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From the Editor

Dear Members,

In this issue you will see a number of AIPNA members participating in the continuing education seminars and accreditation of the laboratories in India. We are all witnessing tremendous growth and changes in India. Better communications create more opportunities. We as AIPNA members are fortunate to be able to contribute to the transfer of knowledge we have acquired in America, to the Pathologists in India. As Thomas Friedman says "The world is flat." We are fortunate to be a part of this phenomenon.

Sincerely,

Bhuvana Krishnan

Message from the President

Dear Friends

AIPNA has begun 2006 with much enthusiasm. May this momentum continue.

A lot of AIPNA members are working hard to fulfill the mission of AIPNA. Notable among them is Subodh Lele, who is arranging a CME in December 2006 at KEM hospital, PUNE. Also Dr. Shidham is involved in arranging a sub-specialty conference as an adjunct to the IACC (Indian Academy of Cytology) meeting in Allahbad in 2007. I am excited to be a speaker at the IACC meeting in Ranchi, India in November 2006.

Dr. Fred Silva, Secretary Treasurer, USCAP, is urging us to tell our friends and colleagues in India about the phenomenal educational materials available at the uscap web site (www.uscap.org). I am sure you will oblige.

Please let us know how we can better serve you and help you in serving our friends and colleagues in India.

Sincerely
Megha Joshi

Continuing Medical Education Seminars in India

Surgical Pathology and Cytology Seminars.

The XII Annual International CME in Surgical Pathology & Cytology will be held in Le Meridien Hotel, Pune, India from January 18-20, 2007. The following is a list of faculty members.

Sanjay Kakar,MD	Gastrointestinal/Liver Pathology, UCSF
Sharda Sabnis	Renal pathology, Vasculitis for the Surgical Pathologists
Jayashree Jagirdar	Pulmonary pathology
Meenakshi Singh, MD	Gynecologic/breast pathology
Venkat Challa	Neuropathology, Faculty coordinator
Nirag Jhala	Cytology (1)
Sudha Kini	Thyroid Cytology (2)
Meenakshi Bhattacharjee	Neuropathology
Shubhada Kane	Gynecologic Pathology Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai, India Faculty
Anand Lagoo	Hematopathology, Duke University
Scott Kilpatrick	Soft Tissue/Bone Tumors
Manoj Singh	AIIMS, New Delhi, Dermatopathology, India Faculty
Ranganathan	Pediatric Pathology, Pittsburgh
Satish Tickoo	Memorial Sloan Kettering, Renal Cell Carcinoma in adults
Latha Pisharodi	Cytology (3)
Vijay Joshi	Cystic lesions of lungs in children.
Dean Daya	Gynecologic pathology, Canadian faculty
Sivayogi Bhusnurmath	General Pathology, Cardiovascular Pathology

Future Events

The **XIII Annual International CME in Surgical Pathology & Cytology** will be in Bangalore, India in the year 2008. Dr. Jayaraman will be the local organizer. Dates and venue are not yet confirmed. Interested prospective speakers should contact Dr. Venkat Challa at Vchalla@wfubmc.edu

ISRTP

Indian Society of Renal and Transplantation Pathology

The first annual meeting of ISRTP (Renal work shop 2006) was held on 3rd and 4th March 2006 and was organized by N.U. Ranadive, Professor & Head, Department of Pathology, Sion Medical College, Mumbai. More than 75 participants from all over the country attended meeting. The academic programs included guest lectures on various aspect of renal and transplant pathology. A training workshop on immunofluorescence was also organized. The meeting was highly informative.

Future events:

The next ISRTP annual meeting will be held on 5th and 6th October 2006 at Institute of Kidney Diseases & Resarch Center and Institute of Transplantation Sciences, Ahmedabad. Dr Aruna Vaniker will organize the meeting.

For more information please contact Dr. Sabnis at Sabnis@afip.osd.mil

Laboratory Accreditations in India

Dr. Baptist has made an outstanding contribution for the education and certification of the Pathology laboratories in India by the College of American Pathologists (CAP). He has also coauthored a chapter on Quality Assurance in Molecular Diagnostics that has been published in Molecular Diagnostics for the Clinical Laboratorian 2nd ed. WB Coleman and GJ Tsongalis ed. 2006.

He along with Dr. Kumudini U. Mehta, Dr. Francis E. Sharkey, Dr. C. Robert Baisden, Dr. Kailash B. Sharma, Dr. Bharati Jhaveri and Drs. Helen and Gregory Fernandes are going to India to inspect seven laboratories in Mumbai, Delhi, Ahmedabad, Chennai and Bangalore. In addition to the laboratory inspections the team will also be conducting a CAP Laboratory Accreditation Process (LAP) Inspector Training Seminar in Mumbai on May 3rd at the P. D. Hinduja National Hospital, a CAP/LAP Seminar immediately followed by a Seminar jointly sponsored by various organizations, including AAPI & AIPNA, in Delhi at The Windsor, Le Meridien, Janpath, New Delhi on May 6th during which Dr. Helen Fernandes will talk on Trends in Molecular diagnostics and Dr. Baptist will talk on Laboratory Tests for Acute Coronary Syndromes. They will also give these two talks at Saint John's Medical College in Bangalore on May 9th. If you need any additional information please contact Dr. Baptist at sbaptist@sbhcs.com.