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Dear chapter members,

Greetings from IAPM Kerala.

**Minutes of 93rd IAPM chapter meeting conducted on, Second Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at MES Medical College Perinthalmanna.**

The programme started with guest lecture on “**Beyond Diagnosis: What surgical Oncologists need from a Breast cancer pathology Report**” by **Dr Shafeek Shamsudeen**, Consultant Surgical Oncologist, MVR Cancer Centre & Research Institute, Kozhikode. The session was moderated by **Dr KP Aravindan**, Senior Consultant Pathologist, Kozhikode District Co-operative Hospital.

The inaugural function commenced at 9.30 AM with a welcome song. Dr **Feroze M**, Organizing secretary and Professor & Head, Dept of Pathology, MES Medical College Perinthalmanna, welcomed the gathering. **Dr. Neena Mampilly**, President, IAPM, Kerala Chapter, delivered the Presidential address. **Dr. Girish Raj**, Dean, MES Medical College, inaugurated the meeting and delivered inaugural address. Dr **Aneesha Asok**, treasurer and Associate professor proposed the vote of thanks.

**Prof Ramachandran Memorial Gold Medal Award 2024** for 2021 MBBS Batch was awarded to **Ms. Anju V G** from GMC, Kollam and **Ms. Nayantara Biju** from GMC, Kozhikode.

This Chapter meet remembered our beloved members who are no more with us, with an **Obituary**.

Following the Inauguration ceremony, Slide Seminar on **Breast Pathology** was conducted by **Dr. Lesitha S**, Additional Professor Pathology, Govt. Medical College, Thrissur and **Dr Bhavya P Mohan**, Professor (CAP) Pathology, Govt. Medical College, Thrissur. 14 cases were discussed, followed by 6 spotters. It was well appreciated by the house.

A quiz based on breast webinar series was conducted by Dr Feroze M which was well appreciated by the house

**Business meeting** was conducted at 2.30 pm post lunch with 100 plus participants, presided by the office bearers for the year 2023 -2025, **Dr Neena Mampilly**, President and **Dr Shiny PM**, Secretary/ Treasurer.

The minutes of the last meeting organized by Government medical college Thrissur was passed.

## Discussions and decisions taken in the GB meeting

- **94<sup>th</sup> IAPM chapter** to be held at **Govt Medical College, Kozhikode**.
- Date: **Sunday 9-02-2025**
- Organising Secretary: **Dr Saji Francis**, Govt Medical College, Kozhikode
- Slide seminar topic – **Dermatopathology - Nonneoplastic and Cutaneous lymphoproliferative disorders** was selected by the house
- Moderator - **Dr Sunitha Balakrishnan**, Professor & Head, Pathology, GMC Idukki and **Dr Betsy Ambooken**, Professor, Dermatology, GMC Thrissur
- This chapter meeting had 325 registrations with participation of 309 delegates and was well applauded by the house
- 157 annual memberships were done this time.
- Cheque of Rs 1 lakh handed over to Treasurer GMC Kottayam for meeting 91<sup>st</sup> IAPM chapter expenses.
- Zone coordinators replaced as executive members.
- Payment for **IT consultant** to be given on yearly basis.
- **Prof. Ramachandran Memorial Gold Medal Examination** for 2022 Batch- to be held on 9th November 2024 (Second Saturday).
- The idea of awarding a gold medal for the Prof. Ramachandran Memorial Gold Medal Exam was also discussed. Dr. Kavitha Ravi and other members supported this, noting that a gold medal is prestigious and an honor, more so than a cash award. The group agreed to award a 2g gold medal along with a certificate, with no cash component.
- **Best PG award**
- Dr. Feroze M proposed that the award should be named as "Prof Balaraman Nair Gold Medal Award" if DDRC sponsors it. If DDRC does not sponsor and IAPM sponsors instead (with a reduced prize of Rs 10,000) the award could be named as "IAPM Best PG Award." He also highlighted potential challenges with normalization: specifically, that first-rank marks from KUHS, deemed universities, and DipNB need to be obtained and compared. However, obtaining DipNB first-rank marks might be challenging if the top-ranking candidate is from another state.
- Dr. Neena Mampilly suggested that the Best PG Award could be based on the best thesis. However, Dr. Krishna Balachandran raised concerns that not all centres may have adequate research facilities.
- Dr. Rajan G recommended conducting a separate online exam, using an original slide-based format rather than relying on google images. Dr. Kavitha Ravi and Dr. Feroze M emphasized the importance of a skilled technical team to prevent malpractice.
- Dr. Feroze M, Dr. Rajan G, and Dr. Krishna Balachandran also proposed holding an offline exam during the IAPM chapter meet, which may be conducted after the slide seminar discussion and before lunch.
- **Paper and poster**
- The next agenda item discussed was whether oral presentations of published papers should be

permitted. Dr. Feroze highlighted that KUHS allows published papers to be presented and believes this should be seen positively, as it enhances the quality of a paper and should be considered a credit. Dr. Kavitha Ravi, however, noted that copyright forms often specify that published papers should not be presented elsewhere.

- The final decision was to adhere to the National IAPM criteria for paper/poster presentations. Additionally, clear criteria for accepting or rejecting papers/posters will be established and published on the website.
- For paper abstracts, more detail is required in the methodology and results sections when submitting. Word limits should also be specified.
- Regarding certificates for posters, who were unable to attend IAPM due to duty obligations, especially since IAPM Day falls on the second Saturday - It was proposed that postgraduate students presenting posters should be exempt from duty, and HODs should ensure these exemptions are granted. Additionally, it was suggested that IAPM Kerala Chapter meet could be scheduled on alternate Second Saturdays and Sundays.
- The selection of the paper and poster evaluation committee for the next two years was also addressed. The IAPM chapter extended congratulations to the current evaluation committee members for conducting the evaluation fairly and with excellence.
- **Slide Seminar Discussion**
- It was suggested that a clinician could also serve as a moderator alongside a pathologist. The group responded positively, agreeing that this could be implemented depending on the topic of the slide seminar.
- Dr. Neena Mampilly suggested replacing the guest lecture with a CPC (Clinicopathological Conference) featuring challenging cases to encourage greater clinician participation. Dr. Kavitha Ravi proposed a panel discussion in place of a guest lecture, while Dr. Jayalakshmi P.S suggested that neither a guest lecture nor CPC was necessary, given the existing webinar and inclusion of clinicians as moderators. The consensus was not to include a CPC; a guest lecture could be held based on the slide seminar topic.
- Another member recommended limiting presentations to one case per centre to allow broader representation from other institutions. Dr. Prema N S enquired if priority could be given to colleges that have not presented before. Dr. Feroze and Dr. Krishna Balachandran noted that it might be challenging for the moderator to verify previous presentations, so the moderator could make the final decision, ensuring the selection of one case per centre to enhance college representation.
- **Dr. Sarah Varghese** proposed adding an innovative talk on "Living in a Corporate World," but the group felt there was insufficient time to include it.

- **94th IAPM Chapter Meeting**

- Date: Sunday, February 9
- Venue: Government Medical College
- Organizing Secretary: Dr. Saji Francis
- Dr. Feroze expressed that the venue for the next IAPM meeting should be decided by the general body rather than by IAPM Chapter office members. Various topics were proposed for discussion; Dr. Asiq Sideeque suggested "Non-Neoplastic Skin Lesions," while others recommended topics on thyroid and liver biopsies. The majority agreed on "Non-Neoplastic Skin Lesions," with Dr. Sunitha Balakrishnan selected as the moderator.
- The venue for the August 2025 IAPM meeting was confirmed as Government Medical College,

Thiruvananthapuram, at the request of Dr. Kavitha Ravi.

- Financial Report
- Opening Balance: 9,24,549
- Income: 4,36,815
- Expenditure: 43,223
- Closing Balance: 13,17,546

Meeting ended at 2.30 pm followed by presentation of prize-winning posters of 92<sup>nd</sup> chapter meeting

This was followed by Free paper session which was moderated by **Dr. Sheima R DAS**, Professor of Pathology GMC, Kottayam.

### Prize Winners of the 93<sup>rd</sup> IAPM Kerala chapter meet

First prize	Name	Designation	Institution	Topic
Poster- Case Report	<u>Dr Ashna Ali M A</u>	Junior Resident	GMC Kozhikode	Double Heterozygous <u>HbSD</u> Disease - A Case Report
Poster- Case Series	<u>Dr Krishnaveni Shaji</u>	Junior Resident	<u>Rajagiri Hospital</u>	NOT All T cell Large Granular Lymphocytic <u>Leukemias</u> (T-LGLL) are TCR $\alpha\beta$ Rearranged - A Case Series
Free Paper	<u>Dr. Chippy Elizabeth Jose</u>	Junior resident	AIMS Kochi	<u>Clinicopathological</u> study of factors influencing change in Ki67 index with short term <u>neoadjuvant</u> hormonal therapy in luminal breast cancers.
Slide seminar	<u>Dr. Bhubaneswari Dash</u>	Junior Resident	GMC <u>Kottayam</u>	Atypical <u>adenomyoepithelioma</u> Breast
Quiz	<u>Dr. Kaviya SM</u>	Junior Resident	RCC Trivandrum	Quiz based on Breast webinar series

The meeting concluded at 4.15 pm with national anthem.

With regards,

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