

## **Relishing the Academic Feast**

In continuation of my journey with you all, let me very joyously inform you that out of many programs envisaged under IAP's Presidential Action Plans — "Difficult Adolescent in Office Practice" has already been launched on 25<sup>th</sup> March at Mumbai and is due to be rolled out across the country soon. Adolescent issues like sexuality, contraception, delinquency, peer pressure, school performance, media influence, interpersonal relationship, depression, etc are being addressed very diligently in this module. On the same day, ie 25<sup>th</sup> March another unique concept of dealing with an unforeseen but common emergency situation in office practice ie Office Preparedness for Pediatric Emergencies (OPPE) was launched at Bangalore. It is too due to be rolled out throughout various IAP branches.

One of the very precious, close to my heart, my brainchild module is Training in Pediatric Skills (TIPS), a comprehensive 2 days program. It is being crafted with clinical precision by a group of experts specially for the postgraduates. The module was successfully launched on 27<sup>th</sup> April at Hyderabad, where about 60 postgraduate were imparted with practical skills in clinical Pediatrics. It was highly acclaimed by one and all.

My dream concept "Seizure and movement disorders in office practice" which more than often pose diagnostic dilemmas and therapeutic cum management challenges in office practice, is getting realized through a team of experts under the stewardship of Drs. Anup Verma, Neeta Naik and Sujata Kanhere on 6<sup>th</sup> May at Mumbai. The Program would have been rolled out through various branches of IAP, by the time this issue of the journal reaches you.

Rationality in Investigation Practices is prudent for ethical clinical practices; moreover interpretation of investigation requires a good clinical acumen. This issue is brilliantly capsuled in another Presidential Action Plan "How do I Investigate?" by Dr. Ritabrata Kundu and his

team from Kolkata. It is due to be released in various IAP branches.

Friends, after overviewing these 5 new programs let's have a review of some old popular modules. ATM, ARCTM and R-PSPID workshops are going great guns throughout the country. Some overwhelmed and highly acclaimed modules – RTI GEM, ASOV – now new improvised SOV; CDMP – now "IAP EXODIA (CDMP improvised)" and "Safe Injection Practices (SIP)" are getting revised and will be thrown open to all the branches in the month of May. There are many more but these many are enough for this write-up and the rest I shall keep for the next issue.

I am indeed delighted to announce the organization of National Asthma Congress for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in the history of IAP on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> June at Hyderabad; where a galaxy of National and International experts will deliberate A-Z about Asthma over a period of 2 days. Actually this was to be held in the month of May on the auspices of World Asthma Day on 7<sup>th</sup> May but for the availability of the international faculty it was postponed to 9<sup>th</sup> June. However CIAP has asked all the branches to celebrate the entire month of May as Asthma Month and present their reports to the CIAP. The best 2 or 3 branches would be recognized and honored at the National Asthma Congress.

I am happy to inform you that the series of "IAP Speciality Books" in different subspecialties started by Dr. Nitin Shah, then IAP President in 2006, are going to get revised as 2<sup>nd</sup> edition to be published jointly by IAP National Publishing House–Gwalior and Jaypee brothers.

Well friends, my journey with you all in academics will continue throughout the year and I shall catch up with you all again in the next issue. Till then Good bye!!

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