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# President's Message

Greetings to all the members, We all must be getting ready for the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual congress of IAMM being held in Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences

Ranchi from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017. The theme of the congress 'Broadening the horizons of clinical Microbiology' is very apt to the current scenario where Microbiologists are moving from bench to bedside. The programme of the congress is very well chalked by the organising committee with workshops CMEs and symposia on relevant topics of



interest to the young as well as senior microbiologists. The speakers have been chosen with great effort and I am sure this is going to be an academic treat for all of us. The annual congress also provides a forum to meet the old and young colleagues as well as students. I am sure that the hospitality of Dr Sherwal and his team and the beautiful locales of Ranchi will be remembered by one and all for a long time.

The country has been facing outbreaks of H1N1 influenza and Dengue fever specially in the North India but the role of Microbiologists not only lies in providing accurate diagnosis but also to alley the fear in the minds of the common people which are further increased by the exaggerated reporting by the media. Thus all of us should spread awareness about these diseases make public aware of risk factors, danger signs etc. so that unnecessary panic is avoided.

Thanks to the efforts of Dr Wattal we have been successful in finding the original certified copies of the constitution of IAMM. This is a great job done by him and we are all indebted for the same.

Both the EQUAS centres at Vellore under Dr Balaji and the one in New Delhi at Sir Ganga ram hospital are doing very well and a large number of government and private laboratories are now taking part in this EQUAS Programme. Besides this Dr. Arunlok Chakravorti is running the Mycology EQUAS from PGI Chandigarh. However, there is a need to extend the EQUAS to some more areas like Virology and Molecular biology. These EQUAS programmes will strengthen the credibility of our laboratories and bring about uniformity among different laboratories.

There has been a National consultation to Operationalise the action plan for AMR containment by the Ministry of Health Govt. of India in collaboration with WHO, CDC and NCDC. IAMM members took and active part in this consultation.

There has been quite an effort by the various IAMM executive members as regards the EC notification and MCI notification on who shall sign the laboratory reports. The microbiologists should try their best to convince that only MBBS or MSC persons are not authorised to sign the reports. We must clearly define that what is the role of clinical Microbiologists specially in interpretation of laboratory reports and point out how the MBBS or non-Medical MSc Microbiologists are incapable of understanding the interpretation of the report which may vary from patient to patient. Finally the Under graduate (UG) and post graduate curriculum of Microbiology need a major revamp and in this regard we need the MCI support specially for UG curriculum and I know efforts in this regard are ongoing but we must keep up these efforts and try to modify the curricula so that more emphasis is laid on clinical Microbiology. In AIIMS we used to teach MBBS students by syndromes and not by microbes as they are going to encounter clinical disease and not individual microbe, I think a similar approach should be suggested for MBBS students all over the country.

### **OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

Prof. (Dr.) B.L. Sherwal,

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Finally our goal as Microbiologists should be very clear, that is providing support for patients care and educating new Microbiologists. We should not forget the role of research more so In Microbiology where advances are happening by leaps and bounds. We should not work only to publish but to add to the knowledge of science of Microbiology.

As this will be my last communication with you I would like to thank all of you for your support during the year. I would like to further put on record my appreciation for the support of the secretary of IAMM Dr B.L. Sherwal, he had most of the hard work to do and this year he is also the organising chairperson of the annual congress so his work load definitely doubled.

I look forward to meeting you in Ranchi in November 2017. Wishing you all a happy holiday season and happy Diwali!

Shobha Broor, President IAMM, Professor and HOD Microbiology, Faculty of Medicine and Health, SGT University, Budhera, Gurgaon. Ex Professor of Microbiology, AIIMS, New Delhi.

# From the desk of Secretary.....

I feel profound pleasure in presenting to you the third issue of this year's newsletter. As we step in to the September-October environs of the festive season, my warm wishes to all in the IAMM family and I pray that you and your dear ones are blessed with love, happiness and good tidings.



After months of hard work, it is about time for our 41st National Conference, MICROCON 2017 to be held from 22nd to 26th November, 2017. Much thanks are endorsed to the organizing team at RIMS and from outside for spending their time and effort on scheduling a dynamic conference program.

I cordially invite and warmly welcome participants from everywhere to be a part of proceedings of the conference in the beautiful weather of Ranchi. Get registered soon to benefit the most from this grand gathering.

I am pleased to extend an invitation for your kind presence at the Annual General Body Meeting to be held during the conference. The notice and agenda convening this meeting is included in the last page of this newsletter.

I sincerely pray that the upcoming auspicious days light up our lives!

Dr. B.L. Sherwal Secretary, IAMM

# **Executive Council Elections**

Dr. Sonal Saxena, Professor, Department of Microbiology, Lady Hardinge Medical College, New Delhi has been elected as the new EC Member!

### Achievements

**Dr. S. P. Thyagarajan** was awarded the prestigious Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Award for Higher Education 2017 by the Government of Tamil Nadu. This is the highest honour of the Government of Tamil Nadu in recognition of contributions on scientific development, humanities and students' welfare.

# FORTHCOMING EVENTS.....

**1. The XXI IAMM TAPC Chapter Annual Conference 2018** will be held at Narayana Medical College, Nellore from  $19^{th}$  to  $21^{st}$  January, 2018. The Pre-conference CME and Workshop is on "Antibiotic Susceptibility Testing Methods" on 19th January, 2018. The theme of the conference is: "Invisible Invaders to Amazing Allelles". The details are a v a i l a b l e o n t h e w e b s i t e (https://sites.google.com/site/iammapchapter/).

**2. The XIV Annual Chapter Meet of IAMM UP-UK Chapter** will be held in Department of Microbiology, JLN Medical College, AMU, Aligarh, UP from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2018. There will be pre-conference CME on 2<sup>nd</sup> followed by workshop. Best paper award in all sub-specialities of Microbiology will be given. Eminent speakers from UP and other parts of India will be invited.

**3. The XXIII IAMM Maharashtra Chapter Conference** and pre-conference workshop will be organized by Department of Microbiology, Govt. Medical College, Aurangabad between 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2017. Pre-conference CME is on diagnostic methods, 'Airborne infection control'. Organizing chairperson is Dr. A. S. Damale and organizing secretary is Dr. J. A. Iravane. The month of October will have a pleasant ambience and beautiful vicinity to plan the travel to the nearby destinations of Ajanta and Ellora. For registration and other details visit the website: www.mahamicrocon2017.com.

**4. The Annual Conference of IAMM Delhi Chapter** will be organized from7<sup>th</sup> December to 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 at Indian Habitat Center, Lodhi Road.

5. VIROCON 2017, the 26th National Conference of the Indian Virological Society (IVS) will be held from 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2017. The theme of this conference is "Viruses to Viromes in Health and Disease".

MICROCON 2017: Pre-conference Workshops 22nd November, 2017

#### S.No. Workshop

1	Scientific Writing	Dr V Balaji
2	Diagnosis of Opportunistic Parasites	Dr. Sarman Singh
3	Mycology- Fungal diagnosis, identification and susceptibility testing- Past, present and future	Dr. Arunaloke Chakrabarti Dr. Shiva Prakash
4	Audits in Infection Control	Dr. Apurba S Sastry
5	Syndromic Approach to undifferentiated fevers.	Dr Chand Wattal
6	Quality Assurance and Accreditation (ISO- 15189:2012)	Dr Rajendra Surpam
7	WHONET (participants have to bring their laptops)	Dr Rajni Gaind
8	Setting up of Infection Control programme in Hospital	Dr Bansidhar Tarai Dr Manoj Jais
9	Diagnostic aspects in Tuberculosis	Dr Deepthi Nair

MICROCON 2017: Pre-conference CMEs 23rd November, 2017

#### S.No. CME

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1. Antibiotics: From Laboratory Prescriber

#### Coordinator

to

Coordinators

- Dr Chand Wattal Dr Sonal Saxena Dr Mayank Dwivedi Dr Cecelia Williams
- Changing Face of Zoonotic Infections in India & Emerging Challenges of Associated Laboratory Biosafety & Biosecurity

MICROCON 2017: INAUGURAL FUNCTION 23rd November, 2017 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

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# **MICROCON 2017: Conference Programme**



41st Annual Conference of Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists 22nd - 26th November, 2017 Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences, Ranchi



MICROCON 2017, which is going to be held from  $22^{nd}$  to  $26^{th}$  November, 2017 is less than two months away. The organizing committee is chaired by Dr B L Sherwal. Dr Manoj Kumar is the Organizing Secretary.

We are happy to inform that the number of registered delegates has crossed 700 till now. Registrations are full in four of the 10 pre-conference workshops. These workshops will be conducted at RIMS, Ranchi and at nearby institutes like Itki TB Sanatorium, Medanta Hospital, Medica Hospital, Ranchi. Two pre-conference CMEs will be held on the 23<sup>th</sup> November- "Antibiotics From Laboratory to Prescriber" and "Changing Face of Zoonotic Infections in India & Emerging Challenges of Associated Laboratory Biosafety & Biosecurity". More than 200 delegates have registered for the CMEs.

The Scientific Programme has been designed with a variety of unique sessions. Apart from the IAMM Symposia and Student Symposia, there is a Symposia on TB. A number of Panel discussions on topics like BMW 2016: Implementation challenges in healthcare, Paediatric infections and Hepatitis and a debate on "We do not have any problem in prescribing generic antimicrobials" are going to mark the high points of this conference. Clinical grand round on "Challenges in yeast infections" has also been planned. The entire scientific programme has been uploaded on our website <u>www.microcon2017.in</u> We have received a huge number of abstracts (over 450) for presentations.

All IAMM members are requested to register and to motivate their students to also do the same for the workshops, pre-conference CMEs and main conference as soon as possible.

24 <sup>th</sup> November, 20	17		
07:30-09:00 am	Registration opens	4:00-4:30 pm	Tea Break
HALL A	8	4:30-6:00 pm	Plenary: Beckmann Coulter session: Dr Rajni Gaind, Dr
09:00-09:45 am	Dr. K B Sharma IAMM Junior Best Paper	neo oloo piii	Poonam Loomba
09.00 09.10 um	Award session		A) Methods and Techniques available for AST and MIC:
09:45-10:30 am	IAMM PRESIDENTIAL ORATION:		Dr Aroma Oberoi
07.45 10.50 ull	Dr Shobha Broor		B) Interpretation of MIC and its role in PK PD: Dr Uma
10:30-11:00 am	IAMM Endowment Oration:		Sekar
10.50 11.00 dili	Dr Chand Wattal		
11:00-11:30 am	Tea / Coffee Break		C) Emerging role of PK PD in patient care: Dr Vikas
11:30am- 12:00 pm			Gautam
12:00am -1:00 pm	IAMM student symposium: Biosafety &		
12.00aiii -1.00 piii	Biosecurity- Dr Rahul Narang	HALL C	
1:00-2:30 pm	Lunch	2:30-4:00 pm	ESCMID Sessions: Dr Manas Sarkar Dr Pallab Ray
2:30pm-4:00 pm	Luien		A) Colistin susceptibility testing: Challenges and
2.50pm-4.00 pm	Automation in Microbiology- From Basics		screening for resistance: Dr Luis Martinez
	to Advanced- Dr Chand Wattal, Dr S P Thyagarajan		B) Transmission of plasmid-borne antimicrobial
	A) Identification techniques: Fast and furious-		resistance: Do we know enough? Can we control
	Dr Reena Raveendran		it? Dr Surabi M Kumar
	B) Recent advances in automated AST-	4:00-4:30 pm	Tea Break
	Dr Sonal Saxena	4:30-6:00 pm	Panel Discussion: BMW 2016 Implementation
	C) Microbiology: Time to automate or wait-		challenges in healthcare: Dr Manoj Jais
	Dr Dinesh Kaul		Panelists: Dr B L Sherwal, Dr. Raman Sardana,
	D) AMSP: Newer Approaches- Singapore Society		Dr Manoj Jais, Dr Sumi, Dr Poonam Gupta,
4:00-4:30 pm	Tea Break		Dr Amber Prasad
4:30-6:00 pm	Plenary: IAMM DEBATE: We do not have	<u>Hall D</u>	
4.30-0.00 pm	any problem in prescribing generic	2:30-4:00 pm	STI: Dr Rama Chaudhary, Dr Anant Nagendra
	antimicrobials- Dr Rajesh Bhatia,		A) Resurgence of Syphilis clinical venerologist-
	Dr Chand Wattal		Dr Rama Chaudhry
	Debatists: Dr Pallab Ray, Dr Bansidhar Tarai,		B) Resistance in gonococcal infections- Dr Manju
	Dr Sanjay Kumar, Dr J K Mitra		Bala
HALL B	Di Sanjay Kumar, Di J K Mitra		C) Mycoplasma genitalium infection- Dr. Sumati
2:30-4:00 pm	CLINICAL GRAND ROUND		Murlidhar
2:50-4:00 pm	Challenges in yeast infections: Dr Arunaloke	4:00-4:30 pm	Tea Break
	Chakrabarti, Dr. Ravinder Kaur	4:30-6:00 pm	ORAL PAPERS
			LT-1- Bacteriology
	<ul><li>A) Candida auris infection - Dr. MR Shivaprakash</li><li>B) Intraabdominal candidiasis/ Is it mandatory to</li></ul>		LT-2- HIV and Virology and Molecular/Rapid
			Techniques
	perform antifungal sensitivity in all laboratories- Dr. Oliver Corneley		LT-3 – Mycology plus Mycobacteriology
	C) Antifungal Resistance in Candida- Dr Anupma Jyoti		LT-4- Parasitology plus HAI plus AMR plus Anaerobic
	Kindo		plus Zoonotic
		6:00-8:00pm	Sponsored Symposium

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HALL A			C) Transmission of TB and its relevance to TB		
8:45-09:45 am	IAMM QUIZ: Dr Vikas Manchanda		Control- Dr. Avi Bansal		
10:00-10:30 am	Tea/coffee break		D) Recent advances in the diagnosis of TB and		
10:30-12:00 pm	IAMM Symposium: Emerging and Re-emerging		early detection of drug resistance- Prof.		
12.00 1.00 mm	Zoonotic Diseases : Dr Rajendra B Surpam		Sarman Singh		
12:00-1:00 pm 1.00 to 2.00 pm	IAMM General Body Meeting Lunch	HALL C 03:30-5:00 pm	Neglected Bacterial Infections in India: Dr Reba		
02:00-3:30 pm	Plenary: WHO Session on Antimicrobial Resistance:	03.30-3.00 pm	Kanungo		
02.00-5.50 pm	Moderator: Dr Anuj Sharma, Chair: Dr N K Ganguly		A) Anthrax in India- Dr Joseph Kingston		
3:30- 5:00 pm	Sepsis: Dr Chand Wattal, Dr Atnu Rai		B) Rickettsial diseases- Dr Manisha Biswal		
5.50° 5.00 pm	A) Need to Recognize Sepsis Early-Dr Tapas		C) Leptospirosis- Dr R D Kulkarni		
	Sahoo		D) Molecular malaria test- A Path to Eradication:		
	B) Is it difficult to reverse sepsis syndrome?-Dr.		Dr Reddy V Ponaka		
	George Varghese	HALL D			
	C) Recognizing MDR Infections & QC testing-Dr	02:30-4:00 pm	Vaccines: Shaping Global Health: Dr. Abhay		
	Pallab Ray		Choudhary & Dr. Raman Rao		
	D) Viral & Fungal causes of sepsis-Dr.		A) Developing vaccine: roadmap to success- Dr.		
	Sanghamitra Datta		Abhay Choudhary		
04:00-04:30 pm	Tea/coffee break		B) Development of novel Dengue vaccine		
5:00 pm-6:00 pm	Lab Mapping and Lab Strengthening at district level		candidate- Dr Navin Khanna		
	Speakers: Dr. Mayank Dwivedi, Dr. Indranil Roy,		C) Challenge in Pre-clinical Development of novel		
	Dr. Jesse Flynn, Dr. Kayla Laserson, Dr. Daniel		vaccine candidates including the		
	Garcia		immunogenicity assays"- Dr C Rajnathan		
	Chairpersons: Dr B L Sherwal & Dr. Sandhya Kabra	04:00-04:30 pm	Tea/coffee break		
<u>HALL B</u> 03:30-5:00 pm	Symposium on Tubanoulogia Dr. 9 9'	02:30-05:00 pm	ORAL PAPERS		
03:30-3:00 pm	Symposium on Tuberculosis: Dr Sarman Singh, Dr Deepthi Nair		LT-1- Bacteriology		
	A) TB Control Policy guidelines and national		LT-2- HIV and Virology and Molecular/Rapid Techniques		
	strategic plan-Dr. Sunil Khaparde		LT-3 – Mycology plus Mycobacteriology		
	<ul><li>B) Management of MDR and XDR-TB- Prof.</li></ul>		LT-4- Parasitology plus HAI plus AMR plus		
	Rajendra Prasad		Anaerobic plus Zoonotic		
	rajonara rasua				
26 <sup>th</sup> November, 201	7				
HALL A		<u>Hall C</u>			
08:00-09:30 am	Newer development in Mycology: Dr Aunaloke	08:00-09:30 am	Infections in healthcare: where have we reached: Dr		
	Chakrabarti, Dr. Savitri Sharma & Dr Jayanti		Sonal Saxena, Dr Pratibha Narang		
	A) Advances in laboratory diagnosis of fungal		A) HACAI: Bacteria on Prowl- Dr Sayan		
	infection- Dr Aunaloke Chakrabarti		Bhattacharya		
	B) Genetic susceptibility for fungal infections-		B) HCAI: Do we neglect viral agents: Dr Nidhi		
	Dr. Umabala		C) Surveillance of Healthcare associated infections:		
	C) New antifungals- Dr. Oliver Corneley		What's new-Dr Renu Gupta		
09:30-10:00 am	Tea/Coffee Break	09:30-10:00 am	Tea/ Coffee Break		
10:00-11:30 am	Focus on Eastern India: Diarrhoeal diseases: Dr	10:00-11:30 am	Immunosuppressed conditions: Dr. Shobha Broor,		
	Shanta Dutta A) Tackling AMR in foodborne pathogens: One		Dr Renu Bharadwaj		
	A) Tackling AMR in foodborne pathogens: One health approach- Dr Neelam Taneja		<ul> <li>A) Viral Infections in Solid Organ Transplant pre and post management- Dr Ekta Gupta</li> </ul>		
	B) Newer parasitic diarrhea- Dr. S C Parija		<ul> <li>B) Immune Activation and Exhaustion in HIV-</li> </ul>		
	<ul><li>C) Do we face same problem in viral diarrhoea?-</li></ul>		Infected Patients- Dr. Desh Asthana		
	Dr. Lalit Dar		C) Role of microbiologists in management of		
	D) Opportunistic parasites: Recent developments-		transplant infection- Dr Ranganathan Iyer		
	Dr Ujjala Ghoshal		D) Molecular diagnostics of CNS infections in		
HALL B			immunodeficiency states- Dr Navin		
08:00-09:30 am	Vector borne Infections: Dr S Badrinath, Dr Nandan	Hall D	·		
	Singh	10:00-11:30 am	Hepatitis: Dr. V Ravi, Dr A C Dhariwal		
	A) Drug resistant malaria- Dr. Neena Velacha		A) Clinical & Epidemiological perspective of Viral		
	B) Leishmaniasis: Diagnostic dilemma and		Hepatitis- Dr Rakesh Aggarwal		
	resistance- Dr. S. K. Shahi		B) Advancement in Laboratory Diagnostics-Dr Lalit		
	C) Unusual/neglected vector borne infections- Dr.		Dar/Dr Priya Abraham		
00.20.10.00	Amar Verma		C) Overview on National Viral Hepatitis		
09:30-10:00 am	Tea/Coffee Break		Surveillance activities-Dr Sandhya Kabra		
10:00-11:30 am	Pediatric Infectious Diseases: Dr Vikas Manchanda		D) Panel Discussion on "Towards SDG on		
	<ul> <li>A) Case Studies: Febrile Neutropenia - Approach towards diagnosis and antibiotic management-</li> </ul>		combating and elimination of viral hepatitis by 2030"-Dr Priya Abrahim, Dr Sandhya Kabra, Dr		
	Dr. Anupam Sachdev		Partha Rakshit, Dr Ekta Gupta		
	<ul><li>B) Case studies &amp; panel discussion on- Recent</li></ul>		E) Way Forward-Dr Partha Rakshit		
	advances in diagnosis and antibiotic	10:00-11:30 am	ORAL PAPERS		
	management of:		LT-1- Bacteriology		
	1) Acute bacterial meningitis in Children 2) Children		LT-2- HIV and Virology and Molecular/Rapid		
	with pneumonia 3) UTI in children		Techniques		
	Panelists: Dr. Anupam Sachdev, Dr. AJ Chitkara, Dr.		LT-3 – Mycology plus Mycobacteriology		
	Vikas Manchanda, Dr. Sumit Rai, Dr. Karnika Saigal		LT-4- Parasitology plus HAI plus AMR plus		
	C) Pediatrician expectations from microbiologists-		Anaerobic plus Zoonotic		
	Dr AJ Chitkara	l			
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26th November, 2017 11:30 am to 12:00 noon

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# **NEWS FROM IAMM STATE CHAPTERS**

# IAMM TAPC (TELANGANA AND ANDHRA PRADESH) COMBINED CHAPTER

The XXI IAMM TAPC CHAPTER ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2018 will be held at Narayana Medical College, Nellore from 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2018. The details are available on the website: (https://sites.google.com/site/iammapchapter/).

A PG write-up competition is being organized on 6 topics for the post graduates of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. All the PGs are required to submit their write-ups online which are to be judged by senior faculty. The last date for submission is 15th October 2017.

Miss Manisha Rani, PhD student of Dr. K.Nagamani, Professor and Head of Microbiology, Gandhi Medical College, Secunderabad, TS received 1st Prize at national Virology Conference held at CMC, Vellore on 21st-22nd July 2017.

Dr. D.S.Murty

Secretary, IAMM TAPC Chapter

# IAMM DELHI CHAPTER

A webinar was organized by IAMM Delhi Chapter on 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 on "Rapid Diagnosis and Management of MDR infections. The webinar was a grand success with participation of over 500 people across India with 25 hospital set ups. The session laid stress upon the latest development in detection and management of MDROs.

A CME on film array in syndromic management of acute infections" was organized at Sir Gangaram Hospital on 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2017. Film array is a newly introduced technology based on multiplex nucleic acid detection in samples.

IAMM Delhi Chapter is organizing its second quarterly meet on 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2017 at Apollo Hospitals on the theme of **"Syndromic approach to diagnosis and management-Meningitis and Encephalitis"**. This is first in series of programs to be organized on syndromic management in 2017-18.

After the grand success of last year's PG Assembly, the same is being organized again this year from 30<sup>Th</sup> August to 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2017. The three day event will be held at Lady Hardinge Medical College and Sir Gangaram Hospital. A total of 45 Post graduates from all over India will participate in the assembly. It aims to provide exposure of latest technological developments in Microbiology to Post graduate students.

The annual conference of IAMM Delhi chapter will be organized from7th December to 9<sup>th</sup> December at Indian Habitat Center, Lodhi Road. The three day event will include preconference workshops and CME along with the main conference.

**Dr. Sonal Saxena** Secretary, IAMM Delhi Chapter

# IAMM BIHAR-JHARKHAND CHAPTER

A General Body Meeting of Medical Microbiologists of Bihar and Jharkhand was held on 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 at 4:00 pm in the main auditorium of Indira Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences (IGIMS), Patna-14, after a one day Continued Medical Education (CME) on "Updates in Infection and Immunodiagnostics" [with 4 Credit hours awarded by the Bihar Council of Medical Registration, Patna]. It was organized by the Department of Microbiology, IGIMS, Patna.

This meeting was chaired by Prof. (Dr.) B. L. Sherwal, Director, RIMS, Ranchi, Jharkahnd & Secretary IAMM. Prof. (Dr.) S. K. Shahi, HOD, Department of Microbiology, IGIMS, Patna, Bihar conducted the meeting and proposed to start the Bihar and Jharkhand Chapter of IAMM. A resolution was passed unanimously and Prof. (Dr.) B. L. Sherwal was requested to be the President for the year 2017-2018 and Dr. Namrata Kumari, Additional Professor, Department of Microbiology, IGIMS, Patna was nominated as the Secretary. For other office bearers, the General Body authorised Prof. Sherwal to nominate.

It was resolved to organize at least one scientific meet every year under the aegis of IAMM Bihar-Jharkhand Chapter. This activity will encourage the Microbiologists of Bihar and Jharkhand to share their scientific work and views.

Dr. Namrata Kumari Secretary, IAMM Bihar-Jharkhand Chapter

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# IAMM GB MEETING NOTICE

# Venue: Hall A, RIMS, Ranchi

# Dear Members,

The General Body Meeting will be held during the National Conference of IAMM on 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 between 12:00noon to 1:30 pm. Please note the timings and kindly make it convenient to attend the same.

## <u>Agenda</u>

- 1) Welcome to the new EC member and
- 2) Bid adieu to the departing EC member/s.
- 3) To confirm the EC/GB Meeting minutes held at PGIMER, Chandigarh.
- 4) Action taken on minutes of the GB Meeting.
- 5) Secretary's Annual Report- Dr. B. L. Sherwal.
- 6) Editor's report and statements of accounts- Dr. V. Balaji.
- 7) Presentation of Annual statements of accounts by Treasurer- Dr. Anju Kagal.
- 8) Report of IAMM EQAS programme by Co-ordinators:a) South Centre (Vellore)- Dr. V. Balaji and Dr. R. Kannangai.b) North Centre (New Delhi)- Dr. Chand Wattal.
- 9) Selection of topics for: a) IAMM Symposium & b) Student Symposium for 42<sup>nd</sup> IAMM Conference.
- 10) Decision regarding the venue for  $42^{nd}$  IAMM Conference.
- 11) Decision of various awards
- **b)** Dr HI Jhala Award
- c) IAMM Endowment Oration Award d) Dr UC Chaturvedi Lifetime Achievement Award
- e) IAMM Merieux Award

a) Dr SC Agarwal Oration Award

- 12) Election of Office Bearer- President IAMM 2017.
- 13) Any other matter with permission from chair.

Looking forward to meeting you all at Ranchi!

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