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From the Editor:

Dear Members,

Season's Greetings. May the coming New Year bring in cheer and happiness in your lives.

The ASCP companion meeting held in Seattle, Washington was a great success. I am sure those of you who attended the program will attest to it. Such endeavors are planned for the future meetings. A strong participation from the members will make it a great success.

In this issue we have added a new section called "Member achievements" We encourage you to share your laurels with all the members through the newsletter. Active participation and new ideas from the members are essential for the success of an organization.

A number of our resident physicians may be looking for jobs. A few links to pathology job sites available in the web is also included in this issue.

Bhuvana Krishnan

ASCP COMPANION MEETING

The first AIPNA sponsored companion meeting entitled "New Frontiers in Diagnostic Pathology" was held during the Annual Meeting of ASCP in Seattle, Washington on October 7, 2005. This was the first time AIPNA joined hands with ASCP. The session was the brain child of Dr. Nirag Jhala who with Dr. Sharda Sabnis chaired the session. Four excellent topics in urologic pathology were presented by

Drs. Surya Seshan, Isabell Sesterhenn, Rajal Shah and Ewa Wojcik. The session was attended by 30 participants. Dr. Jhala is now in the process of arranging similar session for the next ASCP meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada on "New Frontiers in Soft Tissue and Bone Pathology". We urge the membership to support this effort by attending it or by supporting your fellows/residents to attend it.



ASCP-AIPNA conference presenters. From left to right are Drs. Surya, Seshan, Ewa Wojcik, Sharda Sabnis, Nirag Jhala, Rajal Shah and Isabell Sesterhenn.



ASCP-AIPNA members who attended the session are from left to right: Drs. Surya Seshan, Sharda Sabnis, Rajal Shah, Nirag Jhala, and Selwyn Baptist

UPCOMING CME EVENTS

CME IN HEMATOLOGY AND TRANSFUSION MEDICINE

IX International CME in Hematology and Transfusion Medicine will be held in conjunction with ICON Lymphoma Update in Jaipur 10-12 February 2006. The conference is organized under

the aegis of AIPNA, ICON, Jaipur Medical College, Rajasthan Cancer Society, and MCI. For further information please contact Bakul Dalal at bakul.dalal@vch.ca.

CME IN ANATOMIC PATHOLOGY

Tenth Anatomic Pathology CME will be held in January 2006 in Kolkata, India. For additional information: Contact Drs Vijay Joshi or Venkat Challa, Vchalla@wfubmc.edu.

Eleventh Anatomic Pathology CME will be held in January 2007, in Pune, India. For more information, contact Drs Vijay Joshi / Venkat Challa. Vchalla@wfubmc.edu

WORKSHOP ON TEACHING PATHOLOGY IN INDIA

There will be a workshop on Group centered learning and modified team based learning in pathology in the Indian medical colleges on Feb 3 and 4 in Ludhiana. The hands on workshop is being hosted by Dr. Vinita Malhotra, Professor and Head, Department of Pathology, Dayanand medical college and hospital, Ludhiana. The participants will include local faculty and students as well as faculty from nearby medical colleges. The external resource persons will be Drs Bharti and

Shivayogi Bhusnurmath from St. George's University, Grenada.

This is an ongoing attempt under the umbrella of AIPNA to bring about practical changes in the way pathology is taught in medical colleges in India to make the learning relevant to clinical problem solving. If any members of the AIPNA are interested in participating, they are advised to contact Dr. Shivayogi Bhusnurmath. email- sbhusnurmath@sgu.edu

LABORATORY ACCREDITATION IN INDIA

To date there are six clinical laboratories (three reference clinical laboratories and three research clinical laboratories) in India that are accredited by the College of American Pathologists (CAP).

Members of the third CAP inspection team went to India in January 2005 and included Dr. Baptist, Dr. Kumudini Mehta, Dr. Gregory Fernandes and Dr. Helen Fernandes from USA, and Dr. Sumitra Niranjana from India. While they were in India to do CAP inspections of laboratories in Mumbai and Ahmedabad, Drs. Baptist, Dr. Gregory Fernandes and Dr. Helen Fernandes conducted a CAP Laboratory Inspector Training Seminar in Mumbai. Some of the Indian pathologists and laboratory scientific staff who were trained at this and previous training seminars may join as observers the next CAP inspection team that goes to India and then be prepared to join CAP inspection teams

in India as inspectors. Laboratories in India are reluctant to have observers join a CAP inspection team when their laboratory is being inspected for the first time. Hence, Dr. Baptist arranged for an Indian Laboratory Director to join a CAP inspection team in Florida as an observer; she had attend the training course in Mumbai and was visiting Florida for an International meeting of the American Association of Clinical Chemists.

The Department of Pathology at St. John's Medical College is still in the process of preparing for the CAP inspection. And so are The Pathology Laboratory of Hinduja Hospital in Mumbai and a clinical laboratory in Chennai. More clinical laboratories in India are showing an interest in getting CAP accreditation. Our AIPNA advisory committee is available to provide guidance.

FROM THE COMMITTEE FOR BEST ABSTRACT AWARD

We remind the membership to encourage your residents/fellows to submit abstracts for the 2006 "Best Abstract Award"

The following requirement must be met.

1. The award recipient should be a trainee - resident or fellow and must be the first author.
2. The abstract must be accepted by USCAP for the meeting for that year.
3. The recipient must be a member of AIPNA or must be sponsored by an AIPNA member

4. Abstracts are invited from all disciplines of surgical pathology, cytopathology and autopsy pathology.
5. The award will be announced and presented at the Annual AIPNA General Body meeting during the USCAP meeting.

Abstracts for consideration must be submitted to Dr. Nirag Jhala at njhala@PATH.UAB.EDU or Dr. Sabnis at sharda.sabnis@afip.osd.mil

GENERAL BODY MEETING

The annual AIPNA General Body Meeting will be held during the USCAP Convention in February 2006.

Place: Hyatt Regency, Atlanta

Date: Monday, February 13, 2006

Room: Montreal

Time: 5:30 to 7:30 PM

MEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS

AIPNA would like to recognize the services rendered by our membership for the Indian/US pathology scene. Many of you have done a lot of work in India and hold positions/recognitions in the medical Institutes in India. We would like to receive information so we can acknowledge them.

We begin with acknowledging the following members:

Bakul I. Dalal, MD, FRCPC, FCAP, FASCP

International Editor of Indian Journal of Hematology and Transfusion Medicine
Editorial Board of Asian Journal of Transfusion Medicine

Meenakshi Singh, M.D.

Elected as President of the Colorado Society of Clinical Pathologists

Surya Seshan, M.D. FCAP

Visiting Professor, Sri Ramachandra Medical College and Research Institute, Chennai, Tamilnadu, India since 2002.

Sharda G Sabnis, M. D. FCAP

1. Professor of Pathology, Muljibhai Patel Urological Hospital and Research Center, Nadiad, Gujrat, India
2. Editorial Board, Transplantation India
3. “Distinguished Professor”, Institute of Kidney Diseases and Research Center (I.K.D.R.C.) Ahemadabad, India

JOB SEARCH

Anatomic Pathology Fellowship

Dr Deepali Jain (PGIMER, Chandigarh) is seeking participation in a fellowship program. For further communication she may be contacted at deepalipgi@rediffmail.com

Dr. Sapna Legha, 28yr old pathologist, currently junior faculty at the DMC College, Ludhiana, is looking for a fellowship or similar training position in United States. She has publications on prostate carcinoma. She also has undergraduate and post graduate teaching experience. Hard working, intelligent, will not fail you. No visa, no USMLE. Please email to dhyansahajo@rediffmail.com.

Nephropathology Fellowship

Dr. Asha Rupani of Dept of Pathology, B. L. Nair Hospital Mumbai is interested in doing a fellowship in Nephropathology. Anyone interested in helping her or with leads can contact her at asharupani@yahoo.com

Staff Pathologist

Dr. Anandita Datta is looking for a staff position. Completed APCP residency from University of Maryland (June 2005), board eligible and will complete fellowship in Nephropathology in June 2006. If Interested, please contact her at anandita_datta@hotmail.com

Pathology jobs on the web

<http://www.pathologyoutlines.com/Jobs/jobs.html>

<http://www.pathology.jobs.topusajobs.com/>

<http://jobs.modernpathology.org/js.php>