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### From the Editor

Dear Members,

The General body meeting in conjunction with the USCAP conference in San Diego was a great success. It was a time to reflect on the past, focus on the present and to plan for the future. I am sure those who attended the meeting enjoyed it. If you were unable to attend, I hope this newsletter will keep you informed of the activities.

Bhuvana Krishnan

### From the President

Dear Friends,

We had a very stimulating and invigorating meeting in San Diego.

It is an exciting time to be in Pathology. The last decade belonged to radiology, and the next I think will belong to Pathology, with genetics and molecular Pathology leading the way.

Varsha and I enjoyed evaluating the abstracts for the Best Abstract Award from AIPNA.

Dr Joshi was felicitated and gave a remarkable speech. Dr Vinay Kumar ended the evening with some very good advice to residents. His work in India on medical curriculum planning is astounding. Dr Anand Lagoo gave a brief synopsis on PUNE where the last AIPNA meeting was being held and also took a lot of pictures that you see herein the newsletter. Dr Kedar Inamdar is our new Treasurer. Welcome aboard Kedar. We cannot thank Dr Rajal Shah enough, for the wonderful service he has provided as treasurer.

The next AIPNA meeting is in Bangalore, and AIPNA members are working hard to make it successful.

The AIPNA meeting provided grounds for a lot of networking and friendship. May AIPNA grow in leaps and bounds.

Megha Joshi

## **General Body Meeting in San Diego**

The 12<sup>th</sup> annual AIPNA general body meeting in San Diego on March 25<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the USCAP conference was full of excitement and enthusiasm. The meeting was well attended.

Prior to the meeting and executive committee meeting was held and was attended by Drs. Megha Joshi, Ashraf Khan, Meenakshi Singh and Subodh Lele. Other executive members could not attend as they arrived in San Diego the following day.

Dr Megha Joshi, President of AIPNA welcomed everyone to the 12<sup>th</sup> AIPNA meeting and gave the first talk. Below is the summary of her talk.

AIPNA was established in 1995, this was our 12<sup>th</sup> annual meeting. She asked all attendees to give us their e-mail addresses so we could reach them with ease. She mentioned the fact that the association now sends only e-news letters. This saves the organization money and the world some trees.

Bhuvana Krishnan was recognized for sending our newsletters on a regular basis. She was lauded for a fine performance and for keeping us informed and connected.

### **Treasurers report**

We have \$ 13, 457.51 in our coffers and over 170 members with email addresses. There are 13 life members. Some have contributed more than life membership. During the meeting Meenakshi Singh and Srinivas Mandavili, Manju Prasad and others became life members.

### **Year in Perspective and plans for the future** (AIPNA's activities through out the year were mentioned)

Besides the AIPNA meeting in Pune, Dr Jhala conducted the ASCP/AIPNA meeting in OCT 2006 and Dr Joshi spoke at Cytocon 2006 in Ranchi, and Drs. Subhodh Lele and Prashant Jani conducted a seminar in Pune in Dec.

AIPNA will start a PIP like program in India under the direction of Dr Jhala and Dr. Lele.

### **Changes in the committee**

Dr Venkat Challa stepped down as Chief co-ordinator and Dr Ashraf Khan stepped in as the new Chief co-ordinator of the AIPNA meetings in India

Kedar Inamdar is the new treasurer.

Subodh Lele is the new secretary

Meenakshi Singh is the new President Elect

## Award presentations



**AIPNA “Best abstract” award to Mona Bansal given by Dr. Varsha Shah (ENGLAND)**

AIPNA “Certificate of merit “award to Tonya Eichelberger and Anita Iyer



**Dr. Vijay Joshi was presented the lifetime achievement award by the President Megha Joshi**

## **Next Years activities were summarized**

Dr. Jhala AIPNA/ASCP meeting in Oct 2007

Dr Vinod Shidham in Cytocon Nov 2007

AIPNA in Bangalore, Jan 2008

Dr Sabnis, Renal Pathology

A moment of silence for Dr Nagolatimath observed

Dr Joshi ended her talk with a question regarding what should AIPNA's mission be?

She felt we should serve to improve pathology services in India and improve pathology education in India

The meeting was sponsored in part by Clariant and US labs. A beautiful buffet dinner was served.

Dr Dayal entertained every one with beautiful poetry and jokes.

Dr Vijay Joshi gave a beautiful talk with pictures about the AIPNA CMEs in India and talked about the situation faced by pathologists in India

Dr Vinay Kumar, co-author of "Robbins and Cotran Pathologic basis of disease" was a great inspiration for the young trainees and pathologists in the audience. He talked about medical education in India and advised the residents about goals during residency.



**Dr. Vinay Kumar was introduced to the audience by Dr. Dayal**

Dr Anand Lagoo showed the history of PUNE, where the last AIPNA CME was held.

Dr Fred Silva applauded the work of AIPNA and asked members to spread information about the USCAP website in India

Dues were collected. Dr Varsha Shah and many others helped in the collection of dues. The meeting was a big success.



**Dr. Fred Silva, President of USCAP addressed the members**



**Attendees at the general body meeting**

## **AIPNA members in the news**

**Dr. Rajal Shah** and his team were awarded the Team Award by the AACR (first such award) in front of a huge audience of 17000 attendees. Select team members from the University of Michigan including Dr. Rajal B. Shah, Associate Professor of Pathology and Urology, and select team members from Harvard Medical center received "First inaugural research team science award for their work on Prostate cancer recurrent gene fusions by the American Association of Cancer Research (AACR) at centennial celebration meeting in Los Angeles". The purpose of this research award was to foster and recognize multidisciplinary team science. From over 30 applications this team was selected and collectively awarded \$50000 prize money and plaque.

**Dr. Meenakshi Singh** gave a ASCP teleconference on Atypical ductal hyperplasia in June.

**Dr. Vinod Shidham** has just released a book on Serous fluid cytology along with Barbara Atkinson

**Do not forget.....**

The AIPNA/ASCP conference is in October 2007. Please plan to attend.