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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It is with deep gratitude and a profound sense of responsibility that I accept the role of President of the International Academy of Pathology – Indian Division. I extend my heartfelt thanks to the Executive Committee and all members for the trust placed in me through an uncontested nomination. Your confidence is both humbling and energizing.

As we move forward, I remain committed to upholding the core objectives of our Academy: fostering excellence in diagnostic pathology, promoting collaborative research, and advancing education across our diverse professional community. I firmly believe that good diagnostic care forms the backbone of any hospital or institute—it is the silent force behind clinical decision-making, patient outcomes, and institutional credibility. Strengthening this foundation and keeping up with advances remains central to my vision.

We have already begun the journey with impactful academic engagements, including the recently concluded workshop on medical autopsies at PGIMER, Chandigarh, organized by Dr Ritambhara Nada which reignited interest in this vital yet underutilized tool. Looking ahead, we are organizing a CME on the “Approach to Endoscopic GI Biopsies” at Amrita Institute, Kochi—an initiative taken by Dr Roopa Paulose, aimed at refining interpretative skills in endoscopic histopathology. I look forward to meeting you all at Annual IAP meeting in Jammu in December.

With your continued support and active participation, I am confident we will ensure smooth functioning, meaningful progress, and initiatives that reflect the evolving needs of our field. Together, let us build on the strong foundation laid by our predecessors and steer the IAP-Indian Division toward new horizons of academic and professional growth.

Warm regards,



Nuzhat Husain MD, FRCPath (Res), FICP
President, IAP – Indian Division

14th AP-IAP 2025

Asia Pacific International Academy of Pathology Congress

November 5th-7th, 2025
Centara Grand @ Central Plaza Ladprao

Bangkok, Thailand



SECRETARY & TREASURER`S COLUMN



Dear Friends,

Greetings! I begin by sincerely thanking all of you for entrusting me with the responsibility of serving as the Secretary and Treasurer of a coveted society like the IAP-ID. I am deeply honoured by your trust and assure you of my wholehearted commitment to work for the continued growth and progress of our society.

The year 2024 was an excellent one, marked by high-quality academic sessions and enthusiastic participation. This year too began on a bright note with a mid-year teaching program on Medical Autopsy, organized by the Department of Pathology, PGIMER, Chandigarh. Heartfelt thanks to Prof. Ritambhra Nada and her team for hosting such a rich and enlightening academic feast. I sincerely acknowledge the generous contribution of ₹10,700 to the society by the organizing team.

IAP-ID also took the initiative to send an e-poster entry as a travel bursary for the AP-IAP Meeting held in Bangkok, Thailand. The abstract submitted by Dr. Surabhi Jain from AIIMS, New Delhi, was selected as the official IAP-ID entry for the e-poster presentation. Dr. Surabhi was awarded free registration and a bursary of 10,000 Thai Baht.

The Annual CME of IAP-ID will be hosted by the Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences, Kochi, Kerala, focusing on Hepatopancreatobiliary Pathology. The scientific program has been thoughtfully designed to encompass a wide spectrum of topics, with eminent national and international faculty participating. I extend my best wishes to Dr. Roopa Paulose, Dr. Malini Eapen, and their team for the successful conduct of this academic event.

While the year has witnessed remarkable academic and scientific accomplishments, it has also brought deep sorrow with the loss of some stalwarts of pathology. We mourn the passing of Dr. Anita Borges, Dr. K. Harilal, and Dr. K. P. Deodhar—giants whose contributions to pathology and to IAP-ID remain unparalleled. We remain committed to carrying forward their legacy with pride and dedication. I convey my heartfelt condolences to their families, friends, colleagues, and students.

I express my deepest gratitude to Prof. Francisco Couto, Prof. Nuzhat Husain, Dr. Sujay Prasad, and Dr. Reeni Malik for their constant support, encouragement, and guidance at every step. Their efforts and commitment have been instrumental in furthering the activities of our society.

I also take this opportunity to request all senior members to encourage junior faculty and residents to become members of IAP-ID and to actively participate in its scientific activities. Members are also requested to kindly renew their membership dues at the earliest. Details regarding membership fees and payment modes are available on the IAP-ID website.

Warm regards,

Dr Megha Uppin

Secretary and Treasurer, IAP-ID

THANK YOU

The IAP-ID expresses its gratitude and thanks to Dr. Sujay Prasad, Dr. Reeni Malik and Dr. Megha Uppin who have completed their tenures as President, Secretary & Treasurer and Councilor respectively at the end of 2025 for their contributions and services to the IAP-ID. Dr. Megha Uppin continues in the IAP-ID Executive Council as the new Secretary & Treasurer of the IAP-D. Our gratitude and thanks are also due to Dr. Anita Bhaduri past President who completes her tenure as Ex Officio Member of the Council

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www.uscap.org

IAP-ID WEBSITE

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www.iapid.org

EDITOR'S COLUMN

Friends,

It is my pride and privilege to introduce this newsletter to all of you.

This edition is a compilation of the various activities of IAPID, presented in both text and pictorial form. The newsletter serves as an important medium to share information about the scientific activities of IAPID and also as a rich collection of photographic memories that we all will cherish for years to come.

I sincerely invite members to share their suggestions and comments to help us further improve the format and content of this newsletter. Your feedback is always welcome and valuable.

I also request every member to kindly send in their entries for inclusion in future issues.

Additionally, we seek your support in helping us find sponsors so that this initiative can continue and grow stronger.

Together, let us strengthen our society and take IAPID to greater heights.

Sincerely,

Dr Megha Uppin

Editor IAP-ID Newsletter

NEW OFFICE BEARERS

The IAP-ID congratulates and welcomes the new President Dr. Nuzhat Husain (Lucknow), Secretary & Treasurer Dr. Megha Uppin (Hyderabad) and Councillor Dr. Paromita Roy (Kolkata) who were elected at the GBM held on 12th December 2024 at the S. C. B Medical College, Cuttack, Odisha, India. The tenure of the new Office Bearers began on 1 January 2025. For the benefit of the members their brief biodata is given below:

Dr. NUZHAT HUSAIN



Prof Nuzhat Husain MBBS, MD, FRCPath, FICP is Professor and Head of Pathology at Ram Manohar Lohia Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow, India, where she also leads the State Referral Centre for Lab Investigations—a public-public partnership she established. She has served as Dean Academics for over 7 years and as Director of the institute. Her clinical interests include Neuropathology, Oncopathology, and Molecular Pathology.

Dr Husain has led research as principal investigator for 28 externally funded research projects, along with numerous intramural studies and participating as a co-investigator in other research initiatives. She has authored four book chapters and more than 325 research papers in peer-reviewed journals and supervised over 30 PhD students as well as more than 80 MD, MS, and MCh theses.

Dr Husain has received several academic distinctions, she was also awarded fellowships such as the DST Boyscast fellowship for postdoctoral work at Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard University, and she has been an International Visiting Fellow at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Centre in 2017 and 2019. She was awarded FRCPath in 2023. The laurels started early with the President of India's silver medal for best woman student at the University in 1985 and the KB Kunwar Gold Medal for best thesis in 1989. She is a popular teacher and has delivered invited lectures and presented original research at international and national events.

Dr Husain has been a member of the IAP ID since 1995 and has previously served as a counselor. She was also the Honorary Secretary of the Indian College of Pathologists and is currently the President Elect of the Neuropathology Society of India.

Dr. MEGHA UPPIN



Dr Megha Uppin, MD, FICP, is currently Professor, Department of Pathology, Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences, Hyderabad. She is an alumnus of KEM hospital and Seth GS Medical College, Mumbai. She is currently an Additional professor of Pathology at NIMS Hyderabad and has about 20 years of teaching experience. Her areas of interest are surgical pathology, Neuropathology, Medical renal pathology and molecular pathology. She has received training in Neuropathology from Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN, USA. She has more than 220 international and national publications in indexed journals and seven book chapters. She was the guest editor of Special issue on Neuropathology published by IAPM in May 2022. She is also Co-editor of a Third Edition of a book titled "Essentials of Diagnostic Surgical Neuropathology". She is the recipient of many awards including ICMR Young Scientist, Best Junior Faculty at NIMS, Telangana State Best Teacher Award etc. She is a life member of various professional bodies including IAPM, ISRTP, NPSI, NSI and HAP. She is currently the joint secretary of Neuropathology Society of India. She was Organizing Secretary of the First Annual Conference of Neuropathology Society of India in 2015 (NPSICON). She conducted a workshop on "Muscle Pathology" as a part of Mid-year Teaching Program of IAP-ID in 2021. She is an editorial board member of IJPM and is a reviewer for Neurology India, SAJC, IJC, BMC Nephrology etc. She has delivered more than 100 invited guest lectures in various national meetings, workshops and seminars.

Dr. PAROMITA ROY



Currently working as a Senior Consultant and Head of Department of Pathology at Tata Medical Center, Kolkata.

After her postgraduation at IPGMER, Kolkata, Dr Roy has been trained in oncopathology at Tata Memorial Hospital Mumbai and Toronto General Hospital, Canada. She associated with Tata Medical Center since July 2010, setting up the departments of histopathology and cytology. Her specialities include Head and Neck, GI, Urogenital, CNS, and Pediatric pathology. She has been instrumental in NABL accreditation, in-house development of the lab information system module and introduction of PDCC Oncopathology course at TMC Kolkata.

She has over 50 publications in peer reviewed journals, a member of various national and international societies, a UICC technical fellowship awardee and participant at PI and Co-investigator in multiple national (Wellcome DBT sponsored PEACOCC study in young colorectal cancer) and international studies (NIH sponsored study on oral and oropharyngeal cancer genomics).

IAP-ID XXVI Annual CME 2024 Mumbai

The XXVI Annual CME of the IAP-ID was held on 5th and 6th October 2024 at the Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai, organized by Centre for Oncopathology and S. L. Raheja Hospital with the theme "Surgical Pathology of the Endometrium". Dr. Anita Borges was the Organizing Chairperson and Dr. Shipla Prabhudesai and Dr. Pravin Mahajan are the organizing Secretaries. The CME was inaugurated by Dr. Rajan Badwe (CEO of Tata Care Foundation) in the presence Dr. Swati Suryavanshi (Medical Director, S. L. Raheja Hospital), Dr. Francisco Couto (IAP Vice President for Asia and Advisor IAP-ID), Dr. Sujay Prasad (President (IAP-ID), Dr. Reeni Malik (Secretary & Treasurer IAP-ID), Dr. Anita Borges (Organizing Chairperson), Dr. Shilpa Prabhudesai and Dr. Pravin Mahajan (Organizing Chairpersons). The CME was well attended with delegates from different parts of India.

The scientific programme included lectures, panel discussions, case presentation by eminent Faculty and also scientific poster presentations by delegates. The lectures included "Endometrial Physiology – an overview" by Dr. Madhavi Panpalia; "Investigating the Endometrium – When, Where, How" by Dr. Shweta Raje; "Understanding the Non – neoplastic endometrium" by Dr. Anita Borges; "AH, EIN, EIC – A Pathologist's approach" by Dr. Pravin Mahajan; "Current Classification of endometrial carcinomas" by Dr. Vinita Pandey; "Navigating Digital Pathology together" by Dr. Abhishek Singh; Molecular underpinnings of endometrial carcinoma" by Dr. Sandeep Mathur; "Surgical Pathology Report of endometrial Carcinoma" by Dr. Maria Alina DeSouza; "MMR – IHC: Tumour agnostic companion diagnostics for immunotherapy" by Dr. Jayesh Deshmukh; "Endometrial Stromal Tumours – What's new" by Dr. Santosh Menon and "Other mesenchymal tumours of the uterus" by Dr. Vinita Pant. There was a Panel Discussion on "Dilemmas in Practice" moderated by Dr. Shilpa Prabhudesai and Co-moderated by Dr. Divya Midha and panelists were Dr. Kedar Deodhar, Dr. Amita Maheswari, Dr. Muzammil Shaikh, Dr. V. Kannan, Dr. Gayathri Rao and Dr. Sandeep Mathur. Interesting and Unusual Cases were presented by Dr. Pravin Mahajan, Dr. Asish Shah, Dr. Shilpa Prabhudesai, Dr. S. Premlatha, Dr. Jayati Datta, Dr. Aditi Goyal, Dr. Jyoti Verma and Dr. Kunjal Lila. The scientific deliberation were of extremely high quality and well appreciated by the participants. On behalf of the IAP-ID Dr. Sujay Prasad (President IAP-ID), Dr. Reeni Malik (Secretary & Treasurer IAP-ID) and Dr. Francisco Couto (IAP Vice President for Asia and Advisor IAP-ID) thanked Dr. Anita Borges and her team for the excellent CME.





IAP-ID Annual Conference 2024 Cuttack

The Annual Conference 2024 of the IAP – Indian Division was held on 12th December 2024 at the S. C. B Medical College, Cuttack, Odisha, India, and was organized by the Department of Pathology, S. C. B. Medical College, Cuttack. Dr. Lily Mohanty was the Organizing Chairperson and Dr. Asaranti Kar was the Organizing Secretary.

The Annual Conference began with a short formal Inauguration function. The Conference was inaugurated by Chief Guest Prof. Dr. B. K. Nanda by the lighting of the traditional lamp in the presence of other dignitaries Dr. Francisco Couto (Vice President for Asia of International Academy of Pathology) who was the Guest of Honour, Dr. Sujoy Prasad (President IAP-ID), Dr. Reeni Malik (Secretary & Treasurer IAP-ID), Dr. Lily Mohanty (Organizing Chairperson APCON 2024) and Dr. Asaranti Kar (Organizing Secretary APCON 2024). The "Proceedings Booklet" was released by Dr. Francisco Couto during the function and made available to all the attendees.

The Inauguration function was followed by the Scientific sessions of the Conference. The invited foreign Guest Speaker was Prof. Dr. K. N. Naresh (Professor & Head of Pathology, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Centre, Seattle, & Professor, Department of Laboratory Medicine & Pathology, University of Washington, Seattle, United States of America) who delivered a Guest Lecture on "The Pathologist Role in Lymphoma Biomarker Development" and a Slide Seminar titled "Beyond the Silo: Integrated Approaches to Lymphoma Diagnosis". Both the lecture and the Slide Seminar were excellent and highly appreciated by the audience. There was also a Slide Seminar titled "The mighty little Vermiform Appendix: Its Pathology and Frontiers" moderated by Dr. Usha Kini (Bengaluru). Twenty One very interesting cases were presented and all the cases were very well discussed and presented by Dr. Usha Kini (Bengaluru), Dr. K. P. Aravindan, Calicut and Dr. Paromita Roy, Kolkata. There was also a Symposium titled "Salivary Gland Pathology: Solving difficult cases and mastering emerging concepts" moderated by Dr. Nalini Gupta (Chandigarh). The Symposium was excellent and the topic was comprehensively and nicely covered by Dr. Nalini Gupta and her panelists who spoke on various facets like "Introduction to the topic" and "The Milan System of Reporting Salivary Gland Cytopathology: Second Edition" by Dr. Nalini Gupta (Chandigarh); "The Latest WHO classification of Salivary gland tumors" by Dr. Munita Menon (Mumbai); "Newer entities and the approach to diagnosis" by Dr. Aanchal Kakkar (New Delhi); "Ancillary techniques in diagnosis of salivary gland tumors: a good servant but a bad master?" by Dr Abbas Agaimy (Germany) and "Unusual tumors at unusual sites - Case based discussion of salivary gland-type neoplasms" by Dr Vijayalakshmi Ananthanarayanan (USA). The Conference was very well attended with large number of delegates from India and abroad attending the meeting.



IAP Executive Council Meeting 2025 Boston, USA

The IAP Executive Council meeting for core members of the IAP Executive Council was held in Boston, USA, during the USCAP Congress on 22nd March 2025. Dr. Francisco Couto, IAP Vice President for Asia attended the meeting virtually



IAP-ID XXVII Annual CME 2025 Kochi

The XXVII Annual CME 2025 of the IAP-ID will be held on 1st and 2nd November 2025 at the Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences titled “Hepatopancreaticobiliary Pathology” and is being organized by the Department of Pathology, Amritha Institute of Medical Sciences, Kochi.

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MEETINGS

1) 14h Asia Pacific IAP (APIAP) Congress 2025

Centara Grand @ Central Plaza Ladprao

Bangkok, Thailand

5th – 7th November 2025

Website: www.iaptailand.com/apiap2025

2) USCAP 115th Annual Meeting 2026

San Antonio, Texas, USA

21th – 26th March 2026

Website: www.uscap.org

3) The XXXVI International Congress of the International Academy of Pathology (IAP 2026)

in conjunction with

The 72nd Fall Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society of Pathology

Fukuoka International Congress Center

Fukuoka, Japan

8th – 13th October 2026

Website: www.iap2026.com

IAP-ID Mid Year Teaching Programme 2025 Chandigarh

The IAP-ID Mid Year Teaching Programme 2025 was held on 6th and 7th April 2025 at PGIMER, Chandigarh and organized by the Department of Histopathology, Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh. Dr. Ritambhra Nada was the Organizing Secretary and Dr. Nandita Kakkar was the Organizing Chairperson. The Workshop was well attended with more than 107 delegates attending.

The Workshop cum CME was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Dr. Kusum Joshi in the presence of Guest of Honour Dr. Ashim Das, Dr. Francisco Couto (IAP Vice President for Asia and Advisor IAP-ID), Dr. Nuzhat Husain (President IAP-ID), Dr. D. N. Lanjewar, Dr. Nandita Kakkar and Dr. Ritambhra Nada.

There was a special tribute in honour of Prof. B. N. Datta, a pioneer in pathology whose work had inspired generations, titled “An Ode to Prof. B. N. Datta: A Legend, Inspiring Through Life and Beyond” delivered by Prof. Kusum Joshi. The Workshop was a mix of Lectures, Demonstrations, videos and hands on training.

On 6th April 2025, the programme started with the first session which was Introduction & Perspectives on Autopsy and consisted of two lectures “Medical Autopsy: Clinician’s Perspective” by Dr. Vivek Kumar (Nephrology, PGIMER) and “Lessons from Loss: Role of Fetal Autopsies” by Prof. Nandita Kakkar. Session 2 was on Experience & Insights from the Field and lectures for this session were “Lessons from Medical Autopsy” by Prof. Ashim Das and “A Journey with AIDS Autopsies” by Prof. D. N. Lanjewar. Session 4 consisted of Live Autopsy Demonstration. This session of the CME provided a rare and invaluable opportunity for participants to witness real-time autopsy procedures under expert supervision. The session commenced with a live demonstration of a Pediatric autopsy conducted by Prof. Nandita Kakkar and Dr. Sunny Bhardwaj followed by an Adult autopsy demonstrated by Dr. Debajyoti Chatterjee, Dr. Aravind Sekar, and Dr. Suvradeep Mitra. Session 5 consisted of Gross Organ Demonstrations which had table-based demonstration with rotation; 25 participants per table; 25-minute rotation each. Participants rotated through four thematic tables, each focused on a specific organ system, offering detailed gross and microscopic correlations. Table 1: Cardiovascular Organs conducted by Prof. Uma Nahar; Table 2: Central Nervous System (Brain) conducted by Dr. Debajyoti Chatterjee; Table 3: Renal and Gastrointestinal Organs by Prof. Ritambhra Nada and Dr. Aravind; Table 4: Other Solid Organs (Lung, Liver, Hematolymphoid System) conducted by Prof. Amanjit Bal, Dr. Suvradeep Mitra. Session 6 consisted of Glass Slide Viewing of CPC Cases.

On 7th April 2025, the sessions continued with Session 7 consisting of Clinicopathological Conference (CPC). Participants gathered to review and discuss the previously introduced classic CPC cases. Expert faculty presented clinical vignettes and encouraged interactive engagement through diagnostic reasoning exercises. These discussions aimed to connect pathological findings with clinical presentation, ensuring a deeper understanding of disease mechanisms. This was followed by Slide Discussion of CPC Cases. This session provided an in-depth analysis of the five CPC cases previously viewed by participants during the glass slide session on Day 1. Faculty experts led detailed discussions on histopathological patterns, key diagnostic features, and relevant clinical correlations. Each case presentation was followed by group discussions, where faculty addressed queries and explained diagnostic dilemmas, highlighting the relevance of autopsy pathology in unraveling complex clinical scenarios. The five cases discussed were Diabetic myocardial changes with infarction; SAA Amyloidosis with alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency; Polyarthritis (multi-system involvement); Tubercular meningitis; and Niemann–Pick Disease. These case-based discussions reinforced diagnostic principles and exemplified the power of post-mortem examination in clinical medicine.

The Mid Year Teaching Programme ended with the Valedictory and concluding ceremony which was conducted by Prof. Nandita Kakkar and Prof. Ritambhra Nada. They extended heartfelt thanks to all participants, faculty members, organizing teams, and the IAP-ID for their support. On behalf of the IAP-D Dr. Nuzhat Husain (President IAP-ID) thanked Dr. Nandita Kakkar, Dr. Ritambhra Nada and their team for conducting and excellent Workshop. The Workshop was very well organized and was very useful to the participants.





INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF PATHOLOGY - INDIAN DIVISION
Annual Conference 2025
Government Medical College
Jammu
4th December 2025

7.45 am - 8.30 am	Registration
8.30 am - 9.00 am	Inauguration
9.00 am - 10.00 am	Guest Lecture by Invited Foreign Guest Speaker Speaker: Dr. Rajeev Shukla (United Kingdom) Topic: " <i>Born to Divide: Developmental Roots of Childhood Cancer</i> "
10.00 am - 10.30 am	Tea
10.30 am – 12.30 pm	Slide Seminar Topic: " <i>Melanoma: Morphology to Genetics with an Impact on Management</i> " Moderator: Dr. Bharat Rekhi (Mumbai)
12.30 pm – 1.30 pm	Lunch
1.30 pm - 2.30 pm	Slide Seminar by Invited Foreign Guest Speaker Speaker: Dr. Rajeev Shukla (United Kingdom) Title: " <i>Paediatric Pathology Potpourri</i> "
2.30 pm - 4.30 pm	Symposium Topic: " <i>Immunohistochemistry Surrogate Markers for Molecular Testing: Applications and Challenges</i> " Moderator: Dr. Shantveer Uppin (Hyderabad) & Dr. Vinita Agarwal (Lucknow)
4.30 pm - 5.30 pm	General Body Meeting of IAP-ID Tim
5.30 pm	Meeting concludes and Tea

IAP-ID INVITED FOREIGN GUEST SPEAKER for ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025

This year for the IAP-ID Annual Conference 2025 being held at the Government Medical College, Jammu, on 4th December 2025 our invited Guest Speaker will be Dr. Rajeev Shukla, Consultant Paediatric Pathologist Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust, Liverpool, UK. The IAP-ID is deeply honored and happy to have Dr. Rajeev Shukla at the Meeting. A brief biodata of Dr. Rajeev Shukla is given here under for the benefit of the members:



Dr Rajeev Shukla MBBS, MD, FRCPath

Dr Rajeev Shukla is a Consultant Paediatric Pathologist at Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust, Liverpool. He undertook his initial pathology training at the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education & Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh, before moving to the UK for specialist training in paediatric pathology at Alder Hey, where he has worked since 2006. From 2010–2018 he served as Director and Clinical Lead of the Paediatric Histopathology Department, and he is currently the UK National Central Pathology Reviewer for paediatric renal tumours within the SIOP-RTSG trials network.

His research has explored stem cell biology in Hirschsprung's disease, senescence mechanisms in paediatric kidney tumours, and the identification of novel therapeutic targets in childhood cancers.

Dr Shukla has authored numerous peer-reviewed publications, textbook chapters, and national guidelines, with a strong focus on integrating diagnostic excellence with translational research to improve outcomes for children with cancer and rare diseases.

The IAP-ID is happy to have Dr. Rajeev Shukla as its invited foreign Guest Speaker for the IAP-ID Annual Conference 2025 and warmly welcomes him

CONDOLENCES

The IAP-ID is sad to announce the passing away of its former Presidents Dr. Anita Borges and Dr. K. R. Harilal and former Executive Council member Dr. K. P. Deodhar in the recent past. The IAP-ID expresses its sorrow and heartfelt condolences at their sad demise and express condolences to their families. Brief obituaries are given below.



Dr. Anita M. Borges

(19th November 1947 – 18th September 2025)

Dr. Anita Maria Borges, India's pre-eminent Surgical Pathologist and Oncopathologist, much to the shock and despair of all, suddenly left for her heavenly abode on 18th September 2025. She was an Icon and an unique, special and most distinguished personality much admired and revered by all. A giant, a colossus, who strode the field of Pathology, Oncology and Medicine.

There are few persons who become legends in their lifetime. Dr. Anita M. Borges was one of them. Some years ago, when Dr. Juan Rosai passed away, I asked Dr. Anita Borges (they were friends) to write an obituary on him for the IAP-ID Newsletter which she titled as "A Legend Passes". Indeed, with the sad and untimely passing away of Dr. Anita Borges it is most apt to say the same about her, "A Legend Passes".

Born in Mumbai on 19th November 1947, to Dr. Ernest Borges (the world famous Cancer Surgeon) and Mrs. Gracie Soares Borges (a Botanist), she finished her early education at Mumbai and then joined the Topiwala National Medical College and B.Y.L. Nair Charitable Hospital, Mumbai, India for her medical studies from where she obtained her MBBS and MD (Pathology) from Bombay University. Dr. Anita Borges was also a Fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists (FRCPATH), London, United Kingdom and an elected member of the National Academy of Medical Sciences. Dr. Anita Borges trained and worked at the Royal Marsden Hospital, London, UK and at the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York, USA. After a distinguished stint abroad she returned to India and worked for more than 25 years at India's premier cancer Institute, Tata Memorial Hospital, where she was Professor and Head of Surgical Pathology. At the time of her passing, she was Director of the Center for Oncopathology, Mumbai and also the Head of the Histopathology Department at S.L Raheja Hospital, Mumbai and had a very busy and fulfilling professional life.

Dr. Anita Borges was considered the ultimate authority on Surgical Pathology and Oncopathology in India and was well known not only in India but indeed in most parts of the globe. She received references for her opinion not only from all over India but from many places abroad. She was the leading Surgical Pathologist and Oncopathologist in India and the Doyen of Histopathology in India.

Dr. Anita Borges was renowned for her diagnostic skills and profound knowledge of histopathology and oncopathology and her expertise encompassed all spheres of Oncopathology. Her special interests were in Head and Neck Cancers, Oral cancer and Lymphomas. She served on the WHO panel for Head and Neck cancers. She was also one of the contributors of the Hematolymphoid panel for the most recent 5th Edition of WHO Blue Book on Hematopathology. Dr. Anita Borges was considered as the last and final word on histopathology and cancer diagnosis and her opinion, advice and guidance was in great demand and much sought after not only by other Pathologists but all types of clinicians including Surgeons, Oncologists, and other physicians. To the general public she was the ultimate go to person if any cancer was suspected or diagnosed. Her opinion and verdict was final for them and a positive diagnosis would confirm their worst fears but, in equal measure, a clean chit from Anita Borges bought a huge feeling

of relief to these otherwise suffering souls. Everybody sought her opinion, from the rich and powerful to the poor and humble, and everybody received the same attention, concern and caring from Dr. Anita Borges. She was a very compassionate and caring person. Although she achieved great heights, she was always simple and humble and approachable and that was indeed a reflection of how great and distinguished a person she was. She wore her fame and greatness lightly and never sort to project herself.

Dr. Anita Borges' expertise was not limited to Oncopathology but she was an expert in all aspects of Histopathology and I know her to diagnose and report with consummate ease any histopathology slide whether banal, benign or diagnostically challenging with the same comfort and ease as she used to diagnose malignancies and complicated oncopathology or surgical pathology cases.

Being the talented, dynamic and visionary person she was, Dr. Anita Borges occupied a number of important posts in her long career. She served the IAP-ID first as Councilor and later as its President. She was also on the Executive Council of the International Academy of Pathology (IAP) having served in the past as the Vice President for Asia of the IAP and was currently serving on the Education Committee of the IAP. She was the Dean and Overseas Advisor of Indian College of Pathologists (ICP). She distinguished herself in various Oncology bodies and the NABL. She took active part in the activities of the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists (IAPM) and was a faculty speaker for large number of APCONs and various IAPM Chapter meetings. Her opinions and advice at the Executive Committee meetings and General Body Meetings of these various bodies was always highly respected and impactful.

She was a prolific writer and had large number of publications in reputed Journals and was on the editorial Board of several Journals. All her publications and writings were very well received and had high impact value.

Dr. Anita Borges was a gifted and born teacher and Orator par excellence and she was much sort after as a faculty speaker for all types of academic programmes. The very fact that Dr. Anita Borges was listed as a speaker for any programme would cause a meteoric rise in the number of delegates attending these events all eager to hear and learn from Anita Borges. They would listen to her for hours with rapt attention always yearning for more from Dr. Anita Borges. I must say, she had an incredible energy and drive which would put any other person half her age to shame. She was in great demand for all levels of academic programmes be it local, regional, national or international. She was passionate in teaching Pathology trainees and was running a very successful and much acclaimed online teaching programme for Post Graduate students in Pathology (OTTPGP) and was also actively involved in teaching Surgical Pathology in meetings all over India and abroad and was currently actively involved in a travelling school of Pathology where she and her team would travel to remote and underserved parts of India with the aim of helping Pathologists from those areas and improving the standards of histopathology services in those areas.

Dr. Anita Borges was a well rounded person with an encyclopedic knowledge of various spheres of life besides Medicine like classic literature, music and philosophy and was a veritable store house of knowledge and information and was a highly cultured individual. She would have very deep, knowledgeable, profound and engaging conversations on any topic which came her way. Dr. Anita Borges had a razor sharp and super powerful intellect and phenomenal memory which was awe inspiring.

Dr. Anita Borges was a wonderful person, very warm and kind hearted and was highly respected, much liked, admired and revered by all. With her untimely passing, she has left a huge void both in the Pathology community as well in all her friends and admirers. Anita Borges was unique and the only one of her kind. She was **Anita Borges**, and there will never be someone quite like her again. She has left her indelible footprints in the sands of time and history. She will be greatly missed and remembered for all eternity. I have lost a close personal friend of more than four decades, and her sudden passing was especially heart wrenching and painful to me personally. She will always live in the hearts and minds of all those she has touched in various ways in their lives. Our most heartfelt condolences go out to her family and dear ones. May her soul rest in peace.

Dr. Francisco Couto

IAP Vice President for Asia

Advisor IAP-ID

Past President IAP-ID

Past Dean ICP



Dr. K. R. Harilal

(7th September 1935 – 29th September 2025)

Professor KR Harilal, one of the doyens of Pathology in Kerala passed away on the 29th of September 2025. He was 90. He was born in Perinad, Kollam district, as the eldest son of Smt. Ponnamma and Sri. K P Raghavan who was a disciple of Rabindranath Tagore.

After graduation from Travancore University, he trained for medicine in Trivandrum Medical College from where he passed out in 1960 following it up with MD in Pathology from the same institution under Prof Thangavelu. He along with Dr Sarah Varghese were the first Pathologists trained in Kerala.

He received further training in the Victoria University of Manchester, UK in Obstetrics and Gynaecologic Pathology, Paediatric Pathology and Cytology where he worked under Prof Langley and Prof Harold Fox, stalwarts of Gynecologic Pathology

In the Kerala Medical Education Department, he worked mostly in Kottayam Medical College. He was head of the Pathology department there and was instrumental in building up the department to its present status. He later became Principal of Kottayam Medical College and subsequently retired as the Director of Medical Education, Kerala.

He was well known to the Pathology community of India.

He was Chairman of IAPM Kerala Chapter (1980-1982), President of Indian Academy of Cytologists (1990 & 1991), President International Academy of Pathology – Indian Division (1999 & 2000) and Treasurer IAPM (1987-1989).

He was associated with cervical and breast cancer screening and its early detection and served on the committee of Cervical and Breast Cancer Control programmes for underserved women of International Academy of Cytology. He received the prestigious Ernest Fernandes award at Indian Academy of Cytology for his services to the field.

He was instrumental in organizing many academic conferences at the National and international level. He was the Joint Organizing Secretary, Annual National conference of IAPM in Trivandrum (1981), Organizing secretary of the IAC national conference held at Trivandrum in 1991 and Organizing Secretary of the Asia Pacific conference of Intranational Academy of Pathology held at Kochi (2009).

He was one among the few who regularly represented India in the international fora. He was in the Indian team attending the World Congress of International Academy of Pathology at Miami 1984 (USA), Nice 2002 (France), Nagoya 2004 (Japan), Brisbane 2006 (Australia), Montreal 2008 (Canada) and Asia Pacific I.A.P Congress 2007 (Singapore).

Above and beyond these achievements, he was known and loved for his humane and gentle personality. He was always the perfect 'Gentleman'. And it was not merely due to the politeness and impeccable manners that was always part of him. He was indeed gentle and kind to one and all.

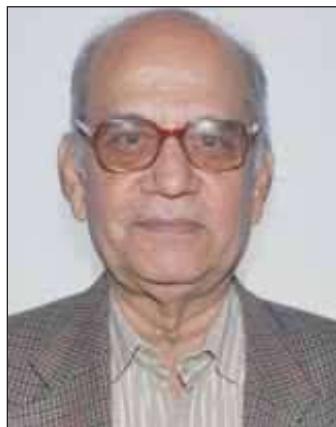
Harilal Sir was the bridge for most in Kerala to the National community of Pathologists, many of whom became members of the IAPM and went for conferences and presented papers at his urging.

Despite being so senior he was a person any junior could approach and chat up with ease and in many conference dinners, the younger lot would seek out his company, and he would gladly join in.

Last few years, he had not been himself in the true sense and due to multiple reasons of health, was not seen in the academic fora in which he was always a regular presence.

The Pathology community in India would greatly miss him. And for many, it is a great personal loss as well.

Dr. K. P. Aravindan
Past President IAP-ID



Dr. Kamlakar Purushottam Deodhar

(19th February 1937 – 1st May 2025)

It is with heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Dr. Kamlakar Purushottam Deodhar, born on 19 th February 1937 and passed away on May 01, 2025 at his residence in Mumbai. His passing away was mourned in the entire country. With his sad demise, we lost a great hepatic pathologist and former President of the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists (IAPM) and founder fellow of the Indian College of Pathologists (ICP) and a council member of IAPID.

Dr. Deodhar completed MBBS and MD in Pathology and Bacteriology from the Seth G. S. Medical College and KEM hospital Mumbai and started his career in the same institute as demonstrator. He worked in the liver unit and developed a great interest in the liver and Gastrointestinal pathology. In 1972, he was promoted as Professor and was transferred to Lokmanya Tilak Memorial Medical College (LTMMC), Sion Mumbai. His work in liver pathology was duly recognized and during 1973-74, he was awarded Commonwealth Medical Fellowship for training in Pathology of Liver Diseases at Royal Free Hospital, London. During fellowship he worked with the stalwart in liver pathology such as Dr. Peter J Scheuer and Dr. Sheila Sherlock. And carried out an exemplary work of “Orcein stain” for Hepatitis B Virus in paraffin embedded sections of liver biopsies and demonstrated hepatitis B surface antigen in hepatocytes. This work was published in the Journal of Clinical Pathology in the year 1975. Dr. Deodhar has around 110 Publications to his credit.

In 1977, Dr. Deodhar became Professor and Head of Pathology department at LTMMC, Mumbai. He was an excellent pathologist and the most popular teacher in the institute. Besides teaching, he had an aptitude for research and worked arduously. He was passionate about “Autopsy” and used to tell faculties and PGS that “Autopsy room” is a temple for pathologists and they must visit it before entering the department. He himself used to visit autopsy room every day. Autopsy meeting was the regular postgraduate teaching activity and during autopsy meeting he used to stress upon clinicopathological correlation. He was instrumental in starting Clinico-Pathological conferences in the LTMMC. Dr. Deodhar started subspecialities in pathology such as Cardiovascular pathology, Respiratory, Gastrointestinal, Hepatic, Genitourinary, endocrine and Neuropathology and appointed one senior pathologist as in-charge to each subspecialty. He guided and gave full freedom to faculties to develop and grow in the subspecialties. Dr. Deodhar was an invited visiting Professor at the PGIMER, Chandigarh, AIIMS New Delhi, B. J. Medical College Pune, Dr. Vaishampayan Memorial Govt. Medical College, Solapur, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College Belgaum.

Dr. Deodhar was an able administrator and took everyone along with him. He was very kind, friendly and easily accessible person to UGs, PGs, faculty members, technical and clerical staff, he inculcated discipline in all of them, without raising his voice. He was truly a multifaceted personality, loved travelling, was an avid trekker and a member of trekking group in LTMMC. He was interested in literature and music and used to sing. Anyone could talk to him at length about poetry. In his young age, he used to act in Marathi play. He had a huge friend circle which included pathologists as well as clinicians and was respected by clinicians.

Contribution to IAPM and ICP and IAPID: Dr. Deodhar served IAPM, ICP and IAPID in various capacity. He was President of IAPM (1995), Founder member, joint secretary and Secretary of ICP, and Council member IAPID. Dr. Deodhar was the Founder member of Liver Study Group of India.

Despite fulfilling his responsibilities in the department and in various organizations, he was perfectly a family man. Dr. Deodhar and his wife looked after their sons (the elder Dr. Kedar and the younger Dr. Avinash) and imposed good “Sanskars” on them. Dr. Kedar followed the foot prints of his father, he is consultant pathologist in Tata Memorial cancer hospital Mumbai. Dr. Avinash is a plastic surgeon at Leicester Royal Infirmary, United Kingdom. The other surviving members of the family include daughter in laws and two granddaughters. His wife, Mrs. Shantabai Deodhar expired on October 6, 2020 due to short illness. After her death Dr. Deodhar was living with his sons.

Prof. Kamlakar Deodhar was popularly called as "KPD." He was a brilliant, methodical and charismatic personality. He had in-depth knowledge of subject and unwavering dedication to truth. He lived happy, and contended life and rose to his heavenly abode without discomfort, distress or pain. With his demise India has lost a great academic pathologist. His legacy will continue with contributions from his son and his many students. May his soul attain Sadgati.

Prof. D. N. Lanjewar, Navi Mumbai

Past Councilor IAP-ID

Past President IAPM

Former Dean ICP)

Prof. Shobha Pandit, Mumbai

Dr. Mrs. S. Abhyankar, Mumbai

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IAP-ID Academic Programs 2026

The IAP-ID has the following programmes during the course of the year:

- **Mid-Year Teaching Programme (usually a Workshop)**
- **IAP-ID Annual CME**
- **Annual Conference (usually held in conjunction with IAPM Conference) having a Symposium and Slide Seminar**

Those members desirous of organizing and hosting the Mid Year Teaching Programme 2026 or Annual CME 2026 should send their proposals and its theme in the formats uploaded on the website of the International Academy of Pathology - Indian Division (IAP-ID) to the Secretary & Treasurer, Dr. Megha Uppin (address on website and given below).

For the Annual Conference 2026 (held along with IAPM Conference) those desirous of being Moderators for Slide seminar or Symposium should send their names along with the proposed titles to the Secretary and Treasurer, IAP-ID. As per the decision of the General Body certain topics may be suggested as possible subjects for Slide seminar and Symposium. However, as per the decision of

the Council and General Body of the IAP-ID, the person selected as moderator shall be the one who is felt to be best suited for the particular topic of Slide seminar and/or Symposium.

All proposals should reach the Secretary & Treasurer, IAP-ID, in prescribed formats latest by 30th October 2025, so as the same proposals could be discussed and approved by the Council and General Body of the IAP-ID.

Format for the proposals can be downloaded from the IAP-ID website.

The proposals should be sent to:

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CD'S OF IAP-ID SCIENTIFIC CONTENT

The following CD's containing proceedings and discussions of IAP-ID symposia and slide seminars are available for a fee.

► CD on "Interstitial Lung Diseases"

A CD with the proceedings and discussion of the IAP-ID Symposium on "Interstitial Lung Diseases", moderated by Dr. Kusum Joshi (PGIMER, Chandigarh), is available for a fee of Rs. 200 paid by Demand Draft in favour of "Secretary & Treasurer, IAP - Indian Division" payable at "Bhopal".

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A CD with the proceedings and discussion of the IAP-ID Symposium on "Neuromuscular Disorders", moderated by Dr. C. Sundaram (NIMS, Hyderabad), is available for a fee of Rs. 200 paid by Demand Draft in favour of "Secretary & Treasurer, IAP - Indian Division" payable at "Bhopal".

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Any **one** CD charge is **Rs. 200**, any **two** CDs together charge is **Rs. 350**, any **three** CDs charge is **Rs. 500**, Any **four** CDs together charge is **Rs. 700**. All **five** CDs together charge is **Rs. 800**.

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