



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Spring time is here in all its glory and new life. We are looking ahead for greater achievements for the IASNM. During the past year, the IASNM took several steps toward strengthening the organization and expanding its services.

Please mark your calendars! As you all know the 2006 annual meeting of the SNM is scheduled to be held in San Diego, CA. As before, IASNM will have the annual dinner and awards ceremony between 6:30 PM – 10:00 PM on Sunday, June 4, 2006. It will be held at “India Princess” restaurant, located at 3925 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, San Diego, CA 92103. Phone: (416) 368 – 8048. Please check their web site [http://www.indiaprincess.com/indiaprincess/hillcrest/aboutus\\_hillcrest.htm](http://www.indiaprincess.com/indiaprincess/hillcrest/aboutus_hillcrest.htm) for general details about the restaurant. Further details will be provided on our web site <http://www.iasnm.org>. Dr. Sushama Bhargava is coordinating to put together a nice program for that day. We all can have a fun filled and memorable time in the sunny San Diego and catch up on friendship and current events. Please come, meet friends and colleagues, celebrate the progress made by the IASNM and listen to young scientists from India and North America present their research.

Thanks to the efficient and dedicated work of Drs. Pradeep Garg, Alex Kurikeshu, Shankar Raja, and Suresh Srivastava, the best abstract for clinical sciences from those who applied in response to our call for applications, was selected for this year’s award –science category. Dr. Neeta Pandit-Taskar did a great job in coordinating the selection process. Details can be found on our web site <http://www.iasnm.org>. Congratulations to the winners of the travel award, Dr. Padma Mallika Khanna and Dr Vijay Babu Anand for their abstracts in basic sciences and clinical category respectively.

The web site for our society continues to grow. It can be found at the URL (<http://www.iasnm.org>). Please visit the site and provide your valuable suggestions to improve the contents. It is our web site and your comments for further refinement are very welcome. Full membership information can be found at the web site. Please encourage your friends and colleagues to join and strengthen our organization. Those of you, who have not yet become life membership, please consider becoming one and take advantage of all the benefits associated with that. For one it takes away the need for annual renewal! An appeal letter from the President can be found at the web site.

Please check this web site at a later date for further details. If you need further information please contact Dr. Rajendran at [rajan@u.washington.edu](mailto:rajan@u.washington.edu) or Dr. Pandit-Taskar at [pandit-n@MSKCC.org](mailto:pandit-n@MSKCC.org).

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