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MINUTES OF 85TH IAPM KERALA CHAPTER MEETING HELD ON ZOOM ONLINE PLATFORM ON 20/9/20 AND 21/9/20 as 3 sessions

The inaugural function started at 9:00 AM on 20/9/20 with a prayer. Dr Nobin Babu K, Secretary, IAPM Kerala chapter welcomed the gathering. Dr Rajan G, President, IAPM, Kerala Chapter, delivered the Presidential address. Following the inaugural function, **Lei Tang, Ph.D**, Director CDx Pharma Service Development, Roche Tissue Diagnostics, USA, gave the guest lecture on “Next Generation Tissue Assays: When one biomarker isn’t enough”. **Dr Ajith Nambiar**, Professor & HOD, Pathology, AIMS Kochi moderated the session.

Slide seminar on **Immunohistochemistry - ‘Probing the Elusive’** was conducted by **Dr Elizabeth Joseph**, Professor of Pathology, Believers Church Medical College, Tiruvalla. 14 cases were discussed, followed by 6 spotters. The prize for the best case was won by **Dr Amrutha Thomas**, AIMS Kochi (Case - Epithelioid sarcoma inguino scrotal swelling). The first part of the session concluded at 1:15 PM.

The second part of the session started at 4PM on 20/9/20 which was a quiz competition for postgraduates. This was conducted by Team Amrita Kochi. **GMC Kottayam** finished as winners of the event. The second part of the session concluded at 7:30 PM.

The third part of the session commenced at 4PM on 21/9/20 by **Dr. Ana Richelia**, Pathologist, Medical & Scientific Affairs @Roche Asia-Pacific, gave the guest lecture on “The value of Digital Pathology during Covid”. **Dr Prasad PH**, Professor & HOD, Pathology, GMC Thrissur moderated the session. The talk was well appreciated by the audience.

Business meeting was conducted at 5PM.

The minutes of the last meeting held at TDMC, Alappuzha was passed.

The following matters were discussed and decisions were taken.

1. The next Chapter meeting is to be held on online platform and the dates will be finalised later.
2. The topic for slide seminar was decided as “**Bone and Joints**” and the moderator will be **Dr S Sankar**, Professor & HOD Pathology, GMC Kottayam.
3. Conduct of Professor Ramachandran Memorial Gold Medal examination for 2018 MBBS admission batch was sought. Dr KP Aravindan told setting the question paper will be challenging. Dr Feroze M pointed out to use the LRC facility in various colleges for the conduct of online exam. Dr Ajith said the duration should be set in such a way that the participants won’t get enough time when they google it. Dr Rajan suggested that help of a software team will be sought for the conduct of online exam. A final decision regarding the exam is to be made later.
4. Dr Rajan G, President, IAPM Kerala Chapter, proposed starting of an offline orientation workshop for fresher PGs. The plan is to conduct every year, 4 – 5 months after PG admission. Each college should take

the turn in conductance of the programme and a module needs to be prepared. The idea of an introductory workshop was welcomed by the house.

5. Dr Rajan G, President, IAPM Kerala Chapter, pointed out that last directory was prepared more than 10 years back and hence suggested the need for an updated member's directory containing basic information like address, email id, mobile number and a recent photograph.

6. A plan to start a YouTube channel was put forward. Dr KP Aravindan suggested that it will be an excellent idea and also a source of revenue provided we can ensure the content quality. The copyright will be with IAPM Kerala chapter.

7. Online slide seminars will be conducted by faculties from various colleges with a maximum duration of 1 hour, once in 3 months. Dr K P Aravindan suggested the need for digital scanners for digitalising the microscopic slides.

Following the general body meeting, the free paper session commenced at 5:30 PM, and the winner of best paper was **Dr. Chothisha.P**, AIMS Kochi (Assessment of sensitivity and specificity of two mutant specific EGFR antibodies in detecting the EGFR mutation in lung adenocarcinoma).

The prize for the best poster was won by **Dr Malavika Satheesh**, AIMS Kochi (Something blue, something borrowed: A challenging case series).

Congratulations to all prize winners!

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm after the Valedictory function. The Chapter President thanked the organizers and all the members.

Dr Rajan G (President)

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