

X National Conference of Indian Academy of Oral Pathologists at Pondicherry: A report

The final phase of the year 2001 will find a special mention in the annuals of Mahatma Gandhi Dental College and Hospital (MGDCH). It was the year in which MGDCH successfully conducted the X National Conference of IAOP. Oral Pathologists numbering around 250 congregated in Pondicherry. To organize a conference of this scale requires not only enormous fiscal resources, but also resources in terms of enthusiastic manpower and technical support and other. In a small town like Pondicherry, this can be a big hurdle but the sustained and intensive effort of the Department of Oral Pathology and staff of all other departments have made this conference a great success.



The theme of the conference was "Eradication of Oral Cancer a Multifaceted Approach". The conference was held from December 21st to 23rd 2001. A pre-conference workshop on immunohistochemistry was held. The technical aspects and its practical application were elaborated to the P.G students of different institutions in India. This gave an invaluable weapon in the armamentarium for a confirmatory diagnosis. The mega event was inaugurated by her Excellency, Dr. (Mrs) Rajani Rai, Lieutenant Governor of Pondicherry. All top dignitaries of the Govt. of Pondicherry graced the occasion. This was followed by a keynote address by Dr. Anitha Borges, General Pathologist from Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai, on "Lymphoreticular Pathology" pertaining to oral and maxillofacial regions.



Day two and three was marked with few more guest lectures by many eminent speakers from all over India and also around hundred free scientific papers by the Postgraduates and staff members were delivered. A pictorial quiz was a great success and it provided a different platform for broadening the scientific mind of the P.G students without any inhibition. The tired minds were provided with a different

kind of culinary fare which satiated the appetite of Oral Pathologists. The grand finale was the banquet with joy and dance where the scientific deliberations were set aside and it was a piece of entertainment and relaxation for all the guests. The conference ended as a memorable one for all those who had attended. It will also serve as a turning point in the crusade against the monster of oral cancer.

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