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Message from the Desk of President

Dear Friends

A happy and prosperous 2022 to all our IAMM members and their families. I express my gratitude to the IAMM Executive Council members for the confidence they have reposed in me in electing me as President of this prestigious Association.

Battered by two years of the SARS CoV -2 pandemic, our lives vacillated between despair and hope as the delta variant seemed to be receding. However, the tenuous appearance of Omicron has only confirmed that the virus still has unfinished business with us. Despite the markedly efficient infectivity with this new variant, on an optimistic note with the lessons learnt, the learning curve will now hopefully not be too steep. Keeping track and being vigilant of the dominant variant strain falls on the microbiologist as appropriate testing remains critical for both isolation and subsequent management of these cases. As SARS CoV 2 continues to evolve despite the looming threat of mutations, I am confident that both vaccinations and COVID appropriate behaviour will certainly lessen the acute phase of this pandemic by end of the year.

Let us use this time to simultaneously address other vital agendas. During the last two years, widespread inappropriate use of antimicrobials has been rampant and we need to stem the tide of antimicrobial resistance. Antimicrobial stewardship implementation with the microbiologist steering the empiric choices is key. However, AMR data that serves the Hospital antibiogram needs to be carefully risk stratified by patient location, site of infection, risk factors and patient severity.

We live in such exciting times. As microbiologists we need to focus on fast diagnostics to decrease the Turn Around time in the diagnosis of infections. This focuses not only on accurate pathogen identification but also on rapid susceptibility testing. With availability of molecular tests today, this is becoming increasingly possible. The achievements of the National TB Eradication Program (NTEP) bears testimony to the fact that focusing on rapid and accurate diagnosis is indeed rewarding. International collaborations are always welcome and we look forward to enhancing and upgrading our lab capacities with these activities.

Today online platforms allow us to save both travel time and expense to enhance our educational activities. We urge our colleagues to exploit these technologies for frequent CMEs on new & controversial topics in our microbial world.

Our Past President Prof Pallab Ray together with our secretary Prof Satish Patil and the entire Executive Council have striven hard to enable visibility of our association. Our Journal under the editorship of Dr Chand Wattal also gone from strength to strength. The 44th Microcon at Guwahati organized by the team led by Dr Ajanta Sharma and Dr Syed Tanvir Alam has the success, which was evident from the feedback of the delegates. We look forward to our next 45th Annual conference at Bhubaneswar and to seeing all of you in large numbers in hopefully a face to face conference.

Finally do feel free to write to me with any new ideas that will enhance our Indian Association of Medical Microbiology and please do stay safe.

Best wishes,
Dr. Camilla Rodrigues
President IAMM



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From the desk of Secretary.....

Seasons Greetings from KIMSDU Karad.

Happy New Year 2022!

On behalf of IAMM, we extend our deep thanks to you as you are still working as frontline worker in this COVID – 19 Pandemic.



The organizing team of MICROCON – 2021 has done the wonderful arrangement in terms of academic feast as well as the hospitality at Guwahati. I congratulate the team MICROCON – 2021.

The next 45th IAMM national conference (MICROCON – 2022) is being scheduled at Bhubaneswar in November – 2022. I request all the members to participate in the proceedings of MICROCON – 2022.

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 to 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.

Kindly circulate this IAMM Newsletter among other members.

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REPORT OF MICROCON 2021

21st-24th December 2021

44th Annual Conference of Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists



Dr Ajanta Sharma,
Organising Chairperson



Dr Syed Tanwir Alam,
Organising Secretary

“MICROCON 2021” – the 44th Annual Conference of Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists was held from 21st to 24th December 2021 at Guwahati. The conference was held in a hybrid mode with both online and offline participants. There were 7 pre conference workshops which were held on 21st December 2021. A total number of 220 participants participated in various pre conference workshops. The different Pre Conference workshops were

1. **“Hands on Whonet Training”** Conducted By WHO
2. **“Automation in Diagnostics”** Conducted By Dept. of Microbiology, GMCH
3. **“Liquid Culture and DST for Mycobacterium Tuberculosis”** Conducted by IRL, GMCH
4. **“BMW Rules, 2016, 2018, 2019 and CPCB Guidelines 2020, 2021”** Conducted By VMMC & Safdurjung Hospital & BBCI Guwahati
5. **“Diagnostic Stewardship”** Conducted By BLK Max Super Speciality Hospital, New Delhi & GNRC Hospitals
6. **“Laboratory Methods for Diagnosis of Ocular Infection – Culture & Molecular Methods”** Conducted By Sri Sankaradeva Nethralaya in collaboration with Dept. of Microbiology, JIPMER & Adv Mycology Research Centre (ICMR), AMC
7. **“Cell Culture in Viral Diagnostics”** Conducted by Department of Virology, PGIMER, Chandigarh

The Conference was preceded by a brief Inaugural Ceremony on 21st December 2021 at NEDFI Convention Centre from 5 PM onwards. The Inaugural Ceremony was graced by Prof D J Borah, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Srimanta Sankaradeva University of Health Sciences, Assam as the Chief Guest and Prof Anup Barman, Director of Medical Education, Assam and Prof A C Baishya, Principal Cum Chief Superintendent, Gauhati Medical College & Hospital as the Guests of Honour.

The Conference was held from the 22nd December 2021 at Radisson Blu Guwahati. There were a total of 733 delegates of which 305 were Offline delegates and 428 online delegates.

There were a total of **441** abstracts which were submitted for presentations out of which 87 abstracts were selected for oral papers and the rest for eposters.

The conference was the first hybrid MICROCON and was organised in a grandiose manner by the organisers. The Speakers included National and International speakers of repute who participated both physically as well as in virtual mode.

The valedictory session was held on 24th December 2021 where a promotional AV for MICROCON 2022 to be held at Odisha was presented.. Team Odisha on behalf of the organising committee welcomed the delegates for the 2022 Conference.



PHOTO GALLERY - MICROCON 2021



MICROCON 2022

45th National Conference of Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists, MICROCON 2022

Bhubaneswar, Odisha

Date: 24th-27th November 2022

Venue: KIMS, Bhubaneswar

Theme: Emerging Microbes and Evolving Microbiologists

Organised by:

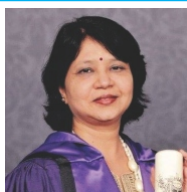
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Organising Secretary:

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Professor & Head, Department of Microbiology, SCB Medical College, Cuttack

FELICITATION & RECOGNITION



Dr. Baijayantimala Mishra, Former EC Member, IAMM, Professor, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS, Bhubaneswar has been appointed as **ASM Country Ambassador to Eastern India**. She will be in this position from 01st January 2022 to 31st December 2024 and this is further extendable till December 2027.



Dr. Ujjala Ghoshal, Professor and Head, Department of Microbiology, SGPGIMS, Lucknow has been appointed as **ASM Country Ambassador to Northern India**. She will be in this position from 01st January 2022 to 31st December 2024 and this is further extendable till December 2027.

*"Microbiologists are working tirelessly in current pandemic and had recieved the awards and recognitions at state and national levels.
For your exemplary services IAMM congratulates you all."*

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OF IAMM AWARDS & PRIZES 2022

(Last date of receipt of all nominations July 31, 2022)

1. Dr SC Agarwal Oration 2023: 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 consent of the nominee along with the consent of the nominee as a soft copy of his/her biodata should reach the IAMM Secretary's office on or before 31st July 2022. The award carries a citation and a gold medal. The awardee is to deliver an oration at the National IAMM Conference held in 2023. Nominations must come as a soft copy to be sent to Secretary IAMM by the last date.

2. Dr. H. I. Jhala Memorial award 2023: 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 as a soft copy of his/her biodata should reach the IAMM Secretary's office on or before 31st July 2022. The award carries a citation and a gold medal. The award will be conferred at the National IAMM Conference held in 2023. Nominations must come as a soft copy to be sent to Secretary IAMM by the last date.

3. IAMM Endowment lecture award 2023: 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 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 2022. The award carries a citation and a gold medal. The awardee is to deliver an oration at the National IAMM Conference held in 2023. 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 2022:

Nominations are invited for the Best paper award competition to be held at National Conference of the IAMM at Bhubaneswar in November 2022. This award is supported by the annual interest obtained from the fixed deposit, donated by the 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, 2022 (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 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 2022. 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 Bhubaneswar in November 2022. Nominations must come as a soft copy to be sent to Secretary IAMM by the last date.

5. Prof AN Chakrabarthi memorial Prize for the best published paper in Mycobacteriology 2022 :

Any member, who has published a paper in the field of Mycobacteriology during the preceding year i.e. 2021, 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 2022. The award carries a citation and a gold medal. The awardee will receive the award at the valedictory function of the IAMM Conference at Bhubaneswar in November 2022.

6. Prizes for the best papers during the IAMM Conference 2022 (total seven categories listed below):

The following six 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 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 Conference MICROCON 2022 to be held at Bhubaneswar in November 2022.

The Top Ten papers received for MICROCON will also be included for the Awards in the above mentioned subjects.

7. IAMM Mérieux Award 2022:

Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is a major public health issue worldwide. In order to provide an incentive for promising young investigators working in the field of AMR, Institut Mérieux has decided to institute a special Mérieux Award in partnership with IAMM in announcing, selecting and giving the Award at IAMM annual conference. The value of the award is approximately Euro 10,000, paid in equivalent Indian Rupees.

Selection criteria for the Mérieux Award is: Investigators identified through IAMM and Serving in a hospital or in a relevant research institution on a full time basis as infectious diseases clinician, clinical or molecular microbiologist or epidemiologist, with less than 10 years of either clinical practice experience or < 10 year of working experience in microbiology after their M.D / Ph.D. and who are involved and have made significant contribution in AMR research and/or patient management with a national impact.

The applications received for the said award will be assessed by the jury and 2 or 3 suitable applications will be forwarded to the scientific board of the Institut Merieux with their recommendations for the selection of the laureate. Institut Merieux will notify the association the name of the laureate, then the association will organize an award ceremony during its annual congress. In order to receive the award money, the institution (university, hospital...) hosting the laureate should engage an agreement with Institut Merieux. The award money will be transferred only to the hosting institution of the laureate, and the institution will hold responsibility for proper utilization of the fund for research by the laureate. All interested applications should reach the IAMM Secretary's Office in hard and soft copies both on or before 31st July 2022.

MINUTES OF GENERAL BODY MEETING HELD AT GUWAHATI IN 44TH NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF IAMM (MICROCON-2021) UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF DR PALLAB RAY, ON 23RD DECEMBER, 2021.

The President, Dr Pallab Ray called the GB meeting in order and chaired the meeting. The Secretary, Prof Dr S. R. Patil conducted the meeting in hybrid mode. The secretary, before starting the proceedings, requested all members to observe silence for one minute in memory of the departed souls Prof R C Mahajan, Dr Tapan Dhole and Dr T D Chugh who had lost their life in past one year. After the condolence, meeting was adjourned and after five minutes the members reassembled again to discuss the G. B. meeting agenda circulated to the members in Oct 2021 Newsletter.

AGENDA 1: Welcoming the new EC Members/ bid adieu to departing EC members:

The Secretary informed the house that, Dr Shivendra Kumar Shahi, (IGIMS, Patna) Dr Neeraj Goel, (SGRH, New Delhi) were elected as new EC Members in IAMM and their term is up to the year 2023. IAMM appreciates the contribution of the two members, Dr Nilesh Patel and Dr B Mishra have completed their term in 2021. They have served the association with their experiences and sincerity. IAMM whole heartedly thanked them.

AGENDA 2: To confirm GB meeting minutes held at 43rd IAMM conference, Mumbai:

The minutes of GB meeting held 43rd IAMM conference, Mumbai on 1st December, 2019 were circulated to members through IAMM Newsletter. The minutes were passed by EC meeting held at MICROCON-2021 at Guwahati on 22nd December 2021. The General Body also confirmed it. The motion was proposed by Dr Shahi and seconded by Dr. Maheshwari.

AGENDA 3: Ratification of emergent meeting of EC:

In view of COVID – 19 pandemic two emergent meetings of executive council were held on 21/05/2020 & 24/09/2021. The minutes were circulated through October 2021 IAMM newsletter. In the GB minutes were ratified and confirmed. The motion was proposed by Dr. Sanjay Biswas and seconded by Dr. Manoj Kumar.

AGENDA 4: Action taken on minutes of the GB meeting-

- (i) As per the emergent meeting of EC the virtual conference of IAMM was conducted as e- MICROCON 2020 from 8th to 11th December 2020.
- (ii) The Indian Journal of Medical Microbiology has moved from the publishing house of Wolters Kluwer to Elsevier from January 2021
- (iii) The I. D. Aggarwal – Broor Prize for the best paper in Virology has been instituted from MICROCON 2021.

AGENDA 5: Secretary's Annual report– Dr. Satish R Patil-

The house ratified the Secretary Annual Report read out by Dr Satish Patil at the Inauguration function of the IAMM Conference (MICROCON 2021) on 21st December 2021. The motion was proposed by Dr B. L. Sherwal and seconded by Dr Vikas Manchanda.

AGENDA 6: Editor's report and statement of accounts-Dr. Chand Wattal-

The secretary invited Dr Chand Wattal to present the IJMM report. Complete audited report was presented by Dr Wattal, who had taken over the journal in January 2020 with a pending payment of Rs 10 lakhs to Walter Kluwer since January 2019. No dues certificate was obtained from WK on 10 Nov.2020. As part of the transition, the contract has been signed for five years from 1st Jan 2021- 31st Dec 2025 with Elsevier. There will be no article processing charges applicable.

The journal is now being published in hybrid mode and all downloads are chargeable for first 1 year and then free online. All members in India can access the journal & any article and download any number of articles free of cost through our website with member login: myiamm.in. IAMM has no liabilities by way of any charges towards Elsevier. IJMM should receive 60% of the profit as recorded by the publisher's financial records. All archives will be hosted by the Elsevier's website. First Supplement of IJMM 2021 has been published. This comprised of the proceedings of E Microcon 2020

and was published with Director Prof Dr Sonal Saxena as the Guest Editor. All submitted abstracts have been given a doi ID while all presentations have been compiled, transcribed, and submitted as a review article to IJMM. The audited report and IJMM report were proposed by Sheela Devi and seconded by Dr Pallab Ray. Dr Wattal informed the house that there was lot of staff crunch. There is no manpower dedicated for journal work. All work is being done by the editorial team. As the journal is free now and there will be increase in work, it was suggested to hire some staff to help the work. The journal work is still in progress and will take some more effort and time to streamline it completely. All members appreciated the hard work and effort of Dr Wattal in taking the journal to such heights.

Print copies of IJMM: The members have raised concern that they had not been receiving IJMM print copies. Dr Wattal informed that now the IJMM will only be available online. Many hard copies have been returned to the office of editor as undelivered as the addresses are not updated. The access is available free if the members go to website and update their profile and create account and download articles anywhere from India. There is no plan to make print copies. If these are required then a separate proposal can be made as a business proposition and should not be done by the current IJMM editorial team. Dr Balaji informed that the cost of each issue is approximately Rs 600-700; so to get free print copy the membership charges have to increase to minimum of Rs 1 lakh. Dr Wattal informed that the current publisher Elsevier is not able to charge in Rs. for subscription. It is recommended that in current situation, it is desirable to only get an online copy and not print copy.

The house was informed that the Directory of members is available online on IAMM website. The details can also be updated on the website.

Another issue raised was that the representation from north east was lacking on editorial board. Dr Wattal informed that the request with CV can be sent to editor. Also there was lot of time being taken for review of articles. This delay should be minimized to increase visibility.

Dr Ajanta raised the issue regarding impact factor and what steps were being taken to increase it. Dr Wattal informed the house that the members must increase citations by citing their publications in IJMM and promote them. Another issue was to conduct training in review process. Dr Shivaprakash informed the house that such videos were available on many publication sites such as Elsevier, Plos one, Nature etc.

Dr Sonal pointed out that the scientific writing workshop conducted earlier by IJMM has been stopped and should be restarted.

The agenda was proposed by Dr Prasad, seconded by Dr Jagirdar and accepted by GBM.

AGENDA 7: Presentation of annual statement of accounts by Treasurer-Dr. Manoj Kumar-

The Treasurer's report of the audited statement of 2019-20 was presented by the past treasurer Dr Bharti Malhotra. Dr Manoj Kumar could not file the accounts due to COVID – 19 Pandemic and he promised to present the audit statement of two subsequent years in the next year's EC/GB meeting. The treasurer raised the issue regarding fixed deposits being kept in BOB Jaipur. The FD can be at any bank without loss of interest as the banks are now centralized. Dr Sherwal felt that the corpus collected by IAMM should be utilized for an office space of IAMM. He proposed that the office may be in a smart city, Ranchi as first choice. If not, then the space can be explored in institutional area of Ranchi. The Govt. may be approached to provide land for this purpose. Dr Manoj and Dr Shahi would be responsible for exploring this option.

AGENDA 8: Report of IAMM EQAS programme by coordinators:

Dr V. Balaji, and Dr Chand Wattal presented the EQAS reports of south and north India EQAS centers respectively. The reports of both

EQAS centres were accepted and approved. The motion was proposed by Dr Sonal Sexena and seconded by Dr. Baijayantimala Mishra.

AGENDA 9: Selection of topics for IAMM Symposium and Student Symposium for 45th IAMM Conference:

GB discussed various topics for IAMM Symposium and Student Symposium and approved the following topics:

For the **IAMM Symposium**- "Sequencing: principle and utility in diagnostic microbiology", Moderator-Dr Sonal Saxena.

Student symposium- "Non-culture method of diagnosis", Moderator-Dr Sheela Devi

The GBM accepted both topics.

AGENDA 10: Announcement of venue for 45th IAMM Conference-

As per the request for venue of 45th MICROCON- 2020 from Department of Microbiology, KIMS Bhubaneswar, Odisha and approval in EC, it was declared that the 45th MICRCON conference will be held at , KIMS Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

It was emphasized that the Organizing Committees of Microcon conferences should not change the timings of conduction of IAMM activities. This should be followed strictly by the organizers.

AGENDA 11: Decision of various Awards –

The awards for the year 2022 were announced as per the recommendations received from the Award Committees for the various awards:

Dr S C Agarwal Oration Award – not awarded

Dr H I Jhala Memorial Award – Dr Arunaloake Chakrabarti

IAMM Endowment Oration Award – Dr Shiva Prakash

Dr U C Chaturvedi Lifetime Achievement Award – Brig. (Rtd.) A. Nagendra

GB Congratulated the Award Winners

AGENDA 12: Election of Office Bearers IAMM –

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

PRESIDENT IAMM 2021-2022 – Dr Camilla Rodrigues

AGENDA 13: Supplementary Agenda

IAMM Logo - The new logo of IAMM has been re-designed keeping the original sanctity intact by Dr. Pallab Ray. The general body approved the logo and placed on record the gratitude towards Dr Pallab Ray who designed the logo. The logo was approved to be used by all members and chapters for any association related work.

AGENDA 14: Any other matter with permission of chair

(i) Increase of charges of EQAS - The proposal to raise the rate from 7000 to 8000 was put forward by Dr Wattal and Dr Balaji. Increase in charges of EQAS as the cost of reagents and postage has gone up. Also, the EQAS centers needed backup lyophilizes. EC has approved the Proposed. Dr Shiva proposed that the rate be increased more for-profit making organizations. President has asked Dr Wattal and Dr Balaji to look into feasibility of having differential rates for different healthcare set ups. The EQAS report was proposed by Dr Prasad and seconded by Dr Shahi. The increase in charges by Rs 1000/- was accepted by GBM.

(ii) SC Aggarwal award committee had a permanent member in Dr Mahajan. As he is no more, it was decided to have a member by rotation for three years. For the next three years Dr Arunaloake Chakrabarti was proposed. The proposer was Dr Pallab Ray and seconded by Dr Sherwal. It was approved unanimously.

(iii) WHO proposal: Assuring quality consumable for antimicrobial susceptibility testing in India. Modality would be a Multi-centric evaluation of culture media, antibiotic disks, control strains, etc. across 5 regions of India. Evaluation based on various purchase modalities to evaluate the quality using a pre-defined template to rate AMR consumables to identify acceptable quality consumables. Technical and monetary support shall be provided by WHO. MoHFW/NCDC and ICMR shall have oversight of the

activity. Funding will also be ensured so that there is no financial burden on IAMM. The proposal was proposed by Dr Sherwal and seconded by Dr Sonal. It was approved unanimously.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

Dr. S. R. Patil
Secretary IAMM

IAMM AWARDEES 2021-2022

Dr. U. C. Chaturvedi Lifetime Achievement Award -

- Dr. (Rtd. Brigd.) A. Nagendra

Dr. S. C. Agarwal Award -

- Not Awarded

IAMM Endowment Award -

- Dr. Shiva Prakash

Dr. H. I. Jhala Memorial Award -

- Dr. Arunaloake Chakrabarty

Dr. K. B. Sharma Memorial IAMM Junior best paper -

- Poonam Naik, LV Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad.

IAMM Silver Jubilee Award for best paper in Parasitology –

- Dr. Debasish Biswal, AIIMS, New Delhi.

Belgaum – Mumbai Prize for best paper in Bacteriology –

- Dr. Sajitha V, AIIMS, Raipur.

Dr. S. R. Sengupta– Dr. A M Saoji memorial Prize for best paper in Immunology

- Dr. Masoom Nathani, MAMC, New Delhi.

NAWOPIA Pankajalaxmi V Venugopal Prize for best paper in Mycology

- Dr. Kumari Seema, RIMS, Ranchi.

ID Aggarwal – Broor Prize for best paper in Virology

- Dr. Bulbul Roy, Gauhati Medical College, Assam.

Mumbai – Belgaum Prize for the best poster in medical Mycobacteriology

- Dr. Nilima Hirani, GGMC & JJ Group of Hospital, Mumbai.

Dr. S S Kelkar Memorial Prize for the best poster (Any subject in Medical Microbiology)

- Dr. Richa Sinha, IGIMS, Patna.

Prof. A N Chakrabarty Memorial Prize 2021 for best published paper in Mycobacteriology in 2020

- Dr. Nilima Hirani, *et al.* – Detection of novel mutation in the *rpoB* gene in MDR isolate using Whole Genome Next Generation Sequencing., Grant Govt. Medical College & JJ Group of Hospital, Mumbai.

Best Published paper in Bacteriology in IJMM 2020

- Modgil V, Kaur H, Mohan B, Taneja N. Molecular, Phylogenetic and Antibiotic Resistance Analysis of Enterococcal *Escherichia coli*/ Uropathogenic *Escherichia coli* Hybrid Genotypes Causing Urinary Tract Infections. Indian Journal of Medical Microbiology. 2020 Jul 1;38(3).

Best Published paper in Virology in IJMM 2020

- Murugesan A, Aridoss D, Senthilkumar S, Sivathanu L, Sekar R, Shankar EM, Manickan E. Molecular Diversity of Dengue Virus Serotypes 1–4 during an Outbreak of Acute Dengue Virus Infection in Theni, India. Indian journal of medical microbiology. 2020 Jul 1;38(3-4):401-8.

Best Published paper in Bacteriology in IJMM 2021

- Pal BB, Mohanty A, Biswal B, Nayak SR, Das BK, Lenka PP. Haitian variant *Vibrio cholerae* O1 Ogawa caused cholera outbreaks in Odisha. Indian Journal of Medical Microbiology. 2021 Oct 1;39(4):513-7.

Best Published paper in Virology in IJMM 2021

- Agarwal R, Gupta E, Dubey S, Padhi A, Khodare A, Kumar G, Sarin SK. Pooled nasopharyngeal swab collection in a single vial for the diagnosis of SARS CoV-2 infection: An effective cost saving method. Indian Journal of Medical Microbiology. 2021 Apr 1;39(2):231-4.

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

The Executive Council of the IAMM has **Two** vacancies in the year 2022. 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 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, 2022.
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: 2 (Two)
6. Last date for submission of nominations: 31st March 2022.

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**Here's wishing all the members a new year
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