

## REPORT OF HONORARY GENERAL SECRETARY, IADVL FOR 1985

Dear colleagues,

In the last couple of years, you unanimously elected me as your honorary general secretary. Since, then I have been receiving your good support and co-operation which has enabled me to discharge my duties.

Membership of our association last year was 1371. This included 120 life members, 962 ordinary members and 288 associate members and 1 honorary member. During the year 1985, names of 170 members were deleted due to arrears of membership fee and another 190 members have been added bringing the total membership to 1392. Out of this 190 new members, 2 are life members, 121 are ordinary members and 67 are associate members. Though the total strength is 1392, the active members are only 956 and the remaining 436 are yet to remit their dues. Therefore, my appeal this year to the office bearers and active members of those state branches who have many members with arrears, is to do their best to see that their colleagues who have arrears renew their membership by paying their arrears as early as possible. At present, many medical colleges in India are conducting post graduate courses (both degree and diploma) in our speciality and as such we expect many medical graduates with PG qualifications practising this speciality. Organisation must have a good strength. Therefore, it should be our effort to see that every person who is specialised in our speciality is brought into the fold of our association. This work can be done to a great extent by our colleagues who are in the teaching line, by enrolling all the post graduates as members soon after they join the post graduate courses, and later by persuading them to continue their membership even after completing their post graduate courses.

There are two fixed deposits in the State Bank of Mysore, P. J. extension branch, Davangere, one for Rs. 30,262.50 and another for Rs. 33,626 maturing in 1986. We have received Rs. 5,000, as the share from Aurangabad conference and Rs. 5,500/- from Indore conference. MGM prize amount of Rs. 10,000/- is kept as fixed deposit in the State Bank of Travancore, Medical College branch, Arpookara, Kottayam, and from the interest, Rs. 500/- was given as MGM prize for 1985. In addition, two new fixed deposits for Rs. 20,000/- and Rs. 15,000/- are also there in the State Bank of Travancore, Medical College branch, Arpookara, Kottayam.

I am happy to say that our President Dr. Handa has started the noble idea of IADVL building fund. At present, we are having Rs. 5,033.50/- in that account in S.B. A/C No. 4012 in the State Bank of Travancore, Medical College branch, Arpookara, Kottayam-686 008. Liberal contribution from members and state branches are welcome to this noble cause.

As before, the journals are being issued regularly. The quality has also improved considerably.

At present we have 12 state branches. The performance of Punjab and Kerala branches is excellent. I need not stress that the office bearers of state branches have to be more energetic and active. Though the permission was given in the General Body meeting 4 years back for the formation of Madhya Pradesh State branch, this branch has not yet been formed. Permission has been granted to form the Pondicherry branch from 1986 onwards.

The election results of uncontested posts were declared. *The result of the President elect was not declared since the matter is subjudice.* The following are the office bearers of IADVL for the year 1986,

*President* : **Dr. R. K. Dutta** (Pune)  
*Vice-Presidents* : **Dr. A.D. Dharmaratnam**  
(Kottayam)  
**Dr. M.A. Wali** (Calcutta)  
*Honorary General Secretary* : **Dr. Arun Chakraborty**  
(Calcutta)  
*Honorary Treasurer* : **Dr. S.B. Mondol**(Calcutta)  
*Hon. Jt. Secretaries* : **Dr. S.K. Dey** (Calcutta)  
**Dr. R. K. Datta**  
(24 Parganas)

During the last two years, I have tried to perform the duties of the honorary general secretary to the best of my abilities. While performing these duties, there might have been some lapses on my part and some delay at times in sending the necessary replies. These were not intentional. Hence, I request the members to pardon me for these lapses; I also take this opportunity to thank you all for your confidence in me.

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