

## Association News and Notes

### INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF DERMATOLOGISTS, VENEREOLOGISTS & LEPROLOGISTS

Dear colleague,

I am writing this letter as the first servant of your association. To many of you, I have addressed separate personal letters but it is quite possible that some of you, for various reasons, may not have received them and hence this communication through our journal.

I hope, I am expressing the sentiments of my entire team whom you have so graciously elected to the various offices in the association. And for the trust that you have reposed in us I wish most sincerely to say - Thank you.

It is, however, my feeling that you did not elect us to these various offices merely for decorating us, nor indeed did we accept these offices for their decorative value. It will, therefore, be the collective endeavour of your office bearers to try and see that your individual and collective problems are sorted out in as effective a manner as possible during the tenure of our term in office. May I, therefore, through the columns of the journal, request you and appeal to you to let us know of any professional problems that you as Dermatologist, Venereologist or Leprologist may be facing in your particular organisation, State or a medical College. Once we are apprised of your specific problems we will take it up with appropriate authorities - be that the Medical Council of India or a State or the Central Government to ensure a proper and legitimate redress and also to ensure that an appropriate status is offered to this important speciality. There are many medical colleges that do not still have full professorial chairs and even where chairs are in existence full complement of faculty staff is not available. The out patient departments and wards of the Dermatology and Venereology are housed in the shoddiest of buildings and various other kinds of discriminatory measures are meted out to members of our speciality. Fortunately the situation is much better than it was earlier and people are sitting up and taking notice of our speciality but more needs to be done.

On a personal note, I also wish to emphasise that we would have to improve our academic (clinical, teaching and research calibre) status so that in the international field also we are given greater recognition commensurate with our talents-which are not lacking. This is only possible if we organise ourselves into groups of people interested in certain specific problems and make some collaborative and collective efforts towards improving the whole situation. This of course, is just a loud thought which perhaps we can discuss in smaller groups at the time of next conference.

May I thank you once again most sincerely for electing me to this high office and assure you that everything possible for the upliftment of the speciality will be done not entirely by me but by very active members of the team that you have elected.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely

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### **Kerala Branch**

The annual general body meeting of Kerala branch (IADVL) was held at IMA Hall, Calicut on 25—1—81. The secretary read out the annual report for the year 1980. Audited Statements of accounts for the year 1980 was presented by Dr. T. S. Balram, Treasurer and was passed. The new team of office bearers for 1981 were installed by the out-going president Dr. P. Ramachandran Nair. Dr. T. Gopinath discussed the present position of various qualified dermato venereologists in the State. Dr. M. I. Joy was congratulated for his promotion as Professor of Dermatology.

In the evening there was a combined session with IMA Calicut Branch. Dr. Ramankutty, President, Kerala Branch, IADVL for 1981, presided over the function. Guest Speaker, Dr. T. V. Venkatesan, from Madurai was introduced to the audience by Dr. T. Gopinath. There was a talk on 'Maduramycosis' by Dr. Venkatesan. Dr. K. Pavithran, Secretary for the year 1981, proposed the vote of thanks and the function came to a close at 7-30 p.m.

### **Karnataka-Tamilnadu State branch**

The annual conference of IADVL (K-T Branch) was held at C.S.I. Hospital, Bangalore on 13—12—1980. After registration, the Organizer of the meeting Dr. Mrs. Z. Isaac welcomed the gathering. Later the chief guest of the occasion Dr. Benjamin Isaac, Medical Superintendent of C.S.I. Hospital, Bangalore addressed the delegates and inaugurated the meeting.

After coffee the clinical session commenced and Dr. (Mrs.) Rachel Mathai, Professor of Dermatology, C.M.C. Hospital, Vellore was the chairman for this session. Several interesting cases were presented and discussed.

The business meeting was presided over by the President of the Association Dr. K. M. Rama Rao. The proceedings of the previous meeting held at Stanley Medical Hospital, Madras, the audited account for the year 1980 and the Hon. Secretary's report for the year 1980 were read and passed. The following office bearers were elected for the year 1981.

- President* : Dr. K. Siddappa  
*Vice-President* : Dr. Mrs. Rachel Mathai  
Wg. Cdr. R. K. Dutta  
*Hon. Secretary-cum-Treasurer* : Dr. Mary Jacob  
*Hon. Joint Secretary* : Dr. K. Yellappa  
*Central Council Members* : 1. Dr. T. V. Venkatesan  
2. Dr. K. Siddappa  
3. Dr. A. Krishna  
4. Dr. Mary Jacob

*Executive Committee Members :*

- | <b>Regular</b>       | <b>Alternative</b>      |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Dr. D. P. Jayaram | 1. Dr. S. V. Indrakumar |
| 2. Dr. K. H. Shetty  | 2. Dr. Mrs. Z. Isaac    |
| 3. Dr. K. M. Prakash | 3. Dr. S. Subramanyam   |
| 4. Dr. S. Shivakumar | 4. H. M. Subbaiah       |

It was decided to have the next meeting on the 2nd Saturday of March 1981, the Venue, most probably being C.M.C. Hospital, Vellore.

Lunch was followed by the Scientific session and this was chaired by Dr. K. Siddappa. The following three papers were presented and discussed.

1. Hypopigmented lesions in Children - Wg. Cdr. R. K. Dutta
2. Chromoblastomycosis - A case report - Dr. S. Byravarathinam
3. Leprosy work in C.S.I. Hospital - Dr. Mrs. Z. Isaac

With the vote of thanks by the Honorary Secretary the meeting came to a close. A nice tea was served after the session.

Dear Colleague,

It is my pleasant duty to hand over the office of the Hon. Secretary to Dr. Mary Jacob. All future correspondence pertaining to our branch activities and remittance of subscription may be addressed to :

Dr. Mary Jacob, Hon. Secretary, IADVL - K-T Branch, Dept. of Dermatology & STD, C.M.C. Hospital, Vellore-632004.

I request you to send your annual subscription to Dr. Mary Jacob. The annual subscription for an Ordinary member is Rs. 50/- and for an Associate member Rs. 40/-. For life membership the fee is Rs. 700/-.

I thank you all for the co-operation extended to me during my tenure of office.

**K. Dinakar Rao**  
Hon. Secretary 1980