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President's Message

Greetings from President's Desk!

At the very Onset I want to wish you a very Happy and Peaceful 2017 .

The memories of MICROCON- 2016 at Chandigarh are still very fresh in our minds. This has been one of the best congress of IAMM ever held. The academic content, punctuality, hospitality, and all other arrangements were simply superb. Dr Arunloke Chakrabarty and Dr Pallab Ray and their team deserve a big applause from all the IAMM members. The beautiful surroundings truly justifying its name as 'city beautiful Chandigarh' and the mildly chilly mornings and sunny days (not expected by many delegates) will always remain in our hearts .

For me it was a special treat as PGI Chandigarh is my Alma matter and I spent 16 wonderful years of my life at the Institute and city of Chandigarh.

I am extremely thankful to all the members for putting their trust in me as President of IAMM. My special thanks are to EC members and the team at Chandigarh who placed trust on me to carry on this flag of IAMM flying high. I thank every body in all humility and hope that I shall be able to come up to their expectations.

I attended the first meeting of IAMM at Lady Hardinge Medical college Delhi and presented my first oral paper in this conference. Since then, the small community of Microbiologists who were struggling for their existence, IAMM has become a large body with thousands of members and a scientific organization which now is well recognised not only known in India but abroad as well.

I think the steps which are being taken toward moving to Clinical Microbiology are very important and we must all support and work toward it.

IAMM has received support from CDC towards laboratory strengthening and lab mapping , which is an important area and I feel that this grant will start the ball rolling and soon we shall be able to have a very good net work of Microbiology laboratories all over India of International standard.

The EQAS programme which is now being run from two centres namely, CMC, Vellore and SGRH, Delhi under Dr Balaji and Dr Chand Wattal, respectively is expanding and many laboratories even in private medical colleges are participating in this programme which will help to improve the quality of Microbiology services in the country. I am hopeful to see that EQAS programme for Virology and Molecular Biology is also put in place so that these services also have a quality assurance .

I was very happy to see our young members actively participating in the proceedings of the conference at Chandigarh and I would like them to be active like this so that in next generation Microbiology occupies place of being a choice specialty for the doctors and not a subject which is thrust on them.

Finally I assure that with the support of all the young members and all the wisdom and guidance of our experienced colleagues I shall make every effort to take IAMM to new heights.

Looking forward to meet you all in Ranchi.

Best wishes,

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From the desk of Secretary.....

Welcome to a new beginning!

I am delighted to provide a report on the activities of our distinguished association. It seems just like yesterday that we were at MICROCON 2016, Chandigarh enjoying and imbibing the ocean of knowledge. I would like to thank each and every one for making it a grand success



and I particularly thank the organizers for their tremendous hard work.

It gives me immense pleasure to congratulate once again our New President Dr Shobha Broor and Treasurer Dr Bharti Malhotra. The next IAMM Annual Conference MICROCON 2017 is going to be held at RIMS, Ranchi from 22nd to 26th Nov, 2017. I encourage everyone to participate in the conference as it is an excellent opportunity to connect with our professional peers. It gives me great joy to say that the Lab Mapping and the Laboratory Strengthening activities, of which IAMM is a part, have begun. We have visited the states of Gujarat, Tamil Nadu and Jharkhand for the assessment of District Hospital and Government Medical College Labs.

IAMM is in essence a platform for cooperation. Its existence and the success achieved so far is a reflection of its members' determination. There is a lot more that our association strives to achieve in the coming years and we the torch bearers are proud of the achievements of the past. I am glad that we have new members joining us each year and I wish many more young members associate with us. There will be continued effort from me to keep pace with this expansion and up gradation with the support from the members.

Let's grow together for a brighter future.

Dr. B.L. Sherwal
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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OF IAMM AWARDS & PRIZES 2017

(Last date of receipt of all nominations July 31, 2017)

Dr. SC Agarwal Oration 2017: 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 the consent of the nominee along with consent of the nominee along with six copies of his/her biodata should reach the IAMM secretary's office on or before 31st July 2017. The award carries a citation and a gold medal. The selected candidate must be prepared to deliver the oration at the National IAMM Conference held in 2018. Nominations must come by post/courier as a hard copy along with a soft copy to be sent to Secretary IAMM and Organising Secretary of Conference by the last date.

Dr. H.I. Jhala Memorial award 2017; This award is given to a senior member of the association above the age of 50 years, who has made a significant contribution to the development of Medical Microbiology in India. This award is supported from the interest from a fixed deposit donated by the organizers of the IAMM congress at Sholapur in 1983. Nominations for the award, duly proposed and seconded with the consent of the nominee along with consent of the nominee along with six copies of his/her biodata should reach the IAMM secretary's office on or before 31st July 2017. The award carries a citation and a gold medal. The selected candidate must be prepared to deliver the oration at the National IAMM Conference in 2018, if required. Nominations must come by post/courier as a hard copy along with a soft copy to be sent to Secretary IAMM and Organising Secretary of Conference by the last date.

IAMM Endowment lecture award 2017: This award is supported by the annual interest obtained from the fixed deposit, created by the organizers of the IAMM congress held at Hyderabad in 1985. This award is given to an eminent Medical Microbiologist, above the age of 50 years from India and abroad for their outstanding contribution 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 along with six copies of his/her biodata, including a write upon the contribution of the nominee to Medical Microbiology should reach the IAMM secretary's office on or before 31st July 2017. The award carries a citation and a gold medal. The selected candidate must be prepared to deliver the oration at the National IAMM Conference held in 2018. Nominations must come by post/courier as a hard copy along with a soft copy to be sent to Secretary IAMM and Organising Secretary of Conference by the last date.

Dr. KB Sharma Memorial Junior Best paper award 2017: Nominations are invited for the Best paper award competition to be held at National Conference of the IAMM at Ranchi in Nov 2017. The 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, 2017 (certificate showing the proof of age to be attached) and be the principle author of the paper. The same should not have received any other award or be published in any other award or be published in any journal and should be so filed, as a signed declaration by the contestant. The above mentioned declarations and six copies of the full paper complete with text, figures, etc. (prepared according to the format of the IJMM) should reach the secretary's office on or before July 31st, 2017. 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 Ranchi in Nov 2017. Nominations must come by post/courier as a hard copy along with a soft copy to be sent to Secretary IAMM and Organising Secretary of Conference by the last date.

5. Prof AN Chakrabarthi memorial Prize for the best published paper in Mycobacteriology 2017 :

Any member, who has published a paper in the field of Mycobacteriology, during the preceding year i.e.2016, 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 six copies of the full paper should reach the secretary's office on or before July 31st, 2017. The award carries a citation and a gold medal. The awardee will receive the award at the valedictory function of the IAMM Conference at Ranchi in Nov 2017.

6. Prizes for the best papers during the IAMM Conference 2017 (total six categories listed below):

The following five 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

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 hard copy and a soft copy 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 2017 to be held at Ranchi in November, 2017.

7. Mérieux IAMM Award 2017:

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 IAMM 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 IAMM 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, 2017.

IAMM Awardees 2017

- Dr. UC Chaturvedi Lifetime Achievement Award**
- Dr. S. P. Thyagarajan
- IAMM Endowment Oration award**
- Dr. Chand Wattal
- Dr. H.I. Jhala Memorial award**
- Dr. Reba Kanungo
- Dr KB Sharma Memorial Junior Best paper award**
-Dr. Kundan Tandel, Army Hospital New Delhi
- Prof AN Chakrabarty memorial Prize for the best published paper in Mycobacteriology**
-Dr. Kusum Sharma et al, PGIMER, Chandigarh
- IAMM Silver Jubilee Award for best paper in Parasitology**
- Dr. Swagata Ganguly, NRS Medical College Kolkata
- Belgaum-Mumbai prize for best paper in Bacteriology**
- Dr. Mubin Kazi, PD HNHospital & MRC Mumbai
- Dr. S.R. Sengupta - Dr. A.M. Saoji Memorial Prize for best paper in Immunology**
-Dr Ratnakar Shukla
- Pankajalaxmi V Venugopal prize for best paper in Mycology**
- Dr. Rajyoganandh, Sri Ramchandra Medical College & Research Institute, Chennai
- Mumbai - Belgaum prize for best poster in Medical Mycobacteriology**
-Dr. Shreya Singh, PGIMER, Chandigarh
- Dr. S.S. Kelkar Memorial Prize for best poster (Any subject in Medical Microbiology)**
-Dr. Bhavana Maheshwari

8th FRCPath Part- I Course (Medical Microbiology) 14th to 16th February 2017 Department of Microbiology Global Hospital, Hyderabad

This course is specifically held for those who wish to sit the FRCPath (Medical Microbiology and Virology) PART- I examinations conducted by the Royal College of Pathologists UK. The course will cover a wide range of topics in Medical Microbiology, Infectious Diseases, Infection control and prevention, Mycology, Parasitology, Virology and Tropical Medicine that form a major component of this examination adhering to a MCQ & EMQ format as designed for the Part- I examinations with mock exam papers at the end of the course. It is preferable for a candidate to have at least 2 years work experience after their post-graduation to sit this examination.

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4th FRCPath (Part- II) Exam Course 21st to 24th February 2017 Department of Microbiology Global Hospital, Hyderabad

This course is intended for candidates who have passed the Part- I examination of the Royal College of Pathologists (UK) in Medical Microbiology, Virology and Infection prevention, preparatory to the Part- II examination.

The course will last 4 days with an orientation towards the theory examination papers on the first day and a mock practical examination covering a range of clinical cases, practical work including antibiotic therapy and infection prevention advice over the next three days. There will be a focus on modern aspects of practice of medical microbiology and intense preparation before coming for the course is advised.

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Proceedings of 40th National Conference held at PGIMER, Chandigarh

Dear members,

MICROCON 2016, the 40th Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists, was held from 23rd to 27th November, 2016 at PGIMER, Chandigarh organised jointly by the departments of Medical Microbiology, Medical Parasitology and Virology. Dr Arunaloke Chakrabarti was the Chairman and Dr Pallab Ray was the Organizing Secretary. The theme of the conference was "Microbe, man and machine: the way forward". The main objective of the conference was to familiarize the delegates with the present transition of our discipline from Laboratory Microbiologist to Clinical Microbiologist.

More than 1600 delegates, including 900 student delegates, registered for the conference. Sixteen pre-conference workshops on various contemporary issues in clinical microbiology were conducted on 23rd November 2016 in PGIMER and neighbouring institutes of the tricity including the GMCH, Chandigarh, Institute of Nanotechnology, Mohali, IMTECH, Chandigarh, Panjab University, Chandigarh and Fortis Hospital, Mohali. Over 400 delegates attended the workshops. Three pre-conference CMEs on "Rapid and point of care tests", "Contemporary issues in respiratory infections" and "Neglected infectious diseases in India" were held on 24th November.

On 25th November Prof. Kulkarni delivered the Presidential Oration and Dr Amita A Joshi delivered IAMM endowment oration. The topic of IAMM symposium was 'The human microbiome' and Dr Pallab Ray coordinated the symposium. The student symposium was on 'Infections in the ICU' and was coordinated by Prof. Anju Kagal. Dr Chand Wattal conducted the IAMM quiz.

The scientific programme of the conference was very well planned and executed. Timeliness was the norm of the conference. All sessions started and ended on time allowing full allocated time for audience participation. Even the morning "Meet the expert" sessions at 7.45 am started on time and were attended by about 150 delegates on all days. A variety of unique sessions, that included the "Meet the expert" sessions with eminent ID specialists and clinical microbiologists, the debate on "Automation is the death knell for microbiologists", the "Clinical Grand Rounds", and the "Top ten papers in various sub-specialties of microbiology and immunology" were introduced for the first time in Microcon. All these sessions attracted heavy attendance and huge appreciation.

A record number of 786 abstracts were presented in oral and poster sessions over the three days of the conference. To encourage student participation, the Organizing Committee awarded Rs 5000 each to the 100 best abstracts submitted by students as travel support to attend the conference and Rs 2000 to each of the ten best poster presentations in different categories. More than 150 experts, microbiologists, ID and other clinicians, from India and abroad were faculty of the conference.

All the delegates felt that MICROCON 2016 was one of the best MICROCONs they have attended and has set a new benchmark of scientific content, time adherence, social interaction and overall organization.

Dr. Pallab Ray,
Organising Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BODY MEETING HELD AT PGIMER, CHANDIGARH
UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF DR. R.D. Kulkarni AT 12.00 Noon ON 26th NOV., 2016.**

The President, Dr R.D.Kulkarni, called the meeting in order and chaired the meeting. The Secretary, Dr B.L. Sherwal conducted the meeting. The President informed the demise of three members of our association during the last year namely Dr S Anand, Dr P. Rajendran and Dr. Nitin Barau. He requested the members to observe a silence of two minutes in remembrance of the departed souls. The meeting was adjourned and the members reassembled again after five minutes to discuss the following agenda:

AGENDA 1: Welcoming the new EC Members:

Dr. Sherwal congratulated six new EC members namely Dr Chand Wattal, Dr Pankaj Joshi, Dr Pallab Ray, Dr R B Surpam, Dr N P Singh and Dr Rahul Narang who were elected unopposed as EC members. The house welcomed them.

AGENDA 2: Bid adieu to departing EC members:

Dr Anju Kagal Treasurer IAMM completed her tenure of three years. The work of treasurer was appreciated and taken on records. Dr Yogesh Goswami also completed his term as EC member. House thanked him for his contribution.

AGENDA 3: To confirm GB meeting minutes held at JIPMER Pondicherry:

The minutes of GB meeting held at JIPMER Pondicherry on 28th Nov, 2015 were circulated to members through January 2016 IAMM Newsletter. The minutes were passed by EC meeting at Chandigarh. The General body also confirmed it. The motion of confirmation was proposed by Dr Arunaloke Chakrabarti and was seconded by Dr C.S.Patil.

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

The following agenda were addressed from the last GB meeting:

- Shifting of EQAS Centre (South) from Shankara Nethralaya, Chennai to CMC Vellore- There was smooth shifting of EQAS centre (South) to CMC Vellore with Dr V Balaji and Dr R Kannangai as coordinators.
- Use of PANCARD by the IAMM State Chapters- A Subcommittee was constituted for the same issue. The committee met in Chandigarh and gave their suggestions. The matter of use of pan card was discussed in length. Dr Chhaya Kumar Treasurer Maharashtra chapter informed that they were facing problems in shifting accounts from Dhule to Mumbai as their CA told them that the Chapter cannot have a separate PAN for a current account as it is not a separate entity but a part of the National Body of IAMM. Dr Chand Wattal also added that they have a savings account and are currently using PAN of NB. Dr Kagal informed that if National Body PAN is given to all chapters then all accounts will have to be added to the National A/c and in the process of waiting for all chapters to submit their accounts there will be delays in the process of filing returns for the NB. It was decided that there might be a little inconvenience for the time being but the chapter accounts shall be kept separate from the Main account. Amendments to the constitution will be made such that all the chapters will be affiliated to the national body and be governed by it but have separate accounts. This process of amendment may take about 3 months or more and hence, Dr Kulkarni gave directions to give the NB PAN as an exception to the Maharashtra Chapter for the time being so that they may operate their account smoothly. Also, the National Body may give loans to the chapters if required, they can return it back when things are sorted.
- It was decided to form a subcommittee which will work on the required amendments in constitution. Meanwhile, it was required to obtain the original copy of constitution from Delhi office. Dr Chand Wattal shouldered the responsibility for the same.

AGENDA 5: Secretary's Annual report- Dr. B. L. Sherwal:

The house ratified the annual Secretary report read out by Dr Sherwal at the inauguration function of the IAMM 2016 conference on 24th Nov., 2015. The motion was confirmed by Dr Abhay Chaudhary and seconded by Dr N.P.Singh.

AGENDA 6: Editor's report and statement of accounts- Dr. V. Balaji:

Dr V. Balaji read out the Editors report and also declared the best paper in Bacteriology and Mycology in IJMM-2015. He announced that IJMM impact factor has gone up from 0.8 to 1.06. He also added that they have been trying to improve the database and also to check that there be no grammatical and other errors and that the Journal reaches within 60 days to the subscribers. Dr Arunaloke Chakrabarti suggested about shifting of publisher from Medknow to Oxford. Dr Balaji will look into the matter. The Editor's report was accepted by the house. It was proposed by Dr Chakrabarti and seconded by Dr Rahul Narang.

AGENDA 7: Presentation of annual statement of accounts by treasurer - Dr. Anju Kagal:

Dr. Anju Kagal, Treasurer presented the treasurer's report and statement of accounts. Report was accepted by G.B. She also added that there are complaints from members for not receiving the IAMM Journal, she informed that it is basically because the address with proper pin codes are not updated. Dr Kagal along with Dr Balaji tried to resolve this and all life members were requested to update their addresses at the IAMM Stall at the conference. Dr. Bharti Malhotra confirmed and Dr. C.S. Patil seconded the Treasurer's report. Dr. Jacob John and Dr. Arunaloke Chakrabarti suggested to get the 12AA form for the association.

AGENDA 8: Report of IAMM EQAS programme by co-ordinators:

Dr V. Balaji and Dr Chand Wattal presented the EQAS reports of south and north EQAS centers respectively. Dr Balaji suggested that to increase the scope of EQAS tests, their centre is introducing a two tier system which will be available to south centres. Tier one will be having same tests as earlier but with more number of samples and only three cycles instead of four will be completed in a year. Tier two will include special tests and will be made available to the labs on demand. For tier one it was agreed upon to have Rs. 5000/- for the year 2017. The north centre will continue with their current system of EQAS. Their charges were agreed upon as Rs. 4000/- for the year 2017. Dr Abhay Chaudhary stressed upon to have EQAS in mycology and requested Dr Arunaloke Chakrabarti to start Mycology EQAS for IAMM from his centre. Principally Dr Chakrabarti has agreed for the same and said that feasibility of starting the EQAS for Mycology at PGIMER will be discussed with his colleagues in Deptt.

AGENDA 9: Selection of topics for IAMM symposia and Student Symposium for 41st IAMM conference.

GB discussed various topics for IAMM symposium and approved the topic "Emerging and Re-emerging zoonotic infections" to be moderated by Dr Rajendra Surpam. For the IAMM student symposium, GB finalized the topic of "Biosafety and Biosecurity" to be moderated by Dr Rahul Narang.

AGENDA 10: Announcement of venue for 41st IAMM Conference.

As per the request from RIMS, Ranchi and approval in EC, it has been declared that the 41st IAMM conference will be held at Department of Microbiology, RIMS Ranchi. Dr B.L.Sherwal will be the Chairman and Dr Manoj Kumar the Organizing Secretary. Dr Sherwal formally invited the members to reach Ranchi for MICROCON 2017 in large numbers. Dr R.D. Kulkarni, President IAMM launched the website of 41st IAMM Conference MICROCON-2017.

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AGENDA 11: Decision of various awards for 2016:

The President announced the awards for the year 2016 as per the recommendations of the awards committee:

- Dr SC Agarwal Oration Award – Not awarded
- Dr H.I. Jhala Award– Dr Reba Kanungo
- IAMM Endowment Oration Award- Dr Chand Wattal
- Dr UC Chaturvedi Lifetime Achievement Award- Dr S P Thyagarajan

AGENDA 12: Instituting a special Merieux Award:

Dr Sherwal, Secretary informed GB about Institut Merieux Award to be awarded by IAMM, as an incentive to the promising young investigators working in the field of Anti-Microbial Resistance. Award Amount is Euro 10,000 and in order to receive the award money, the institution (university, hospital...) hosting the laureate should engage in 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. The Announcement, selection and giving away of award will be by IAMM at the annual congress.

AGENDA 13: Confirmation of the Platinum Membership of BioMerieux for the IAMM for 5 years:

For platinum membership for BioMerieux it has been decided to negotiate the terms and GB has given the responsibility to Dr Sherwal, IAMM Secretary for the same. Currently it is rupees five lakh for 5 years, which as discussed in GB is too less and it should be negotiated such that it is Rupees 5 lakh per year upto 5 years.

AGENDA 14: Separate PAN Number for the Local Chapters of IAMM:

For the time being chapters will be allowed to use IAMM National Body Pan Card or take loan from NB and return later.

A subcommittee has been constituted to amend the IAMM constitution regarding use of PAN Cards, life membership, or any other issue which includes:

- Dr V Ravi
- Dr Arunloke Chakarbarti
- Dr CS Patil
- Dr Abhay Choudhary
- Dr Chand Wattal
- Ex-officio members- President, Treasurer
- Secretary

AGENDA 15: Ratification to form separate IAMM state chapters:

GB ratified the formation of two new state chapters namely Chhattisgarh Chapter of IAMM and Bihar and Jharkhand Chapter of IAMM.

AGENDA 16: Election of Office Bearers- President and Treasurer of IAMM 2016:

GB approved the election of new office bearers, President and Treasurer, as recommended by Executive Committee:

- President - Dr Shobha Broor, New Delhi (2016-17)
- Treasurer- Dr Bharti Malhotra, Jaipur

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA 17: Creation of working groups:

• Dr Rahul Narang suggested Creation of Working groups under aegis of IAMM for Zoonosis, Laboratory Strengthening and Bio-risk Management. GB agreed and Dr Narang shouldered the responsibility of the same.

• The CDC-IAMM Lab Mapping Project and Laboratory Strengthening (District Hospitals/Govt. Medical Colleges) activities were discussed and ratified by both EC and GB.

AGENDA 17: Any other matter with permission of chair:

Dr Khatri from S.N.Medical College Jodhpur suggested to have an interactive and more knowledgeable IAMM website having a microbiology forum, registration information for PG students, video lectures of eminent faculty and workshop and training information should be available. Suggestions were taken into consideration and Dr Sherwal along with website committee will work upon it.

The meeting ended with a note of thanks to the Chair.

Dr. B.L.Sherwal
Secretary IAMM

OBITUARY



DR. NITIN BARUA

Dr.Nitin Barua was born on 26th February 1956 in Dhubri to Dr.Malatee Barua ,retd.Director of Health Service ,Assam and late Mr.Niren Barua who was Chief Administrative Officer at Guwahati refinery. His schooling began at Tezpur in St.Joseph's Convent and then was admitted to Don Bosco school,Guwahati and finally passed his 10th standard examination from KV Khanapara. He passed higher secondary from Cotton College Guwahati. A meritorious student right from his childhood, he was also a prolific debater and a champion at quizzing.He had represented Assam and North East and brought laurels to the region as well.Later he appeared for Medical and Engineering entrance examinations and got selected for both. However he chose MBBS and took admission at GMCH,Guwahati. He was a sports enthusiast and a good table tennis player.With a multifaceted personality , he took part in various stage plays and later went on to become the General Secretary of the Junior Doctors' Association in GMCH.

After passing MBBS,he served as a houseman in the department of surgery,GMCH and then headed off to Iran where he had worked for almost 10 long years. After returning back to India, he did post graduation in Microbiology from GMCH. He had also successfully completed Post MD I year speciality course on molecular biology and biotechnology at PGIMER,Chandigarh.

Dr.Barua had joined as a demonstrator in Microbiology in Silchar Medical College and after working in all the Medical Colleges of Assam present then, he became the Professor and Head of the dept. of Microbiology in JMCH. Throughout his brilliant career, he had attended numerous workshops ,symposiums and conferences organised by reputed international and national organisations. Trained in Revised EQA for STDC and IRL at NTI in Bangalore , infections in immunocompromised host and molecular methods in infectious disease diagnosis at AIIMS, New Delhi , National Teacher Training Course at IMS,BHU to name a few. Dr. Barua had served as the Secretary of Assam state branch of Indian Medical Association. He was also appointed as an inspector of colleges by the MCI and was an examiner of various universities in India. A warm and affectionate person , who never hesitated to call a spade – a spade , Dr. Barua was loved by all.His early demise at the age of 59 has left a void in the field of Microbiology ,specially in the north eastern region of India. He leaves behind his mother- Dr.Malatee Barua , wife –Mrs.Namita Barua (a homemaker), a son – Atreya Barua (engineer in Indian Oil Corporation) and a daughter – Dr.Trinayani Barua besides a host of relatives.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

- 1) Hands On DNA-PCR Training Workshop for Microbiology, Biotechnology, Biochemistry Students from 9th to 11th February 2017 to be Organized by SDM College of Medical Sciences & Hospital, Dharwad.
- 2) BioAsia 2017 will feature a focused conference and CME on Automation in Diagnostics on February 7th at Hyderabad International Convention Center being organized by the Government of Telangana in partnership with the Government of India and with support from IAMM.
- 3) First National Workshop on Hospital Infection Control to be organized by Department of Microbiology and Hospital Infection Control Committee, JIPMER Puducherry from 6th-10th February, 2017.

NEWS FROM IAMM CHAPTERS

IAMM Delhi chapter

IAMM Delhi chapter had an eventful year of 2016 with numerous academic activities and initiatives undertaken for the progress of the specialty.

Academic Activities:

The first chapter meet was held on 23rd April 2016 with the theme as "Challenges in management of immunocompromised host" at, Army Hospital (Research & Referral), Delhi Cantt. The second chapter meet was held at the Medicity Hospital Gurgaon, on 20th Aug 2016 and the theme of the conference was "Implant associated infections". 8th Annual Meeting of IAMM DC was organized during 17-19th Nov 2016 at India Habitat Centre on "Diagnosis of Viral Infections: An Enigma". This conference was also accompanied by various hands on satellite workshops on 17th Nov, 2016. A one day Pre conference CME on 18th Nov, 2016 was organized on the topic "Newer Challenges in Viral Infections" in which national and international faculty of repute participated.

A joint academic CME with Indian Society Critical Care Medicine (ISCCM), Delhi & NCR, was held in May 2016 at IHC on the topic "Convergence of minds". Subsequently in Aug 2016 a three days workshop cum CME was conducted as PG Assembly for around 44 PGs across the country. Hands on work shops in Aug-Sept 2016 for technicians were conducted by almost all institutes of repute. A Webinar was conducted in association with Critical Care Specialists and ID specialists on 2nd September with the theme as "From diagnosis to the therapy of infections". Most of the above activities qualified to earn credits from DMC.

Additional initiatives taken by the society were:

- Framing the CE act where only a MD Microbiology is authorized to sign the investigations of our specialty.
- Gave diagnostic guidelines to the Union an NGO working in tandem with GOI in framing guidelines for the diagnosis of Tuberculosis.
- Gave guidelines for Adult Vaccination to the Geriatric Society of India.
- Modifications to the syllabus leading to the award of MD Medical Microbiology.

The minimum anticipated events for the forthcoming year are: Two IAMM Chapter meets and 1 Annual chapter conference, 1 pre-conference workshop, PG assembly, 2 CMEs and a webinar.

Dr. Chand Watal
Secretary, IAMM Delhi Chapter

IAMM Maharashtra chapter

XXII IAMM Maharashtra chapter conference and pre-conference workshop was organized by Dr. V.M. Govt. Medical College, Solapur and Ashwini Rural Medical College Hospital & Research Centre, Kumbhari, Solapur from 23rd to 25th September 2016. Pre-conference CME was on diagnostic methods, 'Tuberculosis: Journey from Phenotypic to Genotypic' The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. R.D.Kulkarni, President, IAMM & HOD, SDM MC & RC, Dharwad. The eminent speakers like Dr. Amceta Joshi, Dr. Neelma Hirani, Dr. Chaitali Nikam, Dr. Rajabhau Yeole, Dr. Vijay Kulkarni and Dr. Mangala Ghatole participated in the workshop. The workshop was attended by more than 100 post-graduate students and junior faculty. The theme of conference was 'Challenges in Infectious Diseases- Endemic to Epidemic'. More than 250 delegates attended the conference. The presidential oration was delivered by Dr. Sujata Baveja, President, IAMM, Maharashtra chapter. Hardas Pathak oration was delivered by Dr. V. J. Katkar, Prof, GMC, Nagpur. Total 96 research papers were presented during the conference. Scroll of honor was given to Dr. V. Katkar, Dr. R. M. Powar, Dean, Dr. VMGMC, Solapur and Dr. B.S. Nagoba for their contribution in the field of medical microbiology. Valedictory function was chaired by Dr. Sujata Baveja, President and attended by Dr. Anuradha De, Secretary, IAMM Maharashtra chapter and distributed the prizes. For the year 2016-17, Dr. Kishor Ingole and Dr. Virendra Kashetty

were elected as president and secretary of IAMM, Maharashtra Chapter respectively. Dr. Chhaya Kumar will continue as treasurer, Maharashtra chapter.

Dr. Anuradha De
Secretary IAMM Maharashtra Chapter

IAMM TAPC Chapter

The website of IAMM TAPC Chapter has been updated. The Directory is updated upto 1st January 2017. Happy to communicate that APMCI is awarding 4 credit hours to those who attend the 2 days of CME(&Conference). Please note that the certificates will be issued ONLY to those who attend and sign. The APMCI Observers will be coming. The list of delegates with signatures has to be submitted to APMCI. The communication and guidelines from APMCI are available on the IAMMAP Chapter website.

Happy to announce the results of IAMM TAPC Writeup competition. The write-ups were evaluated by a panel of senior faculty including *Dr. P.Balamurali Krishna, Dr. B.Narsinga Rao, Dr. K.Saileela, Dr.P.Sreenivasulu Reddy, Dr. K.Prasanthi and Dr. Md.Khaleel*. I sincerely thank them for sharing their valuable time.

The judges have felt that all write-ups are having a significant plagiarism, but as it is only a PG write-up competition, they were evaluated. However, they have advised that the PGs should learn to collect, compile and organise the data in a proper way so that the purpose of such competitions would be better served. All the selected 5 write-ups are being published in the news bulletin. To encourage the PGs, consolation prizes are also being given to the write-ups which got more than 60% of marks. No entry is qualified under the category, "Molecular typing methods". The selected ones for each category are:

1. The 17 Cells and Clinical Importance : Dr. K.Sneha Jigisha, Osmania Medical College
2. Bacteriophage typing techniques : Dr. Ch. Aruna Kumari, Rangaraya Medical College
3. Biosensors and Role in Microbiology : Dr. Chakrapani, Kurnool Medical College
4. Drug Resistance in Candida and Methods for testing : Dr. Girisha P, Osmania Medical College
5. Recent advances in diagnosis of Dengue virus infections : Dr. M.M.Sirisha, Rangaraya Medical College Dr. M.M.Sirisha, Rangaraya Medical College

Consolation prizes:

1. Dr. K.Swathi, S.V.Medical College, Tirupati
2. Dr. Sarada, Rangaraya Medical College, Kakinada
3. Dr. Alekhya, Osmania Medical College, Hyderabad

Congratulations to all those who got good marks and to all those who actively participated taking the right spirit. Any suggestions or improvements may be submitted to: iammapchapter@yahoo.co.in. Happy to share that many postgraduates are getting benefited from the collection of articles being published in the news bulletin over last 4 years. They are requesting and accessing the online versions of the previous bulletins (now available under the section, "Archives of IAMM AP Chapter" link on the homepage). The association bears the cost of the printing as it is the official bulletin. However, anybody interested to support the endeavor, may please contribute. The contributions can be deposited in the official account of the association. All will be duly acknowledged. Please inform us with transaction details. (The account details: Name of the account: IAMM AP CHAPTER Ac no. 52099020516 IFSC: SBHY0020256; State Bank of Hyderabad, New Bhoiguda Branch, Secunderabad).

There is a message from the Organising secretary regarding the accommodation at Kakinada during the conference dates. Normally the hotels, when booked through online, will have 12Noon check-out. But, the hotels listed in the conference brochure, will have 24-hr check-out ONLY WHEN BOOKED THROUGH PHONE. Hence all the delegates are requested to book accommodation through phone, in the hotels of their choice and ensure 24-check out, to avoid last minute problems. Those who have booked already, may contact the respective hotels, and confirm.

Dr. D. S. Murty
Secretary, IAMM TAPC Chapter

TREASURER REPORT

Dear Members,

Greetings from the treasurer's desk . Once again I wish to thank all of you for becoming members of this esteemed association. I would also like to thank those state chapters who insist on membership before students attend state conferences, as it helps the association become stronger. In the last year (2015-2016) we had 145 new life members ,13 Annual Members and 61 student members .The number of student members decreased drastically this year.

Many members are still complaining about not receiving journals, and we have tried to resolve the issue with the help of Dr Balaji Editor IJMM. We found the main reason that this happens is because addresses have not been updated and often the PIN number has not been mentioned.

I would request all members to send their updated addresses in the following format to treasureriamm@gmail.com.

- a) Membership number
- b) Current name (surname first DO NOT mention designation here)
- c) Residential address (this address should be where you want your journal sent Please mention the PIN code or the journal will not be delivered.)
- d) Your current designation detailed address of your office.
- e) Email address
- f) Mobile number

I am again repeating my request to those of you who are in touch with senior members to help us update their details, especially their email addresses. If any of our members are deceased please do inform this office.

Please do encourage the freshly passed post graduate students to become life members.

A big thank you for all your cooperation.

Anju Kagal
Treasurer IAMM.

**EQAS 2016 NORTH & NORTH EAST CENTER - DELHI
(UNDER THE AUSPICES OF IAMM)
Analysis of QC distribution 9, 10, 11 & 12 (2016)
PERFORMANCE OF LABORATORIES**

QC NO.	DESCRIPTION	CONTENTS	LABORATORY (%) GIVING CORRECT RESULTS
	Fixed Smears		
9	Pus smear- gram stain	Few pus cells, GPCs in clusters , suggestive of Staphylococcal infection	65.5%
10	Pus smear – gram stain	Many pus cells , gram positive branching /filamentous bacteria, suggestive of <i>Naocardia / Actinomyces</i> infection. Advised Kinyoun staining for confirmation	78.32%
11	Pus Smear- gram stain	Many pus cells, Gram positive diplococci seen, suggestive of <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>	68.36%
12	CSF Smear- Gram Stain	Few Lymphocytes(0-5 LPF), Gram Positive budding yeast cells, Suggestive of Cryptococcal infection	45.6%

QC NO.	DESCRIPTION	CONTENTS	LABORATORY (%) GIVING CORRECT RESULT
	Culture		
9	Bacterial culture	<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>	90.5%
10	Bacterial culture	<i>Shigella flexneri</i>	38.52% *
11	Bacterial Culture	<i>Proteus mirabilis</i>	89.62%
12	Bacterial Culture	<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i>	77.45%

* 61.48% of the participants did not perform agglutination test for confirmation of identification

QC NO.	DESCRIPTION	CONTENTS	LABORATORY (%) GIVING CORRECT RESULT
	Serology		
9	Hepatitis B surface Antigen (HBsAg)	Negative	99.7%
10	HCV Antibody	Positive	99.1%
11	ASO	Negative	94.2%
12	Dengue NS1 Antigen	Negative	99.1%

Prof. (Dr) Chand Wattal,
Chairman, IAMM EQAS DELHI
Dated: 12th Dec 2016

Dr. Jaswinder Oberoi & Dr. Neeraj Goel
Co-ordinators IAMM EQAS DELHI

BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31st MARCH 2016

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2016

Funds & Liabilities	As on		As on	
	31.03.2016	31.03.2015	31.03.2016	31.03.2015
Capital Fund			Fixed Asset	
As per last Balance Sheet	25,81,922	25,81,922	Equipment	1,85,139
Other Earned Funds			Less: Depreciation for the year	(25,032)
Life Membership Fees Fund			Investment (At Cost)	3,00,000
As per last Balance Sheet	265,700		SIH Mutual Fund	
Add: Received during the year	27,000	26,57,000	Fixed Deposits with	30,00,000
			Bank of Baroda	65,00,000
Life Membership Certificate Fund			Advances	
As per last Balance Sheet	4,03,430		Income tax deducted at source	
Add: Received during the year	4,83,450	4,03,430	As per last Balance Sheet	1,68,324
			Add: Deducted during the year	(70,423)
Reserve and Contingent Resolving Fund			Advance for Microcon	5,00,000
As per last Balance Sheet	15,53,440		Income Outstanding	
Add: Transferred from Income and Expenditure Account		15,53,440	Interest Accrued but Not Due	
			Fixed Deposit	8,46,933
Professional Fund for Prize Distribution			Dividend Receivable on Mutual Fund	
As per last Balance Sheet	3,70,000		Other Receivables	136
Dr. K. B. Sharma Memorial Award Fund		3,70,000	Cash and Bank Balances	
			Bank	
Liabilities			WBI Syndicate Bank (savings) - Dhulead	1,00,869
Other Payables	56,353	48,243	WBI State Bank of India (savings) - Sonagrah	17,123
Professional Fees Payable	36,360	4,616	WBI Bank of Baroda (savings) - Pune	7,57,027
Acad. Fees Payable	13,324	5,233		
Provision for Income tax	1,50,000	9,000		
Payable to Secretary	6,64			
Payable to Treasurer for Fee	10,179			
Income and Expenditure Account (Surplus)				
As per last Balance Sheet	18,33,544			
Add: Net Surplus for the year as per Income and Expenditure Account	2,19,403	20,23,531		
TOTAL	1,89,83,140	94,96,430	TOTAL	1,89,83,140
Notes:				
Accounts of the Association are maintained on accrual Basis.			The above Balance Sheet to the best of my/best belief contains a true account of the Funds and Liabilities and of the Property and Assets of the Association.	
For Asha & Kulkarni, Chartered Accountants, (F.R.N. 115251/W)			For Asha & Kulkarni, Chartered Accountants, (F.R.N. 115251/W)	
(Asha A. Tale)			(Asha A. Tale)	
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M. No. 108559			M. No. 108559	
Place: Pune			Place: Pune	
Date: 29/11/2016			Date: 29/11/2016	
			Place: Pune CHANDISGARH	
			Date: 26/11/2016	

Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists (Treasurer's Office)
Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March 2016

Expenditure	As on		Income	As on	
	31.03.2016	31.03.2015		31.03.2016	31.03.2015
To Establishment Expenses			By Fees		
Bank Charges	287	77	Student Membership Fees	16,000	31,750
Postage, Courier and Communication Charges	13,094	40,614	Annual Membership Fees	6,700	15,400
Printing & Stationery	38,149	31,056	By Interest		
Depreciation	28,097	15,190	On FDs account	7,04,212	2,63,930
Accounting Charges	5,175	9,653	On Savings account	45,719	1,42,685
Website Expenses	11,400	-	By Dividend		
Professional Fees	2,875	7,863	On SIH Mutual Fund	24,933	33,164
Salary	12,500		By Contribution		
Travelling Expense	-	3,000	From Conference	9,733	
Miscellaneous Expenses	5,060	2,988	Microcon 2013		2,00,000
			Microcon 2014		5,00,000
To Audit Fees			To Expenditure on Objects of the Society		
for FY 2013-14		8,500	Certification, Medals and Citation Expenses	25,925	30,475
for FY 2014-15			IAMM Directory Expenses	-	
for FY 2015-16	9,775		To Provision for Income Tax	4,25,600	9,000
To Expenditure on Objects of the Society			To Transfer to Funds		
Certification, Medals and Citation Expenses	25,925	30,475	Being amount equal to Net Balance out of Conference Contribution transferred	3,19,487	3,16,781
IAMM Directory Expenses	-				
To Provision for Income Tax	4,25,600	9,000			
To Transfer to Funds					
Being amount equal to Net Balance out of Conference Contribution transferred	3,19,487	3,16,781			
TOTAL	7,97,564	11,46,930	TOTAL	7,97,564	11,46,930
Notes:					
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Notification for Elections of Executive Council (EC) Members of the IAMM.

The Executive Council of the IAMM has **One** vacancy in the year 2017. As per the constitution of the IAMM, notice is hereby issued by the Secretary IAMM, inviting the nominations to this position 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, 2017.
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: One
6. Last date for submission of nominations: 31st March 2017.

Prof. (Dr.) B.L. Sherwal
Secretary IAMM &
Director,
Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS), Ranchi
Bariatu, Ranchi-834009
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**And now We welcome the new year,
filled with happiness and prosperity,
HAPPY NEW YEAR 2017!**

Published by
Prof. (Dr.) B.L. Sherwal.
Secretary IAMM

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