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IACP has completed yet another year and I present before you the Annual Report for the year 2010.

1. New Members and the present strength: Membership committee has been functioning with Dr. Sujatha as the chairperson and Mr. Suresh Kumar as the convener. The total number of members as of today is 935. The 83 new members added are as follows: PLM 41, PAM-1, LAM 22, AAM 19. The addresses of 17 members could be traced. The names of the members in the alphabetical order are provided in the website and the contact address of members are provided in the members only area. We are in the process of exploring provision for all members to avail this facility.

2. Awards: The awardees of the year 2010 are as follows: Kang Oration- Dr. K. Saroja Arya, former Professor in Clinical Psychology, NIMH, Secunderabad; H.N. Murthy Oration- Dr. K.B.Kumar, Dean and Professor in Clinical Psychology, Sweekar, Secunderabad; Psycho Oration –Dr. Amool Ranjan Singh, Director in charge, RINPAS, Ranchi. There was no entry for SC Gupta Award.

The award committee has been reconstituted with Dr. V.C. George as chair person, Dr. Kalpana as the convener, Dr. Manju Mehta, Dr. Masroor Jahan and the Secretary (ex-officio) as members.

3. Our Journal – Indian Journal of Clinical Psychology

Dr. S.P.K. Jena, continues to be the Editor of IJCP. We congratulate him and the Journal Committee for bringing out both the issues of the journal for the year 2010 in the same year. And thanks to Ms. Radhika Bapat, EC member who has donated Rs. 25,000.00 to the publication of the Journal.

4.0 IACP Task Forces:

4.1. Task force on Learning Disability-Dr. Annie John (Coordinator) has submitted the final draft in 2009. Dr. Poornima Bhola was requested by the EC to forward the final draft of the practice guidelines on Learning Disability to all the EC members for their comments.

4.2. Task force on Disaster Preparedness: Dr. K. B. Kumar continued as the chairperson and Mr. Prasanta Kumar Roy continued as the convener of this initiative. IACP wishes to place on record our appreciation to Dr. Kevin Rowell, Associate Professor of Psychology and Counseling, University of Central Arkansas, Member of the A P A Disaster response committee and acknowledge our thanks to him for his technical

support in training 261 psychologists in Disaster Mental Health Training at five venues in different parts of our country during the Month of June, 2010.

1. 4th June- Friday Mysore: Department of Psychology- (Organized by IACP- Mysore Chapter and Dept. of Psychology, University of Mysore, 55 participants) 2. 15th June Tuesday Hyderabad : (Organized on the initiative of Mr. Venkata Subbhaiah Member, EC, IACP- Conducted in association with IACP- Andhra Chapter participated by 35 psychologists.) 3. 16th June Wednesday Kolkata: (Organized on the initiative of Mr. Prasanta Kumar Roy, Convener IACP Task Force on Disaster Preparedness, EC members, Dr Samjukta Das and Dr. Tilottama Mukherjee. Conducted in association with IACP- West Bengal Chapter and Department of Psychology, Calcutta University, 65 participants). 4. 24th June Ahmedabad (Gandhinagar); Gujarat Forensic Science Univ. (Organized on the initiative of Dr. S.L.Vaya, Asst Director, GFSU, and participated by 65 psychologists, including the forensic psychologists). 5. 25th Delhi, Organized on the initiative of Mr. Dherendra Kumar Member, EC, IACP in association with Dept. of Psychology, Jamia Millia Islamia University- participated by 41 psychologists, graduate students.

We are hopeful that the initiative taken in capacity building of Indian Psychologists in Disaster Mental Health would help build psychological help providers across the country in the years to come.

We thank all the local organizers as well as the participants for making the programs a great success. Our appreciations to Dr. K.B. Kumar and Mr. Prasanta Kumar Roy and their team.

5. National Level Initiatives:

5.1. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has invited IACP in various national and regional consultations. Prof. Malavika Kapur, President of IACP and Prof. L.S.S. Manickam, Secretary attended the Southern consultations, Prof. Manju Mehta, President- Elect attended the Northern consultations. We appreciate all the concerned for inclusion of IACP in the discussions and including clinical psychologists in the 'Mental Health Act'. Our suggestion to change the title of the act was also heard and it is changed to Mental Health Care Act. We have also been invited to participate in the discussions on formulating policies related to National Mental Health Program and in developing training modules for International Classification of Functioning. We need to continue the same zeal in working closely with the concerned ministries to make our voices heard.

5.2. The secretary has written to the Rehabilitation Council of India regarding the certification issues raised by the members of the Association and regarding the one year course in clinical psychology and their responses is awaited.

6. IACP Andhra Pradesh Region: The formation of IACP AP region was approved on May 14, 2010. Congratulating all the members of the region, especially Mr. Venkata Subbiah, South Zone representative in the EC who took initiative in coordinating all the members from the region.

7. Initiating more regional branches: Due to constraints in time and the distance some of the existing state level branches are not functioning effectively. The state level branches that were once affiliated with the national association are defunct. Efforts to revive the units at Rajasthan, UP (erstwhile larger UP), Karnataka and Delhi has not yielded results. Therefore more local branches have to start functioning in more areas where members could meet frequently and discuss academic as well as professional issues.

8. Meeting of the minds: The IACP Mysore region in association with All India Speech and Hearing chalked out a program for training the young faculty members in clinical psychology training centers and it was called off, as there was no adequate takers for it.

9. News and Views: It was decided to stop the publication of the e-News letter 'News and Views' since we are able to communicate the news through our e-groups of professional members and associate members. Currently we have the email IDs of 559 members.

10. 37th NACIACP-2011: Our National Annual Conference is being held from January, 21-23, 2011 at Gujarat State Forensic University Ahmedabad with the theme, "Clinical Forensic Psychology: An emerging Scientific Discipline". 220 delegates registered for the conference. On behalf of the IACP, I thank Dr. Sivaratna Vaya, Chairperson, Dr. Devvrata Kumar, Organizing Secretary, and all the members of Organizing Committee including Dr. Vyas, the Director of the University. Thanks to the students of this institute for making this event a successful and memorable one.

I end this report thanking the President, the Executive Council and all the members of IACP. Thanks to all the members for all your support during my term in office and requesting you to continue to provide the same.

For and on behalf of the Executive Council

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L.S.S. Manickam

Hon. General Secretary, IACP.