

Announcements...

International Symposium on Psoriasis

The Second International Symposium on Psoriasis will be held at Stanford University from July 12-15, 1976; co-sponsored by the National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism, and Digestive Diseases. The topics will cover the newer development on the various aspects of the disease. The tuition is \$ 200 (\$ 100 for residents in training). For further information please write to Paul H. Jacobs, M. D., Department of Dermatology, Stanford University School of Medicine, Stanford, California 94305.

President's remarks at the reception

Most Revered Rashtrapati, Dr. Samuel B. Frank, Distinguished Colleagues on the desk, Delegates from Abroad, Fellow Indian Delegates, Distinguished Guests and Invitees,

As President of the Indian Association of Dermatologists, Venereologists and Leprologists and as Chairman of the Reception Committee, I deem it a rare and proud privilege to extend a cordial welcome to you all who have graced this momentous occasion in this historical city of Delhi. I am particularly happy to welcome our President, Sri Fakruddin Ali Ahmed who is a man of international repute. His presence on this platform and the interest he has taken in our Association augurs well. It is also my pleasant duty to welcome the distinguished visitors from abroad to this great and ancient land of Charaka and Susruta and particularly to Dr. Samuel B. Frank, Executive Vice-President of the International Society of Tropical Dermatology, whose services to the Society are well known and have been greatly appreciated. No profession lends itself to International contacts more readily than the profession of Medicine and I am glad therefore that our visitors from abroad have graced this occasion with their presence. I welcome all old friends who have taken the trouble to come all the way to participate in this Conference.

The holding of an International Symposium on "Pigmentary Disorders" and conducting a workshop on "Communicable Diseases" in India may be regarded as an event of unique significance in the field of medicine and in particular to our speciality. Specialisation is the inevitable corollary to extension of medical knowledge in depth. I eagerly look forward to fruitful discussions which might throw light upon various aspects of the problems connected with these disorders.

Though proud of our cultural heritage, we are ever eager to derive the utmost benefit from modern and up-to-date discoveries of the West. The windows of the minds of the Indian Doctors are ever kept open to receive the fresh breeze flowing from the four corners of the world. It is our ardent prayer and hope that the deliberations of this symposium would enrich, enliven and enlighten the participants and open new vistas of research and discovery which will be harnessed to ceaseless endeavour directed towards the mitigation of human suffering.

I hope and trust that you will find your stay here pleasant and profitable and whatever may be the limitations you have to put up with, you will forgive us and take the will for the deed and give us the benefit of your wise counsel.

Thank you,

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Dr. C. SOBHANADRI,
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