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## Message from the Desk of President

## Dear friends,

The last one year and half of the Covid-19 pandemic prevented us from planning most of our organizational activities. Last year we had to replace the routine Microcon with virtual e-Microcon, timely organized by the Delhi Chapter of IAMM under the leadership of Dr Chand Wattal and Dr Sonal Saxena, which was a great success. Many
 senior members welcomed the digital mode of conference and wanted the digital option to be part of future conferences as the new normal.
This year, we have been debating about the possibility of holding the scheduled Microcon 2021 expectantly with eyes on the evolving Covid-19 situation. We had digital meetings with the Executive Committee members, past Presidents, and senior members of the IAMM, and have remained optimistic about holding the Microcon 2021. Recently, with the Covid-19 situation relatively easing up with an enormously successful vaccination drive and implementation of other preventive measures, all activities have been limping back to normal, and the possibility of holding Microcon 2021 seemed viable.
I am happy that the Guwahati Medical College and the Guwahati Chapter of Medical Microbiology, under the able leadership of Dr Ajanta Sharma and Dr Syed Tanwir Alam as the Chairperson and the Organising Secretary respectively, have agreed to hold the Microcon 2021 on 21-24 December 2021. The conference will be organized in the hybrid mode and anyone desirous of attending the conference will have options to join either physically or digitally. The format of the conference will be the same as the past annual conferences of the IAMM.
We have less than two months before the conference. It is a tough call for the organizers to arrange the national conference and for the IAMM to organize all the IAMM awards, orations, symposia, and other events at such a short notice. Please encourage your students to submit their abstracts in large numbers and disseminate the information to everyone you know.

I wish all the very best to MICROCON -2021 team. Wish you all a very Happy and Prosperous Diwali. The Covid pandemic is far from over, and all those planning to attend the conference physically, do get fully vaccinated and follow all covidappropriate preventive measures strictly. Eagerly waiting to see you all at Guwahati!

Best wishes,
Dr. Pallab Ray President IAMM
PGIMER, Chandigarh

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## From the desk of Secretary.....

Dear Members,
Seasons greeting from IAMM!!
COVID - 19 pandemic has now declining trend. Due to this pandemic we were not able to conduct $44^{\text {th }}$ IAMM conference instead we
 conducted e-microcon. Now declining tread of COVID - 19 cases we have decided to have 44th IAMM National Congress at Guwahati from 21st to 24th December 2021. The conference will be in hybrid mode i.e. online and offline mode. The call for nominations of IAMM awards \& prizes 2021-22 are included in this newsletter. The last date of receipt of all nominations is 30th November 2021. The scientific Programme is going to be uploaded on MICROCON - 21 website. I am pleased to extend an invitation to participate in MICROCON - 2021. Due to the changeover of publisher of IJMM our IJMM and IAMM website is now myiamm.in Life members are requested to register on website to get your IJMM issues online. I apologize for some of Newsletter issues were not published due to pandemic situation
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.

Wish you happy Diwali in advance.

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

## REQUEST

Dear Members, please update your Address and Email ID in case of a change and circulate the Newsletter among members and friends!

Kindly share your achievements or other relevant information with us to update in the Newsletter.

## STATE CHAPTER INFORMATION

All the office bearers of the State Chapters are requested to send information about their activities and events. Kindly send the names of the Secretaries of the respective State Chapters.

Greetings from Indian Journal of Medical Microbiology!


This is to bring your kind knowledge that Indian Journal of Medical Microbiology is moving from the publishing house of Wolters Kluwer to Elsevier from January, 2021 onwards. Currently, all issues for the year 2020 have been finalised. January and April issues have been made available online free for all members based in the country. Last two issues of July and October have been combined as July - December, 2020. The same is likely to be available online by the end of October, 2020. The submissions to the current site of Wolters Kluwer are likely to stop from $15^{\text {th }}$ October, 2020.
The new site can be reached from the
link https://www.editorialmanager.com/ijmmb/default.aspx for submission of new manuscripts for the year 2021. January, 2021 onwards there will be no APCs. Kindly note the articles submitted will only be accepted if all instructions to authors are completely adhered to.

The articles submitted till date are expected to be handled on the previous editorial manager of Wolters Kluwer till the end of this year. However, due to the migration of journal to a new publisher site some inconvenience to our members is expected, which at this stage is unavoidable. This is to seek your co-operation till the journal settles at the new site. Any new information that we would like to share with you will be e-mailed as and when necessary. Thanks for your understanding.
C. WATTAL Editor-in-Chief IJMM

The Executive Council of IAMM Wishes a Joyful and Prosperous Diwali to all the Members!!

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OF IAMM AWARDS \& PRIZES 2021

(Last date of receipt of all nominations November 30, 2021)

1. Dr SC Agarwal Oration 2022: 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 as a soft copy of his/her biodata should reach the IAMM Secretary's office on or before $30^{\text {th }}$ November 2021. The award carries a citation and a gold medal. The awardee is to deliver an oration at the National IAMM Conference held in 2022. Nominations must come as a soft copy to be sent to Secretary IAMM by the last date.
2. Dr. H. I. Jhala Memorial award 2022: 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 as a soft copy of his/her biodata should reach the IAMM Secretary's office on or before $30^{\text {th }}$ November 2021. The award carries a citation and a gold medal. The award will be conferred at the National IAMM Conference held in 2022. Nominations must come as a soft copy to be sent to Secretary IAMM by the last date.
3. IAMM Endowment lecture award 2022: 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 as a soft copy 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 $30^{\text {th }}$ November 2021. The award carries a citation and a gold medal. The awardee is to deliver an oration at the National IAMM Conference held in 2022. Nominations must come as a soft copy to be sent to Secretary IAMM by the last date.

## 4. Dr KB Sharma Memorial Junior Best paper award 2021:

Nominations are invited for the Best paper award competition to be held at National Conference of the IAMM at Guwahati in December 2021. 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, 2021 (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 as a soft copy 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 $30^{\text {th }}$ November 2021. 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 Guwahati in December 2021. Nominations must come as a soft copy to be sent to Secretary IAMM by the last date.

## 5. Prof AN Chakrabarthy memorial Prize for the best published paper in Mycobacteriology 2021 :

Any member, who has published a paper in the field of Mycobateriology during the preceding year i.e. 2020 \& 2021, 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 soft copies of the full paper should reach the IAMM Secretary's office on or before $30^{\text {th }}$ November 2021. The award carries a citation and a gold medal. The awardee will receive the award at the valedictory function of the IAMM Conference at Guwahati in December 2021.

## 6. Prizes for the best papers during the IAMM Conference 2021

 (total seven 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
7. I. D. Aggarwal-Broor Prize for the Best paper in Virology

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 a soft copy and 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 2021 to be held at Guwahati in December 2021.
The Top Ten papers received for MICROCON will also be included for the Awards in the above mentioned subjects.

## 7. IAMM Mérieux Award 2021:

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 $30^{\text {th }}$ November 2021.

## MINUTES OF EMERGENT VIDEO CONFERENCING MEETING HELD ON 21-5-2020

In view of COVID-19, the emergency video conferencing meeting was held on 21-05-2020 with Executive Members and past Presidents. Dr Pallab Ray, President IAMM, chaired the meeting.
The agenda for the meeting was:

## AGENDA1: Microcon 2020:

Microcon 2020 has been scheduled at Guwahati, Assam, but in view of COVID-19, gathering of IAMM members will be difficult. Dr Arunaloke Chakrabarti expressed his view that all international and national conferences are getting cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic. He suggested this year 2020 should be deleted from all such type of gatherings. So, Microcon 2020 should also be postponed to year 2021.
Dr V Ravi, Dr C S Patil and Dr Sherwal expressed similar views.

The organizers of Microcon 2020 elaborated on their preparedness of Microcon 2020.They were of the same opinion of difficulty in conducting National Conference in the Year 2020. They agreed to organize the National Conference of IAMM in year 2021.
The Members agreed with their request of conducting Microcon 2021 at Guwahati.

Dr Arunaloke suggested that the same President and EC members should continue for year 2021. There would not be new President elect for 2021 and present EC will work, deleting year 2020.This was seconded by Dr V. Ravi.
As it was approved in General Body meeting in Mumbai that Microcon 2021 and Microcon 2022 would be held at Bhubaneshwar and Lucknow respectively, the responsibility and acceptance for conducting the Microcon one year later should be taken approval from those organizers, it was resolved that Dr Satish R Patil, Secretary IAMM, will communicate with them and ask about their willingness to conduct Microcon 2022 and 2023 respectively.

## AGENDA2: Issues about IJMM:

The Editor, IJMM has written many mails about existing crisis and financial difficulties in publishing of IJMM

1. Revision of APCs
2. Salary of secretarial assistant for IJMM
3. Mode of payment of royalty options as below
4. Payment of 8-10 lakhs debt to the publisher WK in 2020 as and when the bill is raised by them.

These issues were discussed at length. Dr V Ravi, Dr C S Patil and Dr Arunaloke guided and shared their views. Dr B LSherwal also expressed his views to have sustainability
journal should have autonomy and IAMM should take lead to help IJMM out of the current crisis.
After elaborate discussion it was resolved to transfer Rs 10 lakh funds to IJMM from IAMM accounts. The Editor, Dr Chand Wattal will keep audited records of the same account. He also assured that he will be in a position to selfsustain the journal after Jan 2021 journal issue, once he clears all existing liabilities/ issues with present publisher and change the publisher.
AGENDA 3: Any other matter with permission of the chair.
A) Election of EC members: There were two vacancies announced in EC. And for the same the Secretary received two applications. So, they were elected unopposed.

1. Dr Shivendra Kumar Shahi, Professor \& Head, Department of Microbiology, IGIMS, Patna-800014 (Bihar)
2. Dr Neeraj Goel, Sr. Consultant, Department of Clinical Microbiology \& Immunology, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi.

## ACTION TAKEN FOR SAME:

1. MICROCON 2020 - MICRCON 2020 has been cancelled and MICRCON 2021 will be organised at Guwahati, the organisers have consented for the same.
For MICROCON 2022 and MICROCON 2023, the previous organisers from Bhubaneshwar and Lucknow were communicated by secretary and they agreed for the same.
MICROCON 2021 - Guwahati MICROCON 2022 Bhubaneshwar MICROCON 2023 -- Lucknow
2. Letter was sent to Dr Bharati Malhotra to transfer Rs. $10,00,000$ (Rs. ten lakhs only) to IJMM account and the formalities done.

The above minutes will be ratified in General Body meeting during the next MICROCON

Dr. S. R. Patil<br>Secretary IAMM

## IAMM AWARDEES 2019/2020

Due to COVID-19 emergency Microcon 2020 has been cancelled. IAMM Awardees to be awarded in 2021 Microcon.

Dr. UC Chaturvedi Lifetime Achievement Award

- Dr S Badrinath

IAMM Endowment Award-

- Dr K N Prasad

Dr. H.I. Jhala Memorial Award

- DrVLJahagirdar


## MINUTES OF EMIERGENT VIDEO CONFERENCING MEETING HELD ON 24-9-2021

## Agenda 1: - National Conference of IAMM for 2021.

The 44th National conference proposed in 2020 was postponed to 2021 due to COVID -19 pandemic.In view of decline of COVID - 19 pandemic cases, the issue of proposed 44th national conference of IAMM was discussed in EC along with past Presidents \& senior members of IAMM. The organizers of MICROCON 2021, Guwahati were initially hesitant of feasibility of MICROCON in physical mode as the restrictions on mass gathering have still been there. Dr. Arunaloke Chakraborti and other members including Dr. Kulkarni R. D., Dr. Manoj Kumar and Dr. Sonal took active part in deliberations and it was suggested that this year MICROCON has to be held before January 2022. If there is no possibility of physical mode, then it should be in virtual mode or in hybrid mode. Organizers from Guwahati MICROCON were told about and Dr. Pallab Ray, President IAMM directed that MICROCON - 2021 should be held in total virtual or hybrid mode. The congress will be organized by Guwahati team. It was resolved that MICROCON -21 team will convey the mode and dates of MICROCON - 21 within 2 weeks. It was also resolved that dates should be before January 2022.

Agenda 2: - IAMM executive body tenure positions and election.
As the MICROCON -2020 was postponed the tenures of the EC members and President IAMM were extended for one year.

In 2019-20, two vacancies came up in the EC and Dr. Neeraj Goel (SGRH, New Delhi) and Dr. Shivendrakumar Shahi (IGIMS, Patna) have been elected as Executive Council Members and have been added to EC member list. They will be welcomed in MICROCON -2021 and after MICROCON -21, those posts of EC which will complete their tenures will be declared for EC elections.

## Agenda 3: - Any other matter with permission of Chair.

The operational issues were discussed. Payment gateway needs to be reviewed for its functionality. For the recent members, membership number is not coming accurately. Dummy members/duplications to be deleted. Password to be shared with Secretary IAMM for direct uploads of contents. Dr. Manoj suggested a meeting with the website developers to further clarify on these issues.

## ACTION TAKEN FOR SAME: -

MICROCON -2021 will be organized by Department of Microbiology, Guwahati Medical College, and IAMM Guwahati Chapter. The dates for MICROCON -2021 are $21^{\text {st }}$ December 2021 Preconference workshop and Main conference on $22^{\text {nd }}$ to $24^{\text {th }}$ December 2021. The theme of conference is "Clinical Microbiology in the wake of emerging threats"

Dr. S. R. Patil
Secretary IAMM

## TENTATIVE SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME OF MICROCON 2021 (Theme: Clinical Microbiology in the wake of emerging threats)

Day 1 (22.12.2021)

| Time | Sessions (HALL 1) | Speakers | Chairperson/Moderator |
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| $\mathbf{0 9 . 0 0 - 1 0 . 0 0}$ | Dr. K.B. Sharma Junior Best Paper |  |  |
| $\mathbf{1 0 . 0 0 - 1 0 . 3 0}$ | Presidential Oration |  |  |
| $\mathbf{1 0 . 3 0 - 1 1 . 0 0}$ | IAMM endowment Oration |  |  |
| $\mathbf{1 1 . 0 0 - 1 1 . 3 0}$ | Tea break | IAMM student Symposium <br> "Parasitology \& Tropical diseases" |  |
| $\mathbf{1 1 3 0 - 1 3 . 0 0}$ | Lunch / exhibition | HALL 2 | HALL 3 |
| $\mathbf{1 3 . 0 0 - \mathbf { 1 4 . 0 0 }}$ | HALL 1 | Session 2 <br> "Bacterial Zoonotic diseases- One <br> Health Approach" |  |
| $\mathbf{1 4 . 0 0 - \mathbf { 1 5 . 1 5 }}$Parallel session | Session 1 <br> Role of microbiologist for <br> containment of AMR in India <br> (WHO SESSION) | Listeriosis: A challenge for diagnosis |  |
| $\mathbf{1 5}$ min each talk | Contribution of Microbiologist in State <br> Action Plan | Contribution of Microbiologist in AMR <br> surveillance | Rickettsial infections: The neglected <br> cousins of Scrub typhus |


| Time | Sessions (HALL 1) | Speakers | Chairperson/Moderator |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | IPC \& HAI surveillance network | Leptospirosis: An update on laboratory diagnosis |  |
|  | AMR awareness \& containment | One health approach to address important bacterial zoonoses |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 15.15-16.30 \\ & \text { Parallel Sessions } \end{aligned}$ | Session 3 <br> HAI: Prevention is primary | Session 4 <br> Diagnostic stewardship in Sepsis |  |
|  | Ventilator associated pneumonia | The current criteria for diagnosis of sepsis: Pros \& Cons | Free paper/e Poster |
|  | HAI: NICU perspective | Cultivable and non cultivable pathogens in sepsis |  |
|  | Facility design for prevention of HAI | Sepsis and Covid-19 |  |
|  | HAI: The changing scenario in COVID-19 pandemic | Recent advances in sepsis diagnosis: A paradigm shift towards Biosensing |  |
| $16.30-17.45$ <br> Parallel Session | Session 5 <br> Microbes \& non-communicable diseases | Session 6 <br> Tackling emerging fungal threats |  |
|  | Interplay between gut microbiome and immunological diseases | Covid associated Mucormycosis: Global \& Indian scenario | Free paper/e Poster |
|  | Pathogens and atherosclerotic vascular diseases | Epidemic of Dermatophytosis: <br> Changing epidemiolohy and antifungal resistance |  |
|  | Human microbiome and cancer | Candida auris from MDR to pan drug resistance in India |  |
|  | Regulation of blood brain barrier by microbiome | Role of antifungal stewardship: Core element to success |  |
| 19.30 onward | Dinner |  |  |

Day 2 (23.12.2021)

| Time | Sessions (HALL 1) | Speakers | Chairperson/Moderator |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 8.45-10.00 | IAMM QUIZ (HALL 1) |  |  |
| 10.00-12.00 | IAMM symposium "Climate change and Infectious diseases" |  |  |
| 12.00-13.15 | General body meeting |  |  |
| 13.5-14.15 | Lunch (Exhibition) |  |  |
|  | HALL 1 | HALL 2 | HALL 3 |
| $14.15-15.30$ <br> Parallel session | Session 1 <br> Covid -19 | Session 2 <br> Immunology spotlight |  |
|  | SARS CoV 2 emergence and trajectory | Mucosal immunity in lung and upper airway | Free paper/e poster |
|  | COVID-19: Interpretation of Real time RT PCR result with quality assurance and quality control | Vaccines of past, present and future Or <br> Infectious diseases and vaccines |  |
|  | Laboratory biomarkers of COVID-19 disease severity and outcome | TLR signaling in innateimmune defects |  |


| Time | Sessions (HALL 1) | Speakers | Chairperson/Moderator |
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|  | COVID-19 diagnostic approaches: <br> Challenges and controversies | Update on diagnosis of SLE |  |
| $\mathbf{1 5 . 3 0 - 1 6 . 3 0}$ <br> Parallel session | Session 3 <br> Panel Discussion <br> 'Let's stop Super bug' - making <br> sense of AMR in India | Session 4 <br> Case discussion: Diagnostic <br> challenges in infectious diseases <br> Case 1: Undifferentiated fever <br> Case 2: <br> Case 3: |  |
| $\mathbf{1 6 . 3 0 - 1 7 . 4 5}$ <br> Parallel session | Session 5 <br> Parasitic Disease: New challenges <br> and emerging issues | Session 6 <br> Tuberculosis: The clock is ticking | Free paper/ePoster |
|  | Emerging parasitic diseases: Indian <br> scenario | Diagnosis of tuberculosis: Existing <br> challenges and merits of recent <br> advances |  |
|  | Drug resistance in Malaria | Diagnosis of MDR \& XDR TB-Current <br> standard and challenges |  |
|  | Blastocystis hominis revisited | NTM-Pathogens of growing interest <br> Diagnosis of parasitic diseases: Newer <br> approaches | Tackling drug resistant TB crisis |

Day 3 (24.12.2021)

| Time | Sessions (HALL 1) | Speakers | Chairperson/Moderator |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 9.00 - 10.15 <br> Parallel session | Session 1 <br> Diagnostic Newer techniques | Session 2 <br> Emerging and re-emerging viral diseases: Diagnostic challenges at community level |  |
|  | NGS \& WGS as clinical tool | Challenges in diagnosis of AES in India | Free paper/ePoster |
|  | MALDI-TOF MS: An emerging technology for microbial identification and diagnosis | New viruses on Indian horizon |  |
|  | Nanotechnology approaches for diagnosis of infectious diseases | Handling with Category 4 pathogen |  |
|  | Syndromic testing in clinical microbiology | Current and Future Point-of-Care tests for Emerging and New Respiratory Viruses and Future Perspective |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 10.15-11.15 \\ & \text { Parallel session } \end{aligned}$ | Session 3 <br> Public health challenges | Session 4 Miscellaneous |  |
|  | Infectious diseases in an era of global change | Optimized sample processing and PCR |  |
|  | Satellite labs: Role in epidemics management | Medical microbiology: Clinician's perspective |  |
|  | BMW management: Issues and challenges in India | Acute febrile illness-Diagnostic tools |  |
| 11.15-12.45 |  | Debate (Hall 2) <br> "The COVID pandemic has been handled effectively" |  |
| 12.45-13.45 | Valedictory function |  |  |
| 13.45-14.45 | Lunch/exhibition |  |  |

## GENERAL BODY MEETING

## Venue: Guwahati

Date: $23^{\text {rd }}$ December, 2021
Time: 12:00 Noon - 1:30 PM

## Agenda

## Dear Members,

The General Body Meeting will be held during the National Conference of IAMM on $23^{\text {rd }}$ December, 2021 between 12:00 noon to 1:30 pm. Please note the timings and kindly make it convenient to attend the same.

1. Welcoming of New EC Members / Bid Adieu of outgoing EC members.
2. To confirm the EC/GB Meeting minutes held at 43rd IAMM conference, Mumbai.
3. Ratification of emergent meetings of EC.
4. Action taken on minutes of the GB Meeting.
5. Secretary's Annual Report- Dr S.R.PATIL
6. Editor's report and statement of IJMM accounts- Dr Wattal
7. Presentation of Annual Statement of IAMM Accounts by Treasurer- Dr Manoj Kumar
8. Report of IAMM EQAS programme by the Co-ordinators:
a) South Centre (Vellore)- Dr V Balaji and Dr R Kannangai
b) North Centre (New Delhi)- Dr C Wattal
9. Selection of topics for $45^{\text {th }}$ IAMM Conference: a) IAMM Symposium and b) Student Symposium
10. Decision Regarding the venue for IAMM Conference.
11. Decision of various Awards:
a) Dr S C Agarwal Oration Award
b) Dr H I Jhala Award
c) IAMM Endowment Oration Award
d) Dr U C Chaturvedi Lifetime Achievement Award e) IAMM Merieux Award
12. Election of Office Bearers IAMM 2021
13. Any other matter with permission from chair.

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