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LECTURESHIP (2004)
2. Dr. Yodh Memorial and Gwalior Conference Training Fellowship (2004)

LECTURESHIP (2005)
Dr. Coelho Memorial Lectureship in Experimental Medicine (2005)
The selected candidate has to deliver his/her lecture at the Joint Annual Conference of API 2005.
All the above lectureship need prescribed application forms which are available from the API Office. The completed application forms for the above Lectureship should reach to Dr. Sandhya Kamath, Hon. General Secretary of API, Laud Mansion, 3rd Floor, 21, Maharshi Karve Road, Opp. Charni Road Station (E), Mumbai - 400 004 not later than 31st July, 2003.

II. ORATIONS
Suggestions are invited from members for the following assignments so as to reach Dr. Sandhya Kamath, Hon. General Secretary not than 31st July, 2003.
1. Netaji Oration (2005)
2. Sarabhai Oration (2005)
4. Ranbaxy Oration (2005)
5. Prof. Rathinavelu Subramaniam Endowment Oration (2005)
6. Hoechst Senior Lectureship in Diabetes (2005)
7. Dr. P. J. Mehta Oration (2005)
8. Dr. G. S. Sainani Oration (2005)
There are no prescribed nomination/application forms for the above orations but, persons are selected from the recommendations received from members of the Association. The recommendations for the above assignments must be accompanied with reasons for recommending a particular person showing the value of his/her research and eight copies each of three of his/her best publications. All relevant papers in connection with the suggestion, such as the bio-data, list of publications, etc., should be submitted in 8 sets by the proposer. The recipient of the above awards (except Dr. Shurvir Singh Trust Visiting Professorship) should deliver a lecture pertaining to his/her work at the Annual Conference in January, 2005. As regards, Dr. Shurvir Singh Trust Professorship, the selected candidate should visit a medical institution as directed by the Hon. Secretary of API during the year 2004.
A person who has received oration in the past is not eligible for any oration.
All lectureships, orations (except the Sarabhai Oration) and awards are open to eminent persons from the discipline of medicine and allied subjects such as Pharmacology, Biochemistry, Pathology and Physiology. The orator in the discipline of medicine should preferably be a member of API.
The members of the Governing Body of API and the Members of the Faculty Council of ICP are not eligible to receive any award.

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Dr. Sandhya Kamath, Hon. General Secretary, API
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Academy of Cardiology of Mumbai

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"Academy of Cardiology at Mumbai - International and Indian Fellowships"

Applications are invited for above fellowships (one each) beginning January 2004 from candidates below 35 yrs of age and possessing DM or DNB Cardiology qualifications. Fellowships will provide funding for training in interventional/non-invasive cardiology in prestigious centers upto 1 year. Interviews for selection will be conducted by Academy.

Applications alongwith detailed Curriculum Vitae and two letters of support from seniors in the profession should be sent to Academy of Cardiology at Mumbai, 102 Kirt Manor, SV Road, Santacruz West, Mumbai 400 054 by September 30, 2003.

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DB Pahalajani
Chairman, Academy of Cardiology at Mumbai
API - Award Session

Announcement

AWARD SESSIONS
1. Dr. DP Basu Young Award in Cardiology
2. E Merck Award
3. Dr. JN Berry Memorial Award and
4. Dr. MJ Shah Memorial Award in Tropical Medicine

There will be four award sessions at the 2004 Annual Conference of API at Hyderabad. The rule and regulations of these awards are as under:

1. Papers that are accepted for presentation in the Award Session at the Annual Conference will be divided subject-wise into four groups:
   - GROUP I CARDIOLOGY DP BASU YOUNG AWARD
   - GROUP II CHEST DISEASES E MERCK AWARD
   - GROUP III OTHER SPECIALITIES JN BERRY MEMORIAL AWARD
   - GROUP IV TROPICAL MEDICINE MJ SHAH MEMORIAL AWARD

   The Award of Dr. JN Berry Memorial Award and E. Merck Award are given in alternate years in Group II and III papers. At the 2004 Annual Conference at Hyderabad, Dr. JN Berry Memorial Award will be for ‘Other Specialities’ and E Merck Award for ‘Chest Diseases’. Dr. DP Basu Young Ward will be for ‘Cardiology’ and Dr. M. J. Shah Memorial Award for ‘Tropical Medicine’.

2. The competitor must be the first author of the paper submitted for presentation at the API sessions of the Annual Conference. A testimonial must be submitted from the Head of the institution that the major work has been done by the competitor. Papers which are previously presented or published will not be considered. The competitor should also give a written pledge stating that the work has not been presented or published before. He should be a member of API.

3. Dr. JN Berry Memorial and DP Basu Young Awards are worth Rs. 1000/- each. E Merck Award Rs. 2000/- and Dr. MJ Shah Memorial Award is worth Rs. 2500/-.

4. The upper age list of the competitor is 40 years.
5. The decision will be taken by a panel of judges appointed by the Governing Body of API.
6. The candidate must apply for the award and full manuscript of the paper will have to be submitted. The paper will be presented in separate award session.
7. Eight copies of full manuscript will have to be submitted to Dr. (Maj. Gen.) S. Venkataraman, President - Elect and Chairman Scientific Committee, APICON 2004, Flat No.137, Air Force & Naval Officers Enclave, Plot No.11, Sector - 7, Papan Kalan, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110 045 of API by 31st July, 2003. One copy of the paper should be sent to Dr. Sandhya Kamath, Hon. General Secretary of API at Mumbai.
8. The decision of the panel judges will be final and binding to all concerned.

PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS OF API
1. GIFTED TEACHER (2003)
2. DISTINGUISHED MEMBER (2003)

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Book Review

Clinical Methods in Cardiology

by B Soma Raju

These are exciting times for cardiology! Dramatic breakthroughs in basic research, exciting results of major clinical trials, and new diagnostic and therapeutic devices have revolutionized cardiovascular care worldwide. However, in order to effectively use these devices, physicians need to keep two basic factors in mind: understand the fundamentals of the history and physical examination (rather than rely blindly on technology) and be aware of the unique patient-care issues of different regions of the globe.

This book addresses both issues in an outstanding manner. The best clinical bedside diagnostic cardiologist I have ever seen, Dr. Soma Raju brings his enormous wealth of clinical experiences to this book. Clinical Methods in Cardiology is an exposition of his basic se that the clinical evaluation of the patient forms the foundation upon which the management of the patient is built. I believe that this book is destined to become the definitive text from the subcontinent on the clinical approach to the cardiac patient.

From the Foreword by Joshua Wynne
Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan, USA

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Book - Review : Comprehensive Medical Toxicology

Book Review

Comprehensive Medical Toxicology

by VV Pillay

Comprehensive Medical Toxicology is an extensively researched reference book on toxicology written by Dr. VV Pillay, who has incidentally authored several other acclaimed books on forensic medicine and toxicology. This book represents several years of painstaking research, and bears the following highlights:

* Over 2000 recent references, 200 tables, and 40 boxes
* Over 5000 brand names of drugs and poisons
* Numerous illustrations and photographs
* Apt quotes and fascinating case histories

Dr. VV Pillay is today recognized as a trail-blazer in the field of toxicology in India, and has numerous publications on the subject to his credit in medical as well as the lay press. He is a consultant on toxicology for various journals, and a reviewer of books on the subject published from across the world. Dr. Pillay is in the process of setting up a Poison Control Centre at the institute where he is currently employed, and is finalizing a software programme designed to help clinicians with the diagnosis and management of poisoning.

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For further details please contact: **Dr. Lekha Adik Pathak**, Dean, ICP, and **Dr. Jaising Phadtare**, Jt Secretary, ICP Dean Office, Hemdil, 5th Floor, Opp. Post Office, Linking Road, Santacruz (West), Mumbai 400 054.

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Action Potential to Arrhythmias

by KP Misra

In the recent years, the globe has witnessed tremendous growth in the field of Cardiac Medicine with equal focus on advanced technologies in diagnostic and therapeutic strategies including the understanding of genetic abnormalities. The advancements in Electrophysiology and its application in the understanding of simple and complex cardiac arrhythmias paved the way for evolving current management strategies for arrhythmias, Radio Frequency Ablation and implantation of Cardiac Defibrillator devices.

I know Dr. K. P. Misra for the last few decades as an outstanding teacher, eloquent speaker and above all as an exemplary Physician and Cardiologist. It is not an easy job to conduct excellent Electrocardiogram and Arrhythmia sessions across the length and breadth of this country which he has undertaken. His already published books and video teaching cassettes on arrhythmia serve as a desktop reference manual in physician’s chambers.

It is highly befitting that Dr. K. P. Misra, has put in enormous efforts in bringing out a book on ‘ACTION POTENTIAL TO ARRHYTHMIAS’, at this juncture as a jewel on the crown for Senior Consultants. In the rapidly changing scenario of Cardiology wherein any new discovery tends to undermine classic Electrophysiological study, Dr. Misra has in his usual intuitive and explicit style breathed new life into this important subject.

The structuring and the style of presentation of the subject undoubtedly make medical men to posses a copy as a reference book. I congratulate him for his stupendous work and appreciate him for the time that he has devoted to create this valuable book.

S Thanikachalam

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Indian Society of Critical Care Medicine, Jaipur Chapter

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Indian Society of Critical Care Medicine, Jaipur Chapter
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Book Review

Pulmonary Function Tests in Health and Disease

Edited by: Prof. PS Shankar

This excellent monograph is a collective work of various authors from different parts of India. There are 23 chapters. The opening chapters provide basis of respiratory mechanics of breathing and pulmonary function equipment. Subsequently the tests for ventilation, airflow, lung volumes, airway resistance and compliance, distribution and small airways have been described in detail. There are chapters on classification of abnormal patterns of pulmonary functions bedside pulmonary function tests, preoperative assessment of pulmonary function, evaluation of PFT by radiology, regional lung functions, PFT during sleep, arterial blood gases and broncho, provocation tests. A small eye opener to all practicing physicians with interest in pulmonary medicine.

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Indian Society of Electrocardiology

The "Silver Jubilee Conference Issue of Indian Society of Electrocardiology" is available on the Website. Feature of "ECG of the Fortnight" has also been instituted. You are requested to visit the website: www.iseindia.org
Membership forms are also available on the site.

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SB Gupta
Hon. Secretary ISE
Nominations are invited to fill the vacancy for the post of Governing Body Member created due to the resignation of Dr. Shashank R Joshi, who has been nominated as Editor of the Journal of Association of Physicians of India (JAPI). Those members who are interested and have continuous membership of API for one year are eligible. The application should be duly proposed and seconded by two valid members of API and reach the Hon. General Secretary, Association of Physicians of India, Laud Mansion, 3rd Floor, MK Road, Mumbai - 400 004 on or before 30th June, 2003.

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Adherence to Therapies is a primary determinant of treatment success. Poor adherence attenuates optimum clinical benefits and therefore reduces the overall effectiveness of health systems.

“Medicines will not work if you do not take them” - Medicines will not be effective if patients do not follow prescribed treatment, yet in developed countries only 50% of patients who suffer from chronic diseases adhere to treatment recommendations. In developing countries, when taken together with poor access to health care, lack of appropriate diagnosis and limited access to medicines, poor adherence is threatening to render futile any effort to tackle chronic conditions, such as diabetes, depression and HIV/AIDS.

This report is based on an exhaustive review of the published literature of the definitions, measurements, epidemiology, economics and interventions applied to nine chronic conditions and risk factors. These are asthma, cancer (palliative care), depression, diabetes, epilepsy, HIV/AIDS, hypertension, tobacco smoking and tuberculosis.

Intended for health managers, policy-makers and clinical practitioners this report provides a concise summary of the consequences of poor adherence for health and economics. It also discusses the options available for improving adherence, and demonstrates the potential impact on desired health outcomes and health care budgets. It is hoped that this report will lead to new thinking on policy development and action on adherence to long-term therapies.

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Prof. PM Dalal
Vice president, Indian Stroke Association
Past President, API

Research Society for the Study of Diabetes

**Announcement**

31st Annual Scientific Meeting of the Research Society for the Study of Diabetes in India at Jaipur on October 10, 11 and 12, 2003. RSSDI 2003 Secretariat.

Web site : www.rssdi2003.com

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