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President's Message

Greetings from Dharwad!

The Puducherry conference is over and the sweet memories are lingering. MICROCON-2015 was a fabulous display of team work. The organizers deserve superlative accolades. Thankfully Varunraj, the rain deity also bestowed his blessings and saw to it that the event would not spoil.

It was a great feeling occupying the presidential chair. I thank all the members for showing trust in me. If I have grown it is because of my teachers and colleagues guiding, helping and assisting me all through my carrier.

Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists is about to enter its 5th decade. This is the time for introspection. What have we achieved as an association over last 40 years? IAMM certainly has organized the Medical Microbiologists across the country under one umbrella and made a homogenous, cohesive group of our fraternity. This, in itself, is a wonderful achievement. It is always said that ours is a country of the size of a continent. It is true that as an association it is very difficult to reach every nook and corner of the country; however this must be our aim to reach laboratories at far-away places and rope them in the current practice norms.

Can we contemplate to make a "think tank" of senior and experienced Microbiologists in the country? This is the time to mobilize and potentiate the strength, rather prowess of this society. There is a need to guide our discipline and establish uniform practice standards throughout the country. We should be in a position to provide guidelines to the planners for elevating the standards of research, teaching and diagnostic acumen of our discipline nationally. When we look at the quality of practice of Clinical Microbiology across the country we see that there is an appalling gap in the standards of laboratories. We should generate enough pressure to change the face of Microbiology practice in India. The group should have enough clout to persuade the Govt. to accept the suggestions. Some agencies are accrediting the laboratories and tests. We need to provide them logical, practical and meaningful inputs for setting minimum basic standards in diagnostic laboratories. There is no dearth of enthusiastic and young microbiologists. However, many are wasting their efforts in repetitive work. The experienced people have vision. They know the needs of this country. A road map may be developed to tell the young members where to go and how to go.

Most of us were fortunate to narrowly escape the Chennai deluge. This catastrophe is a glaring example. It was not a stochastic incident. We are facing natural calamities too frequently and we do not need an oracle to tell that this is the future norm. The think tank can guide us on the preparedness for such calamities. Let us pray that the New Year will be peaceful, without any disasters.

Wish you all a very happy and prosperous New Year!

Dr. R. D. Kulkarni
President, IAMM



From the desk of Secretary.....

Dear Members,

Wish you a Happy and Prosperous New year. 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 Microbiologist as its secretary. I thank my successor Dr. M. B. Nagamoti for guiding me during my tenure as Joint Secretary/EC. I also acknowledge the faith shown by the past Presidents of IAMM in my administrative/managerial capability. I solicit their continued support and guidance for running the office at Ranchi during my tenure. I seek the blessings and co-operation of all senior members/EC members in taking our association to greater heights. Our new President Dr. Atul Kulkarni has stimulated us to prepare for the new challenges. The major goals which I will like to achieve during my tenure are as follows:



- i. To improve the financial condition of the IAMM.
- ii. To increase the life membership of IAMM
- iii. To see the change of our specialty of Microbiology to Clinical microbiology.
- iv. To assert ourselves as clinician.

My humble request to all the IAMM members to update their addresses and e-mail 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 the microbiologists working in their premises to become the life members of IAMM and will also like them to interact with the clinicians frequently.

I also like to appeal to the companies in the field of diagnostics to come forward to become the corporate members of IAMM for five years i.e.

Platinum members- @ Rs. 5 Lacs,
Gold members - @ Rs. 3 Lacs,
Silver member - @ Rs. 2 Lacs.

Kindly circulate this IAMM Newsletter among other members.

With Season's greetings and best wishes,

Dr. B.L. Sherwal
Secretary, IAMM

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OF IAMM AWARDS & PRIZES 2016

(Last date of receipt of all nominations July 31, 2016)

1. Dr SC Agarwal Oration 2016: This award is supported from the interest incurred from a fund donated by Dr SC Agarwal, to be given to a senior member of the association for his /her outstanding contribution to the field of Medical Microbiology. Nominations for the award, duly proposed and seconded with the consent of the nominee along with consent of the nominee along with six copies of his/her biodata should reach the IAMM secretary's office on or before 31st July 2016. The award carries a citation and a gold medal. The selected candidate must be prepared to deliver the oration at the National IAMM Conference held in 2017. Nominations must come by post/courier as a hard copy by the last date. Nominations received by fax or email will not be accepted.

2. Dr. H.I. Jhala Memorial award 2016; 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 Sholapur in 1983. Nominations for the award, duly proposed and seconded with the consent of the nominee along with consent of the nominee along with six copies of his/her biodata should reach the IAMM secretary's office on or before 31st July 2016. The award carries a citation and a gold medal. The selected candidate must be prepared to deliver the oration at the National IAMM Conference held in 2017, if required. Nominations must come by post/courier as a hard copy by the last date. Nominations received by fax or email will not be accepted.

3. IAMM Endowment lecture award 2016: 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 and abroad for their outstanding work in the field of Medical Microbiology, Bacteriology, Virology, Mycology, Parasitology/ Immunology/Epidemiology/ and Microbiological techniques. Nominations for the award, duly proposed and seconded with the consent of the nominee along with consent of the nominee along with six copies of his/her biodata, including a write upon the contribution of the nominee to Medical Microbiology should reach the IAMM secretary's office on or before 31st July 2016. The award carries a citation and a gold medal. The selected candidate must be prepared to deliver the oration at the National IAMM Conference held in 2017. Nominations must come by post/courier as a hard copy by the last date. Nominations received by fax or email will not be accepted.

4. IAMM Junior Best Paper Award 2016: Nominations are invited for the Best paper award competition to be held at National Conference of the IAMM at Chandigarh in Nov 2016. This award is supported by the annual interest obtained from the fixed deposit, donated by the organizers of the IAMM congress held at Bombay in 1979. The contestant should be a member of IAMM, less than 35 years of age as on Aug 31, 2016 (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 other award or be published in any journal and should be so certified, as a signed declaration by the contestant. The above mentioned declarations and six copies of the full paper complete with tables, figures, etc. (prepared according to the format of the IJMM) should reach the secretary's office on or before July 31st, 2016. 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 Chandigarh in Nov 2016. Nominations must come by post/courier as a hard copy by the last date. Nominations received by fax or email will not be accepted.

5. Prof AN Chakrabarty memorial Prize for the best published paper in Mycobacteriology 2016 :

Any member, who has published a paper in the field of Mycobacteriology, during the preceding year i.e. 2015, 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 six copies of the full paper should reach the secretary's office on or before July 31st, 2016. The award carries a citation and a gold medal. The awardee will receive the award at the valedictory function of the IAMM Conference at Chandigarh in Nov 2016.

6. Prizes for the best papers during the IAMM Conference 2016 (total six categories listed below):

The following five 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.

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 to the IAMM Secretary's office. 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 Conference MICROCON 2016 to be held at Chandigarh in November, 2016.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BODY MEETING HELD AT JIPMER PUDUCHERRY UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF DR. J. SHANMUGAM AT 12.30PM ON 28th NOV., 2015.

The President, Dr. J. Shanmugam called the GB meeting in order and chaired the meeting. After calling meeting in order President informed that four members of our association namely Dr. C.S. Bhaskaran, Dr. Suniti Solomon, Dr. N.P. Gupta and Dr. S.C. Sanyal have passed away during the last year, he requested the members to observe a silence of one minute in remembrance of the departed souls. He further informed that on behalf of IAMM a letter of condolence will be sent to the grieved families. After the condolence meeting was adjourned and after five minute the members reassembled again to discuss the following agenda-

1. To confirm the minutes of EC meeting

Dr. M.B. Nagamoti, Secretary read the minutes of the last General Body meeting held at Jaipur and the same was confirmed by the house. The motion of confirmation was proposed by Dr. V. Ravi and seconded Dr. Abhay Chowdhary.

2. Secretary's Annual Report and Statement of Expenditure 2015- Dr. M.B. Nagamoti

The house ratified the annual secretary report read by Dr. Nagamoti during the inauguration function of the IAMM 2015 on 27th November 2015. The motion was confirmed by Dr. Chand Wattal and seconded by Dr. Shiva Prakash

3. Editor's annual report and statement of accounts- Dr. Arti Kapil:

Dr. V. Balaji read the report on behalf of Dr. Arti Kapil, Chief Editor, IJMM as she couldn't attend the meeting due to some urgent domestic reason. Report was deliberated. In the house Dr. Arunloke Chakarbarti enquired regarding duration of reviewing of the subscription of IJMM as the subscribers should pay money to IAMM for at least three years. Dr. Ravi enquired whether there is any concrete plan to increase the impact factor of the Journal. Dr. Balaji informed that due to inclusion of brief communications and case reports the impact factor of Journal is going down. He further suggested that the experts/Senior Members of the association should submit the review/original articles and he stressed that rejection rate of article needs to go-up for increasing the impact factor. Dr. Abhay Chowdhary suggested that editor of Journal should request experts to write the review articles and case reports should not be accepted. Dr. C.S. Patil said that we should try to get more articles. Dr. J. Shanmugam, President said that impact factor also depends on numbers of readers reading the

journal and citing the articles. He further suggested that only original articles need to be accepted and we should restrict the case reports and brief communications. Dr. Reba Kanungo commented that rejection rate should be very high and IAMM members should be encouraged to cite the IJMM articles particularly youngsters. One of the member commented that waiting period for publishing the article need to be decreased to encourage the submission of original articles. Dr. B.L. Sherwal suggested that the editor should write a letter to Medical Council of India regarding giving weight-age to the corresponding author as at present weight-age is given only to 1st and 2nd authors. The editor report was confirmed by Dr. C.S. Patil and seconded by Dr. Chand Wattal.

4. Treasurer Report- Dr. Anju Kagal

Dr. Anju Kagal, Treasurer presented the treasurer report. She said that state chapter members should be member of the IAMM to attend the chapter meet. She also said that the chapter using the PAN of IAMM should contribute 10% of their saving from donation to IAMM and in future state chapter should try to have their own PAN numbers and constitution. Dr. Abhay Chowdhary commented in response to the comment of the treasurer regarding chapter having their own constitution / PAN no. He suggested that chapter should have connection with IAMM and should not have their own constitution; the chapter should follow the constitution of the main body and work within the limitation of the same. Dr. Arunloke Chakarbarti suggested that a committee may be formed to look into the matter. The president agreed for the same and the subcommittee of the following members was constituted -

Dr. C.S. Patil
Dr. Abhay Chowdhary
Dr. Arunloke Chakarbarti
Dr. B.L. Sherwal
Dr. Anju Kagal

The members were requested to submit the report in the next general body meeting.

Dr. Kagal informed that signed copy of the IAMM constitution is required by the CA but it is not available with her.

The former presidents / Executive members were requested to look into the record if any available with them. Most of the members present informed that it is difficult to find the signed copy of the constitution. However the following was suggested by the members:

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- i. Dr. Shrinivas, founder member and the former president may be requested to provide the signed copy.
 - ii. Signed copy may be procured from registrar office through RTI, Dr. Arti Kapil may be requested to file an RTI for the same.
 - iii. Constitution may be redrafted and passed in the next GB meeting.
 - iv. The constitution copy may be got notarized from the court.
- The president stressed that we should archive our document in digital form.

The members were concerned about the income of the association, Dr. Kagal informed that the income of the association in the last financial year was decreased due to low interest rate accrued. Dr. Kagal informed that Dr. Bharti Malhotra, Organising Secretary of MICROCON 2015 donated Rs. 5 Lacs from saving of the conference. The house appreciated and thanked Dr. Bharti. The treasurer proposed that secretariat help of Rs. 5000 per month to treasurer office may be considered. Dr. B.L. Sherwal also requested that the secretariat help of Rs. 5000 per month should also be considered for Secretary office. The proposal of secretariat help @ Rs. 5000/- per month for secretary and treasurer office was agreed by the house. The treasurer report was confirmed by Dr. Pratibha Narang and seconded by Dr. M. Vegad.

5. Report of IAMMEQAS–Co-ordinator:

The secretary informed that in the EC meeting, south centre of the EQAS has shown their inability to continue, the executives have to request them to continue till 2016. However, they have not agreed to continue. General body was of the opinion that they should be requested to continue till January 2017. Secretary further informed that Dr. Balaji has agreed to run the south EQAS centre at CMC Vellore and he will be confirming within next one month and same was agreed by the GB. It was also decided that CMC Vellore should write a letter to NABL for accreditation.

Dr. M.K. Lalitha one of the NABL lead assessor said that EQAS centre should have PT provider as per ISO 15189: 2012 and centre should participate in another reputed EQAS programme. She further suggested that there should be a feedback mechanism. The working of north centre of EQAS at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi was appreciated by the GB. The EQAS report was accepted and confirmed by Dr. Pallab Ray and seconded by Dr. Sonal Saxena.

6. Decision of Various Awards for 2015

The president announced the awards for the year 2015 as per the recommendation of Awards Committee:

- a. Dr. S. C. Agarwal oration award- Not Awarded.
- b. IAMM Endowment oration award – Dr. Ameeta A Joshi, Grant Medical College, Mumbai.
- c. Dr. H.I. Jhala award – Dr. V. Ravi, NIMHANS, Bangluru.
- d. Dr. U.C. Chaturvedi life time Achievement award – Dr. Nandan Singh, Hyderabad.

7. Selection of Topic for the IAMM symposium 2016

GB discussed the various topics as IAMM symposium and approved the topic as “MICROBIOME” to be moderated by Dr. Arunloke Chakrabarti and Dr. Pallab Ray.

8. Selection of topic/ Co-ordinator for the IAMM student symposium 2016

GB discussed the various topics as IAMM student Symposium and finalised the topic of “Infections in ICU” to be co-ordinated by Dr. Anju Kagal.

9. Election of office bearers for the year 2016 (Nominations invited to the Post)

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

President	-	Dr. R. D. Kulkarni, Dharwad
Secretary	-	Dr. B.L. Sherwal, Ranchi
Joint Secretary	-	Dr. Satish Patil, Karad
Editor	-	Dr. V. Balaji, Vellore

10. Confirmation of venue for the MICROCON 2016: PGIMER Chandigarh

GB approved the venue of the MICROCON-2016 as PGIMER Chandigarh to be organised by department of Microbiology. Dr. Pallab Ray will be Organising Secretary and Dr. Arunloke Chakrabarti will be Organising Chairperson. Dr. Arunloke Chakrabarti formally invited the members to reach Chandigarh MICROCON 2016 in large number. Dr. Pallab Ray, Organising Secretary informed that there is a contest for finalising the theme of the conference. He requested the members to suggest the theme for the upcoming conference, the winner of the contest will be duly acknowledged.

11. Any other agenda:

Dr. M.B. Nagamoti has offered his services to update the IAMM website. Dr. Sherwal suggested that there should be a three members committee for updating of the website. The committee should have Secretary and two other members. Therefore it was agreed that alongwith Dr. B.L. Sherwal, Dr. Nagamoti and Dr. Vikas Manchanda will be responsible for updating the website.

Dr. Chand Wattal, Secretary, IAMM, Delhi Chapter informed the house that the curriculum of Clinical Microbiology has been submitted to MCI on behalf of IAMM main body. The GB accepted the amended MD curriculum submitted to MCI.

The GB Members placed on record the excellent services rendered by the outgoing President of IAMM Dr. J. Shanmugam, Secretary of IAMM Dr. M.B. Nagamoti and EC Members Dr. BM Hemashettar (Belgaum) Dr. B.L. Sherwal (New Delhi), Dr. Shampa Anupurba (Varanasi), Dr. Satish R. Patil (Karad), Dr. Shrikar Malya (M'lore), Dr. BV Peerapur (Raichur).

The meeting ended with the thanks to the chair.

OBITUARY

Dr. S.C. Sanyal



1942-2015

Dr. S. C. Sanyal, one of the leading Microbiologists of India, has passed away on 5th August 2015. He was born on January 1, 1942 in Mymensingh, Bengal, India. He did his MBBS from Nil Ratan Sircar Medical College, Calcutta, 1966 and PhD (1969) from Calcutta University while working at CSIR-WHO International Reference Centre for Vibrios, Indian Institute of Experimental Medicine, Kolkata.

Subsequently, he worked as Assistant Professor (1970) and Professor and Head (1979), Department of Microbiology, Institute of Medical Sciences, Banaras Hindu University (BHU). He obtained his MD from BHU in 1974, FAMS in 1984 and FRC Path (London) in 1992. In 1992, he moved to Kuwait as Chairman and Director of Laboratory Medicine and Senior Consultant Microbiologist of Specialized hospitals and retired from there in 2002.

Prof. Sanyal taught clinical microbiology to undergraduate and postgraduate students both as Faculty Member at BHU and at Kuwait University. He published more than 200 original research papers and guided 14 PhD students. He was honorary senior international scientist ICDDR, Dhaka, Bangladesh, 1981-1984. He served as President, Asia-Pacific Section, International Society on Toxicology and the Association of Microbiologists of India. He organised Annual Conference of Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists (IAMM) in the year 1985 and meeting of International society on Toxicology (IST) Asia Pacific Section in 1990, as Organising Secretary at Banaras Hindu University. He served as Advisor in a number of scientific bodies including ICMR, CSIR, WHO, and MOHFW, Govt. of India.

Prof. Sanyal has made outstanding contributions in medical microbiology especially Enteric bacteriology for which he was conferred the Shakuntala-Amirchand Award by the Indian Council of Medical Research (1970), Dr SC Agarwal Award by the Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists (1989), Ranbaxy International Research Award in Medical Sciences (1991), VR Kanolkar Oration Award by the National Academy of Medical Sciences, India (1992), Dr Bashambarnath Chopra Oration Award by INSA (1992). He was elected Fellow of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine, Royal College of Pathologists, International Academy of Medical Sciences, National Academy of Medical Sciences, and Indian Academy of Sciences, Bangalore.

He is survived by his wife Mrs Kalyani Sanyal, daughter Rubella and son Rupan.

Proceeding of 39th National Conference held at JIPMER, Puducherry

Dear members,

MICROCON 2015, The 39th National Conference of the **Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists** has been hosted from **25th – 29th November 2015 at JIPMER Auditorium, Pondicherry, India**. The conference had a theme on “Man vs. Microbe: The Race for Supremacy”. More than 1200 delegates had addressed the conference from various states of India.

Preconference workshops and CMEs were held on 25th and 26th November 2015 followed by the main conference from 27th-29th November 2015 and nearly 300 delegates have attended. About 15 Preconference workshops and CMEs were carried on important topics such as Current TB Diagnostics, use of Real-time PCR, Automations in Clinical Microbiology, identification of anaerobes, Antifungal susceptibility, Ocular Microbiology, Bacterial pathogenomics, pyrosequencing, Scientific paper writing, Antibiotic resistance monitoring and Control of HAI.

The food and hospitality was widely appreciated by the delegates and guest faculty. Registration process was made very simple by keeping the option of both online (with payment gateway) and offline registration facility. There was cultural programme arranged also conducted by the JIPMER MBBS students.

The highlight of 39th Microcon was its Scientific programme. First time in the history of Microcon, ePoster was introduced and it was a mega success; widely appreciated by both senior faculty and junior budding microbiologists as it obviates the transport issues of conventional posters. All the ePosters can be viewed and downloaded from the Microcon website for a year. First time, the Souvenir has been made full color with excellent quality paper. Keeping the view of transport issues, Souvenir has been made thin. Abstracts of oral/ePoster presentations were mailed to everyone.

Scientific sessions were carried out on various important topics such as Hospital Acquired Infections, Rabies, Sexually Transmitted Infections, Biomarkers and Novel approach to the Identification of microbes, Antimicrobial Resistance, Newer Antimicrobials, Bacterial Zoonosis, Emerging Parasitic Infections, Recent update on HPV, Mycobacterial infection, Approach to Syndromic and Rapid Diagnosis of infectious diseases, Emerging Viral Infections, Central Nervous System Infections, Recent update on HIV /AIDS, Bioinformatics, and Issues and Challenges in Fungal Infection.

Dr. B.N. Harish, Organising Secretary

IAMM Awardees 2015

- Dr KB Sharma Memorial Junior Best paper
-Mr T Yugendran, JIPMER, Puducherry
- Dr SS Kelkar - Dr Hitendra Gautam
- Dr HI Jhala - Dr V Ravi, NIMHANS, Bangluru
- IAMM Endowment award
- Dr Ameeta A. Joshi, Grant Med. College, Mumbai
- Dr UC Chaturvedi Life time achievement award
- Dr Nandan Singh, Hyderabad
- Nawopia Dr Pankajalaxmi - Mr Vinaykumar Ramaraj
- Mumbai- Belgaum best Poster in Mycobacteriology
- Dr Nilima Hirani
- Belgaum Mumbai Best poster in Bacteriology
-Mr Murugan Nandagopalan
- IAMM silver Jubilee Parasitology - Dr Pratibha Kale
- Best paper Published in IJMM Virology
- Dr A Choudhary, AIIMS, New Delhi.
- Best paper Published in IJMM Bact - Dr S Rai, UCMS, New Delhi

NEWS FROM IAMM CHAPTERS

IAMM Delhi Chapter- Report 2015

Executive Council of IAMM DC 2015: President- Dr B L Sherwal, Secretary - Dr Chand Wattal, Treasurer- Dr Sonal Saxena, Web editor- Dr. Vikash Manchanda. Dr Sarman Singh has been nominated as President IAMM DC for 2016.

Chapter Meets/CMEs:

First chapter meet on "Tropical Diseases" was organized on 25th April, 2015, at VMMC and Safdarjung Hospital. Meghna Krishan Baveja Award was awarded in pediatric ID. Second chapter meet on "Infections in Cancer patients" was organized on 8th August, 2015 at Action Balaji Cancer Hospital, Punjabi Bagh and Dr Shrinivas award was awarded for outstanding work in the field of Antibiotic susceptibility testing. A CME was organized on 31st Jan, 2015 for the undergraduate students at LPMC to "Catch them young" on the awareness of antibiotic stewardship. 180 students attended the CME. Organized a CME on "Current issues in AST methods and its interpretations" on 21-22 Feb, 2015 along with the CLSI, USA and Indian faculty. The CME earned Six & half hours of credit from Delhi Medical Council. This year EC also organized 5 hands on workshops at various institutions of repute in Delhi for technicians.

Annual Meet

IAMM DC organized its 7th Annual Conference (MICRO-D-CON) 2015 on "Infections in Critical Care at IHC, New Delhi on 12, Dec 2015. Prof K B Sharma Oration was delivered by Prof. Geeta Mehta on "Environment Surveillance: Facts & Myths." The conference was awarded Four & half hours of credits by Delhi Medical Council. A preconference workshop at IHC with the focus on fungal infections and scope of antifungal stewardship, in association with British Society for Antimicrobial Chemotherapy (BSAC) was organized on 11th Dec, 2015. The workshop was awarded six & half of credits points by DMC. In addition, a bouquet of pre-conference satellite workshops was organized at various institutes of excellence covering various topics of interest on 10th Dec, 2015.

New awards added:

1. "Dr. Ashok Kumar Chakravarti memorial Award" instituted by Dr Anita Chakravarti, Former Head of Microbiology, MAMC New Delhi.
2. "MAMC Best Postgraduate Thesis Award" instituted by Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi.
3. "Mr Satish Chandra Talwar Memorial Award" instituted by Dr Vibha Talwar, Former Head of Microbiology, UCMS, Delhi.

Other activities in association with the National Body

1. IAMM DC under the auspices of main body was associated in framing the Clinical Establishment Act with regard to Medical Microbiology Laboratories, with Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt of India. The act has been accepted and will be notified shortly.
2. Represented to MCI for Modification of syllabus for award of MD Microbiology TO MAKE IT SUITABLE as a clinical specialty of medicine.
3. Society has also taken up responsibility to formulate the guidelines for the diagnosis of tuberculosis in India in association with The Union, a US based NGO. Also the society is making recommendations for adult vaccination programme to the Indian Society of Geriatrics.

Dr. Chand Wattal

Maharashtra Chapter Report 2015:

"The XXI Maharashtra Chapter Conference of IAMM (Mahamicrocon 2015) was held on 9th & 10th October 2015 at Lokmanya Tilak Municipal Medical College, Mumbai. The theme of the conference was "Current trends: Meeting the challenges". Guest speakers for the conference were stalwarts in the field of Microbiology from all over India; Dr. J. Shanmugam, Dr. Pradeep Seth, Dr. Shashi Khare, Dr. V. Balaji, Dr. Vikas Gautam. Organizing Secretary of the conference was Dr. Sujata Baveja, Professor & Head, Department of Microbiology, LTMMC, Mumbai. Pre-conference CME was organised on "Airborne Infection Control" on 8th October 2015 by faculty trained at CDC and Harvard School of Public Health.

The Presidential Oration was delivered by Dr. Yagnesh Thakar, Director, Vishakha Clinical Microbiology Laboratory & Consultant Microbiologist, Care Hospital, Nagpur, on "Challenges and Opportunities of Private Practice in Clinical Microbiology". Hardas-Pathak Oration was delivered by Dr. D. V. Kaundinya, Ex-Professor & Head, Department of Microbiology, Grant Medical College, Mumbai on "Psycho-Neuro-Endocrino-Immunology, Receptorology and diseaselessness". Late Dr. P. M. Khare Memorial Junior Best Research Paper Award was awarded to Dr. Parul Salunke, Consultant Microbiologist at Jariwala Laboratories & Diagnostic Centre, Mumbai.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Karnataka chapter:

The Department of Microbiology, BMCRI is hosting the XX Annual Conference of IAMM-KC "KC-MICROCON 2016" on 19th & 20th February 2016 at BMCRI, Bengaluru. The theme of the Annual Conference to be held on 20.02.2016 is "Vaccine Updates". The Pre-Conference CME titled "MICROSAFARI: Streaking Plate to Sequencing" and two parallel workshops (Workshop 1: "Laboratory Diagnosis of Rickettsial Infections" & Workshop 2: "Diagnosis & Sensitivity Testing Techniques in Tuberculosis") have been scheduled on 19.02.2016. Organizing Chairperson: Dr. Nagarathnamma T. Professor & Head, Department of Microbiology, BMCRI & President, I A M M - K C . P h : + 9 1 - 9 4 4 9 8 0 2 7 0 0 ; E - m a i l : nagarathnammat@yahoo.co.in. Organizing Secretary: Dr. Ambica R. Professor of Microbiology, BMCRI & Secretary, IAMM-KC. Ph: +91-9448688998; E-mail: ambica.divakar@yahoo.com. Conference Secretariat E-mail: iambmbmcri@gmail.com

North West chapter of IAMM

GRDIMSAR, is holding one day CME on Antibiotic stewardship & hospital infection control on 20th February 2016 involving the North west chapter of IAMM. Organizing Secretary, Dr (Mrs.) Sarbjit Sharma, Professor & Head, Dept. of Microbiology, Sri Guru Ram Das Institute of Medical Sciences and Research, Amritsar.

Telangana & Andhra Pradesh Chapters (TAPC)

XIX IAMM TAPC Chapter Annual State Conference is being held on 30th to 31st January 2016 at S.V.S. Medical College, Mahabubnagar, organised by Department of Microbiology. Pre conference CME on "An Update On Clinico-microbiological Aspects Of Mycotic Infections" is being organized on 29th Jan 2016 morning & in Afternoon a Workshop is being conducted on "Phenotypic identification of pathogenic fungi".

UP & Uttarakhand Chapter

Department of Microbiology, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow is organizing the XIIth Annual Conference of Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists UP & Uttarakhand Chapter (UP MICROCON 2016) on 5th to 6th February 2016. The theme of the pre-conference CME on 5th February 2016 as well as the main conference on 6th February 2016 is 'Awareness'-Leads the strategy to control STDs/STIs'. Organizing Secretary, Dr Vineeta Mittal. Phone No. -8176007027, 9415196560.

EQAS 2015 (UNDER THE AUSPICES OF IAMM)

ANALYSIS OF QC DISTRIBUTION 5, 6, 7 & 8(2015) NORHT & NORTH EAST CENTER (DELHI)
PERFORMANCES OF LABORATORIES ON FIXED SMEAR, CULTURE IDENTIFICATION & SEROLOGY

QC NO.	DESCRIPTION	CONTENTS	LABORATORIES (%) GIVING CORRECT RESULTS
5	Aspirate smear- gram stain	Polymorphonuclear cells, GPCs in pairs and chains, suggestive of streptococcal infection	69.45%
	Bacterial Culture	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	82.39%
	ASO	Negative	93.89%
6	Sputum smear – gram stain	Many Polymorphonuclear cells, many gram negative pleomorphic bacilli, suggestive of <i>H.influenzae pneumonia</i>	36.30%
	Bacterial Culture	<i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i> complex	84.56%
	CMV IgG	Positive	96.29%
7	Sputum smear –gram stain	Few PMN cells and many Squamous epithelial cells ,upper respiratory tract flora, poorly collected specimen, not suitable for processing	63.48%
	Bacterial culture	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	84.83%
	HIV	Non reactive	100%
8	Urine smear –gram stain	Gram negative bacteria> 1/oil immersion field, significant bacteriuria	29.55%
	Bacterial culture	<i>Streptococcus agalactiae</i> (Group B <i>Streptococci</i>)	29.55%
	Dengue IgM	Reactive	85.71%

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Prof.(Dr) Chand Wattal
Chairman, IAMM EQAS-DELHI

Dr. Jaswinder Oberoi & Dr. Neeraj Goel
Joint Co-ordinators IAMM EQAS DELHI

TREASURER REPORT

Dear Members,

Greetings from the treasurer's desk . It is a pleasure to be working in this office. In the last year (2014-2015) memberships were as follows; Life members:99 Annual Members 21 and student members : 127

The association thanks Dr V. Laxmi organizer of the MICROCON 2013 for Rs 2 lakhs and especially to Dr Bharti Malhotra organiser of MICROCON 2014 for Rs 5lakhs donated by them to the corpus.

Many members have complained about not receiving journals, and we have tried to resolve the issue. We found the main reason that this happens because addresses have not been updated and often the PIN number has not been mentioned.

We are updating the addresses and email id of all our members so that we can make a directory. I would request all members to send their updated addresses. If there are no corrections please mention that, if anyone needs information about their current details please write to treasureriamm@gmail.com.

I would also like to request those of you who are in touch with senior members to help us update their details, especially their email addresses. If any of our members are deceased please do inform this office.

I hope in this coming year, all of you will encourage more students to become student/annual members and those who have passed their postgraduate exams to become life members . Audited signed report is attached.

A big thank you for all your cooperation.

Anju Kagal,
Treasurer IAMM.

Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists (Treasurer's Office)
Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2015

Funds & Liabilities	As on 31.03.2015	As on 31.03.2014	Property & Assets	As on 31.03.2015	As on 31.03.2014
Capital Fund			Fixed Asset		
As per last Balance Sheet	25,81,922	25,81,922	Equipment	2,02,500	-
Other Earmarked Funds			Less: Depreciation for the year	15,190	1,87,310
Life Membership Fees Fund			Investments (At Cost)		
As per last Balance Sheet	24,62,000	24,62,000	SBI Mutual Fund	3,00,000	3,00,000
Add: Received during the year	1,95,000		Fixed Deposits with		
			State Bank of India	-	49,00,000
Life Membership Certificate Fund			Bank of Baroda	65,00,000	
As per last Balance Sheet	90,630	90,630	Advances		
Add: Received during the year	3,12,800		Income tax deducted at source		
			As per last Balance Sheet	1,39,983	
Seminar and Conference Revolving Fund			Add: Deducted during the year	28,841	1,68,824
As per last Balance Sheet	8,53,640	8,53,640			1,39,983
Add: Transferred from Income and Expenditure Account	7,00,000		Income Outstanding		
			Interest Accrued but Not Due		
Endowment Fund for Prize Distribution			Fixed Deposit	2,13,145	9,99,724
As per last Balance Sheet	3,70,000	3,70,000	Dividend Receivable on Mutual Fund	9,054	-
Dr. K. B. Sharma Memorial Award Fund	-	-			
			Cash and Bank Balances		
Liabilities:			Bank-		
Other Payables	48,545	-	With Syndicate Bank (savings) - Dharwad	63,860	37,825
Professional Fees Payable	8,016	-	With State Bank of India (savings) - Sewagram	17,123	15,18,369
Audit Fees Payable	9,733	-	With Bank of Baroda (savings) - Pune	20,37,314	-
Provision for Income tax (AY 15-16)	9,000	-			
Income and Expenditure Account (Surplus)			Cash in hand -		
As per last Balance Sheet	15,38,563	15,38,563	At Dharwad	-	163
Add: Net Surplus for the year as per Income and Expenditure Account	3,16,781	18,55,344	At Sewagram	-	691
			At Pune	-	-
TOTAL	94,96,630	78,96,755	TOTAL	94,96,630	78,96,755

Notes:

Accounts of the Association are maintained on accrual Basis.

The above Balance Sheet to the best of my/our belief contains a true account of the Funds and Liabilities and of the Property and / Assets of the Association

For Joshi & Kulkarni,
Chartered Accountants,
[F.R.N 115751-W]

(Anika A. Lele)
Partner
M. No. 108559
Place : Pune
Date : 26/11/15

President

Secretary

Treasurer

Place : Pune

Date : 26/11/15

Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists (Treasurer's Office)
Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March 2015

Expenditure	As on 31.03.2015	As on 31.03.2014	Income	As on 31.03.2015	As on 31.03.2014
To Establishment Expenses			By Fees		
Bank Charges	77	375	Student Membership Fees	31,750	80,750
Postage, Courier and Communication Charges	40,614	32,532	Annual Membership Fees	15,400	15,000
Printing & Stationery	31,056	31,661	By Interest		
Depreciation	15,190		On FDs account	2,63,930	5,46,213
Accounting Charges (For FY 2013-14 and 2014-15)	9,653	3,500	On Savings account	1,42,685	21,470
Website Expenses	-	25,281	By Dividend		
Professional Fees	7,863		On SBI Mutual Fund	33,164	19,523
Travelling Expense	5,000	292	On UTI	-	486
Miscellaneous Expenses	2,988		By Contribution		
To Audit Fees			From Conference		
for FY 2012-13	-	8,500	Microcon 2011		50,000
for FY 2013-14	8,500	-	Microcon 2012		3,00,000
for FY 2014-15	9,733	-	Microcon 2013	2,00,000	
To Legal Fees			Microcon 2014	5,00,000	
To Expenditure on Objects of the Society			10% share of contribution from Sponsors		22,900
Certification, Medals and Citation Expenses	30,475	41,063	For Income Tax	0	1,08,222
IAMM Directory Expenses		50,000	From Others		
To Income Tax	9,000	1,92,330	For IAMM Directory		50,000
To Transfer to Funds					
Being amount equal to Net Balance out of Conference Contribution transferred	7,00,000	3,50,000			
To Surplus	3,16,781	4,72,850			
TOTAL	11,86,930	12,14,564	TOTAL	11,86,930	12,14,564

Notes:

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For Joshi & Kulkarni,
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Notification for Elections of Executive Council (EC) Members of the IAMM.

The Executive Council of the IAMM has **Six** vacancies in the year 2016. As per the constitution of the IAMM, notice is hereby issued by the Secretary IAMM, inviting the nominations to these positions 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 reelection 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 five 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, 2016.
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: Six
6. Last date for submission of nominations: 31st March 2016.

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ACHIEVEMENT OF MEMBERS

Congratulations to Dr Reba Kanungo former President, IAMM & Dr Rama Chaudhary of All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi for their appointment as ASM India Ambassador of The American Society for Microbiology (ASM), for the new Ambassador Council for a initial term of 3 years upto December 31, 2018, with the possibility of a three- year extension pending a formal review.

Executive Council of IAMM wishes all the members a Happy New Year

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