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Greetings from the president's desk



Wishing all the IAMM members and their families a very happy new year 2024! I am highly thankful to my seniors, the past presidents, the executive council members and the GBM for showing faith in me and bestowing on me the responsibility of the president of this very prestigious association.

I promise to work hard to take up the challenges facing us, to strengthen the medical

microbiologists, the local chapters and go forward together, linking with national and international

associations. We are all already playing key roles in various programs of the ICMR, NCDC, WHO, ASM, NTEP, NVBDCP and various other bodies. We have all successfully demonstrated the role played by microbiologists in the recent pandemic of COVID, but now we need to look at the infectious diseases holistically following the ONE HEALTH and the syndromic approach, we are lucky to have the technology on our side with plethora of rapid point of care tests, the multiplex PCR, the NGS, MALDITOFF and various automated systems. We should reassess our strengths and weaknesses and be ready to face the new emerging infections and be pandemic ready. We need to work as clinical microbiologists and not forget the neglected tropical diseases too. AMR and infection prevention control are the burning issues which need constant interactions with all cadres of health care workers and can be only controlled by multidisciplinary approach. We require integration with various clinical associations of surgeons, physicians, pediatricians, gynecologists etc., not forgetting the nurses and the paramedical force and interacting with them more frequently.

I wish to thank and congratulate the IAMM EQAS run by Dr Chand Wattal, Dr V Balaji, Dr Rajesh, and their teams for providing excellent services and constantly enhancing their menu as per the need of the hour. Thanks to them we are assured of our lab results. The IJMM Editor Dr Chand Wattal and his team have done commendable work in bringing the journal to newer heights and significant increase in impact factor too!

I would like to congratulate the organizers of the 46th national conference Dr Amita Jain, Dr Vimla, and their team for organizing an excellent conference which was a true feast not only in terms of the academics but also the food and entertainment too, all done in the grand Nawabi style!

I wish good luck to the organizers of the 47th national conference Dr Rajesh Karyakarte and his team, looking forwards to meeting all soon in Pune. I have no words to thank our all our present and past EC members, past presidents, past secretaries, for their untiring efforts to strengthen IAMM and bring to present form. I specially want to thank Dr Arti Kapil the outgoing president and Dr Sonal profusely for their untiring efforts to take IAMM forwards. IAMM has initiated many new programs specially for the students like PG assembly, Master class etc which would help build our future generation. I would really appreciate it if the members could send their suggestions to further improve the IAMM.

Best wishes!
Bharti Malhotra
President IAMM

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From the secretary's desk



Here's wishing you all a very Happy New Year 2024!

Let me start the new year by wishing you all a very happy healthy and prosperous New Year. As the new year dawns the hopes and aspirations rise for a better tomorrow.

We all feel academically rich after MICROCON 2023, which was an amazing academic feast, with current scientific

deliberations and allowed us to meet some of the great scientists and senior members. I thank participants and organizers for making it a great success. State chapter secretaries for updating the information regarding their meetings. I request secretaries of all state chapters to mail their activity reports/forthcoming events for inclusion in newsletter. 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. For the benefit of our post graduate residents, we continue to organize monthly PG masterclass. We have plans

to expand trainings and courses under IAMM. Please mail your suggestions for the same. I request all seniors to encourage our junior faculty and residents to become members of IAMM. This will strengthen our association. Microcon 2024 will be held in Pune. Let us all reach in huge numbers to make it a grand success.

As we go to press the new "Post-Graduate Medical Education Regulations 2023" have been rolled out by NMC. The guidelines can be accessed at

<https://www.nmc.org.in/ActivitiWebClient/open/getDocument?path=/Documents/Public/Portal/NmcGazette/PGMER%202023.pdf>. I have penned down salient points in this newsletter. Lets deliberate on these and keep our members updated.

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 2023 22nd -26th November 2023

MICROCON – 2023 46th ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGISTS King George Medical University, Lucknow, UP “Every Microbe Matters - A Triumph of Knowledge and Collaboration”

The 46th Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists (IAMM), MICROCON 2023, held from November 23rd to 26th at the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Scientific Convention Center, Lucknow, orchestrated by the Department of Microbiology, King George's Medical University (KGMU), Lucknow, was an extraordinary confluence of knowledge, innovation, and collaboration. The theme "Every Microbe Matters" resonated throughout the event, setting the stage for an enriching and impactful experience.

Diving deep into the realms of medical microbiology, MICROCON 2023 commenced with a series of 14 Pre-conference Workshops and Continuing Medical Education (CME) sessions held at KGMU, Lucknow, 2 at RMLIMS, one each at SGPGIMS and Medanta Hospital on November 22nd and 23rd, drawing participation from 400 enthusiastic attendees.

The inauguration ceremony on November 23rd at Atal Bihari Vajpayee Scientific Convention Center, KGMU was presided by DR Arti Kapil, President iAMM. It witnessed the esteemed presence of Shri Mayankeshwar Sharan Singh, State Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Medical Education, Medical and Health, Family Welfare, and Mother and Child Welfare, Government of U.P., as the Chief Guest. The unveiling of the MICROCON 2023 Souvenir and Abstract Book marked a moment of pride and celebration, encapsulating the essence of the conference. Dr. Sonal Saxena, Secretary of IAMM, delivered the Annual Report, providing insights into the achievements and milestones of the association. A moment of recognition unfolded as IAMM bestowed awards upon deserving individuals, acknowledging their exceptional contributions to the field of medical microbiology. IAMM Presidential Oration Award 2023 to Dr Arti Kapil, Dr. U. C. Chaturvedi, Lifetime Achievement Award 2023 to Dr. Nancy Malla, Dr. H.I. Jhala Memorial Award 2023 to Dr B. L. Sherwal, Dr S C Aggarwal Oratorical Memorial Award 2023 to Dr. Pragya D. Yadav, IAMM Endowment Lecture Award 2023 to Dr. Ranganathan N Iyer.

On Day 1, November 24th of MICROCON 2023 showcased diverse sessions, including the Dr. K.B. Sharma Memorial Junior Best Paper Presentations, the President's Oration and IAMM Endowment Oration. The Student Symposium explored "Outbreak Investigation of Emerging Zoonotic Diseases," engaging participants in thought-provoking discussions. The conference featured parallel scientific sessions, covering crucial topics such as Superbugs and Antibacterial Agents, Antimicrobial Resistance, Fungal Diagnostics, Parasitic Infections, Diagnostic Virology, Innovations in Hepatitis Management, TB Management, Clinical Microbiology, Syndromic Testing, New Technologies in Diagnostics, and more.

Day 2 included the IAMM Quiz, a symposium on "Clinical Microbiology at Crossroads: Genomics to Precision Medicine," and sessions on Blood Culture and Sepsis, Next-Generation Approaches to Tackle AMR, Zoonotic Diseases, Anaerobes, Medical Education, Laboratory Accreditation, New Vaccines, Mycobacteria, and Sepsis Diagnosis. The evening was adorned with a cultural banquet, "Jashn@Awadh," celebrating the rich heritage of the region.

The final day unveiled a plenary session on "Tackling AMR through Enhancing Infection Prevention and Control Practices." Parallel sessions explored topics ranging from Infectious Viral Diseases, HIV and STIs, Next-Generation Sequencing, Fungal Infections, Cutting Edge Technologies in Infectious Disease Control, Advances in Parasitology, to the critical tenets of Antimicrobial Stewardship.

MICROCON 2023 witnessed a vibrant exchange of ideas, with over 160 oral papers and 600 posters presented by delegates. The conference drew a massive turnout of 1500 delegates, including 300+ Faculty members, supported by 150 dedicated volunteers. The bustling exhibition halls hosted 60+ exhibitors showcasing cutting-edge products.

MICROCON 2023 was a celebration of the intricate world of Clinical Microbiology. The rich exchange of ideas, the collaborative spirit, and the innovative solutions presented have undoubtedly left an indelible mark on the landscape of medical science.

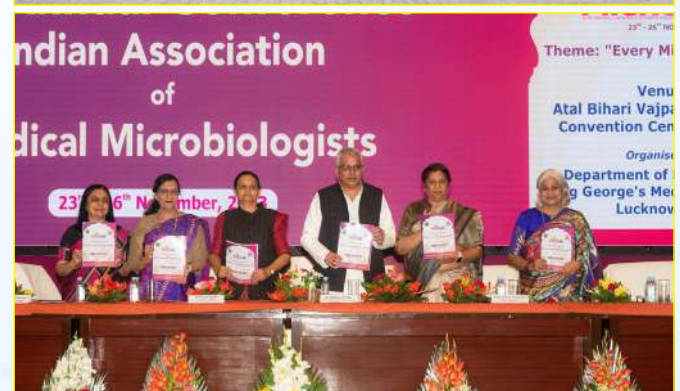
We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all Dignitaries, Past Presidents, IAMM Executive Committee, Faculty, Delegates, volunteers and exhibitors for contributing to the success of MICROCON 2023.

Best Regards,

Prof. Amita Jain (Organizing Chairperson)

Prof. Vimala Venkatesh (Organizing Secretary)

Dr. Sheetal Verma (Co-Organizing Secretary)



Salient points in PGMER 2023 Gazette Notified by National Medical Commission New Delhi, dated 29th December, 2023

1. Eligibility to pursue a post-graduate broad-speciality course in Medicine shall be as per “NMC, National Exit Test Regulations, 2023”. However, NEET-PG will continue till National Exit Test (NExT) batch becomes eligible for admission.
2. No student finally designated to a medical institution, notwithstanding anything stated in these Regulations, shall be permitted migration to any other medical institution.
3. MD Microbiology is now a feeder branch for DM(Infectious diseases) along with DM (virology).
4. Every institution undertaking post-graduate training programme shall set up an Academic Cell, under the Chairmanship of a senior faculty member, who shall monitor the implementation of training programmes in each speciality and ensure its quality as mandated by the PGMEB.
5. Post-graduate students of broad and super Speciality degree courses shall maintain adynamic e-log book which needs to be updated on a weekly basis. It shall be the duty of the Post-graduate guide imparting the training to assess and authenticate monthly the record (e-Log) books.
6. The post-graduate students shall essentially be required to participate in the teaching and training programme of undergraduate students and interns.
7. During the training for award of Degree/Diploma, there shall be proper training in basic medical sciences related to the disciplines concerned..
8. A post-graduate student of a degree course in will do **at least one of the following** to make him/her eligible to appear in his/her final examination:
 - a. Poster presentation at a National/Zonal/State conference of his/her speciality;
 - b. Podium presentation at a National/Zonal/State conference of his/her speciality;
 - c. Have one research paper published/accepted for publication in journal of his/her speciality **as first author.**
9. All post-graduate students shall complete an online course in Research Methodology, course on ethics including Good Clinical Practices and Good Laboratory Practices and Basic Cardiac Life Support (BCLS) and Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) skills course in 1st year.
10. DRP as per guidelines laid down earlier
11. Minimum 20 days of paid leave (casual leave) per year with academic paid leave of 5 days per year.
12. Mandatory for the college to provide appropriate residential accommodation to post-graduate students. However, it will not be mandatory for the post-graduate students to stay in the hostel.
13. The Dean/Director/Principal of Medical College/Institution and Medical Superintendent of attached hospital can be only medico with post-graduate medical degree from a recognised/accredited institution with a minimum of ten years teaching experience as faculty.
14. Marks for theory (400 for 4 papers), Practical (300) and Viva voce (100) have been defined. 5% of mark of total marks of Clinical/Practical and Viva Voce marks (20 marks) will be of dissertation/thesis and it will be part of clinical/practical examination marks.
15. The candidate shall secure not less than 50% marks in each head of passing and no grace marks to be given.





CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OF IAMM AWARDS & PRIZES 2024 (Last date of receipt of all nominations July 31, 2024)

1. Dr SC Agarwal Oration 2025: This award is supported from the interest incurred from a fund donated by Dr SC Agarwal. It is to be given to a senior member of the association above 50 years 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 as a soft copy of his/her biodata should reach the IAMM Secretary's office on or before 31st July 2024. The award carries a citation and a gold medal. The awardee is to deliver an oration at the National IAMM Conference to be held in 2025. Nominations must come as a soft/hard copy to be sent to Secretary IAMM by the last date.

2. Dr. H. I. Jhala Memorial award 2025: 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 2024. The award carries a citation and a gold medal. The award will be conferred at the National IAMM Conference to be held in 2025. Nominations must come as a soft copy to be sent to Secretary IAMM by the last date.

3. IAMM Endowment lecture award 2025: 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 2024. The award carries a citation and a gold medal. The awardee is to deliver an oration at the National IAMM Conference to be held in 2025. 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 2024: Nominations are invited for the Best paper award competition to be held at National Conference of the IAMM at Pune in November 2024. 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, 2024 (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 2024. 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 in November 2024. Nominations must come as a soft/hard copy to be sent to Secretary IAMM by the last date.

5. Prof AN Chakrabarthi memorial Prize for the best published paper in Mycobacteriology 2024 :

Any member, who has published a paper in the field of Mycobacteriology during the preceding year i.e. 2023-24, 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 2024. The award carries a citation and a gold medal. The awardee will receive the award at the valedictory function of the IAMM Conference in November 2024.

6. Prizes for the best papers during the IAMM Conference 2024 (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 along with membership number 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 2024 to be held at Pune in November 2024. The Top Ten papers received for MICROCON 2024 will also be included for the Awards in the above mentioned subjects.

7. IAMM Mérieux Award 2024: 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: 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.



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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, college etc.) hosting the laureate should engage an agreement with Institut Merieux. The intent letter from the head of the institution to receive the grant and its utilization must be submitted by the applicant. The award money will be transferred **only to the host 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 2024.

प्रिसीजन मेडिसिन से अब और सटीक होगा टीबी का इलाज

वर्ध सिंह रिपोर्टर

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Coverage of Microcon 2023 in newspaper

OBITUARY

Dr Prem Singh Nirwan,
 Former HOD, Dept. Of Microbiology and P&C Jawaharlal Nehru
 Medical College and associated group of hospitals, Ajmer;
 Principal & Controller, Government Medical College, Kota.

A fountainhead of knowledge, passionate mycologist and always a source of inspiration, he has left behind a rich harvest of memories to cherish, honour and emulate.





MINUTES OF GENERAL BODY MEETING HELD AT LUCKNOW IN 46TH NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF IAMM (MICROCON-2023) UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF DR ARTI KAPIL, ON 25TH NOVEMBER 2023

- The President, Dr Art Kapil called the meeting to order and chaired the meeting.
- The meeting was conducted by Dr Sonal Saxena, Secretary IAMM.
- As the quorum was not complete, the meeting was adjourned and reconvened after 15 minutes.
- The secretary informed the GB about the sad demise of Dr. Abida Malik, EX Chairperson, Department of Microbiology, JN Medical College, AMU, Aligarh and Dr P S Nirwan, Ex-Professor & Head, JLN Medical College Ajmer. The members paid their respects by observing silence for two minutes.
- The agenda of the GB meeting had been circulated in October Newsletter and was displayed again:

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

Dr Sonal Saxena welcomed six new EC members namely Dr Rakesh Singh, Dr Syed Tanwir Alam, Dr Sarika Mohapatra, Dr Yogesh Kumar Gupta, Dr Sunil Lilani and Dr Anupama Kindo. The secretary informed the GB that two members Dr S K Shahi and Dr Neeraj Goel had completed their term. They were thanked for their contribution to IAMM. Also, the treasurer Dr Manoj Kumar has completed his term and he was thanked for his services as treasurer.

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

Dr. Sonal Saxena, Secretary read the minutes of the last General Body meeting held at 45th IAMM conference, Bhubneshwar, Odisha and the same was confirmed by the house.

The motion of confirmation was proposed by Dr Col Nagendra and seconded by Dr MB Nagmoti.

Agenda 3. Action taken on minutes of the GB Meeting

As per GB meeting the 46th conference of IAMM was conducted as from 23rd-27th November 2022.

- a. Increase in number of editions of IJMM: This has been done by editorial team and all issues are online with no print issues.
- b. Purchase of lyophilizer by CMC, Vellore: This will be done this year.
- c. Purchase of land for permanent office of IAMM has been kept in abeyance.
- d. Dr Patil had informed that pathologists and rheumatology association have approached him regarding formulation of guidelines. Dr Sonal had discussed with them and found that the idea lacked merit and was hence dropped.
- e. Members felt that it would be better if IAMM brings out its own guidelines particularly for quality purposes for other topics. This was done by IAMM by publishing covid guidelines in 2023.
- f. Dr Reba Kanungo was entrusted the responsibility of exploring 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.

Agenda 4. Secretary's Annual Report

The house ratified the annual secretary report read by Dr. Sonal Saxena during the inauguration function of the IAMM 2023 held on 23rd November 2023. The motion was proposed by Dr. Malini and seconded by Dr. Ujjala Ghoshal.

Agenda 5. Editor's report and statement of IJMM accounts

Editor's report and statement of IJMM accounts was presented by Dr Chand Wattal. Salient points of the report are as follows:

- Increase of impact factor from 0.8 to 1.6
- Significant decrease in TAT for publication of articles

- by moving to continuous article publication method (immediate citation of article on acceptance)
- Waiving of author processing fees for better acceptability and affordability
- Increase in the number of issues in a year from 4 to 6,
- Initiation of three Special Issues in the coming months.
- Two new associate editors namely Dr. Kavitha Raja from Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram- Kerala, and Dr Deepjyoti Kalita, from AIIMS Guwahati have been appointed.

The report and account statement was passed after being proposed by Dr Arunaloke and seconded by Dr Rakesh Singh..

Agenda 6. Presentation of Annual Statement of IAMM Accounts. Dr Manoj Kumar presented the account statement of 2022-23. Total revenue in FY 2022-23 was INR 24,56,554.00 (Revenue from Membership fee was INR 9,13,025.00 and revenue from interest was INR 15,43,529.00. As of now there are 3838 life members. In this year 183 Life Members, 44 annual members and 82 student Members were added.

Dr Arunaloke suggested to increase amounts in FD's rather than keeping money in savings account in view of higher interest rates. He also suggested to make our account tax free. The treasurer report was approved after being proposed by Dr Tanvir and seconded by Dr BL Sherwal.

Agenda 7. Report of IAMMEQAS Programme

Dr V. Balaji, and Dr. Rajesh Kannangai presented the EQAS reports of South India EQAS centers. ViroEQAS has 1009 laboratories while 1125 labs are associated with routine EQAS.

The reports of North Centre was read out by Dr Chand Wattal. There are 787 laboratories associated with North center. Renewal of PT provider accreditation was done by NABL in 2023.

EQAS New Delhi Team has started molecular EQAS Tier 2 w.e.f 2023. The report of both EQAS centers was accepted and approved. The motion was proposed by Dr V Ravi and seconded by Dr. Amita Joshi.

Agenda 8. Selection of topics for 47th IAMM Conference

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

For the IAMM Symposium "Artificial Intelligence in Microbiology". Moderator: Dr V Balaji

For the Student Symposium: "Molecular Surveillance in Infectious Diseases. Moderator: Dr Ekta Gupta.

Agenda 9. Decision Regarding the venue for future IAMM Conference

47th IAMM Conference: GB approved the venue of the MICROCON-2024 as BJ Medical College, Pune, to be organized by department of Microbiology. Dr. Rajesh Karyakarte will be Organizing Chairperson. The website was launched and Dr. Rajesh formally invited the members to reach Pune 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.

48th MICROCON: The request has been received jointly from SGRH and MAMC, New Delhi to organize it in 2025. This was approved by GB.

It was decided to keep 2020 as e-MICROCON and continue with the present numbering system only.

It was also decided to name IAMM Conference as IAMM Congress. The motion was proposed by Dr Satish Patil and seconded by Dr Col Nagendra.

**Agenda 10.** Decision of various Awards

The awards for the year 2024 were announced as per the recommendations received from the Award Committees as given below:

- Dr S C Agarwal Oration Award was awarded to Dr Chand Wattal
- Dr H I Jhala Memorial Award was awarded to Dr Pallab Ray
- IAMM Endowment Oration Award was awarded to Dr Jayanti Sahstri
- Dr U C Chaturvedi Lifetime Achievement Award was awarded to Dr V L Jagirdar.
- IAMM Merieux Award was not awarded as none was found suitable.

GB congratulated all the winners.

Agenda 11. Election of Office Bearers IAMM 2023-24

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

- President: Dr Bharti Malhotra
- Treasurer: Dr Sheela Devi
- Two Vacancies (EC) will be declared in Newsletter January 2024

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

Agenda 12. Proposal/suggestions of training program, PG Assembly, IAMM PG Masterclass

Dr Sonal Saxena, Secretary suggested that IAMM should take further steps in providing quality education to Microbiologists. She suggested following two propositions that were welcomed by members wholeheartedly.

- 1) Certificate course/Training fellowship: Under governance of IAMM a core group can be made with no separate account for organizing training programs

IAMM training course can be organized in online mode with 1 or 2 contact sessions at a chosen center. The fellowship or training shall be paid by candidates and they will also make their own arrangement to travel and stay. The teaching material will be developed by a panel of experts as decided by EC. Following commtt members are proposed for finalization of details:

Dr Sonal Saxena (coordinator), Dr Sanjay Biswas, Dr Arunaloke Chakrabarti, Dr V Ravi, Dr C Wattal, and Dr B L Sherwal.

For Finalization of topic and development of material following names were approved:

Dr Sonal Saxena (Coordinator), Dr Yogesh Gupta, Dr Bharti Malhotra, Dr Abhay Chaudhary and Dr Syed Tanwir.

- 2) Short training program for 3-5 days, paid by candidates and organized by centers willingly in their area of expertise. Following topics were suggested:

- I) Molecular testing
- ii) WHONET advance course
- iii) Antibiogram making and interpretation
- iv) Fungal diagnostics.

Support from industry and agencies such as WHO would be explored for the same by Secretary.

The announcement inviting proposals to conduct same shall be advertised in the newsletter. The proposals received will be vetted by the EC along with 1-2 senior members before finalization. 25% of the registration fee would be deposited in IAMM account. It is preferred that only inhouse faculty is utilized so the essence is for students to train at reputed institutes.

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

- IJMM Reviewers: This issue was raised by Dr Chand Wattal. He mentioned lack of reviewers for IJMM causes delay in article processing. The following were suggested by EC that were approved by GB.
 - i) Core group of 4 senior faculty of IAMM be made who give 10 names of high quality reviewers for editors use. This is an attempt to increase the impact factor and create possibility of fast tracking articles.
 - ii) EC members to assist in journal activities such as reviewers.
- Dr B L Sherwal raised the issue of NMC Ethics guidelines. If the Ethics guidelines were to be implemented that it would become difficult for organizers to raise funding for the conference. In this case an SOP would be made by EC with the help of past presidents to assist the organizers. It was proposed that some monetary support will have to given to the organizers from IAMM funds. This would require generating funds for the association and investing them wisely. Treasurer informed that organizers of 45th MICROCON have promised a sum of Rs. 5 lakhs to IAMM.
- It was proposed and accepted by GB that every year the organizers would give 10% of all average registration fees of all delegates (including free registrations if any) to IAMM. This would come in force from 2023 and continue irrespective of the ethics guidelines implementation. If any organizers have any leftover sum then that should also be given to IAMM after paying all taxes and GST. This would also help organizers to close their accounts after conference.
- The membership has not been revised for many years. It was discussed to have two types of membership instead of the present three types. Fees were revised accordingly from 2024.
- **Associate Membership: Rs. 1000/- per year**
- **Life Membership: Rs. 10000/-**
Associate membership would be for students or post doc fellows with Medical Microbiology as core subject. It would be valid for one financial year till March 31st.
- It was suggested that the recordings of sessions of MICROCON can be uploaded online and charged to non-registered viewers but will be free for registered participants of congress. This would be explored by EC with organizing commtt.
- SOP's for conducting the congress and PG Assembly with uniform draft program to be reviewed and revised. The members felt that the website needs overhauling and would require changes.
- Secretary informed that the current website manager is not doing changes in spite of repeated reminders. The house entrusted the responsibility to EC to finalize website manager.
- The zoom connection would expire in January and this was also approved by the house for PG masterclass. Dr Sonal would continue to run PG Masterclass and you tube channel.



IAMM Awardees 2023

Award	Name
Dr S C Agarwal Oration Award, 2024	Dr Chand Wattal
Dr H I Jhala Memorial Award,2024	Dr Pallab Ray
IAMM Endowment Oration,2024	Dr Jayanti Shastri
Dr U C Chaturvedi Lifetime Achievement Award, 2024	Dr V L Jahgirdar
KB Sharma Junior Best Paper	Dr Senjuti Sengupta, KGMU, Lucknow
Nawopia Pankajalaxmi V Venugopal Best Paper Mycology Oral	S. Bavadharani, SRIHER, Chennai
SR Sengupta & AM Saoji Memorial Best Paper Immunology Oral	Dr Suneeta Meena, JPN Trauma Center AIIMS, New Delhi
IAMM Silver Jubilee Best Paper Parasitology (Oral)	None found suitable
SS Kelkar Best Poster (Any subject in Microbiology)	Dr. Shikhir Malhotra, AIIMS Jodhpur
Mumbai-Belgaum Prize for Best poster in Medical Mycobacteriology	Dr. Nikhil John, AIIMS Jodhpur
Belgaum Mumbai best Paper in Bacteriology (Oral)	Dr. Shuchita Gaur, Pt. JNM Medical College, Raipur
I D Aggarwal- Broor Prize for best paper in virology	Dr. Reshu Agarwal, ILBS, New Delhi
IAMM Quiz	1 st Prize: Dr. Kevin Joseph R. (MAMC, New Delhi), Dr Aishwarya, MMC, Chennai, Dr Preeti Sharma, GMC, Nagpur
	2 nd Prize: Dr Devendra Kumar Pandey, TNMC, Mumbai, Dr Md. Feroz Khan, GMC, Suryapet, Telangana, Dr Palomi Biswas, GMC, Mumbai
Best Published paper in Bacteriology in IJMM	Shukla JL, Husain AA, Bhan S, Singh LR, Kashyap RS* (*Corresponding author). Diagnostic utility of LAMP PCR targeting bcs-31 gene for human brucellosis infection. Ind J Med Microbiol 2023; 44:100354. doi: 10.1016/j.ijmmb.2023.01.012.
Best Published paper in Virology IJMM	Kumar N, Santhoshkumar R, Prasad P, George AK, Aiyar J, Joshi S, Narayanappa G, Desai AS, Ravi V, Venkataswamy MM* (*Corresponding author). An ultrastructural and genomic study on the SARS-CoV-2 variant B.1.210 circulating during the first wave of COVID-19 pandemic in India. Ind J Med Microbiol. 2023; 41:45-52. doi: 10.1016/j.ijmmb.2022.12.009.
Prof. A .N. Chakrabarty Memorial Prize 2021 for Best Published paper in Mycobacteriology	Sharma K* (*Corresponding author), Sharma M, Sharma V, Sharma M, Samanta J, Sharma A, Kochhar R, Sinha SK. Evaluating diagnostic performance of Truenat MTB Plus for gastrointestinal tuberculosis. J Gastroenterol Hepatol 2022 ;37(8):1571-1578. doi: 10.1111/jgh.15878.



NEWSLETTER

Audited Account Statement of IAMM for the year 2022-2023

Annual Statement of IAMM Accounts

Income and Expenditure for the FY 2022-23

INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGISTS STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2023. Table with columns: Particulars, Note No., For the Year Ended 31/03/2023, For the Year Ended 31/03/2022. Includes Revenue, Expenses, Profit, Tax, etc.

In terms of our attached report of even date

FOR K PANDEYA AND CO CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT. Gopal Singh Partner, M.No-403581, FRN:0000135C

For INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGISTS

MARIE KUMAR MANAGER INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGISTS

PLACE: RANCHI

DATE:02.09.2023

Balance Sheet as on 31/03/2023

Copy of Return Acknowledgement

INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGISTS BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31/03/2023. Table with columns: Particulars, Note No., 31/03/2023, 31/03/2022. Includes Equity and Liabilities, Current liabilities, Assets, etc.

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MARIE KUMAR MANAGER INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGISTS. PLACE: RANCHI, DATE:02.09.2023

Acknowledgement Number: 277040510200923 Date of filing : 20-Sep-2023

INDIAN INCOME TAX RETURN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT form. Includes fields for PAN, Name, Address, Status, Form Number, and details of income, tax payable, and tax paid.

This return has been digitally signed by M. Marie Kumar in the capacity of Managing Director having PAN: AGRP2349K from IP address: 132.244.194.83 on 20-Sep-2023

System Generated Barcode/QR Code: AAAT140579E

DO NOT SEND THIS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO CFC, BENDALURU. If the return is verified after 30 days of transmission of return date electronically, then date of verification will be considered as date of filing the return.



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Audited Account Statement of EQAS-North and south centers

IAMM EQAS North center micro-Audited statement

Income and Expenditure for the FY 2022-23

Audited Statement 1

Audited Statement 2

Audited Statement 3

INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGIST- EQAS-TRUST
DEPTT Of clinical microbiology, immunology SRGH
CRM New delhi, Delhi-110002
Balance Sheet
For the year ended 2023

Liabilities	Amount	Assets	Amount
Capital	11702101.34	Fixed Assets	4126779.40
Add: Income & exp. A/c	1267151.23	less- Dep	619017.90
less: Other Adjustment	295528.08		3507761.40
		Current Assets	
less: Income Tax	0.00	laptop	106597.00
		less- Dep	26079.00
			80518.00
		Current Liabilities	
		Sundry Creditors	160265.35
		Call Payable	22379.16
		Advance Tax	85000.00
		Other Liabilities	281714.00
		Advance from Debtors	285100.00
		Cash & Cash Equivalent	1325.00
		Bank Account	5687738.71
			14325989.13

As compiled from the books of accounts as produced before us for our verification
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For Vigil Appraisal Audits & Associates
Chartered Accountants
Dr. Chand Watal, Chairman
IAMM EQAS-New Delhi
1st Aug 2023.
Authorised Signatory

INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGIST- EQAS - DELHI
DEPTT Of clinical microbiology, immunology SRGH
CRM New delhi, Delhi-110002
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

Expenditure	Amount	Income	Amount
Lab Expenses	798,482.34	Subscription	5,840,000.00
Audit Fee	25,500.00	Interest Received	271,630.00
Accounting Charges	60,000.00		
Courier Charges	557,899.98		
Bank Charges	487.00		
Conveyance	1,630.00		
Depreciation	645,096.00		
MIS EXPENSES	21,254.00		
Meeting Expenses	56,465.45		
Stationery & Printing	139,194.00		
Salary paid	1,891,125.00		
Technical Exp-website	1,299.00		
Tour & Travel	48,750.00		
Telephone Expenses	3,186.00		
Income Transferred to Capital A/c	1,867,161.23		
	6,111,630.00		6,111,630.00

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INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGIST- EQAS - TRUST
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Receipts and Payments Account for 1st April to 31st March 2023

Particulars	Amount	Amount
Opening Balance		
Bank Balance		
Cash in Hand	12491100.21	12491100.21
Cash in Bank	888.00	888.00
Interest on deposits	798945.00	798945.00
Interest on deposits bank A/c (Bank A/c)	271630.00	271630.00
	13382463.21	13382463.21
Payments		
Fixed Assets (Purchase)	3000000.00	
Fixed Assets (Depreciation)	82000.00	
Audit Fee	25500.00	
Professional Fee	60000.00	
Conveyance	170000.00	
Meeting expenses	56465.45	
Tour & Travel Expenses	48750.00	
Income Tax / Govt. Paid	187000.00	
Courier charges	46076.44	
Conveyance	1630.00	
PROFIT/LOSS STATIONERY	23394.00	
Bank charges	487.00	
Interest on bank	42429.00	
Interest on bank	2880.00	
Subscription Expenses	5840000.00	
Telephone Expenses	3186.00	
	14416875.90	
Cash in Hand	1308.00	
Cash in Bank	888938.71	
	5691244.71	
	20107922.21	

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Date: 07-11-2023

Statement of IAMM EQAS accounts for the period
from 01-10-2022 to 30-09-2023

	Rs.	Rs.
Opening Balance as on 01-10-2022		1474635.72
Receipts:		
EQAS fees 2021-2022	1381056.18	
EQAS fees 2022-2023	6405173.52	9876229.70
		11350868.42
Payments:		
Manpower	1813003.00	
Consumables and reagents	8269184.80	
Others (Courier, postage, printing, Stationery, refreshment, etc.,)	744419.24	1082607.04
Amount available as on 30-09-2023		524258.38

For S. LAKSHMI NARASIMAN & CO.,
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
S. LAKSHMI NARASIMAN
M.No. 202863

Place: Vellore
Date: 07-11-2023

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




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Audited Account Statement of IJMM

IND J MED MICRO
INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR 1-APR-2022 TO 31-MARCH-2023

EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT	INCOME	AMOUNT
TO AUDIT CHARGES	24,780.00	BY SPONSOR CONTRIBUTION	812,800.00
TO BANK CHARGES	2,091.20	By Royalty	270,459.54
TO POSTAGE AND TELEGRAM and Courier Charges	32,250.00		
TO PRINTING of Journal	280,634.00		
To Office Expenses	4,057.00		
TO Professional Fee	257,500.00		
To Excess of income over expenditure	481,947.34		
	1,083,259.54		1,083,259.54

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IND J MED MICRO
RECEIPT & PAYMENTS FOR 1-APR-2022 TO 31-MARCH-2023

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT	PAYMENTS	AMOUNT
OPENING BALANCE	-	Corpus Fund	750,000.00
CASH	-	Office Expenses	4,057.00
CANARA BANK	5,283,472.00	Professional Fee	243,000.00
SPONSOR CONTRIBUTION	812,800.00	BANK CHARGES	2,091.00
Royalty	270,459.54	COURIER CHARGES	32,250.00
Advance Sponsor Contribution	627,200.00	GENERAL PRINTING CHARGES	280,634.00
Corpus Fund (E- Microcon)	148,051.50		
		CLOSING BALANCE	
		CANARA BANK	5,829,951.04
	7,141,983.04		7,141,983.04

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Top cited articles from IJMM

Article Title	Corresponding Author	Publication date	Article type	Scopus citations	Lifetime SD usage	Lifetime scopus citations
Profile of co-infections & secondary bacterial, fungal, and viral infections in COVID -19 patients at a dedicated COVID-19 facility of a tertiary care Indian hospital	Mathur, Purva	5/6/2021	Review article	10	3,852	39
Mycoplasma hominis: an under recognized pathogen	Dhawan, Benu	2/17/2021	Review article	10	2,039	16
Rhinocerebral Mucormycosis in COVID-19 patients with Diabetes a deadly trio: case series from the North-Western part of India	Nehara, Hardeva Ram	7/21/2021	Case report	9	3,070	49
Current perspectives of biomedical waste management in context of COVID -19	Capoor, Malini R	5/6/2021	Review article	9	6,955	25
Basic virology of SARS-CoV 2	Panda Pragyan Swagatika	5/11/2022	Review article	7	4,562	9
Detection of viable Mycobacterium tuberculosis in ocular fluids using mRNA -based multiplex polymerase chain reaction	Sharma Kusum	5/11/2022	Full length article	6	376	6
Low clarithromycin resistance in virulent Helicobacter pylori from dyspeptic patients at a tertiary care centre in Odisha	Hallur, Vinaykumar	5/11/2022	Full length article	5	236	5
No correlation between Ct values and severity of disease or mortality in patients with COVID -19 disease	Singhal, Tanu	2/17/2021	Short communication	5	2,404	29
Antimicrobial treatment of Morganella morganii invasive infections: Systematic review	Zivkovic Zaric Radica	11/10/2021	Review article	5	1,416	9
LDBio Aspergillus immunochromatographic test lateral flow assay for IgG/IgM antibody detection in chronic pulmonary aspergillosis: single centre evaluation and meta analysis	Rudramurthy, Shivaprakash M	5/11/2022	Full length article	4	566	5



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

The Executive Council of the IAMM has two vacancies in the year 2024. 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, 2024.
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: 2(Two)
6. Last date for submission of nominations: 31st March 2024.

Dr. Sonal Saxena
Secretary, IAMM &
Director Professor & Head , Dept. of Microbiology,
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Here's wishing all the members a new year filled
with happiness and prosperity

HAPPY
NEW YEAR 2024

Published by
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