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5 The last date for receipt of the ballot papers is **31st August 2007**

6. Faxed copies will not be accepted

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1.	Col. (Mrs.) K. Kapila	
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3.	Dr.Arvind Kurhade	
4.	Dr. B.N. Harish	
5.	Dr.Iyer Ranganathan	
6.	Dr. Sarman Singh	
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From the Desk of the President

Dear Members,

Being the second message, we need to introspect on our contributions on the progress of medical microbiology in our country. No doubt, several chapter meetings in different parts of the country have been held and these, I am sure have been platforms wherein young budding medical microbiologists had opportunities to actively partake by presentation of their scientific work and in the discussions. My continued stress is on encouraging the young medical microbiologists to move forward energetically towards higher quality in education and research.



Personally speaking, I was associated with the Vision Research Foundation sponsored Tamil Nadu & Pondicherry Chapter meeting in Chennai on 24th February 2007 which had scores of medical microbiology students actively participating. Many of them wanted to have such meetings extended to more than one day to enable more of them to present their papers. Dr. K. Lily Therese, the organizing secretary of this meeting has come forward with a donation of Rs. 5000 for the chapter fund and in addition Rs.10, 000 as 'core fund' to the Chapter to institute an endowment in the name of Vision Research Foundation - Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists Tamil Nadu Pondicherry Chapter (VRF-IAMM- TN & PY Chapter Best Paper Award) for the best paper presentation to a young scientist in Medical Microbiology every year. The chapter executive committee at the meeting held on 2nd June 2007 has accepted the same and will form rules and regulations for this purpose. I am sure many other state chapters may also be having or may be instituting such endowments.

I am very thankful to Dr. Mary Jesudason who could arrange for a meeting with a few medical microbiologists at Amala Institute of Medical Sciences, Thrissur, Kerala which I happened to be visiting in April. It was a pleasure to deliver a talk on the molecular microbiology work done in my department. I also presented the recommended minimum requirements of faculty and equipments for a microbiology department of a medical college admitting 100 students. Hopefully, this will be discussed in detail at the forthcoming annual meeting at Mangalore. I am a little surprised to know that Kerala chapter is not yet formed.

I am sure there will be a large gathering of the members at the IAMM Annual Congress at Mangalore.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Members,

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Greetings from the office of the Secretary, IAMM in Mumbai.

1. All of you must have received the first circular from the forthcoming XXXI st Annual Congress of IAMM from Dr. Shalini Shenoy, Organizing Secretary of the XXXI st Annual Congress of IAMM Kasturba Medical College, Mangalore. Please note that the Mangalore IAMM conference this year is on 15-18 November 2007. Dr. Shalini Shenoy, Prof. and Head, Department of Microbiology, Kasturba Medical Colleges Mangalore and her team are putting their efforts for the success of this IAMM congress at Mangalore. I request you all to participate in this congress and enrich activities of the association.

2. As decided in the IAMM General Body Meeting at Nagpur, Prof Nancy Malla and the subcommittee has prepared Draft PG Curriculum for MD Microbiology .The same is put up on our website www.iamm.in. I request all the members to send their suggestions

In this newsletter I am calling for nominations for the various IAMM awards. I request all of you to take note of these announcements and respond to the same.

3. The ballot paper for the elections to the IAMM executive council (EC) is enclosed. Please exercise your franchise to elect five right candidates to represent you in executive council.

4. It is my pleasure to communicate again with you through this Newsletter to request you all to inform me about activities in your state chapter meetings and information about your State chapter so as to inform all other members about them and to motivate them to start new State chapters.

5. I wish to draw your attention to the Guideline for Isolation Precautions for Preventing Transmission of Infectious Agents in Healthcare Settings 2007 is now available at :<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dhqp/pdf/guidelines/Isolation2007.pdf> And

http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dhqp/gl_isolation.html

CDC/NCID/Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion (Formerly Hospital Infections Program). Home page:<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dhqp/index.html> Kindly make use of these guidelines.

6. It is also the time to keep your association informed about your current address for communication (snailmail and email) in the format enclosed to the Treasurer ASAP (as soon as possible).

7. I take this opportunity to wish you all happy rainy season.

with best regards,

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Forthcoming Conferences/ Workshops / Symposia.

1. XIII Th Maharashtra Chapter Conference of IAMM at Aurangabad on 1-2 September '07. Pre-conference CME on 31st August 2007.

Organizing Secretary: Dr. A.S. Damle, Prof. & HOD, Microbiology, GMC, A'bad, Jt. Org Secretary: Dr. SS Patwardhan, Assoc Prof. Micro, MGM MC, A'bad Jt. Org. Secretary: Dr. N. S. Patwardhan, Assoc. Prof. Microbiology, GMC, Treasurer: Dr. J. K. Bajaj, Assoc. Prof. Microbiology, GMC, Aurangabad.

2. 34th Annual Conference of Indian Immunology Society, at National AIDS Research Institute (NARI), Pune on 16-18 December 2007. Chairman: Dr Ramesh Paranjape, Director NARI, Organizing Secretary: Dr Madhuri Thakar. For details contact Tel: 020 27121342, 27121280, web site: www.immcon-nari.org, Email: immconnari07@rediffmail.com.

3. 1st Annual Conference of Indian Academy of Tropical Parasitology, TROPACON-2007 at Chennai on 6-7 October '07. Pre-conference CME on 5th October 2007. For details contact Dr S Geethalakshmi, Institute of Microbiology, MMC, Chennai 600003. Mobile: 9840316050. President: Dr Subhash Chandra Parija

**EQAS 2006 (UNDER THE AUSPICES OF IAMM)
ANALYSIS OF QC DISTRIBUTIONS 51-53, 2006.**

PERFORMANCE OF LABORATORIES ON FIXED SMEARS

SET NO.	Description	Contents	Laboratories (%) giving correct results
51	Culture smear of an organism isolated from brain abscess for Gram stain	B. fragilis	63% *
52	Smear of sputum from Gram stain	Few pus cells, may epithelial cells, many GPC in pairs, chains, scattered GNC in groups, scattered few GNB & GPB.	61% **
53	Smear of CSF for Gram stain	Few pus cells, many thin short and long pleomorphic GNB suggestive of Haemophilus spp.	47% ***

- * 29% more have reported GNB
 ** 36% more have described correctly but no comment as unsatisfactory sputum was given
 *** 30% more have reported GNB

PERFORMANCE OF LABORATORIES ON SEROLOGY TEST

SET NO.	Description	Contents	Laboratories (%) giving correct results
51	CRP test	Positive	88% *
52	ASO test	Negative	87.2% **
53	RA test	Negative	95% ***

- * 9% more have reported the titre correctly but no interpretation was given
 ** 8.5% more have reported the titre correctly but no interpretation was given
 *** 4% more have reported the titre correctly but no interpretation was given

PERFORMANCE OF LABORATORIES ON CULTURE IDENTIFICATION

Set No.	Organisms supplied	Laboratories (%) giving correct results
51	Acinetobacter baumannii	68.3% *
52	Salmonella paratyphi A	84% **
53	Enterococcus faecalis	55% ***

- * 3.3% more have reported as non-fermenting GNB
 ** 3% more have reported as Salmonella species
 *** 30% more have reported as Enterococcus species

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From the desk of IAMM-EQAS co-ordinator

Being a joint co-ordinator of IAMM-EQAS programme, my laboratory at Sankara Nethralaya had taken the responsibility of preparing the lyophilized cultures. To my horror, within the first few days after dispatch of the April packages, information from a few laboratories indicated the non-viability of the lyophilized cultures. My departmental staff worked 24-hours a day for five days to prepare a second lot of the same bacterium to send it to all registered laboratories. I sincerely prayed for their viability, but unfortunately at least one laboratory informed me of its failure to grow the bacterium. Through this message, I wish to convey my apology to all IAMM members. Hopefully, this mishap does not recur in future. All members are requested to use the e-mail address appended below for all clarifications required on IAMM-EQAS. This has been created because my personal e-mail is getting clogged with these inquiries.

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IAMM EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2007: BRIEF CV OF CANDIDATES (IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER)

1 Col. (Mrs.) K.Kapila Date of Birth: Qualifications: Designation: Publications: Awards and Achievements:	LM 181, 1953, MBBS, MD (Microbiology) Professor & HOD, Armed Forces Medical College, Pune. 20 publications in National and International journals. Recipient of Fogarty AIDS international scholarship and Post Doctoral Fellowships, Dr.BM Soparkar Silver medal of AFMC, Best paper awards.
2. Dr.Arunaloke Chakrabarti Date of Birth: Qualifications: Designation: Publications: Awards and Achievements	LM 55. MBBS, MD. Professor of Microbiology, PGIMER, Chandigarh. 126 publications in National & International journals. Developed Clinical Diagnostic Mycology Center & Center for Advanced Research in Medical Mycology. Completed over 20 collaboration projects at National & international level. International coordinator of the Working Group on fungal sinusitis under ISHAM
3. Dr.Arvind Kurhade Date of Birth: Qualifications: Designation: Publications: Awards and Achievements	LM 1215. DOB:19-1-1957 MBBS, MD (Microbiology) Associate Professor of Microbiology, GMC, Nagpur 14 publications in National & International journals. President of VAMM, President of Indian Doctors for peace & development, WHO Fellowship.
4. Dr. B.N. Harish Date of Birth: Qualifications: Designation: Publications: Awards and Achievements	53 yrs, BSc MBBS, MD., Prof of Microbiology, JIPMER, Pondichery, 10, publications in National & International journals. Trained in Molecular biology at Manchester Royal Infirmary Manchester, UK for worked at King Faudh National Guard Hospital, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia for 2 years
5. Dr.Iyer Ranganathan Date of Birth: Qualifications: Designation: Publications: Awards and Achievements	LM 896. DOB: 2-2-1966. MBBS, MD (Micro), DNBE, DPB Sr. Consultant in Microbiology, Global Hospitals, Hyderabad 3 publications in National & International journals. Actively participated in National Conferences /workshops and symposia, Organized National meetings, Best paper award in Mycology of IAMM.
6 Dr. Sarman Singh Date of Birth: Qualifications: Designation: Publications: Awards and Achievements:	LM since 1989, 9-11-1956. BSc, MBBS, MD, DHA, FSIIP Addl. Professor & HOD, Clinical Microbiology Division, Dept of Lab Medicine, AIIMS, New Delhi, 110029 145 publications in National & International Journals. Author of 6 books, 25 chapters in other books, holds 6 patents in name Winner of several awards and honors incl. Biotech award
7. Dr.S.G. Kardesai Date of Birth: Qualifications: Designation: Publications: Awards and Achievements	(LM 129) Professor of Microbiology J N Medical College, Belgium 4 published papers, past IAMM EC member & past president and Vice president of Karnataka Chapter of IAMM, Attended several symposia and workshops at state/national level.
8. Dr.S. Rajarajan Date of Birth: Qualifications: Designation: Publications: Awards and Achievements	LM 363, DOB: 30-01-1954, MSc. PhD, MD (Ayurveda), FIMSA, FABMS. Prof and Head, Dept. of Micro, Presidency College, Chennai. 38 papers in National and International journals, Agasthiyar Award of Indian Assoc. Biomedical Scientists Mylapore Academy- Bristol Science award
9. Dr.Tapan N. Dhole Date of Birth: Qualifications: Designation: Publications: Awards and Achievement	Professor & Head of Microbiology, SGPGIMS, Lucknow 22605 65. published papers in international & national journals. Clinical Virology In charge WHO Polio Eradication Project. Fellowship awarded By Govt of Japan, WHO and CDC, USA. Winner of several awards and has given orations in India and abroad. JAICA fellowship for Training in Infectious diseases in University of Nagasaki Japan.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OF IAMM AWARDS AND PRIZES-2007
(Last date for receipt of all nominations 15 August 2007)

Dr. SC Agarwal Prize 2007

This award supported from annual interest incurred from a fund donated by Dr. SC Agarwal, will 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 six copies of his/her biodata should reach the IAMM Secretary, Dr. Abhay Chowdhary, Director ARCON & Professor of Microbiology, Dept.of Microbiology, Grant Medical College & Sir J J Hospital, Byculla, Mumbai 400008.Tel.No.022- 2374 2193 on or before 15 August 2007. The award carries a citation, gold medal, cash prize of Rs. 500/- and the Oration. The selected microbiologist has to deliver the Oration at the XXXII National Congress of IAMM to be held during the year 2008. Nominations will have to be sent by post within the last date. Nominations received by E-Mail and fax will not accepted.

Dr. HI Jhala Memorial Award 2007

This award will be given to a senior member of the Association above the age of 50 years, who has made significant contributions for the development of Medical Microbiology in India. The award is supported by annual interest incurred by the fixed deposit, donated by the Organizers of the IAMM Congress held at Solapur in 1983. Nominations duly proposed and seconded with the consent of the nominee along with six copies of the curriculum vitae should reach the IAMM Secretary, Dr. Abhay Chowdhary, Director ARCON & Professor of Microbiology, Dept.of Microbiology, Grant Medical College & Sir J J Hospital, Byculla, Mumbai 400008.Tel.No.022- 2374 2193 on or before 15 August 2007. The award carries a citation and gold medal. The awardee will receive the award at the XXXII National Congress of IAMM to be held during the year 2008. The Organizing Committee of the XXXII Congress of IAMM will bear Second AC railway fare and full hospitality of the awardee. Nominations will have to be sent by post within the last date. Nominations received by E-Mail and fax will not accepted.

IAMM Endowment Lecture Award 2007

Nominations are invited for the IAMM Endowment Lecture Award 2007. This award is supported by the annual interest of Rs. 2500/- from the fixed deposit of Rs. 25,000/0 donated by the Organizers of the IAMM Congress held at Hyderabad in the year 1985. The Oration will be given by an eminent Medical Microbiologist above the age of 50 years from India or abroad and outstanding work in the field of Medical Microbiology /Bacteriology/ Virology/ Immunology/ Parasitology/ Mycology/ Epidemiology or Microbiological Techniques. Nominations duly proposed by a member and seconded by two other members of IAMM with the consent of the nominee along with six copies of the curriculum vitae including a write up on contribution of the nominee to medical microbiology should reach the IAMM Secretary, Dr. Abhay Chowdhary, Director ARCON & Professor of Microbiology, Dept.of Microbiology, Grant Medical College & Sir J J Hospital, Byculla, Mumbai 400008.Tel.No.022- 2374 2193 on or before 15 August 2007. The awardee will receive the award and deliver the lecture at the XXXII National Congress of IAMM to be held in 2008. Nominations will have to be sent by post within the last date. Nominations received by E-Mail and fax will not accepted.

IAMM Junior Best Paper Prize 2007

Nominations are invited for the IAMM Junior Best Paper prize competition to be held at the XXXI National Congress in November 2007 at KMC, Mangalore. This award is supported by the annual interest incurred from a fixed deposit donated by the Organizers of the IAMM Congress held at Bombay in the year 1979. The contestant should be a member of the Indian Association of Medical Microbiology (IAMM), below 35 years of age as on 15th August 2007 (Certificate showing proof of age should be attached), and be principal author of the paper. The same research paper should not have received any other award and should be so certified. The contestant has to submit a signed declaration to the effect that the paper has not published in any other journal. The above declarations and six copies of the full paper complete with tables and figures, etc (prepared according to the format of manuscripts for submission to IAMM) should reach the Secretary, Dr. Abhay Chowdhary, Director ARCON & Professor of Microbiology, Dept.of Microbiology, Grant Medical College & Sir J J Hospital, Byculla, Mumbai 400008.Tel.No.022- 2374 2193 on or before 15 August 2007. The award carries a citation and gold medal. The awardee will receive the award at the valedictory function of XXXI National Congress of IAMM to be held KMC Mangalore between 15-18 November 2007. Nominations will have to be sent by post within the last date. Nominations received by E-Mail and fax will not accepted.

PRIZES FOR BEST PAPERS DURING THE IAMM CONGRESS -2007

(Total Five categories listed below):

The following Prizes are on offer during the XXXIst National Congress of the IAMM in various categories:

1. NAWOPIA Dr Pankajalakshmi V Venugopal Prize for Best paper in Mycology.
2. Dr. S R Sengupta-Dr AM Saoji Memorial Prize for Best paper in Immunology
3. Dr. SS Kelkar Memorial Prize for Best poster (any subject in Medical Microbiology)
4. IAMM Silver Jubilee Prize for Best paper in Parasitology.

Nominations are invited for Dr.SR Sengupta Dr A Saoji memorial award, Dr.SS Kelkar Poster award, NAWOPIA 95 Dr.Pankajalakshmi V Venugopal Award, IAMM Silver Jubilee prize for Best Parasitology papers . Any IAMM member is eligible to contest for these awards. Abstracts for the award papers from interested members are to be submitted to Organising Secretary of the XXXIst Conference at Mangalore on or before 15 August 2007. These will be subjected to peer review and only selected abstracts will be permitted to be presented as a paper at the respective oral/poster sessions . Amongst them the best one will be adjudged as the best paper by a panel of judges. The authors of the abstract must indicate while submitting the abstract that they are interested in competition for the award..All these awards shall be presented at the valedictory function of the XXXIst IAMM Congress at KMC, Mangalore, where they are being presented.


5.Prof.AN Chakrabarthi Memorial Prize for the Best published paper in Mycobacteriology .

Eligibility: Any IAMM member who has published a paper in the field of Mycobacteriology during the preceding calendar year -i.e.2006 in any National/International Journal will be eligible to submit the paper for the award. This paper should not have received any other award and a declaration to that effect should be submitted while applying for the award. Six copies of the paper have to be submitted to the Secretary, Dr. Abhay Chowdhary, Director ARCON & Professor of Microbiology, Dept.of Microbiology, Grant Medical College & Sir J J Hospital, Byculla, Mumbai 400008. on or before 15 August 2007.


. The award carries a citation and gold medal. The awardee will receive the award at the valedictory function of XXXIst National Congress of IAMM to be held KMC Mangalore in November 2007.

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News from Tamilnadu & Pondicherry Chapter of IAMM

Dr. H. N. Madhavan, President IAMM 2007 convened the meeting of TN & Py chapter of IAMM on 24.03.2007 at Chennai. Dr. Lingam Gopal, President of (VRF) Vision Research Foundation inaugurated the conference. Dr.S.S. Badrinath, Chairman of Shankara Nethralaya, Chennai released the abstract book. Dr H N Madhavan delivered the presidential oration. Dr Vanaja Kumar, Dy. Director, TRC Chennai & Dr Mukesh Doble, from DBT, IIT Chennai delivered guest Lectures.

17 research papers were also presented. Dr. K. Therese Organising Secretary, Dr J Malathi, Treasurer and team took great efforts in organizing this meeting, which was well appreciated by the 193 delegates who participated in the conference.

News from Vidarbha Association Of Medical Microbiologists.

The 3rd Installation ceremony of Vidarbha Association of Medical Microbiologists (VAMM) was organised on 18-03-07. Dr V D Khanande, DDHS Nagpur, was the chief guest and Dr. Abhay Chowdhary, Director ARCON & Secretary IAMM was the guest of honour. Dr A M Kuradhe took over as president of VAMM and Dr Meena Mishra as secretary of VAMM. Dr A M Kurhade delivered the presidential oration on 'Integrated Disease Control Programme The first issue of quarterly news bulletin of VAMM, "Micro-Focus" was released by Dr VD

Khanande. Dr Abhay Chowdhary delivered a guest lecture on "Quality Control in Microbiology".. Dr. Nirmal Jaiswal, a reputed intensivist in Nagpur, presented his views on 'Infections in ICU". Dr V J Katkar made a presentation on Rational Use of Antibiotics. Several dignitaries like Dr. Harish Warbhe, Dr R M Powar, Dr S V Jalgaonkar, Dr A A Pathak, Dr. Mrs P M Jagtap, Dr R P Fule graced the occasion by their presence alongwith 100 delegates from all over Vidarbha region..

All members and Office bearers from All active Chapters of IAMM are requested to send the News from their respective chapters.

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