9th National conference on Pediatric Rheumatology

The 9th National conference on Pediatric Rheumatology will be held at Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Medical Science, Lucknow on September 3-4, 2011. For details contact Dr. Amita Aggarwal, Department of Clinical Immunology, SGPGI, Lucknow. Email: NCPR2011@gmail.com or amita@sgpgi.ac.in

DR. VITHALRAO NADGOUDA BEST ALL INDIA ANNUAL THESIS AWARD

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1. The award is open to the physicians from various medical institutions / hospitals from India within one year of passing the MD / DNB examination in Medicine / General Medicine / Internal Medicine as on the last date for submission of the application for the above award is 31st May, 2011.

2. There shall be two awards: the first award shall comprise of Rs. 15,000/- along with a certificate and the second award shall comprise of Rs. 10,000/- along with a certificate.

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In introduction the authors state the aim of the book, “To provide medical students and practitioners information on respiratory medicine, as applicable in this part of the world”, which it does.

The book is characterized by uniformity of style. The language is simple and the text easy to understand. Contents are up-to-date and complete. The book is richly illustrated with tables, diagrams and figures all of high quality. There is an innovative use of clinical cases to highlight specific point(s). Subtle clinical differences and natural history are well brought out. e.g. in the chapter on sarcoidosis (an important differential diagnosis of tuberculosis) the vexed problem of bilateral lymphadenopathy is well discussed and authors provide useful practical guidelines in approaching this problem. Relevant references are quoted in the main text, while suggested reading, is given at the end of each chapter.

The first four chapters are devoted to basics (imaging, respiratory physiology, respiratory symptomatology, and physical examination). The section on imaging is a high point of this section. I was happy to see the importance and space given to plain x-ray of the chest in addition to the new imaging techniques. This certainly will be of value to the readers.

Unlike the pattern in standard textbooks of chest medicine, the first disease to be discussed is tuberculosis, undoubtedly the most important chest disease. Tuberculosis is discussed in 5 chapters. These cover areas of epidemiology, MDR, XDR T.B., and HIV and T.B. These issues are relevant to Indian scenario.

Other notable inclusions are chapters on HIV and lung, antibiotic resistance and its management, tropical infections involving the lung, oxygen therapy, pulmonary manifestations of systemic diseases, and neurologic disorders involving respiratory system.

The book will undoubtedly prove useful not only to medical students but also to diverse specialists who often face patients with pulmonary involvement or complications. Further, (as rightly stated by the authors) with increasing air travel, even practitioners in developed countries will benefit with this book. All in all the authors have succeeded in achieving their stated aims.

The production quality is very good. The book is worth its price which incidentally is subsidized. Highly recommended.

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The Award of Fellowship of Indian College of Physicians

Nominations are invited for the award of Fellowship of Indian College of Physicians

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Last date to receive nomination for FICP: 31st May 2011

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Election for Governing Body of API and Faculty Council of ICP are announced for following posts

Governing Body of API: President-Elect – One; Vice President – One; Elected Members – Four of the Governing Body of API;
Faculty Council of ICP: Dean-Elect – One; Vice Dean – One and Elected Members – 4 posts.

Separate nominations must be submitted for each post.

Rules Relating to Qualification for Election to Governing Body of API

1. President Elect: To contest for the post of President Elect the candidate should be a life member of API for at least 10 years and have completed atleast two full terms of 3 years each in any elected position in the Governing Body.
2. Vice President: To contest for the post of Vice President, the candidate should be a life member of API for at least 5 years and should have completed atleast one continuous full term of 3 years in any elected position in the Governing Body.
3. To contest for elected positions of the Governing Body, continuous membership of the Association of atleast 3 years is mandatory.

Nominations shall be made on prescribed forms stating the office for which nominations are filled. The nominations for API posts shall be proposed by one valid member and seconded by another valid member of API and duly signed by them and shall also be signed by the candidate signifying his/her willingness to stand for election and serve on the Governing Body if elected.

Requirements for eligibility for the contests of

1. Dean-Elect: A member of API for at least 15 years and a Founder Fellow or a Fellow of the College of 7 years standing. Any person who has held the position of President/ Secretary of API or served as Vice Dean for one full term or elected member of the Faculty Council for one term.
2. Vice Dean: A member of API for at least 12 years and a Founder Fellow or a Fellow of the College of 5 yrs. standing or any person who has held the position of Secretary of API or has been a Joint Secretary for one full term or a member of a Faculty Council.
3. Elected Members: A member of API for at least 10 years and a Founder Fellow or a Fellow of the college of 3 year standing.

Nominations shall be made on prescribed forms stating the office for which nominations are filled. The nominations for ICP posts shall be proposed by one valid member and seconded by another valid member of ICP and duly signed by them and shall also be signed by the candidate signifying his/her willingness to stand for election and serve on the Faculty Council of ICP if elected.

A member shall not contest simultaneously for more than one post (i.e President-Elect, Vice-President, Elected members of the Governing Body) and also (Dean-Elect; Vice Dean and Elected Members of Faculty Council). Post means not only an office-bearer but also member of the Governing Body of API or Faculty Council of ICP.

Every member is supplied with a nomination form. The nomination form completed in all respects should reach the API Office not later than 31st May 2011. For every post on the Governing Body / Faculty Council, the nomination must be accompanied by a sum of Rs. 2,500/- (Rupees two thousand five hundred only) in the form of Demand Draft payable at Mumbai. The nomination paper NOT accompanied by the Bank Draft of Rs. 2,500/- will be deemed invalid.

Important
Canvassing in any form should not be done by the candidate for the election. Instead, they are requested to send a short bio-data NOT MORE THAN 200 words along with the nomination paper which will be printed and circulated along with the ballot paper. Excess of bio-data beyond the first two hundred words shall be deleted. Canvassing in any form or in favour of the candidate shall not be permitted.

THE CANDIDATE WILL HAVE TO CERTIFY AND SIGN THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN HIS/HER BIODATA IS CORRECT.

The results will be declared at the end of counting of votes and announced in the subsequent issue of JAPI. The report will be placed before the Governing Body for intimation.

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The full API circular No. 2/2011 and ICP circular No. 1/2011 are on API and JAPI website.

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