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Message from the Desk of President

Dear IAMM Members,

Happy New Year!

At the out set, I will like to thank my seniors and the IAMM Executive Body for giving me the opportunity to serve as President of this prestigious body. The association has dedicated year 2019 to Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) Containment. As you know, one of the finest resources that mankind could provide since the last 80 years or so has been antibiotics that saves lives. Most of the recent medical miracles including various transplants, bone marrow and solid



organs would not have been possible if we did not have the valuable resource like an antibiotics. In absence of such a remedy these medical miracles are bound to vanish. Antibiotics are meant to kill only bacteria however, if mis-utilized to treat common viral infections like respiratory tract infections or diarrhea can cause great harm to the community at large. When we use the term antimicrobial resistance - these drugs no longer kill, means the bugs for which it is meant for, it increases the scope of discussion by also addressing anti-fungal, anti-TB, anti-parasitic and anti-viral drugs as well. Needless to say, when this fine armamentarium acquired by the mankind is not used for this specific purpose, it is bound to lose its potential and result in antimicrobial resistance.

As the rule of nature is that all living beings resist death so do the microbes. If we are not discrete today, it may not matter within another five years whether you have an effective antibiotic or not. Dear fellow beings, it is very essential to understand this dynamics of killer and that gets killed. Since homo sapiens are the invaders of the world of microbes which are ahead of us by millions of years in terms of evolution are therefore, better equipped to resist killing. The issue of antimicrobial resistance has jolted the whole world. Multi-drug resistant/extensively drug resistant (MDR / XDR) bacteria like *Klebsiella pneumoniae, Acinetobacter baumannii, Escherichia coli, Pseudomonas aeruginosa, Enterococci, Mycobacterium tuberculosis, Candida haemulonii, Candida auris* just to name a few are here to stay.

In light of the above disaster to which we are staring at, it becomes the responsibility of all of us to act responsibly and address the issue of AMR. We cannot wait any longer since we have none and this action can begin from schools, residents welfare associations, public leaders, celebrities in different walks of life and medical fraternity a need to get ceased with this problem and start educating masses in particular when not to take an antibiotic besides the issue of AMR. As a society we urge Government of India to bring out some legislations to prevent across the counter sale of antibiotics, regulating non human use of antibiotics used by humans and address this issue as "One Health" agenda, which should include all stakeholders like veterinary sciences, horticulture and the farming industry.

Getting a new molecule to the patient takes 15-20 years and millions of dollars worth resources are spent and the same are lost to AMR within 5-6 years. Due to this early loss to AMR the industry hardly makes its ends meet. The discouraging production of new molecules due to AMR need to be understood & we need to save such resources like antimicrobials particularly so for the lower middle-income group countries. Therefore, the only solution to our country is to educate the masses for rational use of antibiotics to prolong its life and the next is the prevention of infections by strong infection control measures that can be inbuilt along with the training for preventing AMR.

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The society has recommended change in its syllabus for both undergraduate & post-graduate courses for MBBS/MD in Medical Microbiology so that we can catch the medicos when young and sensitize them with bedside knowledge of use of antibiotics & investigating a case of infectious diseases as evidence based medicine. The society also recommends at least one chapter on prudent use of antibiotics in various school level teachings.

Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists has taken upon the task to work for the cause of preventing AMR. IAMM AMR Containment meet were organized on 21st January, 2019 at New Delhi, The meeting was attended by IAMM Executive members, state chapter Secretaries, members of Core group, Experts and representative of other organizations like NCDC, ICMR and DSPRUD. The association/ working group/ Experts deliberated and developed a detailed program for year 2019 where people at various levels besides the medicos will be made aware of the fall out of AMR & made aware of how to prevent it.

As president of the Association, I appeal all the IAMM members to do their bit for Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) Containment. An "IAMM AMR Walk" has been planned on 17th November 2019 at New Delhi, be a part of it. We need to walk together at this critical moment to save our future generations to survive in this world of microbes.

Best wishes,

Dr. B. L. Sherwal **President IAMM Director, RGSSH**

From the desk of Secretary.....

Dear Colleagues,

Wish you a Happy and Prosperous New year. At the outset, I thank EC members and all IAMM members for electing me for the post of Secretary of our prestigious association. It is my privilege and honour to work for the Indian Association of Medical



Microbiologists as its secretary. I seek the blessings of all senior members and best wishes from all members. I look forward to your support and co-operation in taking our association to greater heights. I also acknowledge the faith shown by the past Presidents of IAMM in my administrative/managerial capability.

I seek the blessings and cooperation of all senior members/EC members in taking our association to greater heights. Our new President Dr. B. L. Sherwal has taken an initiative on Anti Microbial Resistance (AMR) Containment. "Let's all together join hands and make a difference".

My humble request to all the IAMM members to update their addresses and e-mail for better communication and request the state chapters office bearer to inform the activities of the chapter at the under mentioned address.

I request all the Senior faculty/HODs in various Medical colleges/ Institutes/Hospitals to encourage the microbiologists working in their premises to become the life members of IAMM and will also like them to interact with the clinicians frequently.

Kindly circulate this IAMM Newsletter among other members.

With Season's greetings and best wishes,

Dr. S. R. Patil **Secretary IAMM** KIMS, Karad

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OF IAMM AWARDS & PRIZES 2019

(Last date of receipt of all nominations July 31, 2019)

1. Dr SC Agarwal Oration 2019: 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 consent of the nominee along with the consent of the nominee along with six copies of his/her biodata should reach the IAMM Secretary's office on or before 31st July 2019. The award carries a citation and a gold medal. The awardee is to deliver an oration at the National IAMM Conference held in 2020. 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.

2. Dr. H.I. Jhala Memorial award 2019: This award is given to a senior member of the association above the age of 50 years, who has made significant contribution to the development of Medical microbiology in India. This award is supported from the interest from the fixed deposit donated by the organizers of the IAMM congress held 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 2019. The award carries a citation and a gold medal. The award will be conferred at the National IAMM Conference held in 2020. 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

3. IAMM Endowment lecture award 2019: This award is supported by the annual interest obtained from the fixed deposit, donated by the organizers of the IAMM congress held at Hyderabad in 1985. This award is given to an eminent Medical Microbiologist, over the age of 50 years from India and abroad for their outstanding work 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 up on the contribution of the nominee to Medical Microbiology should reach the IAMM Secretary's office on or before 31st July 2019. The award carries a citation and a gold medal. The awardee is to deliver an oration at the National IAMM Conference held in 2020. 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.

4. Dr KB Sharma Memorial Junior Best paper award 2019:

Nominations are invited for the Best paper award competition to be held at National Conference of the IAMM at Mumbai in November 2019. This 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, 2019 (certificate showing the proof of age should be attached) and be the principle author of the paper. The same paper should not have received any other award or be published in any other award or be published in any journal and should be so certified, as a signed declaration by the contestant. The above mentioned declarations and six copies of the full paper complete with tables, figures, etc. (prepared according to the format of the IJMM) should reach the IAMM Secretary's office on or before July 31st, 2019. 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 Mumbai in November 2019. 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 Chakrabarthy memorial Prize for the best published paper in Mycobacteriology 2019:

Any member, who has published a paper in the field of

Mycobateriology during the preceding year i.e. 2018, 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 IAMM Secretary's office on or before July 31st, 2019. The award carries a citation and a gold medal. The awardee will receive the award at the valedictory function of the IAMM Conference at Mumbai in November 2019.

6. Prizes for the best papers during the IAMM Conference 2019 (total six categories listed below):

The following six 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 2019 to be held at Mumbai in November, 2019.

The Top Ten papers received for MICROCON will also be included for the Awards in the above mentioned subjects.

7. IAMM Mérieux Award 2019:

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 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 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, 2019.

Proceedings of 42nd National Conference held at NIMHANS, Bangalore-MICROCON 2018



Dr. V. Ravi, Organizing Chairman



Dr. R. Ravikumar, Organizing Secretary

Dear Members.

MICROCON2018, the 42ndAnnual Conference of the Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists was very successfully hosted by the Department of Neuromicrobiology and Neurovirology, National Institute of Mental Health & Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS), Bangalore, Karnataka, under the Chairmanship of Dr. V Ravi. The theme of the congress was "Breaking Barriers...Building Bridges".

Clinical Microbiology is at a very exciting period; not only are we seeing changes in the way we practice, but we also have a very sophisticated array of tools at our disposal. Yet, there are significant barriers which currently limit our ability to function at the highest level possible. Identifying and breaking these barriers is essential to enhance quality of care to our patients. The only way forward is building new bridges through networks. With this aim, we hosted 42nd conference of IAMM at NIMHANS, Bangalore. It was a huge task to host and manage a high number of participants in this expensive city. However with the tremendous dedication and guidance by Dr. V Ravi, the chairman of this conference as well as with the significant support from faculty of medical colleges from Karnataka, we could achieve the same. We admire the immense support that we received from everyone- IAMM members, the faculty and speakers, national and international delegates, sponsors, conference event managers, audio-visual team and voluntary students towards organising this conference beautifully and making it a grand success. Sponsor of this conference were Biomerieux India Private Limited as platinum sponsor, BD India Pvt Ltd as Gold sponsor and Fast Track Diagnostics as silver sponsor and many exhibitors also supported the conference. MCI GeTS India Pvt Ltd was our event manager for this conference.

We were the first to initiate STOP AMR RUN, a walkathon to create awareness about antimicrobial resistance. More than 300 delegates enthusiastically participated in this activity on 28th November 2018. Being held at Bangalore a cosmopolitan city in India, Microcon 2018 had maximum number of registrations ever with more than 1500 delegates. Aimed at Medical Microbiologists from the Indian Subcontinent, we committed to bring together the very best of the Faculty ever assembled in this part of the country. A total of 9 parallel pre-conference workshops and 5 parallel pre-conference CMEs were conducted on 28th and 29th November 2018."ICMR-AIIMS-CDC Workshop on AMR" which was coordinated by Dr. Reba Kanungo and "CLSI CME on Antimicrobial Sensitivity Testing" which was coordinated by Dr. Chand Wattal attracted the huge number of participants. The main conference was inaugurated on 29th November 2018 by Dr. Vinod K Paul, NITI Aayog, GOI followed by his keynote address on antimicrobial resistance which was one of the highlights of conference and was appreciated by all the delegates present. On 30thNovember, Dr. Tapan Dhole delivered the Presidential Oration and Dr. Shobha Broor chaired the session. The IAMM Symposium on "POCT" was coordinated by Dr. V Balaji. Dr. IAMM Quiz was organised by B L Sherwal, the secretary of IAMM. There was a separate session on Medical Microbiology in SAARC Countries on 2nd December 2018. For the first time in IAMM conference, around 25-30 delegates from Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and other SAARC Countries were registered and conducted the session in Microcon 2018. Time management was utmost priority in this conference. All the speakers were requested to complete the sessions within the time-frame provided. Number of plenary lectures, panel discussions and parallel symposia on current interesting topics were arranged which received huge appreciation by the delegates. The IAMM debate on "Super specialization in

Microbiology is a boon or a bane?" moderated by Dr Rajesh Bhatia was outstanding. Highest number of abstracts (586) among Microcon conferences ever was presented this time both in oral and poster sessions. The Organizing Committee provided free registrations for senior IAMM members. More than 150 faculty as experts, microbiologists and clinicians from India and abroad were participated in the conference. Apart from scientific activities, the thread-art painting, a very rare talent by B K S Varma also attracted the delegates. Delicious food with special regional dishes was able to satisfy taste buds of attendees. Convenient accommodation and timely transportation facility was managed for speakers and invitees. Eco-friendly approach was another highlight of this conference. The size of souvenir book was considerably reduced well enough to provide required information to the delegates. An app was developed called "Microcon 2018 app" which can provide all information about conference in the mobile phones. Except workshop and CME certificates, all other certificates were electronic. Through these approaches, we could save unnecessary printing. Many speakers and delegates praised the organising committee for well organising the conference. Managing a huge conference in one of the expensive cities of India with a great success would be an inspiration to other organisations who want to host Microcon in future.

Dr. R. Ravikumar Organizing Secretary, MICROCON 2018

IAMM AWARDEES 2018/2019

Dr. UC Chaturvedi Lifetime Achievement Award

- Dr. M. K. Lalitha

Dr S C Agarwal Award

- Dr R K Ratho

IAMM Endowment Award-

- Dr. V. Balaji

Dr. H.I. Jhala Memorial Award

- Dr. Shobha Broor

Dr KB Sharma Memorial Junior Best Paper

- Not Awarded

Prof. AN Chakrabarthy Memorial Prize for the best published paper in Mycobacteriology

- Dr. Pranav Mishra

IAMM Silver Jubilee Award for best paper in Parasitology

- Dr. Sumeeta Khurana

Belgaum-Mumbai prize for best paper in Bacteriology

- Dr. Kashi Nath Prasad

Dr. S.R. Sengupta - Dr. A.M. Saoji Memorial Prize for best paper in Immunology

- Dr. Varun C.N.

Nawopia Pankajalaxmi V Venugopal prize for best paper in Mycology

- Dr. Balaji Selvaraj

Mumbai - Belgaum prize for best poster in Medical Mycobacteriology

- Dr. Dharmendra Singh

Dr. S.S. Kelkar Memorial Prize for best poster (Any subject in Medical Microbiology)

- Dr. Sunita Patil

IAMM Merieux Award

- Dr. Tuhina Banerjee, IMS, BHU, Banaras

Best Paper Published in IJMM Virology

- Dr. Meet Kumar et al

Best Paper Published in IJMM Bacteriology

- Dr. Mubin Kazi $et\,al$

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BODY MEETING HELD AT NIMHANS, BENGALURU, UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF PROF. T.N. DHOLE, ON 1ST DECEMBER, 2018

The President, Prof. Dr T.N. Dhole called the GB meeting in order and chaired the meeting. The Secretary, Dr B.L. Sherwal conducted the meeting. After calling meeting in order President informed that two members of our association namely Dr. P. Shivananda and Dr. Uma Sabharwal have passed away during the last year, he requested the members to observe a silence of one minute in remembrance of the departed souls. After the condolence, meeting was adjourned and after five minutes the members reassembled again to discuss the G.B. meeting agenda which was circulated in Oct 2018 Newsletter to the members.

AGENDA1: Welcoming the new EC Members/ Bid adieu to departing EC members:

The Secretary informed the house that Dr Baijayantimala Mishra, AIIMS, Bhubaneshwar, Dr Manoj Kumar, RIMS, Ranchi and Dr Nilesh D Patel, GMC, Bhavnagar has been elected as Executive members. On behalf of IAMM, Dr. Sherwal congratulated new EC members. The house welcomed them.

Dr Chand Wattal, GRIPMER, New Delhi, Dr Pankaj Arunrao Joshi, GMC, Miraj, Dr Narendra Pal Singh, UCMS>B, New Delhi, Dr Pallab Ray, PGIMER, Chandigarh, Dr Rajendra Surpam, GMC&H, Nagpur, Dr Rahul Narang, MGIMS, Sevagram completed their term of three years as EC members. House thanked them for their contributions.

AGENDA2: To confirm GB meeting minutes held at RIMS, Ranchi:

The minutes of GB meeting held at RIMS, Ranchi on 25th Nov, 2017 were circulated to members through January 2018 IAMM Newsletter. The minutes were passed by EC meeting held at NIMHANS Convention Centre, Bengaluru on 30th Nov., 2018. The General body also confirmed it. The motion of confirmation was proposed by Dr Arunaloke Chakrabarti and was seconded by Dr. Abhay Chowdhary.

AGENDA 3: Action taken on the minutes of the last GB meeting:

The following agenda were addressed from the last GB meeting: **3 a) Court Cases:** Secretary asked Dr Wattal to update on court case. He informed to the house that Hon'ble Delhi High Court in his Judgment dated 15/9/2017 added a new terminology as "technical report" separate from medical report and allowed non-medicos to perform and report medical test. There is nothing as a technical report that exists in practice of modern medicine. We have challenged this in Hon. High Court and is slated for hearing on 20th Jan 2019.

It has been requested to the DG Health Services, GOI during his 2nd Sub-committee meeting with experts on 8th March 2018 to file a rectification petition before the Hon. Supreme Court with regard to their order for adding besides Pathologists, MD Medical Microbiology as well who can sign medical reports. DGHS, accepted our plea and minuted in its minutes of the meeting that MCI needs to file the rectification petition to this Hon. Supreme Court order in presence of the representative of MCI (Mr. Alok Ahuja) and he instructed that MCI should immediately submit to the court for this rectification.

For the funds to be generated for court cases treasurer, Dr. Bharti Malhotra informed the house that only Rs 3 lakh has been donated by the members and will have to generate about Rs.20 lakh for the court cases. So it was discussed to make an appeal to the state chapters of IAMM to contribute one lakh each. The secretary, Delhi chapter Dr Sonal Saxena promised to donate Rs 3 lakh from Delhi chapter. Dr Ajanta Sharma also promised to donate Rs. 1 lakh on behalf of Assam chapter. The money

donated by MICROCON 2017, 5 lakh to IAMM, Dr Manoj Kumar requested to utilize this money donated by MICROCON 2017 for the court cases. The house appreciated the efforts of Dr Manoj Kumar, Dr Sonal Saxena and Dr Ajanta Sharma.

b) Formation of Working Group on Zoonosis: Secretary Dr Sherwal informed to the house that working group on zoonosis co-ordinated by Dr Rahul Narang has completed ICMR project on selective zoonotic diseases in central India. Secretary informed to the house that now it can be included with AMR and One Health Activity.

c) AMR Surveillance in India and Role of IAMM:

It was ratified during the previous conference that IAMM would support WHO in AMR containment in India. IAMM had written a proposal to Dr Henk Bekedam, WHO Representative to India for collaboration with WHO for AMR Surveillance. A revised agreement has been signed.

Secretary, Dr Sherwal was invited by Dr Sunil Gupta, Nodal Officer for AMR, NCDC for the TAG-AMR meetings to discuss the technical issues related to AMR containment in India and IAMM's representation was made on such a big platform.

Apart from these, IAMM is also planning to create social media presence for creating awareness about Antimicrobial Resistance. IAMM plans to conduct awareness programmes for school students. Also, it would be substantial if one day, before the annual IAMM conference or the chapter conferences, be dedicated to Antimicrobial Awareness for Clinical professionals, patients and also the public.

It was decided to form the subcommittee for AMR will be lead by the President, coordinated by Secretary/Joint Secretary, all EC Members, all Secretaries of Chapters, and Eminent Microbiologists from all over India.

d) Progress for Change of Syllabus of Microbiology to Clinical Microbiology: Secretary informed to the house that curriculum issue is pending with MCI. It was decided to submit the copy again and seek the appointment with MCI and Dr Vinod Paul and explain the need for change in curriculum. The subcommittee has been constituted, Dr Chand Wattal, Dr Sonal Saxena, and Dr Bharti Malhotra being the subcommittee members.

e) PG Assembly for Clinical Microbiology and Webinar under the banner of IAMM:

The secretary informed the house that IAMM added another feather in its cap by expanding the educational initiative and announced PG Assembly for Clinical Microbiologist in two states. One was organized in tandem by the Department of Clinical Microbiology and Immunology, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital (SGRH) & Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences (ILBS), and other at Department of Microbiology, Kasturba Medical College, Manipal, Karnataka in association with IAMM - Karnataka Chapter.

In year 2019 it was decided to conduct PG assembly in four zones North- SGRH and CNBC, Delhi; South- KMC, Manipal; East- TMC, Kolkata; West- KEM, Mumbai. The MOU will be signed with Biomerieux. The house approved and appreciated the idea.

Two super hit webinars were organized under the banner of IAMM, moderated by Dr Chand Wattal, GRIPMER, New Delhi and supported by Biomerieux. Several eminent speakers were part of these webinars. The links have been shared on IAMM website for a greater audience to benefit from it.

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AGENDA 4: Secretary's Annual report- Dr. B. L. Sherwal:

The house ratified the annual Secretary report read out by Dr Satish Patil Joint Secretary on behalf of Dr. B. L. Sherwal at the Inauguration function of the IAMM Conference (MICROCON 2018) on 29th Nov., 2018. The motion was confirmed by Dr Reba and seconded by Dr. A. Nagendra.

AGENDA 5: 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 Virology in IJMM2017.

Dr Arunaloke Chakrabarti in last G.B meeting at Ranchi opined that we should explore the possibility to change the publisher, the members agreed for the same. On same issue Dr Balaji told the house that Publisher has to pay Rs. 10 lakh to IJMM and he is in process of getting the money from Publisher and Dr Balaji Informed the house that he is not able to get the copy of previous MOU with publisher, Dr Reba told it seems there is no such document available, Secretary requested to all Past editors of IJMM if they find the document kindly intimate to Dr Balaji. If no such document available house agreed upon to check the possibility to have the new quotes for the different publishers. The Editor's report was accepted by the house. It was proposed by Dr Savitri Sharma and seconded by Dr P. Narang.

AGENDA 6: Presentation of annual statement of accounts by Treasurer - Dr. Bharti Malhotra:

Dr Bharti Malhotra, Treasurer presented the treasurer's report and statement of accounts. She mentioned that this year we have 3266 life members, 35 annual and 205 student members as on 28th November, 2018. Secretary informed about the maintenance of IAMM website is not done by previous vendor so refurbishing the IAMM Website was done by Mr Ashok Kumar so the honorarium of Rs. 20,000/- to be given to Mr Ashok Kumar. It was decided to check the clause to check termination of former website vendor and responsibility to be checked by Dr Mahantesh Nagamoti and Dr Satish Patil.

The house accepted the treasurer's report. The treasurer report was confirmed by Dr. Rakesh Maheshwari and seconded by Dr. Manoj Kumar.

AGENDA 7: Report of IAMM EQAS programme by coordinators: Dr V. Balaji, Dr Rajesh Kannangai and Dr Chand Wattal presented the EQAS reports of south and north EQAS centers respectively.

IAMM Delhi EQAS centre has been accredited by NABL as a proficiency test provider (PTP). It is further to be noted that the South Centre at CMC Vellore have also applied for NABL and are awaiting their accreditation.

Both the centers have requested for increase the charges for the EQAS, as there is increase of expenditure for EQAS centers. The request was put forward through sub-committee of EQAS and passed through EC. It was agreed by the house to increase the rate of EQAS for tire one Rs 7000/ plus GST. It was also agreed to extend services to SAARC countries at same rate plus courier charges. The possibility of Parasitology EQAS as a pilot project was discussed and decided to send the Parasitology samples along with other EQAS packages as pilot through CMC, Vellore. The Reports were accepted by the house. It was proposed by Dr Jahagirdar and seconded by Dr Ravi Kumar.

AGENDA 8: Selection of topics for IAMM symposia and Student Symposium for 43rd IAMM conference:

GB discussed various topics for IAMM Symposium and Student Symposium and approved the following topics: For the IAMM Symposium, "Biologicals: its effect on infectious diseases"- to be moderated by Dr Arunaloke Chakrabarti. For Student Symposium "Plasmid to WGS: Journey complete." moderated by Dr TN Dhole.

AGENDA 9: Announcement of venue for 43 IAMM Conference: As per the request from Department of Microbiology, LTMC, Sion, Mumbai, and approval in EC, it has been declared that the 43rd IAMM conference will be held at Department of Microbiology, LTMC, Sion, Mumbai. Dr Sujata Baveja will be organizing secretary. The website was launched and the members were invited for the conference by Dr Shripad Takalikar, joint organizing secretary, MICROCON 2019. There were applications regarding Venue of 44th IAMM Conference, it was decided by the house for venue of 44th MICROCON to Department of Microbiology, Guwahati Medical College, Guwahati, the organizers have to confirm the same in 43rd MICROCON G.B. meeting.

AGENDA 10: Decision of various awards for 2018: The awards for the year 2018 were announced as per the recommendations received from the Award Committees for the various awards:

Dr S C Agarwal Oration Award – Dr R K Ratho Dr H I Jhala Memorial Award – Dr Shobha Broor IAMM Endowment Oration award- Dr V Balaji Dr UC Chaturvedi life time achievement award-Dr M K Lalitha

AGENDA 11: Election of Office Bearer- President IAMM for 2018:

GB approved the election of new office bearer, as recommended by Executive Committee:

- President Dr B L Sherwal, RGSSH, Delhi (2018-19)
- Secretary Dr Satish Patil, KIMS, Karad (2019-2021)
- Joint Secretary Dr Sonal Saxena, LHMC, New Delhi (2019-2021)
- Editor IJMM Dr V Balaji, CMC, Vellore to continue for 1 year more.
- Associate Editor Dr Chand Wattal, GRIPMER, New Delhi.

AGENDA 12: Laboratory Mapping and Strengthening Activity:

Secretary Dr Sherwal informed to the house that as discussed during the previous two conferences, IAMM with support from CDC India has been running the Lab Mapping activity. 330 laboratories (66 private and 264 public) were mapped, Android-based Application has been developed. It has been extended the capacity building initiative to veterinary laboratories. Details of these activities were shared during the Laboratory Mapping and Strengthening session during the conference.

AGENDA 12 a: supplementary agenda: Ratification for formation of two new state chapters:

G. B ratified the formation of two new state chapters namely, Rajasthan Chapter of IAMM and Madhya Pradesh Chapter of IAMM.

AGENDA 13: Any other matter with permission of chair:

<u>Suggestion to start Virology Paper Award:</u> Dr Shobha Broor, Senior Microbiologist and Past President IAMM showed interest to start Best Virology Paper Award in memory of her beloved father. G. B accepted the request of Dr Broor, she will donate Rs 3 lakh to IAMM and award will be instituted after completion of formalities. G.B has given the responsibility to Secretary to complete the formalities.

The GB Members placed on record the excellent services rendered by the President of IAMM Prof. Dr. Tapan Dhole and outgoing Secretary Dr B.L.Sherwal and EC Members Dr Chand Wattal, Dr Pankaj Arunrao Joshi, Dr Narendra Pal Singh, Dr Pallab Ray, Dr Rajendra Surpam, Nagpur, Dr Rahul Narang.

The meeting ended with the thanks to the chair.

Dr. S. R. Patil Secretary IAMM

IAMM AMR Containment Initiative ACTION PLAN 2019

Keeping in view of urgent need to save the antibiotics and citizens of the country, Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists has planned extensive awareness campaign for public and training of doctors and nurses across the country. A meeting was held at New Delhi on January 21, 2019. Over 25 microbiologists from across the country including Secretaries of state chapters of IAMM and members of core group constituted for AMR containment initiative during MICROCON 2018 at Bengaluru attended the meeting. Representatives from WHO, ICMR and NCDC were also present in the meeting. The meeting was supported by Biomerieux.

The representatives from various state chapters and cities shared the activities being done in their areas and they also proposed different activities that they plan to do in year 2019. Various activities were listed which can be done by various chapters and microbiologists across the country to create awareness regarding AMR and training of various stakeholders. The activities which can be done were broadly classified into three broad groups – done for public, doctors and those for nurses and paramedical staff, these are as follows:

1. Public

- · Awareness campaign on rational use of antimicrobials through leaflet in at least three languages
- Talk show in electronic media on rational use of antimicrobials if possible
- · Awareness posters and placards to be displayed all around the city in various medical shops
- Street Plays in the form of Nukkadd and role-plays
- Continued focus on raising awareness among the public of the harmful consequences of overuse and misuse of antibiotics through school, mobile apps
- Print and electronic media awareness about problem of antibiotic misuse
- Health and hygiene programmes for school children like teaching hand hygiene etc.
- Antibiotic resistance awareness in various health camps
- Walkathon/Marathons- pamphlets and stalls
- Patient/ patient relatives fliers on antibiotic use for inpatients and their attendants
- Science Exhibition on AMR
- Collaboration in PSM Department of Medical Colleges for community outreach

2. Doctors

- Partnerships with other medical and professional organizations
- Meeting with IMA and local chapters to formulate the type of skill development program among the doctors
- A mandatory talk on AMR in every CME conducted by State chapter of IMA
- Arrangement of a rally for awareness campaign on rational use of antimicrobials for public on Doctor's day i.e. 1st July
- Collaboration with Veterinary and Animal Husbandry Department for training program among doctors of both the disciplines
- Training of Doctors through Clinical Society Meet organized at the institutes
- CME and Workshop on antibiotic resistance and antibiotic stewardship for Government and Private Doctors
- Annual newsletter on antibiotic resistance for Faculty and Residents
- Clinical Grand Rounds (CGR) on antibiotic stewardship by microbiologists
- AMR Session at Veterinary Conference
- Webinars

3. Nurses and Paramedical Staff

- Partnerships with nursing colleges and nursing professional organization
- Training on Prevention of HAI for nurses and other health care staff.
- Meeting with Laboratory Technician Association
- Involvement of nurses in Global Hand Washing day on 15th October and World Hand Hygiene Day on 5th May celebrations from all over the state
- · Training them regarding antimicrobial stewardship, hand hygiene, Biomedical waste management
- Ward-based training on antibiotic resistance and hospital infection control
- Training to pharmacists on safe use of antibiotics

All chapters and institutions/members are requested to send the list of participants and there classified roles (Surgeon/Physician/Microbiologist/Nurse/Public, etc.) with name and date of event related to AMR.

The information gathered shall be uploaded on website as counter that total no. of events conducted and participants in various roles sensitized, trained in AMR related issues.

It was also deliberated upon that role of social media be explored and celebrities in various areas of society – film actors, sports persons, youth icons shall be involved in creating the awareness.

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks by Dr. Sherwal followed by press conference.

IAMM ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR 2019

1	Activity on AST/AMR for Microbiologists	March/April 2019	All the state chapters to organise a day activity on AST for Microbiologists. Dr Sonal Saxena, Joint Secretary, to co-ordinate among the chatper.			
2	Public Connect Initiative on "Safe use of antibiotics"	April 7, 2019 onwards – 1 week	Simultaneously in various parts of country by various state chapters and cities. Dr Satish Patil, Secretary, to co-ordinate			
3	Media Advocacy- Hand Hygiene & Healthcare associated infections prevention and their impact on antibiotic usage	May 5, 2019 & October 15, 2019	Simultaneously in various parts of country by various state chapters and cities. President/ Secretary IAMM & all state chapter President/ secratary to co-ordidate.			

Simultaneously in various parts of country by various state

Delhi, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Kolkata, Ranchi, Guwahati. For this purpose special website to be created for

June/July 2019

November 17, 2019

"One Health - Covergence"

AMR awareness Walk

4

meetings

- 6 I. All chapter meetings and conferences and workshops where IAMM or its chapters are involved will have at least one session on AMR
 - II. All the chapter secretary and IAMM members are request to share the details of the program held by them on AST/AMR
 - III. IAMM members are requested to join hand with the PSM colleagues for out reach program and with clinicians for public connect.

chapters and cities,

Dr Rahul Narang to co-ordinate.

coordination, awareness and registrations. Dr Vikas Manchanda to co-ordinate.

IV. An APW has been signed with WHO India to create a surveillance network for AMR surveillance with a name of WINSAR (WHO-IAMM Network for Antimicrobial Resistance). This network will complement data to existing surveillance networks of ICMR and NCDC towards contribution to GLASS.

EQAS 2018 NORTH & NORTH EAST CENTER - NEW DELHI (UNDER THE AUSPICES OF IAMM)

Analysis of QC distribution 17 & 18 (For the year 2018) PERFORMANCE OF LABORATORIES

QC No. 17	Description (Smear)	Contents	Lab (%) Giving No. Correct Result		
(1.1)	BAL Sample – Gram Stain	Many pus cells, scanty ciliated columnar epithelial cells. Many gram negative pleomorphic bacilli seen Suggestive of bacterial pneumonia due to GNB (? <i>H.influenzae</i>)	Correct-47.70% Partially Correct-50% Not Correct-2.29%		
(1.2)	Sputum Sample – Gram Stain	Sample – respiratory tract flora seen Partially Corre			
(1.3)	Urine Sample – Gram Stain	Correct- 74.07% Partially Correct- 25.93% Not Correct-0%			
QC No. 18	Description (Smear)	CONTENTS	Lab (%) Giving No. Correct Result		
(1.1)	BAL Sample – Gram Stain	Many pus cells. Moderate gram positive branching filamentous bacteria seen. Suggestive of pneumonia due to <i>Nocardia</i> .	Correct-27.57% Partially Correct-65.44% Not Correct-6.99%		
(1.2)			Correct-35.20% Partially Correct-60.14% Not Correct-4.66%		
(1.3)	Stool Sample – ZN Stain	Acid Fast Bacilli seen. Grading: 2(+), (RNTCP guidelines)	Correct-94.30% Partially Correct-2.65% Not Correct-3.05%		

QC No. 17	Description (Culture)	Contents	Lab (%) Giving No. Correct Result			
(2.1)	Bacterial Culture & AST	Shigella sonnei	Correct-79.38% Partially Correct-12.56% Not Correct-8.06%			
(2.2)	Bacterial Culture & AST	Staphylococcus saprophyticus	Correct-55.69 % Partially Correct-44.07% Not Correct-0.27%			
(2.3)	Bacterial Culture & AST	Escherichia coli	Correct-87.68 % Partially Correct-11.37% Not Correct-0.95%			
QC No. 18	Description (Culture)	Contents	Lab (%) Giving No. Correct Result			
(2.1)	Bacterial Culture & AST	Salmonella enterica Typhi	Correct-90.22% Partially Correct-7.87% Not Correct-1.91%			
(2.2)	Bacterial Culture & AST	Staphylococcus aureus	Correct-90.21% Partially Correct-9.79% Not Correct-0%			
(2.3)	Bacterial Culture & AST	Pseudomonas aeruginosa	Correct-92.55% Partially Correct-6.81% Not Correct-0.64%			

QC No. 17	QC No. 17 Description (Serology & BBV)		Lab (%) Giving No. Correct Result				
(3.1.1)	RA	NEGATIVE	Correct-76.73% Partially Correct-22.81% Not Correct-0.46%				
(3.1.2)	CRP	POSITIVE	Correct-73.10% Partially Correct-25.52% Not Correct-1.38%				
(3.2.1)	HBsAg HCV HIV	POSITIVE NEGATIVE NEGATIVE	Correct-97.11% Partially Correct-2.89% Not Correct-0%				
(3.2.2)	.2) HBsAg NEGATIVE HCV POSITIVE HIV NEGATIVE		Correct-95.78% Partially Correct-4.22% Not Correct-0%				
QC No. 18	C No. 18 Description Contents (Serology & BBV)		Lab (%) Giving No. Correct Result				
(3.1.1)	.1.1) CMV IgG POSITIV		Correct-96.37% Partially Correct-2.63% Not Correct-1.00%				
(3.1.2)	RPR	NEGATIVE	Correct- 98.18% Not Correct- 1.82%				
(3.2.1)	HBsAg HCV HIV	POSITIVE NEGATIVE NEGATIVE	Correct- 99.38% Not Correct-0.62%				
(3.2.2)	(3.2.2) HBsAg NEGATIVE NEGATIVE HIV POSITIVE		Correct- 98.59% Not Correct-1.41%				

• Total centers registered: 546

• IAMM EQAS NEW DELHI has got accredited as NABL PT provider since October, 2018.

Prof. (Dr) Chand Wattal,

Chairman, IAMM EQAS, New Delhi

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dear Members,

A very Happy New Year! and warm greetings from Jaipur Pink city the treasurer's desk. Thanks to support from you all we are growing each year. Welcome again to the new members, regards and thanks to all seniors and colleagues for all the support and guidance.

Our special thanks to many state chapters who insist students for IAMM membership for attending state conference, helping the IAMM grow stronger. In the last year (April 2018 till date) we had 186 new Life members (total LM till 2019 is 3278), 39 Annual Members and 205 Student members.

Its a sincere request to update your addresses complete with PIN and email so that we update your address. Moreover journal will not reach you at right place, hence please be specific for corresponding address.

Please update addresses in the following format to 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 addresses f) Mobile number. Those of you who are in touch with senior members please 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.

Thanks a ton to all of you for your support. Happy Sakranti /Poongal /Lohri to all! May the Lohri fire keep you and your hearts warm forever.

You will be happy to know that I have been bestowed upon State Award for meritorious services on 26th January 2019 by the honourable Governor Shri Kalayan Singh ji.

Dr Bharti Malhotra Treasurer IAMM

BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31st MARCH 2018

These are not approved; the final accounts will be shared in the next issue of Newsletter

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AUDIT REPORT

* I / We have examined the balance sheet of INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGISTS, P G I, SECTOR 12, CHANDIGARH – 160001 as at 31.03.2018 and the income and expenditure account for the year ended on that date which are in agreement with the books of account maintained by the said firm.

* I/We have obtained all the information and explanations, which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of the audit. In our opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the firm so far as appears from our examination of the books.

In our opinion and to the best of our information, and according to information given to us, the said accounts give a true and fair view-

- in the case of the balance sheet, of the state of affairs of the above named trust as at <u>31.03.2018</u> and
- in the case of the income and expenditure account, of the deficit of its accounting year ending on 31.03.2018

The prescribed particular are annexed here to

For N.S.Rathore & Co. Chartered Accountants

Place : <u>JAIPUR</u>
Date : 01.08.2018

(N.S. VYAS) Partner M.No - 010937



(F.Y. 2017-18)

INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGISTS P G I, SECTOR 12, CHANDIGARH

Balance Sheet as on 31st March 2018

Liabilities	Amount	Assets	Amount
Trust Fund	39,07,836.00	Fixed Assets	1,15,031.00
Corpus Fund	1,71,04,888.00	Investments	94,35,352.00
Current Liabilities	2,98,387.00	Sundry Debtors Others	1,77,790.00
Loans	3,71,251.00	Loans and Advances	3,60,509.00
		TDS	5,92,216.00
		Cash at Bank	1,09,99,464.00
		Cash in Hand	2,000.00
Total	2,16,82,362.00	Total	2,16,82,362.00

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

As per our report of even date For N.S.RATHORE & CO.

Chartered Accountants (Registration No. 012414C)

N.S. VYAS

Membership No.: 010937

Place: JAIPUR Date: 01/08/2018 For INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGISTS

BHARTI MALHOTRA Member

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INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGISTS
P G I, SECTOR 12, CHANDIGARH

Income and Expenditure A/c for the year Ending 31st March 2018

Particulars	Amount	Particulars	Amount
To Royalty	17,92,412.00	By ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES	1,20,660.00
To Audit Fee	20,000.00	By INTEREST FROM BOB	1,36,471.00
To ACCOUNTING CHARGES	30,485.00	By PG MEMBERSHIP	1,00,000.00
To BANK CHARGES.	1,509.00	By INTEREST FROM FDR	4,63,595.00
To ACCOMODATION EXPENSES	8,15,098.00	By SPONSERSHIP	30,55,185.00
To CONSULTANCY	1,90,017.00	By INTEREST FROM BOB JAIPUR	63,992.00
To LAB MAPPING CHARGES	54,663.00	By STUDENT MEMBERSHIP FEES	15,250.00
To PÖSTAGE COURRIER AND PRINTING STATIONERY	72,327.00	By INTEREST FROM SYNDICATED BANK	1,30,927.00
To TRAINING EXPENSES	4,50,030.00	By WORKSHOP AIIMS	2,500.00
To LEGAL EXPENSES	6,00,000.00	•	
To HONORAIUM	2,24,153.00		
To SALARIES	4,15,912.00		
To Depreciation	20,300.00		
		By Deficit (Excess of Expenditure over Income)	5,98,326.00
Total	46,86,906.00	Total	46,86,906.00

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

As per our report of even date For N.S.RATHORE & CO. Chartered Accountants (Registration No. 012414C)

NS.Ga N.S. VYAS PARTNER Membership No.: 010937

Place: JAIPUR Date: 01/08/2018



INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGISTS P.G.I. SECTOR 12. CHANDIGARH

Trust Fund A/c as on 31st March 2018 Amount **Particulars**

Particulars To Deficit (Excess of Expenditure 5,98,326.00 By Balance B/F 45.06.162.00 over Income) To Balance C/F 39.07.836.00 45,06,162.00 Total 45.06.162.00 Total

Annexure for Corpus Fund Amount 1,04,07,388.00 OTHER FARMARKED FUND 2,97,500.00 CORPUS FOR COURT CASES FUND RECIEVED UNDER LAB MAPPING 64.00.000.00 Total 1,71,04,888.00

Annexure for OTHER EARMARKED FUND Particulars Amount ENDDOWMENNT FUND FOR PRIZE DISTRIBUTION 3.70.000.00 LABORATORY MAPPING and STRENGTHENING PROJECT 23,05,168.00 LIFE MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE FUND 14.11.630.00 LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEE FUND 40,66,950.00 SEMINAR AND CONFERENCE REVOLVING FUND 22 53 640 00 1,04,07,388.00 Total

Annexure for Current Liabilities Particulars Amount 15,074.00 PROFESSIONAL FEES PAYABLE PAYABLE TO SECRETARY 4,253.00 PAYABLE TO TREASURER 22,745.00 18,275.00 AUDIT FEE PAYABLE OTHER PAYABLE 70.400.00 PROVISION FOR I.T.A 2016/17 1,27,640.00 20,000.00 N.S.RATHORE and CO VIDHYA BHARTI JOSHI 20,000.00 Total 2,98,387.00

Annexure for Sundry Debtors Others Amount Particulars FAST TRACK DIAGNOSTICS ASIA PVT. LTD 1,27,400.00 MSD PHARMACEUTICALS PVT LTD 5,390.00 45,000.00 PFIZER LIMITED 1,77,790.00 Total

Annexure for Loans and Advances Particulars Amount 3,60,509.00 Manipal Academy Total 3.60.509.00

Annexure for Loans Particulars Amount 1,71,251.00 ATUL KULKARNI 00,000.00 Total 3,71,251.00

(F.Y. 2017-18)

INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGISTS P.G.I. SECTOR 12. CHANDIGARH

Fixed Assets as on 31st March 2018

										Schedule:
		Gross Block		Depreciation —/			Net block			
Particulrs	Balance 1.04.2017	Addition during the year	Deduction during the year	AS on 31.03.2018	Up to 31.03.2017	provided during the year	Deduction	Total Depreciation up to 31.03.2018	as on 31.03.2018	31.03.2017
EQUIPMENT	1,35,331.00	-	-	1,35,331.00	-	20,300.00	-	20,300.00	1,15,031.00	1,35,331.00
Total	1,35,331.00		-	1,35,331.00	-	20,300.00		20,300.00	1,15,031.00	1,35,331.00

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Bhasti

1) The 15th Annual Conference of UP-UK Chapter of IAMM will be held on 1st-2nd Feb 2019.

The theme is 'Hospital Infection Prevention: Driving Challenges for a better tomorrow'. The conference is being organized at Era,s Lucknow Medical College and Hospital, Era University, Lucknow.

There will be 3 preconference workshops

Workshop 1: Infection control skills and Microbiologists

Workshop 2: Journey from VAE to VP: Surveillance and prevention

Workshop 3: Back to Basics: Essential Skills

Apart from invited guest lectures, there will be oral and poster paper presentation, UG and PG quiz. Dr. UC Chaturvedi oration award will be given to an eminent Microbiologist from UP for his/her contribution. Dr. Ayyagari best paper award for best paper related to

antibiotics and Dr. PC Sen award for best paper in any subspecialty of Microbiology will be given. Details are available on the website: www.upukmicrocon 2019.com

2) The 23rd Annual Conference of IAMM-Karnataka Chapter 'Micro-Kar 2019' will be held on 8th-9th Feb 2019.

The theme of conference is 'Sepsis and Notifiable Infectious Diseases'. The conference is being organized at SDM College of Medical Sciences & Hospital, Dharwad. For more details please visit the website: www.sdmmedicalcollege.org/micro-kar2019.

3) The 43rd Annual Conference of IAMM 'Microcon 2019' will be held at LTMC, Mumbai on 28th Nov. to 1st Dec. 2019.

For more details please visit the website: www.microcon2019.org

Notification for Elections of Executive Council (EC) Members of the IAMM

The Executive Council of the IAMM has **Six** vacancies in the year 2019. As per the constitution of the IAMM, notice is hereby issued by the Secretary IAMM, inviting the nominations to these positions 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, 2019.
- 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: 6 (Six)
- 6. Last date for submission of nominations: 31st March 2019.

Dr. S. R. Patil

Secretary, IAMM &

Professor, Dept. of Microbiology, Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences, Karad, Dist. : Satara,

Maharashtra - 415 539

Here's wishing all the members a new year filled with happiness and prosperity, HAPPY NEW YEAR 2019!





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