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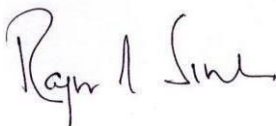
The 49th Annual Conference held in Trivandrum went off quite well with Dr Kannan & his team getting together a scientific program par excellence. The subject covered was truly astounding with renowned experts in their field presenting their scientific papers. Congratulations to Dr Kannan and his team.

Dr Kannan Vaidyanathan has donned the mantle of President of ACBI from Dr. Seema Bhargava during the inaugural function.

2025 and 2026 is going to be an exciting time for us with WASPaLM & IFCC WORLDLAB being organized by us. The 2024 National Conference in PGI Chandigarh is promising to be an exciting conference and I advise the youngster/Junior Faculties to make use of all opportunity to apply for scholarship to go to Chandigarh.

Dr. Anurodh Gupta, Prof & Head, Biochemistry at AFMC Pune is inviting all PG students & young faculties to participate in the exciting AFMC QUIZ. There are so many prizes to be won.

With warm regards,



**Dr. Rajiv R Sinha**  
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# OBITUARY



## Dr. Aditi Sen Sarkar

Prof. Aditi Sen who passed away in Kolkata, India on Thursday, the 18th of May 2023. Dr Sen did her Chemistry Honors from Raja Rammohan College, class of 1968 and subsequently completed her Masters and Ph.D. from University of Calcutta. She served RK Mission Seva Pratishthan Hospital from 1978 to 2007, retiring as Professor. Subsequently working as Consultant Biochemist at Theism Ultrasound Center till her sad demise.

She was a stalwart of the association who along with Prof. K. L. Mukherjee helped to establish the associations footprint in West Bengal. As long as she was able to, she did not miss a single ACBI conference, travelling the length and breadth of the country with her group of 4 to 5 diehard members. She was a guide & mentor to many biochemists in Kolkata. May her soul rest in peace.

**May she Rest in peace.**



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To submit your webinar proposal, kindly click on the given links and submit it online by February 29, 2024.

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Thank you for your participation.

Best Regards

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**Dr. Rajiv R Sinha  
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# 49TH ACBICON 2023 KERALA

## 13 September 2023 to 16th September 2023

**“Laboratory Medicine Path Ahead-Amalgamating Technology and Humanity”**

### CONFERENCE REPORT

The 49th ACBICON 2023 was organized in Kerala by the Association of Clinical Biochemists of India (ACBI) and the Believers Church Medical College. Themed “Laboratory Medicine Path Ahead -Amalgamating Technology and Humanity”, it attracted around 1,000 biochemists and medical lab professionals nationwide. The conference, which offered sessions like keynotes, symposia, and workshops, aimed to provide an enriching platform for experts to share knowledge and advancements in clinical biochemistry. For the first time, ACBI opened its exhibition to the public. 49th ACBI also collaborated with global entities like the IFCC and APFCB to ensure international standards were maintained. The inaugural ceremony on 14 September 2023 was marked by addresses from key personalities. The ceremony commenced with a warm welcome address by the

Organizing Secretary, 49th ACBICON 2023 Dr. Kannan Vaidyanathan. He extended

gratitude to all the attendees and highlighted the importance of the event. Followed by, Dr. Seema Bhargava, the president, Association of Clinical Biochemistry of India, stressed the gathering's significance.

The General Secretary, Association of Clinical Biochemistry of India, Dr. Rajiv Ranjan Sinha provided an annual report of the year 2022, detailing the association's accomplishments. The CEO and Director of Believers Church Medical College, Dr. George Chandy Matteethra, highlighted the growing collaboration between the institutions. The ceremony was further honored by the presence of the former Hon. Health Minister, Smt. K.K. Shailaja Teacher, as the Chief Guest. Her inspiring words underscored the importance of healthcare advancements and appreciated the efforts of the organizers. Dr. Riju Mathew, Associate Professor, department of Biochemistry closed the event by thanking everyone involved.







The conference featured seven prominent orations aimed at advancing clinical biochemistry in India: K.L. Gupta Memorial Oration: Dr. Alpana Sharma, Professor AIIMS, New Delhi, discussed innovative strategies in cancer research, emphasizing the progression from diagnostics to therapeutics. Dr. K.P Sinha Oration: Dr Tony Badrick Chief Executive CEO, Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia Quality Assurance Programs, highlighted the importance of patient-centered care, emphasizing the need to treat every patient as an individual in clinical decision-making. Taranath Shetty Memorial Oration: Presented by Dr Chandrabhas Narayana from RGCB, Thiruvananthapuram. Awadhesh Saran Memorial Oration: Dr. Shyam S Chauhan, Professor & Head Department of Biochemistry AIIMS New Delhi, explored the role of Heterogeneous Nuclear Ribonucleoprotein D in oral cancer, emphasizing its significance in diagnosis and:

treatment. Dr. T.N. Patabhraman Oration Dr. Seema Bhargava, President, ACBI, Chairperson and Senior Consultant, Department of Biochemistry & Professor, GRIPMER, discussed the contributions of Nobel Laureates in Biochemistry and contrasted them with other impactful figures in the field who haven't received a Nobel. Dr. Praveen Sharma Oration: Dr. Poornima Manjrekar highlighted the evolving landscape of type 2 diabetes, discussing contemporary trends and emerging challenges. Mrs. & Dr. G.P. Talwar Oration: Dr. Medha Rajappa, Additional Professor of Biochemistry Department of Biochemistry Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education & Research (JIPMER), Dhanvantari Nagar, Puducherry, delved into biomarker signatures of inflammatory skin diseases, emphasizing their importance in refining treatment approaches.





## Sessions

The 49th ACBICON 2023 Kerala meticulously organized 19 sessions, spread over three days, into four parallel segments in distinct halls. Day one comprised 11 parallel sessions, while day two had 5, and day three had 3 parallel sessions, each catering to specific themes. Renowned personalities chaired the sessions, enhancing the discussions with their expertise. Speakers, experts in their fields, presented on various topics, ensuring comprehensive learning for attendees regardless of their familiarity with the subject. Each talk was followed by a Q&A segment, promoting active engagement and in-depth understanding. A highlight was the symposium by the IFCC Committee on Clinical Laboratory Management (C-CLM). Prof. Sedef Yenice (VLP), Executive Member of IFCC Education and Management Division (EMD) spoke on the role of data analytics in clinical labs, and Prof. Praveen Sharma, Secretary, Asia Pacific Federation of Clinical Biochemistry & Laboratory Medicine (APFCB), highlighted the importance of Emotional Intelligence in leadership. Additionally, embracing the digital age, Prof Tomris Ozben, President of the European Federation of Clinical Chemistry

and Laboratory Medicine (EFLM) and President Elect of the International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (IFCC) presented virtually on the advancements in oncology diagnostics, emphasizing the shift from traditional tumor markers to liquid biopsies. Several parallel sessions highlighted international speakers. Dr Khosrow Adeli, President, International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (IFCC), discourse on "emphasizing the cardiovascular risks associated with postprandial dyslipidemia in obesity and diabetes" was a standout contribution to the discussions. His deep dive into the complex interrelations between dietary patterns, metabolic responses, and cardiovascular health provided attendees with valuable insights. Dr Adeli's ability to elucidate the intricacies of this topic showcased not only his expertise but also highlighted the critical need for increased awareness and understanding of these cardiovascular risks in the context of modern health challenges. All through Parallel Session 5 at the 49th ACBICON 2023 Kerala, the focus was on the integration of cutting-edge AI into medical diagnostics, especially its role in promoting health equity.

Led by Dr. Pradeep K Dabla (Chair, Communication and Publication Committee Asia Pacific Federation of Clinical Biochemistry & Laboratory Medicine (APFCB) ) and Dr. Bernard Gouget,( Chair IFCC C MHLBM; Committee on Mobile Health and Bio engineering in Laboratory Medicine)President, National Committee for the selection of Reference Laboratories, Ministry of Health and Prevention Ex-President-Healthcare Division Committee) the discussions painted a future where AI reshapes healthcare and laboratory diagnostics for more equitable outcomes. A standout talk was by Dr. Bernard Gouget on "Unlocking the Potential of Chat GPT: Can it be our Virtual Assistant in Lab Medicine for Better Care?" where he emphasized AI's transformative potential in enhancing lab operations and patient care. He envisioned AI as a pivotal tool in Lab Medicine, enhancing accuracy and accessibility. Parallel Session 6 at the 49th ACBICON 2023 Kerala delved into "Advances in Led by Dr. Pradeep K Dabla (Chair, Communication and Publication Committee Asia Pacific Federation of Clinical Biochemistry & Laboratory Medicine (APFCB) ) and Dr. Bernard Gouget,( Chair IFCC C MHLBM; Committee on Mobile Health and Bio engineering in Laboratory Medicine)President, National Committee for the selection of Reference Laboratories, Ministry of Health and Prevention Ex-President-Healthcare Division Committee) the discussions painted a future where AI reshapes healthcare and laboratory diagnostics for more equitable outcomes. A standout talk was by Dr. Bernard Gouget on "Unlocking the Potential of Chat GPT: Can it be our Virtual Assistant in Lab Medicine for Better Care?" where he emphasized AI's transformative potential in enhancing lab operations and patient care. He envisioned AI as a pivotal tool in Lab Medicine, enhancing accuracy and accessibility. Parallel Session 6 at the 49th ACBICON 2023 Kerala delved into "Advances in and mood regulation. In a shift to a digital format. Parallel Session 12, under the AACC India Section and chaired by Dr. Jayashree Bhattacharjee, showcased Dr. Octavia M. Peck Palmer's (Division Director, Clinical Chemistry Medical Director, UPMC Presbyterian and Shadyside Automated Testing Laboratories) deep dive into the intersection of laboratory and emergency medicine. Her talk, "The Total Testing Process: Collaboration between Laboratory Medicine and Emergency Medicine to Ensure Quality Testing," highlighted the vital role of collaboration in ensuring accuracy and efficiency in emergency medical testing. Parallel Session 13 of the 49th ACBICON 2023 Kerala delved deep into a topic of pressing relevance, especially given the global surge in cases of diabetes mellitus. Titled

The Value and Evidence of Laboratory Tests Used in the Management of Diabetes Mellitus," this session, held under the auspices of IFCC/EBLM Evidence-based Laboratory Medicine, promised to impart essential insights into the role of lab tests in diabetes management. Presiding over the session as the Chairperson, Dr. Seema Bhargava (President, ACBI, Chairperson and Senior Consultant, Department of Biochemistry & Professor, Ganga Ram Institute for Postgraduate Medical Education & Research (GRIPMER)) navigated attendees through a series of presentations and discussions that merged foundational knowledge with the latest advances in diabetes diagnostics and management. Dr. Emma English delivered an insightful analysis on "examining the pros and cons of HbA1c testing." Her balanced presentation highlighted both the strengths and limitations of the test, offering attendees a comprehensive understanding. Dr. Emma English's skill in presenting intricate details in a clear manner was especially commendable, enriching the audience's knowledge on HbA1c testing nuances. Parallel Session 16, was chaired by Dr. Tony Badrick, (CEO, Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia Quality Assurance Programs) focused on "The Clinical Laboratory in Health & Disease." The session explored the vital role of laboratories in patient care, highlighting the latest advancements and challenges. Under Dr. Badrick's expert leadership, attendees were treated to a series of enlightening presentations and discussions. During this session, Dr. Tomris Ozben's online presentation on "transitioning labs to greener practices" was a standout. Addressing an increasingly important topic, Dr. Ozben highlighted the urgency and methods for making laboratories more environmentally friendly. The talk was not only timely but also forward-thinking, reflecting the need for sustainable practices in modern medical science. Dr. Ozben's approach to the subject, delivered with clarity and expertise, resonated with attendees and emphasized the imperative for eco-friendly transitions in lab operations. Meanwhile, Session 19, at the 49th ACBICON 2023 Kerala, titled "Miscellaneous - 2," ventured into innovative topics in clinical chemistry and laboratory medicine. Led by Chairpersons Dr. D Dash and Dr. SB Sharma, the session spotlighted unique areas of research. A highlight was Dr. John Anetor's (HOD, Chemical Pathology, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria) presentation on the "Exposome-Nutriome Pathway," exploring the intricate relationship between lifetime exposures, nutrition, and their implications on health. Dr. Anetor emphasized the role of laboratory medicine in understanding these interactions and their health impacts.

## Prelude to the 49th ACBICON 2023 Kerala: Insightful Pre-Conference Workshops:

Before diving into the deep waters of the 49th ACBICON 2023 Kerala, attendees were treated to a series of enlightening pre-conference workshops. Designed to provide in-depth understanding on specialized topics, these sessions were helmed by distinguished faculty and hosted across eminent venues in Thiruvananthapuram. At the renowned Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology (RGCB), a session on 'Proteomics and Medical Applications' was conducted, shedding light on the dynamic world of proteins and their implications in medicine. The insightful discourse was further enhanced with Dr. Abdul Jaleel's workshop on "Genomics in Infectious Diseases," where attendees delved into the genomic intricacies underlying infectious pathogens and their interactions with the host. Not too far, at the RGCB's Kinfra Campus, another enlightening session was in progress. Dr. Radhakrishnan Nair, a prominent figure in the domain, presided over two critical workshops. The first covered the intricate topic of "Inborn Metabolic Disorders and Amino Acid Analysis," providing an understanding of genetic metabolic defects and the methods to diagnose them.

The second was an essential session for budding and seasoned researchers alike, titled "From Conceiving a Research Topic to its Publication." Dr. Sucheta Dandekar, Professor of Biochemistry Era's Lucknow Medical College, Lucknow Member of the Quality Assurance Committee and Global Consultant by FAIMER, Philadelphia and Dr. Thomas Chacko, Dean Medical Education & Professor Community Medicine, Believers Church Medical College, Thiruvalla, elucidated the research process's nuances, from ideation to the pivotal moment of publication, providing attendees with a roadmap to academic success. Further, the Al Saj Convention Center in Kazhakkootam was buzzing with activity. A timely workshop on the "Transition from ISO15189 2012 to 2022 - Learning Opportunities" was hosted here, guiding laboratories on the transition journey between these standards. Dr. Pradeep Kumar Dabla, Chair, Communication and Publication Committee Asia Pacific Federation of Clinical Biochemistry & Laboratory Medicine (APFCB), with his vast expertise, illuminated the updates, the implications, and the strategies to ensure compliance and quality.

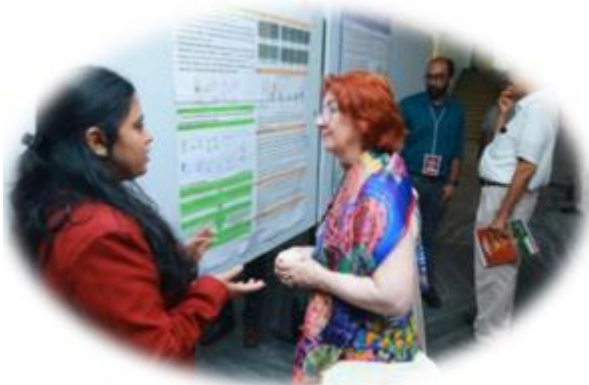




**Poster and Oral Presentation:** The national conference featured competitions in poster and oral presentations, allowing scholars to showcase their research. Participants displayed their findings in posters, promoting individual interactions, while the oral presentations allowed a deeper exploration of their topics. Both formats were assessed by expert panels for clarity, depth, and relevance. Winners received cash prizes and achievement certificates,

acknowledging their valuable contributions and efforts in the field. **Quiz competition** Organized by Department of Biochemistry AFMC [Armed Forces Medical College, Pune]: The quiz competition added a dynamic and engaging facet to the conference, allowing attendees to actively participate, challenge themselves, and interact with the content in a fun and competitive manner.





Corporate Innovation & R&D Highlights: 49th ACBICON 2023, Kerala The 49th ACBICON 2023 Kerala served as both an academic and corporate hub, highlighting advancements in clinical biochemistry and laboratory medicine. Industry leaders showcased innovations, emphasizing the synergy between academic research and industry application to

produce tangible healthcare solutions. The event fostered interactions between corporate entities and the academic community, ensuring R&D efforts met practical healthcare needs. Attendees gained insights into the latest industry technologies and trends, underlining the industry's commitment to advancing the field.



**A Banquet to Remember:** 49th ACBICON 2023 Kerala Conference The 49th ACBICON 2023 Kerala featured a memorable evening at Uday Samudra Leisure Beach Hotel, Kovalam, Thiruvananthapuram, where guests were treated to an elegant banquet dinner set to the soothing tones of water music. The serene ambiance was enlivened by a DJ, making attendees of all ages dance and enjoy.

The highlight for many was the diverse culinary spread, ranging from traditional Kerala dishes to international cuisines, all accentuated by expertly crafted cocktails. Beyond just a dinner, the banquet was a blend of fine dining, lively music, and spirited camaraderie, underscoring the conference's balance of intellectual and social enjoyment.





**Showcasing Kerala's Cultural Heritage at the Conference:**

One of the most memorable aspects of the conference was the vibrant showcase of Kerala's rich cultural heritage through its iconic art forms. For those unfamiliar with these traditional dances, brief introductions were provided, ensuring participants understood the significance and stories

behind each performance. The inclusion of these cultural events was met with overwhelming positivity. Attendees expressed their joy and appreciation for the opportunity to witness such authentic performances, with many considering it a highlight of their visit.



Thank You as the Organizing Secretary, ACBICON 2023, Kerala, it is both my honor and privilege to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each one of you. The resounding success of this national conference was a direct result of the collective effort, participation, and unwavering enthusiasm of everyone involved. I wish to express my deepest appreciation to our esteemed speakers who shared their invaluable knowledge, to our dedicated committee members who worked tirelessly behind the scenes, and to our participants whose engagement and interactions enriched the discussions and sessions manifold. Special thanks go to our corporate partners and sponsors for believing in our vision and supporting us in transforming this conference into a landmark event. The insights, discussions, and collaborations

forged during the conference have not only pushed the boundaries of clinical biochemistry and laboratory medicine but have also set the stage for future endeavors. Every conference is an amalgamation of meticulous planning, dedication, and a thirst for knowledge. The success of the 49th ACBICON 2023 Kerala stands testimony to this spirit and reflects the unity and commitment of our community. I am humbled by the collective effort and immensely proud of what we have achieved together. Here's too many more milestones in the future! Once again, thank you for making the 49th ACBICON 2023 Kerala, a memorable and impactful event. I look forward to our continued collaborations and to seeing you all in future conferences.



# ANNUAL REPORT 2023

*As read out by the Secretary, Dr Rajiv R Sinha during the inaugural function of the 2023 congress.*

Respected Chief Guest, **Smt. K. K. Shailaja**, Honorable Member of the Kerala Legislative Assembly, Former Minister, Health, Social justice, Women and Child development, our Guest of Honor, **Rev. Fr. Dr. Sijo Pandapallil**, Official Spokesperson & PRO of Believers Eastern Church and Manager of Believers Church Medical College, Distinguished Guest, **Prof Dr. George Chandy**, CEO & Director Believers Church Medical College Hospital, Thiruvalla; Dr. Seema Bhargava, President, Association of Clinical Biochemists of India, Dr. Kannan Vaidyanathan, Organizing Secretary, 49<sup>th</sup>. ACBICON 2023, Distinguished guests, members of ACBI, Friends, Ladies & gentlemen.

It is extremely gratifying to welcome such an august gathering from different parts of India and abroad to God's Own Country to attend the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual national conference of the Association of Clinical Biochemists of India being held in Thiruvananthapuram.

I feel so happy to be able to come before you all to deliver the Annual report of the activities of the Association of Clinical Biochemists of India for the year 2023 albeit a truncated one as we still have 3 months to go.

The last conference we had was the 48<sup>th</sup> ACBI National Conference in New Delhi which was held from 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> November 2022. It was organized by the Department of Biochemistry, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi. This was the first totally in-person conference of ACBI since the beginning of the COVID pandemic. Over 600 delegates attended this from India and from all over the world.

The chief guest of the program Dr. V. K. Paul, Member, Niti Ayog, Government of India.

The congress had a heavy schedule with Six pre-congress workshops, three plenary lectures and 4 ACBI Orations. The scientific program of the Congress had 24 symposia containing 134 lectures presented on emerging topics of clinical biochemistry and laboratory medicine, the AFMC Quiz and 9 Industrial workshop/symposia. A total of 236 Posters were presented.

## **ACBI – CMC EQAS PROGRAMME:**

The ACBI-CMC Vellore External Quality Assurance Programme is being run smoothly by Dr Pamela Christudoss and her team at the department of Clinical Biochemistry at C.M.C. Vellore. The vision and mission for which this program

had evolved 45 years ago, with 58 laboratories in 1978, has been gracefully taken forward to help the Indian labs – very small, small, medium, large, from private sector, Govt. hospital labs and even PHC'S. With increasing awareness of the importance of Quality control and External quality control in medical labs in India, the ACBI-CMC EQAS has witnessed its growth in all dimensions with the increase in participating labs in the last few years and as of the year 2023, 13,000 lab participants registered in 11 different program, 9 of these are accredited according to the ISO 17043:2010 standards. We must thank Dr. Pamela, the management of Christian Medical College Vellore and her team for keeping this flagship project of ACBI moving smoothly.

**The Membership of Indian Board of Clinical Biochemistry** course was started on 1st January 2013 and is being conducted by the Indian Board of Clinical Biochemistry (IBCB) under the auspices of Association of Clinical Biochemists of India (ACBI) and is approved by the Quality Council of India (QCI). Dr. Sojit Tomo, Jodhpur has completed his course and passed the exams. But much still needs to be done to make this course popular amongst Laboratory professional. We must thank Dr. D. M. Vasudevan, Dr. Kannan Vaidyanathan and their team at IBCB for their zeal and effort in managing this very important course and fructifying the vision of our Advisor, Dr K. P. Sinha and initiated by the Association for the betterment of Clinical Biochemistry in this country.

## **INDIAN JOURNAL OF CLINICAL BIOCHEMISTRY**

Four IJCB issues have been released in time with Springer India Pvt. Ltd. Our journal is being circulated to more than 6000 libraries all over the world earning IJCB a royalty of rupees 19.00 lakhs in 2022-2023. I take great pleasure in announcing that Clariavte's Journal Impact Factor 2023 is live and Indian Journal of Clinical Biochemistry has received an IF 2022 of 2.1. We must all put our hands together and applaud the Editor-in-Chief, Dr Praveen Sharma and his editorial team for this stupendous achievement.

To keep our caravan of knowledge moving, I must commend the State Representatives & their team of the different state branches for organizing scientific meets & workshop during the year.

ACBI TAMIL NADU STATE BRANCH along with Department of Clinical Biochemistry, CMC, Vellore organized Workshop on Understanding the Principles and Practices of Quality Control,

"Modern Landscapes in Clinical Laboratories" was conducted on 9th & 10th February, 2023 at Believers Church Medical College Hospital, Thiruvalla, Kerala, India, under the auspices of ACBI Kerala Chapter & BCMCH.

A two-day East Zone Conference of Association of Clinical Biochemists of India was held for the very first time in Sikkim on 16th and 17th of September, 2022 by Dr Mingma L Sherpa, Head, Biochemistry at Sikkim Manipal Medical College.

Department of Biochemistry, AIIMS Patna & ACBI, Bihar Chapter organized a Molecular Biology workshop 1st Dec to 03rd Dec 2022

The 3rd workshop on Basic Molecular Techniques was held in AIIMS Jodhpur from 14th to 18th March 2023. The workshop was organized by the Department of Biochemistry, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Jodhpur.

ACBI WB Chapter had organized an outreach conference on "Translational Research and Diagnostics" at Gorumara Nest, Gorumara, Jalpaiguri District, West Bengal on June 16 and 17, 2023.

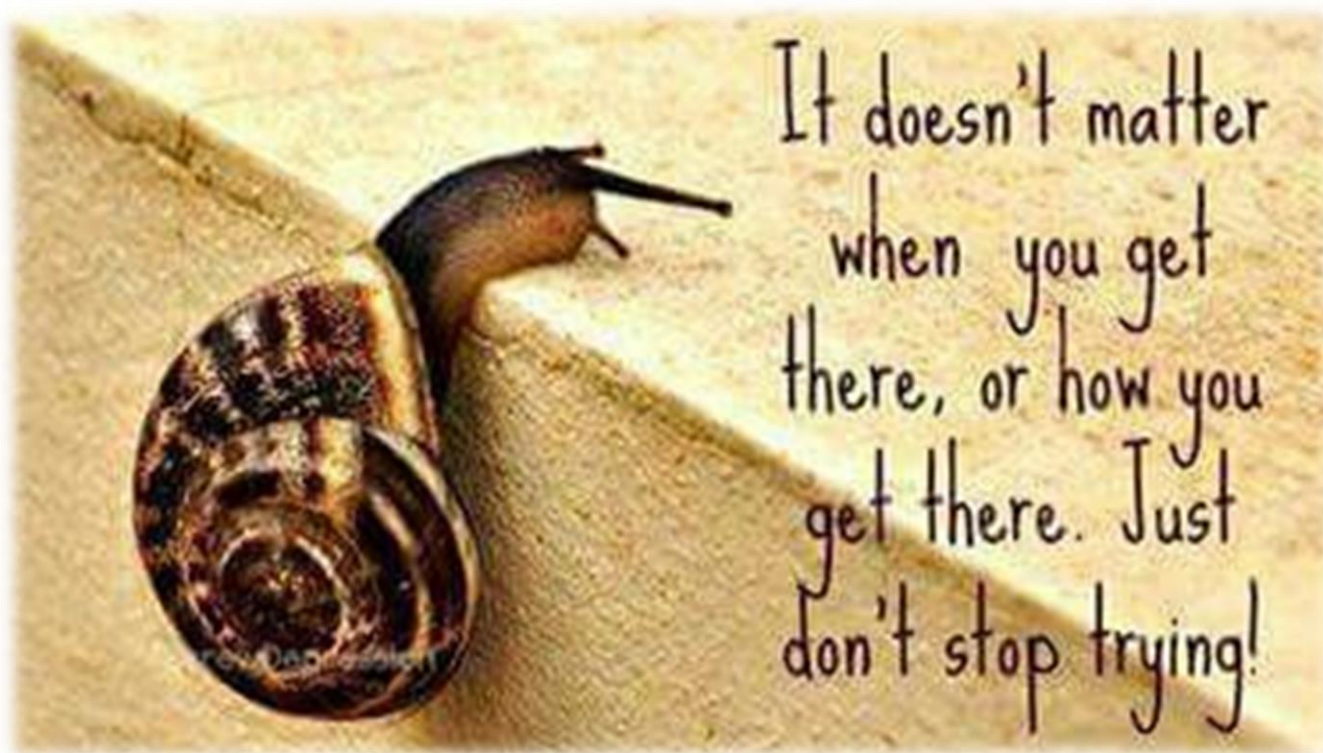
The Department of Biochemistry AIIMS Bhubaneswar, conducted a one-day Odisha chapter conference of the Association of Clinical Biochemists of Odisha (ACBI) on "Immuno-metabolomics- A glance at the immune response of diseases", on the 25th March 2023. The organizing secretary was Prof Manaswini Mangaraj, Head of the Department of Biochemistry, AIIMS Bhubaneswar.

The gist of all holding these programs is to make all the clinical biochemist feel proud of the fact that we are one of the most important cogs in the wheel that ultimately results in the cure the patient.

Dr Kannan Vaidyanathan and his team have worked hard to put together a very good scientific program.

Before I sign off, I must thank Dr Seema Bhargav, Presidents, ACBI and the members of the executive council for helping me guide the association through 2023. Today Dr Kannan Vaidyanathan will be taking over as President of the association for 2024 from Dr Seema Bhargava.

**THANK YOU.**



# MINUTES OF THE 49<sup>th</sup> PRE-GB EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

(September 13, 2023, 4:30 p.m. Al-Saj Convention centre, Trivandrum)

The Executive Council (EC) of ACBI met on September, 13, 2023 at 4.30 pm in the Meeting room of Al-Saj Convention Center, Trivandrum. The Executive Council meeting was presided over by Dr. Seema Bhargava, President ACBI.

The meeting started with all members observing a 2 minutes' silence in the memory of Prof. Aditi Sen who passed away recently in Kolkata, India, Thursday the 18th of May 2023. She was a stalwart of the association who along with Prof. K. L. Mukherjee helped to establish the associations footprint in West Bengal. As long as she was able to, she did not miss a single ACBI conference, travelling the length and breadth of the country with her group of 4 to 5 diehard members. She was a guide & mentor to many biochemists in Kolkata.

Dr. Rajiv R Sinha, General Secretary of ACBI presented the minutes of the previous EC meeting and the same was accepted by the council. Dr Rajiv R Sinha, General Secretary, presented the Annual Report of the association for the year 2023. Accounts of the ACBI for the year 2022-2023 was presented by the Secretary, Dr. R. R. Sinha as the Treasurer had to cancel his meeting due to his sudden illness. On behalf of the Treasurer the Secretary informed members present about the current state of affairs of the association accounts. The association has 1 current account and multiple saving bank accounts in SBI & PNB. These saving bank accounts were opened as & when members of the association & or Organizing secretaries donated monies to start an oration or award. He informed that each & every account has to undergo KYC formalities every year leading to an unnecessary amount of paperwork. Our associations Chartered Accountant has suggested to close all Saving Bank accounts & FD and deposit the amount into the Current Account. Since the amount of award money in each award is known, it will become easy to maintain our account. The Secretary requested the EC members for their approval for this to which all EC members present agreed.

Dr. Seema Bhargava informed the members that the conference accounts has still not been finalized and she would submit at the very earliest. This was due to the fact that this year's annual conference was being held in September. Members acceded to her request.

Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Praveen Sharma, presented the report on the Indian Journal of Clinical Biochemistry and informed the members about the efforts being taken to keep the standard of IJCB high. The four issues of IJCB are being released on time. Dr. Sharma informed the EC that IJCB is being distributed to more than 9000 libraries around the world. The members were informed by the Editor-in-chief about the high regards that IJCB has generated by the increased number of citations and also downloads. Dr. Sharma requested members to send their article to be published in their own journal. EC members congratulated Editor-in-chief for achieving a milestone of Impact Factor 2.1 for the journal and also royalty of Rs. 19.0 lacs for 2022. EC members lauded the efforts of Dr. Praveen Sharma, his editorial team and Springer for their untiring effort to keep the IJCB's standard flying high.

The Convener of the ACBI/CMC-Vellore External Quality Assurance Program, Dr. Pamela Christudoss, presented the report on the ongoing EQA program for the year 2022-2023. She informed the EC that it is the 45<sup>th</sup> year of the CMCEQAS – Clinical biochemistry, under the Aegis of ACBI and was happy to mention that the vision and mission for which this programme had evolved 45 years ago, with 58 laboratories in 1978 has been gracefully taken forward to help the Indian labs – very small, small, medium, large, from private sector, Govt. hospital labs and even PHC'S. With increasing awareness of the importance of Quality control and External quality control in medical labs in India, the CMCEQAS has witnessed its growth in all dimensions with the increase in participating labs in the last few years and as of the year 2023 we have 11000 lab participants registered in 11 different programmes, 9 of these are accredited according to the ISO 17043:2010 standards. At this point all members thanked the Department of Clinical Biochemistry and the management for CMC, Vellore for their effort & zeal in successfully running this programme for 44 years.

Mr. Upendra Singh, Convener of the ACBI-Corporate wing was unable to attend this year as he had suffered a severe MI and had to undergo open heart Bypass surgery. All the members of the EC wished him speedy recovery

The General Secretary, Dr. Rajiv R. Sinha presented the new applications received for individual membership. He informed that in 2023, the total number of new applicants for membership was: Life member = 52, Associate Life member = 2. All the new applications were approved by the EC. The Secretary, Dr Rajiv Sinha informed the members that as of today our total Active membership strength stands at 2761, of which Life Members are 2452, Associate Life members – 245, Ordinary/Annual Members – 31, Corporate Members – 31 and Honorary Members – 2.

The nominations and the review reports received for the fellowship of ACBI were placed before the EC by the Secretary. The EC approved the recommendations of the committee to award the fellowship of ACBI to Dr. Sadhna Sharma, Chandigarh, Dr. Anjali Manocha, Delhi & Dr. Subir Kumar Das, Past President, ACBI.

Dr. Rajiv Sinha then placed before the EC the nominations received for different orations for 2023 and the reports of the oration award selection Committee. The EC ratified the decision of the selection committee.

The Secretary, Dr. Rajiv R Sinha placed before the EC, the applications received in response to the notification given in the ACBI News bulletin to fill the post of one Vice-President, Joint Secretary (HQ) and State Representatives. The President announced that there was two nominations for the post of Vice-President for which Dr Shailja Sharma (Jodhpur) and Dr Harsh Vardhan Singh (Delhi) have applied and both their nominations are in order. One nomination of Dr Prasenjit Mitra (Chandigarh) was received for Joint Secretary (HQ). Names were received for State Representatives.

For the post of State Representative, EC validated the applications received from Delhi, Haryana, Telangana, Bihar, Maharashtra, Chandigarh, UP & west Bengal for presentation before GB.

The EC members were informed that the award committee has recommended the name of Dr Rajendra Prasad, Ex-Prof. & Head, Department of Biochemistry, PGIMER, Chandigarh for this award for the year 2023.

The EC was informed by the secretary that request for organizing 50<sup>th</sup>. ACBI National conference in 2024 was approved by the EC in 2022 & was awarded to Dr Indu Verma who proposed to hold in Chandigarh. She was requested to appear before the EC during the Trivandrum conference and reiterate her position to host the 2024 conference. Dr Indu has reiterated her position to organize the 2024 ACBICON in Chandigarh by the department of

Biochemistry, PGIMER and it was accepted by the EC. The Secretary informed the EC that application was also received from Dr. Sadanand Naik (Pune) for 2025, Dr Mingma Lhamu Sherpa (SMIMS, Gangtok) for 2026 and AIIMS, Jodhpur for 2027. All the applications were approved and were to be placed before the GB for discussion and approval.

Dr. D. M. Vasudevan, Past President & Director, Indian Board of Clinical Biochemistry, presented a report on the progress of the Membership course of the Association. The course was started on 1st January 2013. The syllabus was approved by the ACBI. The course is for 3 years, with 30 topics. In the first batch 8 candidates have completed their course. Through successive batches, a total of 35 persons were enrolled, but only 20 students have completed their course. After the covid pandemic, in 2022 one student completed the course. Later one more completed the course. 3 new students have joined recently. The progress of the students during periodic monthly assessment so far has been satisfactory. Dr Vasudevan thanked Dr Kannan for ably assisting him in the day to day running of the course. The members expressed thanks to Dr Vasudevan and his whole team for running this flagship course of ACBI smoothly and successfully.

As had been the practice, the secretary placed before the EC members the proposal to honor members who have worked hard to hold various academic activities under the banner of ACBI. This year the Award of Best Zonal Representative of ACBI goes to Dr Dharamveer Yadav, Zonal Representative, North Zone and for Best State Representative to Dr Mamta Kankara (Delhi).

The Secretary informed the members of the EC that he had received suggestions from members to expand the role & horizon of our association. He explained that our role as Clinical Biochemists has undergone a vast change over the years. It was suggested that we should add the word "Laboratory Medicine" to our name, ACBI. He informed all about such an addition to the names of the International societies like IFCC – International Federation of Clinical Chemistry & Laboratory Medicine, APFCB – Asian-Pacific Federation of Clinical Biochemistry & Laboratory Medicine and AACC – Association for Diagnostic & Laboratory Medicine (ADLM). He requested members to give their opinion and also what would be the name of our society now. Members were unanimous in their opinion that the word "Laboratory Medicine" may be incorporated but the abbreviation of our association should remain as "ACBI". Many names were suggested and the secretary requested the members to think over it and suggest few names.

The General Secretary placed before the EC a proposal to specify the term of office of the President ACBI from January to December of that year. He explained that our annual conferences are usually held during the month of November, December. But over the years we have had to hold them at different times of the year depending on local conditions. This year it is being held in September. As per our constitution, the term of office of the Executive Board & committee is from one National conference to another. The Secretary placed before the EC their approval to define the term of office of the EB/EC from January of the year after the conference and ending on 31st. December of that year. The EC approved this proposal of the secretary. As per our established protocol, the incumbent President will symbolically hand over charge of President to the Organizing Secretary, who is the designated President for the next term.

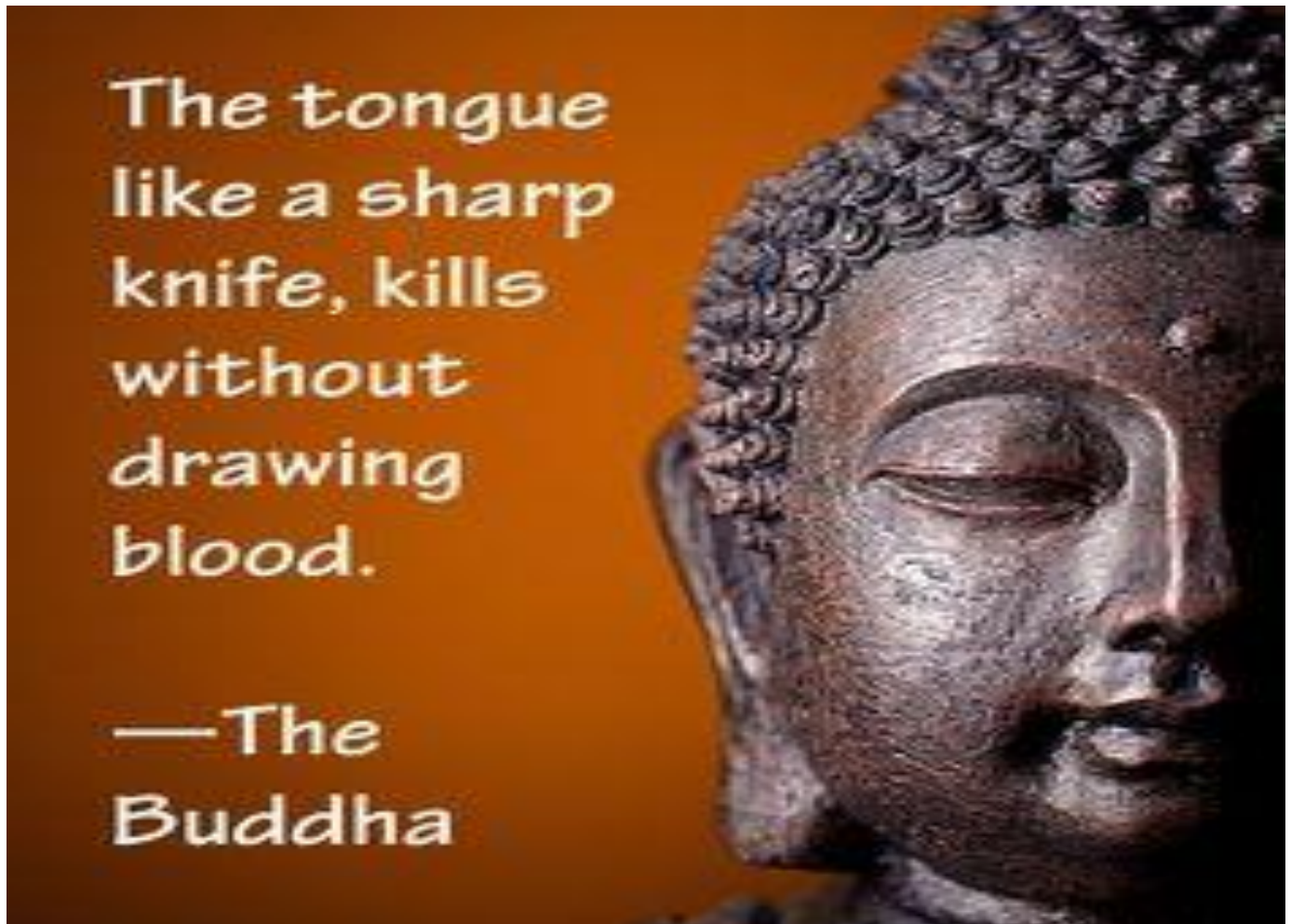
The Secretary informed the members that our association has bid for hosting the IFCC WORLDBLAD 2026 with New Delhi as the host city. He informed all present that our bid is being vetted by the IFCC C-CC and we should know the result soon.

He also informed the EC members that at the suggestion of the WASPalm Board, we had prepared and sent our bid to host the conference of WASPaLM in 2025. Since they suggested that it should preferably be held along with our National conference, we may have to change the 2025 conference from Pune to Mumbai, as Pune does not have the infrastructure to host an international congress. We also plan to invite IAPM & ACCLMP to be a part of this congress.

The Secretary placed before the EC issues related to Agenda for the 49th. Annual GB meeting. The Draft copy was placed before EC for its consideration & review. The EC approved of the agenda.

The Executive Council recorded its appreciation on the excellent leadership provided by Dr Seema Bhargava, the President during the year 2023, in carrying out the activities of ACBI.

The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks proposed by the secretary.



# MINUTES OF THE 49<sup>th</sup>. ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING

(September 15, 2023, 4:30 p.m. Al-Saj Convention centre, Trivandrum)

The 49th. General Body (GB) meeting of the Association of Clinical Biochemists of India (ACBI) was held on September 15th. 2023, at 4:30 PM in Al-Saj Convention Centre, Trivandrum. The meeting was presided over by Dr Kannan Vaidyanathan, President ACBI.

The meeting started with all members observing a 2 minutes' silence in the memory of Prof. Aditi Sen who passed away recently in Kolkata, India, Thursday the 18th of May 2023. She was a stalwart of the association who along with Prof. K. L. Mukherjee helped to establish the associations footprint in West Bengal. As long as she was able to, she did not miss a single ACBI conference, travelling the length and breadth of the country with her group of 4 to 5 diehard members. She was a guide & mentor to many biochemists in Kolkata.

The General Secretary, Dr. Rajiv R. Sinha, placed before the house the minutes of the 48th. General Body meeting held in New Delhi under the chairmanship of Dr Seema Bhargava, which was earlier circulated through March 2023 issue of the ACBI News Bulletin. (Volume No.51/ No.-01). As there were no comments received, the minutes were approved by the house.

The General Secretary presented the report of the EC regarding the applications received for hosting the 2024 National conference. Proposals had been received last year for hosting the 2024 ACBICON from Prof. Indu Verma, Professor & Head, Department of Biochemistry, PGIMER, Chandigarh and was accepted with a proviso that she should re-confirm her bid in Trivandrum in 2023. Dr. Indu has sent a confirmation letter for hosting it in 2024 in Chandigarh. Her proposal has been vetted by the Executive Board and is in order. The house unanimously decided to hold the 50th. 2024 Annual National Conference in Chandigarh with Dr. Indu Verma as organizing secretary. The house was informed that the conference would be held sometime in 1st. week of December 2024. She gave an audio-visual presentation on the ACBICON 2024 and extended warm invitation to everyone to participate in the Conference. She was requested by the President to be in constant touch with members of the ACBI Congress & Conference division for continuous guidance.

The General Secretary presented the report of the EC regarding the applications received for hosting the 2025 National conference. Among the nominations that were received for hosting the Annual National Conferences of subsequent years, Pune, under the leadership of Dr. Sadanand Naik, was approved for hosting the 51st. Annual National Conference of the Association in 2025. (ACBICON 2025).

However, the organizing team needs to re-confirm their bid during EC meeting at the ACBICON 2024 in Chandigarh. At this point the Secretary pointed out to the GB members that if ACBI's bid to host WASPaLM in Mumbai in 2025 is approved then as has been the previous practice, the 51st Annual conference of ACBI will be held along with the WASPaLM Congress in Mumbai.

Nomination for hosting the National Conference in 2026 at Gangtok, Sikkim was received from Dr Mingma Lhamu Sherpa, Professor & Head Biochemistry at Sikkim Manipal Institute of Medical Sciences, Gangtok (SMIMS). It was preliminarily approved for ACBICON 2026. Here also, the General Secretary informed the members that our association has bid for hosting the 2026 IFCC WORLDLAB in New Delhi in October 2026. If our bid is accepted, then the 2026 National conference will also be held in conjunction with the WORLDLAB.

Nominations were also received for hosting the 2027 conference in AIIMS, Jodhpur and also from AIIMS, Bhubaneswar for the 2028 conference.

The GB was informed of the important decisions taken at the EC meeting held on September 13th. The GB ratified the decisions taken during the 49th. Pre-GB EC meeting as noted below.

1. The Secretary informed the members of the EC that he had received suggestions from members to expand the role & horizon of our association. He explained that our role as Clinical Biochemists has undergone a vast change over the years. It was suggested that we should add the word "Laboratory Medicine" to our name, ACBI. He informed all about such an addition to the names of the international societies like IFCC – International Federation of Clinical Chemistry & Laboratory Medicine, APFCB – Asian-Pacific Federation of Clinical Biochemistry & Laboratory Medicine and AACC – Association for Diagnostic & Laboratory Medicine (ADLM). He requested members to give their opinion on this and also suggest as to what would be the name of our society after addition. Members were unanimous in their opinion that the word "Laboratory Medicine" may be incorporated but the abbreviation of our association should remain as "ACBI". Many names were suggested and the secretary requested the members to think over it and suggest few names

2. The General Secretary informed the GB of the decision of the EC to specify the term of office of the President ACBI from January to December of that year. The members were.



informed that our annual conferences are usually held during the month of November, December. But over the years we have had to hold them at different times of the year depending on local conditions. This year it is being held in September. As per our constitution, the term of office of the Executive Board & committee is from one National conference to another. The Secretary placed before the GB for their approval to define the term of office of the EB/EC from January of the year after the conference and ending on 31st. December of that year. The GB approved this proposal of the EC. As per our established protocol, the incumbent President will symbolically hand over charge of President to the Organizing Secretary, who is the designated President for the next term. The GB also authorized the General Secretary to incorporate this into the ACBI constitution.

3. The Secretary informed the members that our association has bid for hosting the IFCC WORLDLAB 2026 with New Delhi as the host city. He informed all present that our bid is being vetted by the IFCC C-CC and we should know the result soon.

4. He also informed the EC members that at the suggestion of the WASPalm Board, we had prepared and sent our bid to host the conference of WASPaLM in 2025. Since they suggested that it should preferably be held along with our National conference, we may have to change the 2025 conference from Pune to Mumbai, as Pune does not have the infrastructure to host an international congress. We also plan to invite IAPM & ACCLMP to be a part of this congress.

5. The General Secretary informed the honorable members that under the able leadership of Dr Praveen Sharma, Editor-in-Chief, IJCB and his team, our journal has achieved a milestone of Impact Factor of 2.1 and also has been able to earn a royalty of 19-20 lacs every year. To honour this achievement, the President presented an angrakha (shawl) to Dr Praveen Sharma. Members applauded the Dr Sharma and his team for this great achievement.

6. As has been the practice in the past, the Secretary announced the names of Best Zonal and State Representative of ACBI who have been at the forefront of organizing academic activities of ACBI in their areas. Dr Dharamveer Yadav was honoured for the Best Zonal Representative, North Zone; Dr Mamta Kankara was awarded the Best State Representative (Delhi).

7. The General Secretary informed the members that our association had submitted objections to UGMER 2023 that was published by the National Medical Commission. Many of our senior members contributed to the final letter sent to NMC. As you all must be aware, NMC withdrew the regulation and gazetted the new modified UGMER with suggestions from many sources.

8. The Secretary, Dr. Rajiv R Sinha placed before the EC, the applications received in response to the notification given in the ACBI News bulletin to fill the post of one Vice-President, Joint Secretary (HQ) and State Representatives.

The following were the members who were elected for the different posts in the EC for 2024.

(1) Vice President

(2) - Dr Shailja Chambial Sharma (Jodhpur) (2) Joint Secretary

(3) State Representative - Delhi – Dr. Sudip Dutta

Rajasthan – Dr Jairam Rawtani

West Bengal – Dr. Sulagna Ray Pal

Kerala – Dr. Abel Johnson

Maharashtra – Dr. Rohini Bhadre

Chandigarh – Dr. Arnab Pal

Punjab – Dr. Abhra Ghosh

Jammu & Kashmir – Dr Syed Mudassar

Orrisa - Dr Manaswini Mangraj

Andhra Pradesh - Dr. J. N. Naidu

Pondicherry – Dr. H. Nandeesh

Uttar Pradesh - Dr. Harsh Vardhan Singh

Telangana - Dr. I. Krishna Mohan

Tamil Nadu - Dr. R. Arivazhagan

Uttarakhand – Dr. Vinit Mehrotra

Karnataka – Dr Shashikant Nikam

Bihar – Dr Mala Mahto

Madhya Pradesh – Dr Pawan Kare

The house authorized the General Secretary to select the other state representative for which no nominations were received. Dr. Kannan Vaidyanathan, President, requested the elected State representative to be more active and to organize academic activities at a regular interval.

The General Secretary informed the house that Dr. Seema Bhargava (recipient –Dr. T. N. Pattabiraman Oration) has donated the money that she had received with the awards to the ACBI BENEVOLENT FUND. The GB applauded his gesture.

The Executive Council recorded its appreciation on the excellent leadership provided by Dr Seema Bhargava, the President during the year 2023, in carrying out the activities of ACBI.

The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks proposed by the Secretary.

# MINUTES OF THE 49<sup>th</sup>. POST G.B. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

(Al-Saj Convention Centre, Trivandrum, September 16, 2023)

The Newly elected Executive Council (EC) of ACBI met on September 16<sup>th</sup>. 2023, at 12:30 pm in the meeting room at Al-Saj Convention Center, Trivandrum. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Kannan Vaidyanathan, the President of ACBI. Dr. Kannan Vaidyanathan welcomed the members of the new Executive Council.

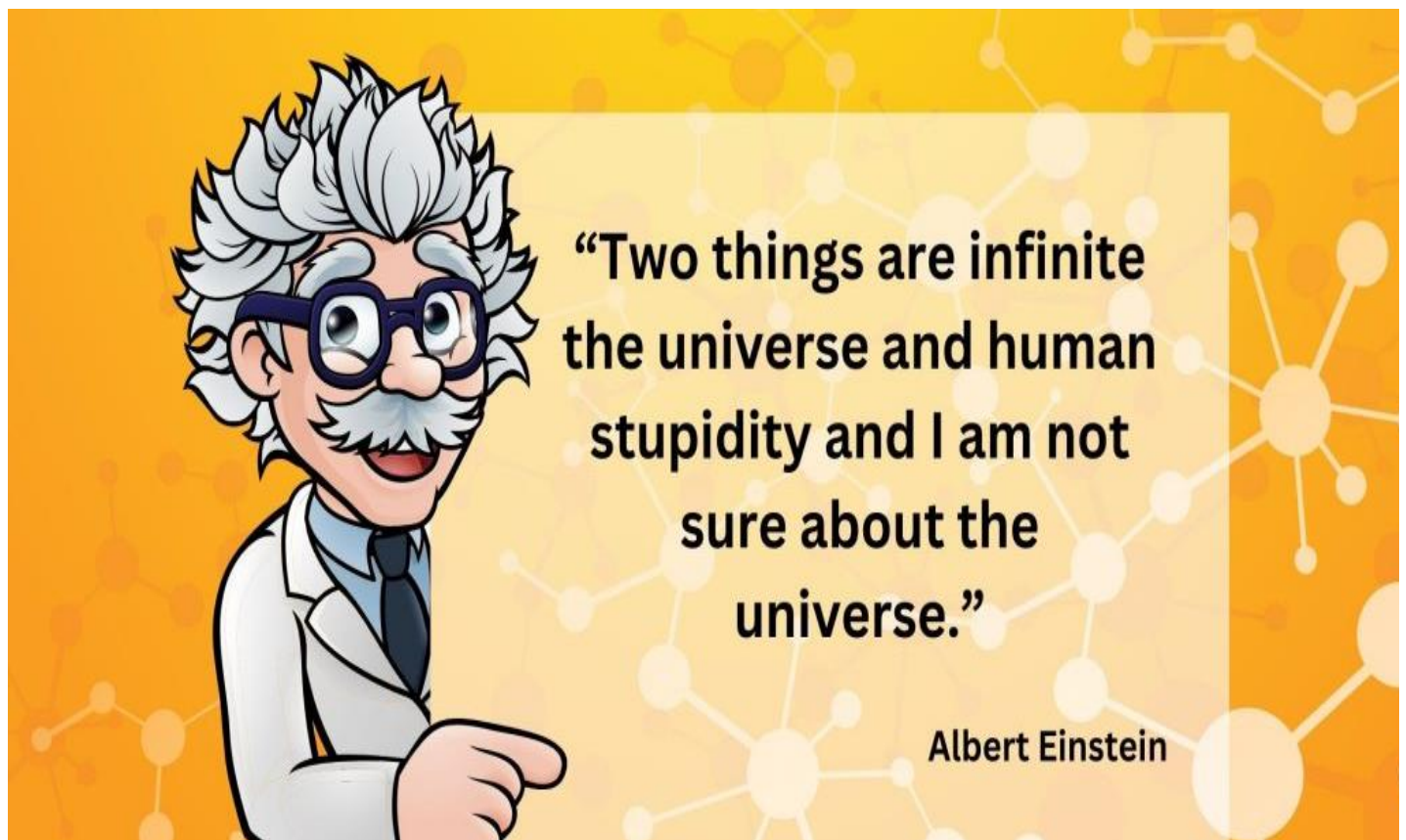
The Secretary, Dr Rajiv R Sinha presented the proceedings of the previous executive council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup>. September 2023, which was accepted.

**Taking stock of the organization of ACBICON 2023:** All the members were very appreciative of the manner in which the

organizing committee of the ACBICON 2023 had worked hard to host a very successful conference.

Dr. Kannan Vaidyanathan, the President placed before the EC the matter regarding declining attendance of members to the ACBI National Conference. He exhorted the Zonal EC members to liaise with the State representatives and try to find out the reason for this.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks from the President, Dr. Kannan Vaidyanathan.



## CALLING ALL YOUNG DELEGATES ....

### “ACBI YOUNG SCIENTIST BURSARY”

Applications are invited from Young scientists, who are members of ACBI, for the award of the ACBI Young Scientist Bursary for attending the ACBI National conference.

The criteria for bursary selection are as follows:

1. Age of the candidate should be 35 or less than 35 years on 31<sup>st</sup>. December of the year of the conference.
2. Candidate should be a member of ACBI
3. Having a Poster / Abstract accepted.
4. Work to be presented at conference should be original as evaluated by the Scientific committee.
5. The candidate should give an undertaking that he/she did not receive any grant from any other government or private sources.
6. The candidate should submit application through proper channel, i.e. signed by head of department or head of Institution.

**Two candidates** will be selected for award of **FULL BURSARY** and **Two candidates** will be selected for **PARTIAL BURSARY**. One bursary will be given to candidate contesting for any oral Award presentation, and the Second bursary will be given to candidate presenting Poster.

**FULL BURSARY: Rupees Ten Thousand each.**

**Each PARTIAL BURSARY: Rupees Seven Thousand each.**

Bursary recipient will be selected by the Bursary Award Committee on the basis of information provided through the “Bursary Application Form” submitted within the deadline provided in the Final Brochure of the conference & also on the ACBI Website.

The application along with all documents should be sent to the Organizing Secretary of the Conference before the last date for call for abstract as published in the Final brochure or the conference website.

Candidates applying would have to submit the following: (1) Proof of registration, (2) Proof of membership of ACBI, (3) Proof of age, and (4) copies of their Oral /Poster presentation to the committee for evaluation, (5) a letter stating that they have not received any grant for attending the conference. All applications have to be forwarded by their Head of departments /Institution. The Awardees name will be announced during the valedictory function of the conference.



## **Application for ACBI YOUNG SCIENTIST BURSARY AWARD**

**To,**

**Dr. Indu Verma**

Professor & Head

Department of Biochemistry

Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education & Research (PGIMER),

Sector 12, Chandigarh - 160 012

Email : [acbicon2024@gmail.com](mailto:acbicon2024@gmail.com)

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Sir/Madam,

I .....having ACBI Membership number .....am submitting an application for my name to be considered for the award of ACBI YOUNG SCIENTIST BURSARY to attend the Annual National Conference. I am aware of the terms and conditions of competing for the Bursary award and abide by the rules.

Enclosures:

1. Two sets of full text of the paper/Poster.
2. Documentary evidence of age.
3. No objection certificate from co-authors, if any
4. ACBI membership number
5. Photocopy of documentary evidence of membership.
6. Photocopy of evidence of registration for the conference and acceptance of Abstract/ Poster.

Kindly acknowledge the receipt of the same.

**Name** .....

**Educational Qualifications** .....

**Current Position** .....

**ACBI Membership Number:** .....

**Address**.....

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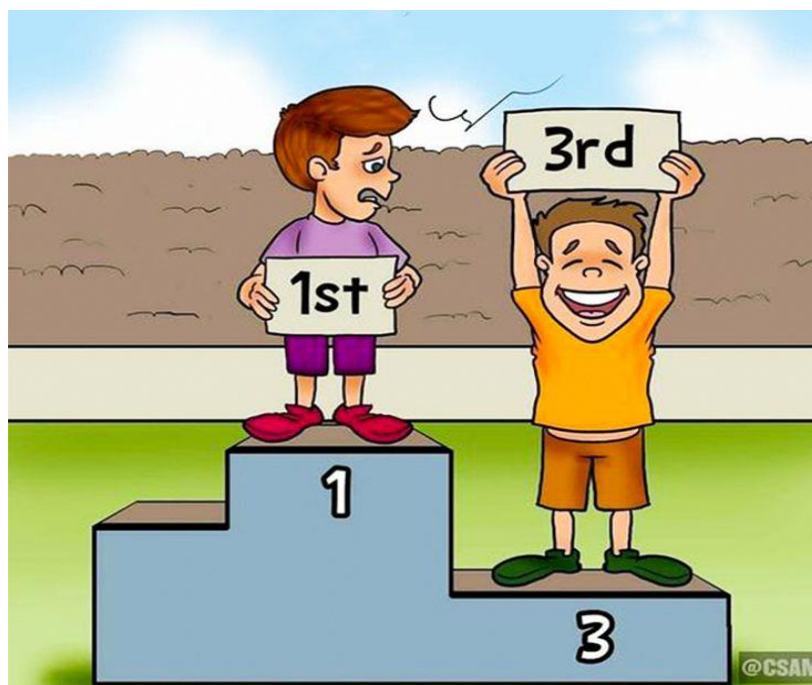
**Date**

**Name Signature and Address**

## A.C.B.I. Travel Fellowship

Applications are invited from Young members of the Association by the Organizing Secretary of the Annual conference for availing this fellowship. **This award shall be awarded to Young Members of ACBI below the age of 35 whose paper has been accepted for presentation and who has not availed any other assistance through any other source. Total number of Travel Fellowship award will be Five (5).** The Application for Travel Fellowship should be addressed to the General Secretary, ACBI and submitted to the ACBI Secretariat address [ Dr. Rajiv R. Sinha, General Secretary, EKATVAM, Biochem-Lab, Budha Colony Main Road, East Boring Canal Road, Patna – 800 001.] He/She should enclose proof of membership of ACBI, proof of Age, Proof of conference registration and certificate from the Head of the department of non-receipt of any other financial support. The award will be decided by a committee consisting of the Organising Secretary, President and General Secretary of ACBI. **The awardees will be given an award of Rupees Five Thousand each.** Preference will be given to those who has to travel from far of places. The awardees name will be announced during the valedictory function of the conference where the cheque and certificate will be presented.

The Travel Fellowship has been constituted by a donation of Rs. Twenty-five Thousand by Dr. A. S. Kanagsabapathy, Organising Secretary, ACBI conference, Vellore; Rs. Twenty-Five thousand by Dr. Vijay Singh Thakur, Organising Secretary of Workshop in Quality Control held at AIIMS, New Delhi, Donation of Rs. Fifty-Two Thousand by Mr. S. K. Manhar, Director, Priman Instruments Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi & from the ACBI Corpus Fund.



**Happiness is  
an attitude.**

# NOTICE

## ORAL PRESENTATION OF AWARD PAPERS

The Organizing Secretary shall be inviting papers for the below mentioned Awards from **members of the Association including sessional members** through the final announcement of the conference and the papers should reach the Organizing Secretary of the conference by the date fixed for receiving papers for the conference. These papers shall be evaluated by Scientific Committee of the conference. On the basis of evaluation done by members of the scientific committee, **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 by the President from amongst senior delegates for this purpose. Each presentation shall not be of more than 8 minutes' duration. After presentation of each paper, 2 minutes shall be devoted on discussion by the judges and the audience. The best paper author of each Award as decided by the judges shall be given certificate and money at the valedictory function. **You can make yourself ready to submit your paper in time indicating the name of the award for which the paper is being submitted. Any member whose age on 31<sup>st</sup> December of the Year is below 35 years, is eligible to take part in the contest.**

### [1] PITABUS-JAMUNA BURMA MEMORIAL AWARD

Dr. D. P. Burma, Professor of Biochemistry, Institute of Medical Sciences, Benaras Hindu University instituted this award in memory of his father and mother by donating a sum of Rs.5000/ in 1982. As per the resolution of the General Body passed in December 2011, Gwalior, this was further supplemented by a donation of Rs. 50,000 from the ACBI Corpus fund.

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 other author/authors, excluding himself and his group**, in any prestigious journal of the world in the preceding one year. **[It must not be your work]**. Application along with (1) 4 typed/photo copies of the write up, (2) 4 photocopies of the original paper, (3) documentary evidence of age and (4) proof of membership of ACBI should be submitted to the Organizing Secretary before the dead line.

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

### [2] SITA DEVI AWARD

This award was created by a donation of Rs.5000/ by the Organising Secretary of 6th. Annual Conference of ACBI, Dr. C. Sita Devi, in 1980 and later again Rs.5000/ from her own side. As per the resolution of the General Body passed in December 2011, Gwalior, this was further supplemented by a donation of Rs. 50,000 from the ACBI Corpus fund. The cash award and a certificate are given to the person whose paper in oral presentation was considered best and worth. The applicant shall submit (1) 4 typed/ photo copies of the paper, (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.

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

### [3] P. S. MURTHY - UCMS AWARD FOR BEST PAPER IN THE FIELD OF:

- (1) INFECTIOUS DISEASES,
- (2) DEVELOPMENT OF DRUGS FROM PLANT SOURCES
- (3) DIABETES and
- (4) CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES.

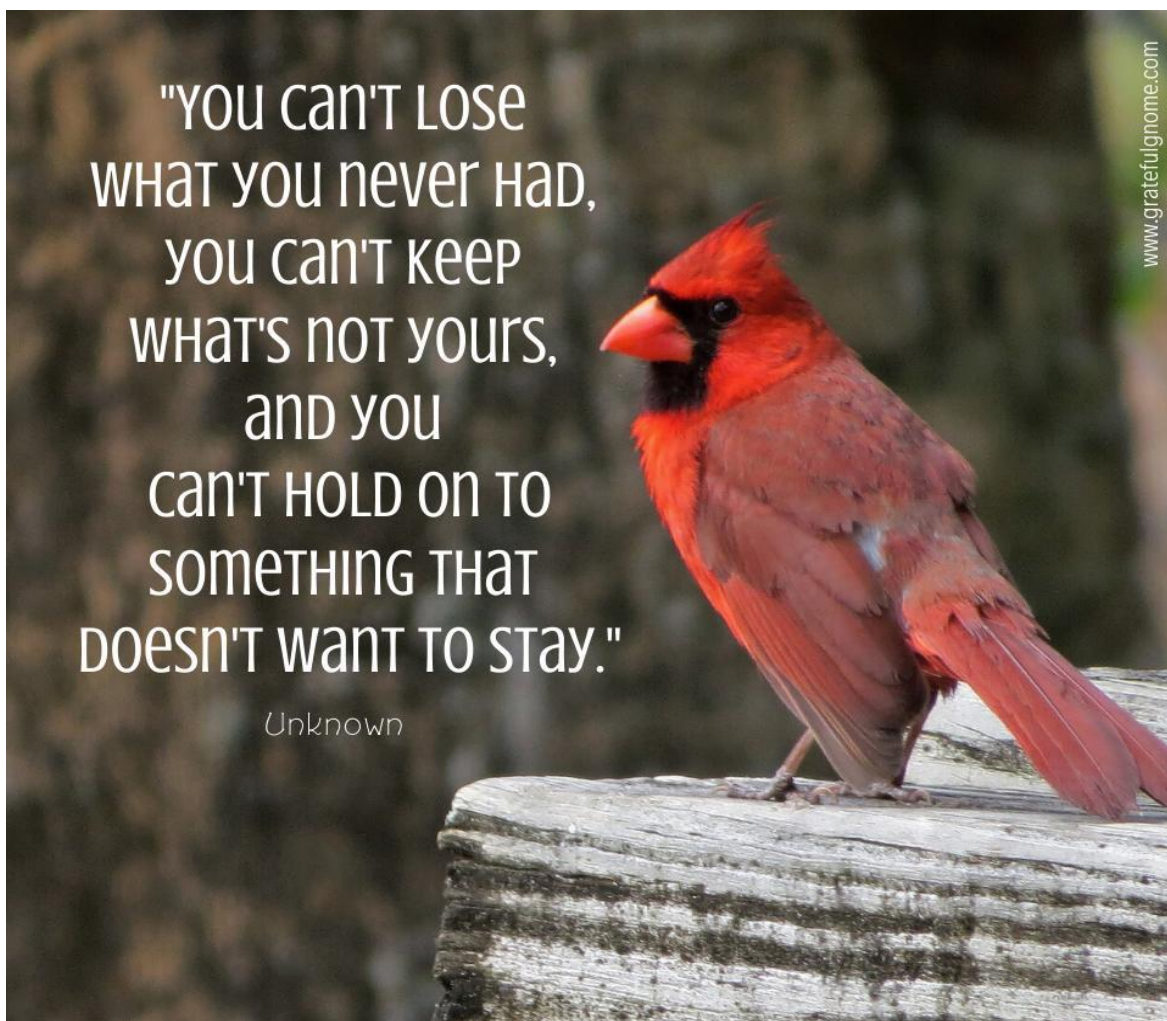
These awards were created by a donation of Rs. 10,000/ by Prof. P. S. Murthy in 1993. And subsequently as per the resolution of the General Body passed in December 2011, Gwalior, this was supplemented by a donation of Rs. 50,000 from the ACBI Corpus fund. This was further supplemented by a donation of Rs. 49,000 from the saving of the XX Annual conference held at Delhi. Papers for the award are invited under 4 categories, i.e. (1) **Infectious Diseases**, and (2) **Development of Drugs** (3) **Diabetes** and (4) **Cardiovascular Diseases**. **One best paper in each category is awarded with 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. The award shall be presented to winners during the Valedictory Function of the conference.

The applicant shall submit (1) 4 typed/ photo copies of the paper, (2) documentary evidence of age (3) no objection certificate from co-authors, if any and (4) evidence of membership of ACBI, to the Organizing Secretary before the dead line.

#### [4] MGIMS AWARD FOR BEST PAPER IN THE FIELD OF TROPICAL DISEASES

This award was created in the year 1994 by a donation of Rs. 10,000/ by Dr. B. C. Harinath, the Organising Secretary of 20<sup>th</sup>. ACBI conference, Sevagram,. As per the resolution of the General Body passed in December 2011, Gwalior, this was further supplemented by a donation of Rs. 50,000 from the ACBI Corpus fund.

In case no paper is considered worth, then similar papers in Poster Sessions should be considered for the award. The award shall be presented to winners during the Valedictory Function of the conference.



## POSTER AWARDS

A number of awards will be granted to the best posters presented at the conference. All young scientists aged 35 year or less (on 31<sup>st</sup>. December of that year) submitting a poster at the ACBI National conference will be considered for the Poster Award Competition. No applications are required to be submitted.

(NOTE: If not already a ACBI member, then one has to take a Sessional Membership by applying to ACBI Head office. Membership Form to be downloaded from [www.acbindia.org.in](http://www.acbindia.org.in))

### [1] NIMS AWARD FOR BEST POSTER.

The award was instituted in 1994 by a donation of Rs. 10,000/ by the Organizing Secretary of XIX Annual Conference of ACBI, Dr. T. Malati, Professor and Head of the Dept. of Biochemistry, Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS), Hyderabad. As per the resolution of the General Body passed in December 2011, Gwalior, this was further supplemented by a donation of Rs. 50,000 from the ACBI Corpus fund.

There are 2 awards - One award is for the best poster in the **field of Cancer** and another in **Non-Cancer** field. **There is no application required to win this award.** All posters shall be evaluated by a panel of judges drawn from the delegates, who have been selected by the President in consultation with the Organizing secretary. The award shall be presented during the Valedictory function of the conference.

### [2] Dr. P. Usha Sarma Best Poster Award in Genomic Proteonomic sciences – Clinical Application

The award was instituted in 2013 by a donation of Rs. 50,000/ by Dr. P. Usha Sarma, Retired Professor and Head of the Dept. of Biochemistry, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Institute of Genomic Research, New Delhi. There will be one award to the Best poster in the field of Genomic Proteonomic Sciences – Clinical application during the ACBI Annual Conference.

### [3] Dr. Jayshree Bhattacharya Best Poster Award in the field of Cardiac & Metabolic Diseases

The award was instituted in 2022 by a donation of Rs. 1,00,000/ by Dr. Jayshree Bhattacharya, Professor, Dept. of Biochemistry, Lady Harding Medical College, New Delhi. There are 2 awards. One award to the Best poster in the field of Cardiac diseases and another in the field of Metabolic Diseases during the ACBI Annual Conference

### [3] POSTER AWARDS FROM ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Organizing Committee shall also announce 5 or more awards for excellent posters and the process of selection will be the same by the same judges of the NIMS Award. **There is no application required to win this award.**

Thus Poster awards fall in following categories: -

- (1) Cancer – 1
- (2) Non-cancer – 1
- (3) Genomic Proteonomic Sciences – Clinical Application
- (4) In case no award is given for Oral presentation of
  - (a) P. S. Murthy Award for (i) Infectious diseases (ii) Development of drugs from plant sources, And
  - (b) MGIMS Award for papers on Tropical diseases. Posters on these topics will by considered for those awards
- (5) Organizing committee award for visually excellent Posters.

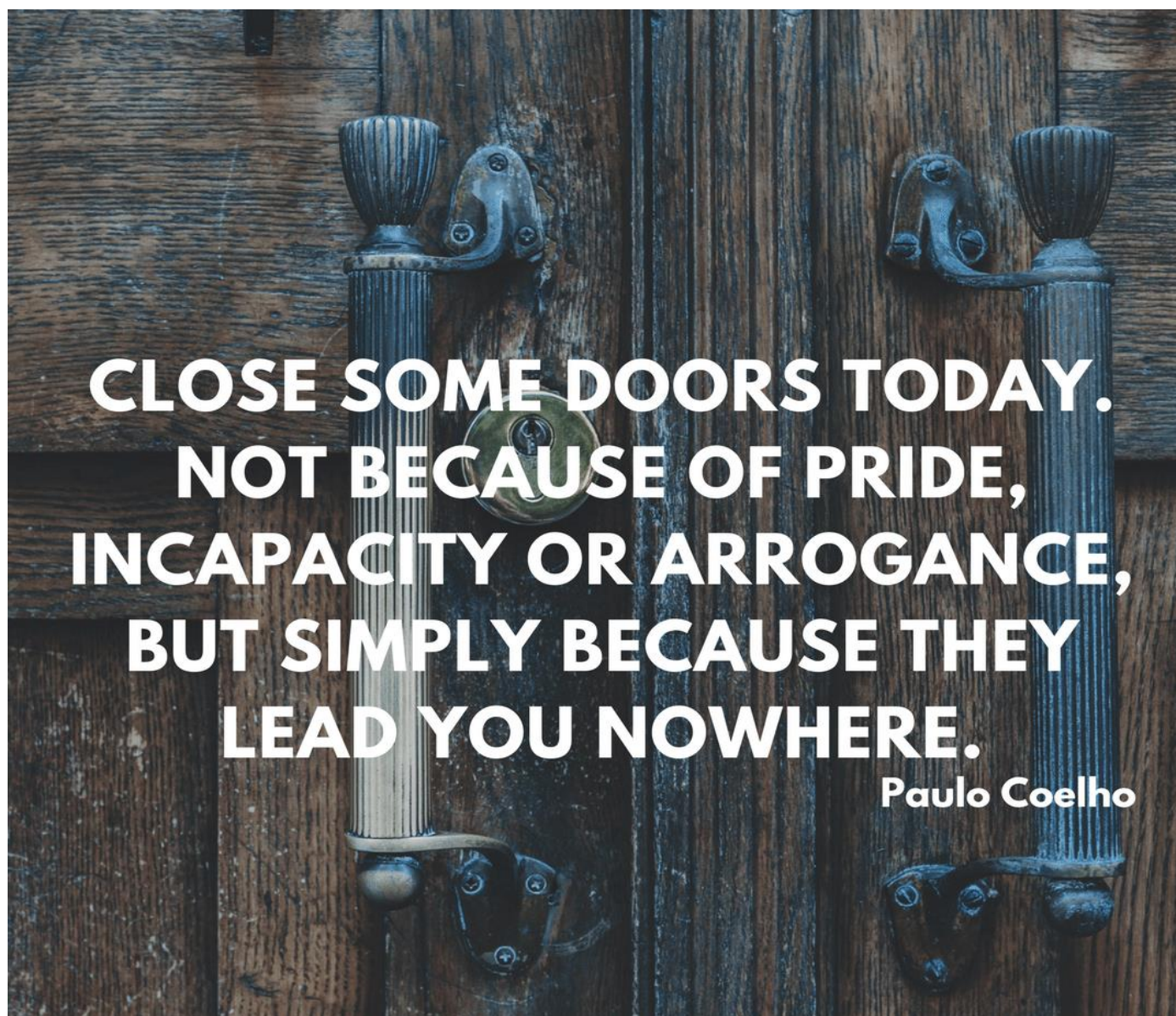




# AFMC QUIZ AWARD

This award was instituted by the Organizing Secretary of 33<sup>rd</sup> ACBICON 2006, Pune, Col. Parduman Singh by giving a sum of Rs. 2,00,000 from the savings of the conference. The money shall be deposited in Fixed Deposit by Head Office and out of annual interest accrued, 70% shall be used for giving award and 30% shall be reinvested in fixed deposit to take care of inflation and varying interest rates. There shall be **two awards** each year based on QUIZ contest held during conference. Col. Singh has further donated a sum of Rs. 5000.0 for preparation of a RUNNING TROPHY which shall be given to one who scores highest marks in the contest. He / she shall return the trophy to the next Organizing Secretary before next annual conference is held.

This quiz is open to all young Clinical Biochemists and Post-graduate's students in Biochemistry/ Clinical Biochemistry in **Medical institutions** whose age on 31<sup>st</sup> December of the year shall be below 35 years. Those desirous of taking part in this competition should give their name to the organizing secretary



## Application for ACBI Best Paper Award

**To,**  
**Dr. Indu Verma**

Professor & Head  
Department of Biochemistry  
Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education & Research (PGIMER),  
Sector 12, Chandigarh - 160 012  
Email : [acbicon2024@gmail.com](mailto:acbicon2024@gmail.com)

Sir/Madam,

I am submitting a paper entitled .....  
.....  
..... by..... et al, for the best paper award during the conference. I  
am aware of the terms and conditions of competing for the award and abide by the rules.

**Preference for the award to be considered is indicated as below (only one choice):** - Pitabus Jamuna Burma Award /  
Sita Devi Award / P. S. Murthy Award / MGIMS Award **(tick the preference)**

**Enclosures:**

1. Two sets of full text of the paper, along with abstract in a format as required for IJCB
2. Documentary evidence of age
3. No objection certificate from co-authors, if any
4. ACBI membership number
5. Photocopy of documentary evidence of membership

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

**Name** .....

**Address**.....  
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**Contac Numbers:** .....

**E-mail id** .....

**Date**

**Name Signature and Address**



# Application for AFMC QUIZ Award

**Dr. Indu Verma**

Professor & Head

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Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education & Research (PGIMER),

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Email : [acbicon2024@gmail.com](mailto:acbicon2024@gmail.com)

Sir/Madam,

I ..... wish to participate in the AFMC Quiz competition I am aware of the terms and conditions of competing for the award and abide by the rules.

**Enclosures:**

1. ACBI membership number
2. Photocopy of documentary evidence of membership.

**Name** .....

**Address**.....

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**Contac Numbers:** .....

**E-mail id** .....

**Date**

**Name Signature and Address**



# Notice

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

Nominations for award of FACBI to suitable ACBI members are invited from Fellows and senior members of the Association so as to reach the General Secretary Dr. Rajiv R. Sinha, Biochem-Lab, Budha Colony Main Road, East Boring Canal Road, Budha Colony Main Road, Patna – 800 001. email: kpsacbi@yahoo.co.in) by **31<sup>st</sup>. July 2024**

Association of Clinical Biochemists of India awards Fellowship to distinguished members of the Association on the basis of their achievement.

### **Eligibility for the nominee:**

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

Nomination letter duly signed by proposer along with **4 copies** of (a) Biodata of nominee in the prescribed format (to **be downloaded from ACBI website: ACBI Constitution- Annexure**), (b) list of publications by the nominee in IJCB or other indexed journals with **4 copies of reprints of 6 papers of which 3 are recent ones**, (c) proof of various statements made in Biodata.

### **Format for Nomination of Fellow of ACBI**

To  
The Secretary  
Association of Clinical Biochemists of India  
Dr. Rajiv R. Sinha  
Biochem-Lab  
East Boring Canal Road,  
Budha Colony Main Road,  
Patna – 800 001

Sir,

I ..... have the pleasure of nominating

Dr. .... (name, address & ACBI membership number).

I also enclose (a) Biodata of nominee and (b) list of publications with reprints of 6 papers.

Name: .....

Address:

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Contact No.....

Date

Place

Signature of the proposer

# Congratulations

## Winners of ACBI Fellowships and Awards, 2023

### ACBI FELLOWSHIP AWARD (FACBI)

1. Prof. Sadhna Sharma, Professor, Department of Biochemistry, PGIMER, Chandigarh. India
2. Dr. Anjali Manocha, Vice-Chairperson and Senior Consultant, Department of Biochemistry, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi.
3. Dr. Subir Kumar Das, Professor & Head, Department of Biochemistry, JLN Medical College, Kalyani, Nadia. India

### ACBI- A. J. THAKUR AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICES IN CLINICAL BIOCHEMISTRY & LABORATORY MEDICINE.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Professor & Head (Retd), Department of Biochemistry, PGIMER, Chandigarh. India

### ACBI ORATION AWARDS, 2023

#### AWADHESH SARAN MEMORIAL ORATION

Prof. Shyam S. Chauhan, Department of Biochemistry, All India Institute of Medical Sciences.

*‘Clinical significance of Heterogenous Nuclear Ribonucleoprotein D (HnRNPD) in Oral Cancer.’*

#### DR. K. P. SINHA ORATION

Prof. Tony Badrick, Chief Executive Officer, Royal College of Pathology Australasia – QAP, Australia & President, APFCB

*“Counting on patients, 1 and All”*

#### SETH G. S. MEDICAL COLLEGE & KEM HOSPITAL ORATION

No Oration.

#### DR T. N. PATTABIRAMAN ORATION AWARD

Dr. Seema Bhargava, Chairperson & Senior Consultant, Department of Biochemistry & Professor, GRIPMER, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi

*“The Nobel Laureates of Biochemistry and the ‘Not So Nobel’*

#### K. L. GUPTA MEMORIAL ORATION

Dr. Alpana Sharma, Professor, Department of Biochemistry, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi

*“Novel Mechanistic Approaches and recommendations in Cancer: From Diagnostics to Therapeutics”*

#### MRS. & DR G. P. TALWAR ORATION AWARD

Dr. Medha Rajappa., Associate Dean (Research) and Professor of Biochemistry, Jawaharlal Institute Postgraduate Medical Education & Research, Puducherry.

*“Biomarker Signatures of Inflammatory Skin Diseases and their Clinical Implications. “*

## **DR PRAVEEN SHARMA ORATION**

**Dr. Poornima Manjrekar**, Professor of Biochemistry, KMC, Mangalore

*“Changing Face of Type 2 Diabetes: Trends and Trojans”*

## **TARANATH MEMORIAL POPULAR LECTURE ORATION AWARD**

**Professor Chandrabhas Narayana**, FASc, FRSC, FNAsc., Director, Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala

*“Two decades of Raman spectroscopy as diagnostics, drug discovery, protein structure function studies”*

## **OTHER AWARDS**

**K.P. SINHA - P.S. KRISHNAN AWARD FOR BEST PAPER PUBLISHED IN IJCB (2023):**

**Ebtsam Hamed Khalil, Olfat G. Shaker & Nabil A. Hasona**

“Impact of rs2107425 Polymorphism and Expression of lncH19 and miR-200a on the Susceptibility of Colorectal Cancer” Vol. - **38, No.- 2, Year 2023**

**Pitabus – Jamuna Burma Memorial Award**

**Dr. Shruti Gupta**, Department of Biochemistry Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research (PGIMER) Chandigarh, India

“Growth Differentiation Factor 15: A Prognostic Marker in Patient with Acute Chest Pain Without Acute Myocardial Infarction”

## **DR SITA DEVI AWARD**

**Dr. Marilyn Masih**, Senior Resident, Dept. of Biochemistry GIPMER New Delhi

“Tumor markers and Cytokines in Early vs Advanced staged breast cancer patients; Recognizing the most probable blood-based biomarkers for early cancer.”

## **NIMS BEST POSTER AWARD:**

(1) **CANCER: Dr. Jyoti Sharma**, Department of Biochemistry, AIIMS Jodhpur.

“The diagnostic value of miRNA 7-5p in Head and Neck Cancers

(2) **NON-CANCER: Janani Iswarya. S**, Christian Medical college, Vellore.

“Molecular fingerprinting technique-FTIR spectroscopy Vs conventional chemical analysis for urolithiasis”

## **P. S. MURTHY AWARD FOR BEST POSTER:**

(1) **DRUG DEVELOPMENT FROM PLANT SOURCES / CVD**

**Neha Masarkar**, Ph.D. Scholar, DEPARTMENT OF BIOCHEMISTRY, AIIMS BHOPAL

“Chemotherapeutic potential of naturally derived Bio-active compounds from Moringa oleifera in targeting HIF-1 $\alpha$  and its associated genes in Breast Cancer treatment”

(3) **INFECTIOUS DISEASES**

**No Award.**

(3) **CARDIO VASCULAR DISEASES:**

**Komal Sagar**, PhD scholar, Department of Biochemistry, AIIMS, New Delhi

“: Impaired Homing of Regulatory Cells (MDSCs & Tregs) Contribute to Persistent Inflammation in Atherosclerosis”

(4) **DIABETES**

**Dr. Andystar Syiemlieh**, Junior Resident, Department of Biochemistry, AIIMS Jodhpur, Rajasthan

“Expression of branched-chain amino acid metabolism pathway genes and their association to metabolic dyslipidemia in Indian population with type 2 diabetes mellitus: A crosssectional study”

### **MGIMS (Sewagram) Award**

**Dr. Diksha Chandrakar, PG JR, Department of Biochemistry AIIMS, RAIPUR**

“Effect of unmetabolized folic acid on immunoinflammatory markers in sickle cell disease patients taking folic acid supplementation”

### **DR. P. USHA SARMA BEST POSTER AWARD IN GENOMIC PROTEOMIC SCIENCES – CLINICAL APPLICATION**

**Yogesh P. Dhekale, Bhabha Atomic Research Center, Mumbai, India.**

“Overexpression & purification of recombinant PSTS-1 antigen of Mycobacterium tuberculosis and its use for isolation of anti-PSTS1 single domain antibody (nanobody) from phage display library produced in camel.”

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1. **Dharmshel Shrivastav, Amity Institute of Biotechnology, Amity University Rajasthan, Jaipur, India.**

“Role of White Blood Cells and Neutrophil-to-HDL Ratio in Predicting Reduced Left Ventricular Ejection Fraction in Heart Failure: A Comprehensive Analysis”

2. **Dr. Shahid Akbar Mujawar, Department of Biochemistry, Grant Government Medical College and Sir J.J. Group of Government Hospitals, Byculla, Mumbai**

“Elevated Serum Total Testosterone Levels and Their Relationship with Hypertension in Preeclampsia”

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Exploring cytokine Dysregulation in Treatment-resistant Schizophrenia: Insights from North Indian Population.
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# **BRANCH REPORTS**

## **SOUTH ZONE CONFERENCE**

### **Department of Clinical Biochemistry, CMC Vellore - GOLDEN JUBILEE**

The SOUTH ZONE ACBI CONFERENCE was organized by the department of Clinical Biochemistry and the Tamil Nadu Chapter of ACBI on the 27 & 28 Jan 2023, to mark the Golden jubilee of the department. The programme began with prayer. Dr. Pamela Christudoss, Professor & HOD welcomed the Dignitaries and the delegates and introduced the event. The dignitaries: Dr. Joy Mammen, Associate Director (Medical); Dr. Solomon Satish Kumar, Principal; Dr. Arivazhagan, HOD, Adayar Cancer Research Institute & ACBI-TN State Representative; Dr.A.S Kanagasabapathy (Former Professor & Head of Department of Clinical Biochemistry), Dr.Peter Hill, (Former Professor, Dept of Clin. Biochemistry), Dr. Raju, Deputy Director (TN State Public Health Laboratories) and Mr. N Venkateswaran, CEO, NABL - Chief guest gave their felicitations. Mr N. Venkateswaran and Dr. Raju acknowledged the Outreach service- EQAS (External Quality assurance scheme) provided by the department to the medical labs in the country.

The conference began with the Key note address of the rich experience from the stalwarts of Clinical Biochemistry—Dr. A S Kanagasabapathy & Dr.Peter Hill. The conference was well attended by 150 delegates which included MD biochemists, PhD'S, Lab managers, Quality managers from South India. Around 17 speakers inclusive of Professors from the Clinical departments in CMC and from other Medical Institutions in India and as well from overseas were invited to give the guest lectures. The Clinical Biochemistry laboratory has its humble beginnings in the early 60s with the simple manual photometric methods for routine chemistries requiring large volume of patients' blood, long procedures which resulted in delayed test results. The introduction of the continuous-flow batch analyser in 1970, followed by Hitachi discrete selective analyser in 1985, Chemiluminescent technology in 1997, improved sensitivity and TAT.

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Dr. Pamela acknowledged the dedication and contributions of Dr. Robert Carman, Ms. Margaret Nash, and the former Heads of the department of Clinical Biochemistry. The commitment of the faculty, Technical staff, Office facilitators and support staff of the Department both past & present were acknowledged. Planning and Setting up another Laboratory at the new CMC Vellore, Ranipet campus in 2022 was indeed a humongous job and was completed in record time. Our appreciation to the ACBI for giving us this opportunity and the ACBI Tamil Nadu representative for the support. Our appreciation to the NABL office & team for their positive criticisms during the various assessments which has helped in continual improvement. The department takes this opportunity to thank the Administration of CMC and to the Clinicians for their kind support & encouragement through the past 5 decades.







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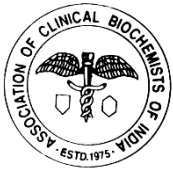
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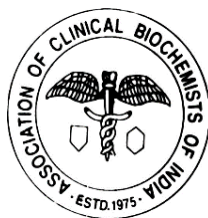
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**Date:** 6 November 2023  
**Ref:** 2024 IFCC Travel Scholarships

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