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The Indian division of the IAP (IAP-ID) is an active division which supports educational activities in pathology and Cytopathology. It is, in fact, the only organized pathology society which regularly conducts 3 meetings every year. It has been ably served by a dynamic secretary, Dr Francisco Couto, who has been the backbone of the society for the past several years. Over the past 2 years two councils have in succession directed the affairs of the IAP-ID. They are as follows:

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Participation of IAP-ID members in IAP activities:

Twenty delegates from various parts of India attended the 100th Congress of the IAP in Montreal in 2006 and took active part in various activities of the Congress. Dr. DN. Lanjewar and Dr. Nirmala Jambhekar were faculty for various scientific sessions of the Congress. Many of the delegates from India presented scientific papers and posters.

Dr. Francisco Couto and Dr. D. N. Lanjewar were invited to attend the organizational meeting for the International Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Initiative by Dr. Ann Marie Nelson, Chief of AIDS Pathology, AFIP. Dr. Francisco Couto made a brief presentation on the status of Pathology practice in India and the unique problems and difficulties faced in India.

Lt. Gen. JR. Bhardwaj and Dr. Francisco Couto, the official Councillors appointed by the International Academy of Pathology (IAP) for the Indian Division of the IAP and Dr. K. R. Harilal (Vice President Asia of IAP) attended the International Council Meeting. The bid of the Indian Division of the IAP to host the Asia Pacific Division Meeting in 2009 was presented on behalf of the IAP-ID by Dr. F. Couto (Secretary & Treasurer IAP-ID). It was unanimously accepted by the representatives of the various IAP Divisions of the Asia and Pacific region and by the IAP

The IAP – ID will accordingly host the IAP Asia & Pacific Divisions Meeting in 2009 at Kochi, Kerala in South India.

The following members of the IAP-ID were appointed to positions at The IAP

Dr. Anita Borges was elected as a Vice President (Asia) of the (IAP).

Dr. Francisco Couto was reappointed for another term, by the President of the International Academy of Pathology (IAP), as member of the Education Committee of the IAP. Dr. Couto will be responsible for the Australasian region.

IAP-ID Associate Membership: Associate Membership of the IAP-ID has been introduced 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.

IAP-ID Annual Educational Activities

The IAP-ID conducts the following programs during the course of every year :

- Mid Year Teaching Programme (usually a Workshop)
- IAP-ID Annual CME symposium
- Annual Meeting comprising a guest lecture delivered by a speaker from abroad, a Symposium and a Slide Seminar.

The IAP-ID Mid Year Teaching Programme 2007 was held on the 24th and 25th February 2007 at the T. N. Medical College and B Y L Nair Hospital, Mumbai. It was a symposium on “Renal & Male Genital System Pathology”. Dr. N. K. Bahal was the Programme Director and Dr. Vinaya Shah and Dr. V. S. Kavishwar, the Organizing Secretaries. The CME was inaugurated by Dr. S. R. Prabhu (Senior Pathologist and former Head of Pathology at T N Medical College) in the distinguished

presence of Dr. S. N. Oak (Dean, T N Medical College), Dr. K. Uma Chaturvedi (President, IAP-ID), Dr. Francisco Couto (Secretary & Treasurer, IAP-ID) and other dignitaries. The CME was very well attended and had more than 150 delegates. All aspects aiding in correct diagnosis, problems and pitfalls in the interpretation of surgical pathology material from the Renal and Male Genital System were covered. These included "Problems in Pediatric Urology", "The Relevance of the 2004 WHO Classification of Renal Cell Carcinoma", "Cystic Lesions of Kidney", "Mesenchymal Tumours of Kidney", "Tumour-like lesions of Urinary Bladder", "Rational Approach to Tumours of the Urinary Bladder", "Interpretation of Renal Biopsy", "The dilemmas of organized deposits in Renal Diseases", "The Glomeruli in Systemic Diseases", "Interstitial Nephritis", "Renal Biopsy in Allograft dysfunction", "Interpretation of TRUS guided Prostatic biopsy", "Uncommon tumours of the Testis and Adenexae" and, "Gonadal Dysgenesis". The topics were very ably covered by a very distinguished Faculty which included Dr. S. N. Oak, Dr. Arun R. Chitale, Dr. Anita Borges, Dr. B. M. Kandalkar, Dr. Shaila Khubchandani, Dr. Sudha Y. Sane, and Dr. Vinaya B. Shah. The CME evoked keen interest not only in Pathologists but in Clinicians alike and was very interesting because of the interaction between Pathologists and Clinicians. A CD of the CME was distributed to the delegates by the Organizers.

IAP-ID 10th Annual Cme 2007 The IAP-ID 10th Annual CME was held on the 28th and 29th July 2007 at the Katriya Hotel and Towers, Hyderabad, and was organized by the Department of Pathology, Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences, Hyderabad on the theme "Tumour and Tumour like lesions of the Soft Tissues". The Chairperson of the CME was Dr. C. Sundaram and the Organizing Secretary was Dr. Shantveer G. Uppin. The Scientific programme of the CME was designed to present an overview of the diagnostic approach to these lesions with emphasis on recent classification schemes. The CME was inaugurated by Dr. D. Prasada Rao (Director, NIMS) in the distinguished presence of Dr. M. U. K. Naidu (Dean, NIMS), Dr. K. Uma Chaturvedi (President IAP-ID), Dr. Francisco Couto (Secretary & Treasurer IAP-ID), Dr. C. Sundaram (Chairperson), Dr. Shantveer G. Uppin (Organizing Secretary) and other dignitaries. The Proceedings of the CME were released by the Secretary & Treasurer IAP-ID Dr. F. Couto. The CME was extremely well attended with more than 250 delegates from all parts of the country. The deliberations of the CME were relevant to Pathologists, Radiologists, Medical and Surgical Oncologists and invoked keen interest in Pathologists and Clinicians alike. The CME included didactic lectures, interesting case discussions, slide seminars and a Panel discussion. The lectures included "Approach to Soft Tissue Tumours", "Classification and Grading of Soft Tissue Tumours", "Cytology of Soft Tissue Tumours", "Development of Diagnostics for Small Round Cell Tumours", "Role of IHC IHC in Soft Tissue Tumours", "Pleomorphic Sarcomas – Current Status", "Tissue Microarray", and "Uncommon sites, Unusual presentations and Uncertain entities". Besides this there were two slide seminars, a very interesting Quiz and a Panel Discussion on "Key issues in the Diagnosis and Management of Soft Tissue Tumours" in which Pathologists and Clinicians participated. Faculty included Dr. K. Uma Chaturvedi, Dr. Roshan Chinoy, Dr. Aruna K. Prayaga, Dr. Tithi Parija, Dr. Sachin Johari, Dr. K. Radhika, Dr. Megha S. Uppin, Dr. D. Snehalata, Dr. Shantveer G. Uppin, Dr. T. Roshini Paul, Dr. Anita Mahadevan, Dr. S. V. N. Anuradha, Dr. D. Raghunadharao, Dr. G. Suryanarayan Raju, Dr. Y. Jyostna Rani, Dr. C. Sundaram, Dr. F. Couto and Dr. Sujay Prasad. The Proceedings of the CME, produced in the form of a CD, was produced and distributed by the Organizers to the delegates.

IAP-ID annual conference 2007 The Annual Conference was held on 26th November 2007 at PGIMER, Chandigarh, and delegates from all parts of India and some overseas countries were in attendance. The Conference began with a short Inaugural function at which the Chief Guest was Dr. K. K. Talwar, Director, Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences & Research (PGIMER),

Chandigarh, who inaugurated the meeting by lighting the traditional lamp in the distinguished presence Dr. B. N. Datta (the Guest of Honour), Dr. K. Uma Chaturvedi (President IAP-ID), Dr. Francisco Couto (Secretary & Treasurer IAP-ID), Dr. Kusum Joshi (Chairperson) and Dr. Rakesh Kumar Vasishta (Organizing Secretary). The Proceedings Booklet of the Meeting was released by Prof. B. N. Dutta. The Scientific Programme followed immediately after the Inaugural function with a Guest lecture delivered by Dr. Jaime Prat, Chairman and Professor of Pathology, Barcelona, Spain, on "Endometrial Carcinoma: Conventional Pathology, Molecular Genetics, and Prognostic Factors". Later, Prof. Prat also conducted an excellent slide seminar on "Gynaecological Pathology" wherein he discussed some interesting cases. Following the Guest Lecture was a Slide Seminar on "Melanotic Lesions of the Skin" ably moderated by Dr. Manoj K. Singh (New Delhi). Cases were presented and discussed by Dr. Manoj Singh and his panelists Dr Asha Kubba (New Delhi), Dr S V Kane (Mumbai), Dr Sumeet Gujral (Mumbai), Dr. Asaranti Kar (Cuttack), Dr Shipra Agarwal (New Delhi) and Dr Ruchika Gupta (New Delhi). Slide boxes had been provided earlier Dr. Manoj Singh to those desirous of pre-viewing the slides. This was followed by a very interesting lecture on "Immune Restoration Inflammatory Syndrome" delivered by the special invitee Prof. Ann Marie Nelson, Chief of AIDS Pathology and Emerging Infections, AFIP, Washington, USA. Delegates were very appreciative of the lecture. In the post lunch session there was a Symposium on "Interstitial Lung Diseases" moderated by Dr. Kusum Joshi (New Delhi). The discussants were Prof. Kusum Joshi and her panelists Dr. Dheeraj Gupta, Dr Ashim Das, Dr Amanjit Bal (all from Chandigarh) and Dr Ritu Kulsreshta (New Delhi). Dr. Kusum Joshi also prepared a CD of the Symposium which was provided at cost to those delegates who wished to have it. 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.

IAP-ID Mid year teaching programme 2008. The Mid Year Teaching Programme of the IAP-ID was held on 29th June 2008 at the M. S. Ramaiah Medical College, Bangalore, and was a Workshop on "Renal Medical Diseases" organized by Dr. Nanda Kishore Alva and his team. The Programme Director was Dr. N. Jayaram. The Workshop provided hands on experience on various aspects of kidney biopsies in renal diseases and was a very fruitful and interesting experience for all the participants.

IAP-ID 11th Annual CME 2008 was held on the 27th and 28th September 2008, on "Newer Perspectives in Gynaecologic Pathology" at the P. D. Hinduja National Hospital & Medical Research Center, Mumbai, organized by Dr. Anita S. Bhaduri. The CME covered newer insights and current trends in diagnosis and understanding of gynaecologic conditions and their clinical relevance. The faculty for the CME programme consisted of 3 pathologists from the US- K. Mittal, M Singh, And S Lele, together with a national faculty comprising, Dr Anita Bahaduri, Dr, A Borges, Dr K Deodhar, Dr. S Kane, Dr C Madivale, Dr P Vaideeshwar, Dr Urmi, Dr S Navani and several radiologists and clinicians. The panel discussion was the highlight of the programme where several issues of clinical significance were discussed with intense audience participation.

IAP-ID Annual Conference 2008: to be held later this year, on 15th December 2008, at SRM Medical College, Kattankulathur. The guest speaker will be Dr. Jan G. van den Tweel, Professor & Chairman, Department of Pathology, University Medical Center, Utrecht, The Netherlands. Besides the Guest Lecture and a Slide Seminar by the invited speaker, the scientific programme includes a

Slide Seminar on “Non Neoplastic Paediatric Pathology” to be moderated by Dr. B. M. Kandalkar (Mumbai) and a Symposium on “Pathology of Aging” moderated by Dr. Medha Tatke (New Delhi).

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

The Congress will have an interesting academic programme with distinguished international faculty and will 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. All details regarding the Congress will be available online on the Congress website, www.apiap2009.com
