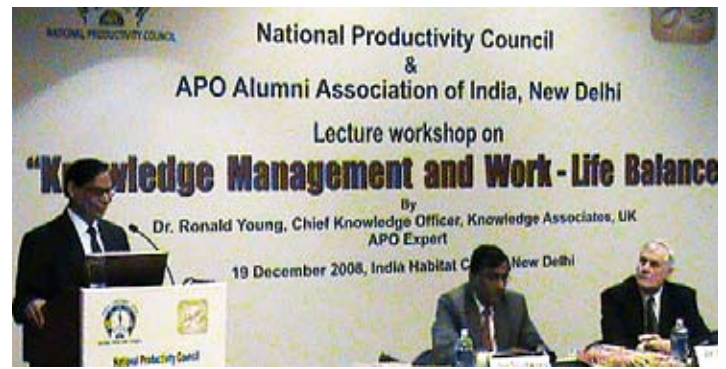


APO Alumni Association of India formed

The National Productivity Council (NPC), India, formally launched APO alumni activities by forming the APO Alumni Association of India (AAAI) in December 2008. NPC Director General N.C. Vasudevan will assume the role of patron, while Deputy Director General U.S. Singh, in charge of the NPC's international services, will act as president. Group Head of International Services J. Aggrawal and Director K.V.R. Raju hold the positions of vice president and secretary, respectively. "The formation of the AAAI is the culmination of efforts by all the stakeholders in the productivity movement in India as well as the realization of a five-decade dream which coincides with the Golden Jubilee of the foundation of the NPC, India," commented Raju on the significance of AAAI establishment.

AAAI membership is open to everyone who has participated in a human resources development activity organized by the APO. Honorary membership will be conferred on eminent individuals who can share their expertise with AAAI members. The mission of the AAAI includes: creating a world-class productivity practitioners' organization; facilitating professional networking for mutual benefit in academic, professional, and/or business areas; encouraging alumni members to contribute to the mission of the APO and NPC; and contributing to the well-being of society by providing support for nonprofit organizations dedicated to India's productivity development.

To fulfill its mission, the AAAI will play various roles including the provision of a platform for social interactions and networking among alumni. As an example, a lecture workshop was held in New Delhi, 19 December 2008, which also com-



AAAI president U.S. Singh delivering the opening address

memorated the launching of the AAAI. The event was jointly organized by the IT Division of the NPC and AAAI. Chief Knowledge Officer Dr. Ron Young, Knowledge Associates, UK, a well-known expert on knowledge management (KM), spoke on KM and Work-Life Balance. Dr. Young has also been involved in implementing a KM demonstration project at Bharat Electronics Limited, Ghaziabad, India. More than 50 delegates comprised of members of the governing body and current and potential AAAI members attended the workshop. AAAI President U.S. Singh delivered the opening address. The guests welcomed the formation of the AAAI and expressed their hope that it would create more opportunities for interactions among members for mutual benefit. They also promised to cooperate wholeheartedly in future activities of the AAAI. 