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From the Desk of the President

Dear Members,

Wishing everybody A Happy Festival Season. A time to usher in peace and prosperity. As I look back at the year which is fast coming to a close, one of the major landmark that has occurred is the Supreme court orders and the Govt. of India's gazette notification on clinical trials and research on human subjects was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 29th August, 2013. Institutional ethics committees have now to become stringent in evaluating research proposals and getting registered with Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO). With stringent policies research on human subjects and clinical trials have become accountable As Clinical Microbiologists doing epidemiological/ prevalence studies on human subjects there is a need to be aware of the implications of the policy changes and guidelines. In the recent years clinical trials in India have declined as the pharmaceutical companies are moving to China and SE Asia. According to a report by Prof Ranjit Roy Chaudhury The falling credibility of clinical trials in India has led to drug regulatory centres not accepting results from India. One of the ways by which it can be halted if 'our institute ethics committees are strengthened' (http://www.cdsc0.nic.in/Report_of_Dr_Ranjit_Roy.pdf). Microbiologists also need to be aware of the following products among others in the Bill NO. LVIII Of 2013, "The Third Schedule Of section 18(3) under Categories of Drugs Which the Central Licensing Authority is Empowered to Issue Licence: (<http://www.drugscontrol.org/Bill%20No.%20LVIII%20of%202013.pdf>)

1. Vaccines which includes DNA vaccines and vaccines containing living genetically engineered organisms
2. Toxins;
3. Antigens and anti-toxins;
4. Antibiotics (betalactams and cephalosporins)
5. Parenteral preparations meant for parenteral administration
6. Monoclonal anti-bodies
7. Cellular products and stem cells
8. Modified Living Organisms.

Clinical research involving human subjects will have to follow stringent guidelines .Academic research as most of us are involved in will continue to have the approval of Institution Ethics Committees. Registration and accreditation of ethics committees is being encouraged and have become mandatory for approving clinical trials.

With several regulatory mechanism coming into practice it will not be far when rationalizing diagnostic tests will also have to follow suit. Use of standardized kits and reagents, regulating the use and testing of appropriate antibiotics will also be looked into. The process is already under way with

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strategizing testing algorithms and use of licensed kits for HIV testing in designated ICTCs and RNTCP laboratories. Recent banning of serological tests for TB is one such example of regulating diagnostic test kits. Cost effective test kits and regulatory body recommended tests need to be looked into. One such initiative is the recent introduction of LED Microscopes for sputum smear, Line probe assays for TB drug resistance screening in national program of RNTCP.

Before signing off I would like to remind my colleagues and members of IAMM, the responsibility we owe to society at large and patients in particular regarding stemming the rise in antibiotic resistance in the country. We need to play a proactive role in deciding antibiotics to be tested and reported, regular monitoring and documentation of the trend and steering our hospitals, administrators and the Government towards formulating and implementing antibiotic policy. Several organizations and academic bodies have been working towards this. One such effort is the "Chennai Declaration-Tackling Antibiotic Resistance -Five Year plan" prepared by the Chennai Declaration team which has drawn up a very comprehensive plan to stem the rise of antibiotic resistance by suggesting guidelines for practice and policy decision. The draft document has been submitted to the ministry of health. <http://chennaideclaration.org/images/five%20year%20plan.pdf>. Several other world bodies which are working for a common goal of halting the rise in antibiotic resistance are on the lookout for partnership for a global effort. Few such association which have approached IAMM for endorsing the policy are The PARIS declaration of WAAAR (World Alliance Against Antibiotic Resistance . <http://www.waar.org>) and European Society for Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ESCMID) https://www.escmid.org/escmid_library/medical_guidelines/escmid_guidelines/. We need to deliberate on these issues in our forthcoming conference. As an academic body we must play a decisive role in formulating and implementing health care policies of the country.

Warm wishes

Sincerely



Reba Kanungo MD, PhD

President IAMM

STATE CHAPTER INFORMATION

All the office bearers of State Chapters are requested to send information about their activities. Kindly send the names of the secretaries of the respective state chapters.

REQUEST

Please update your address and email ID and circulate News Letter among members and friends.

News from Local Chapters

1. West Bengal Chapter conference :

VIII IAMM State Conference (WB Chapter) 2013, organised by the Department of Microbiology, R G Kar Medical College, Kolkata, WB, was held on 22nd September, 2013. This was preceded by two pre conference CMEs. Recent trends in HIV diagnosis and present scenario in HIV vaccine (NICED Kolkata) and Diagnostic mycology and antifungal sensitivity testing. Each CME was attended by 60 participants..

Conference on 22nd September, 2013 was inaugurated by Honourable, Vice Chancellor, West Bengal university of Health Sciences. Prof D K Mendiratta, HOD, Microbiology, MGIMS, Sevagram, Maharashtra & Treasurer, IAMM delivered the guest lecture on Non Tuberculous Mycobacteria. Dr Prabir Mukhopadhyay Jt Secretary and Dr. Manas Kr Bandyopadhyay Org Secretary. More than 20 oral papers and around 30 posters were presented. The conference was attended by 250 delegates including guests. IAMM WB Chapter instituted medals (each to the toppers in microbiology in MBBS and MD examination conducted by the West Bengal University of Health Sciences) were awarded during this conference.

2. Karnataka chapter meet :

IAMM KC chapter meet and Suvarna JNMC CME /Workshop On "Recent Trends in Anaerobic Infection" was held at the Department of Microbiology, J N Medical College on 22-06-2013. A total of 147 delegates participated from five different states namely Daman & Diu, Goa, Maharashtra, Kerala and Karnataka. The program was inaugurated by Hon Vice Chancellor Prof (Dr.) C. K. Kokate, and he released the second News Letter of IAMM (Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists). Dr Jyoti Nagamoti Org Secretary. Four of the former senior Microbiologists of the Department were felicitated on this occasion. The key note address was delivered by Dr. Renu Bharadwaj, Guest lectures by Dr Jyoti Nagamoti of Belagum, Dr Sarala Menon of Mumbai and Dr Beena Antony of Mangalore. Series of demonstrations on setting up anaerobiasis, isolation and identification of anaerobic bacteria was held in the afternoon session which was found to be highly beneficial by the participants. A total of twenty scientific posters were presented.

3. **Maharashtra chapter** : Conference held at AFMC Pune and attended by 350 delegates.

4. **Puduchery Chapter**: CME was conducted on 28th Sept 2013 at PIMS, Kalapet Puducherry on TB- HIV Coinfection.

FORTH COMING EVENTS

SIHAM Conference

Venue;PSG Institute of Medical Sciences & Research Coimbatore.

Dates;9th-12th Jan 2014.

Contact person; Dr B Appala Raju & Dr Lalith Prajna. website; www.siham2014.com

MICROCON-2013

**Theme: Clinical & Applied Microbiology – Future Trends
Scientific Program- 21st- 24th November, 2013**

INAUGURATION

**Venue: MAIN HALL, Novotel, HICC, Hyderabad
21st November 2013 (Thursday)**

**05:30 PM to 06:30 PM
06:30 PM to 06:45 PM**

Registration
Invitation of the dignitaries & Presentation of Bouquets
- President IAMM: **Dr. Reba Kanungo**
- Chief Guest: Honorable Governor, AP
- Guest of Honor: Dr. VM Katoch, DG, ICMR
- Secretary IAMM: **Dr. M.B. Nagamoti**
- Organizing Secretary: Dr. V.Lakshmi

**06:45 PM to 06:50 PM
06:50 PM to 06:55 PM
06:55 PM to 07:00 PM
07:00 PM to 07:05 PM
07:05 PM to 07:10 PM
07:10 PM to 07:20 PM
07:20 PM to 07:25 PM
07:25 PM to 07:45 PM**

Playing of National Anthem
Welcome address: Dr. V.Lakshmi Organizing Secretary, MICROCON 2013
Lighting the lamp
IAMM Report : Dr. Mahantesh B. Nagamoti, Secretary ,IAMM
Address by **Dr. Reba Kanungo**, President IAMM
Address by **Chief Guest: Honorable Governor, AP**
Release of Souvenir: The Honorable Governor, AP
Keynote Address by the Guest of Honour: Dr. VM Katoch, DG, ICMR on “ Health Research in the context of Emerging infections and preparedness”

**07:45 PM to 08:15 PM
08:15 PM to 08:45 PM
08:45 PM to 08:50 PM
08:50 PM Onwards**

IAMM Award function
Honoring the Past Presidents of IAMM
Vote of Thanks: Dr. V. LAKSHMI Organizing Secretary, MICROCON 2013
Dinner

Venue – Main Hall, Novotel, HICC, Hyderabad

22nd Nov 2013

08:00 AM Onwards
08:30 AM to 09:30 AM
09:45 AM to 10:15 AM
10:15 AM to 10:45 AM

Programs
Registration
IAMM Junior Best Paper Award Session
Tea Break
Presidential Oration : Dr. Reba Kanungo.
Chairperson : Dr. Arunaloke Chakrabarti
Dr. S. C. Agarwal Oration : Dr. Pallabh Ray
Chairperson : Dr. Reba Kanungo
IAMM Endowment Oration Award : Dr. Camilla Rodrigues.
Chairperson : Dr. Reba Kanungo
Student Symposium; A career in Medical Microbiology- How are we poised for it ?”
Moderator: Dr. Ranganathan Iyer **Chairperson: Mahantesh B Nagamoti**
Lunch

11:00 AM to 11:30 AM

11:45 AM to 12:15 PM

2:30 PM to 1:30 PM

1:30 PM to 02:15 PM

Venue – Main Hall, Novotel, HICC, Hyderabad

22nd Nov 2013

02:15 PM to 03:00 PM

Guest Lecture/ Speaker
Dr.S.P.Thyagarajan,
Professor & Dean, Sri Ramachandra
University, Chennai
Topic
Session: HIV/Virology
Topic: HBV/HCV/HIV co-infection
scenario in India

04:00 PM to 04:15 PM

04:15 PM to 05:00 PM

Tea Break
Dr. Bharath S. Parekh, Team Leader,
Serology/Incidence, Division of
Global HIV/AIDS, CDC, Atlanta
Session: HIV
**Topic: Distinguishing recent from long-term
HIV infections: Why and how?**
Executive Council Meeting(Board Room)

06:00 PM to 07:00 PM

Venue – Mini Hall - 1, Novotel, HICC, Hyderabad

22nd Nov 2013

02:15 PM to 03:00 PM

Speaker
Dr. Ajay Sahni, Professor & Head
Microbiology and Virology,
AFMC, Pune
Topic
Session: Virology
Topic: Emerging Arboviral infections in
India – A diagnostic challenge

04:00 PM to 04:15 PM

04:15 PM to 05:00 PM

Tea Break
Dr. G. Arun Kumar, Associate Professor, Virology
Laboratory, Dept. of Microbiology, KMC, Manipal
Session: Virology
Topic: Emerging respiratory viruses

22nd Nov 2013

02:15 PM to 03:00 PM

Venue - Mini Hall – 2, Novotel, HICC, Hyderabad**Speaker**

Dr. V. Sritharan, Consultant & Head, Dept. of Molecular Diagnostics & Biomarkers, Global Hospitals, Hyderabad

Topic

Session: Immunology
Topic: Biomarkers of sepsis

04:00 PM to 04:15 PM

04:15 PM to 05:00 PM

Tea Break

Dr. CN Chaudhari, Professor, Dept. of Microbiology, AFMC, Pune

Session : Immunology

Topic : T-regulatory cells in infectious diseases

22nd Nov 2013

02:15 PM to 03:00 PM

Speaker

Dr. Darlene Miller, Assistant Research Professor, Dept of Ophthalmology and the Scientific Director of the Ocular Microbiology Laboratory-Bascom Palmer Eye Institute/ Anne Bates Leach Eye Hospital, University of Miami School of Medicine.

Topic

Session: Mycology
Topic: Ocular mycology

04:00 PM to 04:15 PM

04:15 PM to 05:00 PM

Tea Break

Dr. R. Ravikumar, Professor & Head, Neuromicrobiology, NIMHANS, Bangalore

Session: Mycology

Topic: Fungal Infections of CNS

Venue – Mini Hall – 3, Novotel, HICC, Hyderabad**Speaker**

Dr. M. Vasudeva Murali, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Gandhi Hospital, Secunderabad

Topic

Session: Clinical Microbiology
Topic: An approach to a case of a febrile child

22nd Nov 2013

02:15 PM to 03:00 PM

04:00 PM to 04:15 PM

04:15 PM to 05:00 PM

Tea Break

Dr. Anuradha De, Professor, Dept. Of Microbiology, L.T.M. Medical College, Sion, Mumbai

Session: Anaerobic Microbiology

Topic: An overview of nonsporing anaerobic infections

Venue – Mini Hall – 4, Novotel, HICC, Hyderabad**Speaker**

Qiagen

Topic

Session: Molecular Biology

22nd Nov 2013

02:15 PM to 03:00 PM

04:00 PM to 04:15 PM

04:15 PM to 05:00 PM

Tea Break

Dr. Radha Rangarajan, CEO, Vitas Pharma, Technology Business Incubator, University of Hyderabad, Gachibowli, Hyderabad

Session: Bacteriology

Topic: Novel drug discovery for the treatment of multidrug resistant infections

Venue – Mini Hall – 5, Novotel, HICC, Hyderabad**Speaker**

Dr. Guido Hennig, *Senior Global Scientific Affairs Manager, Molecular Diagnostics, Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics, Germany*

Topic

Session: Molecular Biology
Topic: Fully Automated Nucleic Acid Isolation from Formalin-Fixed, Paraffin Embedded (FFPE) Tissue – A Step Forward for Standardizing Molecular Biology

22nd Nov 2013

02:15 PM to 03:00 PM

04:00 PM to 04:15 PM

04:15 PM to 05:00 PM

Tea Break

Dr. Michael Palm, Director of Marketing for Abbott Molecular

Session: Molecular Biology

Topic: Impact of Viral Load on Hepatitis Management – Today & Tomorrow

23rd November, 2013 (Saturday) – Forenoon**Venue – Main Hall, Novotel, HICC, Hyderabad**

08:00 AM Onwards

08:30 AM to 09:45 AM

09:45 AM to 10:00 AM

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Registration

IAMM Quiz; Quiz Master : Dr. Mahantesh B Nagmoti**Tea Break****IAMM Symposium** The Future of Clinical Microbiology in the 21st Century'**Moderator : Lt Gen D. Raghunath**

Discussion

IAMM General Body Meeting - Main Hall**LUNCH**

11:50 AM to 12:00 PM

12:00 PM to 01:00 PM

01:00 PM to 02:00 PM

Venue – Main Hall, Novotel, HICC, Hyderabad**Speaker**

Dr. Barbara L. Zimmer, Head, Scientific Affairs, Microbiology Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics, USA

Topic

Session: Bacteriology,
Title: How CLSI Sets Breakpoints, and 2013 Changes in Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing

23rd Nov 2013

02:15 PM to 03:00 PM

04:00 PM to 04:15 PM

Tea Break

06:00 PM to 07:00 PM	Plenary Session by Dr. Madhukar Pai, Associate Professor, McGill University, Associate Director, McGill International TB Centre, Dept of Epidemiology & Biostatistics, Canada	
07:00 PM Onwards	Banquet at NOVOTEL, HICC	
	Venue – Mini Hall – 1, Novotel, HICC, Hyderabad	
23 rd Nov 2013	Speaker	Topic
02:15 PM to 03:00 PM	Dr. Jayanthi Shastri, Prof & Head, Dept. of Microbiology, T.N.MC & B.Y.L.Nair Hospital, Mumbai	Session: HIV Topic: Early Infant Diagnosis of HIV
04:00 PM to 04:15 PM	Tea Break	
	Venue – Mini Hall – 2, Novotel, HICC, Hyderabad	
23 rd Nov 2013	Speaker	Topic
02:15 PM to 03:00 PM	Dr. Surbhi Malhotra Kumar, Associate Professor, Vaccine & Infectious Diseases Institute, Belgium	Session: Bacteriology Topic: Multi Drug Resistant Organisms (MDRO)
04:00 PM to 04:15 PM	Tea Break	
	Venue – Mini Hall – 3, Novotel, HICC, Hyderabad	
23 rd Nov 2013	Speaker	Topic
02:15 PM to 03:00 PM	Dr. G.Satyanarayana, Professor, Head of the Dept of Surgical Gastroenterology, Kamineni Hospitals	Session: Clinical Microbiology Topic: Surgical Infections
04:00 PM to 04:15 PM	Tea Break	
	Venue – Mini Hall – 4, Novotel, HICC, Hyderabad	
23 rd Nov 2013	Speaker	Topic
02:15 PM to 03:00 PM	Dr. Priya Abraham, Professor and Former Head, Dept. of Clinical Virology, CMC, Vellore, TN	Session: Virology Topic: HPV
04:00 PM to 04:15 PM	Tea Break	
	Venue – Mini Hall – 5, Novotel, HICC, Hyderabad	
23 rd Nov 2013	Speaker	Topic
02:15 PM to 03:00 PM	Dr. Chand Wattal, Chairman, Dept of Clinical Micro & ImmuGRIPMER, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi.	Session: Bacteriology Title: Know your bugs in minutes
04:00 PM to 04:15 PM	Tea Break	
04:15 PM to 05:00 PM	Dr. Alberto LERNER General Manager CHROM agar, Paris, France	Session: Bacteriology Title: Chromogenic technology
	Venue – Mini Hall – 6, Novotel, HICC, Hyderabad	
23 rd Nov 2013	Speaker	Topic
02:15 PM to 03:00 PM	Dr. Manjula Sritharan, Professor & Head, Dept of Animal Sciences, UOH	Session: Immunology Topic: Host pathogen interactions with reference to leptospira & TB
04:00 PM to 04:15 PM	Tea Break	
04:15 PM to 05:00 PM	Dr. Saxena, Senior Scientist & Leader (Infectious Diseases), CCMB, Hyderabad	Session: Virology Topic: Molecular mechanism of host defence during JEV infection

Symposium on “Epidemics & Emerging Infections”

Venue - MAIN HALL, Novotel, HICC

24 th Nov 2013	Speaker	Topic
08:30 AM to 08:45 AM	Introduction	
09:00 AM to 09:30 AM	Dr. Manish Kakkar, Senior Public Health Specialist, Communicable Diseases and Adjunct Assistant Professor, PHFI, New Delhi	Zoonoses
09:45 AM to 10:15 AM	Dr. C.N.Paramsivan, Head of TB Programme, FIND (India) & South East Asia, New Delhi	Experience in rolling out newer TB diagnostics across the country under RNTCP
10:30 AM to 11:00 AM	Tea Break	
11:00 AM to 11:30 AM	Dr. Neena Valecha, Scientist G and Director, National Institute of Malaria Research (NIMR-ICMR), New Delhi.	Epidemiology and Control of Malaria
11:45 AM to 12:15 PM	Dr. Lalit Dandona, Distinguished Research Professor and Director, Wellcome Trust Capacity Building Programme, PHFI, New Delhi	Health system and policy research relevant for epidemics and emerging infections
12:30 PM to 01:00 PM	WRAPUP	
01:00 PM to 01:30 PM	Valedictory Function	
01:30 PM Onwards	Lunch	

POSTER AND PAPER PRESENTATION TIME TABLE WILL BE DISPLAYED AT VENUE

Notice for the General Body Meeting Hyderabad

Venue Main Hall Novotel, HICC, Hyderabad

Date; 23rd Nov2013

Dear Members,

General Body meeting will be held during National Conference of IAMM on 23rd Nov 2013 between 12 noon and 1.30 pm. Please note the timings and make it convenient to attend the same.

Agenda

1. To confirm the GB meeting held at Lady Hardinge Medical College New Delhi.
2. Action taken on the minutes of the GB Meeting
3. Secretary's annual report- Dr MB Nagamoti
4. Editors report and statements of accounts- Dr Arti Kapil
5. Presentation of annual statements of accounts by Treasurer- Dr DK Mendiratta.
6. Report of IAMM EQAS programme (by Co-Ordinator) –Prof HN Madhavan & Dr Lilly Therese
7. EQAS centre report – Dr Chand Wattal
8. Selection of topic IAMM symposium for 38th IAMM
9. Announcement of Venue for the 38th IAMM conference.
10. Decision of Various awards
 - Dr SC Agarwal oration award
 - Dr HI Jhala award
 - IAMM Endowment oration award
 - Dr UC Chaturvedi life time achievement award
11. Election of office bearers;
 - President of the IAMM 2014
14. Any other matter with permission from chair.

Dr Mahantesh B Nagamoti
Secretary IAMM

Request to Local Chapter Secretaries and Presidents

We are planning to have special meeting at Hyderabad with chapter secretaries and Presidents. Please contact Dr MB Nagamoti Secretary IAMM by mail for further information.

**The executive Council of IAMM
wishes all members a Happy Deepavali.**

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