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## President's Message

Dear Members of IAMM,

Welcome to Puducherry and for the Microcon-2015 at JIPMER !

As the President of IAMM (2015) this is my third and final message to you all.

I am sure that most of you will be getting ready to participate in the Microcon-2015 to be held at JIPMER, Puducherry. Dr.B.N.Harish and Dr.S.Sujatha and their active team of Organizing Committee are making all necessary arrangements to offer you a memorable feast scientifically, socially and of course gastronomically. Besides you will have the taste of French culture and culinary as well as a visit to Arbindo Ashram and Auroville, the city of peace situated near JIPMER.

Our Association-IAMM have well grown in many ways. We have established affiliations with leading Microbiological societies like IUMS.,ASM and this year with ISID. Our Microbiologists are getting recognized globally and the standards of teaching, research and training are improving day by day. Many CMEs are being organized under the auspices of IAMM Chapters in many parts of India. Our journal IJMM is one of the leading Indian journals with good impact factor. I am sure that this will improve further in the near future. Here I specially appreciate and thank Dr.Arti Kapil, Editor-in-Chief of IJMM and the Editorial Committee members for publishing our journal excellently and in time.

I thank our Secretary Dr.Mahantesh B. Nagamoti for executing a marvelous job during his term 2013 2015,Members of Executive Committee and the IAMM members for their wholehearted cooperation extended to me during my tenure as the President of IAMM.

Expecting to meet you at Puducherry

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## FORTH COMING EVENTS

1. National workshop 'PCR techniques' (29th -30th Oct 2015) and Symposium on ' Molecular Techniques in Diagnosis & Research' ( 31st Oct 2015) at Mahatma Gandhi Medical College & Research Institute Pillayarakuppam Puducherry-03. Contact person; Dr Balanehru S. Deputy Director CIDRF cell 09488806457 email; balanehrus@cidrf.res.in
2. SIHAM 2016; 11<sup>th</sup> National conference of society of Indian Human and Animal Mycologists. organized by Department of Microbiology, IGMC, Shimla (HP) Date; 18 to 20 March 2016. Venue; Kufri Holiday resort. Kufri , District Shimal (HP). Contact; Org Secretary; Prof. Dr. Dig Vijay Singh [priondigvijaysingh@gmail.com](mailto:priondigvijaysingh@gmail.com) 09418470678.
3. IAMM Maharashtra chapter; 21<sup>st</sup> MahaMicrocon 2015. Theme -"Current trends: Meeting the challenges". Pre conf CME on "Airborne Infection Control" on 8th Oct 2015. Venue; Lokmanya Tilak Municipal Medical College, Mumbai. Organizing Secretary - Dr. Sujata Baveja, Professor & Head, Department of Microbiology Mumbai. Email; mahamicrocon2015@gmail.com Cell no; 09820285326.
4. IAMM AP chapter; XIX IAMM TAPC Chapter Annual State Conference Dates; 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2016. Venue; : Dept of Microbiology, S.V.S. Medical College, Mahabub Nagar. contact Person Dr DS Murthy. Secretary, I A M M T A P C Chapter. e - mail ; iammapchapter@yahoo.co.in Ph. 9440341099.

## OBITUARY



### Dr. N. P. Gupta

Dr Narendra Prakash Gupta, doyen of Microbial sciences has passed away on 30th July 2015. He was 92 year old. He is alumni of KG Medical College Lucknow and passed his MD (Path & Bact). After the training at London School of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene & Serum Institute of Copenhagen Denmark he joined back the KGMC Lucknow, as reader and made the department as Centre for Microbiological activity in India. Later he became Director of Virus Research Centre (later became NIV) Pune and changed the scope of the Institute. Later he moved to ICMR Head Quarters New Delhi as Senior Deputy Director General (1978). He was one of the great teacher and guided nearly 100 students in the field of Medicine and Microbiology.

His demise is a great loss to the community of microbiologists. We condole his demise and express deepest sympathies to his family members.

## Secretary's Message

### Dear Members,

Wish you and your family "A Very Happy and Prosperous Deepawali".



It is second time that we are meeting at JIPMER Puducherry on the occasion of IAMM conference after a memorable conference in the year 1995. The countdown for Microcon-2015 has begun; Dr Harish B N and his team under the patronage of two eminent past and one present Presidents along with two Ex-Secretaries of IAMM have geared up to welcome us at Microcon-2015. I have no doubt in my mind that, this conference will be successful and offer us a fruitful and enjoyable experience.

I am happy to inform you that, during my tenure as Secretary of IAMM, seven past Presidents; Dr R C Mahajan, Dr S P Thyagarajan, Lt. Gen. D Raghunath, Dr C S Patil, Col. A Nagendra, Dr Renu Bharadwaj & Dr V Ravi, Editor, IJMM; Dr Arti Kapil and Executive Committee Members (past & present); Dr V M Katoch, Dr B M Hemashettar, Dr Satish Patil, Dr Mangala Ghatole and Dr B V Peerapur have visited the Secretary's office and guided me in smooth conduction of IAMM activities.

This being the last News Letter during my tenure, I wholeheartedly thank all the members for having placed faith in me and supported over the last three years. I am grateful to Dr Reba Kanungo, Dr Pratibha Narang and Dr J Shanmugam for their constant and untiring support. I thank all the other Past Presidents for their guidance. My heartfelt thanks to my senior IAMM Secretaries; Dr Nagendra, Dr V Ravi, Dr Abhay Chowdhary and Dr Ranganathan Iyer for taming me, in following their footsteps. My sincere thanks are also due to EC members, for their supportive inputs on continuous development of our Association.

I shall fail in my duties, if I do not thank the Vice chancellor , Registrar KLE University, Principal and the staff of Department of Microbiology, J.N. Medical College, Belgaum for their co-operation without which this task was just impossible.

Last but not least, I thank the technology (electronic media), which enabled me to respond quickly to your queries and suggestions round the clock. I have put in sincere efforts to justify my role as Secretary however, there might have been some lapses, for which I humbly apologize.

I request everyone to attend the General body meeting at Microcon-2015 and provide your valuable suggestions for strengthening IAMM. The agenda for the same are enclosed in the News letter.

Looking forward to meeting you all at Puducherry.

Your's Sincerely,  
**Dr Mahantesh B. Nagamoti**  
 Secretary- IAMM

## NEWS FROM LOCAL CHAPTERS

### 1. IAMM WB-

- a. Elections were conducted (16-05-2015) and New Office bearers elected. Prof. Parthajit Banerjee President and Prof. Monideepa Sengupta. Secretary, WB Chapter. Handing over meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2015 at 2.30 PM.
- b. Chapter conference held at Medical College Kolkatta on 20th Sept 2015.

### 2. IAMM KC;

- a. First Quarterly meet was organized by Department of Microbiology, Basaveshwara Medical College and Hospital, Chitradurga on 07-06-2015. A CME on "Fight against HIV – Where do we stand" was conducted as a part of this meet. Total of 240 delegates attended the meet.
- b. Second quarterly meet held at AJ Institute of Medical Sciences Mangalore on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2015. Dr Arunaloke Chakrabarti PGI ,Chandigarh, Dr B.Hemashettar,Belgaum,Dr Prakash KMC,Manipal ,Dr Chakrapani Associate Dean ,KMC, Mangalore , Dr Manjunath Shenoy HOD Dermatology, Yenepoya Medical College ,Manglore and Dr Jayanti Savio, St John's Medical College, Bangalore were resource persons. There were three interesting case presentation were discussed. Dr Nagarathamma President of IAMM-KC and her team were present. The CME was well attended 150 delegates.

### 3. IAMM-Delhi Chapter

- a. First quarterly meeting for the year 2015 was organised on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 in VMMC & Associated Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi. The theme of the meeting was '**Tropical Diseases**'. The meeting was attended by 150 delegates, . abstract from 21 members, and only 20 posters were presented at the meeting.
- b. The second IAMM- Delhi Chapter meet of 2015 was organized on 8th August 2015 at Sri Balaji Action Medical Institute (SBAMI), New Delhi with Dr. Anju Gomber as the organizing secretary. 120 delegates attended the meeting. General body meeting was held and resolutions were passed approving the recommendations to the syllabus of MD Clinical Microbiology submitted to the MCI.

### 4. TN Chapter;

- a. Two CMEs organized; *Autoimmune Diseases- Diagnosis and Interpretation* at Microbiological Laboratory, Coimbatore - 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2014 & *SEPCON-2014* at Theni Medical College – 13<sup>th</sup> June 2014
- b. First Stale level Conference- VIN Micro for two days was organized by Vinayaka Mission Medical College , Kirubanandha Variyar Medical College, Salem on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> July
- c. The workshops organized; Three workshops were organized during this term by Dr. K.M Mythreyee, Workshop on WHONET on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at Theni Medical College.
5. EQAS Meeting of Delhi centre was conducted and Dr. Chand Wattal, Dr. B.L. Sherwal, Dr. Neeraj Goel, Dr. Jaswinder Oberoi, Dr. Gaurav Dhaka were attended the meeting at LHMC New Delhi
6. IAMM Guwahati; CME was organised by IAMM - Guwahati Chapter on 2nd of May 2015. The theme of the CME was "Antimicrobial susceptibility testing : challenges and way forward" The CME was attended by around 100 participants from different parts of North east. Participants had come from Arunachal Pradesh, Dibrugarh, Silchar, Tezpur and Barpeta. The meet was organised by Dr Syed Tanwir Alam IAMM - Guwahati Chapter Secretary Dept. of Microbiology Gauhati Medical College Guwahati - 32

### 7. UPMICROCON-2015: A Report

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Association of Medical Microbiologists-UP Chapter was organized by Department of Microbiology on 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 under the chapter Secretary ship of Dr Pradyot Prakash. The theme of the conference was "Bioinformatics in Clinical Microbiology". The conference was preceded by Pre conference CME "Bioinformatics in Clinical Microbiology: Sequence and Genome analysis" on 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2015. The conference was attended by 150 delegates from different Medical colleges of Uttar Pradesh and Uttara khand.

## Scientific program of the Microcon 2015 conference

Date	Time	Sessions
27.11.15	8.30 am -10.30 am	IAMM Orations ; Presidential / Dr SC Agarwal / IAMM Endowment. Junior Best paper Presentation
	11 am - 1 pm	IAMM Sessions
	6 pm	Inauguration ceremony
28.11.2015	8.30 am - 9.30	IAMM Quiz
	9.30 am -11 am	IAMM Symposium
	11 am - 1 pm	IAMM Student symposium
	2 pm onwards	Award papers /posters
	12 noon	General body meeting
29.11.2015	1 pm	Valedictory function

## Notice for the General Body Meeting at JIPMER Puducherry.

Venue; Auditorium JIPMER Pondicherry.

Dear Members,

General body meeting will be held during National Conference of IAMM on 28th November 2015 at 12 noon in JIPMER Auditorium at JIPMER campus Puducherry. Please note the timings and make it convenient to attend the same.

### AGENDA

1. To confirm the minutes of EC meeting held at SMS Jaipur in Nov 2014.
2. Secretary's Annual report report and Statement of Expenditure 2015- Dr MB Nagamoti.
3. Editor's annual report and statement of accounts. Dr Arti Kapil.
4. Treasurer Report - Dr Anju Kagal
5. Report of IAMMEQAS – Co-Ordinator
  - a. Dr HN Madhavan & Dr Lilly Therese (South centre)
  - b. Dr Chand Wattal ( North centre)
6. Decision of various awards for 2015.
  - a. Dr SC Agarwal oration award
  - b. IAMM Endowment oration award
  - b. Dr HI Jhala award
  - d. Dr UC Chaturvedi life time Achievement award
7. Selection of topic for the IAMM symposium 2015
8. Selection of topic / Co-Ordinator for the IAMM Student symposium 2016
9. Election of office bearers for the year 2016 (Nominations invited to the Post)
10. Confirmation of the Venue for XXX IAMM conference - 2016 Dept of Microbiology PGI Chandigarh & Org secretary – Dr Arunloke Chakraborty.
11. Consider the point from the members. Any other matter with the permission from chair.
  - Out sourcing the conferences
  - MCI MD syllabus- Dr Wattal's report
  - EQAS New Delhi- Molecular EQAS for MTB

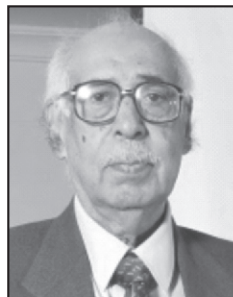
**Dr. Mahantesh B. Nagamoti**  
Secretary IAMM

*Number of Life members; 2742  
EQAS participants; New Delhi (North) 350  
and Chennai (South) 559*

## OBITUARY

### **Dr. C. S. Bhaskaran**

(9-12-1932 to 6-7-2015)



Dr. C.S. Bhaskaran sir, renowned Microbiologist and educationist, passed away on the afternoon of 6-7-2015 at Hyderabad. He is the founder member of IAMM and was Born on December 9, 1932, graduated in Medicine from Madras University, and took M.D.

(Bact & Path) from Andhra University (Guntur Medical College, Guntur). He served / established Microbiology Departments at many medical colleges of AP. He worked as Director of Medical Education- AP, Director, Institute of Preventive Medicine and Public Health Laboratory Services (IPM, Hyderabad) and Vice Chancellor of N.T.R. University of Health Sciences in Andhra Pradesh.

He was President & Emeritus Professor of NAMS and recipient of many Fellowships / awards from India and abroad, like Honorary Doctorates & Dr. B.C. Roy National by (MCI), Dr. H.I. Jhala Award (IAMM), Dr. Siva Reddy Award, and Dr. U.C. Chaturvedi Life Time Achievement (IAMM) award etc

His demise is a great loss to our Association and the community of microbiologists. We condole his demise and express deepest sympathies to his family members.

### **Dr. Suniti Solomon**

(1938 or 1939 – 28 July 2015)



Famous HIV researcher, Dr Suniti Solomon, first to bring to the world the prevalence of HIV in India in 1986 and one who successfully led research into the treatment of HIV and AIDS, passed away at her residence in Chennai on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2015. She was 76 and had

been under treatment for two months for liver cancer. She studied medicine at the Madras Medical College. In 1986, Dr Suniti Solomon was working as the professor of microbiology at the Madras Medical college.

She also published papers extensively on HIV epidemiology, prevention, care, support and related gender issues. In 2012, she was given the Lifetime Achievement Award for Service on HIV/AIDS by the state. In 2009, the Ministry of Science and Technology conferred the 'National Women Bio-scientist Award' on her. She is also a fellow of NAMS New Delhi and had served on several boards, Scientific Committees.

Her demise is a great loss to our Association and the community of microbiologists. We condole her demise and express deepest sympathies to her family members.

## EQAS 2014 (UNDER THE AUSPICES OF IAMM)

ANALYSIS OF QC DISTRIBUTIONS 1,2,3 & 4 (2014) NORTH & NORTH EAST CENTRE (DELHI)  
PERFORMANCES OF LABORATORIES ON FIXED SMEARS, CULTURE IDENTIFICATION & SEROLOGY

QC NO.	DESCRIPTION	CONTENTS	LABORATORIES (%) GIVING CORRECT RESULTS
1	Pus smear - gram stain	polymorphonuclear cells, GPCs in cluster, suggestive of staphylococcal infection	79.18%
	Bacterial Culture	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	84.38%
	HbsAg	Negative	99.50%
2	BAL smear - gram stain	polymorphonuclear cells, gram positive branching filamentous bacilli/ gram negative cocco-bacilli, suggestive of nocardia with GNB pneumonia	47.60%
	Bacterial Culture	<i>Enterococcus faecium</i>	54.41%
	RPR	Reactive (1:4 Dilution)	50.00%
3	Sputum smear - Ziehl Neelsen stain	AFB Seen	96.16%
	Bacterial Culture	<i>E.coli</i>	92.40%
	HCV	Reactive	95.80%
4	CSF Smear - gram stain	occasionally lymphocytes, gram positive budding yeast cells, suggestive of <i>Cryptococcus neoformans</i>	47.94%
	Bacterial Culture	<i>Salmonella paratyphi B</i>	42.90%*
	HIV	Non Reactive	99.31%

\* 55.90% mentioned ID upto Genus only.

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

**Dr. Jaswinder Oberoi**  
joint co-Ordinators IAMM EQAS DELHI

**Dr. Neeral Goel**

joint co-Ordinators IAMM EQAS DELHI

### ASM-ICIDN Registration Grants for SAARC Microbiologists

With a support of the **American Society for Microbiology (ASM)**, Washington DC, USA, and the **Organizing Committee of ICIDN-2015** has established a program: “**ASM-ICIDN Registration Grants for SAAARC Microbiologists**” to facilitate the participation of microbiologists from SAARC region in ICIDN-2015, Kathmandu. Under this program, up to **ten (10) young microbiologists** from SAARC nations, who wish to attend and present at the ICIDN-2015, will be awarded with full registration fees grants.

Eligibility criteria for application :

-Applicant must be a member of ASM

-Applicant must be a citizen and current resident of the following SAARC nations: *Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri-Lanka*

-Applicant should be either student or young scientist under 35 years as of December 15, 2015.

Apply by **August 31, 2015.**

Detail information is available at <http://www.icidn2015.com/Grants.php>.

## PLEASE NOTE

Travel Grant Awards for Young Investigators from India: With generous support from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, ISID will support approximately 100 young investigators from India to attend the 17th ICID and present their work during one of the poster or oral sessions. Awards will be made based on individual eligibility and on abstract quality.

The award includes reimbursement of approved travel expenses, registration for the congress and, where needed, airport transfers in Hyderabad and hotel accommodation.

### **Eligibility and Application Procedure:**

1. Applicants must be less than 40 years of age as of November 1, 2015.
2. Applicants must be based in India.
3. To apply, interested applicants must submit an abstract describing their own original research to the 17th ICID as presenting author.
4. If you wish to apply for these Awards please check the appropriate box on the 'affirmations' page while submitting your abstract.

## Congratulations / Achievements

1. Dr. Savitri Sharma, Past President of IAMM, received the American Academy of Ophthalmology's Senior Achievement Award in June 2015.
2. IAMM ASM travel grant 2015; Dr to Dr Sushma N Pednekar Pune ( Life member - 1821) Dr M Jaikishen from Chennai (LM- LM 2694)
3. a) Dr J Shanmugam Elected as the Fellow of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (UK)  
b) Dr J Shanmugam invited to deliver an update talk on Arboviral Infections in India and South East Asia, in the 5th World Congress of Virology to be held at Atlanta, USA from 7th to 9th December, 2015.

## Dear Members,

**Please circulate this News letter with your colleagues and Members**

*Executive Council of IAMM wishes all the members a Happy Deepawali.*

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Secretary IAMM

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