

## ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE AT MANGALORE

It is a pleasure to have visited the leprosy clinic and rehabilitation centre at Mudarangady to day and to see the good work that is being done there. The rehabilitation homes are clean and the cured patients and their families living there are happy and contented. The clinic and the homes are set in a very clean and picturesque surroundings. The members of the Indian Association of Dermatologists who visited the place, were received by Dr. A. F. Coelho and shown round the entire place. Every one who visited the place was pleased to see the good work that was being done by this centre for the patients suffering from leprosy.

(sd- D. P. Jayaram.)  
President

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR PSORIASIS AND VITILIGO

Sir,

Dr, Dharampal et al (1970) did well in reporting the simultaneous occurrence of psoriasis and vitiligo in the same patient. This is indeed a rarity but the authors have erred in stating that review of the literature revealed "only one" such case report. DeMoragas and Winkleman (1971) have cited 15 such references prior to 1969; while reporting 2 cases of their own.

In all previously reported cases psoriatic lesions were strictly limited to the vitiliginous area and the pigmented skin was never affected. In the accompanying photograph of the case reported by Dharampal et al psoriatic lesions are also seen in the non-vitiliginous skin. Therefore the possibility of this being just a chance coincidence of two common skin diseases in the same patient, is strong.

The authors have cited Sardari Lal (1966) among the references but failed to quote him in the text.

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Sir,

I thank you very much for your letter No. AR/65/71 dated 28th January 1971. I am really sorry that I could not reply to Dr. Sugathan's query earlier due to some unavoidable circumstances.

DeMorages and Winkleman (1970) reported 2 cases of Psoriasis and Vitiligo in the year 1970, but I may mention here that our article was sent for publication much earlier than that and that is the reason of not quoting him in our article.

By and large all the psoriatic lesions were present in the vitiliginous areas and not separately as mentioned by Dr. Sugathan.

I agree but regret that Dr. Sardari Lal has been cited in the references and not in the text.

I hope the above statement will meet the desired requirements.

Thanking you,

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Dear Doctor,

We were very happy to have the annual conference of the Indian Dermatologists in Mangalore. It was a very good opportunity to meet all our friends. I hope the full proceedings of the conference particularly all papers regarding leprosy will be published in the coming issues of the journal.

I hope you will permit me to make a small suggestion. In our Journal the name of the author of the articles published, is given after the heading of the article with an asterisk and we have to go down to the foot of the page to know the designation and degrees etc of the author. This it seems to me is not only unnecessary, but is an added strain and distraction for the reader. There is no particular reason why the name of the author and his designation and degrees should be thus separated. I hope these could follow each other namely the designation degrees etc of the author after the name of the author of the article.

I would also be happy if you could kindly mention about the visit of the Dermatologists to the Rehabilitation Centre and clinic of the Hind Kusht Nivaran Sangh in the next issue of the journal. I am sending herein a copy of the remarks of the President Dr. Jayaram on his visit and also a copy of our annual report and a copy of my letter to Dr. Parikh our Secretary.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,  
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Hony. Secretary.