My dear friends,

I begin by sending you all my best wishes and warm greetings. Pathology has been making great strides in recent years with newer diagnostic modalities and ancillary aids opening new vistas and horizons both for diagnostic work as well as research. These new developments have had a salutary effect on both the diagnosis and treatment thus tremendously benefitting patients. In this scenario it is imperative that all of us Pathologists keep abreast of the latest developments and be constantly updated.

The IAP-ID has, for long, been in the forefront of this effort and has been having excellent academic programmes which not only cover areas of topical interest and day to day utility but also strives to make Pathologists aware of newer developments and make them conversant with the current frontiers in the field. We have just had, in May, the Mid Year Teaching Programme on Head and Neck Pathology, an area of immense importance in our country. The meeting gave important insights and practical tips about Head and Neck Pathology and was extremely well conducted and organized by Col. N. S. Mani and his team from the Armed Forces Medical College, Pune.

Coming up shortly, from the 20th to 23rd August, we have the much anticipated 6th Asia Pacific IAP Congress at Kochi, Kerala state, India, held under the auspices of the IAP – Indian Division and organized on its behalf by the Kerala Chapter of IAPM. It is the first time an international Congress of the International Academy of Pathology (IAP) is being held in India and it is an honour and privilege for our country to be hosting this Congress. I solicit your co-operation in making this Congress a grand success and urge you all to attend in large numbers as it will provide a unique opportunity for Pathologists from India to interact and exchange information and ideas with the distinguished Faculty and delegates from all over the world. Please visit the Congress website www.apiap2009.com where detailed information about the Congress is available. The IAP-ID Annual CME which has the theme of “Dermatopathology” has been incorporated this year in the forthcoming the 6th Asia Pacific IAP Congress in August.

The Annual Conference of the IAP-ID will be held in December in Kolkata. There is a very interesting scientific Programme laid up and I am sure that Prof. P. K. Mitra and his team will ensure for us a memorable time at the Conference.

I look forward to meeting you all in Kochi and Kolkata and urge all of you to participate actively in all the various scientific activities of the IAP-ID.
Editor's Column

It is my proud privilege to present to you this issue of the IAPID Newsletter (Vol 12, no2, July 2009) encapsulating recent events in the Indian Division of the IAP as well as providing information on the forthcoming activities.

The newsletter is a vehicle that keeps members updated of the various activities of the IAP-Indian Division as well as the IAP. I appeal to all those members involved in the various activities of the IAP, and the IAP-ID to send the various inputs to me so that the relevant material can be incorporated in the divisional newsletter. Thus the newsletter will become more informative and effective. I shall try my level best to make the newsletter informative and attractive.

The newsletter needs to be self financing so as not to drain the corpus fund of IAPID. I earnestly appeal to all the members to use your capacity to arrange sponsors for the newsletter. THE sponsors/advertisers should send their advertisement material and demand drafts to in favour of ‘SECRETARY & TREASURER, IAP INDIAN DIVISION PAYABLE AT TRIVANDRUM’ AND SEND IT TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS: Dr Krishna Balachandran Nair, Secretary and Treasurer, IAPID, Gayathri, TC15/511, USRA 56, USRoad, Vellayambalam, Trivandrum –695010 Kerala

I wish you all pleasant reading

Dr Krishna Balachandran Nair
Editor, IAPID Newsletter

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

6th ASIA PACIFIC IAP CONGRESS
Le Meredian 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 Meredian 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 neighbouring 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

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
This year for the IAP-ID Annual Meeting 2009 at Kolkata, our invited Guest Speaker will be Dr. Achyut K. Bhattacharyya, Professor of Pathology and General Surgery & Director of Surgical Pathology and Interim Department Head, Department of Pathology, University of Arizona Health Sciences Center, Tucson, Arizona, USA. The IAP-ID is deeply honoured and happy to have Prof. Achyut K. Bhattacharyya attend the Meeting. A brief biodata of Prof. Achyut K. Bhattacharyya is given here under for the benefit of the members:

Dr. Achyut K. Bhattacharyya completed his post graduate training in 1976 with a gold medal in General Surgery from National Medical College, Calcutta, India. He was trained in Anatomic Pathology from the Boston Children’s Hospital and the New England Deaconess Hospital; both part of the Harvard Medical School. He completed the Clinical Pathology training in 1986 from the Worcester Memorial Hospital. He is board certified in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology.

Dr. Achyut K. Bhattacharyya has occupied several important positions in his career and is currently the Professor of Pathology and General Surgery & Director of Surgical Pathology and Interim Head, Department of Pathology, University of Arizona Health Sciences Center, Tucson, Arizona, United States of America. Dr. Bhattacharyya’s interests and expertise involve G.I. and Liver Pathology. He leads an active telepathology diagnostic practice in Arizona under the Arizona Telemedicine Program. As the Director of Surgical Pathology he is in the middle of a very busy clinical practice with a strong outreach program.

Dr. Bhattacharyya is part of several American National Cancer Institute (NCI) research programs. These involve colon cancer prevention as well as G.I. cancer translational research. He actively collaborates with the Arizona Cancer Center, serves as the G.I. Pathologist for the center and leads a seminar every Wednesday for gastroenterologists. As of 2005, he has become part of the NCI think tank group for pancreatic cancer studies. He has published about 50 papers, made number of presentations including one at the IAP in Australia in 2004. He actively collaborates with pathologists in India and had presented his work on several occasions in the last 4 years.

Along with the above-mentioned activities, Dr. Bhattacharyya maintains and balances an active teaching schedule for residents, second year medical students and post-sophomore fellows. He has obtained several awards, including the award of “Basic Science Educator of the Year” for 2001 and 2002, “Dean’s List for Excellence in Teaching” 1999-2003, and 2005, the “John Davis Faculty of the Year” for 1999-2000 and the C. George Ray Outstanding Post-Sophomore Fellowship Teacher of the year 2007. In summary, his professional activities include patient care, teaching and research.

The IAP-ID is honoured to have Prof. Achyut K. Bhattacharyya as the invited Guest Speaker this year and warmly welcomes him.

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The conjoint Conference of the International Academy of Pathology – Indian Division (IAP-ID) and the Indian Association of Pathologists & Microbiologists (IAPM) is being held at Kolkata, in December this year.

**Dates of Conference**
- IAP-ID on 18th December 2009
- IAPM from 19th to 21st December 2009

**Post Conference Workshop & CMEs**
- 22nd and 23rd December 2009

**Conference Secretariat:**
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The Mid Year Teaching Programme of the IAP-ID was held on 23rd and 24th May 2009 at the Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC), Pune, and was a Workshop on “Head and Neck Pathology”. Col. N. S. Mani was the Organizing Secretary and Col. S. S. Gill the Joint Organizing Secretary. The CME was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Lt. General J. R. Bhardwaj (member, National Disaster Management Authority & Former Director General, Armed Forces Medical Services and Past President, IAP-ID) in the distinguished presence of Lt. Gen. Shiv Kumar Sharma (Director & Commandant, AFMC), Maj. Gen. Gautam Ravindranath (Dean, AFMC), Dr. Francisco Couto (President, IAP-ID) and Col. N. S. Mani (Organizing Secretary) and other dignitaries. The Workshop was well attended and had delegates attending from all over the country. The Scientific sessions were very well planned and all aspects of Head and Neck Pathology were very well and extensively covered by the distinguished Faculty which included Dr. Kusum Joshi (Chandigarh), Lt. Col. R. B. Batra (Pune), Col. S. S. Gill (Pune), Dr. S. V. Kane (Mumbai), Dr. Rekha V. Kumar (Bangalore), Col. N. S. Mani (Pune), Surg. Cdr. R. Pant (Pune), Dr. K. Ranganathan (Chennai), Col. Kavita Sahai (Pune), Dr. Tanuja Shet (Mumbai) and Col. M. D. Venkatesh (Pune). The Keynote address was delivered by Prof. Kusum Joshi on “Necroinflammatory Lesions of the Head and Neck”. The topics covered in the CME included Case presentations “Primer to Problems in Head & Neck Pathology”, “Molecular Pathology of Head and Neck Tumours and its role in Targeted Therapy”, “Application of Electron Microscopy in Head and Neck Lesions”, “Odontogenic Lesions and Tumours”, “Precancerous lesions of Oral Cavity”, “Radiologist Perspective in Head and Neck Lesions”, “Sinonasal Tumours”, “Haematolymphoid Lesions of Head and Neck”, “Surgeon’s Practice and Perspective in Head and Neck Malignancies”, “Pathology of Infections of Head and Neck”, “Prognostic Factors in Malignancies of the Head and Neck” and a Slide Seminar on interesting cases by Dr. S. V. Kane and team. Arrangements were made for viewing the Slides by the delegates and a CD and Proceedings Book of the CME was also distributed to the delegates by the Organizers. The Workshop was excellent and extremely well organized and conducted and was very fruitful for all the participants. At the short Valedictory function Col. N. S. Mani and Dr. F. Couto summarized the proceedings of the two days and elicited feedback from the participants who were all praises for the Organizers and for the excellent meeting. On behalf of the IAP-ID, Dr. Francisco Couto (President, IAP-ID) expressed gratitude and thanks to Col. N. S. Mani (Organizing Chairperson), Col. S. S. Gill (Joint Organizing Secretary) and their team for organizing and conducting the excellent meeting.

**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 “Trivandrum”.

**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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IAP-ID Academic Activities 2010

The IAP-ID has the following programmes during the course of the year:

- Mid Year Teaching Programme (usually a Workshop)
- IAP-ID Annual CME
- Annual Meeting (usually held in conjunction with IAPM Meeting) having a Symposium and Slide Seminar.

Those members desirous of organizing and hosting the Mid Year Teaching Programme 2010 or the 13th IAP-ID Annual CME 2010 should send their concrete proposals with the theme of the meeting to the Secretary & Treasurer, Dr. Krishna Balachandran Nair.

For the Annual Meeting 2010 (held along with the IAPM Conference), those desirous of being Moderators for the Symposium or Slide Seminar should send in their names along with the proposed title of the Symposium and Slide Seminar to the Secretary & Treasurer, IAP-ID. Also as per the decision of the General Body of the IAP-ID certain topics have been suggested as possible subjects for the Slide Seminar and Symposium. Members desirous of being Moderators for any of these topics should send their names to the Secretary & Treasurer, IAP-ID. However, as per the decision of the Council and General Body of the IAP-ID, the person selected as the moderator shall be the one who is felt to be best suited to be for the particular topic of the Symposium or Slide Seminar.

All proposals should reach the Secretary & Treasurer, IAP-ID, by 15th October 2009, so as the same proposals could be discussed and approved by the Council and General Body of the IAP-ID.

The proposals should be sent to: Dr. Krishna Balachandran Nair, Secretary & Treasurer, IAP-ID, Indian Division, Gayathri, TC 15/511, USRA 56, U. S. Road, Vellayambalam, Trivandrum – 695010, Kerala

SLIDE SETS on “Pancreatic Lesions”

Slide Sets on “Pancreatic Lesions” will be on sale for those members wishing to view the glass slides of the Slide Seminar of the IAP-ID Annual Conference 2009 at Science City, Kolkata. The Moderator of the Slide Seminar is Dr. C. Sundaram (Hyderabad).

The request for the Slide Box should reach Dr. C. Sundaram before 30th September 2009 at the address/ e-mail given below. The cost of the Slide Box is Rs. 600/- and will be provided on a first come first serve basis. The DD should be drawn in favour of ‘Path CME’ payable at Hyderabad and should be sent to Dr. C. Sundaram at the address given below only after Dr. Sundaram informs the respective applicant that the slide box has been allotted to him/her.

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5 years Membership Fees

Membership fees for 5 years are now being accepted. The fees are Rs. 2000/- by Demand Draft payable at “Trivandrum” or Rs. 2075/- if by cheque

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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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Programme

7.45 am - 8.30 am Registration
8.30 am - 9.00 am Inauguration
9.00 am - 10.00 am Guest Lecture ‘Pathology of Liver Transplantation’
by Prof. Achyut Bhattacharyya
Arizona, USA
10.00 am - 10.30 am Tea
10.30 am - 12.30 pm Slide Seminar ‘Pancreatic Lesions’
Moderator: Dr. C. Sundaram, Hyderabad
12.30 pm - 1.30 pm Lunch
12.30 pm - 2.30 pm Slide Seminar ‘Pathology of Liver Tumours’
by Prof. Achyut Bhattacharyya
Arizona, USA
2.30 pm - 4.30 pm Symposium ‘Nanotechnology in Pathology’
Moderator: Dr. A. K. Dinda, New Delhi
4.30 pm - 5.30 pm General Body Meeting of IAP-ID
Meeting concludes and Tea

Annual Conference 2009
East Zonal Cultural Centre, Salt Lake, Kolkata
18th December 2009
My warm greetings and best wishes to you all. I extend a warm welcome to all the new members of IAP-ID who have joined recently. I look forward to their active participation and contribution to the activities of the division. The IAP-ID always focuses to have interesting and excellent academic activities and this attracts increasing number of new members. The members are the strength of the division, and they make the division grow and develop.

The Mid Year Teaching Programme of the IAP-ID was held on 23rd and 24th May 2009 at the Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC), Pune, and there was a Workshop on “Head and Neck Pathology”. Col. N. S. Mani was the Organizing Secretary and Col. S. S. Gill the Joint Organizing Secretary. The Workshop was a fruitful one and was well attended and had delegates attending from all over the country. On behalf of IAPID and on my personal behalf I wish to thank Col NS Mani the organizing secretary, Col S.S.Gill joint organizing secretary for their efforts. I also wish to thank all the faculty members of the programme and the delegates who made the event a great success. In August we are having the 6th Asia Pacific Congress of the International Academy of Pathology (IAP) under the auspices of the International Academy of Pathology – Indian Division and is organized on its behalf by the Kerala Chapter of IAPM, will be held from 20th to 23rd August 2009 at the Le Meredian Resort and Convention Center, Kochi, Kerala. This year’s annual CME, (12th Annual IAPID CME) on Dermatopathology is incorporated into the mega event of Asia Pacific congress. The topic is Pathology of Cutaneous infections and Granulomatous lesions, and is organised by Dr K.R Harilal. The speakers include Dr K.P. Aravindan, Dr Nandakumar G, Dr S.Sankar, Dr Sushil Chandy and Dr Jayaram. The faculty members of CME are all eminent resource persons and excellent teachers. The CME promises to be very useful to all those who attend. On behalf of IAPID and my own behalf I express our sincere gratitude to Dr KR Harilal and team for organizing the CME. I earnestly request the members to attend Asia Pacific Congress in large numbers and make the event a great success. This is an unique opportunity, perhaps once in a lifetime opportunity for some of us to meet internationally famous faculties and exchange the ideas.

Later this year on dec 18th 2009, we will have the IAPID annual conference along with the annual National IAPM conference (as part of APCON 2009) at Kolkata. The scientific programme of the meeting are very interesting and promise to be an excellent academic feast. And I am sure that the meeting organized by Prof (Dr) P.K.Mitra will be a grand success. I urge the members to attend these academic programmes in large numbers and I look forward to meet you all at these meetings.

I do hereby sincerely request all members who have not yet paid the membership fees for this year or are in arrears, to kindly pay their dues immediately.

Let me conclude by sending the warmest good wishes to you and your families.

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MEETINGS

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

The Banff Pathology Course
Bone and Soft Tissue Pathology
2 - 5 September 2009
Banff, Alberta, Canada
Website: http://www.rimrockresort.com

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

Cytology Symposium
10 – 12 September, 2009
Singapore General Hospital, Singapore
Website: http://www.sgh.com.sg/
CytologySymposium2009

IAP French Division
10th Foreign Speaker’s Course of Medical Education
6 November, 2009
ASIEM, 6 rue Albert de Lapparent, 75007 Paris
Website: http://www.francepathol.org/aip_v3/congres_reunions/fiche.cfm?num=110&type=divisions
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