EDITORIAL

This is the second news letter of the STPI. The first news letter has been well received not only by the members of the STPI but also by the other related scientific community as well. There has been lot of appreciation about the STPI “Toxpath” newsletter. Following were the important activities during this quarter.

Society for Toxicologic Pathology in India has a new website (www.toxpathindia.com)
Second conference of the Society in collaboration with Society of Toxicologic Pathologists (STP)

The organizing committee members of the second conference have had three meetings till date at Department of Veterinary Pathology, Veterinary College, Bangalore, for planning and execution of the second conference at Hotel Atria, Bangalore on 23rd to 25th October 2008.

The highlight of the conference is inception of Young Scientist and best poster awards. Professor M. K Shingatgeri Memorial Young Scientist Award is instituted by Dr. Vyas M Shingatgeri, Director, Drug Safety Evaluation, Ranbaxy Laboratories Ltd., R&D, Gurgaon, in memory of Late Professor M. K Shingatgeri, Former Dean of Bombay Veterinary College and Professor and Head of the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology.

Dr. Ashwini Kumar, Director, Indian Institute of Toxicology Research (IITR), Lucknow has kindly accepted our invitation to be the Chief Guest and inaugurate the conference.

Affiliation of Society with International Federation of Societies of Toxicologic Pathologists (IFSTP)

Executive members of society have initiated the process of affiliation of the Society with IFSTP. The International Federation of Societies of Toxicologic Pathologists is a global professional and scientific federation of national and regional international societies of toxicologic pathology. Many Toxicologic Pathology societies from America, Europe and Asia are members of IFSTP. In July 2008, Dr. S. K. Vijayasarathi, President of STPI was elected by EC members as IFSTP Councilor of the STPI and will be participating by teleconference in the IFSTP executive committee meeting to be held on September, 24th to 26th in Edinburgh, UK.

The society wishes to thank Dr. Geeta Nirody, Vice President of STPI who initiated the affiliation process and Dr. Srinivas Rao, NIH, US who represented STPI and presented the progress of society activities at the IFSTP meeting on June 24 in San Francisco, USA.