

IAP-Pakistan Division

Pakistan is the 6th most populous country in the world with a population of over 180 million. '*Pakistan Association of Pathologists (PAP)*' is the common platform of all Pathologists of Pakistan; its foundation was laid in 1975 and since early 1980s it regularly holds its annual conferences in a city of Pakistan. In 2013, 37th annual conference of PAP was held at Lahore from 20-22 December. Currently over 800 pathologists from all sub-specialties (Histopathology & Cytology, Haematology, Microbiology, Chemical Pathology & Immunology) are regular members of PAP. At about the same time in 1986, PAP took initiative to go ahead with '*IAP-Pakistan Division*' which was formally approved in IAP Vienna congress. In later years however, unfortunately though PAP activities continued, this chapter became dormant so much so that relatively younger generation of pathologists even did not know that it existed. To our fortune in December, 2011 in a pathology course we met Professor Ho-Keung Ng, Associate Dean (Education), Faculty of Medicine and Department of Anatomical & Cellular Pathology Prince of Wales Hospital, The Chinese University of Hong Kong. He motivated us and facilitated revival of *IAP-Pakistan Division* in 2012. We must also acknowledge David F. Hardwick, Secretary *International Academy of Pathology* who was so forthcoming and with that, we got back our international status. I am Secretary/Treasurer of, IAP- Pakistan Division and in 2014 membership of *IAP-Pakistan Division* stands at 160. This year other office bearers of the division shall also be elected.

First meeting of *the IAP-Pakistan Division* was held on 2nd November, 2013 at *Pear Continental Hotel* Karachi with about 200 registered participants from across Pakistan. Besides several local speakers, Dr Samir Amr, President, *International Academy of Pathology* participated as guest speaker and had a presentation on IAP,

its history and educational mission. President IAP also presented a commemorative plaque to Secretary, Dr Shahid Pervez. Another foreign speaker was Dr Hakan Aydin from Singapore General Hospital. Poster presentations were also held along with best poster awards.

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