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A Message from the President of IAMM



“Live in the midst of the battle of life. Anyone can keep calm in a cave or when asleep. Stand in the whirl and madness of action and reach the Center. If you have found the Center, you cannot be moved.”

– Vivekananda

Dear Friends,

Greetings from IAMM, New Delhi and Happy New Year 2026!

At the outset I want to thank the society for having trusted me for the job of the President of our esteemed society. Our society has taken many new initiatives from time to time to furthering the interests of our specialty. To name a few are PG-assembly, Master classes, Technologists refresher courses, legal matters, EQAS for the Country etc.

No diagnostic test is worth it unless the quality issues are met and internationally recommended guidelines are not followed in letter & spirit which will give you conviction in your science. We are lucky to have two robust EQAS centers under the aegis of IAMM that have diversified to meet the requirements. Both centers are NABL accredited PT providers & one of the centers is also awarded the Dr. S K Joshi excellence award by the QCI. But the numbers enrolled are only a fraction of the ones actually on the ground.

Our IJMM has also been progressing well after change of publisher from Wolters Kluwer to Elsevier from Jan 2021. Its Bibliometrics like impact factor & scopus cite score has improved to 1.4 & 2.4. respectively, though more can be achieved. First special issue of IJMM was also published titled as ‘Advances in vaccine development’ with Dr. Balaji as its Guest Editor for which I am grateful to him for his efforts & time. We are looking forward for more special issues in the coming year as well. I am sure Dr. Sangeeta Joshi the new Editor-in-Chief will take it to newer heights from 1st Jan 2026 onwards. I urge all our members to patronize your own journal more & more.

We are holding a Mid-con 2026 on 21st & 22nd March in Aerocity, New Delhi. This event is a focused group meeting of the IAMM & Indian College of Medical Microbiology (ICMM) think tank, EC members to discuss the vision for the year 2026. We are inviting the most active Secretaries of the State Chapters to the Midcon to have a brain storming session over their chosen priority areas of the respective states. Dr. Sanjay Biswas will take it forward in the Midcon 2026.

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The resounding success of our recently concluded National Congress in Delhi deserves a mention that brought together brilliant minds, fostering vibrant discussions on antimicrobial resistance (AMR), emerging diagnostics, and innovative stewardship strategies and many more important areas. Your enthusiasm and contributions made it a landmark gathering, reinforcing IAMM's pivotal role in shaping India's fight against infectious diseases.

Your passion shone through in the lively debates, poster walks, and hands-on workshops, culminating in the prestigious IAMM Orations and Young Investigator Awards. This event not only reinforced IAMM's leadership in clinical microbiology and infectious diseases across India but also forged new collaborations that will drive our field forward.

Building on this momentum, I proudly share our bold vision statement: IAMM will pioneer diagnostic stewardship nationwide, harnessing rapid turnaround times (TAT) in microbiology diagnostics to optimize antimicrobial use, curb resistance, and transform outcomes for patients battling infections.

In our domain, TAT is not just a metric—it's a lifeline. As you all know evidence from global studies, including those from the CDC and WHO, shows that reducing TAT from 72 hours

to under 24 hours in blood cultures can cut mortality in sepsis and directly improves outcomes for the millions of Indians suffering from hospital-acquired infections annually.

I urge each of you to champion TAT improvements in your labs—through streamlined workflows, advanced tools, and collaborative audits—while embedding stewardship principles at every step.

Our unfinished job has been the course correction of our MBBS & MD/DNB Curriculum, though, NMC is trying to make a beginning.

Let us unite in our missions. I look forward to your ideas, partnerships, and unwavering commitment as we contribute to build a healthier nation.

Jai Bharat.

Warm regards,



Chand Wattal
Sir Ganga Ram Hospital New Delhi

Message from Secretary, IAMM



Dear Friends,

*Seasons Greetings from TMH,
Mumbai!*

*Wish you a Happy and Prosperous
New Year, 2026.*

At the outset, I thank EC members and all IAMM members for electing me for the post of Secretary of our prestigious association. It is my privilege and honour to work for the Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists as its Secretary. I seek the blessings of all senior members and best wishes from all members. I look forward to your support and co-operation in taking our association to greater heights.

My heartiest congratulations to our new President, Dr Chand Wattal, SGRH, New Delhi. I am looking forward to working together with him for the betterment of the association.

The 49th Annual Congress of IAMM, MICROCON 2026, organised by AIIMS, Nagpur, is going to be held at Nagpur, Maharashtra, from 28th October to 1st November, 2026.

Nagpur, India's Orange City, is known for its temples as well as nearby Tiger reserves. I encourage everyone to attend the conference as it is an excellent opportunity to connect with our professional peers. We are also expecting plenty of scientific presentations and a good deal of participation in the IAMM awards.

My humble request to all the IAMM members is to update their addresses and e-mail's for better communication and request the state chapters office bearer to inform the activities of the chapter at the under mentioned address. I request all the Senior faculty/HODs in various Medical colleges/ Institutes/ Hospitals to encourage their microbiology colleagues working in their premises to become life members of IAMM and will also like them to interact with the clinicians frequently.

Kindly circulate this IAMM Newsletter among other members.

Best wishes,

Dr. S. K. Biswas
Secretary, IAMM
TMH, Mumbai

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Achievements

- Dr. Şavitri Sharma was recognized as a pillar of ocular infections and inflammation at the "World Summit on Ocular Infections and Inflammation held at Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA, on 7th September, 2025.
- She delivered the "Dr. D. Balasubramanian Oration" at the 31st annual meeting of the "Indian Eye Research Group: India- ARVO-2025" held on 27th July 2025 at Sankar Nethralaya, Chennai.
- She also delivered "Dr. Bikram Das Oration" at the 16th annual conference of IAMM Odisha Chapter held at Cuttack, Odisha on 14th September 2025.

REPORT OF MICROCON 2025 29th October-2nd November 2025

MICROCON 2025

48th ANNUAL CONGRESS OF INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGISTS

**Organisers: Sir Ganga Ram Hospital & Maulana Azad Medical College, New
Delhi**

“Clinical Microbiology: Changing Patient Outcomes”

MICROCON 2025, the Annual National Congress of the Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists, was successfully organized by the Institute of Clinical Microbiology and Immunology, SGRH in association with Maulana Azad Medical College (MAMC), New Delhi.

The congress was held from 29 October to 2 November 2025 at the iconic Hotel Ashok, New Delhi, bringing together eminent medical microbiologists, clinicians, researchers, scientists and industry leaders from across India and around the globe. The theme of the congress was ‘Clinical Microbiology: Changing Patient Outcomes’.

The congress commenced on 29 October with 23 pre-conference workshops at different institutions of excellence throughout Delhi, covering a diverse set of specialized and rapidly advancing topics, including AMR diagnostics, clinical metagenomics, antiviral susceptibility testing, anaerobic bacteriology, SSI, MALDI-TOF, diagnostic mycology and mycobacteriology, therapeutic drug monitoring for antifungals, healthcare-associated infections,

Syndromic diagnosis, biorisk management, autoantibody tests and how to publish in a peer-reviewed journal.

On 30 October, the academic momentum continued with three pre-conference CMEs including the highly appreciated CLSI – IAMM bioMérieux Global Symposium – featuring valuable insights from experts from CLSI including Dr Randall Hayden, Dr Amy J. Mathers and Dr Virginia Pierce.

The other two CMEs, i.e. ‘The Consultant in Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases: Preparedness for the Role’ and ‘Non-Tuberculous Mycobacterial Infections: The Neglected Threat’, also witnessed excellent participation and generated vibrant academic exchanges.

The congress was inaugurated on the evening of 30 October at 6:30 p.m. and was graced by Professor Yogesh Singh (Vice Chancellor, Delhi University) as the Chief Guest, with Dr Ajay Swaroop (Chairman, Board of Management, SGRH) and Dr Munisha Aggarwal (Dean, MAMC) as Guests of Honour.



Inauguration: Launching the Souvenir

Left to right: Prof Sonal Saxena (Secretary IAMM), Prof Chand Wattal (Organizing Chairman), Prof Ajay Swaroop (Guest of Honour), Prof Yogesh Singh – Chief Guest (Vice Chancellor, Delhi University), Prof Mahantesh B. Nagmoti (President IAMM), Prof Munisha Agarwal – Guest of Honour, Dr Jaswinder Kaur Oberoi (Organizing Secretary)

The ceremony, attended by national and international dignitaries including past presidents IAMM, international experts and experts from other medical societies celebrated scientific excellence and collaborative spirit. A congress souvenir was also released on this occasion. A captivating cultural programme followed, adding warmth, vibrancy, and joyful energy to the evening.

Beyond science, MICROCON 2025 strengthened professional relationships and fostered meaningful social interaction. The Banquet Night offered music, relaxation, celebration, and exceptional cuisine, giving participants an opportunity to bond beyond scientific dialogue.

The conference concluded with a memorable Valedictory Ceremony, where Dr Chand Watal was elected the President of IAMM, marking a proud moment for the fraternity. Another landmark announcement was the establishment of the Indian College of Medical Microbiology (ICMM), aimed at strengthening advanced training, certification, and structured professional development in the field. Professor Chand Watal was appointed as the chancellor of ICMM and Dr. Sonal Saxena the Dean Academics ICMM.



Left to right: Prof Chand Watal, Prof Dilip Nathwani, Prof David Livermore, Prof Patrice Nordman, Lt Gen Raghunath (Retd), Prof N.K. Ganguly, Dr Subramanian Swaminathan

The scientific programme beginning 31 October was intellectually stimulating and comprehensive. Over two and a half days, MICROCON 2025 featured 2 plenary sessions, 4 keynote lectures, 12 Meet-the-Expert sessions, 2 debates, 2 clinical case discussions, and 15 parallel symposia.

A significant highlight was the participation of four distinguished international faculties, whose expertise enhanced the global academic outlook of the congress: Dr Dilip Nathwani (Scotland) ID Physician, Professor Patrice Nordmann (Switzerland), Professor David Livermore (UK), and Dr David Denning (UK). Their talks offered critical insights into antimicrobial stewardship, fungal diseases, and global infectious disease trends – earning immense appreciation from attendees.



Valedictory Function – Change of Guard



SGRH Organizing Committee



Dr David Denning, Mycology Expert

The two high energy debate sessions emerged as memorable highlights, addressing provocative themes as below:

- Molecular diagnosis will replace conventional diagnosis of infectious diseases
- “The present MD Medical Microbiology curriculum is in the right direction”.

Packed halls, spirited discussion, and strong academic engagement made these sessions unforgettable.

MICROCON 2025 was a landmark event – academically enriching, strategically relevant, and culturally memorable. It strengthened professional collaborations and inspired the clinical microbiology community nationwide. The conference highlighted the vital role of laboratories as strategic partners in patient care, enabling diagnostic stewardship to improve outcomes and combat antimicrobial resistance. With sincere gratitude to the management of SGRH and MAMC and organizers, faculty, sponsors, volunteers, and delegates, MICROCON 2025 concluded with renewed commitment to innovation and better healthcare.

Compiled by
Dr Jaswinder Kaur Oberoi, Organizing Secretary



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OF AWARDS & PRIZES 2026 (Last Date of receipt of all nominations is 31st July 2026)

1. Dr SC Agarwal Oration 2026: This award is supported from the interest incurred from a fund donated by Dr SC Agarwal. It is to be given to a senior member of the association above 50 years for his /her outstanding contribution to the field of Medical Microbiology. Nominations for the award, duly proposed and seconded with consent of the nominee along as a soft copy of his/her biodata should reach the IAMM Secretary's office on or before 31st July 2026. The award carries a citation and a gold medal. The awardee is to deliver an oration at the National IAMM Conference to be held in 2027. Nominations must come as a soft/hard copy to be sent to Secretary IAMM by the last date.

2. Dr. H. I. Jhala Memorial award 2026: This award is given to a senior member of the association above the age of 50 years, who has made significant contribution to the development of Medical Microbiology in India. This award is supported from the interest from the fixed deposit donated by the organizers of the IAMM congress held at Solapur in 1983. Nominations for the award, duly proposed and seconded with the consent of the nominee along with consent of the nominee as a soft copy of his/her biodata should reach the IAMM Secretary's office on or before 31st July 2026. The award carries a citation and a gold medal. The award will be conferred at the National IAMM Conference to be held in 2026. Nominations must come as a soft copy to be sent to Secretary IAMM by the last date.

3. IAMM Endowment Lecture Award 2026: This award is supported by the annual interest obtained from the fixed deposit, donated by the organizers of the IAMM congress held at Hyderabad in 1985. This award is given to an eminent Medical Microbiologist, over the age of 50 years from India & abroad for their outstanding work in the fields of Medical Microbiology, Bacteriology, Virology, Mycology, Parasitology/Immunology/Epidemiology and Microbiological techniques. Nominations for the award, duly proposed and seconded along with consent of the nominee as a soft copy of his/her biodata, including a write up on the contribution of the nominee to Medical Microbiology should reach the IAMM Secretary's office on or before 31st July 2026. The award carries a citation and a gold medal. The awardee is to deliver an oration at the National IAMM Conference to be held in 2027. Nominations must come as a soft copy to be sent to Secretary IAMM by the last date.

4. Dr KB Sharma Memorial Junior Best Paper Award 2026: Nominations are invited for the Best paper award competition to be held at National Conference of the IAMM at Nagpur in 2026. This award is supported by the annual interest obtained from the fixed deposit, donated by Dr Urmil Sharma, W/o Dr K.B. Sharma. The contestant should be a member of IAMM, less than 35 years of age as on Aug 31, 2026 (certificate showing the proof of age should be attached) and be the principle author of the paper. The same paper should not have received any other award or be published in any journal and should be so certified, as a signed declaration by the contestant.

The above mentioned declarations as a soft copy of the full paper complete with tables, figures, etc. (prepared according to the format of the IJMM) should reach the IAMM Secretary's office on or before 31st July 2026. The award carries a citation and a gold medal. The selected candidate will receive the citation and a gold medal at the valedictory function of the IAMM Conference in November 2026. Nominations must come as a soft/hard copy to be sent to Secretary IAMM by the last date.

5. Prof AN Chakrabarth Memorial Prize for the best published paper in Mycobacteriology 2025: Any member, who has published a paper in the field of Mycobacteriology during the preceding year i.e. 2024-25, in any National/ International journal will be eligible to submit paper for the award. The paper should not have received any other award and a declaration to that effect should be submitted while applying for the award. The above mentioned declarations and soft copies of the full paper should reach the IAMM Secretary's office on or before 31st July 2026. The award carries a citation and a gold medal. The awardee will receive the award at the valedictory function of the IAMM Conference in November 2026.

6. Prizes for the best papers during the IAMM Conference 2026 : The following seven prizes are given during the National Conference of the IAMM in various categories:

1. NAWOPIA Dr. Pankajlaxmi V Venugopal Prize for the Best paper in Mycology.
2. Dr. SR Sengupta- Dr. AM Saoji Memorial Prize for the best paper in Immunology.
3. Dr. SS Kelkar Memorial Prize for the best poster (any subject in Medical Microbiology).
4. IAMM Silver Jubilee Prize for Best Paper in Parasitology.
5. Mumbai-Belgaum Prize for the best poster in Medical Mycobacteriology.
6. Belgaum-Mumbai Prize for the best paper in Bacteriology
7. I. D. Aggarwal-Broor Prize for the Best paper in Virology

Nominations are invited for the above said prizes. Any IAMM member is eligible to contest for these awards.

Abstracts for the award papers from interested members must be submitted along with membership number to the IAMM Secretary's office in a soft copy and also to the Organising Secretary. These will be subjected to peer review and only selected abstracts will be allowed to be presented as a paper at the respective oral/ poster sessions. The best paper amongst those will be adjudged the best paper by the panel of judges. The authors of an abstract must express their interest in a particular category while submitting the abstract. All the awards will be presented at the valedictory function of the IAMM Congress MICROCON 2026 to be held at Nagpur in October-November 2026. The Top Ten papers received for MICROCON 2026 will also be included for the Awards in the above-mentioned subjects if the number of direct entries is less.

Please note that to be eligible for any award, IAMM membership is compulsory.



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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BODY MEETING HELD AT NEW DELHI IN 48TH NATIONAL CONGRESS OF IAMM (MICROCON 2025) UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF DR MAHANTESH NAGAMOTI ON 1ST NOVEMBER, 2025

- Dr Mahantesh Nagamoti, President, IAMM, called the meeting to order at 12.30 pm and chaired the meeting.
- The meeting was conducted by Dr Sonal Saxena, Secretary, IAMM.
- As the quorum was not complete, the meeting was adjourned and reconvened after 15 minutes.
- The secretary informed the GB about the sad demise of Dr S V Jalgaonkar, Dr Vikram Padbidri, Dr Padma Das and Dr Kalyani M. The members paid their respects by observing silence for two minutes.
- The agenda of the GB meeting had been circulated in October Newsletter and was displayed again.

Agenda 1. Welcoming of New EC Members and bid adieu to the outgoing EC members:

Dr Sonal Saxena welcomed new EC member, Dr Renu Gupta. The secretary informed the GB that six members Dr Rakesh Singh, Dr Anupama Kindo, Dr Syed Tanwir Alam, Dr Yogesh K Gupta, Dr Sarita Mahapatra and Dr Sunil Lilani have completed their term. They were thanked for their contribution to IAMM.

Agenda 2. To confirm the EC/GB Meeting minutes.

Dr. Sonal Saxena, Secretary read the minutes of the last General Body meeting held at 47th IAMM congress, Pune, and the same was confirmed by the house. The motion of confirmation was proposed by Dr V. Ravi and seconded by Dr B L Sherwal.

Agenda 3. Action taken on minutes of the GB Meeting

As per GB meeting, the 47th congress of IAMM was conducted at Pune from 20th-24th November 2024.

- Dr Sonal Saxena will continue as IAMM-IPC certificate course coordinator and modalities to host it on LMS would be explored after conducting 4-5 cohorts.
- QCI was approved for QMS ISO: 15189 training at MAMC, New Delhi
- Mid-Microcon to be organised every year between January-May, 1-2 days conference with a CME: This was done at JNMC, Belagavi, and was supported by IAMM
- Constitution amendment: Uploaded on website, no comments received. Approved minutes were sent to Registrar for 2023. For 2024 they will be sent now. Two amendments-President elect and ICMM
- President elect: Dr Anju Kagal was elected as President-Elect
- ICMM: Draft approved by all committee members.
- ICMM Committee. approved in 2024 GBM constitutes of Dr Sonal Saxena, Dr V Ravi, Dr A. Chakrabarti, Dr B L Sherwal & Dr Abhay Chaudhary
- IAMM program change: Incorporated in Microcon 2025

Agenda 4. Selection of topics for 49th IAMM Conference.

GB discussed various topics for Dr S R Sengupta IAMM Symposium and the Student Symposium and approved the following topics:

- For the Dr S R Sengupta IAMM Symposium "One Health and Joint Outbreak Response". Moderator: Dr Mala Chabra.
- For the Student Symposium: "Surveillance of Device Associated Infections". Moderator: Dr Purva Mathur.

Agenda 5. Decision Regarding the venues for future IAMM Conference

49th IAMM Congress: GB approved the venue of the MICROCON-2026 at Nagpur being organized by AIIMS, Nagpur. Dr Prashant Joshi will be organizing Chairperson, Dr Meena Mishra will be organizing Secretary. It was emphasized that the Organizing Committees of Microcon should not change the timings of conduction of IAMM activities. This should be followed strictly by the organisers. The organizing team must include a past president as part of scientific deliberations committee for MICROCON.

50th IAMM Congress Proposal from Jaipur was approved for Golden Jubilee Congress in 2027. This was approved by GB.

Agenda 6. Decision of various Awards.

The awards for the year 2025 were announced as per the recommendations received from the Award Committees as given below:

- Dr S C Agarwal Oration Award was awarded to Dr Ekta Gupta.
- Dr H I Jhala Memorial Award was awarded to Dr Camilla Rodrigues.
- IAMM Endowment Oration Award was awarded to Dr Ujjala Ghoshal.
- Dr U C Chaturvedi Lifetime Achievement Award was awarded to Dr Savitri Sharma.
- IAMM Merieux Award has been withdrawn due to non-commitment from sponsors.

GB congratulated all the winners.

Agenda 7. Secretary's Annual Report:

The house ratified the secretary's annual report read by Dr. Sonal Saxena during the inauguration function of the IAMM 2025 held on 29th October 2025. The motion was proposed by Dr A. Chakrabarti and seconded by Dr Abhay Chaudhary

Agenda 8. Minutes of EC meeting held online on 10th June 2025.

- Agenda 1: EC decided that a travel grant of ₹10,000 would be awarded to all 8 IAMM award winners. If the awardee is from the organizing city, the registration fee would be refunded instead.
- Faculty remuneration for courses: Rs 10,000
- Agenda 2: Legal Update: The EC was updated by Dr. Chand Wattal regarding an ongoing court case. An amount of ₹1.55 lakhs has been disbursed towards legal fees, to be covered from the 35% outreach fund allocation as per the income utilization plan.

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Agenda 9. Editor's report and statement of IJMM accounts:

Editor's report and statement of IJMM accounts was presented by Dr Chand Wattal.

- Major milestones like converting IJMM into a profit generating venture from loss making and following international research guidelines were informed by Dr Wattal. He also informed the audience that it takes 7 days for first decision after first submission, 2 days for review after submission and total 138 days from submission to acceptance .
- Dr Wattal also informed about publication of a special issue on “Present and Future prospects of Vaccines”
- Dr Sangeeta Joshi was elected as editor.

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RECEIPT & PAYMENTS FOR 1-APR-2024 TO 31-MARCH-2025

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT	PAYMENTS	AMOUNT
OPENING BALANCE	-	FDR	2,000,000
CASH	-	Corpus Fund	300,000.00
CANARA BANK	4,311,029.30	Fixed Assets	180,202.00
		Audit Fee	24,780.00
		Professional Fee	432,000.00
Royalty	1,971,080.72	BANK CHARGES	137.00
		GENERAL PRINTING CHARGES	141,895.00
		CLOSING BALANCE	
		CANARA BANK	3,203,096.02
	6,282,110.02		6,282,110.02

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INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR 1-APR-2024 TO 31-MARCH-2025

EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT	INCOME	AMOUNT
TO AUDIT CHARGES	24,780.00	By Interest on FDR	150,746.00
TO BANK CHARGES	137.00	By Royalty	1,971,080.72
TO PRINTING of Journal	93,895.00		
To Depreciation	143,105.00		
To Excess of income over expenditure	1,859,909.72		
	2,121,826.72		2,121,826.72

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BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31st MARCH 2025

LIABILITIES	AMOUNT(Rs.)	Assets	AMOUNT(Rs.)
CORPUS FUND	6,087,088.90	Fixed Assets	214,658.60
Add/less : Other Adjustment	(462,530.00)	Bank Balance	3,203,096.02
Add: Surplus/Deficit	1,859,909.72	FDR	4,135,671.00
Audit Fee	24,780.00	TDS	15,075.00
Other Liabilities	59,252.00		
	7,568,500.62		7,568,500.62

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Article Title	Corresponding Author	Publication Date	Article Type	Access Type	Is Special Content	Scopus Citations	Lifetime SD Usage	Lifetime Scopus Citations	Social Media Count
PROBIOTICS		2009-07-01	Review article	Full Open Access		26	28,477	264	8
Gut Microbiota and Its Mysteries		2019-04-01	Review article	Full Open Access		24	6,277	118	
DETECTION OF BIOFILM FORMATION AMONG THE CLINICAL ISOLATES OF STAPHYLOCOCCI: AN EVALUATION OF THREE DIFFERENT SCREENING METHODS		2006-01-01	Full length article	Full Open Access		21	5,357	475	
National TB Elimination Programme - what has changed ?	Saha, Rumpa	2023-03-24	Review article	Subscription	N	20	7,045	32	
Regulatory categories of probiotics across the globe: A review representing existing and recommended categorization		2015-02-01	Review article	Full Open Access		14	4,091	87	
Mycoplasma pneumoniae: Among the smallest bacterial pathogens with great clinical significance in children	Kumar, Surinder	2023-09-21	Review article	Subscription	N	14	1,620	25	14
Topical Antimicrobial Therapy: Current Status and Challenges		2019-07-01	Review article	Full Open Access		13	4,163	30	
Introducing the New Face of CLSI M100 in 2023: An Explanatory Review	Rai, Sumit	2023-08-08	Review article	Subscription	N	12	1,648	26	26
BIO-AEROSOLS IN INDOOR ENVIRONMENT: COMPOSITION, HEALTH EFFECTS AND ANALYSIS		2008-10-01	Review article	Full Open Access		11	2,052	196	
REVIEW OF CLINICAL AND LABORATORY FEATURES OF HUMAN BRUCELLOSIS		2007-07-01	Review article	Full Open Access		11	1,572	284	

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Agenda 10. Presentation of Annual Statement of IAMM Accounts by Dr Sheela.

Dr Sheela shared the copies of audited account statements of 2024-25. Total revenue in FY 2024-25 was INR 52,77,892 (Revenue from Membership fee was INR 6,15,450 and revenue from interest was INR 46,62,442). As of now there are 4019 life members. 105 Life memberships and 179 Associate memberships were added this year. The treasurer report was approved after being proposed by Dr BL Sherwal and seconded by Dr Vilas Jahgirdar. Dr Sheela also informed that IAMM has got registered in DARPAN. Treasurer informed that organizers of 47th MICROCON have given a sum of Rs. 9 lakhs to IAMM.

Statement of Income & Expenditure (2024-25)

INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGIST			
P G I SECTOR 12, CHANDIGARH - 160001			
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE			
Particulars	Note No	As at 31st March 2025	As at 31st March 2024
I. Income :			
Revenue from operations	3.1	6,15,450	10,10,803
Other Income	3.2	46,62,442	11,48,863
	I	52,77,892	21,59,666
II. Expenses:			
Cost Of Materials Consumed	3.3	-	-
Employee Benefit expenses	3.4	60,000	90,000
Depreciation	3.5	9,007	10,596
Finance Cost	3.6	1,146	9,711
Other expenses	3.7	27,71,109	4,06,990
	II	28,41,262	5,17,297
III. Profit/(Loss) before exceptional and extraordinary items and tax	(I-II)	24,36,630	16,42,370
IV. Exceptional Items	3.8	-	-
V. Profit/(Loss) before extraordinary items and tax		24,36,630	16,42,370
VI. Extraordinary Items	3.9	-	-
VII. Profit/(Loss) before tax		24,36,630	16,42,370
VIII. Tax expense:	4.0		
(1) Current tax		-	-
(2) Deferred tax		-	-
IX. Profit/(Loss) for the period		24,36,630	16,42,370

Significant Accounting Policies

For INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGISTS

Sheela Devi
(SHEELA DEVI) 22/9/25
TREASURER
INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGISTS

Place: Pondicherry
Date: 22/09/2025



UDIN:25230217BMGEWL9396
Vide our Report Even dated

K. Malathi
K. Malathi
Chartered Accountant
Mem No: 230217

K. MALATHI, F.C.A.
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT
Membership No: 230217

Balance Sheet As On 31/03/2025

Acknowledgement Number:636984020080925 Date of filing : 08-Sep-2025*

INDIAN INCOME TAX RETURN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT		Assessment Year	
[Where the data of the Return of Income in Form ITR-1(SAHA), ITR-2, ITR-3, ITR-4(SUGAM), ITR-5, ITR-6, ITR-7 filed and verified]		2025-26	
(Please see Rule 12 of the Income-tax Rules, 1962)			
PAN	AAAT14979E		
Name	INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGISTS		
Address	P G I , Sector 12, Chandigarh, CHANDIGARH , Chandigarh , 06-Chandigarh, 91-INDIA, 160001		
Status	AOP/BOI	Form Number ITR-5	
Filed u/s	139(1)-On or before due date	e-Filing Acknowledgement Number 636984020080925	
Taxable Income and Tax Details	Current Year business loss, if any	1 0	
	Total Income	1A 24,36,630	
	Book Profit under MAT, where applicable	2 0	
	Adjusted Total Income under AMT, where applicable	3 0	
	Net tax payable	4 9,50,285	
	Interest and Fee Payable	5 72,972	
	Total tax, interest and Fee payable	6 10,23,257	
	Taxes Paid	7 10,23,256	
	(+) Tax Payable /(-) Refundable (6-7)	8 (+) 0	
	Accreted Income and Tax Detail	Accreted Income as per section 115TD	9 0
		Additional Tax payable u/s 115TD	10 0
		Interest payable u/s 115TE	11 0
		Additional Tax and interest payable	12 0
		Tax and interest paid	13 0
(+) Tax Payable /(-) Refundable (12-13)		14 0	

Income Tax Return electronically transmitted on 08-Sep-2025 16:07:00 from IP address 103.109.45.114 and verified by SHEELA DEVI having PAN ALBP59960M on 29-Sep-2025 using paper ITR-Verification Form /Electronic Verification Code EB91CS74LI generated through Aadhaar OTP mode

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Agenda 11. Report of IAMM EQAS Programme: Dr V. Balaji and Dr. Rajesh Kannangai presented the EQAS reports of South India EQAS centers. ViroEQAS has 1092 laboratories while 1125 labs are associated with routine EQAS.

The reports of North Centre was read out by Dr Chand Wattal. There are 866 laboratories associated for clinical microbiology and 116 for molecular EQAS with North center.

It was also decided that technical report to be included in January issue of Newsletter. All reports are to be presented in EC meeting and not to be included in GB meeting.

The report of both EQAS centers was accepted and approved. The motion was proposed by Dr V Ravi and seconded by Dr Arunaloke Chakrabarti.

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Date: 11-10-2025

Statement of IAMM EQAS accounts for the period from 01-10-2024 to 30-09-2025

	Rs.	Rs.
Opening Balance as on 01-10-2024		-2700747.91
Receipts:		
EQAS fees 2024-2025		6329338.34
Payments:		4129095.43
Manpower	1400194.00	
Consumables and reagents	4204798.72	
Others (Courier, postage, printing & stationery, refreshment, etc.)	876481.78	6481484.50
Amount overspent as on 30-09-2025		-2352389.07

For S. LAKSHMI NARASIMAN & CO.,
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
S. LAKSHMI NARASIMAN
M.No. 202853
PROPRIETOR

UTILISATION CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the funds received from EQAS fees were utilised for the purpose for which they were received.

Dr. V. Balaji
IAMM Co-Ordinator
Department of Microbiology, CMC

E. Maria Neeta Steffany
Officer (Finance & Accounts)

Dr. Balaji Veeraraghavan, M.D.,
EQAS Co-ordinator
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	Rs.	Rs.
Opening Balance as on 01-10-2024		-2200242.91
Receipts:		
EQAS fees 2024-2025		6329338.34
Payments:		4129095.43
Manpower	1400194.00	
Consumables and reagents	4204798.72	
Others (Courier, postage, printing & stationery, refreshment, etc.)	876481.78	6481484.50
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For S. LAKSHMI NARASIMAN & CO.,
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
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M.No. 202853

INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGIST- EQAS - DELHI
DEPTT of clinical microbiology, immunology SRGH
ORN New delhi, Delhi-110002

INCOME & EXPNDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

Expenditure	Amount	Income	Amount
Lab Expenses	1,680,371.90	Registration fee	9,514,000.00
Audit Fee	30,000.00	Interest Received	129,459.00
Accounting Charges	60,000.00	FDR INTEREST	539,893.00
Courier Charges	384,303.46		
Quality Council of India Expenses	38,500.00		
Sanjeev kumar (IAMM EQAS Website AMC)	360,830.25		
ADVISORY MEETING EXPENSES	27,950.00		
Bank Charges	1,336.00		
Insurance Expenses	12,000.00		
Depreciation	670,462.04		
AMC Expenses	82,525.00		
Stationery & Printing	188,103.00		
Professional Charges	2,973,027.75		
Telephone Expenses	3,599.00		
Income Transferred to Capital A/c	3,671,943.60		
	10,183,352.00		10,183,352.00

As compiled from the books of accounts as produced before us for our verification

For Vipin Aggarwal Kudsia & Associates
Chartered Accountants
Name: Vipin Aggarwal
Bhusan Tayal
Navneet B Tayal
Partner
M.No. 092544
FRN No-00977IN
Place : New Delhi
Date : 13.09.2025

Chand Wattal
13/9/2025

Dr. Chand Wattal, Chairman
IAMM EQAS-New Delhi

INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGIST- EQAS - Trust
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Balance Sheet
As on 31st march 2025

Liabilities	Amount	Assets	Amount
Capital	13261535.83	Fixed Assets	4404059.02
Add: Income & exp.a/c	3671943.60	less- Dep	670462.04
	16933479.45		3733596.98
Current Liabilities		Current Assets	
Gst Payable	984257	Sundry Debtors	288486.70
Accounting Charges Payable	60000	TDS	125676.00
Audit Fees Payable	30000	FDR	7819213.00
Other Liabilities	514070.54		
Security Charges Payable	122011	Cash & Cash Equivalent	
		Cash-in-Hand	2790.00
		Bank Account	6674055.31
	18643817.99		18643817.99

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Receipts And Payments Account for 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Particulars -	Amount	Amount
opening balance		
Bank Balance		
Canara Bank -91112010084978	4,862,229.31	4,862,229.31
Cash in Hand	69.00	69.00
receipts :		
Registration fee (As per Received during year)	11,251,512.00	
Interest on syndicate bank A/c	129,459.00	11,380,971.00
TOTAL		16,243,269.31
Payments:		
Security Amount	15,000.00	
Fixed Assets(Machinery)	627,595.00	
Audit fee	35,400.00	
Accounting charges / Gst filling charges	108,000.00	
Professional Fee	2,976,222.00	
Quality Council of India Expenses	45,210.00	
Sanjeev kumar (IAMM EQAS Website AMC)	301,000.00	
ADVISORY MEETING EXPENSES	26,550.00	
Income Tax paid/Tds paid	900,370.00	
GST paid	1,599,630.00	
Courier charges	628,485.00	
PRINTING AND STATIONERY	218,480.00	
Bank charges	1,336.00	
Lab Expenses	1,985,295.00	
AMC EXPENSES	97,851.00	
Total payments		9,566,424.00
Balance available as on 31.03.2023		
Cash in hand	2,790.00	
Canara Bank 91112010084978	6674055.31	6,676,845.31
TOTAL		16,243,269.31

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For Vipin Aggarwal Kudsia & Associates
Chartered Accountants
Navneet Bhusan
Tayal
Navneet B Tayal
Partner
M.No. 092544
FRN No-00977JIN
Place : New Delhi

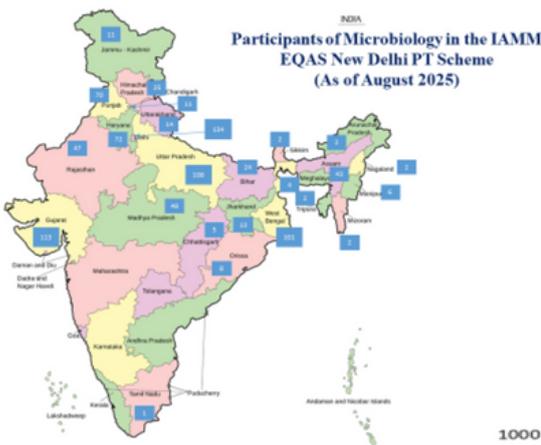
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Dr. Chand Wattal, Chairman
IAMM EQAS-New Delhi

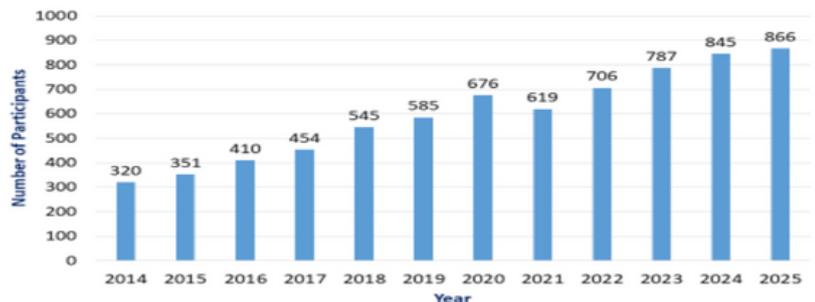
Participants Distribution – 2025

TOTAL NUMBER OF ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS -866

Delhi	134
Gujarat	113
Uttar Pradesh	108
West Bengal	101
Haryana	72
Punjab	70
Madhya Pradesh	48
Rajasthan	47
Assam	43
Himachal Pradesh	25
Bihar	24
Uttarakhand	14
Jharkhand	13
Chandigarh	11
Jammu and Kashmir	11
Odisha	8
Manipur	6
Chhattisgarh	5
Meghalaya	4
Mizoram	2
Nagaland	2
Sikkim	2
Tripura	2
Tamil Nadu	1



Increase in the Number of Participants (Tier-1 Microbiology EQAS)



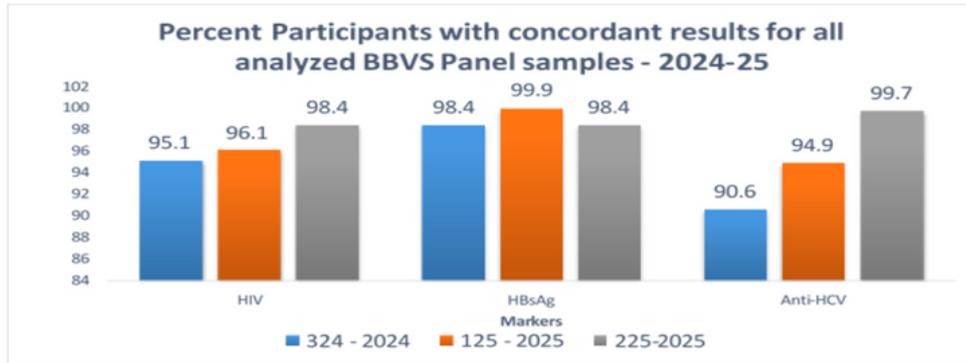


Fig 1a: Participants with concordant results for Blood Borne Virus serology (BBVS) panel in S324, S125 and S225 surveys

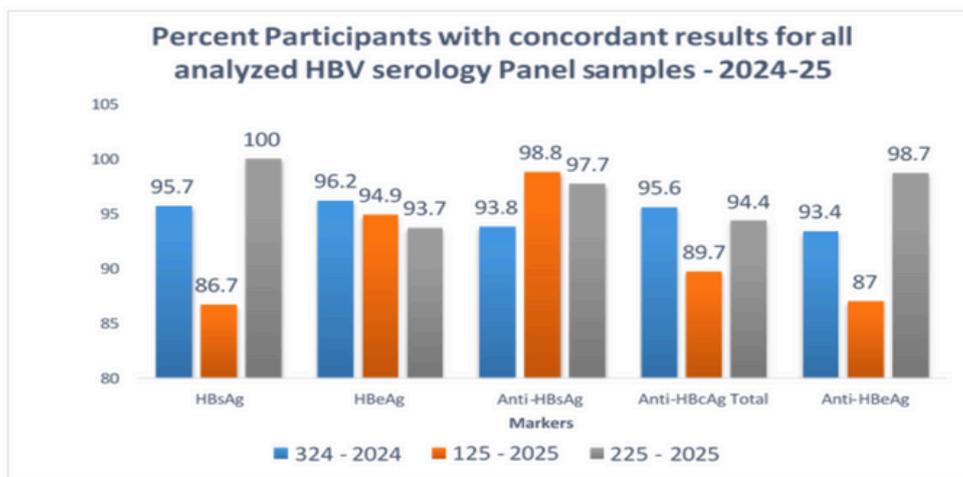


Fig 1b: Participants with concordant results for Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) serology panel in S324, S125 and S225 surveys

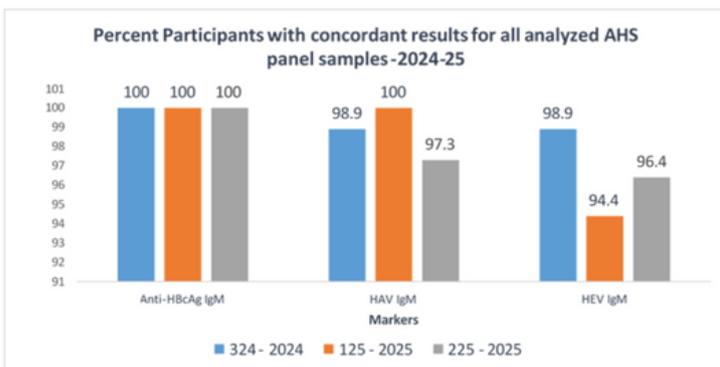


Fig 1c: Participants with concordant results for Acute Hepatitis Serology (AHS) panel in S324, S125 and S225 surveys

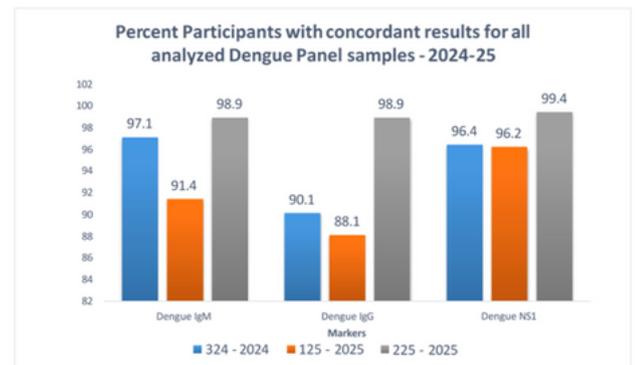


Fig 1d: Participants with concordant results for Dengue serology panel in S324, S125 and S225 surveys

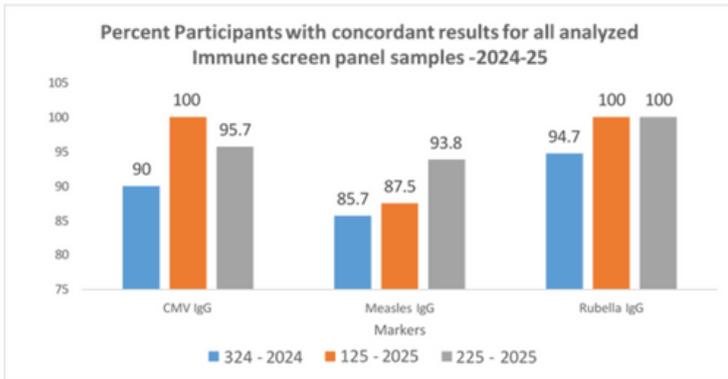


Fig 1e: Participants with concordant results for Immune screen serology panel in S324, S125 and S225 surveys

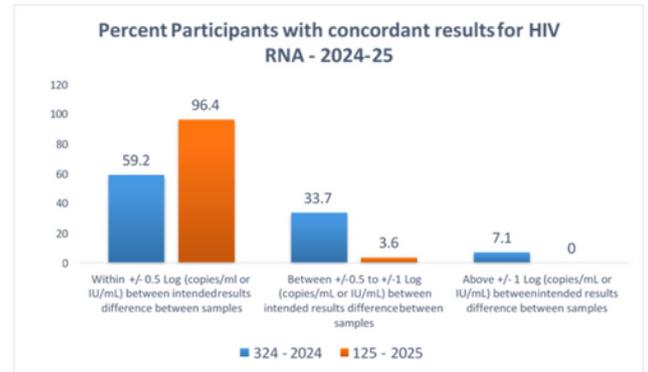


Fig 2a: Participants with concordant results for HIV-1 RNA molecular panel in M324 and M125

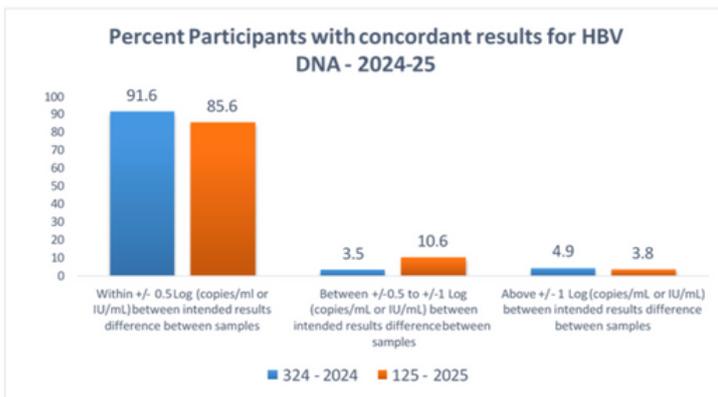


Fig 2b: Participants with concordant results for HBV DNA molecular panel in M324 and M125

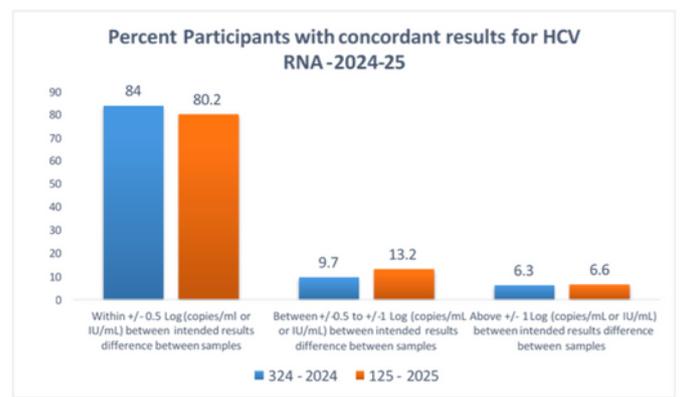


Fig 2c: Participants with concordant results for HCV RNA molecular panel in M324 and M125

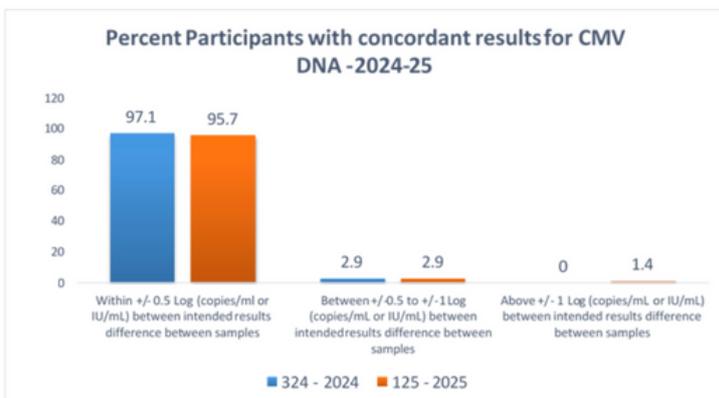


Fig 2d: Participants with concordant results for CMV DNA molecular panel in M324 and M125

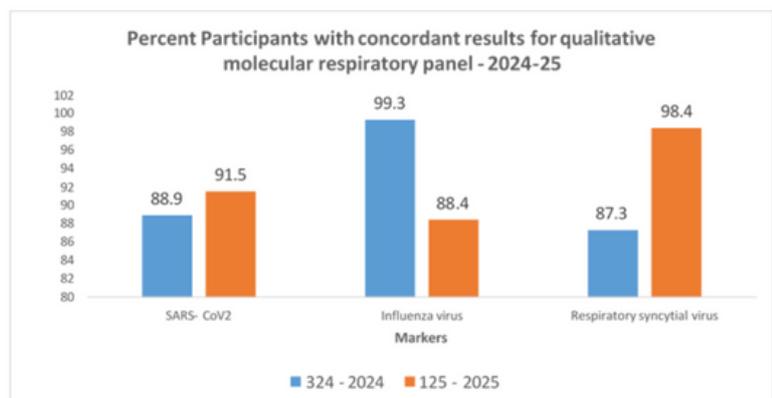


Fig 2e: Participants with concordant results for qualitative respiratory virus molecular panel in M324 and M125

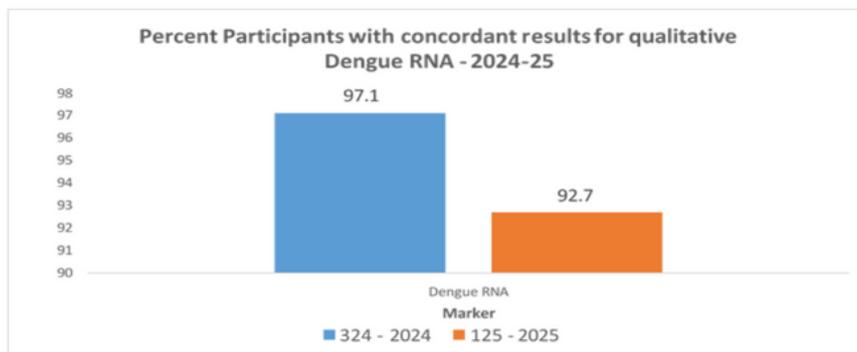


Fig 2f: Participants with concordant results for qualitative dengue virus molecular panel in M324 and M125

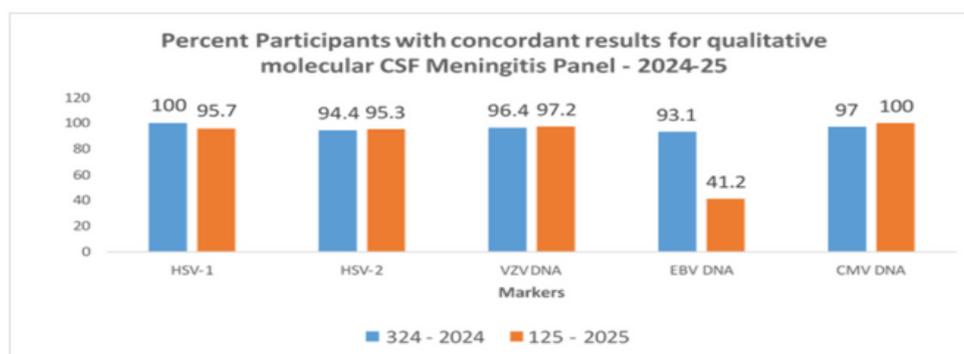


Fig 2g: Participants with concordant results for qualitative CSF meningitis virus molecular panel in M324 and M125

Agenda 12. Proposal/suggestions of training program, PG Assembly, IAMMPG Masterclass: The GB was informed that IAMM-IPC certificate course was organized in online mode with 1 contact session at MAMC. Total of 30 participants were awarded certificates.

Agenda 13. Election of Office Bearers IAMM 2025-26

- Joint Secretary: Dr Bansidhar Tarai
- President- 2025-26: Dr Chand Wattal
- President Elect: Dr Anju Kagal
- Editor IJMM: Dr Sangeeta Joshi
- Seven positions of EC members will be advertised in January Newsletter.

GB approved the election of new office bearers, as recommended by Executive Committee

Agenda 14. Approval of the constitution of ICMM under the aegis of IAMM.

Approval of General Body was granted for creation of ICMM. Its constitution was circulated amongst members and it was approved by GB.

The following members were unanimously elected as office bearers of ICMM:

- Chancellor : Dr Chand Wattal in capacity of President IAMM
- Vice-Chancellor: Dr V Balaji
- Dean (Academics): Dr Sonal Saxena
- Dean (Evaluation): Dr Shivaprakash Rudramurthy
- Dean (Accreditation): Dr Ranganathan Iyer
- Ex-Officio members as per ICMM constitution.

For founder fellowships, the forms will be sent to all past presidents, past secretaries and award winners. The founder fellows upon grant of fellowship would be announced in MIDCON in March 2026. The motion was proposed by Dr Renu Bhardwaj and seconded by Brig. Nagendra & Brig Raghunath.

Agenda 15. Any other matter with permission from the chair:

- Dr Monil presented queries on NMC, NCAHP guidelines.
- Dr. Sandhya Kabra asked for legal support from IAMM.
- Dr Sonal Saxena suggested that President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer and Joint Secretary to form a committee and go for legal opinion and to provide financial support from 35% outreach activities.



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IAMM Awardees 2025

Award	Name
Dr S C Agarwal Oration Award, 2025	Dr Ekta Gupta
Dr H I Jhala Memorial Award, 2025	Dr Camilla Rodrigues
IAMM Endowment Oration, 2025	Dr Ujala Ghoshal
Dr U C Chaturvedi Lifetime Achievement Award, 2025	Dr Savitri Sharma
KB Sharma Junior Best Paper	Dr Annie Sheeba Victor, CMC Vellore
Nawopia Pankajalaxmi V Venugopal Best Paper Mycology (Oral)	Dr Lavanya Inbavalli, Saveetha Medical College & Hospital, Chennai
SR Sengupta & AM Saoji Memorial Best Paper Immunology (Oral)	Dr. Hemant Saikia, MAMC, New Delhi
IAMM Silver Jubilee Best Paper Parasitology (Oral)	Dr. Tuhina Banerjee, IMS-BHU, Varanasi
SS Kelkar Best Poster (Any subject in Microbiology)	Dr. Arpita Saxena, SMS, Jaipur
Mumbai-Belgaum Prize for Best Poster in Medical Mycobacteriology	Dr. Poulami Biswas, GGMC, Mumbai
Belgaum Mumbai best Paper in Bacteriology (Oral)	Dr. Lopamudra Mishra, MKCG Medical College, Berhampur
ID Aggarwal- Broor Prize for best paper in virology	Dr Vandan Shilimkar, INHS Kalyani, Vizag
IAMM Quiz 1st Prize	Dr. Gayatri Panda, GMC, Nagpur, Dr. Pranav Rai, New Delhi
Best Published paper in Bacteriology in IJMM	Dr.Symphonia Anguraj (Acute encephalitis syndrome in adults: Molecular and serological evidence of Orientia tsutsugamushi infection in Puducherry and neighboring districts of Tamil Nadu)
Best Published paper in Virology IJMM	Dr Sandhya Bhat K (Serotype and genotype shift detection over two consecutive periods of dengue virus infection in a tertiary care hospital)
Prof. A .N. Chakrabarty Memorial Prize 2021 for Best Published paper in Mycobacteriology	Dr Ritu Singhal (Evaluation of AACare®-TB sequence analysis tool for accurate diagnosis of drug-resistant tuberculosis: A comparative study with TB-Profiler and Mykrobe)



Notification for Elections of Executive Council (EC Members of the IAMM)

The Executive Council of the IAMM has seven vacancy in the year 2026. As per the constitution of the IAMM, notice is hereby issued by the Secretary IAMM, inviting the nominations to this position in EC of the IAMM. The following rules apply as per the Constitution of IAMM.

1. Members who have already served the Executive Council of the IAMM in the past are not eligible for re-election until after the lapse of two years.
2. Nominations for the memberships of Executive Council may be made by any two founder/Life members and shall be sent to Secretary's office. Such nominations must be accompanied by written undertaking from the nominee that he/she is willing to serve Executive Council. Candidates for the Executive Council membership must have been the **IAMM member for at least 5 years** continuously.
3. All nominees should send a written intimation, duly proposed and seconded by two founder/Life members as aforementioned along with a copy of their brief CV and a photograph (scanned on email as a copy. The same must be sent to as a hard copy to the Office of the Secretary. This must reach Secretary's office by March 31, 2026.
4. **Nominations sent only by email or fax communication are not valid and will not be accepted.**
5. Number of Vacancies to the Executive Council: 7(Seven)
6. Last date for submission of nominations: 31st March 2026.

Dr. Sanjay Biswas
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Professor & Head, Dept of Microbiology,
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