid by Demand Draft in favour of “Secretary / Treasurer, IAP - Indian Division” payable at “Trivandrum”.
Both CDs together fee is Rs. 350 paid by Demand Draft in favour of “Secretary / Treasurer, IAP - Indian Division” payable at “Trivandrum”.
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US Canadian Academy of Pathology (USCAP)
Extensive Educational material, proceedings of scientific meetings, etc., are made available on the USCAP website for members of the Indian Division of IAP. The IAP-ID Newsletter is also featured on this site as well as the Newsletters of several other IAP Divisions. Material from Long and Short Courses and Symposia of various USCAP and IAP meetings are available on the site. Members are urged to explore the "Pathology Hub" on the site which a treasure trove of educational and scientific material.
The website address is: www.uscap.org
The IAP-ID 11th Annual CME was held on 27th and 28th September 2008 at the P. D. Hinduja National Hospital, Mumbai, on the topic “Newer Perspectives on Gynecologic Pathology” and was organized by Dr. Anita Bhaduri. The CME was inaugurated by Ms. Usha Raheja (Trustee), in the distinguished presence of Dr. G. B. Daver (Director, Professional Services, Hinduja Hospital), Dr. K. Uma Chaturvedi (President IAP-ID), Dr. Francisco Couto (Secretary & Treasurer IAP-ID), Dr. Ashavaid (HOD, Lab Medicine), Dr. Anita Bhaduri (Organizing Secretary) and other dignitaries. The Proceedings of the CME was released by Dr. G. B. Daver.

The CME was well attended with delegates from all parts of the country. The CME included lectures, interesting case discussions, slide seminars and Panel discussion. The lectures included “HPV related lesions of the female genital tract”, “Trophoblastic Lesions of female genital tract”, “Vulval Clinical experience at a tertiary care center”, “Endometrial hyperplasia & Carcinoma – Newer Insights”, “Uterine Mesenchymal lesions”, “Approach to the diagnostic challenge in tumours of the female pelvic peritoneum”, “Utility of frozen sections in evaluation of ovarian masses – a review and our experience”, “Sonographic pattern recognition in adenexal pathology”, “CT / MRI in benign and malignant conditions of Uterus”, “Proteomics in gynaecologic pathology” and “Diagnostic IHC in gynaecologic pathology”. Besides this there were two slide seminars, a Kodachrome Quiz and a Panel Discussion in which Pathologists and Clinicians participated. The distinguished Faculty consisted of speakers from abroad as well as India and included Dr. Meenakshi Singh, Dr. Khush Mittal and Dr. Subodh Lele all from USA and Dr. Kedar Deodhar, Dr. Nina Madani, Dr. Kusum Jasnani, Dr. Urmi Chakravorty, Dr. Pradeep Vaideshwar, Dr. Kalpana, Dr. Shubhada Kane, Dr. Chitra Madiwale, Dr. Sabita Desai, Dr. Nirad Mehta, Dr. Sanjay Navani, Dr. Anita Borges, Dr. S. Almel, Dr. V. Kannan and Dr. A. Maheshwari. The Proceedings of the CME, produced in the form of a booklet and CD, was distributed by the Organizers to the delegates. The CME was excellent and extremely well organized and the delegates found the CME very useful. At the short Valedictory function the Secretary & Treasurer Dr. Francisco Couto, on behalf of the IAP-ID, thanked Dr. Anita Bhaduri and her team for organizing the excellent CME.

Message from the Outgoing Editor

It is indeed been my happy privilege to be the Editor of the IAP-ID Newsletter right from the first issue Vol 1, No 1, January 1998 and to produce and present to you two issues of the IAP-ID Newsletter every year for the last 11 years. The IAP-ID Newsletter is aimed at encapsulating recent events in the Indian Division of the IAP as well as providing information on forthcoming activities as well as the activities of the International Academy of Pathology (IAP).

Since its inception I have always striven to constantly improve the form and content of the Newsletter so as it is not only informative to the members but also makes attractive and interesting reading. With this in mind several innovations and improvements have been made over the years and the Newsletter is now in full colour and eight pages in number. It has been praised both in India and abroad of being of international standard. As I end my long tenure as Editor I am happy and proud of being able to achieve this.

It has also been my constant endeavor over the years to make the Newsletter self financing, as far as possible, so as not to drain the corpus of the IAP-ID. In this regards I have received help and support from lots of Companies who have sponsored issues and put advertisements in them and I thank all for this. I also thank all the members of the IAP-ID who used their good offices to arrange these sponsors and advertisements from the Companies and in a special way I would like to thank Dr. Sujay Prasad (Bangalore) who has been instrumental in arranging so many sponsors for the Newsletter in the last several years.

As this issue was already partially prepared by me at the time of my election as President, and being in the interim period, this issue has been jointly edited and produced by me and the new Editor Dr. Krishna Balachandra Nair. I wish great success and all the best to the new Editor Dr. Krishna Balachandra Nair.

Dr. Francisco Couto

IAP-ID NEWSLETTER ON IAP HOME PAGE

The issues of the IAP-ID Newsletter are now available on the IAP Home Page. The address of the Home Page is

www.iaphomepage.org

IAP-ID WEBSITE

Information regarding the IAP-ID including Newsletter, Membership form, etc, can be visualized at the IAP-ID Website as below

www.iapid.org
The Annual Conference of the International Academy of Pathology – Indian Division was held on 15th December 2008 at the S R M Medical College Hospital and Research Center, Kattankulathur (near Chennai), Tamil Nadu. Delegates from all parts of India and a few overseas countries were in attendance.

The Conference began with Dr. M. Balaraman Nair, the senior most member of the IAP-ID there present, declaring the Conference open in the presence of Prof. J. van den Tweel (the invited foreign speaker and Past President of the British Division of the IAP), Dr. K. Uma Chaturvedi (President IAP-ID), Dr. Francisco Couto (Secretary & Treasurer IAP-ID), and other senior members.

The Scientific Programme followed immediately thereafter with the Guest lecture delivered by Prof. Dr. J. van den Tweel, Professor & Chairperson, Department of Pathology, University Medical Center, Utrecht, The Netherlands. Dr. van den Tweel delivered a lecture on “Burkitt’s Lymphoma: from Histology to Genetics”. Later, Prof. van den Tweel also conducted an excellent slide seminar on “Problem cases in Paediatric Bone Marrow Pathology” which was very well received by the delegates. Both the presentations of Prof. van den Tweel were highly appreciated by all the delegates present. The IAP-ID expresses its gratitude and thanks to Prof. J. van den Tweel for having come to the Annual Conference and for delivering the Guest lecture and Slide Seminar.

The Guest Lecture was followed by an excellent Slide Seminar on “Non Neoplastic Paediatric Pathology” which was ably moderated by Dr. B. M. Kandalkar (Mumbai). The cases very well discussed and presented by Dr. Kandalkar and her panelists Dr. Sudha Sane, Dr. Alka Kalgutkar, Dr. Grace D’Costa, Dr. Mukta Ramadwar, Dr. B. Meenakshi and Dr. Manisha Khare (all from Mumbai). Dr. B. M. Kandalkar had provided earlier, at cost, the slide boxes and CDs to those who were interested in previewing the slides.

The post lunch session had the Symposium on “Pathology of Aging” moderated very well by Dr. Medha Tatke (New Delhi). The topic was exhaustively and beautifully discussed by Dr. Medha Tatke and her panelists Dr. K. Uma Chaturvedi (New Delhi), Dr. S. K. Shankar (Bangalore), Dr. Rama Gopalan (Chennai), Col (Dr) Vibha Dutta (New Delhi) and Dr. Debattar Basu (Pondicherry).

The Scientific Programme of the Annual Meeting was brought out in the form of a Proceedings Booklet, edited by Dr. Francisco Couto, the Secretary & Treasurer of the IAP-ID, and was distributed to the delegates by the Organizers.

The Scientific Programme was followed by the General Body Meeting of the IAP-ID. The President of the IAP-ID Dr. Uma Chaturvedi chaired the Meeting and called the Meeting to order. One minute silence was observed by the members assembled in memory of the victims, soldiers, policemen and those who lost their lives in the Mumbai terrorist attack. The Secretary & Treasurer Dr. Francisco Couto read out the Minutes of the last General Body Meeting held at PGIMER, Chandigarh, on 25th November 2007; the annual Secretary & Treasurer’s report for the year 2007-2008; as well as the audited statement of accounts for 2007-2008, and these were duly approved by the members. The members were highly appreciative of the Secretary & Treasurer Dr. F. Couto for further raising the finances of the IAP-ID to such high levels. Dr. K. Uma Chaturvedi (President) and Dr. Roshini Chinoy (Counselor), having finished their 2 year term elections were held for these posts. Dr. Francisco Couto was elected as the new President of the IAP-ID. Both the Council and the General Body were lavish in their praise for Dr. Couto and praised the enormous contributions of Dr. Couto in his three terms (more than 11 years) of dedicated and distinguished service to the IAP-ID as Secretary & Treasurer IAP-ID and also as the Editor of the IAP-ID Newsletter and said that Dr. Couto had been the “face of the IAP-ID” both in India and internationally. Members honoured Dr. Francisco Couto by giving him a standing ovation. A resolution was passed by the General Body placing on record their deep appreciation and thanks to Dr. Francisco Couto for his distinguished and dedicated services and tireless efforts on behalf of the IAP-ID for the last more than 11 years as the Secretary & Treasurer as well as Editor of the IAP-ID Newsletter and in making the IAP-ID what it is today, a very strong and vibrant organization. The General Body also placed on record Dr. F. Couto’s tremendous contributions in increasing the finances from a few thousands when he took over to over Rs. 14 lacs, increasing the membership exponentially to the current level, vastly improving the academic standards of various IAP-ID programmes, starting a new academic activity the IAP-ID Annual CME, starting of the IAP-ID website, production of Proceedings Booklet of the Annual Conference, Editing and producing an international standard Newsletter, Asia Pacific IAP Congress, and for vastly improving the international standing of the IAP – Indian Division and making it one of the most respected Divisions of the IAP. Dr. Francisco Couto thanked the members for the great honour they had bestowed on him by electing him as President and for all the praises and accolades showered on him and thanked the members for all the love and affection and support they have shown him in his long years as Secretary & Treasurer of the IAP-ID and Editor IAP-ID Newsletter and pledged to continue to always work hard and serve to the best of his ability as President. The President Dr. K. Uma Chaturvedi and other members present once again warmly congratulated Dr. Francisco Couto and wished him all success in his new position. Dr. F. Couto having been elected as President the post of Secretary & Treasurer became vacant as also the post of Editor, IAP-ID Newsletter and Dr. Krishna Balachandran Nair from Trivandrum was elected as the new Secretary & Treasurer IAP-ID and also as the Editor, IAP-ID Newsletter. For the post of Counselor, Dr. Vatsala Mishra from Allahabad was elected as the new Counselor. Dr. Krishna Balachandran Nair and Dr. Vatsala Mishra were warmly congratulated by Dr. K. Uma Chaturvedi, Dr. Francisco Couto and other members present. Dr. F. Couto thanked the outgoing President Dr. K. Uma Chaturvedi and Counselor Dr. Roshni Chinoy as well as the ex officio Council member Lt. Gen. J. R. Bhardwaj for their dedicated services to the IAP-ID. Dr. F. Couto, Secretary & Treasurer IAP-ID, also expressed the deep gratitude and special thanks of the IAP-ID to Dr. G. N. Mohanty for having served the IAP-ID with great dedication in many
The 6th Asia Pacific Body meeting at Kattankulathur, the IAP-ID 12th Annual CME decided earlier, and confirmed once again during the General Body meeting and was discussed and the Secretary & Treasurer informed that there was no such rule that the concerned member has to be present in the house provided the said individual has consented to serve the IAP-ID in that position as the IAP-ID should strive to have the best person doing a particular job. After considerable discussion it was decided by the General Body that, although not mandatory, it would be desirable that the member whose name was being considered for office bearer be present.

It was decided that the IAP-ID Annual Meeting 2009 would be held, as usual, at venue of the IAPM Conference and would be held in Kolkata to be organized by Dr. Subir K. Dutta, Dr. Sabitri Sanyal and group. Besides the Guest Lecture and a Slide Seminar by the invited foreign speaker it was decided that the Slide Seminar would be on “Pancreatic Lesions” to be moderated by Dr. C. Sundaram (Hyderabad) and the Symposium on “Nanotechnology in Pathology” to be moderated by Dr. A. K. Dinda (New Delhi). The Mid Year Teaching Programme 2009 was allotted to the Department of Pathology, Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC), Pune, under the direction of Col. S. S. Gill and will be a CME on “Head and Neck Pathology”. As per their decision, hence forth the British Division of IAP would only support those programmes in India which were activities of the IAP – Indian Division, being a sister IAP Division. Dr. F. Couto, Secretary & Treasurer, also briefed the members about the status of the forth coming IAP Asia Pacific Congress 2009 at Kochi being hosted under the auspices of the IAP – Indian Division and organized by the Kerala Pathologists at Kochi, Kerala. The help and support of the members was sought to make the meeting a grand success. The General Body impressed upon Dr. Harilal (Organizing Secretary) the need for urgency in finalizing the arrangements of the meeting. Another matter which was discussed was the Conference arrangements at Kattankulathur and the Council and General Body expressed their dismay and dissatisfaction at the poor state of arrangements which were made for the Annual Conference in spite of the good infrastructure which resulted in lot of disarray and problems for all the participants.

Dr. Francisco Couto, Secretary & Treasurer, on behalf of the IAP-ID, thanked Dr. Jan van den Tweel, Dr. B. M. Kandalkar and her team and Dr. Medha Tatke and her panelists for their contribution to the success of the scientific programme. The Secretary & Treasurer Dr. Couto expressed gratitude and thanks to Dr. Niranjan Rout, Secretary IAPM, for so graciously consenting to having the Annual Meeting of the IAP-ID in conjunction with the IAPM Conference. On behalf of the IAP-ID, Dr. Couto expressed thanks to Dr. Pankajalakshmi V. Venugopal, Chairperson, and Dr. Taralakshmi V. Venugopal (Organizing Secretary), for hosting the Meeting. Dr. Francisco Couto once again thanked the members for electing him as President and for all the affection and support they had showed him for his long tenure as Secretary & Treasurer. The Meeting was then concluded and declared closed by the President.

The IAP-ID expresses its gratitude and thanks to Lt. Gen. J. R. Bhardwaj, Dr. G. N. Mohanty, Dr. Roshan Chinoy (Mumbai), Dr. K. Uma Chaturvedi (Delhi) and Dr. Francisco Couto (Goa) for their sterling contribution and dedicated service in various capacities as Officers of the IAP-ID. Dr. Francisco Couto continues to serve as the new President while Dr. K. Uma Chaturvedi continues to serve as ex officio Council member.
Dear friends,

Wish you all a very happy and peaceful 2009. I wish to express my sincere thanks to all the members for appointing me as the Secretary & Treasurer and Editor of IAP-ID. I hope, I will be able to function fruitfully and carry the association forward. Seeking whole hearted co-operation and support from each and every one of you.

Yours sincerely

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6th ASIA PACIFIC IAP CONGRESS

Le Meredien Resort and Convention Center
Kochi, Kerala, India
20th - 23rd August 2009

The 6th Asia Pacific Congress of the International Academy of Pathology (IAP) under the auspices of the International Academy of Pathology – Indian Division and organized on its behalf by the Kerala Chapter of IAPM will be held from 20th to 23rd August 2009 at the Le Meredien Resort and Convention Center, Kochi, Kerala.

The Congress will have an interesting academic programme with distinguished international faculty from all over the world and would provide IAP-ID members and other Pathologists from India and neighboring countries the opportunity to attend an international Conference in India without having to travel long distances abroad to do so and at a fraction of the cost involved as compared to international Conference held abroad. Delegates from India would also get an opportunity to interact with delegates from other countries and exchange knowledge and information with them.

Abstract submission is to be done online. Registration for the Congress can either be done online or through downloadable Registration form.

All details of the Congress are available online on the Congress website, namely:

www.apiap2009.com

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