

Brief report of the IAP – Indian Division (IAP-ID) for 2009 & 2010

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Over the years, the IAP–Indian Division has evolved to become one of the most active and vibrant Divisions of the IAP. The IAP-ID convenes three academic meetings in a year, publishes two issues of its own newsletter every year, and maintains its own website.

In 2009 the IAP-ID, along with the Kerala Chapter of the IAPM, was privileged to host the **6th Asia Pacific Congress of the International Academy of Pathology** at Kochi in Kerala. This was a singular event, which the Indian division will look back on with a sense of pride.

Report on Academic meetings held during 2009-2010

1. IAP-ID Mid Year Teaching Programme is generally held in April or May, and is usually a Workshop on a subject of practical utility, targeted at trainee and young pathologists. The proceedings are distributed as handouts or CDs to the delegates.

2009

Workshop on “Head and Neck Pathology” held on 23rd and 24th May 2009 at the Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC), Pune. The following subjects were covered.

- Necro-inflammatory Lesions of the Head and Neck: Keynote address delivered by Prof. Kusum Joshi
- 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 Slide Seminar on interesting cases.

2010

Workshop on “Fluorescence in Pathology” held in New Delhi on 22nd and 23rd May 2010 at the Department of Pathology, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi. The topics covered included: _

- Principles of Microscopy & Types of Microscopes
- Fluorescence: Types and Principles
- Fluorescent Dyes, Tagging of Antibodies
- Luminescent proteins and their uses & Dye labelled proteins and probes
- Confocal Microscopy

- Quantum Dot technique
- Flow Cytometry & Qualitative Analysis
- Role of Immuno-fluorescence in biopsy diagnosis: Case based presentation
- Immune mediated Skin disorders
- Immune mediated Kidney Disorders
- Autoimmune Liver Disorders
- Autoimmune Lung Disorders
- Importance of Immuno-fluorescence: a clinical perspective
- FISH
- Detection of organisms, Mycobacteria, Parasites, others
- The Future of Fluorescence

There were Microscopy sessions and delegates were shown glass slides of actual lesions and various fluorescent applications.

On the 24th May 2010, as a continuation of the Programme, a Faculty Training Workshop was conducted for a select group of senior Pathologists by Dr. Manoj K. Singh and Dr. Amit Dinda with participation of the Faculty of the Mid Year Programme on “Setting up a Diagnostic Immuno Fluorescence Laboratory”.

2. IAP-ID Annual CME is usually held in the month of August or September addresses a topic of current interest or new frontiers and developments in the field of anatomic pathology or cytopathology.

2009

“Pathology of Cutaneous Infections and Granulomatous Diseases” conducted by the Kerala Chapter of IAPM on 23rd August 2009 along with the 6th Asia Pacific IAP Congress held at Kochi, Kerala. The following subjects were addressed:

- Approach to histological diagnosis of Cutaneous infections and granulomatous Diseases
- Common Cutaneous non granulomatous infections
- Rare non granulomatous infections of skin
- Common cutaneous granulomatous infection including Hansens Disease
- Rare Granulomatous infections of skin
- Clinico Pathological Correlation in Cutaneous infections and granulomatous diseases
- Slide Seminar on Cutaneous infections and granulomatous disease of skin (12 cases discussed) Panel Discussion: Problems in the diagnosis of cutaneous infections.

2010

“An update on Diabetes Mellitus” held on 5th September 2010 at the M. S. Ramaiah Medical College, Bangalore. The topics covered were:

- Clinical Pathology of Diabetes,
- Renal Changes in Diabetes
- Ocular Changes in Diabetes
- Diabetes and Infections
- Clinician’s Perspective
- Panel discussion where Pathologists and Clinicians participated and discussed various aspects of Diabetes of interest to both.

3. IAP-ID Annual Conference is held in November or December. During this meeting a Guest Lecture is delivered by an invited speaker of international repute who usually also conducts a slide seminar. A separate slide seminar and a symposium on subjects chosen by members of the IAP-ID is also part of this annual event. This one day Conference is held in conjunction with the Annual National Conference of the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists (IAPM) for the convenience of members, many of which are members of both Associations.

2009

The Annual Conference of the International Academy of Pathology – Indian Division was held on 18th December 2009 at the East Zone Cultural Center, Salt Lake, Kolkata. Delegates from all parts of India and a few overseas countries were in attendance. The Scientific Programme consisted of the

- Guest lecture “Pathology of Liver Transplantation” delivered by Dr. Achyut K. Bhattacharya, 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, on Slide seminar on “Pathology of Liver Tumours”. By Dr Bhattacharya
- Slide Seminar on “Pancreatic Lesions” which was moderated by Dr. C. Sundaram (Hyderabad). Dr. C. Sundaram had provided earlier, at cost, the slide boxes and CDs to those were interested in previewing the slides.
- Symposium on “Nanotechnology in Pathology” moderated by Dr. Amit K. Dinda (New Delhi).

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

2010

The Annual Conference of the International Academy of Pathology – Indian Division will be held on 9th December 2010 at Hyderabad. The scientific Programme will include

- Guest Lecture entitled ‘How pathologists need to respond to the impact of molecular diagnostics. Lessons from Neuro-oncology.’ by Prof. Dr. H. K. Ng, Hong Kong.
- Slide Seminar on ‘Surgical Neuropathology’ by Prof. Ng
- Slide Seminar on ‘Unusual Tumour & Tumour like Lesions of the Lung’ moderated by Dr. Pradeep Vaideeshwar, Mumbai.
- Symposium on ‘Predictive Pathology’ to be moderated by Dr. Anita Borges, Mumbai.

A “Proceedings Booklet” will also be provided to the participants.

4. 6th Asia Pacific Congress of the International Academy of Pathology (IAP) was held at Kochi, Kerala, from 20th to 23rd August 2009 at the Le Meridien Resorts and Convention Center.

Organization: The host Division for the Congress was the IAP – Indian Division and the Congress was organized by the IAP – Indian Division with the local Organizers being the Kerala Chapter of the Indian Association of Pathology & Microbiology. The Organizing Committee included Dr. M. Balaraman Nair (Congress President), Dr. Anita Borges, Vice President Asia IAP (Congress Vice President), Dr. Francisco Couto, President IAP – Indian Division (Chairman of Congress Scientific Committee and Chief Co-Ordinator), Dr. K. R. Harilal (Congress Organizing Chairman) and Dr. S. Sankar (Joint Organizing Chairman) and many other local and national Committee members. Prof. Robin A. Cooke (Australia) and Prof. H. K. Ng (Hong Kong) were the International Advisors for the Congress. Dr. Francisco Couto, President IAP – Indian Division was the Chairman of the Scientific Committee and the Chief Co-Ordinator of the Congress and was the key person of the Congress.

Delegates: The Congress was very well attended with delegates from India and all over the world. The Faculty for the Congress consisted of eminent Pathologists from all over the world. There were 130 Faculty speakers and more than 630 delegates from different countries of the world including India. Amongst the countries represented were India, China, Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Japan, Taiwan, Korea, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Kuwait, United Kingdom, Portugal, Germany, Belgium, Romania, The Netherlands, Canada, France, United States of America, etc.

IAP presence: The Congress was attended by several dignitaries from the IAP and various IAP Divisions from all over the world specially the Asia Pacific region like Prof. H. Konrad Muller (Immediate Past President IAP), Prof. Kristin Henry (President Elect IAP), Prof. Francis Jaubert (Past President IAP), Prof. David Hardwick (Secretary IAP), Prof. Robin Cooke (Editor, International Pathology), Prof. H. K. Ng, Prof. Bob Osamura and various Vice Presidents of the IAP, Presidents & Secretaries of various IAP Divisions, etc. Prof. Florabel Mullick, the President of the IAP, unfortunately could not attend and sent her greetings and best wishes for the success of the Congress.

Inaugural Ceremony & Cultural events: Prof. H. Konrad Muller who was the Chief Guest inaugurated the Congress by lighting the traditional lamp assisted by other dignitaries Prof. David Hardwick, Dr. Anita Borges, Dr. Francisco Couto, Dr. M. Balaraman Nair and Dr. K. R. Harilal. Prof. David Hardwick who was the Guest of Honour released the publications of the Congress like the “Congress Proceedings” CD, Abstract Book, Scientific Programme and the Souvenir book. Earlier, Dr. M. Balaraman Nair welcomed the delegates and Faculty to the Congress. The Presidential Address was delivered by Dr. Francisco Couto who highlighted the tremendous progress made by the IAP – Indian Division over the years and also thanked the IAP Asia Pacific Divisions and the IAP for their support. Dr. Couto also thanked all the Faculty speakers and delegates for their contributions to the success of the Congress. Dr. K. R. Harilal proposed the vote of thanks. Both Dr. Balaraman Nair and Dr. Harilal in their addresses praised and thanked Dr. Francisco Couto for his yeoman services and tremendous contribution in ensuring the success of the Congress.

The Inaugural function was attended by the various IAP dignitaries and delegates. This was followed by the Welcome Reception. On the other days there were Cultural Programmes which showcased the rich cultural heritage of Kerala state.

Support for the Congress: Dr. Couto in his inaugural speech expressed the gratitude and thanks

of the IPA-ID to the IAP (specially its Education Committee), Australasian Division of IAP, Hong Kong Division of IAP and the Chinese University of Hong Kong, Japanese Division of IAP, and the British Division of IAP for their help and support towards the Congress.

Scientific Content: Prof. Robin A. Cooke (Australia) delivered a fascinating Keynote address entitled “**A Cooke’s tour of Pathology in Mythology**”. There were four Plenary speakers namely, Prof. Mahul B. Amin (USA), Prof. Bharat Jasani (UK), Prof. Bharat N. Nathwani (USA) and Prof. Sunil R. Lakhani (Australia). The Scientific sessions included Genito-Urologic Pathology, Bone & Soft Tissue Pathology, Cytopathology, Molecular Pathology, Molecular & Immunohistology (which was in association with APSMI), Endocrine & Neuroendocrine Pathology, Gastro Intestinal Pathology, Breast Pathology, Gynaecologic Pathology, Hepatobiliary Pathology, Neuropathology, Pulmonary Pathology, Cardiac Pathology, Renal Pathology, Infectious Diseases Pathology, Haematolymphoid Pathology, Paediatric Pathology, Medical Education and Dermatopathology. Besides these Scientific sessions, more than 200 scientific poster presentations were made.

Closing ceremony: The Congress ended with a short Valedictory function where the President of the IAP – Indian Division Dr. Francisco Couto handed over the IAP flag to the President of the IAP – Taiwan Division Prof. Shih-Ming Jung and his team who will be hosting the next Asia Pacific Congress in 2011 in Taiwan. Dr. Couto wished them all success for the forth coming Congress.

The 6th Asia Pacific Congress was very well appreciated by both Faculty and delegates and evoked a very good feedback.

Publications & Website

The IAP-ID has its own Newsletter, the IAP-ID Newsletter, released twice a year in January and July, which keeps the members abreast with the activities of the Indian Division as well as other important news of the IAP and various meetings taking place in various parts of the world. The IAP-ID also has its own website, namely, www.iapid.org

2009

Two issues of the “IAP-ID Newsletter” were released, namely Vol. 12, No.1, January 2009 and Vol. 12, No. 2, July 2009 and were sent to all the members.

2010

Two issues of the “IAP-ID Newsletter” were released, namely Vol. 13, No. 1, January 2010 and Vol. 13, No. 2, July 2010 encapsulating the various activities of the Indian Division as well as relevant news about the IAP and various international meetings.