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Dear chapter members,

Greetings from IAPM Kerala.

Minutes of 92nd IAPM chapter meeting conducted on, Sunday 11th February at TMCCA auditorium, GMC Thrissur organized by Govt. Medical college, Thrissur.

The inaugural function commenced at 9.00 AM with a prayer. Dr **Sunitha Balakrishnan**, Organizing secretary and Addl Professor of Pathology. Govt. Medical College, Thrissur, welcomed the gathering. **Dr. Neena Mampilly**, President, IAPM, Kerala Chapter, delivered the Presidential address. **Dr. B Sheela**, Principal, Govt. Medical College Thrissur inaugurated the meeting with lighting the lamp and delivered inaugural address. **Dr VV Unnikrishnan**, Vice principal, GMC, Thrissur and **Dr Shameem K Ummer Ali**, Organizing chairperson and Professor and HOD, Pathology Department , GMC Thrissur gave felicitations. Dr **Suma MT, Treasurer** and Associate professor proposed the vote of thanks.

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

Senior Pathologists, **Dr Agnessamma Jacob and Dr Sakunthala Devi** were honoured with a ponnada and a memento for their lifetime service in Pathology.

As a token of gratitude for the work done, the past president Dr G Rajan and the secretary, Dr Ani Praveen were also honoured with a memento.

This was followed by guest lecture on **Precision Oncology- a clinician's perspective by Dr. Saheer Neduvancheri**, Assistant Professor, Department of Oncosurgery, GMC, Thrissur and the session was moderated by **Dr Lesitha S**, Additional professor, Department of Pathology, GMC Thrissur.

Following the guest lecture, Slide Seminar on **Precision Oncology** was conducted by **Dr. Latha K Abraham**, Senior consultant and Head of Pathology, Rajagiri hospital, Aluva and **Dr Aswin Joy**, consultant Medical and Hematooncology, Rajagiri hospital Aluva .15 case were discussed, followed by 10 spotters. It was well appreciated by the house.

Business meeting was conducted at 2 pm post lunch with 200 plus participants, presided by the new office bearers for the year 2023 -2025, **Dr Neena Mampilly**, President, **Dr Shiny PM**, Secretary/ Treasurer and **Dr Deepa S**, Joint secretary

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

Discussions and decisions taken in the GB meeting

- **93rd IAPM chapter** to be held at **MES Medical college**, Perinthalmanna, Malappuram
- Date: **Second Saturday 10-08-2024**
- Organising Secretary: **Dr Feroze M**, MES Medical college Perinthalmanna, Malappuram
- Slide seminar topic – **Breast pathology** was selected by the house
- Moderator - **Dr Lesitha S**, Additional professor and **Dr Bhavya P Mohan**, Professor CAP, Department of Pathology, GMC Thrissur
- President **stressed the need to file ITR** & the house took decision to consult a chartered accountant
- This chapter meeting had maximum participation with 415 delegates and was well applauded by the house
- 322 annual memberships were done by online this time
- Life membership fee was finalized as Rs 5000 by the house.
- The president highlighted the importance of having a meeting with the minister regarding **Clinical establishment bill** – planning to meet health minister regarding this in March 2024
- A discussion was on **Standardisation of rates of pathology related tests** in which Dr. Feroze M suggested that this is a pathologist association and not lab owner's association. Hence fixing basic salary of pathologist with fixation of charges for histopathology, cytology and hematology has to be done instead of fixing individual lab test charge.
- The house has decided to **replace the executive members by the zone coordinators** as suggested by some members.
- **IT consultant post was approved** with payment to be given from IAPM account. Suggestions came for uploading slide seminars in you-tube channel with the help of IT consultant
- Poster and paper evaluation committee constituted will continue for 1 year (2 chapter meetings)
- Dr Anju CK, Treasurer of previous IAPM meet organized by Government Medical college Kottayam presented the expenses met for that chapter meet as per the GB decision. The house decided to release amount of 1 lakh rupees from IAPM account to meet the deficit incurred due to various reasons. House also decided not to do so in future. Organizers should see that they have auditorium facility of their own and also to avoid undue expense for venue.
- Dr Sathi PP suggested if free paper can be converted to poster when it doesn't fit for oral presentation and it was approved.
- Dr Pushpa Mahadevan enquired about a platform for highlighting the achievements of postgraduates & faculty. The house decided that uploading can be done provided they are IAPM members. A minimum standard should be kept for the same
- After a discussion on a policy regarding issuing IHC slide, it was decided that IHC slides should be issued on request. Images can be taken & stored if needed before issuing
- Dr Apuca Susan Mathew suggested to change the date of gold medal exam to November second week as the Pathology duration is reduced to one year the per the CBME curriculum. Date will be preponed from January second Saturday and finalized

- The paper evaluation committee stressed on the importance of submission of paper abstracts in correct format. (Introduction, Objectives, Materials & methods, Results, Conclusion)
- Honoring the seniors is mandatory in each chapter meet and to be conducted by organizers.
- Instead of removing Synoptic reporting from IAPM website, it was decided to retain a Brief synoptic report (not detailed) with time to time updating by the committee (already formed)
- Dr Rajan G pointed out that Prof. Balaraman Nair award for the best postgraduate is pending for years 2022 and 2023 which require normalization of marks as examinations are conducted by KUHS, AIMS & DNB. Dr Feroze will head the committee. Dr Sankar was in charge of the committee. Dr. Feroze suggested that DNB marks of the candidate and All India level – DNB first rank information also needed for normalisation.

Meeting ended at 3 pm followed by Presentation of prize winning poster of 91st chapter meeting

This was followed by Free paper session which was moderated by **Dr.Jyothi CR**, Professor of Pathology GMC, Manjeri.

Prize Winners of the 92nd IAPM Kerala chapter meet

| First prize | Name | Designation | Institution | Topic |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|--|---|
| Poster-Case Report | Dr Nisa Maria T | Junior Resident | GMC Trivandrum | Unveiling the cause of hypoglycemic episodes in a blind woman |
| Poster-Case Series | Dr Jameera N | Junior Resident | AIMS Kochi | The Great Divide: urorectal septum malformation sequence (A review of 5 cases) |
| Poster-Original Article | Dr Abirami Radhakrishnan | Junior Resident | AIMS Kochi | Molecular marvels: redefining medulloblastoma's taxonomy molecular classification of medulloblastoma -a 5year study in a tertiary care hospital |
| Free Paper | Dr. Sree Nandha | Junior resident | AIMS Kochi | Clinicopathological analysis of Interstitial Lung Disease in a tertiary care center from Kerala |
| Slide seminar | Dr. Ammu A | Junior Resident | Lakeshore Hospital and Research Centre | TSC associated RCC |
| Slide seminar | Dr. Kaviya SM | Junior Resident | RCC Trivandrum | Poorly differentiated synovial sarcoma |

The meeting concluded at 4.30 pm with national anthem.

With regards,

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