

Scientific Milestones Achieved

Yes, Beloved friends, as promised and declared well in advance; IAP is privileged to host the 1st Pneumonia congress on 17th and 18th November to celebrate the auspicious World Pneumonia Day. IAP showcased the Govt., WHO, UNICEF and other key national and international NGOs that IAP indeed is concerned and bothered about high U5 mortality in India; particularly due to number 1 cause i.e. Pneumonia. This was IAP's move with a vision towards mission of achieving MDG-4. Despite a "bandh", the congress witnessed a congregation of about 300 pediatricians across the country and applauded with high accolades the 12 hours of sheer science spread over 2 days of 1 subject deliberated in highest academic standards. It is indeed a matter of great pride that there was no presence of the industry who had logistically supported it, neither stall and banner nor branding of the product with zero interference in the science. Probably this happened for the first time in the 50 years history of IAP. The science proceedings were archived and would be disseminated among the IAPians and the key messages inferred would be sent to the Govt. and the key Global NGOs.

CIAP's 1st international CME hosted by its overseas Emirates branch was organized on 11th and 12th October at Sharjah. The medical director and health minister from the royal family inaugurated and applauded the CME so much, particularly after listening the work being undertaken by IAP that instantly he volunteered to render monetary help to the cause of poor children in India, should IAP need so. A team of a dozen experts in the field

of Infectious Diseases from India deliberated on various issues pertaining to Infectious Diseases and Vaccines and addressed a gathering of 500+ attendees from all across the Gulf world. Indeed it is another feather in IAP's cap.

All the educational modules, few old but revised and improvised like NRP, ATM, ARCTM, RTI, PSPID, ASOV and EXODIUM and new ones like TIPPS and Movement & Seizure Disorders, Difficult Adolescent, Difficult Anemia, How Do I Manage?, How Do I Investigate and Office Preparedness for Pediatric Emergencies are all being rolled out in full swing across the country. The 2nd IAP – VAC is due to be held on 22nd and 23rd December at Delhi. The notable publications like 5th edition of IAP TBP, Text Book of Vaccinology, Color Atlas of Pediatric Infectious Diseases and 1st TBPID are in the pipeline due to be released at Pedicon 2013.

We are at the far end of the year and gearing up to usher in the new Golden year of IAP with new hopes, new visions and a new mission – "Mission Uday", wisdom of the new president to reduce child mortality to achieve MDG-4. Shortly I am going to step down, but with full satisfaction that if not all, almost all the programs I envisaged were realized. Friends, the leadership will change, but the programs will continue. And, I will always remain in your academic services.

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