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### From the editors

In this edition there is coverage of the AIPNA CME in Agra which was a huge success. I am sure that most AIPNA members are prolific in various academic activities and teaching. I urge you to please send a small write-up and photographs of your activities to the editors so that we could share it with all our readers. I look forward to seeing you all at the AIPNA meeting in Boston (vide infra for time and venue).



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## **President's message**

**Dear Friends**

**It is with great pleasure that I report to you that AIPNA is a vibrant, dynamic organization that will soon be led by no other than Dr Bakul Dalal. He will be at the USCAP meeting in March in Boston. Please come and attend our Meeting on Sunday, March 8th, 2009 at the Republic Ballroom, 5:00pm - 7:30 pm, Sheraton and hear first hand his vision for AIPNA. We have invited Dr. Satyanarayana, Editor IJPM (Indian Journal of Pathology and Microbiology) to be our Key note speaker. Do discuss with him your views about the Pathology scene in India.**

**The 14th Indo US post graduate CME in Agra was a resounding success, thanks to Ashraf Khan. Dr Vinay Kumar's lectures were the highlight of the session. We wish to sponsor more Indian Postgraduates in India to attend the annual AIPNA conference in India and are looking for support for this venture.**

**AIPNA has expanded its activities in India by starting the First Undergraduate symposium on Molecular and Cellular Medicine. Dr M.G Deo was instrumental in starting this new venture and undergraduates and postgraduates in Medicine at Krishna Institute of Medicine in Karad, Maharashtra were able to participate in discussions on Gene Fusion, Stem cells in Cancer, Pharmacogenomics and Transgenic Models.**

**The QUIP program started by Nirag Jhala is doing well with 41 participants listed so far.**

**A kind reminder to all to submit more abstracts for the AIPNA Resident Award.**

**Looking forward to seeing you in person in Boston.**

**Megha Joshi,**

**President AIPNA**



The **XIV International CME** in Pathology was held in Agra (February 3-5). It was hosted by Gwalior Medical College. Faculty included **Drs Rajal Shah, Ashraf Khan, Vikram Deshpande, Shivayogi Bhusnurmat, Vinay Kumar, Steve Lyle, Chitra Sarkar, Vani Santosh, Anita Borges, Sharda Sabnis, Dina Mody, Dean Daya, Kum Cooper, Nirag Jhala and Anand S. Lagoo**. The meeting in Agra was a big success thanks to the outstanding national and international speakers and enthusiastic participants. The faculty for undergraduates consisted of **Drs Rajal Shah, Ashraf Khan, Megha Joshi, Vikram Deshpande, Shivayogi Bhusnurmath and Vinay Kumar** along with faculty from India.



**Dr Kumar at the podium**



David F. Hardwick, M.D., FRCPC University of British Columbia





**Drs Steve Lyle from UMASS, Aashraf Khan, Rajal Shah, Megha Joshi at Karad**



On Wed, Feb 18, 2009 at 4:44 AM, Hardwick, David F wrote to Dr Bharat Jain:

Dr Jain:

I would like to commend you and your contributors for the first rate CME program in Agra, February 3-5, 2009. First I would like to express my appreciation for your kind invitation to present my lecture "Pathology and the Knowledge Revolution." Second I wish to acknowledge the excellence of the lectures and symposia. The presenters were clearly experts in their fields and presented comprehensive and detailed aspects of Surgical Pathology, Cytology, and Hematology. It is clear that AIPNA in collaboration with Indian organizers is making a first rate contribution to CME in India.

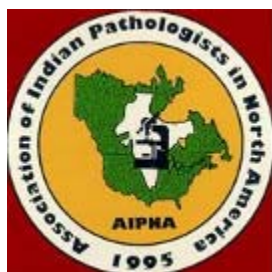
With best wishes,

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## **Educational Quality Assurance Program in Pathology**

### **Contributors for 2008**

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**General Body Meeting**

**Sunday, March 8th, 2009**

**5:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m.**

**Sheraton, Republic Ballroom**

**Keynote Speaker and Special Guest**  
**Editor, IJPM (Indian Journal of Pathology and Microbiology),**  
**Dr Satyanarayana, India**

**The Lorraine Duggan, *genzyme*, “Service to AIPNA Award”**

**to be presented to**

**Dr. Sharda Sabnis**

**Dinner meeting sponsored by Clariant**

## Coverage of AIPNA member activities for 2008:

- 1. ASCP - AIPNA Companion Meeting** went very well. There were 3 guest speakers: **Dr Dhanpat Jain**, Yale New Haven, CT, **Dr Neil Theise**, Albert Einstein Medical Center, New York and **Dr Martha Pitman**, MGH Boston, MA. There were 30 participants and introductory remarks from some of the participants were very encouraging (Dr Nirag Jhala).
- 2. The International Conference on Pathology of Chest Disorders: an integrated Approach**, which was Co sponsored by: Pulmonary Pathology Society, Division of United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology and Pulmonary Pathology Society of India was held in the **Paintal Memorial Golden Jubilee Auditorium V. P. Chest Institute, University of Delhi, on the 6th and 7th December 2008**. Eminent International faculty included **Dr. Jaishree Jagirdar**, Director of Anatomic Pathology at the University of Texas, USA. **Dr Abida Haque**, Houston, Texas, **Dr F Armando** Boston, Massachusetts. **Dr Alberto Marchevsky**, Professor of Pathology at UCLA. **Dr Allen Gibbs**, England, **Dr Helmut Popper**, Austria, **Dr. Dina Mody**, Director and Head of Cytopathology, Texas. **Dr Henry Tazelaar**, Mayo Clinic, Scottsdale Arizona, **Dr Peter Julien**, Cedar Sinai Hospital, LA, **Dr Kusum Kapila**, Kuwait. Eminent National faculty included **Dr V. K. Vijayan**, Director and Head of Pulmonary Medicine at Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute, **Dr Jaya Deshpande**, Mumbai, **Dr Kusum Joshi**, PGI, Chandigarh, **Dr Manoj Singh**, AIIMS, Delhi, **Dr S. K. Jindal**, PGI Chandigarh, **Dr N Jambhekar**, TMH, Mumbai, **Dr Usha Kini**, St Johns, Bangalore, **Dr Pradeep Vaideshwar** KEM hospital Mumbai, **Dr Rajkumar**, VP Chest Institute, Delhi and **Dr Ravi Mehrotra**, MLN Medical college, Allahabad.
- 3. Dr. Rajan Dewar**, Staff Hematopathologist and Molecular pathologist from Harvard Medical School and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center visited Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences University, Karad on Oct 13th, 2008. He presented a glass slide seminar for post graduates in pathology and pathologists and discussed the differential diagnosis of morphologically similar lymphomas and role and importance of immunophenotyping in differentiating them. He also introduced some new/ evolving entities such as 'senile EBV positive polymorphic B cell lymphoma' and 'Grey zone lymphoma' to the participants. He conducted Power point presentation on unknown cases which he had forwarded to the post graduates. He discussed basic aspects of myeloid neoplasm: Myeloid leukemias, MPDs and MDS, changes in the new WHO classifications, JAK2 mutation, importance of diagnosing the conditions at molecular and cytogenetic level and role of them in targeted



therapy and prognosis. He made all the PGs understand the morphologic features of ATLL-HTLV-I, Primary effusion lymphoma, Mantle cell lymphoma and basics of flow cytometry immunophenotyping. In the afternoon there was a power point presentation on his current and past research on 'Stem cells and myeloproliferative disorders' for residents and staff members of Pathology, Medicine and Pediatrics. There was a question-answer session and active discussion around this.

4. **Dr Bakul Dalal** visited Ahmedabad for a two-day Hematology CME for internal medicine physicians (200 registrants), pediatricians (50), pathologists (100) and post graduate students. Along with august faculty like Drs. **Mammen Chandy** and **M.B. Agrawal** of India, he gave an evening seminar for Oncologists and PG students.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. AIPNA presented **Dr Sufian Zaheer**, from Aligarh, UP, a travel grant award of 500\$ US to attend and present his poster presentation at ASCP annual meeting 2008 at Baltimore Maryland.

His abstract was on **Correlation of Lipid Profile With Endothelial Dysfunction by Brachial Artery Flow-Mediated Dilatation** *Sufian Zaheer, MD,<sup>1</sup> Shahzad F. Haque, MD,<sup>2</sup> Khwaja Saifullah, MD,<sup>2</sup> and Anwar S. Khan, MD, DM.<sup>2</sup> Departments of <sup>1</sup>Pathology and <sup>2</sup>Medicine, J N Medical College, AMU, Aligarh, UP, India. *Am J Clin Pathol* 2008;130:648-667.*

2. **Dr Anand Shreeram Lagoo**, MD, PhD, Associate Professor of Pathology, Director, Clinical Flow Cytometry Laboratory, Associate Director (CP), Residency Program, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC **is being nominated for president of AIPNA for 2011**. He has been a life member for AIPNA since 1999 and has been coordinating and conducting the meetings last three to four years. He was faculty in the AIPNA CMEs in 2005 and 2007 and helped coordinate the CME in Pune. At least yearly he lectures and has slide seminars in Pune, Chennai, Bangalore, Delhi, Ahmedabad and Cochin.

3. **Dr Megha Joshi** visited IMEC. Here are some suggestions from Dan DiBurro of IMEC for collaborative work. Please see <http://www.imecamerica.org/NewsLetter/IMECReport2007.pdf>  
*IMEC is always interested in working with new partners to ship medical products to third world hospitals & clinics. We have a great video on the IMEC website ([www.imecamerica.org](http://www.imecamerica.org)) for interested parties to view. I would be happy to introduce IMEC's project coordinator Eilleen Lucey to anyone that would like to discuss a project.*

*AIPNA - we would be very happy to receive product donations from AIPNA members. Our funding is very tight and we would need the product shipped to our facility with the donor paying for shipping.*