

New Members

The following is a list of new Life members and Members in Training who have joined us this year. The IAPA family extends a warm welcome to all of you. Let us thank all those who have been tirelessly working to recruit new members.

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The Forum

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Editorial

Welcome to the winter edition of the newsletter. The IAPA meeting in Toronto in May 2006 was a grand success. The scientific session lecture "Mind! Lessons from the Brain" by Dr. Phillip Ninan and the panel discussion on the topic "Psychiatry and the Arts" was well received (see inside for more information). This was followed by the presentation of awards at the evening reception, which was organized by the Toronto chapter. The guest list included many of our leaders in IAPA who hold positions in various APA components and the Assembly; and several prominent members of the American Psychiatric Association.

We would like to thank all those who have contacted us about various issues of interest for publication in this newsletter. We encourage readers to check out our website: www.myiapa.org for relevant information about the organization and a host of related topics. Copies of newsletters are available as a pdf. format. Membership information and forms are also available.

Contributions for the newsletter seem to be thin on the ground, so please put pen to paper or fingers to keyboard) and send your articles or reports for inclusion in the next issue. We would like to hear your views and comments.

Please remember to cast your ballot for the APA election.

Antony Fernandez, MD
 Radhika Sriram, MD

2007 American Psychiatric Association's election of officers and trustees

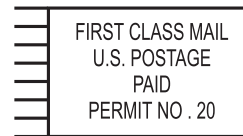
Ballots were mailed to voting members on Thursday, December 21. Members may vote either online or on paper. Intelliscan, Inc., APA's election management firm, will send emails which include information on accessing online ballots to those members for whom APA has e-mail addresses. All ballots - paper or online - must be received by 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time), February 5. To access the online ballot, members can visit www.psych.org, click on the link "Cast Your Votes in the 2007 Election" and follow the prompts for online voting. The site includes candidates' photos, biographies, and statements. To log on, members must enter their last name and a ballot control number as shown in the email or on the paper ballot. If both options are used, only the votes on the online ballot will be counted. Please contact Carol Lewis, Special Projects Manager, if you have questions regarding accessing the balloting site or any other aspect of the APA election.

PLEASE VOTE AND URGE
 YOUR COLLEAGUES TO VOTE

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President's Message

Folks,

We come from a pluralistic society, live in a diverse community and embrace diverse perspectives. As an organization we continue to enrich this community that we live and work in. So here is wishing you all season's greetings and happy holidays.

2006 has been a year of bittersweet transitions. At the beginning of the year we lost Dr. Jambur Ananth and we are ending the year with the loss of Anjali Pandya, our beloved executive secretary of 25 years. After a courageous fight Anjali Ben lost her battle with cancer this November. As we grapple with the loss of these two legends, please join me in prayers for the Pandya and Ananth family. We hope that with the help of the members of these two families and our efforts, we may be able to institutionalize their memories for years to come.

We also need your feedback on whether we can go ahead with posting our membership data on the web with password protection that would allow access to only members, so as to help you locate other members as needed for referrals and networking across the country. Our IAPA membership benefits statement is nearing completion and should soon be available to you in your work on recruiting more life members so we can add every one's voice and perspective in what the IAPA is and should be. So you can see we are steadily at work towards making your IAPA more relevant, accountable, efficient and accountable. May 2006 is an election year for IAPA. The nominating committee has been appointed, and we hope to get nominations from you.

I also want to share with you our newest undertaking of "Adopt a program in India" by which we have made a commitment to send our journals to psychiatry residency programs in India, so the residents there can have well endowed libraries. We have adopted 7 programs thus far. We have submitted 3 symposia at the ANCIPS meeting in Chennai this year with 15 of our IAPA, CIPA, BIPA, faculty presenting under the leadership of Dr. Anand Pandurangi, our International Scientific Liaison. If you are going to ANCIPS and are an IAPA member, please remember that you can qualify for reduced rates on the registration dues!

Last but not least, do remember to take part in the APA elections. One of our members and one of our Associate Life members is on the ballot.

I want to thank each and every one on the EC, the BOT, the councilors, the MIT and of course each one of you that makes up this organization. May 2007 bring joy, fulfillment and health to each one of you.

Appreciatively yours,

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Scientific Session at the 27 th Annual IAPA conference, May 2006. Toronto, Canada

This year's session was dedicated to the memory of our esteemed colleague, mentor and one of the founding fathers of IAPA, Dr. Jambur Ananth who passed away after a brief bout with illness in January, 2006. The session was well attended by ~ 65 delegates and invited guests.

The memorial lecture as delivered by Dr. Ananda Pandurangi, Professor of Psychiatry and Chair of the Inpatient Division of Psychiatry. He shared his history with Dr. Jambur Ananth thru different stages of his career development in India and in this country. Dr. Ananth's contribution to the field were highlighted and tribute was paid to his wife Mrs. Kamala and son Dr. Karthik Ananth, who were in attendance at the session. Dr. Karthik Ananth shared information on a website that he has set up in memory of his father the late Dr. Ananth and encouraged all in attendance to visit the site.



This dedication was followed by a lecture from this year's Outstanding Academician Award winner, Dr. Philip Ninan, formerly of Emory University in Atlanta, currently with Wyeth pharmaceuticals. The title of his lecture was "Mind! Lessons from the Brain". This very enlightening presentation on neuro cognitions and brain circuitry was followed by the symposium titled "Psychiatry and the Arts". The symposium was moderated by Dr. Prakash Desai from Chicago, Illinois.

The first presentation was "Bollywood and Psychiatry" by Dr. Dinesh Bhugra from UK, author of "Mad Tales from Bollywood". His presentation highlighted the changing face of depictions of psychiatric illnesses and the changing role of the hero in the movies from being the good role model to the angry man and now the glorified angry hero, who thinks nothing of bending the rules of society to get what he wants thereby blurring the distinctions between the good guy and the bad guy in the movies. He spoke of how these changes reflect the changes in the socio political climate in the country over the last 50 years since independence.

The next presentation was by Dr. Jaswant Guzder, a third generation immigrant, a practicing psychoanalyst, child psychiatrist and a painter from Canada. She spoke of her use of her canvas and shared with the audience slides of her evocative paintings from her collection of her art. She uses the medium of colors, textures and other objects and with them drawing the conflicts and issues worked in therapy with her patients young and old as well as her own struggles with the immigration and it's effects that go beyond the first generation of immigration.

The final presenter was Dr. Rishma Dunlop, who spoke on the "Pathos in Poetry" of the immigrant experience, reading two pieces of her own poetry, one titled "Soja" articulating the relationship between a father and a daughter and another one on the relationship between a daughter and a mom as they straddle the two cultures.



Dr. Jaswant Guzder



Dr. Dinesh Bhugra



Dr. Rishma Dunlop

Samantha Shlakman, MD



I believe that it is continually important to incorporate cultural sensitivity and relevancy into our practice of medicine, and psychiatry. As is mentioned in the

Indo-American Psychiatric Association's Mission Statement and Goals, education is one of the primary ways that we can help inform others and keep our practice pertinent to our patient's lives, cultures, and history. I have been able to utilize my Bachelor's degree in Anthropology, toward this goal; I consider cultural competency with my patients to be one of the cornerstones toward their successful treatment. Additionally, being able to consider different ethnic and religious backgrounds when interacting with colleagues, fosters cohesiveness of our profession.

- Samantha Shlakman, MD

Lauren M. Sitzer, MD



Candidates for Area 3 Trustee

Houshang G. Hamadani, MD

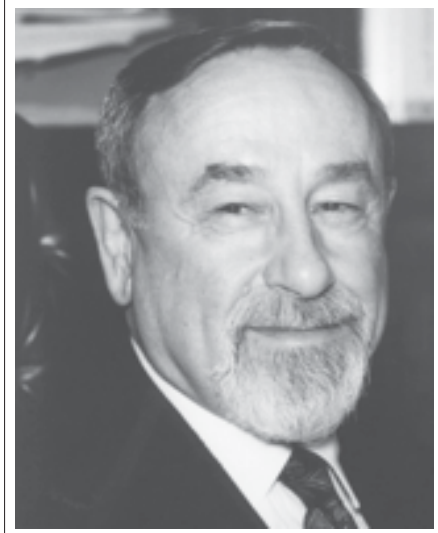
Psychiatric practice in both the public and private sector faces numerous challenges.

Managed care companies have limited the therapeutic options necessary for high quality psychiatric care. In the public sector, psychiatric leadership is no longer the domain of the psychiatrist. Such clinics do not involve their psychiatrist in the decision making process. This situation combined with low compensation results in high turnover and leaves many of these clinics understaffed.

If elected, my goal is to promote the allocation of more APA resources towards impacting legislation at the state and federal level to improve the current situation. I will also promote the participation of younger colleagues and minorities in the governance of the APA. I will take the ideas, suggestions, or complaints of Area III members to the APA Board of Trustees and to do my utmost effort to find solutions for the problems that face our profession. For more information my website is @ www.HoushangHamdani.com

Candidates for Area 6 Trustee

Thomas K. Ciesla, MD



Ravi Goklaney, MD



John Urbaitis, MD



News and Reports

APA President visits Richmond

The Virginia chapter of the IAPA under the leadership of Dr. Radhika Sriram hosted a very successful meeting in October 2006. The guest of honor was the President-elect of APA, Dr. Carolyn Robinowitz. Dr. Asha Mishra introduced Dr. Robinowitz. Dr. Anand Pandurang gave a scientific presentation which was very well received. Dr. Robinowitz talked about the current issues facing psychiatry in a rather forthright manner. Dr. Robinowitz is not only extremely knowledgeable and well read, but also quite humble and down to earth.



NAMI recognition for Dr. Meera Narasimhan



The South Carolina chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness recently named Dr. Meera Narasimhan Psychiatrist of the Year. Dr. Narasimhan is the director of Biological Research at University of South Carolina School of Medicine since July 2004. Dr. Narasimhan completed medical school in India at the Gandhi Medical College in Bhopal. She was completed her internship at Columbia University, New York, NY. She was a resident at Yale University, Department of Psychiatry in New Haven, Conn. She completed a Psychopharmacology fellowship at Yale University Department of Psychiatry, also in New Haven Conn.

Bruno Lima Award for Dr. Manoj Shah



Dr. Manoj Shah was honored with the 2006 Bruno Lima Award which recognizes outstanding contributions of District Branch members to the care and understanding of the victims of disasters. Contributions include designing disaster response plans, providing direct service delivery in time of disaster, or in disaster consultation, education, and/or research.

Chapter Presidents:

Chicago:
Outgoing: Dr. Malini Patel
Incoming: Dr. Deepak Kapoor

Connecticut:
Outgoing: Dr. Gurcharan Singh
Incoming: Dr. Minesh Kathuria

Texas:
Outgoing: Dr. Prabha Sunderajan
Incoming: Dr. Dhiren Patel

Volunteering and internship opportunities in India

Dear IAPA members:

I write to you on behalf of AVSAR (Alliance of Volunteers for Service, Action and Reform), a volunteer recruiting organization functioning in Mumbai and Delhi, India. We, at AVSAR recruit and place volunteers from across the globe to the grassroots level NGOs in India, especially working in areas like public health, community development, adolescent health, resource mobilization, income generation etc.

It was established with a mission that revolves around the framework of assisting non-profits involved in providing health care to India's underprivileged population by means of passionate volunteers and to create long term

partnerships for sharing knowledge with other NGOs and creating a global network for a more prosperous India.

Over the past two and a half years we have received round 90 volunteers coming from various reputed universities like Michigan School of Public Health, Yale School of Public Health, Alabama University, John Hopkins and McGill University etc. These volunteers were placed by AVSAR to various NGOs and have worked in a wide variety of projects ranging from Public Health, developing training modules for adolescents to conducting workshops on sexual health.

We would be happy to receive pre-medical/ public health students who

would like to spend few months in India to volunteer with an NGO and "Choose to make a Difference in their lives." Moreover, they can also earn school credits through this opportunity.

For more information on AVSAR please visit our website, www.avsarindia.org and feel free to contact us if you have any queries regarding the same.

Thanks you for taking out time and reading this mail and we hope to hear from you soon.

Regards
Rumpa Gupta,
Program Co-ordinator, AVSAR

Obituary Prof. R L Kapur

The sad and untimely demise of Prof. R.L. Kapur is an irreparable loss not only to the Indian Psychiatric Society and Psychiatry in India, but also to the World community of mental health professionals at large. Our eyes fill with tears and our hearts weep in the memory of this noble soul. We fully agree with what Col Goel has stated, "The country is poorer for the loss of one who may well be called the Bertrand Russel of Indian Psychiatry" and what Ajay Singh has added, "Such souls do not expire. They endure through the institutions they build/work with, and the lives they touch".

He was a constant source of encouragement to the younger generation. Through his emails, telephone calls and gentle talk he will touch anybody's heart. Despite his eminent status, he was most unassuming, kind and affectionate. He was an unforgettable great man. After a recent visit to NIMHANS I quote from his letter: **"I think there is an unexpressed need on the part of our professional colleagues to fill up the emptiness of their spiritual life forced into hibernation by our scientific training"**. He gave an oration in NIMHANS recalling his nostalgic experiences a day earlier.

Bowing my head in reverence to Prof Kapur's fond memory,

Dr. Roy Abraham Kallivayalil

Candidates for Trustee-at-Large

Jagannathan Srinivasaraghavan, MD

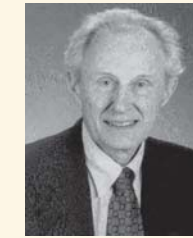


It is an honor and privilege to be nominated for Trustee at Large position in the American Psychiatric Association. Two years ago, with your support, I received more than third of the votes in my bid for President Elect of APA against a popular and worthy opponent. Last year, we came very close to elect an Indian American to the Secretary position. This year, we have a tremendous opportunity to get ourselves on the APA Board of Trustees. You have provided me an opportunity to serve you in leadership roles over many years and we worked together to expand our association from coast to coast and beyond. During my Presidency, I facilitated the historic participation and presentation by two Presidents of APA on successive years at the Annual National Congress of Indian Psychiatric Society (ANCIPS). This year again as your liaison, we are privileged to have Prof. Pedro Ruiz, President of APA attending and presenting at the ANCIPS in my hometown, Chennai, India.

The leadership roles I have assumed in the APA, be it an Assembly member and Chair of Committee of Minority/Underrepresented Groups or member and Chair of Council and components has taught me patience, negotiating skills and commitment and dedication to purposeful actions. Given my energy, enthusiasm and diligence, you can be assured of my sensitivity to address the multi-cultural needs and advocacy for our patients and profession and making the APA member friendly. This nomination is recognition of our collective talent and outstanding service. This is our best opportunity to elect one of our members to the APA Board of Trustees and I would be honored to be your first choice for APA Trustee at Large.

- Jagannathan Srinivasaraghavan, MD

Roger Peele, MD



I know that the Indo-American Psychiatric Association is one of the most important of this nation's psychiatric organizations. As some of you know, when I was Speaker of the Assembly, I asked that national psychiatric organizations be given a place in the APA governance. It took a few years, but eventually we got seats in the Assembly for 16 national organizations, e.g., American Ass. of Social Psychiatrists and Ass. of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists. The fact that there are very effective representatives in the Assembly for "Asian-American Psychiatrists" does not preclude IAPA from having its own representative as a member of the Allied organization members. I would be very supportive of IAPA joining the Assembly.

Related to having IAPA have a role in the Assembly is the general issue of increasing the power of the Assembly in APA's governance. Of present members of the APA, no one has been championing this enhancement more than I have.

In summary, I would hope that IAPA would join the Assembly and help the Assembly enhance its power, resulting in a substantial increase in IAPA influence on the APA.

- Roger Peele, MD

Joseph Rubin, MD



Currently the Immediate Past Speaker of the APA Assembly and Chair of the Membership Committee, I have been active in the Assembly since 1980, and in my District Branch for longer still. I am a private practitioner in Portland, Maine, part-time Community Mental Health Center staff, and Medical Director of a skilled nursing care facility.

I am a strong believer in member diversity in APA. It gives psychiatry the

strongest possible voice in political affairs. My experience in the Assembly taught me how to balance divergent views and to incorporate them in decision making. I know personally what it is like to fight insurers, pharmaceutical benefit managers, and other payers to try to conduct treatment that is truly in the patients' best interest.

I hope you will give me your primary support. If you cannot, consider listing me second. Let's keep working together to advance our field.- Joseph Rubin, M.D.

Candidates for Member-in-Training Trustee-Elect

Chris E. M. Esguerra MD



As your Member in Training Trustee Elect on the APA Board of Trustees

I will strive to:

- Ensure that your voices and concerns are heard on issues that matter to you as members in training.
- Collaborate, develop, and implement programs that address the issues that we face as residents.
- Lead efforts to make AP and its chapters relevant, inclusive, and tangible to all residents and early career psychiatrists
- Foster a greater sense of community on both the national and local levels.

As a gay Filipino from an immigrant family, I understand the importance and need not only culturally competent and sensitive patient care, but also the importance of that awareness and acceptance among our colleagues. That is why I will strive to ensure that your voices are heard, as well as our other fellow members in training.

- Chris E. M. Esguerra MD

American Psychiatric Association Elections

Candidate Statements to IAPA

The election for the office bearers of American Psychiatric Association will be held shortly. In order to help IAPA members make an informed decision about the candidates, we asked via-e-mail each candidate to answer the question - What would you like to communicate to the members of Indo American Psychiatric Association? – in 150 words or less. We are publishing the answers received from the candidates. Where we did not receive a response from a candidate within our deadline, we are only identifying the candidates and the position they are contesting for. More information about the candidates can be obtained from the web site:www.psych.org We urge all IAPA members to inform themselves of the relevant issues and vote.

Candidates for President-Elect

Nada Stotland, MD



I have been a member of the IAPA for several years. Much of the richness of the APA and American psychiatry derives from the contributions of the Indo-American members who have braved visa, language, and discriminatory challenges in order to serve the patients and enrich the research of this country. When I was Medical Coordinator for the Illinois Department of Mental Health, I fought for J-1 visas for the talented Indo-American psychiatrists interested in working in our state hospitals. As APA Speaker, I advocated successfully for the appointment of many Indo-American members to committees and councils. Our leadership must reflect our membership: in order to recruit new members, so that our diverse members can learn from each other, because there is talent to utilize, and because it is the right thing to do. As APA President, I can move us in that right direction.

- Nada Stotland, MD

Spencer Eth, MD

I am Spencer Eth, and I welcome this opportunity to introduce myself. My background includes training in psychiatry in New York City and child psychiatry in Los Angeles. I've worked in public settings and for the last ten years at St. Vincent's



in Manhattan. Throughout my 25 years of practice I have worked closely with Indo-American psychiatrists, and I have become mindful of the importance of race, ethnicity, religion, culture and country of origin. The APA must work closely with the IAPA on common areas of concern, such as advocacy regarding IMG licensure and visa constraints. IAPA members should be represented on all APA committees and councils. My pledge is to increase the number of psychiatrists who have not previously served to APA components. I will listen, respect and value our shared commitment to our patients and our profession. Please read my platform in Psych News and vote for me

- Spencer Eth, MD

Candidates for Vice President

Carol Bernstein, MD



I direct the largest psychiatric training program in the US and have dedicated my career to promoting the development of trainees, particularly those from diverse cultural backgrounds. APA leadership should appoint IAPA members to appropriate work groups for DSM V so that that cultural concerns of the Indo-American community are adequately addressed and must assure that cultural perspectives are integrated into psychiatric treatment.

I have encouraged residents to use their cultural expertise to develop novel clinical and educational initiatives. Several have been selected as IAPA outstanding residents (Priya Narayanan and Seeba Anam) and Sudepta Varma (a current IV) is very active in the IAPA. One of our graduates created a South Asian Psychiatric Clinic at Bellevue to support the psychiatric needs of the large South Asian community in NYC. A current resident has created the Muslim Journal of Mental Health and has entered the new NYU MPH Program in Global Mental Health.

- Carol Bernstein, MD

Renee L. Binder, M.D.



It would be an honor to be able to serve the members of IAPA as Vice President of APA. I am committed to enhancing a mutually rewarding collaborative relationship between APA and IAPA. I strongly believe in promoting Indo-American psychiatrists to leadership positions in APA. Doing so enriches our profession and our ability to serve our diverse patient community. I feel a special connection to my Indo-American colleagues because I traveled throughout India in my 20's and lived with families who showed me incredible generosity and hospitality. The families had sons or daughters whom I knew from my studies at Columbia University in New York.

I am currently serving as Trustee-at-large on the APA Board of Trustees. I am also serving on the forensic steering committee of the ABPN where I have advocated on behalf of International Medical Graduates. I would greatly appreciate your support and your vote.

- Renee Binder, MD

Chapter Reports

Maryland/DC Chapter

The MD/DC chapter is doing well. We are continuing to meet every 3 months. Our last meeting was on September 8th. There are 2 new developments:

1) We have designed a 'Mental health questionnaire' to assess awareness of mental health problems and needs of the South Asian people in our area. The Hopkins IRB has approved this questionnaire and we are getting ready to distribute it both electronically and via hard-copy at local community meetings (e.g. the international Kannada conference is being held in Baltimore later this month. Some of our chapter members attending this conference will distribute this questionnaire to the attendees).

2) We have received approval to start a South Asian Clinic in our community psychiatry program at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical center. We are going to start this as a pilot project. Currently, I will be running this clinic, but depending on the referrals and the response to our questionnaire we will consider expanding it.

We are hoping that in the near future we will be able to apply for grants and further develop both our research and our clinical projects. Vani Rao, MD

Midwest Chapter report

The members of the Midwest Chapter met on Saturday, July 8, 2006 at Viceroy of India, Lombard. Dr. Malini Patel, Chapter President, welcomed the members and introduced Dr. Asha Mishra, President, National IAPA, Professor of Psychiatry, Virginia Commonwealth University Health Systems. Dr. Mishra's presentation on "Challenges in the Treatment of Patients of South Asian Origin Across the Life Span" was very informative and led to the audience sharing their life experiences.

Dr. Patel presented the highlights of the chapter activities for the past two years which included a Mental Health Fair held at the Indo-American Center; a training workshop on "Depression and Suicide" held at Apna Ghar Domestic Abuse Shelter for their residential counselors; creation and distribution of a list of Indian psychiatrists willing to take indigent patients; articles on mental health topics written in local newspapers by IAPA members and members-in-training; membership directory update and creation of a member list-serve; recruitment of over 25 new members including active recruitment of psychiatry residents from all Chicago area programs; building relationships with other health professionals and community

organizations; regular dinner meeting with professional presentations.

Dr. Patel re-emphasized the need to involve residents and members actively in community activities and writing articles in journals and newspapers (specifically in the Indian Reporter). Dr. Patel presented Diana Sarma with a token of appreciation for her coordination of IAPA events and developing the member list-serve database. Dr. Asha Mishra presented Dr. Patel with a plaque for her leadership and contribution as the President for the past two years.

Our next meeting was at Gaylords restaurant in Schaumburg, IL on Nov 11th 2006 was well attended by 20 members and 15 guests. The passing of Dr. Anjali Pandya, the former Director of IAPA after her heroic struggle with breast cancer was acknowledged. Drs Malini Patel and Nuthan Vaidya were recognized for all their efforts to help the IAPA organization.

The agenda of the business meeting was to share Common ideas, recognize the trainees, people in practice, participate in community service – Apna Ghar community center and to recruit new members and life members. Changes to Membership dues: were discussed and it was decided that residents and medical students pay no dues. Spouses and other Psychiatric members can be associate members. The need to involve residents and members actively in community and writing articles in journal and newspapers (specifically Indian Reporter) was discussed.

Other items included discussion of the post of Treasurer of IAPA and the various awards of the IAPA - Service award, Exemplary public award, and Outstanding resident. Members were encouraged to check out the web page of the IAPA: www.myiapa.org

The meeting was sponsored by Janssen Pharmaceuticals. The representatives Julio and Colleen talked about Risperdal and the new indication for Autistic disorder. The scientific session was a lively debate on the topic Parapsychology (PSI): Paranormal VS Supernatural by Dr Vedak and Dr Sayyed. This was followed by an enlightening discussion from the audience. The audience also gave feedback about future topics including psychiatry and the law. – Deepak Kapoor, MD

Pittsburgh Chapter

Greetings from Pittsburgh!

We have had 2 meetings thus far in 2006. Dr. Rohan Ganguli presented a comprehensive and unbiased view of the large NIMH funded CATIE

study to the members earlier this year. We had a powerpoint presentation by Dr. Umapathy Channamallappa who spent some time with Katrina victims. His experiences in the aftermath of this disaster situation, and his psychiatric perspectives were quite poignant to say the least. In mid June, Dr Sridhar Sharma, National Professor, and former Director General for Health Services in Delhi, and former Chair of Psychiatry in the medical college at Goa spoke about the Ethics of Conducting Psychiatric Clinical Trials in India. As you might imagine, that is a topic that raised many issues for the membership. We plan to have a 3rd meeting in Pittsburgh in mid December. Attendance has ranged from about 15 to 20 per meeting. We have "encouraged" those we know not to be Life Members to seriously consider becoming such members, but I am not sure that has really translated to much thus far.

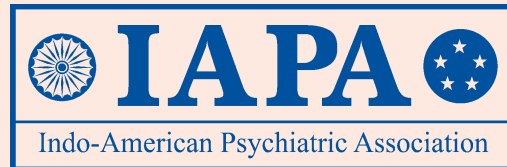
I was at the end of my tenure last year when I sent in the chapter report, but have had no "takers" to take my place, so I continue in this position. Others have begun to take on the responsibility of organizing the meetings, and currently, Dr Parepally is working on the next meeting in December. Our membership is in the ball park of 50 in Pittsburgh. Dr Keshavan has moved to Detroit, and Keerthy Sunder moved to San Francisco, and Kalyanam Sundaram has moved to Columbus, Ohio. – Roy Chengappa, MD

Virginia Chapter

This year was a particularly good year for members of the Virginia Chapter.

In June 2006 we had our first CME meeting with Dr. Goli and Dr. Prakash Masand in collaboration with Psych CME. We had a good turnout of both psychiatrists and other physicians. On October 14 we had collaborative meeting with the Richmond Psychiatric society and had the pleasure of having Dr. Robinowitz, President elect of APA speak to VA IAPA members and the Richmond Psychiatric society about her vision for the future of Psychiatry with co-speaker Dr. Pandurangi. This was possible due to hard work and networking efforts of Dr. Mishra and thanks to her for making this happen.

A Divali meeting followed this on November 17th. Dr. Renuka Evani decided to give up her post of the treasure of the VA chapter after almost 4 years of diligent work and Dr. Ramesh 'Rick' Chaudry is now the secretary cum treasurer and also President elect of the VA chapter. Congratulations Rick! He will take office in May 2007. We have had a great attendance of residents at these meeting. - Radhika Sriram, MD



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