

**Report from Dr. H.K. Ng, Vice-President of Asia, IAP to the Executive Committee of the International Academy of Pathology to be held at Sao Paulo, October 9, 2010**

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The activities of the Hong Kong Division (<http://www.hkiap.org>) since the last report in March 21, 2010 at Washington DC are as below (events reported before are not being repeated) :

The **main officers** of the Hong Kong Division for 2008-2009 are:

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President-Elect: Loretta Tse ([tsely@ha.org.hk](mailto:tsely@ha.org.hk))

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Treasurer: Colin Mak ([klmak@ha.org.hk](mailto:klmak@ha.org.hk))

The **Annual Scientific Meeting** for 2010 was held on December 4-5, 2010 with Dr **Stuart Schnitt**, Harvard University, as the keynote speaker on breast pathology. There was an excellent turnout of pathologists from Hong Kong and neighboring countries and cities.

**Spring Annual Scientific Meeting**

May 28-29, 2011. **Drs Elizabeth Montgomery and Jonathan Epstein**, Johns Hopkins University, will speak on urology and soft tissue

**Histopathology Short Courses:**

April 24, 2010, on cytology, with **Dr Syed Ali**, Johns Hopkins University

November 7, 2010, on dermatopathology, with **Dr Bruce Smoller**, University of Arkansas, in conjunction with Hong Kong Society of Dermatology and Venereology

**Brain 2011**, the eighth multidisciplinary meeting will be co-sponsored by the Division as well as Hong Kong Society of Neurology and Hong Kong Neurosurgical Society (<http://www.brain.med.cuhk.edu.hk>). The pathology speakers are **Drs Gregory Fuller** (MD Anderson), **Kalman Kovacs** (University of Toronto) and **Werner Paulus** (Munster, Germany). The themes will be stroke and brain tumours. In addition, Dr Fuller will do a one-day course for pathologists.

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**Interaction with other Asia Pacific Divisions and pathology organizations**

The 7<sup>th</sup> **Asia Pacific Congress of the International Academy of Pathology (APIAP)** will be held in Taipei on May 20-24, 2011. The website is <http://www.apiap2011.com>. The Taiwanese division has made up an extremely exciting and packed programme with more than 160 speakers from outside Taiwan. All these pathologists have come to teach at APIAP at their own costs !!! The Hong Kong Division sends at least six speakers to the meeting.

Preliminary plans are made for the Eighth APIAP Congress in Seoul in 2013 and Ninth APIAP Congress Brisbane in 2015. The Australasian Division has already proposed the dates of the 2015 to be **June 4-7, 2015**. They hope by this very early announcement, there should be no clash of major activity in the region.

**The Seventh Business meeting** of the Asia Pacific Divisions and associated pathology organizations was held on August 22 at Kochi. It was attended by 17 delegates from seven regions of the region. Regular business meetings have been held regularly in every IAP Congress and every Asia Pacific IAP meetings. H.K. Ng routinely sent out a copy of the minutes to the Secretary of the IAP. The Eighth Business Meeting will be held during the IAP Congress at Sao Paulo.

**Asia Pacific Pathology website** - An active web site exists for the Asia Pacific group (<http://www.acp.cuhk.edu.hk/app>) continues to be used and updated. The Vice Presidents' reports from Asia are listed there for the convenience of checking up activities in the region.

The Asia Pacific group interacts closely with the **Asia Pacific Society of Molecular Immunohistochemistry** which holds some of their annual meetings just before our Asia Pacific IAP Meetings. They held a companion symposium of molecular pathology at the Sixth APIAP Meeting on at Kochi on August 20, 2009 thanks to the efforts of **Robert Osamura** and **Jiang Gu**.

The **Chinese Division** and the **Hong Kong Division** will co-organize the **Eighth Meeting of the Association of Directors of Pathology of China** in Shanghai on October 22-24, 2010 (<http://www.acp.cuhk.edu.hk/adpc>). The conference is organized mainly by the Shanghai Cancer Hospital and thirteen international speakers are supported by the **Chinese University of Hong Kong, Pathological Society of UK, Department of Pathology of University of British Columbia, Department of Pathology of Calgary University, St Vincent Hospital (Melbourne) and the Chinese American Pathologists' Association**. **David Hardwick**, Secretary of the IAP will represent the IAP at the Meeting.

**Interactions with other international organizations of pathologists** : We interact actively with the **International Association of Chinese Pathologists (IACP)** and **Chinese American Pathologists' Association (CAPA)**, both of them pathology organizations made up mainly of pathologists of Chinese ethnic origin practicing in North America. We meet regularly during the USCAP Meeting including the recent Denver meeting. The President of the Hong Kong Division, **Gary Tse** who is also the President-Elect of the IACP and me lectured in regional meetings of pathology several times a year and interacts often with the Thai, Chinese and the Philippine divisions and Malaysian and Singaporean pathology organizations.

H.K. Ng wishes to thank the following for their strenuous efforts in developing educational activities described in this report: **Konrad Muller, David F. Hardwick, Kristin Henry, Robert Osamura, Robin Cooke, Gary Tse, Francisco Couto, Anita Borges, and Robert Eckstein**.

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**Brief report of the IAP – Indian Division for the Years 2009 & 2010 for Dr. H. K. Ng, Vice President (Asia) IAP**

Herein is a brief report for the years 2009 & 2010 namely the two years after the last international Congress of the IAP at Athens, Greece, in 2008:

**Year 2009:**

**1) MID YEAR TEACHING PROGRAMME 2009:** The Mid Year Teaching Programme of the IAP-Indian Division 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 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. 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. 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.

**2) IAP-ID 12<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CME 2009:** The IAP-ID 12<sup>th</sup> Annual CME was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2009 and was incorporated as one of the session of the 6<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific IAP Congress held at Le meridian Resorts & Convention Center, Kochi, Kerala. The theme of the session was on “Dermatopathology” and was titled “Pathology of Cutaneous Infections and Granulomatous Diseases”. The session was conducted by the Kerala Chapter of IAPM and the Convenors for the session were Dr. K. R. Harilal and Dr. S. Sankar. The topics covered included “Introduction to the Topic”, “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. The session was very well attended and was well appreciated by the participants.

**3) 6<sup>th</sup> ASIA PACIFIC CONGRESS OF INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF PATHOLOGY:** The 6<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Congress of the International Academy of Pathology (IAP) was held at Kochi, Kerala, from 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2009 at the Le Meridien Resorts and Convention Center. 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. 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. 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. 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. Couto also expressed the gratitude and thanks 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. Dr. K. R. Harilal proposed the vote of thanks. Both Dr. Balaraman Nair and Dr. Harilal in their address praised and thanked Dr. Francisco Couto for his yeoman services and tremendous contribution in ensuring the success of the Congress. The Inauguration function was attended by the various IAP dignitaries and delegates present. This was followed by the Welcome Reception. On the other days there was also a Cultural Programme which show cases the rich cultural heritage of local Kerala state and was deeply appreciated by the audience. Prof. Robin A. Cooke (Australia) delivered the Keynote address for the Congress and 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. The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual CME of the IAP-Indian Division was incorporated as a session of the Congress and was on the theme of Dermatopathology. The scientific sessions were in the form of lectures, case presentations and slide seminars. Besides these Scientific sessions there were scientific poster presentations by the delegates and more than 200 scientific poster presentations were made. 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 and Dr. Couto wished them all success for the forth coming Congress. The 6<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Congress was very well appreciated by both Faculty and delegates and evoked a very good feedback.

#### **4) ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2009**

The Annual Conference of the International Academy of Pathology – Indian Division was held on 18<sup>th</sup> 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 delivered by 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, on “Pathology of Liver Transplantation”. Later, Prof. Bhattacharyya also conducted an interesting slide seminar on “Pathology of Liver Tumours”. Both the presentations of Prof. Bhattacharyya were highly appreciated by all the delegates present. The Guest Lecture was followed by an excellent Slide Seminar on “Pancreatic Lesions” which was ably moderated by Dr. C. Sundaram (Hyderabad). The cases very well discussed and presented by Dr. Sundaram and her panelists. Dr. C. Sundaram had provided earlier, at cost, the slide boxes and CDs to those were interested in previewing the slides. The post lunch session had the Symposium on “Nanotechnology in Pathology” moderated well 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.

#### **5) PUBLICATIONS:**

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.

#### **Year 2010:**

##### **1) MID YEAR TEACHING PROGRAMME 2010:**

The Mid Year Teaching Programme was held in New Delhi on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2010 at the Department of Pathology, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, on the topic “Fluorescence in Pathology”. Dr. Manoj K. Singh was the Organizing Secretary. The Programme was very well attended and had more than 200 delegates attending from all over the country. All aspects of Fluorescence in Pathology and its utility and applications in various diseases were very well covered by the distinguished Faculty. 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 labeled proteins and probes”, “Confocal Microscopy”, “Quantum Dot technique”, Flow Cytometry & Qualitative Analysis”, “Role of Immunofluorescence in biopsy diagnosis: Case based presentation”, “Immune

mediated Skin disorders”, “Immune mediate Kidney Disorders”, “Autoimmune Liver Disorders”, “Autoimmune Lung Disorders”, Importance of Immunofluorescence: a clinical perspective”, “FISH”, “Detection of organisms, Mycobacteria, Parasites, others”, “The Future of Fluorescence”. There were Microscopy sessions also conducted where delegates were shown glass slides of actual lesions and various fluorescent applications. A “Proceedings Booklet” encapsulating the scientific content of the CME was distributed to the delegates by the Organizers. On the 24<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CME 2010:**

The IAP-ID 13<sup>th</sup> Annual CME was held on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2010 at the M. S. Ramaiah Medical College, Bangalore, on the theme “An update on Diabetes Mellitus”. The Organizing Secretary was Dr. Nanda Kishore Alva and the Scientific Co-Ordinator of the CME was Dr. Sujay Prasad. The CME provided the latest information and advances in the field of Diabetes and had eminent Pathologists and Clinicians as Faculty. The topics covered were “Clinical Pathology of Diabetes”, “Renal Changes in Diabetes”, “Ocular Changes in Diabetes”, “Diabetes and Infections”, “Clinician’s Perspective” and a Panel discussion where Pathologists and Clinicians participated and discussed various aspects of Diabetes of interest to both. The scientific sessions were documented in a “Proceedings Booklet” which were distributed to all the delegates.

**3) ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2010**

The Annual Conference of the International Academy of Pathology – Indian Division will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2010 at Hyderabad. The scientific Programme will include a Guest Lecture titled ‘How pathologists need to respond to the impact of molecular diagnostics? Lessons from Neuro-oncology.’ by Prof. Dr. H. K. Ng, Hong Kong. Prof. Ng will also take a Slide Seminar on ‘Surgical Neuropathology’. There will also be a Slide Seminar ‘Unusual Tumour & Tumour like Lesions of Lung’ moderated by Dr. Pradeep Vaideeshwar, Mumbai. The Scientific Programme also includes a Symposium on ‘Predictive Pathology’ to be moderated by Dr. Anita Borges, Mumbai. A “Proceedings Booklet” will also be provided to the participants.

**5) PUBLICATIONS:** Two issue 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.

**6) IAP – INDIAN DIVISION WEBSITE:** the Divisional website [www.iapid.org](http://www.iapid.org) provides up to date and relevant information regarding various activities of the IAP – Indian Division as well as the IAP



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