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Secretary Jotting

Dear Members,

It is heartening to note that there has been considerable boost in the academic activities organized by the Regional / State Chapters of ACBI. In the Year 2005 we had more than a dozen scientific events organized in different parts of the country and some of them were as good as National Level meetings in terms of the subject coverage, number of delegates and industry participation. In fact our corporate members have been supporting these activities in a big way. While the sponsoring agencies do get a forum for soft advertising of their products, we are able to reap the huge benefit of organizing such activities on regular basis.

Another positive development in this direction is that we had decided during Patna meeting to initiate ACBI membership / Fellowship programme as a refresher course in clinical Biochemistry and organize it on regular basis during or just before the annual meeting of the Association. Such programmes do provide continuing learning opportunities to

the interested members. This programme could not be announced in the detailed brochure of the Pune meeting as the final decision was still to be taken before the brochure was printed and dispatched. Hence this issue of the bulletin is carrying the announcement providing the details of this professional course. I request all the members to give wide publicity to this first course programme ever conducted in ACBI forum and ensure its success.

We acknowledge the support of APFCB in promoting educational activities in the annual meetings of its member associations. Last year we had the opportunity to host two APFCB-Beckman coulter Education symposia cum workshops in Mumbai and Patna. This year during the Pune meeting, we will have the APFCB Travel lecture programme by the renowned and quite popular clinical biochemist Professor Chris Lam. We also record our thanks to the speakers and sponsors of these programmes.

Dr. M. V. R. Reddy

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www/acbindia.org/forms.asp

Activities of ACBI in 2005

ACBICON 2005, the Annual conference of ACBI was held at Patna

The Annual National Conference of the Association of Clinical Biochemists of India (ACBI) was held during December 18 to 21, 2005 at Hotel Maurya in Patna, the capital city of the State of Bihar. About 400 delegates including some from overseas representing countries Australia, USA, Germany and Bangladesh participated in the conference. The conference was organized by Nalanda Medical College under the leadership of the Conference Chairman, Dr K. P. Sinha, Organizing Secretary Dr. B. N. Tiwary and Joint Organizing Secretary Dr. Rajiv R. Sinha.

A one-day pre-conference workshop on Total Quality Management in Clinical Laboratories was held on 18th December in collaboration with APFCB-Beckman Coulter Travel lecture series. Dr. Ken Sikaris (Australia) dwelt on 'Quality Analysis' and 'Quality Reporting', Dr. Brian Smith (Australia) talked about 'Impact of Pre-analytical Variables on the Quality of Laboratory Test Results'. Dr. A. S. Kanagasabapathy (India) spoke on 'Quality in Laboratory Diagnosis; Indian Scenario', and Dr. K. Taranath Shetty (India) talked about 'Inter-laboratory Quality Analysis, Why and How: Bangalore Experience'. The lectures were followed by Interactive Session. The panel included besides the speakers, Dr. Sucheta Dandekar, Dr. U. M. Donde, Dr. Jayashree Bhattacharjee, Dr. T. Malati, Dr. Sandeep Sen and Dr. T. Venkatesh. In the evening, members of ACBI Executive committee welcomed corporate members at a dinner in Hotel Patliputra-Ashok.

Mr. Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Urban Development Minister, Government of Bihar inaugurated the conference on 19th December

evening. The Inaugural function was followed by lively entertainment programme of songs and dances depicting the culture of the region. On the first day of the conference, symposia were held on Cardiovascular System and Trends in Infectious diseases. President Dr. M. V. Kodliwadmath delivered Presidential oration on 'Modulation of Immune Functions by Dietary Intervention'. Dr. Sheshadri Narayanan (USA) delivered Awadhesh Saran Memorial Oration on 'Emerging Trends in Instrumentation and Technology and Expectations for the Future'. Dr. A. D. Singh (India) gave K. L. Gupta Memorial Oration on 'Overview of Clinical Oncology' and Dr. N. K. Mehra (India) delivered Mrs. & Dr. G. P. Talwar Oration on 'MHC Genomics : Molecular Medicine Approaches in Disease Diagnosis and Prevention'. The course on Advances in Clinical Chemistry was conducted by Dr. Sheshadri Narayanan and Dr. T. Ashavaid. An Industrial Workshop sponsored by Roche Diagnostics India Pvt. Ltd. covered two topics: 1. CWA a Perspective and 2. Osteoporosis diagnosis: The Indian Scenario.

On the second day (Dec 20th), there were symposia covering 'Metabolic diseases, Renal & Hepatic Diseases', 'Environmental Toxicology', 'Cancer and Free Radicals & antioxidants' and 'Laboratory technology'. Dr. Tony Badrick, President of Australian Association of Clinical Biochemistry delivered Dr. T. N. Pattabiraman Oration on 'Understanding Quality Control' and Dr. Sucheta Dandekar, Professor of Biochemistry, KEM Hospital, Mumbai gave Seth G.S. Medical College Oration on 'Adam: the mystery of his biochemistry'. Dr. Udayan Ray of Australia delivered guest lecture on 'PCT-Arjun-Does he need this arrow to pinpoint the eye'. Dr. Liaquat Ali from Bangladesh delivered another

invited lecture on 'Pathophysiology of Pre-eclampsia : Implications for laboratory investigations', Dr. Amitav Dasgupta of USA delivered his talk on 'Effect of Complimentary and Alternative Medicine on Clinical Biochemistry Tests and Dr. V. Parameswaran on 'Vitamin D in Southern Tasmanian Subjects'. Dr. Sheshadri Narayanan, Dr. T. Ashavaid, Dr. Udayan Ray and Dr. V. Parameswaran conducted two advance courses. B. D. Diagnostics-sponsored Industrial workshop on Pre-analytical influence on laboratory results and sample rejection was held.

On the last day, i.e. on 21st December, there were several guest lectures. Dr. P. S. Murthy spoke on 'Studies on Medicinal Plants useful in Diabetes Mellitus, Atherosclerosis and other Lipid disorders'. Dr. Suhrab Ali on 'Dislipidemia and atherosclerosis', Dr. T. Venkatesh on 'Use of Environmental and Biochemical data in Policy changes towards effective Healthcare in Developing countries' and Dr. R, K. Singh on 'Chronomics and Chronology in Health and Diseases'. The 4th course on Advances in Clinical Biochemistry was delivered by Dr. Udayan Ray and Dr. V. Parameswaran. Best paper awards were presented during the valedictory function that included Sita Devi award to Barnali Das (Delhi), P. S. Murthy awards for best papers on Plant Medicine to Sumidha Pawaskar (Mumbai) and on Infectious diseases to Seetharamaih (Bangalore), MGIMS award for best poster on Tropical diseases to Vijay Upadhye (Sevagram), NIMS poster award on Cancer topic to R. Murugesan (Manipal) and on Non-cancer topic to Deepti Gupta (Bhopal).

Regional Meetings :

The State/Regional chapters of ACBI have organized the following major scientific activities in different parts of the country.

1. Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Sevagram, Maharashtra has organized a National Level Training course on 'Immunodiagnosics for

Infectious Diseases - during Feb 2-7, 2005 with the financial support from Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, New Delhi.

2. A Scientific programe was organized on 20th March 2005 on the occasion of Inauguration of Managalore Chapter of ACBI where Dr. Taranath Shetty, Dr. Gopalkrishna Bhat & Dr. Prabha Adhikari were resource persons.
3. The 3rd Eastern Zone ACBI Conference was organized during April 29th to May 1st, 2005 West Bengal State Chapter at Vivekananda Institute of Medical Sciences, Kolkata. The meeting was attended by a total of 286 delegates - of that more than 80 were from our neighbor country Bangladesh.
4. Kerala State Chapter has organized a National Symposium on Inborn Metabolic disorders and Regional Conference of ACBI at AIMS, Kochi under the leadership of Dr. D.M. Vasudevan during Sept 9th & 10th. A pre-conference hands on workshop on time tested analytical technique - 'Chromatography', preceded this. The conference was attended by 180 delegates. Several Senior members of ACBI presented lectures covering areas of Pediatric Oncology, Lab diagnosis of Thyroid disorders, Inflammation & degenerative disorders, free radical biology & Oxidative stress & Inborn metabolic disorders.
5. Kerala State Chapter has also organized a CME Programme - Immune 2005 on July 3, 2005 by Dr. T. Vijayakumar, Director University of Health Sciences, Calicut & Dr. George Abraham, consultant Biochemist, MIMS, Calicut. Dr. D.M. Vasudevan, Dr. Ramesh Kumar (El lab, Kochi), Dr. Abraham & Dr. Ananth Rao (AIMS, Kochi) were resource persons.
6. A CME Programe in Biochemistry: was organized again at AIMS, Kochi on Oct 27th, 2004.

7. Delhi Chapter of ACBI has organized a seminar on QC - Current Practices -in association with Randox Labs, UK under the convenership of Dr. L.M, Srivastava. Dr. A.S. Kanagasabapathy and Ms. Catherine Mc Allister (Randox UK) were the main resource persons.
8. The Annual Meeting of ACBI - Delhi Chapter was held on 19th Nov. 2005 and on this occasion a symposium on QC & CAD was organized by Dr. Lal Path Lab & AIIMS sponsored by Biorad. The expert speakers participated include Dr. Arvind Lal, Dr. P. Usha Sarma, Dr. T. Venkatesh, Dr. Puneet K. Nigam and Dr. Arun Raizada (Escorts heart & Res. Centre), Dr. Lakshmi (AIIMS), Dr. LM (Sri. Gangaram Hospital) and Dr. Sonal Pandya (BioRad).
9. ATCC-2005, a National workshop on Advanced Techniques in Clinical chemistry was organized by Dr. B.L. Somani & Lt.col. Parduman Singh, of AFMC, Pune during Nov 21 - 26th 2005.
10. Symposium on 'QA & QC - Current Concepts' was organized by Dr. Subramaniam of Apollo Hospital, Chennai - sponsored by Randox Labs. More than 100 delegates attended the event and Dr. A.S. Kanagasabapathy was the main resource person.
11. Vidarbha level Medical Biochem Quiz was organized by Vidarbha Chapter at Nagpur on 4th March, 2005. Teams from eight Medical Colleges of that region participated.
12. Seth G.S. Medical College & KEM hospital, Mumbai have hosted APFCB- Beckman Coulter Travel lecture series by Dr Ken Sikaris (Australia) and made it as a one-day workshop on quality assurance. Dr Sucheta Dhandekar (Mumbai) was the organizing Secretary and Dr A. S. Kanagasabhapathy and Dr. Brian Smith (Australia) were the other resource persons.

Representation at the Orlando Annual meeting of AACC & ICC:

The ACBI members have made a good impression in the 2005 Annual meeting of AACC and 11th International Congress of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (ICCC) at Orlando, Florida, USA during July 24th - 28th, 2005. ACBI members and corporate members participated in large numbers at this event. Five of our members were awarded the prestigious Van Slyke Foundation supported International Travel Grants of AACC to attend these meetings. The awardees were Dr Pradeep Apte (Indore), Dr. Elizabeth Frank (Mysore), Dr M.V.R.Reddy (Sevagram), Dr Rama Devi Mittal (Lucknow) and Dr Vinaya Thakur (New Delhi).

ACBI Joins Indian Confederation for Health Care Accreditation:

ACBI has joined the newly formed Indian Confederation for Health Care Accreditation, a voluntary body that aims to provide comprehensive accreditation system and develop consensus based guidelines to bring about quality improvement in health care. The details of this organization are available at www.indmedica.com

Publications:

Two issues of volume 20 of Indian Journal of Clinical Biochemistry (IJC) were published in 2005 under Editorship of Dr D.N. Rao. The Journal is abstracted by Current awareness in Biological sciences, Current advances in Clinical Chemistry, Chemical Abstracts, Excerpta Medical database, EM Base and Biosis. Electronic access is available on ACBI website (www.acbindia.org) APFCB website and at IndMED: A Bibliographic database of Indian biomedical journals (www.medind.nic.in) . Two issues of ACBI News Bulletins covering ACBI activities have been published in 2005 by the Secretariat.

- ***Compiled by***

Dr. M. V. R. Reddy & Dr. K. P. Sinha

Meetings in the Regions in 2006

1) ACBI - MCCON 2006

Maharashtra State Chapter Conference of Clinical Biochemistry was held at Latur during January 29 to 31, 2006 by Dr D.B.Rathi and his colleagues from Govt Medical College and MIMSA Medical College, Latur. On this occasion a CME was also organized on Nutrition in Health & Disease. More than 100m delegates participated in the meeting. Apart from the symposium on 'Clinical Laboratory Practice: Experience - views & Guidance', there were Guest lectures on topics of 'Progress & Promises in stem cell therapy', 'DNA Finger printing & Micro array', 'Chemical Warfare', 'Glutathione metabolism in Diabetes', 'Diabetic nephropathy', 'Methods of detection of Lead toxicity', 'Molecular Diagnosis in Clinical Lab-PCR', etc., Separate sessions covered Poster presentations of research papers, Award papers presentations and PG Quiz programme.

2) Immunodiagnosics Training course :

The Department of Biochemistry & JB Tropical Disease Research Centre, MGIMS, Sevagram has organized a short time training course on Immunodiagnosics for Infectious Diseases during Feb 6 to 11, 2006. It was a hands on training course on development of immunoassays and other immunological methods related to infectious disease research and was participated by 20 young faculty members or medical residents or research fellows from all over India. Expert lectures were arranged on topics of Advances in the molecular tools for the diagnosis & management of drug resistant tuberculosis, ELISA based immunodiagnosis for

detection and monitoring filaria & tuberculosis from research laboratory to hospital setting, HIV diagnostics, Filarial genome projects & Molecular tools for diagnosis of lymphatic filariasis, Development of indigenous immuno reagents for the detection of HRP-2 and LDH antigen of P.falciparum, Diagnostics for Dengue-Problem and perspectives and Towards vaccine development in filariasis.

3. ACBI- Randox Laboratories Semimar on QC & QA (Jaipur)

A seminar on 'Quality control and Quality Assurance in Clinical Laboratory' was organised under the aegis of ACBI and Randox Laboratories on 29/07/2006 at Jaipur Palace, Jaipur. The seminar was inaugurated by Principal & Controller S. M. S. Medical College & Attached Hospitals, Jaipur Prof. Ashok Pangariya. Delegates were welcomed by Dr. Sandhya Mishra state representative ACBI. Dr. A. S. Kanagasabapathy delivered talk on 'Need for Effective QA and QC in Laboratory and International Standards with Reference to QA and QC and Accreditation'. Mr. Mahesh Kulkarni from Randox Laboratories highlighted the role of Randox in the development of Laboratory Qualities. A Panel discussion was also organised and Dr. Kanagasabapathy, Dr. B. C. Sangal, Dr. Praveen Sharma and Dr. V. D. Bohra took part in this discussion. Vote of thanks was extended by Mrs. Sarita Thadani, Deputy General Manager of Randox. 80 delegates from Medical Colleges, Leading Hospitals and Laboratories were enriched by this seminar. Seminar was followed by dinner by courtesy Randox.

ACBI / CMC EXTERNAL QC PROGRAMME REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2005

The ACBI/CMC EQA Programme has completed 28 years. As on date there are 1705 laboratories participating in the programme. There is a constant increase in this number which shows that there is an increasing awareness among the Indian Laboratories about Quality Control. For the year 2004, 29% of the laboratories came into the category of "Elite Group" which shows that more and more laboratories take the quality assurance seriously. The general performance of most laboratories seems to have improved which is reflected by "V I S" of the different groups. After the introduction of our website <http://home.cmcvellore.ac.in/clinqc> many of the laboratories send their results on time so that we are able to process and send back the report by the first week of every month. The Annual Report along with the certificate for the year 2005 were sent to the participating laboratories.

We have not hiked the subscription fee for the year 2006 but we are confident of introducing lyophilized material by June 2006. I am happy to inform the Executive Committee that the Tamilnadu

State Government has given us permission in principle to use their lyophilizer at Ranipet on payment of a certain rental. We are hoping to finalize the rent and standardize the procedures for lyophilisation and introduce it during the course of the coming year. We are planning to have both lyophilized and liquid quality control running parallel for about six months without any additional fee and when all laboratories are satisfied with this change we will send only lyophilized QC material. Once the lyophilisation is standardized I am sure we will be able to add more parameters which will be a valued addition to the QC Programme.

I would like to thank the ACBI, Executive Committee and the members for your constant support and guidance to run this programme.

Thanking you,

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ACBI - Randox Laboratories sponsored seminar on Quality control and Quality assurance in clinical laboratory, Jaipur (July 29, 2006)

Congratulations !
Winners of ACBI Fellowships & Awards 2005
Awardees of Orations

Awadhesh Saran memorial oration :

Prof. Sheshadri Narayanan

Clinical Professor of Pathology and Laboratory at
Weill Medical college of Cornell University
New York City

K. L. Gupta Memorial oration :

Dr. A. D. Singh

Ex. Prof. & Head, Dept of Radiotherapy
CMC, Vellore

Prof. T. N. Pattabhiraman oration :

Dr. Tony Badrick

President, Australian Association of Clinical
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Seth G. S. Medical College &

K.E.M Hospital oration:

Dr. Sucheta. P. Dhandekar

Professor & Head, Dept of Biochemistry
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Mumbai

Mrs. & Dr. G. P. Talwar oration :

Dr. N. K. Mehra

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Professor & Head of Dept. of Biochemistry
J.N. Medical College, Belgaum.

Dr. K. M. Dubey

Ex. Professor of Biochemistry,
Darbhanga Medical College, Patna

Winners of Best paper / poster Awards

Dr. Sita Devi Award :

Barnali Das

Dept of Biochemistry Maulana Azad Medical
College New Delhi

***MGIMS Best Poster Award for work in
Tropical Diseases :***

Vijay Upadhye

Dept of Biochemistry, MGIMS Sevagram

***Dr. P.S. Murthy Award for infectious
Diseases:***

Seetharamaih Chittiprol

Dept of Neurochemistry, NIMHANS, Bangalore

***Dr. P. S. Murthy Award for work on Plant
medicines :***

Sumidha Pawaskar

KJ Somaiya College of Science & Commerce,
Mumbai

NIMS Award in the area of cancer :

B.Murugesan

Dept of Biochemistry, KMC Life Sciences Centre,
MAHE, Manipal

NIMS Award in the area other than cancer :

Deepti Gupta

Dept of Biochemistry, Gandhi Medical College,
Bhopal

Attention Please !

- I. **Members of EC- 2006** : Please note the dates, timing & venue for the next EC meetings.

Meeting	Date & Time	Venue
Pre-GBM EC Meeting	23-11-2006; 3.30 PM	AFMC, Pune
EC-Corporate Members Joint Meeting	23-11-2006; 5.00 PM	
Post-GBM EC Meeting	26-11-2006; 12.00 noon	

- II. **All the ACBI Members:**

Please note that the next General Body Meeting will be held on 25-11-2006 at 5.00 PM. at AFMC Pune

ACBICON-2005, Patna



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Session on at Kautily Hall



Tea Break on



Awadhesh Saran Convention Hall

Minutes of the 32nd Pre - GBM Executive Council Meeting

(Patna - December 18, 2005)

The Executive Council (EC) of ACBI met on 18th December, 2005 at 5.00 PM at Hotel Maurya, Patna. The meeting was presided over by Prof. MV Kodliwadmth, the president of ACBI. Dr. M.V.R.Reddy, General Secretary of the ACBI welcomed the members and requested the President to conduct the proceedings.

Dr.M.V.R.Reddy presented the minutes of the previous EC meeting and the same were accepted by the house. Dr Reddy then presented the annual report of the ACBI for the year 2005. Accounts of the ACBI for the year 2004-2005 presented by Dr. B.N. Tiwary, Treasurer were accepted by the EC. The Organizing Secretary of the 31st ACBI Annual Meet at Belgaum. Dr. MV Kodliwadmth presented the audited accounts of the conference and handed over a cheque for Rs 30,000/- to the Head Office from the savings of Belgaum meeting. . The EC members appreciated Dr. MV Kodliwadmth for continuing the good tradition and hoped that the organizing secretaries of the future meetings will follow the same. In this context, the EC felt that hence forth it should be made mandatory for the organizers of Regional meetings to take prior consent from ACBI, submit audited accounts and donate up to 40% of their savings to ACBI to strengthen the assets of the association.

Dr Sucheta Dhandekar has also announced that she would contribute Rs 25,000/- (from the savings of APFCB - Beckman Coulter Travel lecture series cum workshop held at their Institute) to enhance the Seth GS Medical College & KEM Hospital Oration award fund and the same was appreciated by the House.

Discussing about IJCB, the EC appreciated that the present Editor Dr. D.N. Rao has improved the

Quality of the Journal. Since five years have been over after Dr. Rao took over the journal, the EC felt that there was need to rope in new Editor in Chief. Dr. K.P. Sinha and Dr. M.V. Kodliwadmth proposed the name Dr. Praveen Sharma and the same was seconded by Dr. Taranath Shetty.

Dr. Selvakumar, the convener of ACBI / CMC-Vellore External Quality Assurance Programme, presented report on the ongoing EQA program. The EC appreciated the report. It was noted that the number of participating labs increased to 1705 and also there has been improvement in the General performance of the participating labs as reflected by the 'VIS' of the different groups. May labs have been submitting their reports in time through the programme web site. There has also been progress in the efforts to introduce the 'lyophilized sample' and hopefully that would be done by June 2006 so that there would be scope to add more parameters - as a valued addition to the QC Programme.

Mr. Probir Das, Convener of the ACBI-Corporate wing presented the report on the ACBI-CW activities in 2005-06. The EC appreciated the ACBI-CW, its chairman Dr. Taranath Shetty and the Convener Mr. Probir Das for their help in the publication & distribution of the Journal & News Bulletin smoothly. The members noted the progress made in the formation of confederation of Laboratory Medicine Associations. In this context some of the members expressed their feelings that all the Clinical Biochemists should unite and fight for their cause and it was felt that the time has now come to write to the friends in the other Association in our discipline inviting them to work on a single forum.

The Treasurer presented new applications received for individual and corporate memberships and same were approved by the EC. The nominations and the review reports received for the orations and the fellowships of ACBI were placed before the EC by the president. EC after going through the reports approved the recommendations of the review committee. Accordingly Dr K. Taranath Shetty, the immediate past President of ACBI and Dr K. M. Dubey, Ex-professor in Biochemistry, Darbhanga Medical College, Bihar were approved for the Fellowships of ACBI for the year 2005. Members of EC were also requested to go through the terms of the ACBI Fellowships published in the News Bulletin and suggest any changes to be considered.

The EC also ratified the recommendation of the Search Committee of selecting Dr. K.P.Sinha for A. J. Thakur Award for Distinguished Services in Clinical Biochemistry and Laboratory Medicine for the year 2005. The EC also ratified the recommendations of the Awards Committee on the selection of the experts for ACBI Oration Awards -2005.

The President placed the applications received in response to the notification given in the ACBI News Bulletin to fill up the posts of Vice President, six EC members and State representatives.

EC looked into the offers from different institutes to hold the 33rd annual meeting of ACBI and decided to take up them during the General Body Meeting (GBM).

The EC members discussed thoroughly about the revision of Rules & Regulations for holding Annual Conference of ACBI. It was decided that the revised guidelines would be presented on the ACBI website and the members would be requested to send their comments & suggestions.

Discussing on the ACBI Bulletin, It was decided to constitute an Editorial Board for the bulletin with

Secretary as its Editor to improve the quality & scope of the bulletin in future. The secretary was asked to form the team. The EC also approved the suggestion to initiate an ACBI e-group as an informal open forum for all the members to discuss the matters related to our discipline, share the problems in the lab management, present case discussions and cover classifieds. It would also help to create a family type of bond among the members. It would work under the banner of ACBI but with no authority to take any decisions on behalf of ACBI.

Dr. P. K. Nigam from Dr. Lal Path Labs Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi presented a proposal to start 'Newborn Screening Quality Assurance Programme' under the banner of ACBI. The EC authorized Dr Nigam to initiate the programme and requested him to workout the procedure & modalities of the programme. These details would be communicated to the members through New Bulletin & ACBI Web site.

The EC also approved the proposal of Dr. K. P. Sinha on behalf of the Educational Committee to start the ACBI Membership / Fellowship course.

The EC members expressed concern on the new rules of NABL where Pathologists were authorized to be signatories for the routine and as well most of the special investigations of Clinical Biochemistry. The EC formed a committee comprising Dr. Jayashree Bhattacharya, Dr. K. Taranath Shetty & Dr A.S.Kanagasabapathy to go in to the details and prepare a document to record the objections of ACBI on this matter and the same would be communicated by President to NABL. The EC also took a note of the Policy of LIC to prefer M.D. Pathologists over M.D. / Ph.D. / M.Sc Biochemistry consultants for inclusion in their registered Panel of Pathology Laboratories. It was decided that the ACBI would take up the matter with the Insurance Development and Regulatory Authority (IRDA), New Delhi and LIC, Mumbai for making the needed

changes in their policies. The EC formed a committee comprising of Mr. Pramod Bore, Dr. Udhay Donde and Dr. Anil Bhuthe to follow up the matter.

EC recorded its appreciation on the excellent leadership provided by Prof. M.V.Kodliwadmth, the President during the preceding year in carrying out

the activities of ACBI. Meeting ended with a vote of thanks by the secretary. Immediately after the EC meeting, the members of EC and corporate fraternity had a joint meeting, followed by a dinner hosted by ACBICON 2005 in honor of EC and corporate members.

Minutes of the 32nd General Body Meeting (Patna - December 20, 2005)

The 32nd General body meeting of the Association of Clinical Biochemists of India was held on 20th December, 2005 at Hotel Maurya, Patna. The newly elected President Dr. B.N.Tiwari conducted the proceedings of the meeting. The General Secretary Dr. M.V.R.Reddy placed the minutes of the General Body Meeting held on 2nd December 2005 at Belgaum, which were also circulated through the 34th edition (July 2005 issue) of the Association News Bulletin. As there were no comments received the minutes were approved.

Dr. M.V.R.Reddy presented the Annual report of the association for the Year 2005, which highlighted the various scientific meetings organized during the year under review by the different state chapters and the 31st National Annual meet held at JNMC, Belgaum. Dr. Rajiv Sinha presented the Accounts for the Year 2004-2005 and the same were accepted.

Dr.M.V.R.Reddy placed the issues discussed in the Executive Council Meeting held on December 18, 2005 and the house debated and approved the same. The matter related to the election of the new Vice President, six EC members and the State representatives was taken up for discussion. The President Dr. B. N. Tiwari placed before the house the nominations received in response to the notice given. In lieu of some of the posts lying still vacant, with the

permission of the House, fresh nominations were invited. After discussion, followed by withdrawals by some of the contenders, the house unanimously elected Dr. Krishnajyoti Goswami as Vice president and Dr. Jaya prakash Balu, Dr. Shyamili pal, Dr. Dileepkumar ghosh Dastitar, Dr. S.V.Suresh Balu, Dr. Albana Goyal, Dr. Udal kumar as the members of the new Executive Council. Dr Rajiv Sinha was elected as new Treasurer (as the post was vacated by Dr. B.N.Tiwary) and Dr Kalyan Goswamy was elected as joint Secretary from Secretariat.

The proposals received to host the 33rd Annual meeting of the ACBI were placed before the house for consideration. There were only two valid proposals received before the stipulated last date. One was from Lt. Col. Parduman Singh (AFMC, Pune) and the other was from Dr.D.M.Vasudevan (AIMS, Kochi). After lengthy deliberations, the house went for voting and decided by majority to accept the offer of AFMC, Pune to organize the meeting during November 23rd to 26th, 2006.

At the end of the meeting, the members complimented Dr. M.V.Kodliwadmth for all his efforts in successfully running the activities of the Association in the preceding year. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks by the Secretary.

Minutes of the Post GB EC meeting

(Belgaum- December 21st, 2005)

The post-GBM Executive council meeting was held at 5.00 PM on 21st December 2004 at Hotel Maurya, Patna. The General Secretary Dr. MVR Reddy welcomed the members and requested the President Dr. B.N.Tiwari to conduct the proceedings of the meeting. Dr.M.V.R.Reddy briefed the issues discussed in GBM held on December 20, 2005. The members decided to revise the criteria and guidelines for the selection of the organizing secretary and the venue for the annual meeting and the same would be notified on the Association website. The EC also accepted a proposal that the Organizing Secretary of the Annual conference should discuss from time to time on

conference matters and on scientific programme with the Advisory Committee, comprising the current President, Secretary and two immediate past presidents. This would ensure that the Association as a whole will have responsibility instead of the current scenario of organizing secretary alone made accountable for all aspects of the annual meeting. Dr P.S. Murthy donated to the ACBI Rs 15,000 that he had received as 'Shri A.J.Thakur Award' honorarium and the EC appreciated the generous gesture on the part of Dr P.S. Murthy. Meeting ended with a vote of thanks by the Secretary.

(Note : Members who were present in the above EC & GB meetings may please inform the Secretary if there are any corrections to be made in the minutes)

IJCB: Change of Guard

ACBI thanks Dr D.N.Rao and his team of Editorial Board for their valuable services rendered to the Journal

After serving since 2002 as Editor in Chief for IJCB, Dr. D. N. Rao handed over the journal to the new Editor in Chief, Dr Praveen Sharma in a meeting held for this purpose at Department of Biochemistry, AIIMS, New Delhi on April 22nd, 2006 in the presence of Dr K.P.Sinha, Dr L.M.Srivastava, Dr P.K.Nigam and Dr Arun Raizada. Apart from transferring the accepted manuscripts and few under revision, the audited statements for 2004-06 and a cheque of Rupees two

lakhs as the balance amount in the Journal Account were handed over to Dr K.P. Sinha for submission to Head Office at Patna. Also on this occasion another fixed deposit of Rupees four lakhs (savings of 9th APCCB proceedings publications) was handed over to Dr. Sinha for transferring the fund to Head Office. The ACBI acknowledges the valuable contributions from Dr. D.N.Rao and his Editorial team and thanks for their services to the association.

New dedicated interactive website for IJCB

<http://www.ijcb.co.in>

The new Editor-in-Chief Dr Praveen Sharma is happy to inform the members of ACBI that the Journal now has a dedicated interactive website (www.ijcb.co.in). The site provides information on the journal overview, editorial board and instructions for authors & reviewers and one can access all the previous issues in the 'Achieves' at the site. What is more, you can now submit your manuscript on line through the site. In time to come the site is expected to be more interactive like making provision for the authors to log in confidentially using their passwords

and check the status of reviewing of their papers and on the decision taken on the final acceptance of their papers. In future, the reviewers will also be able to log in to submit their comments and get a feed back on how their views have been followed up in getting the quality of the manuscript improved or in deciding on the acceptability of the papers. The initiative taken in this regard by Dr Praveen Sharma with in such a short period after taking over the journal deserves high appreciation. Dr Praveen Sharma would be happy to receive your suggestions to improve the site.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Indian Journal of Clinical Biochemistry website. At the top left is the URL www.ijcb.co.in. In the center is the logo of the Association of Clinical Biochemists of India, established in 1978. To the right, it says "IJCB" and "ISSN 0970-1915". The main title "Indian Journal of Clinical Biochemistry" is prominently displayed in a large, stylized font. Below the title is a navigation menu with links: Home, About us, Login, Editorial Board, Register, Journal Overview, Submit A Manuscript, Instruction For Author, Instruction For Reviewer, Archives, and Contact. The page features several images: a laboratory setting with a person working, a cover of the journal, and a laboratory interior. In the center, contact information is provided: "Indian Journal Of Clinical Biochemists (JOURNAL OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CLINICAL BIO CHEMISTS OF INDIA) Off.: 91-141-2560291 Ext:396 Resi.: 91-141-2722562, 91-141-2552537". Below this, email addresses are listed: "E-mail: editor@ijcb.co.in; ijcb2006@yahoo.com; drpsharma_in@hotmail.com". At the bottom right, it says "Site Developed By: wolkgeist infotech Pvt. Ltd."

ACBICON 2006

Invitation from the Organizers of the **33rd National Conference of ACBI** Pune, November 23 to 26, 2006

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the organising committee, it is my pleasure to invite you to the 33rd Annual Conference of Association of Clinical Biochemists of India being organised at the prestigious institute of Armed Forces Medical College, Pune from 23rd to 26th Nov 06. It is my very special privilege to have been given this opportunity to provide a befitting setting for this academic, social and cultural fiesta.

I take this opportunity of presenting to you, at AFMC, a conference with a difference. The scientific committee has planned a well-balanced programme and topics have been selected to be of use to practitioners, students and teachers of Biochemistry. Topics from specialties of pathology, Microbiology, Forensic medicine and Transfusion Medicine have been included to upgrade one and all, in the recent advances in Laboratory medicine. Parallel workshops and CMEs give choice to the delegates depending on their field of interest, to gain exposure with active interaction with experts in the subject from India and abroad.

Weather in Pune will be pleasant during end November and you require only light woollens, that too in the open, at night. I appeal to you to register early for the conference, so that we can

look after you in a planned way. Accommodation requests may please be made early so that your stay may be comfortable. Postgraduate students will be provided with free accommodation. A special post graduate quiz is also being organised.

I also take this opportunity to invite all the corporate houses to actively participate in the conference, including the scientific exhibition and take the advantage of interacting with more than 1000 delegates from all corners of India. The city of Pune being Oxford of the East and cultural capital of Maharashtra is all ready to welcome you and your family members to this grand cocktail of academic, cultural and gastronomic feast.

We look forward to your enthusiastic response and quality research contribution which will enrich this conference. Once more, I humbly request you to inform as many biochemists as you can. Xerox copies of the registration/abstract forms may be used if necessary. Do not miss this 'Conference with a difference'. See you at Pune in November.

With warm regards,

Yours Sincerely
Lt Col Dr. Parduman Singh
Organising Secretary

*Please turnover to next page for
the Highlights of the conference Programme & deadline dates to register*

Highlights of Scientific Programme

(33rd ACBICON - 2006)

- **ACBI Orations Lectures**
- **APFCB Travel Lecture (by Professor C. W. K. Lam, Hong Kong on the topics 'The Laboratory Medicine of Infectious Diseases' and 'Cytokine and Chemokine Immunopathology in Allergic Asthma'.)**
- **ACBI Professional Course (Pre-Conference event)**
- **CMEs on**
 1. Laboratory Management
 2. Molecular Diagnostic techniques
 3. Bio safety in Laboratory with special reference to HIV
 4. DNA Fingerprinting
 5. Stem Cell therapy
- **WORKSHOPS on**
 1. Variant Electrophoresis
 2. High Pressure Liquid chromatography.
- **LIST OF TOPICS FOR SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS**
 1. Cardiovascular System and lipid disorders.
 2. Diabetes and Metabolic disorders
 3. Thyroid and other endocrine disorders
 4. Development of Drugs from Medicinal plants.
 5. Antioxidants, Free radicals and Stress
 6. Renal diseases and Liver diseases.
 7. CNS diseases and Inborn errors of metabolism
 8. Malignant diseases and tumour markers
 9. Environmental diseases and toxicology
 10. Genomics, Proteomics and Infectious diseases
 11. Haemopoetic diseases
 12. Recent Advances
 13. Management and accreditation of Clinical Laboratories
 14. Teaching Technologies for Medical Biochemistry
 15. Miscellaneous conditions.

Important Dates to remember:

Last date for submission of:

Registration and Submission of Abstracts for Conference	: 15 th Sep 2006
Registration and Submission of Abstracts with Late fee	: 15 th Oct 2006
Registration for CME & workshop	: 15 th Sep 2006
Confirmation of Hotel Booking	: 15 th Sep 2006

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ACBICON-2006 Brochure

Please visit www.acbindia.org to download the complete brochure of the conference and Registration & Accommodation forms

Announcement

ACBI Professional Course in Clinical Chemistry - 2006

(November 21st & 22nd, 2006 at AFMC, Pune)

There have been innumerable advances in the field of Laboratory Medicine and Clinical Chemistry has been at its forefront. A Professional Course in Clinical Chemistry will be conducted on the 21st and 22nd November 2006 just before the 33rd ACBICON. This is intended to be a refresher course to all those who are in the field. The course fees is Rs 500/-. The topics discussed will not only have a bearing on the day to day progress which is made in the Clinical Chemistry but will also make the participants aware of the latest developments in the field. Experts Dr. Sheshadri Narayanan (USA), Dr Udayan Ray (Australia), Prof. David Thomas (Australia), Dr Parameswaran (Australia), Dr T.F. Ashavaid

(Mumbai) and Dr Sucheta Dandekar (Mumbai) will cover different aspects in Clinical Biochemistry that include 'pre-analytical variables', 'reference limits', 'analytical reporting', 'point-of-care testing', 'evidence based medicine', laboratory accreditation', 'molecular diagnostics', 'critical care analytes', 'neonatal screening', 'cardiac markers', 'lipids & lipoproteins', 'carbohydrates & proteins', 'endocrinology', 'bone metabolism' etc., This is the first time that such a course is being held at a National level just before the Annual National meeting in Pune and we do hope that this effort in continuing education will become a tradition in the years to come.

All those interested in the programme may please contact the course coordinators

Dr T.F. Ashavaid and Dr Sucheta Dandekar at the addresses given below.

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33rd ACBICON - 2006
ACBI Professional Course in Clinical Chemistry - 2006

Registration Form

Name :

Designation :

Institution :

Address for correspondence :

City : State Pin

Telephone No. : (O) (R) Mobile :

E-Mail :

ACBI Membership No.:

Total Amount : Rs. By Draft No Dated

Drawn on Bank

Dated

Signature

Note:

- 1) DD should be in favour of 'Professional Course in Clinical Chemistry - 2006' payable at MUMBAI
- 2) Send the filled in Registration form along with DD to Dr. T. F. Ashavaid at the address given above

ACCOMMODATION :

For Accommodation details, please see the second brochure of ACBICON 2006 and contact the Organizing Secretary, **Lt. Col Dr Parduman Singh**, Department of Biochemistry, Armed Forces Medical College, Pune 411 040. Tel: 020-26306044, 26306048, 32917113, Mobile: 9423217060, 9822328346, Fax: 020-26306238, Email: pardumansingh@rediffmail.com, acbicon2006@sify.com

ACBI Traveling Fellowships

The ACBI has a scheme for supporting trainees and junior members to attend the Annual Conference. Limited number of Fellowships are awarded from the ACBI Travel Fund for which donations were received from the organizing Secretary Dr.A.S. Kanagasabapathy of 26th ACBI Conference held at CMC, Vellore. Dr. V.S. Thakur the organizer of Q.C. Workshop held at AIIMS, Delhi in 2002 and Mr. S.K. Manhar, Director,

M/s. Priman Instruments Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi. The young member delegates (even session members) whose age is not more than 35 years as on 31st December of the year of the Conference /Workshop and present paper are eligible to apply. Those interested to apply for the travel assistance may please write to Dr. M.V.R. Reddy, Secretary, ACBI, Professor & head of Department of Biochemistry, MGIMS, Sevagram - 442 102.

ACBI Election Notice

Call for Nominations to fill up vacancies in Executive Committee of ACBI - 2007.

Position	Number of Vacancies
1. Vice President	: One
2. General Secretary	: One
3. Joint Secretary (Head Quarter)	: One
4. Joint Secretary (Secretariat)	: One
5. EC Members	: Six
6. State Representatives	: All the States

Nominations are invited for the following positions in the Executive Committee of ACBI - 2007

The Last date for receiving the Nomination: September 30th, 2006

The Last date for withdrawal of Nomination: October 15th, 2006

Duly filled nominations are invited by the eligible members duly seconded by the Members of the Association. Nominations may please be sent to :

Dr. B. N. Tiwary, M.D,
President
Head office, ACBI, Biochem Lab,
East Boring Road, Patna - 800 001.

ACBI lost one of its respected Founder members and Past President

Dr. G. D. Kalyankar

(1925 - 2006)

Dr. Govind D Kalyankar was born on 2nd June, 1925 in a village named Sonarwadi at the base of Fort Bhudargad, then in the Princely State of Kolhapur. After completing his Bachelor's from Rajaram College, Kolhapur (Bombay University) he completed his Masters in Chemistry from Poona University. Thereafter, Dr. Kalyankar completed his Doctorate in Biochemistry from the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.

He worked as a Senior Research Fellow, Government of India prior to moving to the United States of America. There he worked on various assignments (1955 - 1961) - Post Doctoral Fellow at the University of California, Berkley, Research Associate at Tufts University, Boston. Dr. Kalyankar returned to India as he was very keen to see the growth & development of his country. Although he was offered various assignments by the Corporate world, he had decided to devote his life to teaching and research. He initially worked with All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi from 1962-1963 before joining St. John's Medical College, Bangalore in May, 1963 as Professor & Head of the Department of Biochemistry and Biophysics. He continued in this post till his retirement in 1985. From 1981 to 1985, Dr. Kalyankar was also the Vice Dean of St. John's Medical College. He was also in charge of the Clinical Biochemistry Laboratories at the College and the Hospital.

Post his retirement Dr. Kalyankar worked for three years at M.S.Ramaiah Medical College, Bangalore and for two years at Al Arab Medical University, Benghazi, Libya. During this period he carried out research on the interrelationship between the metabolism of hormones of adrenal cortex, vitamin B6 and glucose in experimental animals. Also, on the metabolic changes and role of vitamin B6 in preventing glycosylation of proteins in experimentally

induced diabetic animals. Dr. Kalyankar has guided many students for their Ph.D. in Biochemistry and has published over 100 research papers in Indian and International Scientific Journals. As a result of which his name has been included in : 1- The International Who's Who of Intellectuals, 7th Ed 1987 and 2- The Men of Achievement, 12th Ed, 1987. Both these are published by International Biographical Centre, Cambridge, England.

He was also a member of The Society of Biological Chemists India (SBC), Association of Clinical Biochemists of India (ACBI) and the Association of Physiologists and Pharmacologists of India (APPI). Serving as the Joint Secretary of SBC from 1967 - 68 and as President of ACBI in 1985. He was the editor of the APBPI journal in 1985.

Dr. Kalyankar has also written a book, 'Ways to Control Diabetes and its Complications'. He has also completed the manuscripts of 'Ageing Gracefully' and 'Diseases in Old Age'.

Dr. Kalyankar was a simple, soft-spoken and sincere professor. He was not only a good teacher, but also a mentor. He also had a witty side. He used to crack subtle jokes- always in the presence of the person he was joking about. He has the distinction of being quoted by the 'Textbook of Biochemistry' by West and Todd and also by the 'Annual Review of Biochemistry'. A thorough gentleman, excellent mentor and teacher-all rolled into one-and it difficult to find such a person.

Dr. Kalyankar passed away in the early hours of 30th June, 2006 in Mumbai. He is survived by his wife, Vijaya and three children - Varsha, Sanjay & Ajay. All of whom are engineers and are well settled in their life. Members of ACBI deeply mourn the death of our beloved member and pray that his soul may rest in peace.

-Prof T.Venkatesh & Prof. C.V.Anand

ACBI Awards

A. Oration Awards :

1. Awadhesh Saran Memorial Oration Award :

This oration award was instituted in the year 1977 to commemorate Prof. Awadhesh Saran, Founder President of the Association, who died a premature death in 1976. Through this oration the Association honours distinguished scientists to deliver lecture on subjects of interest to clinical biochemists.

2. Seth G.S. Medical College & K.E.M. Hospital Oration Award:

The Organizers of the 16th Annual Conference of the Association held at Seth G.S. Medical College & K.E.M. Hospital, Bombay established this oration in 1992. The Aardee will deliver lecture on subjects of interest to clinical biochemists.

3. K.L. Gupta Memorial Oration Award:

This oration was instituted by K.L.Gupta Memorial Trust in the year 1993 by a handsome donation to

the Association by K. L. Gupta Trust for commemorating the memory of Late K.L. Gupta, a great philanthropist, and father of Dr. T. Malati, ex-President of ACBI. The oration is given in the field of cancer.

4. Prof. T. N. Pattabhiraman Oration:

To be awarded to a person of eminence who has contributed significantly to the growth and practice clinical biochemistry in the areas of research, diagnostics and teaching.

5. Mrs & Dr. G. P. Talwar Oration :

To an eminent Scientist having most innovative and significant professional contributions in the field of Clinical Biochemistry, Immunology, Molecular Biology or allied sciences. The contributions of the person to be taken into account should have been made in India during the past 5 years

Procedure for sending nominations to the Oration Awards:

Members are requested to send nominations/recommendations of eminent persons, members of ACBI or others, a national or a foreigner, to deliver any one of the orations cited above. The person who nominates the speaker should enclose the bio-data of the nominee(s) may or may not know about the proposal being send for the purpose of oration. Nominations should reach on or before 30th September 2006 to Dr.B. N. Tiwary, Head office, ACBI, Biochem Lab, East Boring Road, Patna - 800 001.

The president of ACBI will constitute the "Orations Award Committee" and the necessary steps to select the Oration speaker. The selection will be done in consultation with other members of Award Committee, specially constituted for the purpose, which in turn would be communicated to the Organizing Secretary o the annual conference shall include the oration in the scientific program of the conference and provide the free registration and local hospitality to the speaker.

B. Best Published Paper Awards :

1. Pitabus-Jamuna Burma Memorial Award:

The award was instituted by Dr. D.P. Burma, past President of the Association in memory of his parents. The contestants for this award have to be a life member of the Association or a membership of at least 3 years duration. The age of the contestants should be below 35 years on 31st of December of the year. The applicants have to submit a write up (not more than 2000 words) on an original research work in medicine based on approaches in Biochemistry or Molecular Biology, published by any author in any prestigious journal of the world in the preceding one year.

Application along with (1) five typed copies of the write up, (2) five photocopies of the original paper and (3) documentary evidence of age should reach the Organizing Secretary by registered post by 31 October of the year. The selected candidates shall be invited by the secretary to present their paper orally before the judges at the Annual Conference in special award session. The best candidate selected shall be awarded cash of Rs. 500/- and a certificate at the following conference.

- 2. K.P. Sinha-P.S. Krishnan Award:** - The Award was instituted in the year 1990 jointly by Organising Committees of 13th and 15th. Annual Conferences held at Patna and Jammu with a view to encourage biochemists to publish their work in Indian Journal of Clinical Biochemistry (IJCB). The papers published each year in IJCB are adjudged by a set of 3 Judges appointed by the President in consultation with the Editor of the Journal. The author/authors of the best paper are awarded a certificate and a cheque of Rs. 2000/- to be shared equally among the authors.

C. Best Paper / Poster Awards :

1. Sita Devi Award:

The award was created by a donation from Dr. C. Sita Devi, the President of ACBI (1980) for presentation of scientific work related to Clinical Biochemistry.

2. P.S. Award for best paper in the field of a) infectious diseases and b) development of drugs from plant sources.

These awards were created by a donation from Prof. P.S. Murthy, Professor of Biochemistry, UCMS, New Delhi and President of ACBI in 1993. Papers for this award are invited under 2 categories., i.e. (1) Infectious Diseases, and (2) Development of Drugs. One best paper in each category is awarded certificate and cash. If no paper under one category is available or considered worth, then both awards shall go to two top papers of the other category. In case no paper in either category is considered worth, then similar papers in Poster Sessions should be considered for the award.

3. MGIMS ward for best paper in the field of tropical diseases

This award was created in the year 1994 by a donation by Dr. B.C. Harinath, Professor of Biochemistry, MGIMS, Sevagram and president of ACBI (1994). The award is open for original work in biochemical/immunological/molecular aspects of Tropical Diseases. In case no paper is considered worth, then similar paof papers in Poster Sessions shall be considered for the award.

4. NIMS Award for the Best Poster

The award was instituted in 1994 by a donation from Dr. T. Malati, Professor of Biochemistry, NIMS, Hyderabad and President of ACBI (1993). There are 2 awards - One award is for the best poster in the field of Cancer and another in Non-Cancer field.

How to apply for Award Papers :

The applicant should send full paper to the Organizing Secretary so as to reach him before the date of submission mentioned for paper submission. He/She shall submit (1) 4 typed/photo copies of the paper along with abstract of the paper in the manner as mentioned earlier (2) documentary evidence of age (3) proof of membership of ACBI (4) no objection certificate from co-authors, if any, to the Organizing Secretary before the dead line for submission.

The award papers shall be evaluated by Scientific Committee of the conference. On the basis of evaluation, the organizing secretary shall select 2 best papers of each award and inform their authors to present them at a special session for award papers before 3 judges selected for this purpose. Each presentation shall not be of more than 7 minutes

duration. After presentation of each paper, 3 minutes shall be devoted on discussion by the judges and the audience.

Who can apply :

Any member including Sessional Member, whose age on 31st December - 2006 is below 35 years is eligible to take part in the contest.

Certificate and prizes :

The winner of the award shall be given a cash award and a certificate at the Valedictory function of the same conference.

Note:

Incase none of the submitted full papers are considered worth for Dr. P.S.Murthy & MGIMS Awards, then the papers of the respective subject areas presented as posters will be considered for these awards.

Application for ACBI Best Paper/Poster Award

Organising Secretary

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Sir,

I am submitting a paper entitled '.....', by et al., for the best paper award during the 32nd Annual Conference of ACBI. I am aware of the terms and conditions of competing for the said award and abide by the rules.

Preference of the award to be considered is indicated as below (Only one choice).

Sita Devi Award / P.S. Murthy Award / MGIMS Award / NIMS Award. (Tick the preference)

Enclosures :

- i. Two sets of full text of the paper, along with the abstract, in a format as required for *Indian Journ. clin.Biochem*
- ii. Documentary evidence of age
- iii. No objection certificate from co-authors, if any;

Kindly acknowledge the receipt of the same and inform the date of presentation, if considered for the award.

Date

Yours sincerely
Name, signature and address

Fellowship of the Association of Clinical Biochemists of India (FACBI)

Association of Clinical biochemists of India awards Fellowships to distinguished members of the association on the basis of their achievements. The nominations of Fellowships are invited annually and an Award Committee will review the nominations received on or before 31st of October and those found suitable are admitted as fellows during a convocation held at the time of Annual Conference. Nominations are to be made on the prescribed format given below.

Eligibility :

Nominee : The candidate should be either a Life member or Honorary member of the ACBI of at least 10 years standing. He/She should have at least 15 years of teaching/analytical/research experience in the areas of clinical biochemistry/management and promotion of clinical biochemistry or has done distinguished services to ACBI.

Who can propose?

A fellow or a senior member of the ACBI can nominate (not more than two) candidate(s). The nomination letter, duly signed by the proposer, along with six copies of the (a) bio-data of the nominee, (b) List of publications with 6 reprints of which at least 3 are recent ones, (c) Statement about various contributions by the nominee for developments of Clinical Biochemistry and /or distinguished services rendered to ACBI or to the community should reach the ACBI Secretary Dr. M.V.R. Reddy, Prof & Head Dept. of Biochemistry, MGIMS, Sevagram - 442 102 latest by September 30th, 2006.

Format for Nomination of Fellow of ACBI

Secretary,
Dr. M. V. R. Reddy, Prof & Head Dept. of Biochemistry,
MGIMS, Sevagram - 442 102
Maharashtra.

Sir,

I, (name), have the pleasure of nominating
(name, address and the ACBI membership number of the nominee) for the award of Fellowship of ACBI. I also enclose six copies of the nominee's (a) bio-data, (b) list of publications with 6 reprints of which at least 3 are recent, (c) statement about various contributions by the nominee for developments of Clinical Biochemistry and /or distinguished services rendered to ACBI or to the community.

Place : Name and signature and address of the proposer

Date : ACBI membership number of the proposer

Enclosures : As above

Corporate Corner

Minutes of the ACBI-CW Meeting

(April 8, 2006; Venue : The Club, Andheri, Mumbai)

1. Meeting started with a welcome address by Dr. Chandrashekar, from M/S Beckman Coulter (the Host). Dr Chandrashekar also briefed the members about the Beckman Coulter organization and their products. Dr. K. Taranath Shetty, the chairperson of ACBI-CW thanked M/S Beckman Coulter and Dr. Chandrashekar for hosting the meeting and also appreciated the members for having made themselves free to attend the meeting. Dr. Shetty also appreciated the ACBI-CW for their full support for making the Annual Meeting of ACBI at Patna a great success and also conveyed the appreciation of ACBI fraternity about the support from CW. Probir Das, the covenor of ACBI-CW introduced Ms Nilima from his office to the members and informed the members that Ms. Nilima, under his supervision, would handle all the matters pertaining to ACBI-CW work. He requested the members to interact with Nilima on matters related to ACBI CW work.
2. For the benefit of new attendees, Probir Das restated the objectives of ACBI-CW, i.e., i) Networking amongst the academia and industry to build an academia-industry coalition in India and support ACBI in its academic activities, ii) Driving to create an umbrella of Laboratory Medicine Associations representing all the sub-specialties of lab medicine to advocacy and GLP in the areas of Lab medicine in India and iii) Utilize expertise /resources from ACBI and corporate sector to gain possible traction in areas of tactical commercial interest for the over all benefit of the end user / commoner.
3. Minutes of the previous meeting of ACBI CW held at Patna were reviewed and accepted. Dr. Shetty informed that both M/S Beckman Coulter and M/S Lilac Medicare had applied for ACBI Corporate Wing Membership and formally welcomed them.
4. The issue of some CW members not receiving the IJCB journal was discussed. Dr Shetty on behalf of ACBI expressed regrets for such a lapse on the part of editorial office. He also informed the members about the editorial office being shifted to SMS Medical College Jaipur and Prof. Praveen Sharma being the New Editor in Chief. Dr. Shetty assured that the new editor in chief would be advised to do the needful.
5. Dr. Shetty and Probir Das expressed the concern and challenges faced in obtaining the advertisement materials and the remittance of the charges from some of the ACBI-CW members. It was decided that in the event of not receiving an updated version, the available advertisement material would be forwarded to the editorial office for advertisement purpose. The members were requested to promptly make the annual payments.
6. Draft constitution of the proposed Confederation of Associations of Laboratory Medicine of India (CALM) was placed before the members and the related issues, with emphasis on the objectives were discussed and suggestions were noted.
7. Dr. Shetty informed the members about the next APCCB meeting to be held during the year 2007

in Beijing and the invitation from the Organizing committee to ACBI to organize a theme based Symposia. He also told about the ongoing interaction among the members through ACBI secretariat to work out the possibility of having ACBI symposia in Beijing meeting. He wanted to know if ACBI CW could sponsor such an event. Members felt that such a possibility of sponsoring a theme based ACBI symposia at Beijing was rather preposterous as it was not within the purview of the main objectives of ACBI-CW. Members discussed as to whether ACBI could organize the workshop on a topic related to Good Laboratory Practice in Laboratory Medicine. Deliberations on such a topic centered around the possibility of deriving the experiences of member countries of the Asia Pacific region on this aspect which could be subsequently implemented in India. The knowledge to be gained by such workshop at Beijing meeting, if it happened, could form the premise to have a working coalition with other professional bodies of lab medicine and agencies (Accreditation boards/Ministry of Health) to organize a 'brain storming session'. Such a proactive discussion, on policy guidelines for 'GLP for Lab Medicine' for the regulatory agencies to implement, would have representatives from key decision making bodies from Govt and pvt sector as well. Dr. Shetty was asked to find out the feasibility of such a workshop on 'GLP in Lab Medicine' at next APCCB meeting 2007, Beijing.

8. CW members expressed their concern on undue red tapism and indiscrete excise duties on certain items, because of lack of understanding with respect to the technical aspects of products to be imported for diagnostic purposes. Some of the examples were as given below;

- i. Imposition of 4% special additional import on medical devices and instruments.
- ii. Differential treatment of diagnostic products by drugs and tax authorities impacting additional taxation under VAT etc.,

It is perceived that, whatever the additional tax be imposed was mainly because of the difficulty in interpreting the technical aspects of diagnostic reagents, which ultimately get added to the cost of the diagnosis to be born by the common man. Hence the need for professional body such as ACBI to help in educating the concerned authorities was noted. Dr Shetty asked for a brief matrix on their individual problems to ACBI - CW convener's office which could be collated by the convener. Chairperson of ACBI-CW would take up this matter with ACBI for appropriate action at the concerned Govt agencies level for needful action.

9. Dr. Uday Donde suggested creation of a brochure for ACBI-CW. Members agreed on the need to have the same. To this effect, Dr. Shetty was asked to prepare a draft copy of the same incorporating the objectives of ACBI-CW and its organizational structure including the current list of membership etc., Dr. Suchetha Dandekar would circulate it among the members and seek their inputs before it was finalized.
10. It was decided to hold the next meeting of the ACBI-CW on 9th Sept 2006. M/S Randox Diagnostics would be the host. Mr. Sreeram Gopal, who could not attend the meeting due to unavoidable circumstances confirmed to this effect.
11. Meeting ended with a vote of thanks by the convener.

Forthcoming Events

1. International Conference on Free Radicals in Clinical and Laboratory medicine:

SFRR-India National Satellite Meeting, 'International Conference on Free Radicals In Clinical And Laboratory Medicine' will be held at Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences, Cochin, Kerala on January 4-5 (Thursday and Friday), 2007. Renowned Scientists from India and abroad will share their experience in this meeting. For further details please contact Dr.Subir Kumar Das, Department of Biochemistry, Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences, Elamakkara P.O., Cochin 682026. E-mail : biochemistry@aims.amrita.edu

2. 11th Asian-Pacific Congress of Clinical Biochemistry (APCCB) at Beijing in 2007 :

The 11th APCCB will be held during October 14-19, 2007, in Beijing. Beijing is the capital of China with a history going back thousands of years. It has many attractions including the world famous Great Wall and Ming Tombs. Autumn is the golden season in Beijing with temperatures ranging from 8 - 20 degrees centigrade. Professor Yang Zhen Hua is the Chairman, Organizing Committee. Please visit the website : www.chinamed.com.cn/11apccb for more details.

3. National Symposium on 'Science of Holistic Living and Its Global Application'

National Symposium on 'Science of Holistic Living and Its Global Application' and CME on 'Therapeutic Life Style Changes for Management of Chronic Health Problems' will be held at Arogyadham, Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences during November 16-17, 2006. There will be Life Time Achievement Award Orations on Yoga, Pranayama and Meditation by spiritual teachers Dr. H. R. Nagendra, Vice Chancellor, VYASA, Bangalore, Dr. Pranav Pandya, Chancellor, Dev Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya, Haridwar, Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, Founder, Art of Living Foundation, Bangalore, Brahmashri Subhash Patri, Founder, Pyramid Spiritual Societies (India), Bangalore followed by Panel Discussion on Holistic Living and its Global Application. A CME on Life Style intervention for better health

by talks from eminent researchers on 16th afternoon will be followed by Poster exhibition on 'Science and Art of Holistic Living'. The deliberations in the Symposium and CME are designed to benefit health care practitioners, researchers and in particular youth to understand the importance of Holistic Living and purpose of Life.

For further information, please visit:
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Call for Proposals to hold 34th Annual Conference of ACBI

The proposals to hold 34th Annual Conference should reach the Secretariat latest by 31st October 2006. Please contact Secretary (rednymvr@gmail.com) or visit www.acbindia.org for the rules & format of application.