

ACTIVITY REPORT IAP ORISSA 2008

By - Dr. Pitabas Rautray, Secretary.

Respected Colleagues,

I thank all of you from the core of my heart for your cooperation and timely advice. I am indebted to our President Dr. SS Mohapatra for his untiring effort & constant supervision. This is the last function of State IAP 2008 and it is my bounden duty to inform you the activities of the year.

(1) Gram sat programme

Knowledge dissemination is one of the primary duties of the academy and now-a-days it has become difficult to keep pace with medical advances particularly for our members in rural remote areas. To close the gap, seminars and conferences are held. But most of the times our friends in remote areas fail to attend those due to heavy pressure of work and stringent service rules. To nullify this, academy resorted to Dr. Arabind Mohanty's novel idea, Gramsat discussion, by which our friends can interact with experts and clarify their doubts without leaving their own station. They have to simply go to Gramsat office in their place. The first Gramsat seminar was launched on 4th Nov.2008. It was inaugurated by Smt. Anu Garg, IAS, the Commissioner cum Principal Secretary to Govt. of Orissa, Health and Family Welfare Deptt. Profs N. Mohanty, D. Samal, S. K. Murmu, the HODs of S. C. B. Medico, Cuttack, MKCG Medico, Berhampur and VSS Medico, Burla respectively were the speakers and Dr. Arabinda Mohanty anchored the seminar. The subject was 'Childhood Asthma'. The academy is thankful to all of them.

The academy is also taking steps to get CDs of the subject and also to keep it in our IAP website.



(2) Workshop-

Three workshops were held by District branches with financial assistance exclusive of their own schedule. The name of branches and the workshops are given below.

1. Rourkela-Important pediatric Emergencies.
2. Cuttack- Anaphylaxis in Children.
3. Sambalpur- Malaria.



(3) Parent education Books:-

Decision is taken to assist or publish health educational books. The idea is from Dr. Arijit Mohapatra. You will be happy to note that two such books by our members are to be released today.

-Nabajat shishu o' tar Jatna-(Language-Oriya)-Dr. Pradeepa Kumar Mohapatra.,
Rairangpur.

-Childhood Asthma- A guide to mothers- (Language-English)-Dr. S.S. Mohapatra.

(4) Documentation of Research & Publication activities in IAP Website (www.iaporissa.org)-

It is needless to emphasize that documentation of our activities particularly the research and publication is important from the point of analyzing the work later as well to inform the next generation regarding the legacy of the ancestors. Keeping this in mind, an open ended web page is added to our website about the researches, scientific publications and books by pediatricians of Orissa. The work has started and I request you to add your publications into it by informing the IAP office. It could only be possible due to the positive nod from Profs Drs. N. Mohanty, D. Samal and S. K. Murmu. Further I request you to look to our website for 'research and publication' page. You will be happy to note the wealth of work that we have done. The web-page is listed both year & author wise and is also open for addition and alteration.

(5) Journal-

OJP (Orissa Journal of Pediatrics) has faced a setback not being published in time. It has happened due to many unavoidable circumstances and our editor Dr. Prakash Chandra Panda has successfully tided over that and has also taken steps to solve its' registration problem in postal deptt., so that each member will get it in time with less expenditure. Please inform your change of address regularly otherwise you will miss the journal and IAP official letters.

(6) PALs course & IAP undergraduate, Post Graduate quiz –

PALs course was conducted in KIMS Medical College. Dr. Biswajit Mishra, Joint co-ordinator of the course organized it under convenership of Prof. Aswini Kumar Mohanty, HOD, Pediatric Deptt., KIMS, BBSR. Both the quiz programme were held successfully in SCB Medical College, Cuttack by the convenorship of Prof. Niranjan Mohanty. The academy is thankful to all of them.

(7) Representation of IAP, Orissa in other organizations-

We are now recognized as an expert body for all policy decisions relating to child health by Govt. of Orissa, Unicef and other NGOs. The credit is of my predecessors. Their constant effort is translated to function this year. Our participation with different organizations in 2008 are -

(i) Govt. of Orissa-

- a. *NFHS-3 finding dissemination seminar* - Participation for expert comment on Child mortality and Child Health.
- b. *Management of flood situation in Orissa* - Participation as a member.
- c. *Workshop on IMS Act* - State IMS Act Cell was formed & Dr. Arabind Mohanty was nominated as State coordinator.



(ii) UNICEF -

- (a) *Workshop on immunization guideline for practitioners* – Participated as expert.
- (b) **NICU** verification Committee by UNICEF & State IAP – Participated as expert.

(iii) NGO –

- a. *Workshop on Child Abuse at Open Learning System, Bhubaneswar* - Participation as expert.

(8) Day and week celebration-

State IAP along with Khurda branch celebrated Breast feeding Week in Bharatpur slum in collaboration with Govt. of Orissa, UNICEF and BMC. S.J. Sanatan Bisi, Minister of State, Health and Family Welfare, Director of Health Services, Director of FW and Head, UNICEF attended it. Deliberations were on benefit of Breast feeding, harmful effects of top milk as well the IMS act.



(9) Park for Children needing special care-

This Unique Park is now functional and is the result of a collaborative effort of Sahid Nagar Socio-Cultural Association (SCA) IAP, Orissa & BMC. It will have the facility of going around by using a wheel chair and facilities for games that can be played by differently capable of children. It is sponsored Bhubaneswar Municipality council. The foundation stone was laid by Dr. Naveen Thacker and Dr. R. K. Agrawal, National President, IAP, 2007 and 2008 respectively last year. IAP, Orissa conveys its gratitude to Bhubaneswar Municipality Council and NGO, SCA (Socio-Cultural Association) of Sahid Nagar. The innovative idea is of our member; Dr. Arabind Mohanty. He is also the president of SCA, Sahid Nagar. May God bless him with a long happy life.



(10) Govt. land allocation for IAP house-

IAP is in touch with Govt. of Orissa for allocation of a lease land for our long awaited IAP house. It will have the facility of guest house for our members along with Office, Library and Reading room. The Commissioner cum Principal Secretary to Govt., Health and

family Welfare has forwarded our application to appropriate authority.

Thank you all.

Yours in academic service,
Long live IAP, Orissa,
Long live, IAP, India.

I am sure Dr. Nand, our young and dynamic President Elect will take the issue as it is his idea.

I have mentioned the names for which different programme could materialize. My sincere gratitude to them. My special thanks to Profs. N. Mohanty, D. Samal, S.K Murmu, Dr. Arabind Mohanty, Dr. Arijit Mohapatra and Dr. Artabandhu Nayak. Last but not the least; I convey my deep gratitude to all executive body members for their untiring help and support. I must again mention that I am really fortunate to get Dr. Gopandhu Nanda with me as President Elect. His plan of action works wonder. I wish him a fruitful and successful tenure.

Every human being has faults and lapses. I have definitely many. Forgive me. I have tried to accelerate our academy and request the youngsters to take it ahead

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