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From the Desk of the President

Dear Members

It is nice to come back again within three months. I am very happy to know that the IAMM chapters especially those of Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu are very active and performing well. I hope other chapters will be as active and attract the young medical microbiologists to our fold. I wish to discuss three issues with you at present:

i. Microbiology curriculum recommended by MCI

You are aware that microbiology discipline is discriminated against by MCI in recommendation for faculty, hours of teaching etc., though we perform additional duties like infection control practices, participation in national programs like AIDS control program, vector-borne diseases control program, integrated disease surveillance program etc. With the help from senior medical microbiologists, we could produce a note which compared the discipline of Microbiology with all other para-clinical departments. The note is submitted to Prof. K. K. Talwar, Chairman, Medical Council of India. I am assured of a favorable response from the council if we can impress the Board of Governors. We are trying to get an appointment at the earliest to meet MCI Chairman and Governing Council. Some of our senior colleagues are taking active interest and helping me in each step. I appreciate their effort without naming any individual. If any of you have any last minute suggestion, please let me know.

ii. Accreditation of Microbiology laboratory is an important issue. Our association is consistently running the EQAS program. However, we want that every microbiology laboratory should be accredited. Brig Nagendra has assured me to develop a SOP. Hope we receive it from him very soon. It will be circulated to all Institutions and laboratories so that you can be aware on the steps required for accreditation. Some of our colleagues are working as assessors in the NABL accreditation process. As they are knowledgeable in this process, I would request them to help our colleagues who want accreditation of their laboratories.

iii. Our discipline is no doubt clinical. But for many years we did not project ourselves as clinical microbiologists and confined ourselves to the laboratory only. Time has come when we have to come out of the comfort of the laboratories and interact directly with the clinicians on infectious diseases. Already a new breed of infectious disease specialists has come up in many tertiary care private sector hospitals. We have no conflict with them, rather we should prove ourselves equal to work together and face the challenge of emergence of infectious diseases. In this direction our society is participating in the 2nd Annual Conference of Clinical Infectious Disease Society at Chennai under our association banner. Our Delhi chapter especially Lady Hardinge Medical College team is now very busy in the preparation of 36th National Conference of our association. There is overwhelming response from our members. The Workshop and CME seats are getting filled up. Those interested to participate in the workshops may contact the organizers promptly. I am sure the 36th Congress at Delhi during November 22-25, 2012 will be a memorable one. If you have any suggestion you may contact directly the organizers. I can assure that they are very receptive for useful suggestions.

Best wishes!



Arunaloke Chakrabarti

From the Secretary, IAMM

Hope this turns out to be a nice warm summer, full of sunshine and happiness, complete with a well deserved holiday. The elections to the executive council are around the corner and both the details of the candidates standing for the election as well as the ballot paper are enclosed with this newsletter. Requesting all members to participate with enthusiasm and vote for the EC member of your choice. The preparations for the Delhi Conference in November are in full swing and Dr. Sherwal, Dr. Dutta and colleagues have already set up a wonderful programme that promises to be a great show. I would personally call upon all members, not to miss this wonderful conference and deliberate in its proceedings.

This is another reminder for our members to put in nominations to the awards for the year 2012 as well as to the young colleagues to compete in the prize paper sessions in a healthy manner. Wish everyone a good summer hols and hope to see plenty of scientific work presented at the conference.

Adieus to one and all till the next newsletter!

Dr. Ranganathan N Iyer
Secretary IAMM

Forthcoming Events

The Maharashtra State Chapter Conference of the IAMM will be held between September 6–8, 2012, hosted by the Department of Microbiology, T.N. Medical College and BYL Nair Hospital. The CME titled “Sexually Transmitted and Reproductive Tract Infections: Challenges in Diagnosis in an Era of Change” will be held on September 6, 2012 and the Conference will be held on September 7–8, 2012.

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XXXVI Annual National Conference of the IAMM

New Delhi, November 22–25, 2012

As you all are well aware that Lady Hardinge Medical College, New Delhi is hosting the MICROCON 2012 at India Habitat Center from November 22–25, 2012.

The first announcement was released at MICROCON 2011 at BHU, Varanasi inviting the delegates for early bird registration and we feel proud to announce that because of the overwhelming response of the delegates we had to increase the early bird registrations beyond hundred.

The second announcement was released on February 11, 2012 stating the theme of our conference “Current Challenges and Future Directions”. The conference will be preceded by two CMEs and six satellite workshops. The subjects of the CMEs are “Clinical Microbiology in Public Health” and “Vaccines: Development to Delivery”.

As on date, the registrations for conference have exceeded the number of 350 and out of six, five workshops have completed the required number of registrations. Hence, only one workshop, “Newer Diagnostic Methods for Detection of MDR TB under RNTCP” is open for any fresh registration. Again, considering the response of the delegates, we are planning to add 3 more workshops out of which one workshop on “Paper Writing” will be organized by IJMM.

We are thankful to our delegates for showing their interest and participating in the conference. We also invite participation of more delegates from the discipline of Microbiology.

Dates	:	November 22–25, 2012
CME & Workshop	:	November 21–22, 2012
Venue	:	India Habitat Centre, New Delhi
Hosted by	:	Department of Microbiology, Lady Hardinge Medical College, New Delhi
Theme of the conference	:	“Clinical Microbiology: Current Challenges and Future Directions”
Organising Chairperson	:	Dr. Renu Datta
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Details of the XV IAMM AP Chapter Annual State Conference held at Kurnool Medical College, Kurnool on January 6–8, 2012

The XV IAMM AP Chapter Annual State Conference was held at Kurnool Medical College, Kurnool on January 7–8, 2012, organised by Dr. K. Sreenivasa Rao, Professor and Head, Dept of Microbiology, Kurnool Medical College, Kurnool.

The Preconference CME was held on January 6, 2012 with a central theme on the Recent advances in the field of Leprosy. The CME programme was inaugurated by Prof. Dr. C.S. Bhaskaran. Later, Dr. N. Manimozhi, AIFO India; Medical coordinator (NLEP), Bangalore spoke on “The role and relevance of Microbiology in NLEP”. Dr. B. Sekhar, Director, Pasteur Institute of India, Coonoor, Chennai spoke on “Reductive evolution in *M.leprae*, limitation of conventional test for drug resistance and application of molecular tools”; and Dr. Aparna B. from Blue Peter Public Health & Research Centre, Lepira India-Hyderabad spoke on “Molecular Epidemiology of Leprosy”.

The conference was Inaugurated by Dr. G. BhavaniPrasad, Principal, KMC, Kurnool on the morning of January 7, 2012. The inaugural event was followed by Dr. C.S. Bhaskaran's Prize papers. Four delegates participated in the programme. The winner is Dr. Nitin Mohan, AMC, Visakhapatnam. Later, Dr. Rajyalakshmi Memorial Oration was delivered by Dr. G. Krishnamurthy, Professor and Head of Microbiology and President of IAMM AP Chapter. He delivered an exhaustive lecture on “Conquering malaria”. It was followed by a lecture on “Rapid diagnosis of MDR-TB” by Dr. M. Vithal Prasad, Senior Microbiologist & HOD, LRS Institute of TB & Respiratory Diseases, New Delhi.

After a delicious lunch, there was a special programme on “Quality, Quality control & Quality Assurance”. Dr. K. Srinivas Rao introduced the topic of Quality Control. Dr. Ranganathan Iyer, Secretary of IAMM, spoke on “Quality assurance in bacteriology” and Dr. G. Jyothilakshmi spoke on “Quality assurance in Serology”. PG Free papers were presented in evening session. A total of 21 delegates presented papers. The winners are: 1st prize - Dr. A. Swathi, GMC, Secunderabad; 2nd prize - Dr. Vijaya Bharathi, RMC, Kakinada.

On the evening of January 7, 2012, the General body meeting was held and new executive council was elected. Dr. K. Sreenivasa Rao, Organizing Secretary of the conference, was elected as the new President and taken charge from Dr. G. Krishna Murty. Complete list of the executive council is below. The next conference was decided to held at Andhra Medical College, Visakhapatnam by the Dept of Microbiology, AMC, headed by Dr. Jyothi Padmaja.

The Second day of the Conference, on January 8, 2012, was started with “PG Pedagogy”. This special event was started from this year's conference only. The prize money was sponsored by the Dept. of Microbiology, Guntur Medical College, Guntur headed by Dr. G. Krishna Murty, with an idea of encouraging the presentation skills among the postgraduates. Five topics were given and five postgraduates participated. The prize winners are: 1st prize (Gold Medal) - Dr. Md. Wajid, OMC, Hyderabad; 2nd prize (Silver Medal) - Dr. P. Swathi, OMC, Hyderabad.

The PG Quiz programme was conducted by Dr. D.S. Murty. The prize winners are: 1st prize - Dr. V. Vijaya Swetha, Sri Venkateswara Medical College, Tirupathi; 2nd prize - Dr. K. Sivakamy, S.V.S. Medical College, Mahabubnagar. 8 delegates participated in Smt. B.S. Laxmi Memorial prize papers for PGs. The winners are: 1st prize - Dr. C. Meera, KMC, Warangal; 2nd prize - Dr. J. Deepika, SMC, Vijayawada. Later, Junior Faculty papers were presented by 4 delegates and the prize won by Dr. J. Vijayalakshmi, KMC, Kurnool. 3 delegates participated in Senior Faculty Prize Papers and the prize won by Dr. K. Prasanthi, GMC, Secunderabad.

A prize for Poster presentations was also initiated from this year. A total of 32 posters were displayed. The 1st prize won by Dr. V. Vijaya Swetha, Sri Venkateswara Medical College, Tirupathi and 2nd prize won by Dr. Yamini Kura, CAIMS, Karimnagar. In addition, Dr. M.V. Ramanamma sponsored a gold medal to Dr. Manaswini Das, ASRAM, Eluru for scoring highest marks in Dr. NTR UHS MD exam held in May-2011. The valedictory function was attended by the delegates on the evening of January 8, 2012. Everybody dispersed with memories of the conference and waiting to meet again in 2013 at Andhra Medical College, Visakhapatnam.

The new executive body of IAMM AP Chapter

President: Dr. K. Sreenivasa Rao, Professor and Head of Microbiology, Kurnool Medical College, Kurnool

Vice President: Dr. P.R. Anuradha, Professor and Head of Microbiology, Gandhi Medical College, Secunderabad

Secretary: K. Prasanthi, Asst. Professor of Microbiology, Gandhi Medical College, Secunderabad

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Joint Secretary: Dr. D.S. Murty, Asst. Professor of Microbiology, Osmania Medical College, Hyderabad

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Dr. R. Sankara Rao, Asst Professor of Microbiology, Andhra Medical College, Visakhapatnam

Dr. T. Kasturi, Asst. Professor of Microbiology, Rangaraya Medical College, Kakinada

Ex-Officio President: Dr. G. Krishna Murty, Retd. Professor and Head, Dept of Microbiology, Guntur Medical College, Guntur

Dates of XVI IAMM AP Chapter Annual Conference:

Preconference CME: February 8, 2013

Conference: February 9–10, 2013

Venue: Andhra Medical College, Visakhapatnam

Organised by: Dept of Microbiology, AMC
headed by Dr. Jyothi Padmaja

Website: <http://sites.google.com/site/iammapchapter/>

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VIII Annual Conference of IAMM - UP Chapter

The VIII Annual Conference of IAMM-UP Chapter was organized by Department of Microbiology, Motilal Nehru Medical College, Allahabad on Saturday, February 11, 2012. It was for the first time in the history of this college that Microbiology Department has organized such a prestigious event.

The venue was Prof. Pritam Das Auditorium in the M.L.N. Medical College premises. There were total 190 registrations for the conference, which included faculty members and students from other disciplines like Pathology, Pharmacology, Medicine, Biochemistry, Gynecology & Obstetrics, Pediatrics, Physiology & FMT as well, apart from senior faculty, MD students & research fellows from Microbiology Department of various institutes and Medical Colleges of Uttar Pradesh.

The conference was inaugurated by Prof. D.K. Gupta, Honorable Vice Chancellor of Chatrapatri Shahuji Maharaj Medical University (Formerly known as King George's Medical College), Lucknow.

The Scientific consultant to the Department of Health Research, ICMR, Govt of India & senior most microbiologists of U.P. Prof. U.C. Chatrurvedi, was the guest of Honor at the conference.

The Medical Microbiologists of the state came together to brainstorm on new challenges posed by the microbes to the human kind & the methods to support and encourage the rational use of antibiotics.

The main focus of the conference was on increasing antibiotic resistance, its prevention & challenges posed by the "superbugs".

Prof. U.C. Chaturvedi life time achievement oration was awarded to Prof. A.K. Gulati, Department of Microbiology, IMS, BHU, Varanasi. He presented his talk on 'Superbugs: How to tackle them?' He highlighted the scope of alternative methods of treatment in combating these superbugs.

Prof. Pallab Ray, an eminent scientist & a very lucid orator was invited to deliver a lecture on 'Rational use of antibiotics & Prevention of Ant-Microbial Resistance.' It was a clinicomicrobiological presentation & dealt with bedside and practical problems & their solutions related to relevant use of antimicrobials.

Another invited Guest speaker was Prof. Gopal Nath, Head, Department of Microbiology, IMS, BHU, Varanasi. His lecture was on 'Bacteriophage therapy that kills superbugs'.

Four papers were selected for Prof. P. C. Sen Memorial Junior Scientist Best paper award session. Only five papers applied in this category. Among the four selected, one did not participate in the award session.

Three papers were selected for Prof. Archana Ayyagari Junior Scientist Best paper award session in the field of antibiotic resistance. Among these also, one did not participate.

A total of 57 abstracts were selected for poster presentations.

Awards for the best poster in different category (Bacteriology, Virology, Parasitology & Mycology) were instituted for the first time this year to attract & encourage students.

The organizers thank Prof. Asha Mathur for her offer to award best poster in virology.

A copy of the scientific programme is attached herewith for reference.

A souvenir containing messages from dignitaries, guest lectures and abstracts was published and released during the conference. A copy of the same was given to each delegate.

It was indeed an honor to receive message for the souvenir from the highest office of India, from Hon'ble President of Republic of India- Smt. Pratibha Devi Singh Patil, for which we are extremely grateful.

The participation of the pharmaceuticals houses was very scanty. Only two companies- Biomerieux and Allere participated in exhibition. Beckton-Dickinson Pvt. Ltd. had confirmed participation for putting up a stall in exhibition and for sponsoring a session, but they refused at the last minute on February 10, 2012. They did not even bother to inform us. It was only on enquiring from our side that they told us. It is requested from the association if any action can be taken against such defaulters.

Secondly, some proactive measures are required to increase participation of senior faculty and students in this annual conference of IAMM-UP Chapter.

Exam-Oriented Training Session for Royal College of Pathologists Part-I Examinations (Medical Microbiology, Virology & Infection Control)

Candidates sitting the FRCPath Part-I examinations in Medical Microbiology & Virology would find this training course spanning over four days. The course will cover a wide range of topics, with Multiple choice questions, extended matching formats and clinical vignettes that form the pattern of the current FRCPath examination Part-I (UK) for Medical Microbiology and Virology as well as a Post course evaluation.

The dates for the course are July 2-5, 2012. The course fees will be Rs.7,000 for each candidate. This will cover all sessions as well as Tea & Lunch breaks. It does not cover accommodation or travel for the candidates attending the course. For further details, kindly write to:

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IAMM Executive Council Elections 2012

BALLOT PAPER

1. Only Founder/ Life/Annual Members are eligible to vote.
2. Please indicate "X" mark within the box against the name of a maximum of two candidates only. The vote will be considered invalid if more than two (2) names are marked on the ballot paper.
3. The vote will be considered invalid if Membership No. Name and your signature is not placed at the appropriate space provided.
4. Kindly direct your envelopes marked as "Ballot Paper IAMM 2012" to the Secretary IAMM at the following address:

Dr. Ranganathan N Iyer
Consultant Clinical Microbiologist
Global Hospital, Lakdi-ka-pool
Hyderabad – 500 004
Tel: 040- 30244505
5. The last date of receipt of ballot papers is July 15, 2012
6. Faxed copies or those sent by E-mail as attachments will not be accepted.

The names of the Candidates are as follows:

Sl. No.	Name of the Candidate	Mark (X) any two
1.	Dr. Chiranjay Mukhopadhyay	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Dr. M.R. Shivprakash	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Dr. Rajeev Kishore Saxena	<input type="checkbox"/>

IAMM Membership No: _____ FM LM AM (Tick as applicable):

Name: _____

Signature _____

Call for Nominations of IAMM Awards and Prizes - 2012

(Last date for receipt of all nominations July 31, 2012 unless specified otherwise)

Dr. S.C. Agarwal Oration 2012

This award is supported from the annual interest incurred from a fund donated by Dr. S.C. 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 the consent of the nominee along with six copies of his/ her biodata should reach the IAMM Secretary's office on or before July 31, 2012. The award carries a citation and a gold medal. The selected candidate must be prepared to deliver the oration at the National IAMM Conference held in 2013. Nominations must come by post/ courier as a hard copy by the last date. Nominations received by Fax or E mail will not be accepted.

Dr. H.I. Jhala Memorial Award 2012

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. The award is supported by the annual interest from the fixed deposit donated by the organizers of the IAMM Congress held at Solapur in 1983. Nominations duly proposed and seconded with the consent of the nominee along with six copies of the curriculum vitae must reach the office of the Secretary IAMM on or before July 31, 2012. The award carries a citation and a gold medal. The selected candidate will receive the award in the National conference of the IAMM held in 2013. All nominations must be sent by post/ courier. Nominations sent by fax communication or E mail will not be accepted.

IAMM Endowment Lecture Award 2012

This award is supported by the annual interest obtained from the fixed deposit, donated by the organizers of the IAMM Conference held at Hyderabad in 1985. The award is given to an eminent Medical Microbiologist over the age of 50 years from India or abroad for their outstanding work in the field of Medical Microbiology, Bacteriology, Virology, Mycology, Parasitology/Immunology/Epidemiology and Microbiological techniques. Nominations duly proposed and seconded with the consent of the nominee along with six copies of the curriculum vitae, including a write up on the contribution of the nominee to Medical Microbiology must reach the secretary's office on or before July 31, 2012. The awardee will receive the award and deliver an oration in the National Conference held in 2013. Nominations must be sent by post/ courier by the last date. Nominations sent by fax or E mail will not be accepted.

IAMM Junior Best Paper Award 2012

Nominations are invited for the Junior Best paper award competition to be held at the National Conference of the IAMM at Delhi in November 2012. This award is supported by the annual interest from a fixed deposit donated by the organizers of the National IAMM Conference held at Bombay in 1979. The contestant should be a member of the IAMM, less than 35 years of age as of August 31, 2012 (certificate showing the proof of age should be attached) and be the principal 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 aforementioned declarations and six copies of the full paper complete with tables, figures, etc. (prepared according to the format of the IJMM) should reach the Secretary's office on or before August 31, 2012. The award carries a citation and a gold medal. The selected candidate will receive the medal and the citation at the Valedictory function of the Delhi conference held between November 22–25, 2012. Nominations along with the full text articles must be sent by post/courier. Nominations sent by Fax or E mail will not be accepted.

The Prof A.N. Chakrabarty Memorial Prize for the best published paper in Mycobacteriology

Any IAMM member who has published a paper in the field of Mycobacteriology during the preceding calendar year i.e. 2011 in any National/ International journal will be eligible to submit the 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. Six copies of the paper may be sent to the Office of the General Secretary IAMM at Hyderabad on or before August 31, 2012. The award carries a citation and a gold medal. The awardee will receive the award at the valedictory function of the National IAMM Conference at Delhi in November 2012.

Prizes for the Best Papers during the IAMM Congress 2012

(Total six categories listed below)

The following five prizes are given during the National Conference of the IAMM in various categories:

1. NAWOPIA Dr. Pankajalakshmi V Venugopal Prize for the Best Paper in Mycology
2. Dr. S.R. Sengupta–Dr. A.M. Saoji Memorial Prize for the Best Paper in Immunology
3. Dr. S.S. Kelkar Memorial Prize for the Best Poster (any subject in Medical Microbiology)
4. IAMM Silver Jubilee Prize for the Best Paper in Parasitology
5. Mumbai–Belgaum Prize for the Best Poster Paper in Mycobacteriology
6. Belgaum–Mumbai Prize for the best Poster paper in Bacteriology

Nominations are invited for the NAWOPIA 95 Dr. Pankajalakshmi V. Venugopal Award, Dr. S.R. Sengupta–Dr. A.M. Saoji Memorial Award, Dr. S.S. Kelkar Poster Award, IAMM Silver Jubilee Prize for the Best Paper in Parasitology, Mumbai–Belgaum Prize and Belgaum–Mumbai Prize for the Best Poster Papers in Mycobacteriology and Bacteriology respectively. 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. 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 presented 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 awards will be presented during the valedictory function of the National IAMM Conference.

CME Programme

Sri Ramachandra Medical College and Research Institute organized a Continuing Medical Education program under the auspices of the Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists, Tamilnadu and Pondicherry Chapter on 20.04.2012. In the morning session there were talks by 4 speakers while in the afternoon session a quiz program was conducted for the microbiology post graduates. 150 delegates from all medical colleges and major hospitals in and around Chennai attended the CME. 45 postgraduates participated in the quiz contest. It was presided by Dr. Arunaloke Chakraborty, President of the Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists and Dr. Lalitha Prajna, Secretary of the TamilNadu and Pondicherry chapter of IAMM.

The topics and the speakers were as follows:

1. Dr. Camilla Rodrigues – Consultant Microbiologist PD Hinduja Hospital, Mumbai – “The changing face of Salmonella infections”
2. Dr. Ram Gopalakrishnan – Consultant ID physician, Apollo Hospitals, Chennai – “Typhus Fever – From scrubs to cities”
3. Dr. Arunaloke Chakrabarti – Professor of Microbiology, PGIMER, Chandigarh – “Invasive Candidiasis: What is the present scenario?”
4. Dr. V. Ravi – Prof of Neurovirology, NIMHANS, Bangalore – “Viral Haemorrhagic fevers: Myths and realities”

The first and second prizes for the quiz contest went to MD Microbiology PGS from Madras Medical College and the 3rd prize went to MD postgraduate from Sri Ramachandra Medical College. Following the program the general body meeting of the TN and Pondy Chapter of the IAMM was conducted and the schedule of meetings and activities for the following year was discussed.

Organizing Chairman for the CME:

Dr. Uma Sekar

Professor and Head, Department of Microbiology,
Sri Ramachandra Medical College & Research Institute,
Porur, Chennai - 600 116

Forthcoming Event

The Annual Conference of the Odisha State Chapter of the IAMM would be organized by the Department of Microbiology, Apollo Hospitals, Bhubaneswar Odisha.

Theme of the Conference: Quality Assurance in
Clinical Microbiology

Date : August 12, 2012

Venue : Apollo Hospitals
Bhubaneswar

Organising Secretary : Dr. Suneeta Sahu
Consultant Microbiologist
Apollo Hospitals
Bhubaneswar, Odisha

What's been Happening?

Minutes of the 91st Meeting of WB Chapter, IAMM

The 91st Chapter meeting of IAMM, WB Chapter was held in the Dept. of Microbiology, J.N. Medical College, Kalyani on February 5, 2012 in the Lecture Hall-I. All the members were heartily welcomed by Dr. Susmita Bhattacharya, HOD, Microbiology, J.N.M.C. Prof. Aparna Lahiri, President of IAMM, WB Chapter acted as Chairperson to conduct the meeting. The minutes of the last meeting held at R.G. Kar MC on December 10, 2011 were confirmed. The proceedings of Election of WB Chapter of IAMM for the post of President, Secretary and Treasurer for the period 2012–2015 were announced by Prof. D. Pal, Election Officer as follows: Dr. Satadal Das was declared as President, Prof. Pratip Kumar Kundu as Secretary and Prof. Chitrita Chatterjee as Treasurer (all were elected uncontested). Charges and delegation of power were then handed over to the newly elected executive members by Prof. Aparna Lahiri on behalf of outgoing executive committee.

Two Scientific Papers “A Case Report (Hidden Bomb can blast any time”, by Dr. Soma Sarkar, Asst. Prof. CMC, and “Rapid Diagnosis of Pulmonary TB”, by Dr. Niladri Sekhar Das, Asst. Prof. J.N.MC were presented.

After the *Naughty Video Knot* (First day in JNMC), Nilanjana Ghosh, Oindrila Das, Rajdeep Naha Roy and Abhijit Paul, played a short drama based on Microbiology subject “*Bujhle Whole, Na bujhle Gol*” which was enjoyed and appreciated by all.

The Member of new executive committee thanked all present there with a request of suggestion and co-operation for further improvement of the WB Chapter of IAMM.

What's been happening!

An International Conference on “Hospital Acquired Superbugs: Return to pre-antibiotic era?” was organized by the North West Chapter of the IAMM on February 4–5, 2012. This program was a get-together of medical microbiologists from North West Chapter (Haryana, Punjab, Chandigarh and Jammu and Kashmir) and persons from Australia and UK as well. The program was inaugurated by Dr. Farook Abdullah, Hon'ble Union Minister, New and Renewable Energy, Govt of India and Dr. V.M. Katoch, Director General, ICMR, New Delhi as Guest of Honour. In addition, eminent personalities like Dr. T.D. Chugh, Dr. Pipasha Biswas, Director, Symogens Limited (UK), Dr. Pratibha Narang, Director, MGIMS, Sevagram, Dr. Vidyarattan, PGI Chandigarh, were also present.

A general body meeting of members of IAMM NW chapter was held on February 4, 2012 at 8 pm at Hotel Management, Mullana. The office bearers of the North West Chapter of the IAMM were elected. Dr. Varsha Singh, Prof. & Head Dept. of Microbiology, MMIMSR, Mullana (Ambala) was elected as the President of the Chapter.

EQAS 2011 (Under the auspices of IAMM)
Analysis of QC Distributions 71-72-73-74, 2011
Performance of Laboratories of Fixed Smears

QA No.	Description	Contents	Laboratories (%) Giving correct results
71.	CSF smear (Gram stain) <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i>	Many pus cells, gram negative bacilli, short and long forms - pleomorphic morphologically suggestive of <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i>	41%*
72.	Ascitic fluid (Gram stain) GNB & GPC in pairs suggestive of <i>Enterococci</i>	Many pus cells, occasional RBCs GNB & GPC-oval in pairs and short chains resembling <i>Enterococci</i>	88%**
73.	Urine smear (Gram stain)	Many pus cells, many GNB occasional epithelial cells	67%***
74.	Peripheral Blood smear for Malarial parasite (<i>Leishman staining</i>)	Plasmodium vivax Positive / Negative	56%****

- * 51% have not mentioned the presence of Gram negative bacilli
 ** 10% have not mentioned the presence of pus cells in the smear
 *** 21% have not mentioned the presence of pus cells in the smear
 **** 38% mentioned wrong report

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Performance of Laboratories on Serology Test

QA No.	Description	Contents	Laboratories (%) Giving correct results
71.	RA	Positive	63%*
72.	RPR	Reactive	89%**
73.	CRP	Positive	83%***
74.	HCV	Positive	96%

- * Another 27% reported correct result but no interpretation was given
 ** Another 10% either provided the value without units/without reference range or without interpretation as Positive or Negative
 *** Another 10% mentioned wrong report.

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Analysis of QC Distributions 71-72-73-74, 2011
Performance of Laboratories on Culture Identification

QA No.	Description	Laboratories (%) Giving correct results
71.	<i>Vibrio cholerae</i>	48%*
72.	<i>Streptococcus Group "C"</i>	57%**
73.	<i>Candida tropicalis</i>	54%***
74.	<i>Shigella flexneri</i>	63%****

- * 43% have reported to genus level only/wrong species
 ** 38% have not provided identification details, group not specified
 *** 35% have reported wrong species
 **** 31% have reported wrong species

Elections to the Executive Council of IAMM 2012
No. of Vacancies to the Executive Council - Two (2)

Details of Candidates for Election to IAMM Executive Council

- 1. Dr.Chiranjay Mukhopadhyay** Prof and Head, Microbiology, Kasturba Medical College Manipal, Karnataka. Faculty in Charge of Bacteriology Division, Division for Antibiotic Susceptibility , Hospital Surveillance and Infection control.
Qualifications: MD, Post doctorate (Infectious Diseases) SGPGIMS Lucknow, MAMS
Been a Teacher and examiner at the Undergraduate and Postgraduate level for 13 years. Awarded as the Best teacher Manipal University for the years 2009 and 2011.
Publications: 59 (International–46 and National–13), Presentations at International Conferences–12.
Was awarded the Best Research Publication award for “Meliodosis” by Vision Group of Science and Technology for the year 2009-10 DST Govt of Karnataka. He is a member representative from India for the disease “World Meliodosis Environmental Research Committee”
- 2. Dr. M.R. Shivprakash** Additional Professor, Mycology Division, Department of Medical Microbiology, PGIMER Chandigarh (WHO Reference Centre for Advanced Research in Medical Mycology)
Qualifications: MD Microbiology MAMS MNASc
Has had extensive training in Molecular Techniques in Medical Mycology in Spain 2007-08 under an ICMR Travel Fellowship and an International Travel Award 2011 from the SIHAM to undergo training on Molecular analysis using Bionumerics at Belgium. Teaching Postgraduates in Medical Microbiology and Mycology including MD, PhD & MSc students.
Publications : 48 including 2 chapters in textbooks of Medical Mycology. International publications–36.
He has several ongoing research projects, particularly on Ecology on Malassezia species and its role as a pathogen in various dermatoses as well as the National Culture Collection of Pathogenic Fungi.
- 3. Dr. Rajeev Kishore Saxena** Prof and Head, Department of Microbiology at Sinhgad Dental College and Hospital, Pune
Qualifications: MD (Microbiology)
Has been a teacher at various institutions such as Maharashtra Institute of Medical Sciences Latur, Dr. D.Y. Patil Medical College for Women Pune, Maharashtra Institute of Medical Education and Research Pune, and the Rangoonwala Dental College Pune in various capacities including the Head of Department at the latter college. Plays a vital role in Clinical Microbiology and Infection control, assisting surgical colleagues and others in routine work in the hospital.

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