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Message from the Desk of President

Dear Friends

Greetings once again from IAMM !

The past 3 months have provided some respite from the pandemic as our lives are slowly coming back to normal. As of 17 May 2022, India's cumulative COVID-19 Vaccination coverage exceeds an impressive 191.48 Crores and over 3.19 Crores 1st dose vaccines administered for age group 12-14 years. Though COVID cases are still being reported, the drastic decrease in COVID hospital admissions and patients getting severely ill bears testimony to the success of COVID immunisation.

Monkeypox is at our doorstep and despite speculation that it will likely not evolve into a pandemic, its spread cannot be easily dismissed. However, advice at local levels is forthcoming and protocols need to be in place incase India starts reporting cases.

The EC is restarting the PG assembly during the months from July to October for two and a half days. 22 centers of excellence are being invited. The further modus operandi will be announced by the team IAMM. We hope that our PGs will attend these workshops so that they are continue to be inspired as they graduate and become full fledged microbiologists.

Our Indian Journal of Medical Microbiology has slowly but surely, going from strength to strength. We request all our members to please ensure that their emails are registered with the IAMM office so that they can freely access the IJMM issues.

Just before the pandemic , Antimicrobial resistance was responsible globally for 1.27 million deaths worldwide . As a society, we plan to focus on Anti Microbial Resistance (AMR) that continued to increase over the last 2 years . Though the problem is complex, involvement of policy makers as well as the community is vital to get to grips with control.

Wishing good health to all our members. Stay safe till we meet at our National Conference in November this year in Bhubhaneshwar !

Warm wishes from Mumbai

Best wishes,
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President IAMM

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From the desk of Secretary.....

Season's greetings from KIMS Karad!

As we are coming to new normal to normal from the pandemic, our academic routine is also coming to virtual to in person.



The preparations for the Bhubaneswar, Conference (Microcon-2022) in November are in full swing, Prof. Dr. Nirupama Chayani & Prof. Dr. Bimoch Projna Paty along with colleagues intend to put up a dynamic and stimulating conference. I personally request all the members to attend this wonderful programme and to be part of its proceedings.

IAMM is starting again PG Assembly for our young budding Microbiologists from July to October this year onwards with increase in number of centers. Our attempts and efforts are always directed to create a better platform for our future Microbiologists and we shall embrace this journey together exploring new frontiers with wisdom.

My gentle reminder to all our members to put in nominations for this years' awards and also to the younger members to contest for the paper and poster prizes under various categories.

We have accomplished many wonderful things over the years with the continued support and encouragement of all the past Presidents, the present President, Madam Dr. Camilla, and the actively working esteemed EC Members/Members who strive to take our association to newer heights.

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

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

REQUEST

Dear Members, please update your Address and Email ID on the website 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.

45th Annual Conference of Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists

Dear IAMM Members,

Greetings from the land of Lord Jagannath. We feel humbled and privileged in hosting the 45th Annual conference of the Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists – IAMM MICROCON in **Bhubaneswar, Odisha** and we thank IAMM for bestowing the faith on us. We take great pleasure in inviting you to join us and participate in this academic fiesta, scheduled from **24th November – 27th November, 2022 at Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS), Bhubaneswar, Odisha**. The theme of this year's conference is **“Emerging Microbes and Evolving Microbiologist”**.

As we are crawling slowly out of the pandemic phase of the COVID – 19, we can introspect the role that the clinical microbiologists have played in diagnosing and supporting their clinical colleagues and we can certainly say that we have done our job with much *elan*. The battle is not over and certainly not when it comes to the microbes. Be it the once unknown viruses, non – pathogenic fungi, commensal bacteria or pathogenic bacteria armoured with newer resistance mechanism, it seems they are in a hurry in jumping borders to make their presence felt globally. As clinical microbiologists, we have to be on our toes always to detect a slightest hint of an impending doom. We have to an extent have taken the microbiology from the bench to the bedside, but there is still a lot to evolve and to have an avant-garde of diagnostic modalities to tackle the newer challenges in infectious diseases.

This conference will also give the opportunity to members to meet up physically after a long time, renew friendships, strengthen and extend networks across various sectors such as academia, industries and government, across various medical and allied scientific branches. As the organizing committee, we are committed to bring together experts with rich expertise in their fields, both national and international. We guarantee you that the participants both young and not so young will rejuvenate their minds and will be an experience to remember.

Bhubaneswar, the temple city is an amalgamation of tradition, culture, nature and modernity. An educational hub surrounded by places which will delight nature lovers, adventurers, photographers, history admirers and worshippers, foodie equally. In a limited time span, the organizing committee assures good hospitality and a great experience. We certainly believe that you will find Odisha is truly *India's best kept secret*.

We look forward to seeing your presence with active contribution and support to make this event successful once more. At this meet, let us celebrate what we, as a professional community, have achieved and also let us draw the path that we aspire to achieve, to mitigate infectious disease morbidity and mortality.

At this conference let us take the new steps towards the new horizons and at the same time brush off the rusted old traditional methods in diagnostics. Let us pledge that we can and we will make a difference.

For more details about the conference and pre-conference workshops and CMEs, please visit the conference website www.microcon2022.in. You can register online through the conference website.

Prof. Dr. Nirupama Chayani Prof. Dr. Bimoch Projna Paty
Organizing Secretaries

NEWS FROM IAMM STATE CHAPTERS

IAMM Delhi Chapter

IAMM Delhi Chapter organized a webinar “**The rise of the titans**” on May 22nd in which opportunistic infections in COVID were discussed with special focus on mucormycosis. Eminent speakers- Dr Arunaloke Chakravarti, Dr M K Daga, Dr Achal Gulati and Dr Chand Wattal gave shared their experiences and showed the way forward.

When the deluge of COVID cases started to decrease, it was time to focus on an old nemesis “Sepsis”. A sepsis symposium was held on World sepsis day- 13th September 2021, “**Sepsis management- what has changed?**” The webinar was a resounding success with more than 1000 online participants.

A virtual Chapter meeting of IAMM, Delhi Chapter was organized on 9th October, 2021 by ABVIMS. The Theme of the

meeting was: **Immunology & Autoimmune Disorder: An Update**. Microbiologists got an insight into a niche field.

The Annual IAMM Delhi Chapter meet was held in person for three days from 25th to 27th November 2021. Four pre- conference satellite workshops were held - at MAMC on Gene sequencing, at LHMC on fungal infections, in UCMS on antimicrobial stewardship and at Fortis on Hospital acquired infections. A CME “**From guidelines to practice**” was held on 26th November. The focus of the CME was to understand the challenges faced by the clinicians in diagnosing fever, UTI etc and how microbiologists can reconcile guidelines with testing. The theme of the conference was “**Newer frontiers in fungal diagnosis**”. The DR K B Sharma Oration was delivered by Dr Rama Chaudhry. IAMM Delhi Chapter started a new initiative “**PG symposium**” in which two post graduates delivered talks on “Omics in Microbiology”.

XXVI MAHAMICROCON 2022, PUNE

XXVI Maharashtra State Chapter Conference of Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists

Date: 16th - 18th September 2022

Theme:

Microbiome - Friends forever!

(Two and a half days of academic excitement!)

Organized by

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Sassoon Hospitals, Pune-411001, Maharashtra, India

Dr Rajesh Karyakarte
Organizing Secretary

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For more details please contact organizing Secretariat
Website: <https://xvimahamicrocon2022.in/>

PG ASSEMBLY

Greetings from IAMM!

The initiative of IAMM – Delhi Chapter and adopted by National IAMM, the **PG assembly** has been conducted previously. As all of us know due to pandemic it was interrupted. As per the directions of President Dr Camilla Rodrigues, IAMM is starting this activity again.

Dr Chand Wattal has consented to be course Director for this activity. The activity was conducted in 4 centers in 2019, IAMM is expanding the centers from this year. It is decided that the PG assembly would be conducted each year during the months of **July to October**. The duration of the course shall be of 2.5 days. Final year MD Microbiology students are eligible and will be preferred to participate in the program. A nominal registration fees of Rs 1500 has been fixed. The registration will be done centrally through IAMM website.

First announcement will shortly be issued to the IAMM members, followed by the 2nd announcement with the details of the participating institutes. BioMerieux continue to be the exclusive industry partner in this initiative. All are requested to visit IAMM website (<http://www.myiamm.in>) for further updates.

AMR FOR ALL

Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is one of the most serious global public health threats in this century and is now recognized by not only the scientific community, but the society at large and most policy-makers as an important problem to confront. It is critical to strengthen, harmonise and coordinate the AMR surveillance in our country

Improving laboratory capacity and performing quality assured pathogen testing is the first step in them Microbiology lab from where AMR is documented. ICMR and NCDC have established AMR activities and networks especially in the metro cities. We would like to extend this activities to two tiered cities. We urge established laboratories in metro cities to “adopt micro labs “ in smaller cities to initiate resource appropriate interventions and support smaller hospital labs develop antibiotic policies towards the larger goal of both diagnostic and antimicrobial stewardship. All labs interested in helping, may please give their names to the IAMM secretariat.

UPDATE IN DIAGNOSTICS

We propose starting a monthly webinar from the IAMM secretariat on “update in laboratory diagnostics” and would invite laboratories who have the required expertise in any infectious disease to come forward for a short but crisp half hour presentation on whats new in the diagnostic world. For a start, pertinent topics as lab diagnosis of Melioidosis , Rickettsia, Carbapenem Resistance , introduction to Sequencing etc can be included. We request all IAMM members to please ensure that their current emails are recorded with the secretariat so that all members can be invited to participate and share their expertise.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OF IAMM AWARDS & PRIZES 2022

(Last date of receipt of all nominations July 31, 2022)

1. Dr SC Agarwal Oration 2023: 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 31st July 2022. The award carries a citation and a gold medal. The awardee is to deliver an oration at the National IAMM Conference held in 2023. Nominations must come as a soft copy to be sent to Secretary IAMM by the last date.

2. Dr. H. I. Jhala Memorial award 2023: 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 31st July 2022. The award carries a citation and a gold medal. The award will be conferred at the National IAMM Conference held in 2023. Nominations must come as a soft copy to be sent to Secretary IAMM by the last date.

3. IAMM Endowment lecture award 2023: 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 31st July 2022. The award carries a citation and a gold medal. The awardee is to deliver an oration at the National IAMM Conference held in 2023. 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 2022:

Nominations are invited for the Best paper award competition to be held at National Conference of the IAMM at Bhubaneswar in November 2022. 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, 2022 (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 31st July 2022. 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 Bhubaneswar in November 2022. 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 2022 :

Any member, who has published a paper in the field of Mycobacteriology during the preceding year i.e. 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 31st July 2022. The award carries a citation and a gold medal. The awardee will receive the award at the valedictory function of the IAMM Conference at Bhubaneswar in November 2022.

6. Prizes for the best papers during the IAMM Conference 2022 (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 2022 to be held at Bhubaneswar in November 2022.

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

7. IAMM Mérieux Award 2022:

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 Mérieux with their recommendations for the selection of the laureate. Institut Mérieux 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 Mérieux. 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 2022.

IAMMEQAS New Delhi Centre
ANALYSIS OF DISTRIBUTION (November 2020 – March 2021) (SMEAR)

QC No. 25 (Nov. 2020)	Description (Smear)	CONTENTS	Lab (%) Giving No. Correct Result
(1.1)	CSF Sample – Gram Stain	Few lymphocytes seen. Moderate Gram positive budding yeast cells resembling Cryptococcus seen. Suggestive of Cryptococcal Meningitis.	Correct-81.00% Partially Correct-18.63% (Did not mention anything about the associated cells present in the CSF) Not Correct-0.37%
(1.2)	Sputum Sample – ZN Stain	Moderate PMN cells & many squamous epithelial cells seen. Upper respiratory tract flora seen. Poor quality specimen. Kindly repeat properly collected specimen for better evaluation.	Correct-65.87% Partially Correct-31.55% (wrong Int. given) Not Correct-2.58%
(1.3)	Pus Sample – Gram Stain	Many PMN cells seen. Many GPCs in pair & short chains. Suggestive of soft tissue infection due to <i>Streptococcus pyogenes</i> .	Correct-87.27% Partially Correct-12.73% (Failed to differentiate b/w staph. & strept. & did not mention arrangement)
QC No. 26 (March 2021)	Description (Smear)	CONTENTS	Lab (%) Giving No. Correct Result
(1.1)	Pus Sample – Gram Stain	Many PMN cells seen. Many GPCs in pair & small groups seen. Suggestive of Staphylococcus abscess.	Correct-86.54% Partially Correct-13.46% (wrong int. given like strept., enterococcus & other)
(1.2)	Sputum Sample – ZN Stain	Slender, beaded acid fast bacilli seen. AFB seen 1+.	Correct-96.85% Partially Correct-2.22% (Did not use the RNTCP criteria for ZN grading) Not Correct-0.93%
(1.3)	Pus Sample – Gram Stain	Many PMN cells seen. Many GNGBs seen & short chains. Suggestive of VAP due to Acinetobacter species.	Correct-59.07% Partially Correct-40.00% (Did not quantify the organism & wrong int.) Not Correct-0.93%
QC No. 27 (July 2021)	Description (Smear)	CONTENTS	Lab (%) Giving No. Correct Result
(1.1)	Pus Aspirate – Gram Stain	Moderate PMN cells. Moderate budding yeast cells seen. Candida infection.	Correct-89.77% Partially Correct-9.88% (BYC not mentioned & wrong int.) Not Correct-0.35%
(1.2)	Pus Sample – Gram Stain	Many PMN cells seen. Many GPC in pairs & chain and many gram negative bacilli seen.	Correct-62.91% Partially Correct-37.09% (One type of organism mentioned & wrong int. given)
(1.3)	Pus Sample – Gram Stain	Many gram positive bacilli resembling <i>Listeria</i> <i>monocytogenes</i> in morphology seen. Suggestive of <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> infection	Correct-28.77% Partially Correct-6.07% (Wrong int. & morphology given. Like GPC in pairs, GNGB & GNB) Not Correct-65.16%

IAMM EQAS New Delhi Centre
ANALYSIS OF DISTRIBUTION (November 2020 – March 2021) (CULTURE & SENSITIVITY)

QC No. 25 (Nov. 2020)	Description (Culture)	CONTENTS	Lab (%) Giving No. Correct Result
(2.1)	Bacterial Culture & AST	<i>Serratia marcescens</i>	Correct- 84.90% Partially Correct-12.81% (Spps. Not given & wrong int. given in AST)) Not Correct- 2.29%
(2.2)	Bacterial Culture & AST	<i>Shigella sonnei</i>	Correct- 43.40% Partially Correct-55.45% (35 Participants wrong ID given & mostly choose wrong method for Azithro.) Not Correct- 1.15%
(2.3)	Bacterial Culture & AST	<i>Streptococcus agalactiae</i> (Group B streptococci)	Correct- 66.67% Partially Correct- 29.67% (mostly given wrong ID & AST interpretation) Not Correct- 3.66%
QC No. 26 (March 2021)	Description (Culture)	CONTENTS	Lab (%) Giving No. Correct Result
(2.1)	Bacterial Culture & AST	<i>Enterococcus faecium</i>	Correct- 78.14% Partially Correct-19.54% (Mostly wrong spp. given) Not Correct- 2.32%
(2.2)	Bacterial Culture & AST	<i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i>	Correct- 89.57% Partially Correct-8.11% (Given wrong ID & int. for vanco.) Not Correct- 2.32%
(2.3)	Bacterial Culture & AST	<i>Salmonella typhi</i>	Correct- 73.60% Partially Correct-24.28 % (Given wrong spp. & int. in Azithro.) Not Correct- 2.12%
QC No. 27 (July 2021)	Description (Culture)	CONTENTS	Lab (%) Giving No. Correct Result
(2.1)	Bacterial Culture & AST	<i>Staphylococcus epidermidis</i>	Correct- 62.95% Partially Correct-36.33% (Wrong spp. & method choose for vanco. & cefoxitin) Not Correct- 0.72%
(2.2)	Bacterial Culture & AST	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	Correct- 86.53% Partially Correct-13.29% (Wrong int. given for ceftazidime & cefepime) Not Correct- 0.18%
(2.3)	Bacterial Culture & AST	<i>Shigella dysenteriae</i>	Correct- 58.66% Partially Correct-39.35 % (wrong spp. & int. given for Azithro.) Not Correct- 1.99%

IAMM EQAS New Delhi Centre
ANALYSIS OF DISTRIBUTION (November 2020 – March 2021) (SEROLOGY & BBV)

QC No. 25 (Nov. 2020)	Description (Serology&BBV)	CONTENTS	Lab (%) Giving No. Correct Result
(3.1.1)	CMV - IgG	POSITIVE	Correct- 94.84% Not Correct- 5.16%
(3.1.2)	ASO	NEGATIVE	Correct- 97.88% Not Correct- 2.12%
(3.2.1)	HBsAg, HCV, HIV	NEGATIVE, POSITIVE, NEGATIVE	Correct - 98.11% Not Correct- 1.89%
(3.2.2)	HBsAg, HCV, HIV	NEGATIVE, NEGATIVE, POSITIVE	Correct- 98.80% Not Correct- 1.20%
QC No. 26 (March 2021)	Description (Serology&BBV)	CONTENTS	Lab (%) Giving No. Correct Result
(3.1.1)	CRP	POSITIVE	Correct- 97.87% Not Correct- 2.13%
(3.1.2)	Dengue Ns1	NEGATIVE	Correct- 99.20% Not Correct- 0.80%
(3.2.1)	HBsAg, HCV, HIV	NEGATIVE, NEGATIVE, NEGATIVE	Correct - 99.45% Not Correct- 0.55%
(3.2.2)	HBsAg, HCV, HIV	NEGATIVE, POSITIVE, NEGATIVE,	Correct- 98.89% Not Correct- 1.11%
QC No. 27 (July 2021)	Description (Serology&BBV)	CONTENTS	Lab (%) Giving No. Correct Result
(3.1.1)	RA factor	NEGATIVE	Correct- 98.69% Not Correct- 1.31%
(3.1.2)	Rubella IgG	POSITIVE	Correct- 95.13% Not Correct- 4.13%
(3.2.1)	HBsAg, HCV, HIV	POSITIVE, NEGATIVE, NEGATIVE	Correct - 99.26% Not Correct- 0.74%
(3.2.2)	HBsAg, HCV, HIV	NEGATIVE, NEGATIVE, NEGATIVE	Correct- 98.91% Not Correct- 1.09%

ELECTIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IAMM 2022

No. of Vacancies to the Executive Council- TWO (2)

Details of Candidates for Election to IAMM Executive Council 2022

1. Dr. Nilma Nuruddin Associate Professor, GGMC & Sir JJ Group of Hospitals, Mumbai

Hirani
LM No.- 1345



Qualifications:

MD (Microbiology)

She is working in the field of TB Diagnostics, with emphasis on molecular diagnostic assays including Whole Genome Sequencing and performing her duty as Nodal Officer for TB Airborne Infection Control for Sir J.J. Group of Hospitals, Mumbai

Achievements & Awards:

- **National Trainer**, TB Diagnostics (Molecular & Conventional), NTEP, Govt. of India
- **Master Trainer** TB Airborne Infection Control, trained by Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), United States
- **Principal Investigator** on various research projects related to TB Drug resistance under the NTEP
- **Lead Assessor NABL**, Govt of India, has conducted more than 300 laboratory assessments
- Winner of many awards and prizes for research work and publication in TB Diagnostics
- More than fifteen presentations at various International, National & State conferences
- Twenty research publications in various National and International Journals
- Member on the Editorial Board of International and National journals

2. Dr. Juri Bharat Kalita

LM No.- 1237



Laboratory Director, Senior Consultant Clinical Microbiologist, NABL empanelled technical assessor, NQAS external assessor, NQAP empanelled assessor, Ayursundra Superspecialty Hospital, Guwahati, Assam

Qualifications:

MD (Microbiology), Gauhati Medical College and Hospital, Gauhati.

Healthcare professional with 20+ years of experience in the fields of Laboratory management, clinical microbiology & infection control; healthcare operations and quality management; laboratory operations and quality management. Worked in leadership position and decision making roles in various health industries across northeastern states of India. Experienced in setting microbiology laboratories for diagnostic startups and hospitals.

Publications:

- She has 5 publications to her name.

Awards:

- Best paper award-Assam Chapter of Indian Association of Medical Microbiology
- Best paper award- Assam Chapter of Indian Association of Pathology and Microbiology
- Top 3 paper- National Chapter of Indian Association of Medical Microbiology
- Best athlete award- Gauhati Medical College
- Jogesh Mahanta Memorial award for scientific paper presentation–downtown hospital, Guwahati
- Award for maximum participation in academic activities- downtown hospital, Guwahati
- Woman of Excellence award- Ayursundra Healthcare Private Limited

3. Dr. Suruchi Shukla Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology, King Georges Medical University, Shahmeena road, Chowk, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, India.

LM No.- 2191



Qualifications:

MD (Microbiology), Lady Hardinge Medical University, New Delhi.

PDCC-Fellowship (Infectious Diseases), Sanjay Gandhi PGIMS, UP.

Her field of Interest: Labs: ongoing-established/upgraded: Virology lab.

Publications:

She has 23 publications listed in last 3 yrs. and authored 1 chapter in Essentials of Microbiology (Microbiology Undergraduate Book)

She has undertaken Inter and Intra departmental projects: 5 as Principal Investigator, 12 as co-investigator and 5 Inter and Extra Mural Projects.

Awards

She has received 14 national and international awards including number of felicitations as Corona Warrior for her services during Covid pandemic.

4. Dr. Ujjala Ghoshal Professor & Head in Department of Microbiology, SGPGIMS, Lucknow
LM No.- 805



Qualifications:

Dr. Ujjala Ghoshal is a Medical microbiologist, a dedicated teacher and researcher. Currently she is currently working as a Professor & Head in Department of Microbiology, SGPGIMS, Lucknow. She has for more than 25 years of teaching and research she has guided more than 70 MD, MDS, M.Sc. and Ph D students.

She is a member of various working groups of European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious disease (ECCMID). She has been elected as ASM senior country ambassador to northern India. She is the Secretary General of Indian Association of Tropical Parasitology (IATP) and is the founder member of IATP-UP-UK Chapter. She is also Ex-General Secretary of Indian Association of Medical Microbiology

Publications:

She has published around 110 papers in high impact journals. She is Principal Investigator of around 20 projects from various DST, DBT, ICMR and UP-CST and is running many national programs including by WHO & IDSP etc.

Awards

She has received more than 30 Internal and National awards and fellowship including "Presidential award at Asian Pacific digestive Disease in "Philippines"(APDW), "Indian Association of Medical Microbiology (IAMM) for the Best the Best Paper in Parasitology, Best research paper award in Medical category, at SGPGI

5. Dr. M D Khaleel Professor and Lab Director, Molecular Diagnostic Lab, Dept. of Microbiology
Owaisi Hospital and Research Center, Deccan College of Medical Sciences, Hyderabad
LM No.- 2144



Qualifications:

MD (Microbiology), Gandhi Medical College, Hyderabad, Dr NTR University of Health Sciences

Healthcare professional with 15 years of experience in the fields of Diagnostic and Clinical Microbiologist.

He has completed Fellowship in Infectious Diseases at P.D J Hinduja Hospital-Infectious Diseases 2017

Completed National Teachers Training workshop course at JIPMER Feb 2012

Certificate and Diploma course – Infection Control Practices- Apollo Hospital, Med varsity 2015

CLI Internal audit & Quality Management system at DCMS Conducted by Foundation of India, Aug 2016

Institutional Ethics- E Learning Course- Global Health Training course- Good Clinical Practice; Aug 2021

Publications and Honors :

- He has 26 publications in national and international indexed journals.
- He has authored chapters in various books.
- He has also appeared as Guest Speaker in national and international symposiums.
- Best Paper and Poster award at National Medical Educational Technologists Conferences on Teaching Learning Methodologies among Medical Graduates.
- Best Research paper in National Conference conducted by Arrupadai Veedu Medical College, Vinayaka Mission Research Foundation (17th to 18th Nov 2021)

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