

**NEWS****REPORT OF SECRETARY GENERAL IADVL, 1987**

Dear Comrade,

It is my privilege to thank you all and welcome you to the XVI IADVL conference. I would specially like to thank our President and the other office bearers who helped me very much during my work for running the association. The work of Kerala state branch and Pondicherry branch deserve to be specially mentioned. Certain other branches have also done good work as will be evident from the position of the lists of members for 1987. New Delhi branch has not remitted the CFC at all.

I feel that the constitution of our Association needs to be reviewed incorporating the necessary amendments at places which seem to be ambiguous. A sub-committee may be formed for the same.

The advance loaned to the XVth conference has been refunded and the audited report along with the 1/3rd share from the savings of the conference sent to the headquarters. The co-ordination in the Pune conference was very good. The 1/3rd share of the savings from the XIV IADVL conference has been paid to the headquarters but the advance loaned to the Scientific Committee (Rs. 2,500/-) has not yet been refunded. Audited report of the Hyderabad conference has been received during the year 1987 and this report shows that the Conference Committee donated Rs. 30,000/- to the university to institute two medals out of the savings. However, the share of the centre and the journal has not been paid out of this amount.

The Journal Committee is trying its best to bring the back-log of the publications up-to-date.

For the elections of the current year, no nomination papers were received for the offices of General Secretary and Treasurer, one Vice-President and both the Joint Secretaries. For the last few years a trend has been noticed of not submitting nomination papers for all the offices.

Before I close I thank you for coming over to attend the conference and I wish that you enjoy the conference. I also wish you a happy prosperous new year.

Jai Hind,

**AK Chakraborty**

**REPORT OF THE EDITOR  
IJDVL FOR 1987**

During the year 1987, we have received 141 papers apart from the CME articles and the Letters to the Editor. We are progressively tightening the reviews on these papers, so that the quality of the printed papers can be improved further. I have all through been endeavouring to provide my personal suggestions to at least some of the authors to maintain a certain pattern of the publications, and I am glad to note that these suggestions are taken in the correct spirit by most of the authors. Our journal is the collective face of our association, and it must be the best.

You must have also noticed that a sizeable number of articles are being received from outside the country, which reflects our ever-expanding horizons. The help of every member who bridges gaps with the other countries is gratefully acknowledged.

The printing schedule of our journal got a severe jolt this year. It was mainly because of the delays in the press. Our pressure on the press is on, but we must accept that the press is doing a good job so far as the quality of printing is concerned. A part of the delay was also caused by the postal authorities which hiked the postal rates and denied us the concession. We had to shell out nearly Rs. 5,000/- extra for the postage, but fortunately the matter has now been settled.

To offset the delay in printing, we printed 2 issues at Delhi and also tried the photaset process for printing. This is no doubt the most modern process of printing and the results are beautiful, but it also costs more. In future, we may use this process again when the budget permits.

We have also added two new sections in the journal—an editorial with a brief comment on a small topic, and also a Photofeature to add a page of colour atlas depicting a rare skin disease. The editorials will be added as and when available, while photofeatures will be printed whenever someone sponsors the photofeature. I am glad to inform that we have already received sponsorship for 7 photofeatures.

To further add to our finances, we have printed the new year greeting cards on behalf of the IJDVL. These cards were sold at Rs. 2.00 per card and I would like to profusely thank the members of our association who purchased these cards. I could sell nearly 2000 cards this year and have saved Rs. 1,467/- out of the sales. This saving has been credited to the IJDVL fund. I wish to repeat this performance in 1988 as well, and invite you to place orders for your cards right now with me, so that I print at least 10,000-20,000 cards and save a much larger amount this year.

Dr. Payithran shouldered the responsibility of preparing the Abstracts from Current

Literature and I profusely thank him and his team for an efficient contribution. Dr. A. K. Bajaj has prepared a comprehensive manuscript named IJDVL ABSTRACTS in which he has compiled and classified abstracts of all the papers with their complete references, published in the IJDVL from 1961 to 1970. This book will probably be priced very low because of a subsidy by a pharmaceutical firm. The savings from the sale of this book will also be credited to the IJDVL. You can place your orders right now with us so that we can print the appropriate number of copies. This book should be useful to all those who need to survey the previous years' publications.

Last but not the least, I wish to thank all the members of the editorial board, the reviewers of the papers, contributors of papers and the pharmaceutical firms who have contributed their maximum for the success of this journal.

Happy writing, happy reading.

**J S Pasricha**  
Editor, IJDVL

### IADVL TRAINING FELLOWSHIP

The General Body meeting held during the XVI National Conference of the IADVL held at Calcutta in January, 1988 approved the terms and conditions for the *IADVL training fellowship* which are reproduced below :

#### Objective

This fellowship is intended to help young dermatologists, venereologists and leprologists to undergo training in specialised fields related to the specialities of dermatology, venereology and leprology.

#### Rules

1. The fellowship will be open to any bonafide member/associate member of the IADVL.

2. The awardee must be less than 30 years in age at the time of commencement of his/her fellowship.
3. It will not be awarded to a member working in the same institution.
4. The applicant must specify the course of specialisation that he/she intends to undergo.
5. The host institution must be ready to accept the awardee.
6. The awardee will be selected by a panel on the basis of his/her merit and the possible utility of the training in the discharge of his/her duties. The candidate must apply through proper channel with full bio-data.
7. The duration of training will be 2-4 weeks.
8. The courses for training and the corresponding institutions will be selected by a panel of members of the IADV L constituted from time to time. Private institutions are no bar, but these will not be permitted to charge any fees.
9. The amount of the Fellowship will be Rs. 1,000/-.
10. The fellowship will be given only after successful completion of the course and on production of a certificate to that effect from the teacher.
11. Selection will be done once a year only, in the month of January every year.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

17th Annual Conference of I. A. D. V. & L. shall be held from 13th to 15th January 1989, at Taj Hotel, Bombay. Delegate fees shall be Rs. 500/- per person. Last date for submission of abstracts of scientific papers is 30th September 1988.

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