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One year of dreams and ambitions comes to an end and I present before you the Annual Report for the year 2014.

Obituary: We have lost five senior members of the association. Ms.Shanti Mathur passed away on March 25th, 2014,she was the Director of Child Guidance Clinic (NDMC). Dr. Kumaraswamy, (F55) left for heavenly abode on 15 April, 2014. He worked at KMC Manipal for a considerable time. He also worked for about three decades at Nigeria, Malaysia, Brunei and Japan in different capacities. Dr. C.S. Lakshminarayana Fellow of the IACP passed away on 9th April 2014. He was a pioneer in the field of rehabilitation and mental retardation. Dr. D.K. Kenswar founder member of IACP passed away on 26th July 2014, he was Professor of All India Institute of Hygiene and Public Health, Kolkata ,he held the faculty position at RINPAS also . Dr. P. Kalaiah passed away on 25 August 2014. He was former Professor and Head, Clinical Psychology, at All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), Mysore. Later he joined as Professor at the Department of Psychiatry, JSS Medical College, JSS University and continued till January, 2014. IACP places on record heartfelt condolences .May their soul rest in peace.

2. New Members and the present strength: The total strength of members is approximately 1100. 31 new members have been added. They are as following: PLM 5, PAM-1, LAM 6 and AAM 19. The address of few members were corrected and communicated. The names of life fellow members were organized in the alphabetical order.

3. Awards: The awardees of the year 2014-15 are as follows:

Kang Oration: **Dr. Annie John (PLM 136)**

H.N. Murthy Oration: **Prof. R. G. Sharma (F40)**

Psycho Award: **Dr. Ashima Nehra (F 210)**

IACP Child and Adolescent Mental Health Award: **Binapani Mohapatra (PLM 383/87/11)**

There were five papers submitted for S.C. Gupta Best paper Award out of which three were selected for presentation.

Forensic Psychology Award - Dr K.C. Agarwal for his contribution to the field of Clinical Psychology.

4. Indian Journal of Clinical Psychology: Dr. K.S. Sengar, 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 2014 in the same year. The process of indexing the journal in Pub Med has been initiated.

5. IACP Web-related matters: The website has been updated. Reports have been put on the website. We have uploaded the president's letter and the announcement on the website. Currently we are able to upload files through Fignat who have not charged us for the same. We acknowledge the support of Fignat for updating the website without any financial burden to the Association. However, we have to find a sustainable measure for the same.

6. National and International level initiatives: The President was invited to attend the annual convention of the American Psychological Association at Washington DC from 7th-10th August, 2014. IACP collaborated with 5th 'Asia Pacific Regional Conference on Psychosocial Rehabilitation'. This was organized by the World Association for Psychosocial Rehabilitation and foundation (Indian Chapter) at Bengaluru. However, due to same dates as the dates of our conference we could not attend. The President also attended the National conference of Indian Association of Applied Psychologists, at Tirupati. There was deliberation on coming together of different psychological associations .

7. Anomalies in qualification / appointment in vacant post: The President and the Secretary had written to the Rehabilitation Council of India regarding the anomalies pertaining to filling up of the vacancies based on qualification. This issue was raised by the members.

8. Initiating more regional branches: Efforts are on to have more regional branches of IACP.

9. Go Green: Attempt was made to have paper less transactions. The e-communication was activated in EC functioning also. It is the need of the hour to communicate more frequently through emails to expedite matters. We have email Ids of 600 members and new members are being added for the purpose of communication.

10. 41st NACIACP-2015: National Annual Conference is being organized during 6th to 8th Feb, 2015 at Raksha Shakti University. The theme of the conference is "Paradigm shift in Clinical Psychology from Mental illness to Mental Wellness and Mindfulness". Approximately 480 delegates have registered for the conference. Preconference workshop was organized on Child Psychology , Psycho-oncology, Meeting the unmet Psychological needs of Persons with Cancer and their Families. Symposia were organized on Mindfulness: Concept, Practice and Future Perspectives and on Role of Clinical Psychologists in Early Intervention in Developmental Disabilities. Symposium on Projective Test for Children (RINPAS FRT: PTC) was also organized . Mental Health Issues of Armed Forces were deliberated upon by (DIPR, New Delhi). Dr. Sangeeta Panickar of American Psychological Association was invited to talk on "Ethical issues in Psychological Research - an International Perspective".

On behalf of the IACP, I thank Dr. S L Vaya, Chairperson, Organizing Committee, and Dr. Ritu Sharma, Organizing Secretary, Director of the University and all the members of Organizing Committee. I thank all the students of this institute for making this event a successful and memorable one. Their enthusiasm and warmth was commendable. 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 in office and requesting you to continue to provide the same.

For and on behalf of the Executive Council

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Hon. Gen Sec., IACP