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President's Message

Greetings from Dharwad...!

Time is flying fast. The Chandigarh conference flyers are harbingering the ensuing conference. The dates for submission of abstract etc. are approaching. A lot of young minds are getting ready to be part of the annual mega event. Hope the delegates will assemble there in large number to enjoy and gain from top quality academics.

Attending such events always invokes a strange feeling in my mind as it conspicuously projects a big disconcert, a void between the laboratories. This is a divide between 'haves and have-nots'. We are Indians. India is a mammoth country. We are developing. Health care is yet to reach the periphery and the extreme peripheral areas do not have adequate access, even to, primary health care. Laboratories in the peripheral areas are devoid of infrastructure. Qualified people working in remote areas do not have access, even to the basic needs. Red Tapism is still thwarting the growth and development. This is true not only for villages and block levels but also to tertiary care centers, especially in the Govt. sector in urban areas. Many Govt. institutes of 40 and 50 years standing do not have PCR laboratories, ELISA systems or fluorescence microscopy facilities. When workers from these laboratories attend the conferences they are completely bewildered and get a jittery feeling; are frustrated as many a times the lectures and discussions on the dais are beyond their experience and hence comprehension.

For the elites in the subject, a talk or paper is considered hollow if there is no molecular biology there. Are we indicating that that classical microbiology is has lost its utility? Has it become an obsolete science?

The science is widening and pacing ahead with leaps and bounds. PCR has become a yesterday's term. The latest craze is MALDI-TOF. With all these instruments and gadgets what have we done so far, is the big question. Let us take a case of tuberculosis. This is a frightening problem. A lot of funds are infused into tuberculosis research. Early detection is the key to roll back the epidemic. PCR is the best technique for early diagnosis of extrapulmonary tuberculosis. There are centres in the country working with PCR for last 25 years. Do we have a researched, standardized, validated and published protocol for TB-PCR and have any of the esteemed tuberculosis laboratories given these protocols to the nation? Set aside the case of developing indigenous test. Have we compared and declared a few commercial kits as good or satisfactory for the diagnosis of tuberculosis and taken an effort to propagate the information to the fraternity? All the commercial houses claim that their test is the best. But in reality, not a single TB-PCR kit has earned confidence among the end users. Is there a steady supply of reliable commercial kits for TB-PCR in our country? Look at it against the H1N1 epidemic. The WHO quickly published primers and detailed protocols for the PCR test. This was sufficient for the brilliant workers to quickly launch a reliable test and help the community.

A scientific mind cannot be against development. Early incorporation of advanced methods, techniques etc. is a must. But development should be with responsibility. We must be careful to see that we are not falling in the trap of market driven development. Can we negotiate the country's health problems with machines and gadgets consuming millions?

Small diagnostic laboratories do not expect funds, equipment or reagents. Provide them the technical knowhow and intellectual support and they will be great comrades in the battle against infections. So many infections need urgent attention. The disease burden is basically in the periphery.



Time has come to think seriously about creation and disseminate reliable, authentic and dependable information. This will help the laboratory physicians to provide care at site and don't have to ship the samples to regional centres. IAMM, as an organisation, needs to come forward and develop and publish robust, standard, stringently tested protocols for important infections like tuberculosis, typhoid, diarrheas, malaria, dengue, leptospirosis, scrub typhus etc. To cite a common example, why should our website not have IAMM's stand on Candida isolated from sputum or urine? This is what the workers across the country are looking for. We need to strive hard to bring uniformity in the protocols for diagnosis of infections. It is the responsibility of the association to provide explicit, clear guidelines to its members for day to day problems in the diagnosis of infections. The microbiologists of the country are looking at us with expectation we must not disappoint them. This is my earnest entreaty to the outstanding members of the organisation to come forward positively and begin an effort to bring uniformity to the practice of Medical Microbiology in our country.

Dr. R. D. Kulkarni
President, IAMM

From the desk of Secretary.....

Dear Members,

I hope we all had abundant joy this spring in the company of good friends and family. I'm reflecting on how privileged I am to have the opportunity to be the Secretary of this growing and inspiring prestigious association, Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists.

We have accomplished many wonderful things over the years with the continued support and encouragement of all the past Presidents, the present President, Dr. Kulkarni, and not to forget the mention of the actively working esteemed EC Members/Members who strive to take our association to newer heights.

The preparations for the Chandigarh Conference (Microcon-2016) in November are in full swing and Dr. Chakrabarti and Dr. Ray along with colleagues intend to put up a dynamic and stimulating conference. I personally request all the members to attend this wonderful programme and to be part of its proceedings.

I am planning to undertake a project on "Lab Mapping" involving all the IAMM Executives. The main objective of this project is to utilize the disease diagnostic capacity of the microbiological laboratories which are not a part of any well-established networks by assessing their Biosafety-Biosecurity status and their Biorisk management capacities.

As I always stress upon addition of more platinum members to the IAMM, it is overwhelming to announce that the company bioMérieux has agreed to become one of our Platinum members.

My sincerest congratulations to our new IAMM-EQAS centre at CMC, Vellore and thanks to the previous centre at Chennai for their excellent work so far and I also thank the members of EQAS subcommittee.

Here's wishing one and all healthy summers full of happiness and sunshine!

Dr. B.L. Sherwal
Secretary, IAMM



XXXX Annual National Conference of the IAMM Chandigarh, November 23-27, 2016

We are all well aware that Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh is hosting the MICROCON-2016 from 23rd – 27th November, 2016.

The venue was approved at the General Body Meeting during MICROCON-2015 at JIPMER, Puducherry. It is going to be a very good transition from MICROCON 2015 being held in one Union Territory on sea shore of South India to MICROCON 2016 to be held in another Union Territory on the foothills of North India.

At the conference, we desire to have a stimulating, futuristic, application oriented and out of the box scientific programme. The conference will be preceded by about three CMEs and eighteen workshops.

The topics for CMEs are "Rapid and point of care tests", "Respiratory infections: Contemporary issues" and "Neglected infectious diseases". There are a host of proposed topics for the workshops that will cover futuristic technologies like next generation sequencing, MALDI-TOF, etc. and contemporary issues like assessment of virulence of bacteria, investigations of foodborne infections and many more.

The registration details are given on the website. The last date for availing the Early Bird offer was 30th April.

We are thankful to our delegates for participating in the conference and cordially invite more delegates to witness it.

Dates	: November 23 rd -27 th , 2016
CME & Workshop	: November 23 rd -24 th , 2016
Venue	: PGIMER, Chandigarh
Theme of the conference	: Microbes, Man and Machine - The Way Forward
Organizing Chairperson	: Dr. Arunaloake Chakrabarti
Organizing Secretary	: Dr. Pallab Ray Dept. of Medical Microbiology PGIMER, Sector-12, Chandigarh- 160012 (India).
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Outgoing Executive Council Members

The following IAMM members have served as Executive council members from 2013 to 2015.

1. Dr. Basavaraj M Hemashettar. Belgaum LM 107
2. Dr. B.L. Sherwal, New Delhi. LM 1676
3. Dr. Shampa Anupurba. Varanasi. LM 375
4. Dr. Satish R Patil Karad. LM 608
5. Dr. Shrikar Mallya Mangalore. LM 849
6. Dr. Basavaraj. V Peerapur. Raichur LM 1113.

NEWS FROM IAMM CHAPTERS

Event Report for UPMICROCON 2016 organised by Department of Microbiology, Dr. RML Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi

The theme of the Conference was "Awareness Leads the Strategy to Control Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs) and Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs)". The Organising Chairperson of the Conference was Dr Sen, Professor of Microbiology, Dr RMLIMS and Organising Secretary - Dr Vineeta Mittal, Head, Department of Microbiology, Dr RMLIMS.

In CME on 'Latest Trends in STDs/STIs' on 5th February; Dr Sen, Professor of Microbiology, Dr RMLIMS, , Dr JV Singh, Professor, Community Medicine, Lucknow. , Dr Sunil Sethi, Professor of Microbiology, PGIMER, Chandigarh, Dr Jyotsna Agarwal, Dr Pradyot Prakash, Dr Vimala Venkatesh and Dr Rakesh Agarwal deliberated their talk on different aspects of STDs and STIs.

There was release of Conference souvenir and printed newsletter of Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists-Uttar Pradesh and UttaraKhand Chapter.

In the first session of the conference, there was PG Quiz and presentation of oral papers for award. Prof. UC Chaturvedi oration award was bestowed upon Prof KN Prasad from SGPGIMS, Lucknow for his research on *Helicobacter pylori* vs. *Epstein Barr Virus* Infections in Gastric Cancer.

In the second session, Dr Sunil Sethi, Professor, Department of Microbiology, PGIMER, Chandigarh updated the audience on Advances in molecular diagnosis of Sexually Transmitted Diseases. Dr Manju Bala, Professor in VMMC, New Delhi stressed upon the need for antimicrobial surveillance of Gonorrhoea for its effective management.

In this conference approximately 100 research papers were presented in different competitive and open categories. Approximately 200 delegates participated in the conference.

XIX Annual Conference of IAMM, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh Combined Chapter

Dr. Vasanti Kabra Professor and Head of Department of Microbiology, S.V.S. Medical college, Mahabubnagar conducted the conference as Organizing secretary. About 250 faculty and postgraduates participated in the conference. The pre-conference CME was conducted on 29-01-2016 on "recent advances in clinical and microbiological aspects of Mycotic infections". Dr. Uma Tendulkar, Mumbai, Dr. P. Umabala, & Dr. Ranganathan Iyer, Hyderabad delivered lecture. Afternoon, there was discussion on Processing of Clinical specimens in Mycology Laboratory by Dr. Anupama Jyothi Kindo, Chennai.

On the first day of conference, on 30-1-2016, many of the postgraduates and faculty presented papers in various competitions of presenting their research work papers.

The prestigious Dr. C.S. Bhaskaran award papers were presented. Dr. Kola Rajyalakshmi Memorial oration was delivered by Dr. T.V.Rao from Travancore Medical College, Kollam, on "the emerging technologies in diagnostic microbiology and challenges to the young microbiologists".

.Dr. Ranganathan Iyer presented a Guest Lecture on , "Theatre Issues in Infection Control". The venue of the next conference was decided as :

The Department of Microbiology, Rangaraya Medical College, Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh with Dr. K.R.L.Surya Kirani, Professor and Head of the Department as the Organizing Secretary. Dr. Vasanti Kabra, is elected as the new President of IAMM TAPC Chapter and she took charge from Dr. B.Anuradha. Dr. Usha Kalavat delivered a guest lecture on "Advances in Molecular diagnosis of Infectious diseases. A quiz programme for the post-graduate students was conducted by Dr. D.S.Murty.

Report of XXI Maharashtra Chapter Conference of IAMM (Mahamicrocon 2015), held in Mumbai from October 8-10, 2015

Organizing Secretary of the conference was Dr. Sujata Baveja, Professor & Head, Department of Microbiology, LTMMC, Mumbai. The theme of the conference was "Current trends: Meeting the challenges". Guest speakers for the conference were stalwarts in the field of Microbiology from all over India – Dr. J. Shanmugam, Dr. Pradeep Seth, Dr. Shashi Khare, Dr. V. Balaji, Dr. Vikas Gautam, to name a few. The conference was attended by 314 delegates.

A CME on "Airborne Infection Control" on 8th October 2015, was conducted by faculty trained at CDC and Harvard School of Public Health. The CME was attended by 154 delegates.

The Presidential Oration was delivered by Dr. Yagnesh Thakar, Nagpur, on "Challenges and Opportunities of Private Practice in Clinical Microbiology". Hardas-Pathak Oration was delivered by Dr. D. V. Kaundinya, on "Psycho-Neuro-Endocrino-Immunology, Receptorology and diseaselessness". Late Dr. P. M. Khare Memorial Junior best Research Paper Award was awarded to Dr. Parul Salunke.

Dr. Sujata Baveja
Organising Secretary

Delhi chapter Meet

IAMM Delhi chapter concluded its first chapter meet of this year at Research and Referral Army hospital on 23rd April organised by organising secretary Col. Saurav Sen and organising chair Brig. Gupta. The theme of the conference was Infections in immunocompromised host and what is new in modified medical waste management policy. More than a hundred delegates attended the function. The gold medallion was also handed over to the new President Dr Sarman Singh who took over Dr BL Sherwal.

As a continued academic activity of our chapter a combined CME with Indian Society of Critical Care of India Delhi and NCR nominated by respective HODs on first come first serve basis. Proceedings of the CME will be sent for publication in IJMM as well as ICC journal as joint review.

The anticipated events are: Workshop for technologists to be held at various institutions; PG Assembly for PGs from all over the country in the month of August or September. The second chapter meet will be held at Medanta, Gurgaon with the theme "Device associated infections" followed by our Annual chapter conference dedicated to various aspects of virology to be held between 18-19th Nov 2016. Few faculty are expected to join from outside the country.

Dr. C. Wattal
Secretary, IAMM Delhi Chapter

EQAS2015 (UNDER THE AUSPICES OF IAMM)

ANALYSIS OF QC DISTRIBUTIONS 87, 88, 89, 90 – 2015 (CHENNAI) PERFORMANCE OF LABORATORIES ON FIXED SMEARS

QC No.	Description	Contents	Laboratories (%) Giving correct results
87	Pus from perianal abscess	Pus cells, Gram positive cocci in singles. Pairs and clusters, gram negative bacilli, gram negative coccobacilli, suggestive of mixed or co-infection.	89%*
88	Sputum	RNTCP grading 3+, Slender, long, irregular or beaded, straight or curved Acid Fast Bacilli.	86%**
89	Urine	Pus cells, epithelial cells, many gram negative bacilli, occasional gram positive cocci.	88%***
90	Peripheral blood smear	Positive/Negative for gametocyte (Ring) forms of Plasmodium vivax	73%****

* 11% have not mentioned the presence of pus cells/ Description of bacteria, GPC/ GNB/GNCB/ suggestive of mixed or co-infection/ Not Participated.

** 14% have not mention the RNTCP Grading 3+/ Description about Acid Fast Bacilli not given/ Not Participated.

*** 12% have not mentioned the presence of pus cells/ epithelial cells/ many GNB/ occasional GPC / Not Participated.

****27% have not mentioned the stage of parasite/ Wrong report / Not Participated.

ANALYSIS OF QC DISTRIBUTIONS 87, 88, 89, 90 - 2015 (CHENNAI) PERFORMANCE OF LABORATORIES ON CULTURAL IDENTIFICATION

QC No.	Description	Laboratories (%) Giving correct results
87	Serratia Marcescens	76%*
88	Acinetobacter baumannii	81%**
89	Candida tropicalis/Candida albicans	69%***
90	Achromobacter xylosoxidans	68%****

*24 % have not given microscopic identification/ confirmatory key reactions/ have not identified the isolate as **Serratia marcescens**/Not participated.

19% have not given microscopic identification/ confirmatory key reactions/ have not identified the isolate as **Acinetobacter baumannii/ Not participated.

***31% have not given the microscopic identification/ confirmatory key reactions/ have not identified the isolate as **candida tropicalis/candida albicans** /Not participated.

**** 32% have not given the microscopic identification/ confirmatory key reactions/ have not identified the isolate as **Achromobacter xylosoxidans**/ Not participated.

ANALYSIS OF QC DISTRIBUTIONS 87, 88, 89, 90 - 2015 (CHENNAI) PERFORMANCE OF LABORATORIES ON SEROLOGY TEST

QC No.	Description	Contents	Laboratories (%) Giving correct results
87	HCV	NEGATIVE	96%*
88	CRP	POSITITVE	87%**
89	HIV	NEGATIVE	97%***
90	WIDAL	POSITIVE/NEGATIVE	86%****

* 4% did not perform the test / reported wrongly / Not Participated.

**13% did not perform the test / reported wrongly / reported partly / Not Participated.

***3% did not perform the test / reported wrongly / reported partly / Not Participated.

****14% did not perform the test / reported wrongly / reported partly / Not Participated.

Dr. Mary V Jesudason & Dr. K.Lily Therese

Dr. H.N. Madhavan

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Microbiology - External Quality Control programme

Statement of Account for the period 14th OCT 2014 to 16th OCT 2015

Particulars	₹	P	₹	P
2014 Opening Bank Balance		-	17,58,792.69	
2014 Opening Cash Balance		-	4645.00	
Receipts:				
Quality control & Microbiology Test charges received from various hospitals	16,85,500.00			
Less: Cheques returned unpaid No. 368175 – Rs. 3000/- No. 106265 – Rs. 3000/-	6,000.00		34,42,937.69	
Interest on SB A/C			95,111.00	
TOTAL			35,38,048.69	
Payments:				
1. Consumables	13,12,692.00			
2. Courier Charges	2,06,615.00			
3. Technician salary	2,11,078.00			
4. MRF & VRF Payments	1,44,520.00			
5. DD for DLH	3,000.00			
6. Bank Charges	620.00		18,78,525.00	
Petty cash expenses			62,843.00	
Total expenses incurred			19,41,368.00	
Balance available as on 16.10.15 ₹(petty cash Rs.802.00 + with bank 15,95,878.69)			15,96,680.69	

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INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGISTS EQAS subcommittee

Minutes of EQAS subcommittee meeting held on 08-03-2016 under the Chairmanship of Dr T Jacob John.

Members present: Dr T Jacob John, Dr Mary V. Jesudason, (Dr V. Balaji, Dr Rajesh Kannangai and Dr Shalini Anandan by invitation).

Apologies from IAMM Secretary- Dr B L Sherwal, Dr H N Madhvan, Dr Lily Therese.

1. IAMM EQAS should continue under IAMM banner even if it managed from CMC Vellore.
2. We resolve to expand the IAMM EQAS subcommittee with the new members. Thus the new subcommittee will consist of Dr T Jacob John (Chairperson), Dr Mary V Jesudason, Dr Ravi, Dr Badrinath, Dr H N Madhvan, Dr V Balaji, Dr Rajesh Kannagai, Dr Lily Therese, Dr C Wattal and Dr B L Sherwal (Secretary IAMM).
3. NABL accreditation is a must for the proficiency testing (PT) program. Both CMC, Vellore and Ganga Ram Hospital, Delhi should initiate the process of getting the EQAS program accredited. Costs related to this will be recovered from EQAS funds with no financial burden on either the institutions where the program is housed or the IAMM organization.
4. The program will continue as a self-sustaining on as in the past 23 years. Expenses for the subcommittee to meet once every year will be met by the IAMM EQAS funds.
5. IAMM EQAS fund will be transferred from South Indian Bank (SIB) Chennai, to SIB, Vellore at the appropriate time to be jointly operated by Drs V Balaji and Rajesh Kannangai. IAMM President and Secretary, are requested to send an authorization letter for this purpose including the PAN card details and photocopy of the PAN card.
6. The detailed modified format of the Microbiology and Virology components of the PT program was discussed (see the attachment.) Microbiology will provide smears, culture and AST. Serology will be part of the Virology component. Mycology has so far only been Candida species. We do not wish to expand the Mycology part at the present time; however, in future we may consider Mycology included/expanded.
7. Dr Mary V Jesudason will work out with Sankara Nethralaya to send packages for the July 2016 cycle from Sankara Nethralaya.
8. Dr. Mary Jesudason suggested that the sequential steps for shifting from Sankara Nethralaya to CMC, Vellore, be exactly like what was followed by Gangaram Hospital, Delhi when they took over the program for the North India. April 12th and 13th, 2016, has already been fixed for the April QC package

dispatch. On the 11th April, 2016, two technicians from CMC, Vellore, will go to Sankara Nethralaya to observe the different steps involved with the PT Program. On the 12th April, 2016 Drs Balaji and Rajesh have volunteered to go to Sankara Nethralaya to observe the dispatch procedure. In May, 2016, during the Evaluation process also they will participate and observe.

9. Along with the May evaluation report, the proposed modified pattern of the PT program as per the NABL requirements will be intimated to all participants so that they can get a clear idea of the same. Replies to this and their 2017 participation tear of slip will be received by CMC, Vellore.
10. The October, 2016 package will be modified in the format and sent to all participants labs at no extra costs. From January 2017 packages will be sent only to those labs that enroll with payment of new tariff.
11. We resolved to record our deep appreciation to Dr H N Madhvan, Dr. Mary Jesudason, Dr. Lily Therese and Dr Malathy of Sankara Nethralaya for their efficient management of the EQAS program for the last 10 years.

Dr. T. Jacob John

Vellore, 21st March, 2016

The detailed format (modified to fulfil NABL requirements) of the Bacteriology and Virology components of the proposed Microbiology proficiency test program under the auspices of the IAMM to be managed at CMC, Vellore. Bacteriology will include smear, culture and Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing whereas Serology will be part of the Virology component. The participants are free to choose any of the combinations listed among the Bacteriology and Virology PT programs being offered. Dr V Balaji and Dr Rajesh K will jointly host the EQAS program from Christian Medical College, Vellore. Dr V Balaji will be in charge of Bacteriology and Dr. Dr. Rajesh K in charge of the Virology component. Dr. Mary V Jesudason will organize to send the QC packages from Sankara Nethralaya, till July (including the July 2016 cycle).

Along with the evaluation of July 2016 the proposed modified program of the PT program will be intimated to all the EQAS participants, so that the participants will have a clear idea of the program. Replies to the July 2016, and the 2017 participants tear-off slips will be received by CMC, Vellore. The October 2016 packages will be in modified format and will be dispatched from CMC, Vellore, to all participating labs at no extra cost. The enrolment for 2017 EQAS participation will begin in October 2016.

Dr V Balaji and Dr Rajesh K will initiate the procedure for obtaining NABL accreditation for the PT program. As of now, both the CMC, Vellore Bacteriology and Virology laboratories are accredited by the NABL for diagnostic testing. As NABL requires PT providers to be participants of an international EQAS, we have internally agreed to join UKNEQAS from Public Health England.

Regards,

Dr. T. Jacob John
Chairperson – Subcommittee for IAMM EQAS

New Members of Executive Council of IAMM 2016

The following members have been elected unopposed to the executive council of the IAMM. I heartily welcome them all and look forward to working with them.

	<p>1. Dr. Chand Wattal, LM- 355</p> <p>Senior Consultant & Chairman, Department of Clinical Microbiology, Sir Ganga Ram Institute for P G Education & Research, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi. Qualifications: MD (Medical Microbiology), PGI Chandigarh. Total professional experience of more than 30 years. PG Teacher and a guide/co-guide of MD since 1985 and for DNB Microbiology since 2003. He is an expert to technical advisory committee, Ministry of H & FW, Govt. of India Publications: 86 research & 15 books, 34 International Journal, 193 Guest Lectures and chaired 86 scientific sessions. Awards: Hospital Management Asia Award 2002 for best hospital infection control programmes practised. Dharma Vira Award for excellence' awarded by the Lt. Governor of Delhi in his profession. S. Nundy Award as the best publication.</p>
	<p>2. Dr. Pankaj Arunrao Joshi, LM - 1272</p> <p>Associate Professor of Microbiology, Govt. Medical College, Miraj, Maharashtra. Qualifications: MD (Microbiology), Shivaji University, Kolhapur Publications : 12 Workshop & Training 16 and National & State level conferences and CMEs attended 27.</p>
	<p>3. Dr. Narendra Pal Singh, LM- 1108</p> <p>Director Professor, Department of Microbiology, UCMS & GTB Hospital, Delhi. Qualifications: MD (Microbiology), IMS BHU Total professional experience of more than 31 years. Supervisor & Co Supervisor of MD-25/DNB-1/MSc-2 thesis evaluation, PhD thesis evaluation 10 and viva 5. Publications: International 12 and National 27.</p>
	<p>4. Dr. Pallab Ray, LM- 823</p> <p>Professor, Department of Medical Microbiology, PGIMER, Chandigarh. Qualifications: MD (Microbiology), PGIMER, Chandigarh & Dip. NB (Microbiol), National Board of Examinations. Total teaching experience of more than 31 years. Publications: International 96(Indexed) and 2(Non-Indexed), National 64(Indexed) and 10(Non Indexed), 40 National and 3 International publications presented at conference. Awards: Independent charge of Professor-in-Charge, Examination Cell, PGIMER, Chandigarh. Convener of Hospital Infection Control Committee, 2006. SC Agarwal oration of the IAMM for the best researcher, awarded in the national conference of IAMM 2013.</p>
	<p>5. Dr. Rajendra Bhanudas Surpam, LM- 1331</p> <p>Professor and Head of Dept. of Microbiology, Government Medical College & Hospital Nagpur, Maharashtra. Qualifications: MD (Microbiology), IGMC, Nagpur, MSCIT, DAFE, DHA, FCGP, MBA Total teaching experience is 7 years. Publications: International 1 and National 8, 04 National Papers presented.</p>
	<p>6. Dr. Rahul Narang, LM- 1607</p> <p>Professor of Microbiology, MGIMS, Nagpur. Qualifications: MD (Medical Microbiology), MGIMS, Nagpur. PhD (Medical Microbiology) faculty of Medicine, MGIMS, Nagpur. MBA, FIME. Publications: 33.</p>

I regret that the nominations of the two members, Dr. R.K. Maheshwari and Dr. B. Tarai, have been cancelled as per the IAMM norms, since their memberships have not completed 5 years. The nomination of Dr. Nilima N. Hirani was received on April 11, 2016 which could not be considered as the last date for receiving the applications was 31st March, 2016.

Dr. B.L. Sherwal
Secretary, IAMM

Forth coming events...

- 1) **XXXX Annual National Conference of the IAMM, MICROCON-2016** to be organised by department of Microbiology, Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh on **November 23-27, 2016.**
- 2) **Assam MICROCON 2016** is being organised by Dept. of Microbiology, Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh on **2nd & 3rd September, 2016.**
- 3) **XXII Maharashtra Chapter Conference of Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists MAHAMICROCON 2016- “Challenges In Infectious Diseases - Endemic To Epidemic”.**
To be organized by Department of Microbiology, Dr. V.M. Government Medical College & SCSM General Hospital, Solapur and Ashwini Rural Medical College & Hospital, Kumbhari.
Dates- September 23-25, 2016.
Organizing Secretary- Dr. Kishor V. Ingole (9850267140)
- 4) **Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists- Delhi Chapter**
First announcement for the **Annual Conference for 2016 “ MICRO-D-CON 2016”** to be held at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi
Dates- November 18-19, 2016
- 5) **Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists- Karnataka Chapter**
1st Quarterly State Level CME on **“H1N1 Outbreak: Lessons learnt and Future directions”** to be held on May 28, 2016
Organized by: Dept. of Microbiology, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, KLE University, Belagavi.

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