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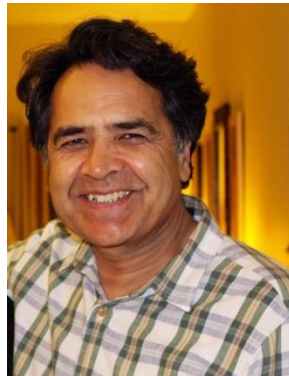
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Friends,

Happy New Year, I wish you and your loved ones happiness, health and peace in 2018. The festive season usually bring friends and family together as they enjoy gift sharing and parties at home and at work. Here in Northeast USA after a white Christmas we have had a blast of frigid sub-zero temperatures making getting out and about very uncomfortable.

My advice - stay warm and safe and hopefully we will see warmer days in the near future.

Since the publication of the last newsletter we have had a very productive Fall season for AIPNA sponsored educational programs that started with the annual CAP meeting where AIPNA presented "Near Misses in Pathology" at a breakfast session. A very successful International CME in Gynecologic Pathology in Hyderabad and Chandigarh followed this under the leadership of Dr. Srinivas Mandavilli. The details of these programs are outlined in the newsletter. The next few weeks will see our flagship International CME in collaboration with Indian College of Pathologists organized by DY Patil Medical School in Navi Mumbai on January 19th – 21st, followed by the 2nd Pediatric Pathology CME at PGI Chandigarh in early February. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire faculty who has volunteered their time and money to travel for these meetings. Special thank you is extended to Drs. Vijay Joshi and S. Ranganathan for leading the AIPNA Pediatric pathology initiative and Srin Mandavilli for coordinating the International CME in Navi Mumbai. They have planned a great program and I am certainly looking forward to visiting Mumbai.

A bit of significant, personnel news; one of AIPNA founders and Executive Vice President Dr. Megha Joshi just informed us that after serving for more than two decades as Chief of Pathology at Lawrence General Hospital she has decided to step down and move to Winchester Hospital. The motivation for Megha for this move has been that in addition to practicing pathology, she will have more time to do what she really loves and has a passion for, which is pathology community service and educational activities here in USA and India on behalf of AIPNA and much more. I would like to congratulate Megha for a great service to Lawrence General and wish her well in her new position and future endeavors on behalf of AIPNA and other organizations.

Finally a big thank you to our newsletter editor Dr. Shivayogi Bhusnurmath and editorial assistant Mrs. Akisha Jones-Donald for bringing out the newsletter – your time and effort is greatly appreciated.

I hope we will see warm air and blossoms to mark the spring when we bring the next newsletter. Till then stay warm and safe and away from what seems to be an active flu season.

Best Wishes,
Ashraf Khan
AIPNA President

AIPNA at USCAP 2018

March 17 – 23, 2018, Vancouver, Canada

The AIPNA Executive Committee and General Body Meetings will be held during the USCAP March 2018 conference. Meeting details:

AIPNA Executive Committee Meeting Saturday, March 17, 2018, 5-7:30 pm, Pan Pacific Gallery Boardroom

Pan Pacific Vancouver, 300-900 Canada Place
Way,
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, V6C 3 B5

AIPNA GBM and Reception Sunday, March 18, 2018, 5-7:30 pm, Pan Pacific Crystal Pavilion A

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23rd AIPNA-ICP International CME (January 19th – 21st, 2018)

The 23rd AIPNA-ICP international CME meeting will be held at DY Patil University, School of Medicine at the CIDCO convention center at Vashi, Navi Mumbai, India from January 19th - 21st, 2018. The organizing secretary is Dr. Rajiv Rao and the program coordinators are Dr. Francisco Couto, ICP and Dr. Srinu Mandavilli, AIPNA. See meeting website for details on the scientific program and participating faculty. www.aiicme2018.com

Pediatric Pathology CME (February 1st – 3rd, 2018)

The 2nd Pediatric Pathology CME will be held at PGIMER, Chandigarh February 1st -3rd, 2018. This has been jointly organized by AIPNA members Drs. S Ranganathan (Children's Hospital, Pittsburgh) and Anita Gupta (Children's Hospital, Cincinnati) and PGIMER joint organizing secretaries Drs. Nandita Kakar and Kirti Gupta. Drs. Vijay Joshi and Sudha Kini will be delivering orations and over a dozen Indian pediatric pathologists will participate as faculty.

Report on the Inaugural International CME in Gynecologic Pathology Presented by Dr. Srinu Mandavilli

The very first international CME meeting in gynecologic pathology co-organized by the International Society of Gynecologic Pathologists (ISGyP), British Association of Gyn pathologists (BAGP) and Association of Indian Pathologists of North America (AIPNA) was conducted as two separate meetings: one at PGIMER, Chandigarh (Oct 28-29, 2017) and the second at the Indo-American Cancer Center, Hyderabad (Nov 3-4, 2017). <http://www.cmegynpathhyd.com>



There were 300-350 pathologists and pathology trainees who attended each of these conferences. Pathologists from the major medical/ cancer centers including PGIMER, AIIMS, TMC, CMC Vellore, Apollo, Hinduja and others in India also participated as faculty. During the meetings, apart from podium lectures, there were panel discussions including medical, surgical and radiation oncologists. A quiz for participating residents and fellows was conducted by the international faculty where the participants tweeted the winning answers. Poster sessions allowed for showcasing the consultants and post-graduates to present their research work in gynecologic pathology.



Drs. Srinivasa Mandavilli and Naveena Singh (joint international program coordinators for these meetings) had been chatting with pathologists at a couple of major medical centers in India for a couple of years, and their discussions in involving ISGyP eventually led to identifying two medical centers in India to host these meetings. Dr. Radhika Srinivasan (PGIMER) and Dr. Sudha Murthy (Indo-American Cancer Center) were key local organizing secretaries in making these meetings

happen. Participating international faculty included Dr. Blake Gilks (University of British Columbia), President ISGyP, Dr. Joseph Rabban, (University of California at San Francisco), Dr. Oluware Fadare (UC San Diego), and Dr. Raji Ganesan (Birmingham Women’s Hospital).

Apart from providing updates and cutting edge developments to the participants (theme being “Game Changers in Diagnosis and how to spot them”), these meetings have already allowed informal discussions to begin amongst pathologists at major medical centers in India with an interest in gynecologic pathology, hopefully translating to enriching the pathology community in India, improvement in quality of gynecologic pathology reporting and set the ball rolling for the formation of a gynecologic pathologic society in India. The feedback from delegates from both of these meetings has been excellent and many requested the continued need for such high level scientific programs for providing updates in the field.



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AIPNA's Inaugural Scientific Session at the CAP Annual Meeting October 2017

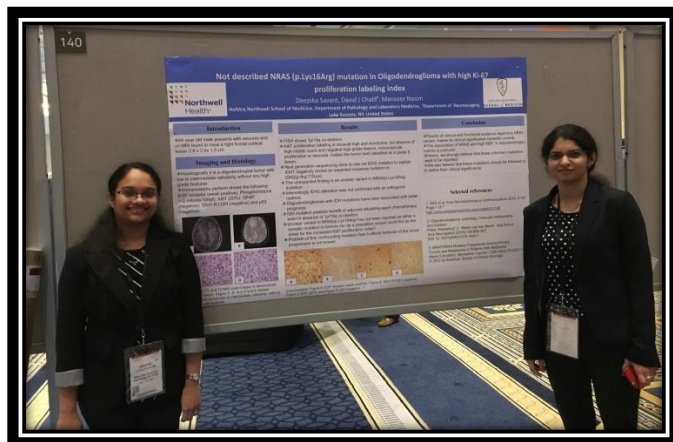
Presented by Dr. Anil Prasad

A Big Success!

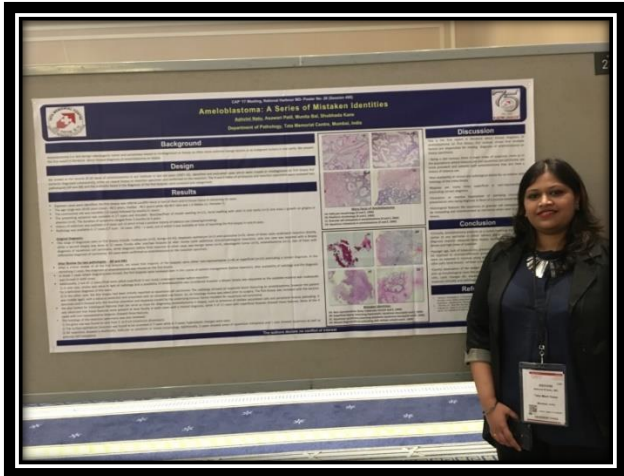
AIPNA is grateful to the College of American Pathologists (CAP) for finally sanctioning a separate scientific session to be conducted as a specialty society program during its annual meeting at Washington DC. This was possible due to the tremendous support from one of our esteemed members Dr. Bharti Jhaveri, CAP Governor and the continued efforts of Dr. Anil Prasad who has

represented AIPNA as a liaison at the CAP for several years. The breakfast session was titled **"Near misses in Pathology"** and included very interesting case presentations by Megha Joshi, MD, Anil Prasad, MD and Ashraf Khan, MD. The highlight was the breakfast composed of a fabulous south Indian spread of Idli Vada Sambar Coconut chutney Samosas and dessert from the best Indian caterer in the city (thanks to Megha and Bharti). The hall was packed with a very interactive and enlightened audience which suitably impressed the observers from the CAP. Drs. Robboy and Friedberg were some of the many who attended the session from the CAP. We are hoping to expand the scope of our session from next year onwards.

The AIPNA members also were well represented in the Spotlight event which was the incoming President's Banquet Event. The theme was New Orleans' Creole setting with live jazz, dance and masked costumes. Some photographs including Megha Joshi, Bharti Bhusnurmath, Anil Prasad, Anand Lagoo, Sandhya Lagoo, Priti Lal, Vijaya Reddy, Bharti Jhaveri family and Shivayogi Bhusnurmath are included (see below).



Deepika Savanti, MD, NSLIJHS Anatomic Pathology Services, NY & Neha Gupta, Northwell Health, Lake Success, NY

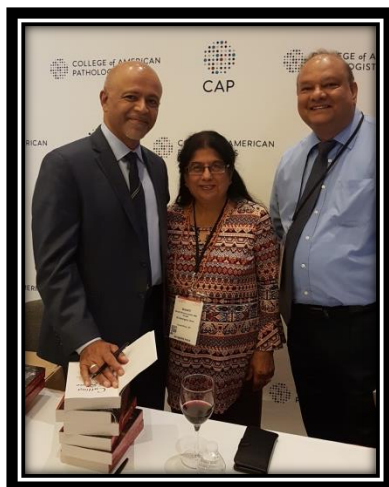


Ashvini Natu, MD, Tata Mem Hospital, Mumbai, India

Party Time!!! AIPNA Members and guests enjoying the party.



Drs. Megha Joshi and Abraham Verghese



Drs. Bharti & Shivayogi Bhusnurmath with Dr. Abraham Verghese





AIPNA Activities Highlighted in IAP

Once again some of AIPNA's recent activities were highlighted in the International Academy of Pathology's Bulletin. The bulletin is being sent as an attachment with this newsletter, do check it out.

Jest a Minute

Truisms !

Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool, so I gave him a glass of water.

I changed my password to "incorrect" so whenever I forget it the computer will say, "Your password is incorrect."

Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.

I'm great at multi-tasking. I can waste time, be unproductive, and procrastinate all at once.

If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame.

Doesn't expecting the unexpected mean that the unexpected is actually expected?

Take my advice — I'm not using it.

Hospitality is the art of making guests feel like they're at home when you wish they were.

Television may insult your intelligence, but nothing rubs it in like a computer.

I bought a vacuum cleaner six months ago and so far all it's been doing is gathering dust.

Every time someone comes up with a fool proof solution, along comes a more-talented fool.

If you keep your feet firmly on the ground, you'll have trouble putting on your pants.

A computer once beat me at chess, but it was no match for me at kick boxing.

Ever stop to think and forget to start again?

When I married Ms. Right, I had no idea her first name was Always.

My wife got 8 out 10 on her driver's test. The other two guys managed to jump out of her way.

There may be no excuse for laziness, but I'm still looking.

Women spend more time wondering what men are thinking than men spend thinking.

Give me ambiguity or give me something else.

He who laughs last thinks slowest.

Is it wrong that only one company makes the game Monopoly?

Women sometimes make fools of men, but most guys are the do-it-yourself type.

I was going to give him a nasty look, but he already had one.

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

The grass may be greener on the other side but at least you don't have to mow it.

Source: unknown

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These are the common conversations that take place during we doctor's Reunions post our graduation which reflect the different phases of life and it's priorities . . .

Graduation Party:-

- 1- What are you planning to specialize in?
- 2- Planning to settle in India or abroad?
- 3- Did you propose to that girl you were moving around with all the time?

Oh I did but she said that all the time she considered me just a good friend and that she was sorry if her behavior had created and misunderstanding.

Ok then if you don't mind I will try my luck

First reunion 5 years after graduation:-

- 1- What did you specialize in?
- 2- Own Clinic or Job?
- 3- How much do you make?
- 4- Relationship Status?
- 5- Do you own a Car? Which brand?
- 6- Been on an exotic vacation or solo trips?
- 7- Look at that girl. . . is she the same one whom we didn't even know existed? Wonder whether she's still single? What a transformation man.

Second reunion 10 years after graduation:-

- 1- How many kids? How old are they? Which school do they go in?
- 2- Which is a good school? Do you have a contact there?
- 3- My son/daughter is this/that and they have achieved this/that blah blah blah
- 4- What does your spouse do? Medico or Non Medico?
- 5- Do your parents stay with you? Does your wife approve of them?
- 6- Does your wife and mother get along well?
- 7- Flat or Bungalow?
- 8- How many Cars? Any luxury car or bike? I have a Benz and a Harley.
- 9- Own clinic or job? How much do you make?

Third reunion 20 years after graduation:-

- 1- So how is your son/daughter faring in studies? A group or B group?
- 2- Which college is you first choice to send them for graduation? Planning to educate them in India or Abroad?
- 3- My son/daughter is this/that and they have achieved this/that blah blah blah

4- I see so many patients daily. Do so many surgeries. I am considered an authority on this/that. I get invited to so many conferences/ workshops as key note speaker. I am this/that committee. I am Chairperson of this/that... Blah blah blah....

Others:- Good Great (Yawn Yawn)

5- Are you still married or divorced? This question has nothing to do with point 4. As the one speaking in point 4 is already obsessed by his profession and married to it.

Fourth reunion 30 - 40 years after graduation:-

- 1- Are you still working or retired?
- 2- How is your back/prostrate/ piles/fissure/varicose veins/ joints etc.?
- 3- What are your children doing? Settled in India or abroad? Married or no? Oh am looking for a

bride/groom for my son/daughter. Do tell me if you have someone in mind.

4- Are your children staying with you? No ok- Do they come and visit you sometimes?

Reply:- 'Oh the youth of today are very busy nowadays. They have their own lives and whenever they get a vacation they are off to some exotic location. They too need a break no.

5- How many Grandkids? Do you look after them while your

6- My Grandkid is so cute and smart. He/she can do this/that. I eagerly wait to visit them or meet them.

7- Which is a good school nowadays to educate them? Anyway it's not going to make much difference even if I know because the parents are not going to ask our opinion or advice.

Fifth reunion 40 - 50 years post college:-

- 1- How many of our batch mates are still surviving?
- 2- Are your bowel/bladder habits normal? Do you have to wear Diapers? Which is a good brand of Diapers?
- 3- Where do you stay? With your children at their home or Old-Age Home?
- 4- Do you know of any good old age home/retirement home in our city? It should be just neat and clean with good nursing and healthcare facilities. Difficult for us to maintain our huge bungalow. Children are busy with their lives, not interested in coming and staying with us. They tell us that if you can't maintain such a big bungalow sell it off and move into a smaller place. Don't know why I built such a big Bungalow in the first place. Grandkids have their own group of friends. Don't even know when they come home, go to sleep, wake up and go to college. Hardly get to see or meet them.
- 5- Still Married? Divorced? Or Widowed? Interested in marrying again? I know of this man/woman around your age who too is alone and desires company.

The LAST reunion 60 years post college:-

- 1- Where have my Grandkids brought me?
- 2- Who are you? Your face looks familiar?
- 3- Ok you graduated from so and so college in this batch? My batch? I don't remember.
- 4- Where's the washroom?
- 5- Who is this beautiful lady with me? Oh My wife!!! When did I marry her?

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