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Greetings from the president's desk



*"I am a small boy picking up pebbles here and there on the seashore of Knowledge" &
"If I have seen further, it is because of I am standing on the shoulders of Giants"*

-Newton

Dear Members,

Greetings from Belagavi (Karnataka) and Wish you all a happy, peaceful and prosperous New Year! I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to IAMM members, EC members, all the past Presidents and the General Body for unanimously agreeing to bestow the

responsibility of prestigious 'IAMM President' post on my shoulders. I shall strive hard to live up to your expectations and carry forward the glorious legacy of the IAMM to foster highest standards of IAMM activities.

At the outset, I congratulate, Dr Rajesh Karyakarte and his B. J. Medical College, Pune team for a successful conference despite the strict code of conduct for state elections. On the personal front, I carry fond memories of 'IAMM conferences in Pune' since they have made a special mark in my academic career. I attended my first IAMM conference as a PG student in AFMC, Pune, in 1984 and subsequently, I was awarded with Dr. S.S.Kelkar Memorial Gold medal for best paper in 2008 IAMM conference at the same venue.

Our association has been carrying out innovative and noteworthy activities including PG Assembly and master class etc. under the leadership of our past President Dr Bharti Malhotra, Secretary Dr. Sonal Saxena and the EC members. This has attracted the attention of budding microbiologists and young researchers. I am sure that, more of such activities will up in this year as well. The IJMM editorial team under the leadership of Dr Chand Wattal has been doing a great job, which is evidenced by the recent rise in impact factor of our journal. I have suggestion to our IJMM team to include a special 'Undergraduate column' to attract the selected undergraduates to publish their ICMR-STs research projects related to microbiology. Further, a special column needs to be dedicated to 'Medical education' related research to benefit the medical teachers for successful implementation of competency based curriculum. Our IAMM-EQAS teams are also doing equally good job by setting high standards in diagnostics across the country. Similarly all the state chapters of IAMM have been actively conducting programs. I request the chapter secretaries to report their activities to the IAMM Secretary office.

The next conference team, led by Dr. Sherwal, Dr. Chand Wattal, Dr. Sonal Saxena and Dr. J.K.Oberoi is already in full swing and ready to welcome us in Delhi. I believe, this well experienced team will cross all the previous records in all the standards! First brochure of this conference is already circulated and it is our duty to participate in large numbers and make it a memorable event.

For me, serving as 'President' of Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists is truly a privilege and I welcome any suggestions and ideas from all the members to improve our, activities, website and conduct State chapters/National conferences. Your feedback will go a long way to serve the needy and help our association to reach greater heights.

Looking forward to meeting you all at New Delhi in Oct., 2025.

With Best wishes,

Dr Mahantesh B Nagamoti.

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From the secretary's desk



*Here's wishing you all a very
Happy New Year 2025!*

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 2024, 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. The successful completion of IPC course had encouraged me to start the 2025 cohort. The course will probably start in February 2025. Also, the hands-on workshops have been very successful and more centers must come forward to conduct them in

2025. The need for GLP and QMS training in ISO: 15189 has been felt and IAMM will be organising such trainings yearly on regular basis now.

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 2025 will be held in Delhi. Let us all reach in huge numbers to make it 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

Congratulations!

Gukesh Dommaraju is an Indian chess grandmaster and the reigning World Chess Champion. A chess prodigy, Gukesh is the youngest undisputed world champion, the youngest player to have surpassed a FIDE rating of 2750, at the age of 17, and the third-youngest to have surpassed 2700 Elo at the age of 16. He earned the title of grandmaster at the age of 12. At the World Chess Championship 2024, he won the title by defeating Ding, and became the 18th and youngest undisputed world champion, at the age of 18 years and 195 days.

The fraternity of microbiologists is super proud of the great achievement of Gukesh. All members of IAMM join together in congratulating him and the proud parents.

We congratulate his mother Dr Padma Kumari, Asst Professor, Madras Medical College, Chennai and applaud her great efforts in shaping Gukesh's journey to Chess Grandmaster. We extend congratulations to Gukesh Father Dr. Rajinikanth who is the pillar of support for him, and who has devoted his whole career and life for Gukesh





OBITUARY

Dr T. Prabhu

(12/3/1930-6/10/2024)

Professor & Head at Mysore Medical College, Mysuru
Principal Karnataka Medical College,
Hubli and Bangalore Medical College, Bangalore,
Joint Director of Medical Education



Dr Ramkant Kulkarni

Ex Professor Medical College , Gulbarga
Ex Principal Medical College Bagalkot
An alumni of M R Medical College, Gulbarga ,
and B. H. U. Banaras
He was Faculty of Medical Microbiology at
his parent institution in Gulbarga and
retired as Professor and Head .

Achievements

- Dr Savitri Sharma, Director Emeritus of Laboratory Services at the LVPEI Network, and Past President IAMM has been honoured with the prestigious Jones/Smolin Lecture Award 2024 by the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) and the Ocular Microbiology and Immunology Group (OMIG), at Chicago, USA.
- Dr V Ravi was presented with Life time Achievement Award-Dr S P Ray Chaudhary Oration Award from the Virological Society.
- Dr Sonal Saxena and Dr Ira Pryagraj were selected for the prestigious “Women Leadership in STEM program 2024” under Grand Challenges India (GCI), BIRAC.



REPORT OF MICROCON 2024

22nd -24th November 2024

MICROCON – 2024

47th ANNUAL CONGRESS OF INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGISTS

B. J. Medical College, Pune, Maharashtra

“Transforming Future: Microscopes to Genomics!”

The 47th Annual Congress of the Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists, MICROCON-2024, organized by the Department of Microbiology, Byramjee Jeejeebhoy Government Medical College and Sassoon General Hospitals, Pune, was held from 22nd to 24th November 2024 at Hotel Tip Top International, Pune. Themed “Transforming Future: Microscopes to Genomics,” the congress began with pre-conference scientific workshops on 21st November, covering recent developments in various important topics in medical microbiology.

The congress featured **eighteen workshops** organized in collaboration with government and non-governmental organizations, both local and international.

With **1054 clinical microbiologists** in attendance, the congress served as an exceptional platform for exchanging ideas, showcasing research, and fostering collaborations through symposia, panel discussions, and workshops. The theme encapsulated the evolution from traditional culture-based methods to advanced molecular techniques, unveiling deeper insights into the genetic makeup of microbes.

This progression has vastly broadened the scope of microbiology, providing powerful tools for diagnostics, environmental monitoring, and therapeutic development. Moreover, the theme highlighted the advancements across all facets of microbiology, from microscopes to genomics.

Dr. Shekhar Mande, a renowned scientist and former Director General of CSIR, was the chief guest for the grand inaugural ceremony. The event also saw the presence of

Dr. Subhash Salunke, former Director General of Health Services of Maharashtra, Dr. Bartakke, Dean, Byramjee Jeejeebhoy Government Medical College and Sassoon General Hospitals, Pune, IAMM President Dr. Bharti Malhotra, IAMM Secretary Dr. Sonal Saxena, Executive Council members, past presidents of IAMM, and other dignitaries. The event highlights included the presentation of the Dr. S. C. Agarwal Oration Award to Dr. Chand Wattal, the Dr. H. I. Jhala Memorial Award to Dr. Pallab Ray, the IAMM Endowment Oration Award to Dr. Jayanti Shastri, and the Dr. U. C. Chaturvedi Lifetime Achievement Award to Dr. V. L. Jahagirdar. The two-and-a-half-day conference included several sessions such as **symposia, panel discussions, e-posters, and oral presentations**. Highlights included the **presidential oration by Dr. Bharti Malhotra, orations by award recipients Dr. Chand Wattal (Dr. S C Agrawal Oration Award) and Dr. Jayanthi Shastri (IAMM Endowment Award)**, the IAMM student symposium, and the IAMM symposium on Artificial Intelligence in Microbiology. Additionally, there were nine symposia, three panel discussions on state-of-the-art topics, 255 oral papers, and 324 e-poster presentations, offering the delegates an academic feast.

Dr Rajesh Karyakarte
Organizing Secretary, MICROCON-2024
Professor and Head
Department of Microbiology
BJ Government Medical College and
Sassoon General Hospitals, Pune





CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OF IAMM AWARDS & PRIZES 2025 (Last date of receipt of all nominations July 31, 2025)

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 2025. 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 2025. 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 2025. 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 2025: Nominations are invited for the Best paper award competition to be held at National Conference of the IAMM at Delhi in 2025. This award is supported by the annual interest obtained from the fixed deposit, donated by the Dr. Urnil 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, 2025 (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 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 2025. 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 2025. Nominations must come as a soft/hard copy to be sent to Secretary IAMM by the last date.

5. Prof AN Chakrabarthy memorial Prize for the best published paper in Mycobacteriology 2025 : 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 2025. 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 2025.

6. Prizes for the best papers during the IAMM Conference 2025 (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 (S. No 4-6) will be presented at the valedictory function of the IAMM Conference MICROCON 2025 to be held at New Delhi in November 2025.

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The Top Ten papers received for MICROCON 2025 will also be included for the Awards in the above mentioned subjects if the number of direct entries are less.

Please note that to be eligible for any award, IAMM membership is compulsory.





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MINUTES OF GENERAL BODY MEETING HELD AT PUNE IN 48TH NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF IAMM (MICROCON-2024) UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF DR BHARTI MALHOTRA, ON 23RD NOVEMBER 2024

- The President, Dr Bharti Malhotra 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. T Prabhu and Dr Ramakant Kulkarni. 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 two new EC members namely Dr Bansidhar Tarai and DR V S Randhawa. The secretary informed the GB that two members Dr Nilma Hirani and Dr Ujjala Ghoshal had completed their term. They were thanked for their contribution to IAMM.

Agenda 2. To confirm the EC/GB Meeting minutes. Dr. Sonal Saxena, Secretary read the minutes of the last General Body meeting held at 46th IAMM conference, Lucknow, UP and the same was confirmed by the house. The motion of confirmation was proposed by Dr M. Nagamoti and seconded by Dr Arunaloke Chakrabarti.

Agenda 3. Action taken on minutes of the GB Meeting As per GB meeting the 46th conference of IAMM was conducted as from 22nd-25th November 2023.

- Increase in number of editions of IJMM: This has been done by editorial team and all issues are online with no print issues.
- Purchase of lyophilizer by CMC, Vellore: This will be done this year.
- To increase amounts in FD's rather than keeping money in savings account in view of higher interest rates. **Done for INR 20 Lakh on 29/12/23.**
- Certificate course- Successfully conducted with 29 awardees from 2024 cohort.
- Short training courses: total 7 hands-on workshops conducted.
- PG Assembly: The MOU with Biomerieux has been renewed for another 5 years. Dr Neeraj Goel may be allowed to continue on PG Assembly team. This was approved by EC in its online meeting.
- Collaborative CME:** IAMM-NAMS-CME: Charting the Future for Microbiologists held on March 16, 2024, IAMM, in collaboration with the National Academy of Medical Sciences (NAMS) and the Department of Microbiology at SMS Medical College, Jaipur, in a hybrid mode. And was attended by more than 150 participants.
- An extraordinary meeting of the Executive Council was held on 4th April in online mode under the chairmanship of President, Dr Bharti Malhotra. The minutes of the meeting of the expert group were circulated and approved.
- Online Chapter coordinators meeting was organized

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 2024 held on 22th November 2024. The motion was proposed by Dr V Ravi and seconded by Dr B L Sherwal.

Agenda 5. Editor's report and statement of IJMM accounts Editor's report and statement of IJMM accounts was presented by Dr Chand Wattal.

- Major milestones like converting IJMM into a profit generating venture from loss making, following international research guidelines and improvement in TAT were informed by editor in chief. One new associate editor namely Dr. Sumit Rai from AIIMS, Mangalgiri has been appointed.
- It was proposed that Dr Wattal would continue to guide the editorial team but Dr Sangeeta Joshi as editor and Dr Anju Kagal as Associate Editor

Agenda 6. Presentation of Annual Statement of IAMM Accounts. Dr Sheela. The previous treasurer Dr Manoj was granted leave of absence. Dr Sheela shared the copies of audited account statements of 2023-24. Total revenue in FY 2023-24 was INR 21,59,666 (Revenue from Membership fee was INR 10,10,803.20 and revenue from interest was INR 11,48,863. As of now there are 3918 life members, 55 Life memberships and 392 Associate memberships were added this year. The treasurer report was approved after being proposed by Dr Tanvir and seconded by Dr BL Sherwal.

- Treasurer informed that organizers of 46th MICROCON have promised a sum of Rs. 5 lakhs to IAMM.

Agenda 7. Report of IAMM EQAS Programme Dr V. Balaji, and Dr. Rajesh Kannangai presented the EQAS reports of South India EQAS centers. ViroEQAS has 1038 laboratories while 1125 labs are associated with routine EQAS.

The reports of North Centre was read out by Dr Chand Wattal. There are 845 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. Reba Kanungo.

Agenda 8. Selection of topics for 48th IAMM Conference GB discussed various topics for Dr S R Sengupta IAMM Symposium and the Student Symposium and approved the following topics:

For the Dr S R Sengupta IAMM Symposium "Adult Vaccination". Moderator: Dr Arti Kapil For the Student Symposium: "Exploring newer options of therapy in era of AMR". Moderator: Dr Bansidhar Tarai.



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Agenda 9. Decision Regarding the venue for future IAMM Conference

48th IAMM Conference: GB approved the venue of the MICROCON-2024 at Delhi being organized by Sir Gangaram Hospital and Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi. Dr Chand Wattal will be organizing Chairperson, Dr Sonal Saxena as organizing Co-Chairperson, Dr Jaswinder K Oberoi and Dr Vikas Manchanda will be organizing Secretary and joint organizing secretary.

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.

The organizing team must include a past president as part of scientific deliberations commtt. for MICROCON. Dr Arunaloake was included as part of the team.

49th MICROCON: The request has been received from AIIMS, Nagpur, SRMC, Chennai and MGMC, Indore. Proposal from MGMC, Indore was approved as MICROCON has never been organized in MP.

50th MICROCON: Proposal from Jaipur was approved for golden jubilee conference in 2027. This was approved by GB.

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 not awarded.
- Dr H I Jhala Memorial Award was awarded to Dr Pratibha Narang.
- IAMM Endowment Oration Award was awarded to Dr Nivedita Gupta.
- Dr U C Chaturvedi Lifetime Achievement Award was awarded to Dr Renu Bhardwaj.
- IAMM Merieux Award has been withdrawn due to non-commitment from sponsors. GB congratulated all the winners.

Agenda 11. Election of Office Bearers IAMM

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

- President: Dr Mahantesh Nagmoti
- One Vacancy (EC) will be declared in Newsletter January 2025

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

- 1) Certificate course/Training fellowship: The GB was informed that IAMM-IPC certificate course was organized in online mode with 1 contact session at MAMC from 1st August to 31st October 2024. Total of 29 participants were awarded certificates. Dr Sonal Saxena will continue as course coordinator and modalities to host it on LMS would be explored after conducting 4-5 cohorts.
- 2) Two agencies My quality and QCI have submitted quotation for QMS ISO: 15189 training. The training with QCI was approved. Session can be conducted at MAMC next year and later at other centers.

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

- Meeting of the IAMM expert group as invited by president was held at Jaipur and the chairmanship of the IAMM president Dr Bharti Malhotra on 16th March 2024.
- These were approved by GBM after being proposed by Dr Sheela and seconded by Dr Tanwir.
- A proposal of creating a coffee table book was put forth that will include history of IAMM. For this purpose material would be collected and sent to Dr Sonal who will coordinate the coffee table book. She will choose a team and start working on coffee table book.
- The treasurer has informed that in order to get benefit of Section 12 for saving income tax at least 85% of the income must be spent by the association. SOP, or guidelines should be made for the expenditure of this money. Briefly the amount should be spent under three budgetary heads approximately :

- o 35%: Travel Grant
- o 35%: Training
- o 35%: Outreach activities

- Travel Grant : EOI to be rolled out for centers of excellence willing to take up observership for junior faculty for 7-10 days. A one-time grant of Rs. 20,000 would be offered to participant that can be used for travel or stay. Five such observership be given
- Training: Mid-Microcon: Organize MidCon in the month of January to May of each year, a 1-2 days conference with a CME. This can be either at the Secretary, or at the president's town or any center approved by EC and would be managed by the executive committee. Small amount of registration fee would be charged from the participants of CME and a grant of 35% of income generated in last financial year may be given by treasurer for conducting the CME.
- Outreach activities : Of the IPC cohort few high performers, highly motivated faculty would be chosen as faculty advisor for 2nd cohort. These would then act as trainers and conduct a training in their state chapters, that can be supported with some grant from IAMM. These modalities would be worked out by the EC in next few months.
- It has been proposed to have a President Elect as member of Executive Council. The following Constitutional Amendment is suggested for this purpose:
- The constitution is hereby proposed to be amended at section of Executive Council (b) to include a post of **President Elect** in the EC. The president elect will have voting rights.
- **"b) The Executive Council shall consist of the President, President Elect, Secretary Treasurer, Editor, Joint Secretary, and a minimum of six or maximum of nine members. When number of Council Members reaches eleven, the quorum shall be six. In special circumstances additional members may be co-opted to the Executive Council, but they shall not have the right to vote".**
- Indian College of Medical Microbiologists is proposed in IAMM. A clause proposing the same would be inserted in the constitution as a separate heading.



The proposed amendment would be:

- ***“Indian College of Medical Microbiologists”, thereafter known as ICMM would be registered as an academic body with objectives of developing and imparting trainings, fellowships and continuing medical education in microbiology”.***
 - The constitution amendment would be uploaded on website for 90 days. If no suggestions are received then the amended constitution would be sent to Registrar. If suggestions or objections are received then an online meeting would be called to discuss these and changes made accordingly. For the purpose of ICMM a committee of following members is proposed:
 - Secretary, president, Dr V Ravi, Dr A. Chakravorty, Dr Sonal Saxena, Dr Sherwal and Dr Abhay Choudhary. The commtt. would meet and deliberate on drafting the constitution.
 - The constitutional amendment were approved by general body after being proposed by Dr Renu Bhardwaj and seconded by Proposed by Dr Renu and seconded by Dr Sherwal.
 - Some suggestions regarding IAMM program were amended due to time shortage for congress organizers.
- a. Presidential oration to be shifted along with inaugural program.
- b. Duration of Dr S R Sengupta IAMM symposium be of one hour with 2-3 speakers of 15-20 minutes slot. The Symposium should be cross discipline with inputs from other disciplines as well.
- c. These modifications would create two slots for Key note address from high profile microbiologist on specific topic of importance.
- d. Journal workshop to be restarted from 2025 to cover publication pearls and ethics. It would be organized by IJMM team as a preconference workshop. The logistics can be covered from IJMM funds.
- Another suggestion was to shift Student Symposium to last day. This was not approved by GB as many members felt that it would dilute the essence. Hence it was decided to keep it on 1st day itself However, on trial basis the PG symposium will be shifted to 3rd day if it organizers agree for 2025. The final call will be taken in 2025
 - Laurels/Past Presidents meeting with President and Secretary to be scheduled in afternoon (4-6PM) on the day of inauguration.
 - Inauguration from 7-9 PM followed by inaugural dinner.
 - The changes were approved by house after being proposed by Dr Nilma and seconded by Dr Kulkarni.
 - Request of VAMM to be considered a chapter as the Maharashtra chapter already exists.
 - Also Gawhati chapter and Assam Chapter can be allowed as one time action.
 - This was not approved by general body.

IAMM Awardees 2024

Award	Name
Dr S C Agarwal Oration Award, 2024	None
Dr H I Jhala Memorial Award, 2024	Dr Pratibha Narang
IAMM Endowment Oration, 2024	Dr Nivedita Gupta
Dr U C Chaturvedi Lifetime Achievement Award, 2024	Dr Renu Bhardwaj
KB Sharma Junior Best Paper	Dr Shreyasi Maiti, LV Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad
Nawopia Pankajalaxmi V Venugopal Best Paper Mycology (Oral)	Anitha Subramanian, SRIHER, Chennai
SR Sengupta & AM Saoji Memorial Best Paper Immunology (Oral)	Dr. Maheswary Datchanamoorthy , SRM Medical college hospital and research centre, Chennai
IAMM Silver Jubilee Best Paper Parasitology (Oral)	Dr. Meera L, Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi
SS Kelkar Best Poster (Any subject in Microbiology)	Dr. Nishat Hussain Ahmed, "Dr. R.P. Centre, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi
Mumbai-Belgaum Prize for Best poster in Medical Mycobacteriology	Dr. Shalini Mann, AIIMS Raipur
Belgaum Mumbai best Paper in Bacteriology (Oral)	Dr. Shaoli Basu, P.D. Hinduja National Hospital & Medical Research Centre, Mumbai
I D Aggarwal- Broor Prize for best paper in virology	Dr T Siwani, MKCG Medical College and Hospital, Odisha
IAMM Quiz 1 st Prize	Dr. Kanchan Dochania, PGIMER, ChandigarhDr. Jeanne Agarasen, BJMC, Pune
Best Published paper in Bacteriology in IJMM	Dr Yamuna Devi Bakthavatchalam (Development and validation of a pentaplex PCR assay for rapid detection of blaCTX-M, blaOXA1, blaCMY, blaNDM and the PBP3 insert in Enterobacterales and Pseudomonas aeruginosa)

Best Published paper in Virology IJMM	Dr Prabhudutta Mamidi (Molecular characterization of coxsackievirus A24 variants isolated from an outbreak of acute hemorrhagic conjunctivitis)
Prof. A .N. Chakrabarty Memorial Prize 2021 for Best Published paper in Mycobacteriology	Dr Abhijit Chaudhury (Srikar A, Venkataramana B, Mohan A, Sarma P, Rekha Devi K, Narain K, Chaudhury A. Molecular diversity of Mycobacterium tuberculosis isolates in Treatment-experienced Patients from Andhra Pradesh, India. J Infect Dev Ctries. 2023 Aug 31;17(8):1114-1124. doi: 10.3855/jidc.17757. PMID: 37699092)

INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGISTS			
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31/03/2024			
Particulars	Note No.	31/03/2024	31/03/2023
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Owners' Fund			
Owners Capital Account	2.1	28648637.85	27278158.22
Reserves and surplus		28648637.85	27278158.22
Non-current liabilities			
Long-term borrowings	2.2	97801.00	97801.00
Deferred tax liabilities (Net)		-	-
Other Long term liabilities		-	-
Long-term provisions		97801.00	97801.00
Current liabilities			
Short-term borrowings		-	-
Trade payables	2.3	286998.00	295758.00
Other current liabilities	2.4	819384.30	583071.00
Short-term provisions		1106292.30	878829.00
TOTAL		29852731.15	28254788.22
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment and Intangible Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	2.5	50047.00	70643.00
Intangible assets		-	-
Capital work-in-progress		-	-
Intangible assets under development		50047.00	70643.00
Non-current investments			
Deferred tax assets (Net)		-	-
Long-term loans and advances	2.6	145127.00	145127.00
Other non-current assets	2.7	1859925.00	1659925.00
		18805099.00	16815665.00
Current assets			
Current investments		-	-
Inventories		-	-
Trade receivables	2.8	2531996.86	2531996.86
Cash and cash equivalents	2.9	1343931.61	2318660.38
Short-term loans and advances		7171703.68	6588435.98
Other current assets		11047632.15	11439093.22
Accounting Policies and Notes on Accounts			
TOTAL		29852731.15	28254788.22

In terms of our attached report of even date
For P PANDEYA AND CO
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
FRN : 0000135C

For INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL
MICROBIOLOGISTS

SUMAN BAJAJ
(PARTNER)
DATE : 05.09.2024
PLACE : RANCHI

MANOJ KUMAR
(TREASURER)

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25-10-2024

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INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGIST- EQAS -Trust				
DUPT Optical Microscopy and Pathology SRO1				
09th New Delhi, Delhi-110005				
Balance Sheet				
As on 31st march 2024				
Liabilities	Amount	Assets	Amount	
Capital	13,361,535.85	Fixed Assets	6,534,082.10	
Less: Income Tax	1,585,060.00	Inv.- Dep	700,312.00	8,814,840.00
Less:- Other Adj.(P.Basis)	78,550.00			
Add: Income & exp.yr.	2,306,315.30			
	13,951,841.15			
Current Liabilities		Current Assets		
Sundry Creditors	878,848.00	Sundry Debtors		38,215.00
Govt Payables	713,150.72	TDS Recoverable		1,80,199.00
Accounting Charges Payable	60,000.00	PRR		7,333,334.00
Audit Fees Payable	30,000.00			
Advances REGISTRATION/WIN/STWAL	85,538.63			
Salary / Security	97,860.00	Cash & Cash Equivalent		
		Cash-in-hand		69.00
		Bank Accounts		4,862,225.31
	16,192,665.81			16,192,665.31

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For Vijnay Agarwal Auditor & Associates

Chartered Accountants

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16/04/2020

Partner

Ph.No. 092354

FERE No. 0607314

Place : New Delhi

Date : 16/04/2020

INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGIST- EQAS - DELHI			
DEPTT of Clinical microbiology, immunology SRM			
CIVIL line 0086, path 110002			
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024			
Expenditure	Amount	Income	Amount
Lab Expenses	3,083,993.58	REGISTRATION /RENEWAL RECEIPT	8,579,300.00
Audit Fee	30,000.00	(Interest Received) (D/Bank Interest)	504,811.00
Accounting Charges	60,000.00		
Advisory Board Expenses	54,500.00		
Travel Charges	515,383.00		
Bank Charges	3,150.00		
Conveyance	3,141.00		
Depreciation	790,333.00		
Quality Control Expenses	46,900.00		
Stationery & Printing	84,035.00		
Professional Charges	3,199,660.42		
Rounded Off	1.70		
Income Transferred to Capital A/c	1,306,113.36		
	1,018,811.00		1,018,811.00

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Member B Tally

Partner

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Date : 11/08/2024

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Receipts and Payments Account for 1st April to 31st March 2024

Particulars	Amount	Amount
Receipts		
Bank Balance		
Current Bank (11/11/2023)	3,81,022.19	3,81,022.19
Cash in hand	1,326.00	1,326.00
Income		
Subscription (Annual)	28,81,280.00	
Interest on bank deposit (20/01/23)	10,071.80	21,05,000.00
	10,071.80	18,876.80
Payments		
Subscription (Annual)	11,38,000.00	
Bank Charges (Monthly)	2,10,000.00	
Postage	1,10,000.00	
Professional Fee	4,51,433.42	
Charity/Donation/Contribution	1,22,000.00	
Income Tax paid	2,00,000.00	
Office expenses	1,00,000.00	
Computer charges	1,00,000.00	
Printing and Stationery	1,00,000.00	
Bank Charges	1,00,000.00	
Gifts	1,00,000.00	
Cash payments		12,01,056.80
Bank available as on 31.03.2024		4,88,200.00
Cash in hand		4,88,200.00
Current Bank (31/03/2024)		4,88,200.00
		4,88,200.00

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Ref No: 22 M 123

Statement of IAMM EGAS accounts for the period
from 01-10-2023 to 30-09-2024

Particulars	Rs.	Rs.
Opening Balance as on 01-10-2023		24,301.53
Receipts:		
EGAS from 2023-2024		958,216.04
Payments:		99,117.69
Marquise	1,42,596.00	
Constituents and agents	41,813.08	
Equipment (if used)	1,80,000.00	
Waste charges	53,000.00	
Others (Courier postage, printing, stationery, etc.)	94,388.00	91,318.00
Amount available as on 30-09-2024		3,28,242.91

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Audited Account Statement of IJMM (ATTACH ANNEXURE 3 IJMM audited statement)

IND J MED MICRO
BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31st MARCH 2024

LIABILITIES	AMOUNT (Rs.)	Assets	AMOUNT (Rs.)
CORPUS FUND	5,27,280.00	Computer	177,562.00
Less : Income Tax Paid	312,530.00	Investment in FDR	2,00,000.00
Add: Surplus/Deficit	1,12,749.00	Other Assets	101,178.00
Audit Fee	24,780.00	Bank balance	4,31,029.00
Advance Sponsor Contribution	480,000.00	TDS	9,500.00
TDS Payable	7,500.00		
			6,59,939.00
			6,59,939.00

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IND J MED MICRO
INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR 1 APR. 2023 TO 31- MARCH 2024

EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT	INCOME	AMOUNT
TO AUDIT CHARGES	24,780.00	BY SPONSOR CONTRIBUTION	940,800.00
TO BANK CHARGES	217.00	By Royalty	901,603.00
TO POSTAGE AND TELEGRAM and Courier Charges	1,830.00		
TO Depreciation	118,375.00		
TO PRINTING of Journal	116,702.00		
TO Professional Fee	451,060.00		
TO excess of income over expenditure	1,127,499.00		
	1,842,403.00		1,842,403.00

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RECEIPTS	AMOUNT	PAYMENTS	AMOUNT
OPENING BALANCE		Professional Charges	450,000.00
CASH		BANK CHARGES	217.00
CANARA BANK	5,829,951.00	COURIER CHARGES	3,830.00
		PRINTING of Journal	117,762.00
SPONSOR CONTRIBUTION		Computer purchase	295,936.00
Royalty	313,600.00	Investment in FDR	2,00,000.00
Advance Sponsor Contribution	901,603.00	Tax paid	346,380.00
	480,000.00	CLOSING BALANCE	
		CANARA BANK	4,31,029.00
	7,525,154.00		7,525,154.00

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Top cited articles from IJMM

Article Title	Corresponding Author	Publication Date	Article Type	Access Type	Lifetime SD Usage	Lifetime Scopus Citation
Association of parasitic Infections and Cancers		2005-04-01	Review article	Full Open Access	2,173	
Comparative evaluation of colistin broth disc elution (CBDE) and broth microdilution (BMD) in clinical isolates of <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> with special reference to heteroresistance	Banerjee, Tuhina	2023-10-25	Full length article	Subscription	1,371	0
Treatment challenges in the management of difficult-to-treat gram-positive infections: A consensus view apropos therapeutic role of novel anti-MRSA antibiotics, levonadifloxacin (IV) and alalevonadifloxacin (oral)	Zirpe, Kapil	2024-01-21	Full length article	Subscription	901	0
Intestinal parasitic infection and total serum ige in asymptomatic adult males in an urban slum and efficacy of antiparasitic therapy		2004-01-01	Short communication	Full Open Access	1,624	
Efficacy of Oritavancin and Nisin alone and their combination against Vancomycin resistant enterococci strains in hospitalized patients in Turkey	Nakipoglu, Yasar	2023-10-25	Full length article	Subscription	1,470	0
Probiotics		2009-07-01	Review article	Full Open Access	21,546	222
Quality control of culture media in a microbiology laboratory		2005-07-01	Full length article	Full Open Access	11,907	
National TB Elimination Programme - what has changed ?	Saha, Rumpa	2023-03-24	Review article	Subscription	5,086	9
Ureaplasma: Current perspectives		2015-04-01	Review article	Full Open Access	7,002	76
Arterial Blood Gas as a Prognostic Indicator in Patients with Sepsis		2020-07-01	Short communication	Full Open Access	8,313	4
India-discovered levonadifloxacin & alalevonadifloxacin: A review on susceptibility testing methods, CLSI quality control and breakpoints along with a brief account of their emerging therapeutic profile as a novel standard -of-care	V, Balaji	2023-03-02	Review article	Subscription	1,706	4
Computational Biology: Role and Scope in taming Antimicrobial Resistance	Kapil, Arti	2023-01-04	Review article	Subscription	1,627	3
Evaluation of in-vitro colistin susceptibility and clinical profile of carbapenem resistant Enterobacteriaceae related invasive infections	Ranjan, Rahul	2023-01-13	Full length article	Subscription	1,257	0



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

The Executive Council of the IAMM has one vacancy in the year 2025. As per the constitution of the IAMM, notice is hereby issued by the Secretary IAMM, inviting the nominations to this position 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, 2025.
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: 1(One)
6. Last date for submission of nominations: 31st March 2025.

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