

# Announcements....

## COMMEMORATION

### PROFESSOR R. V. RAJAM'S 80th BIRTHDAY

Professor R. V. Rajam's one of the founder-members of our Association. During the early stages Prof. Rajam did pioneering work in nurturing and building our association and later in strengthening and raising its stature in our country. He is an excellent clinician and teacher, an erudite scholar and a great son of our Country. He deserves all honour and praise from the entire medical fraternity of our country and particularly from the members of our Association, considering his achievements and contributions to our specialities at national and international level.

A Commemoration Committee has been formed to raise funds in order to release a suitable souvenir, institute an oration and merit scholarships for deserving medical students.

I take this opportunity to appeal to the members of our Association to contribute liberally to this fund. Contributions may kindly be sent to the following address: Dr. R. Nanjunda Rao, Secretary, Prof. R. V. Rajam 80th Birthday Commemoration Committee, Association of Surgeons of India, Building, Adams Road, Chepauk, Madras-600005.

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## NEXT CONFERENCE

The next Annual Conference of Indian Association of Dermatologists, Venereologists and Leprologists will be held in conjunction with the 29th Joint Annual Conference of the Association of Physicians of India at PATNA (Bihar) from 20-23rd January, 1974. Further details of the conference will be announced later.

The following are the main features of the Scientific Session of the Conference.

- I. Seminar — Role or utility of the histopathology in diagnosis of Skin diseases.
- II. Symposium — Why VD is not controlled? or Modern approach to control of Leprosy.
- III. Scientific Papers.

Those who wish to read papers are requested to write immediately to Dr. T. K. Mehta, Chairman, Scientific Committee, IADVL., 16/1, Forjett Cross Lane, Bombay 400 036, for further information.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Dr. V. N. Sehgal, Professor and Head of Department of Venereology and Dermatology, Goa Medical College and Hospital was elected as a member of "Indian Academy of Medical Sciences, New Delhi". About 80 of his articles were published in various Journals in India and abroad and many more are in the press for publication.

Dr. R. Shivakumar and Dr. (Mrs) Vasundhra have passed Diploma Examinations in Dermatology and Venereology (DVD) from Government Medical College, Mysore (University of Mysore) in June 1973.

### **CASH PRIZE - Rs. 2,500/-**

The Public Services Charitable Trust and The Skin Institute, Delhi will give a cash prize of Rs. 2,500/- to a worker preferably below the age of 50 years for original work done on "Dermatological Therapy". The article not exceeding 15 double spaced foolscap typed pages (approximately 3000 words) excluding charts and diagrams should be submitted by 31st March, 1974 to the Director, Skin Institute, 5-A Mathura Road, Jangpura, New Delhi 110 014. The work will be judged by a special committee of experts appointed by the Trust. The article or paper already published will not be considered for the award.

### **MEMBERSHIP EXAMINATION**

Indian Academy of Medical Sciences conducts Post-graduate examinations in different medical sciences on All India basis to admit candidates to the membership of the Academy. This examination is of a high standard with special emphasis on scholarly attainment in research, teaching experience or clinical work of high quality. At present examination is held in 14 subjects and twice a year (in January and July). Full particulars and application form can be obtained from the Executive Director, I.A.M.S., C/11/16, Medical Institute Campus, Ansari Nagar, New Delhi 110 016, on payment of Rs. 3/- either by postal order or money order. It will also be sent by registered post, provided a sum of Rs. 1-50 is sent extra.

### **BOOK REVIEW**

**An approach to the study of Leprosy** by A. V. Saoji, Nagpur, 1st Edn. Price Rs. 12/-.

Leprosy is a major public health and social problem in our country. Any attempt to solve or ease this is welcome. From this view point Dr. Saoji deserves credit for presenting the facts, omitting the fancies, in clear-cut and understandable terms. The small handbook is easily readable. The similies, comparisons and schemetic diagrams are the hall marks of the book. They add to the understanding of the problem.

However, for the price the book is not well produced. There are many printer's devils. But for this the book is a hard attempt at clarification of the otherwise complicated subject of leprosy. As such it is recommended to students, general practitioners and paramedical workers of leprosy.

Dr. T. K. MEHTA