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Greetings and warm wishes for a happy new year 2023 to all of you. I am really thankful to IAMM fraternity for giving me the opportunity to be the President of this prestigious association, which is only growing since its inception. The well-organized 45th MICROCON at KIMS Bhubaneswar was a great success - a feast of academic experience in the beautiful town.

Let us begin the year with an optimism for microbiologists to remain a step ahead of all microbes. This brings us to an important task of laboratory preparedness. The

environmental changes, global warming, modifications in personal behavior, changes in societal structure and increase number of vulnerable population, have all contributed to emergence and re-emergence infections. The preparedness of laboratories to detect emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases in a timely manner can give leverage to the medical fraternity. IAMM has a great strength of clinical microbiologists who wear more than one hat in tackling infectious diseases - laboratory diagnosis, infection prevention and antimicrobial resistance monitoring, research and teaching especially facing the challenge of competency based medical education that affected microbiology teaching the most. As we bring out this newsletter, a surge in covid infections is being experienced in many neighboring countries and has rightly increased the vigil in India. But did it disappear really? The virus seems to have become a part of the potpourri of respiratory viruses endemic in our country. We cannot lower our guards though and continue surveillance based on the present scientific evidence, consolidating our resources. Travel health is gaining importance in the present times and again laboratory has a responsibility to upscale the diagnostics in a timely manner, be prepared. A clinical microbiologist responsibility to also to take a leadership role in research related to diagnostics based on the need of our country and basic research for better understanding of the biology of microbes.

Another threat simmering in the in the background is antimicrobial resistance. Now we understand that tackling AMR needs an integrated stewardship program where microbiologists contribute at all levels in the triad of diagnostic stewardship, infection prevention stewardship and antimicrobial stewardship. Timely detection and ongoing surveillance for resistance mechanisms for microorganisms is another component of laboratory preparedness. We can use the technology for rapid dissemination and sharing of our data which is accessible to all the stakeholders so that evidence can guide our strategies.

IAMM has taken up one more significant activity of education and knowledge dissemination to our PG students by involving them in scientific programs and initiation of masterclasses for them. Our immediate past president Dr Camilla Rodrigues and Secretary Dr Satish Patil and all the other members have steered the IAMM activities efficiently and we will continue to seek guidance from our seniors and experts for adding value to our activities.

Any suggestions and inputs are welcome from all members and specially our young technically savvy microbiologists with their innovative thoughts.

Best wishes!
Arti Kapil



From the secretary's desk



Here's wishing you all a very Happy New Year 2023!

It is my great honor that I have been entrusted with this huge responsibility of Secretary IAMM. I sincerely hope that I would do justice to this post. As 2023 starts, the bells for Covid resurgence are ringing again. But this time we are better prepared, informed and brave to face it. As the new year dawns the hopes and aspirations rise for a better tomorrow. IAMM would also be starting few activities this year. I have taken a survey form to collect information on state chapters. A group would be created and regular meetings would be held online to align the chapters with the National body. I request secretaries of all state chapters to mail their activity reports/forthcoming events for inclusion in newsletter. All state chapters are advised to share their details as and when there is any change to

secretary email id. All chapters must get them registered in their states and apply for their own PAN number. IAMM PAN number should not be used by any association/chapter. Microbiologists have done commendable job in the last two years. The learnings from these years will stay with us for many generations. For the benefit of our post graduate residents, we shall be organizing monthly PG masterclass. I request all seniors to encourage our junior faculty and residents to become members of IAMM. This will strengthen our association. Microcon 2023 will be the city of Nawabs "Lucknow". Let us all reach in huge numbers to make is a grand success.

I thank all outgoing Executive members for their contribution to the association. I seek blessings of almighty and all our senior faculty and past Presidents to shoulder this huge responsibility.

Best wishes !
Dr Sonal Saxena



REPORT OF MICROCON 2022

23rd-27th November 2022

MICROCON - 2022

45th ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGISTS



“Emerging microbes and evolving microbiologists”
Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists - Odisha

The 45th National Conference of Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists, MICROCON 2022 themed **“Emerging Microbes and Evolving Microbiologists”** commenced with seven pre-conference Workshops and CME at various institutes in and around Bhubaneswar.

The seven CME/Workshops were as follows:

1. Two days Hands-on WHONET Training Workshop conducted by Dr. Anuj Sharma, WHO country office for India on 23rd and 24th November was organized at Hotel Mayfair.
2. Application of AST in Clinical Microbiology reporting organized at SCB Medical College & Hospital, Cuttack.
3. Biomedical Waste Management organized by AMRI Hospital, Bhubaneswar.
4. ASM - CME on Neglected out of Neglected Tropical Diseases: Challenges to beat organized at AIIMS, Bhubaneswar in Association with American Society for Microbiology.
5. Melioidosis awareness, Diagnostics and Research, conducted and organized at AIIMS, Bhubaneswar.
6. Significance of Immunological techniques in autoimmune conditions organized at Apollo Hospitals, Bhubaneswar.
7. Molecular diagnostic procedure organized at IMS & SUM Hospital, Bhubaneswar.

The event was formally inaugurated on 24th November 2022 evening at the KIIT Convention Center, Bhubaneswar. The inauguration function was presided by Dr. Camilla Rodrigues, President of IAMM along with Dr. Satish Patil, Secretary IAMM. The **Chief Guest** of the inauguration was His Excellency Prof. Ganeshi Lal, Hon'ble Governor of Odisha and the Guest of Honor, was Hon'ble MP and founder of KIIT, Dr. Achyuta Samanta. Dr. Pritilata Panda, Organizing Chairperson, Dr. Nirupama Chayani, Organizing Secretary and Dr. Bimoch Projna Paty, Joint Organizing Secretary were also present. The conference souvenir was released by the dignitaries on the dais.

Next day onwards the main scientific event was held at the KIMS, Bhubaneswar campus. The scientific programs were scrupulously designed to include all aspect of clinical microbiology. Be it antimicrobial resistance, tuberculosis, viral infections, fungal infections, parasitic infections, anaerobic infections, public health issues, neglected tropical diseases, genomics and vaccinology; all were given adequate space to be deliberated.

A debate on the current competency based medical education was also featured in the agenda. The eminent guest speakers from different parts of the globe as well as from within the country had given their valuable talks over different aspects of infectious diseases and shared their experiences with the delegates. It certainly gave thrust to the delegates to dig in deep in each subspecialty of the medical microbiology.

Among all the abstracts received for presentation, 36 were chosen for free oral presentation apart from the IAMM award category. Rest was selected for the e-posters. The three daylong conference concluded with the valedictory ceremony with valuable suggestion from the dignitaries and change of guard at the IAMM with Dr. Arti Kapil, Professor, AIIMS New Delhi as the new president and Dr. Sonal Saxena, Professor, MAMC, New Delhi as the Secretary of the IAMM. The conference gave a new impetus to the IAMM Odisha Chapter to conduct such educational programme with refined vision in days to come. The conference received 10 credit hours by the Odisha Council of Medical Registration and the total number of registrations for the conference was close to 1300.





CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OF IAMM AWARDS & PRIZES 2023

(Last date of receipt of all nominations July 31, 2023)

Dr SC Agarwal Oration 2024: 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 2023. The award carries a citation and a gold medal. The awardee is to deliver an oration at the National IAMM Conference held in 2024. Nominations must come as a soft copy to be sent to Secretary IAMM by the last date.

2. Dr. H. I. Jhala Memorial award 2024: 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 2023. The award carries a citation and a gold medal. The award will be conferred at the National IAMM Conference held in 2024. Nominations must come as a soft copy to be sent to Secretary IAMM by the last date.

3. IAMM Endowment lecture award 2024: 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 2023. The award carries a citation and a gold medal. The awardee is to deliver an oration at the National IAMM Conference held in 2024. 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 2023: Nominations are invited for the Best paper award competition to be held at National Conference of the IAMM at Lucknow in November 2023. 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, 2023 (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 2023. 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 2023. Nominations must come as a soft copy to be sent to Secretary IAMM by the last date.

5. Prof AN Chakrabarty memorial Prize for the best published paper in Mycobacteriology 2023 :

Any member, who has published a paper in the field of Mycobacteriology during the preceding year i.e. 2022, 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 2023. The award carries a citation and a gold medal. The awardee will receive the award at the valedictory function of the IAMM Conference at Lucknow in November 2023.

6. Prizes for the best papers during the IAMM Conference 2023 (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 2023 to be held at Lucknow in November 2023. The Top Ten papers received for MICROCON 2023 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 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 2023.

OBITUARY

Dr. Mabel Legori, MBBS, MD, FRCPath

Former Professor and Head
Department of Microbiology
Government Medical College , Trivandrum
Passed away on 29th September 2022.



was the founder President of the Academy of Clinical Microbiologists, a vibrant personality who touched the lives of countless students and patients alike. Her concept of Clinical application of Microbiology led to the founding of ACM, for which she worked tirelessly. She established the first 24hr Microbiology Laboratory in the Government sector in Kerala in Govt Medical College, Trivandrum. It was also the first AIDS Surveillance centre in the state.

Madam, your students remember you with love and gratefulness for having shown them the right path to good patient care through accurate and timely Microbiology reporting and clinical liaison.

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MINUTES OF GENERAL BODY MEETING HELD AT BHUBNESHWAR IN 45TH NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF IAMM (MICROCON-2022) UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF DR CAMILLA RODRIQUES, ON 26TH DECEMBER, 2022.

The President Dr Camilla Rodriques called the meeting to order and chaired the meeting. The meeting was conducted by Dr Satish Patil, Secretary IAMM. The meeting was adjourned and reconvened after 5 minutes.

The secretary informed the GB about the sad demise of Dr. Mabel Legori, Former Professor & Head, Department of Microbiology, Govt medical College, Trivandrum. He requested the members to observe two-minute silence in memory of departed soul. The members paid their respects by observing silence for two minutes. The agenda of the meeting had been circulated by email earlier and was displayed again as follows:

Agenda 1. Welcoming of New EC Members and Bid Adieu to the outgoing EC members:

Dr Satish Patil welcomed two new EC members namely Dr Ujjala Ghoshal and Dr Nilima Hirani. The secretary informed the GB that six members had completed their term. They were thanked for their contribution to IAMM. These members were: Dr Sheela Devi, Dr Vikas Manchanda, Dr Poonam Loomba, Dr Sanjay Biswas, Dr Shripad Taklikar and Dr Rakesh Maheshwari.

Agenda 2. To confirm the EC/GB Meeting minutes.

Dr. Satish Patil, Secretary read the minutes of the last General Body meeting held at 44th IAMM conference, Gauwhati, Assam and the same was confirmed by the house. The motion of confirmation was proposed by Dr B L Sherwal and seconded Dr. Nagendra.

Agenda 3. Ratification of minutes of the emergent online meetings of EC.

Two emergent meetings of EC were held in online mode. The minutes of the same were circulated and also uploaded on website. The meeting discussed PG Assembly and IJMM issues. The motion of confirmation was proposed by Dr Abhay Chaudhary and seconded by Dr. Reba Kanungo. This was confirmed by the house.

Agenda 4. Action taken on minutes of the GB Meeting

As per GB meeting the 45th conference of IAMM was conducted as from 23rd-27th November 2022.

Agenda 5. Secretary's Annual Report

The house ratified the annual secretary report read by Dr. Patil during the inauguration function of the IAMM 2022 on 24th November 2022. The motion was proposed by Dr. Nagendra and seconded by Dr. C S Patil.

Agenda 6. Editor's report and statement of IJMM accounts Editor's report & statement of IJMM accounts was presented by Dr Patil (in absence of Dr Wattal). The Chief Editor, IJMM, Dr. Chand Wattal has informed in his report with great pleasure and satisfaction that the impact factor of IJMM has increased to 1.347 in the year 2022, from 0.9 in the year 2021 and the royalty credited for the year was Rs.3,00,000. The President along with members present

congratulated Dr. Wattal and his dedicated team of IJMM for great success and wished him to achieve greater heights of IJMM. As approved by GB after the minutes of emergent EC meeting were discussed. IJMM will increase to 6 issues from 4 from Jan 2023. Also, the articles will immediately be given a DOI on acceptance without page numbers. The report and account statement was passed after being proposed by Dr Sanjay Biswas and seconded by Dr Nagmoti.

Agenda 7. Presentation of Annual Statement of IAMM Accounts

Dr Manoj Kumar presented the account statement of 2020-21 and for 2021-22. Dr R D Kulkarni informed about closure of Dharwad account. Dr Kulkarni suggested investment of IAMM funds in liquid funds after discussion with the CA. Dr C S Patil suggested to invest the funds in purchase of equipments and land or office space for IAMM. Dr Manoj Kumar informed that there will be increase in expenditure (more than presented in GBM) that has been done for the recruitment of staff by the Treasurer. Members suggested that money can be spent by giving travel allowance to attend next MICROCON, to students, who are the winners of PG Quiz. This was deliberated and decided to hold on till the office space has been bought and the remaining funds could be utilized for the same. The treasurer report was approved after being proposed by Dr Rakesh Maheshwari and seconded by Dr Savitri Sharma.

Agenda 8. Report of IAMM EQAS Programme

Dr V. Balaji, and Dr. Rajesh Kannangai presented the EQAS reports of South India EQAS centers. Dr Balaji informed that one lyophiliser has been purchased by Sir Gangaram Hospital and one will be procured by CMC, Vellore, this year. For this purchase he requires an additional amount of Rs 20 lacs. He informed the GB that he has arranged the money from his parent institution. Dr C S Patil suggested that IAMM should give the additional amount on loan to Dr Balaji so that the equipment remains as the property of IAMM and he can return the money to IAMM in coming years. Training and appointment of new Scientific Officer at CMC, Vellore was approved by GB. This motion was passed after being proposed by Dr C S Patil and seconded by Dr RD Kulkarni.

The reports of North Centre (was read out by Dr Patil in absence of Dr Chand Wattal. The report of both EQAS centers was accepted and approved. As the North center would be expanding their scope to molecular tests they have requested training of one person which was approved by GB. The motion was proposed by Dr Poonam Loomba and seconded by Dr. Abhay Chaudhary.

A suggestion was made to GB by Dr R D Kulkarni that the EQAS rates should be less for government laboratories. The house did not approve of this suggestion of dual rates. However, the EQAS rates would remain same for 2023 for both centers.

Agenda 9. Selection of topics for 46th IAMM Conference

GB discussed various topics for IAMM Symposium and Student Symposium and approved the following topics:

For the IAMM Symposium- “Clinical Microbiology at crossroads: Genomics to precision medicine” Moderator: Dr Pallab Ray

For the Student Symposium: “Outbreak investigation of emerging zoonotic diseases” Moderator: Dr Rahul Narang.

Agenda 10. Decision Regarding the venue for future IAMM Conference

46th IAMM Conference: GB approved the venue of the MICROCON-2023 as KGMU, Lucknow to be organized by department of Microbiology. Dr. Amita Jain will be Organizing Chairperson and Dr. Vimla Venkatesh will be organizing Secretary. The website was launched and Dr. Amita Jain formally invited the members to reach Lucknow in large numbers. The theme will be finalized and informed soon.

It was emphasized that the Organizing Committees of Microcon should not change the timings of conduction of IAMM activities. This should be followed strictly by the organizers.

47th MICROCON: The request has been received from BJGMC, Pune to organize it in 2024. This was approved by GB. The motion was proposed by Dr B L Sherwal and seconded by Dr Bharti Malhotra

Agenda 11. Decision of various Awards

The awards for the year 2023 were announced as per the recommendations received from the Award Committees as given below:



- Dr S C Agarwal Oration Award was awarded to Dr Pragya Yadav
- Dr H I Jhala Memorial Award was awarded to Dr B L Sherwal
- IAMM Endowment Oration Award was awarded to Dr Ranganathan Iyer
- Dr U C Chaturvedi Lifetime Achievement Award was awarded to Dr Nancy Malla
- IAMM Merieux Award was not awarded as no entries were received.

GB congratulated all the winners.

Agenda 12. Election of Office Bearers IAMM 2022

As the term of the office bearers have come to an end following office bearers were elected.

President: **Dr Arti Kapil**

Secretary: **Dr Sonal Saxena**

Joint Secretary: **Dr Sanjay Biswas**

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

Agenda 13. Any other matter with permission from the chair.

- Purchase of land or ready-to-use office space cum guest house at Ranchi was discussed. Many members felt that some other places should be considered before finalizing the site. Dr Rakesh Maheshwari was asked to find out in Jaipur and Dr Dipak Mishra in Navi Mumbai. If any other member has a good suggestion then they can inform the secretary within one month. In case no such suggestion is received then committee will finalize the office space in Ranchi. A committee comprising of Dr C S Patil, Dr Abhay Chaudhary, Dr Arunaloake Chakravarty and Dr B L Sherwal, was formed who will go for on-site visits of the proposed sites and finalize the office space.

- The current Joint Secretary Dr Sonal Saxena felt that IAMM needs to increase its footprints beyond annual conference and PG Assembly. For this she proposed to organize a monthly PG Masterclass for 1-2 hours. This would be held on any one Friday after 4 PM every month. There will be 1-2 speakers who will discuss a topic that is of interest particularly from PG examination point of view. Trial session will be held in 1st quarter of 2023 and it successful it will be carried forward.

- Dr Patil informed that pathologists and rheumatology association have approached him regarding formulation of guidelines. Dr Sonal would discuss the modalities with them and inform EC. Members felt that it would be better if IAMM is involved and brings out its own guidelines particularly for quality purposes for other topics as well. Dr Reba Kanungo was entrusted the responsibility of exploring this idea and inform Secretary. The members felt that IAMM should be in forefront to bring out the advisories or guidelines in the event of any infectious disease outbreak in the country.

IAMM Awardees 2022

| Award | Name |
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| Dr S C Agarwal Oration Award | Dr Pragya Yadav |
| Dr H I Jhala Memorial Award | Dr B L Sherwal |
| IAMM Endowment Oration | Dr Ranganathan Iyer |
| Dr U C Chaturvedi Lifetime Achievement Award | Dr Nancy Malla |
| KB Sharma Junior Best Paper | Dr Dhanwani Rudraprasad, L V Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad |
| Pankajalaxmi V Venugopal Best Paper Mycology Oral | Dr Shukla Das, University College of Medical Sciences, New Delhi |
| SR Sengupta & AM Saoji Memorial Best Paper Immunology Oral | Dr Sangeeta Deka, AIIMS, Rishikesh |
| IAMM Silver Jubilee Best Paper Parasitology (Oral) | Dr Umesh, Govt Medical College Haldwani |
| SS Kelkar Best Poster (Any subject in Microbiology) | Dr Sanika Kulkarni, CMC, Vellore |
| Mumbai Belgaum Best Poster TB | Dr Bineeta Kashyap, University College of Medical Sciences, New Delhi |
| Belgaum Mumbai best Paper in Bacteriology (Oral) | Dr Suriya Chandran, CMC, Vellore |
| I D Aggarwal- Broor Prize for best paper in virology | Dr D Biswas, CMC, Vellore |
| IAMM Quiz | 1 st Prize: Dr Monika S, JIPMER, Karaikal Dr Dhruvi Sheth, Breachcandy Hospital, Mumbai |
| | 2 nd Prize Dr Harishni P, AIIMS Bhubhneswar Dr Brahmeshwar K, Gandhi Medical College Hyderabad |
| Best Published paper in Bacteriology in IJMM | Jacob JJ, Solaimalai D, Rachel T, Pragasam AK, Sugumar S, JeslinP, Anandan S, Veeraraghavan B* A secular trend in invasive non-typhoidal Salmonella in South India, 2000-2020: Identification challenges and antibiogram. Indian J Med Microbiol.2022;40(4):536-540. doi:10.1016/j.ijmmb.2022.07.015. |
| Best Published paper in Virology IJMM | Sharma P, Batheja G, Verma HN, Seth P. Development of a novel molecular assay based on conventional PCR liquid hybridization and ELISA (NAT-ELISA) for the detection of HIV, HCV, and HBV in blood donors. Ind J Med Microbiol 2022;40(1):122-126. doi:10.1016/j.ijmmb.2021.12.014. |
| Prof. A.N.Chakrabarty Memorial Prize 2021 for Best Published paper in Mycobacteriology | <i>Sharma K*</i> , Sharma M, Modi M, Singla N, Sharma A, Sharma A, Sharma N, Ray P. Comparative analysis of Truenat™ MTB Plus and Xpert® Ultra in diagnosing tuberculous meningitis. Int J Tuberc Lung Dis. 2021 1;25(8):626-631. doi: 10.5588/ijtld.21.0156. |



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| Bihar Jharkhand | IAMM Bihar Jharkhand Chapter | Dr Manoj Kumar, RIMS Ranchi | Prof Dr.Namrata Kumari, IGIMS, Patna, |
| West Bengal | IAMM West Bengal Chapter | Dr. Nishith Kumar Pal Jagannath Gupta Institute of Medical Science and Hospital, Kolkata | Prof. Dr. Maitreyi R G Kar Medical College & Hospital, Kolkata |

Audited Account Statement of IAMM

Indian Association Of Medical Microbiologists
Balance Sheet As At 31st March, 2021

| Particulars | Sch No | As On 31/03/2021 | As On 31/03/2020 |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Sources Of Funds | | | |
| Capital | 1 | 2,38,55,811 | 2,25,29,009 |
| Current Liabilities | 2 | 5,89,565 | 16,308 |
| Total | | 2,44,25,376 | 2,25,45,315 |
| Application Of Funds | | | |
| Fixed Assets | 3 | 83,110 | 83,110 |
| Investments | 4 | 1,65,99,925 | 1,65,99,925 |
| Sundry Debtors | 5 | 20,91,299 | 3,81,300 |
| Cash And Bank | 6 | 30,48,647 | 40,22,500 |
| Other Current Assets | 7 | 24,69,268 | 12,48,144 |
| Loans And Advances (Assets) | 8 | 1,33,127 | 2,30,025 |
| Total | | 2,44,25,376 | 2,25,45,315 |

Schedules 1 To 13 Form An Integral Part Of Accounts

In Terms Of Our Attached Report Of Even Date
For Indian Association Of Medical Microbiologists
For K Pandeya And Co
Chartered Accountants
Mand K Kumar
(Treasurer)
Place : Ranchi
Date : 30/09/2021

Mand K Kumar Verma
(Partner)
M. No. : 075925
Firm-0001135C

Indian Association Of Medical Microbiologists
Income And Expenditure Account For The Year Ending On 31st March, 2021

| Particulars | Sch No | Year Ended 31/03/2021 | Year Ended 31/03/2020 |
|---|--------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| (A) Income | | | |
| Sales A/C | 9 | 30,50,973 | |
| Direct Income | 10 | 4,10,501 | |
| Indirect Income | 11 | 10,85,580 | 45,22,917 |
| Total (A) | | 45,47,054 | 45,22,917 |
| (B) Expenditure | | | |
| Indirect Expenses | 12 | 32,20,856 | 31,08,800 |
| Total (B) | | 32,20,856 | 31,08,800 |
| Net Profit(Loss) Before Depreciation And Tax | | 13,26,202 | 14,14,117 |
| Net Profit(Loss) Carried To Balance Sheet | | 13,26,202 | 14,14,117 |

Schedules 1 To 13 Form An Integral Part Of Accounts

In Terms Of Our Attached Report Of Even Date
For Indian Association Of Medical Microbiologists
For K Pandeya And Co
Chartered Accountants
Mand K Kumar Verma
(Partner)
M. No. : 075925
Firm-0001135C

Place : Ranchi
Date : 30/09/2021

INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGISTS
STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS AS ON 31st MARCH, 2022

| PARTICULARS | SCH NO | AS ON 31/03/2022 | AS ON 31/03/2021 |
|-----------------------------|--------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| SOURCES OF FUNDS | | | |
| CAPITAL | 1 | 2,55,85,925.87 | 2,38,55,810.91 |
| UNSECURED LOANS | 2 | 97,891.05 | |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | 3 | 8,23,328.05 | 1,50,544.08 |
| TOTAL | | 2,65,67,586.97 | 2,44,25,375.05 |
| APPLICATION OF FUNDS | | | |
| FIXED ASSETS | 4 | 83,110.00 | 83,110.00 |
| INVESTMENTS | 5 | 1,65,99,925.00 | 1,65,99,925.00 |
| SUNDRY DEBTORS | 6 | 25,31,996.86 | 20,91,298.73 |
| CASH AND BANK | 7 | 14,83,308.03 | 30,48,646.42 |
| OTHER CURRENT ASSETS | 8 | 57,44,088.98 | 24,69,268.38 |
| LOANS AND ADVANCES (ASSETS) | 9 | 1,45,127.00 | 1,33,127.00 |
| TOTAL | | 2,65,67,586.97 | 2,44,25,375.05 |

Schedules 1 To 14 form an integral part of accounts

In terms of our attached report of even date
For INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGISTS
For K PANDEYA AND CO
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
MAND K KUMAR VERMA
(PARTNER)
M. NO. : 075925
FIRM-0001135C

Place : RANCHI
Date : 25/09/2022

INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGISTS
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING ON 31st MARCH, 2022

| PARTICULARS | SCH NO | YEAR ENDED 31/03/2022 | YEAR ENDED 31/03/2021 |
|---|--------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| (A) INCOME | | | |
| SALES A/C | 10 | 1,60,000.00 | 30,50,973.11 |
| DIRECT INCOMES | 11 | 4,75,503.01 | 4,10,501.00 |
| INDIRECT INCOMES | 12 | 13,38,312.00 | 10,85,580.00 |
| TOTAL (A) | | 19,73,815.01 | 45,47,054.11 |
| (B) EXPENDITURE | | | |
| INDIRECT EXPENSES | 13 | 2,41,550.01 | 32,20,856.20 |
| TOTAL (B) | | 2,41,550.01 | 32,20,856.20 |
| NET PROFIT(LOSS) BEFORE DEPRECIATION AND TAX | | 17,32,114.96 | 13,26,201.91 |
| NET PROFIT(LOSS) CARRIED TO BALANCE SHEET | | 17,32,114.96 | 13,26,201.91 |

Schedules 1 to 14 form an integral part of accounts

In terms of our attached report of even date
For INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGISTS
For K PANDEYA AND CO
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
MAND K KUMAR VERMA
(TREASURER)
Place : RANCHI
Date : 25/09/2022

Mand K Kumar Verma
(Partner)
M. No. : 075925
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Audited Account Statement of IJMM

IND J MED MICRO
INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR 1-APR-2021 TO 31-MARCH-2022

| EXPENDITURE | AMOUNT | INCOME | AMOUNT |
|---|----------|-----------------------------------|----------|
| TO AUDIT CHARGES | 24,780 | BY SPONSOR CONTRIBUTION | 1,60,000 |
| TO BANK CHARGES | 136 | | |
| TO POSTAGE AND TELEGRAM and Courier Charges | 21,594 | excess of expenditure over income | 4,14,278 |
| TO PRINTING of Journal | 3,42,014 | | |
| TO ELESIVER JOURNAL CONVERSIONS JUNE 2021(ARCHIVERS TRANSFER) | 57,144 | | |
| TO SALARY | 99,000 | | |
| TO TECHNICAL EXPENSES | 29,610 | | |
| | 5,74,278 | | 5,74,278 |

As compiled from the books of accounts as produced before us for our verification

For VIPIN AGGARWAL KUDSIA & ASSOCIATES
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
FRN-009771N

Navneet B. Tayal
Partner
M.No. 092544
Date : 05/09/2022
Place New Delhi

H. S. Desai
Editor-In-Chief
Indian Journal of
Medical Microbiology

IND J MED MICRO
RECEIPT & PAYMENTS FOR 1-APR-2021 TO 31-MARCH-2022

| RECEIPTS | AMOUNT | PAYMENTS | AMOUNT |
|----------------------|-----------|--|-----------|
| OPENING BALANCE | | AUDIT CHARGES | 24,780 |
| CASH | | TAX 194-094 | 4,12,090 |
| CANARA BANK | 64,00,950 | ADVANCE Tax | 2,87,910 |
| SPONSOR CONTRIBUTION | 1,56,800 | BANK CHARGES | 136 |
| | | COURIER CHARGES | 21,594 |
| | | GENERAL PRINTING CHARGES | 3,42,014 |
| | | SALARY | 99,000 |
| | | TECHNICAL EXPENSES | 29,610 |
| | | ELESIVER JOURNAL CONVERSIONS JUNE 2021(ARCHIVERS TRANSFER) | 57,144 |
| | | CLOSING BALANCE | |
| | | CASH | 52,83,472 |
| | | CANARA BANK | 52,83,472 |
| | 65,57,750 | | 65,57,750 |

For VIPIN AGGARWAL KUDSIA & ASSOCIATES
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IND J MED MICRO
BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31st MARCH 2022

| LIABILITES | AMOUNT(Rs.) | Assets | AMOUNT(Rs.) |
|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| CORPUS FUND | 59,64,080 | Bank balance | 52,83,472 |
| Add : Receipt from IAMM | - | Advance tax | 2,87,910 |
| Add: Surplus/Deficit | 4,14,278 | TDS | 3,200.00 |
| <u>Audit Fees</u> | <u>24780</u> | | |
| | | | |
| | 55,74,582.43 | | 55,74,582.43 |

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UDIN NO: 22092544BBWTBT7607

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Indian Journal of
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Audited Account Statement of EQAS-North and south centers

VIROEQAS south Auditor statement, EQAS south Auditor statement and EQAS North audited statement)

CA
S. Lakshmi Narasiman & Co.,
Chartered Accountants

No.34 1st Floor, Main Bazaar
Vellore - 632 004.
Mobile: 94436 23773
e-mail: sriragavendra_2008@yahoo.com

Ref.No. 22 Q 012

Statement of IAMM EQAS accounts for the period from 01-10-2021 to 30-09-2022

| | Rs. | Rs. |
|--|------------|------------|
| Opening balance as on 01-10-2021 | | 921482.33 |
| Receipts: | | |
| EQAS fees | 6685002.37 | |
| Payments: | | 7586484.70 |
| Manpower | 887911.00 | |
| Consumables and reagents | 4072381.00 | |
| Others (Courier, postage, printing & stationery, refreshment etc.) | 638256.98 | 5598548.98 |
| Amount available as on 30-09-2022 | | 1987935.72 |
| Less: Committed expenses for Microscope | | 513300.00 |
| Balance | | 1474635.72 |

Place: Vellore
Date: 19-11-2022

For S. LAKSHMI NARASIMAN & CO.,
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

S. LAKSHMI NARASIMAN
M.No. 202853

CA
S. Lakshmi Narasiman & Co.,
Chartered Accountants

No.34 1st Floor, Main Bazaar
Vellore - 632 004.
Mobile: 94436 23773
e-mail: sriragavendra_2008@yahoo.com

Ref.No. 22 M 123

Statement of IAMM EQAS accounts for the period from 01-10-2021 to 30-09-2022

| | Rs. | Rs. |
|--|------------|-------------|
| Opening Balance as on 01-10-2021 | | 829936.68 |
| Receipts: | | |
| EQAS fees | | 6525632.77 |
| | | 7355569.45 |
| Payments: | | |
| Manpower | 1265982.00 | |
| Consumables and reagents | 3409700.00 | |
| Others (Courier, postage, printing & stationery, refreshment etc.) | 642560.01 | 5318242.01 |
| Amount available as on 30-09-2022 | | 2037327.44 |
| Less: Committed expenses for Lyophilizer | | 4111231.50 |
| Balance | | -2073904.06 |

Place: Vellore
Date: 19-11-2022

For S. LAKSHMI NARASIMAN & CO.,
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

S. LAKSHMI NARASIMAN
M.No. 202853

INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGISTS - EQAS - TRUST
DEPTT Clinical microbiology, immunology SRGH
ORW New delhi, Delhi-110002

Balance Sheet
As on 31st March 2022

| Liabilities | Amount | Assets | Amount |
|--------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| Capital | 68,14,829.27 ₹ | Fixed Assets | 107,51,515 |
| Reserve Income & Exp A/c | 32,64,871.82 ₹ | Intangible Assets | 101,029 |
| Other Reserves | 33,43,000 ₹ | Current Assets | 39,945.02 |
| Bank Balance | 4,34,970.00 ₹ | Bank Balances | 29,797.22 ₹ |
| Current Liabilities | | Current Liabilities | |
| Payable Creditors | 65,385.82 ₹ | Payable Creditors | 38,439.00 ₹ |
| Outstanding | 6,42,739.79 ₹ | Outstanding | |
| Other Provision | 1,81,000.00 ₹ | Advance Tax | 1,50,000.00 ₹ |
| Other Liabilities | 50,30,381.17 ₹ | Cash & Cash Equivalents | 3,656.00 ₹ |
| | | Bank Account | 1,34,69,102.21 ₹ |
| | | | |
| | 1,20,91,433.68 ₹ | | 1,20,91,433.68 ₹ |

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For Vinay Aggarwal Kudsia & Associates
Chartered Accountants

Dr. Chand Wattal, Chairman
IAMM EQAS-New Delhi

INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGISTS - EQAS - DELHI
DEPTT Clinical microbiology, immunology SRGH
ORW New delhi, Delhi-110002

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022

| Expenditure | Amount | Income | Amount |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Lab Expenses | 7,36,189.32 | Subscription | 57,30,000.00 |
| Audit Fee | 40,000.00 | Interest Received | 2,56,565.00 |
| Govt Return Filing & Govt Audit Fee | 65,500.00 | Other Receipts | |
| Courier Charges | 3,37,674.98 | | |
| Bank Charges | 1,479.00 | | |
| Conveyance | 1,760.00 | | |
| Depreciation | 1,76,922.00 | | |
| MIS EXPENSES | 3,525.24 | | |
| Meeting Expenses | 53,372.00 | | |
| Stationery & Printing | 2,35,211.00 | | |
| Salary paid | 9,28,120.00 | | |
| Technical Exp-website | 1,39,038.64 | | |
| Telephone Expenses | 2,881.00 | | |
| Income Transferred to Capital A/c | 32,64,871.82 | | |
| | 59,86,565.00 | | 59,86,565.00 |

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Chartered Accountants

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Dr. Chand Wattal, Chairman
IAMM EQAS-New Delhi



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

The Executive Council of the IAMM has **six** vacancies in the year 2023. 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, 2023.
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 2023.

Dr. Sonal Saxena
Secretary, IAMM &
Director Professor & Head , Dept. of Microbiology,
Pathology Block
Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi 110002

**Here's wishing all the members a new year
filled with happiness and prosperity**

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023!

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