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Respected Senior's & Friends,

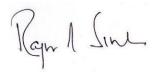
Greetings.

It is again that time of the year when we get together again and savor what science has to offer amongst the sublime beauty of "God's Own Country". This year's conference in Thiruvananthapuram is being held earlier in the month of September to beat the holiday price!

It is my earnest request to all Life members to attend the GB meeting to make our association vibrant. Give your thoughts on how to make our conferences more attractive. Looking forward to meeting you all in Thiruvavnthapuram. Do plan your trip. Adieu!

Dr Rajiv R. Sinha General- Secretary, ACBI & Editor-in-Chief

With warm regards,



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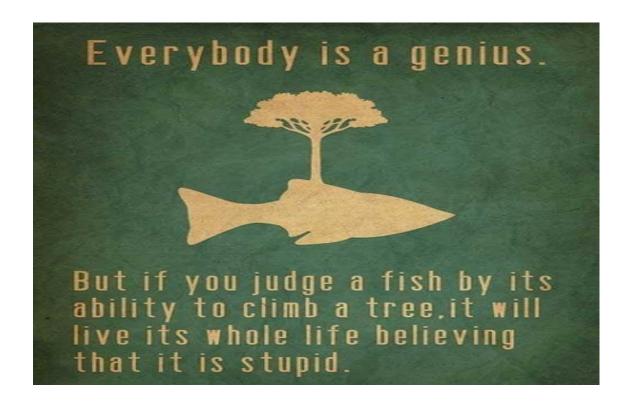


Prof. Aditi Sen

May 2023

It is with sadness we announce the passing 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 association's 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 she Rest in peace.



NOTICE

We want that all members should actively participate in ACBI activities and be kept informed about the programmes and activities. For this we require your correct addresses and email ID. Please check your details on the ACBI website www.acbindia.org.in and if any correction is needed, kindly download the ADDRESS CORRECTION FORM, fill it up and email the same to kpsacbi@yahoo.co.in.



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Did you know that the Clinical Chemistry Trainee Council provides free educational materials to residents, fellows, and trainees in laboratory medicine and pathology? To access these resources, complete the free and quick registration at www.traineecouncil.org. There's never been a better time to be a part of the Clinical Chemistry Trainee Council.



NEWS FROM BRANCHES/ZONES

RAJASTHAN STATE BRANCH.

Report on the Workshop on Basic Molecular Techniques

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 under the aegis of the Rajasthan Association of Clinical Biochemists India. The Five days workshop was inaugural ceremony was graced by Prof. Madhabananda Kar, Executive Director, Dr. Kuldeep Singh, Dean Academics and Dr. Mithu Banerjee, HOD Biochemistry, AlIMS, Jodhpur. Dr. Dharmveer Yadav, organizing secretary, welcomed all candidates for the five-day workshop. The workshop brought together experts from various fields who enlightened the participants on various Basic Molecular Techniques. The sessions on each day had lectures followed by hands-on training. On the 14th of March, the forenoon session started with a lecture on "Nucleic Acid Extraction" by Dr. Bhawana Bissa, Assistant Professor, Central University of Rajasthan and was followed by hands-on training on Nucleic acid extraction by Team Genetix. The afternoon session had hands-on training on the DNA and RNA extraction and Quantification of nucleic acids. The inaugural event was held at 4.30 PM on the 14th of March at the e-Class Room, AIIMS Jodhpur. On the 15th of March, the forenoon session started with a lecture on "Polymerase Chain Reaction" and was followed by lecture on PCR reaction and cDNA synthesis By Dr. Aditya Mishra. The afternoon session started had hands-on training on sample preparation and loading of PCR. The day concluded with a hands-on training session on Interpretation of PCR and lecture on RFLP by Dr. Deepak Parchwani Additional Professor AllMS, Rajkot. On the 16th of March, the forenoon session started with a hands-on training session on Restriction digestion and Gel electrophoresis. The afternoon session started with a lecture on Interpretation of Gel and interpretation of gene expression analysis by Dr. Prasenjit Mitra, Assistant Professor, PGIMER Chandigarh leading the session. On the 17th of March the session started with lecture on Basics of Bioinformatics along with the workshop conducted by Dr. Pankaj Yadav, Assistant Professor, IIT Jodhpur. The lecture followed by hands-on session on Bioinformatics by team from IIT Jodhpur. Following lunch, the participants along with the faculty visited sand dunes of Osian. On the 18th of March the session started with lecture on Primer designing and gradient PCR by Dr. Rohit Saluja Assistant Professor AlIMS, Bibinagar. The workshop concluded on 18th March 2022, with the concluding ceremony. The concluding ceremony was chaired by Prof Praveen Sharma and Dr. Mithu Banerjee, Dept of Biochemistry, AlIMS, Jodhpur. Dr. Dharmveer Yadav gave the vote of thanks and participants were felicitated with certificates and momentos.



WEST BENGAL STATE MEET

ACBI West Bengal Chapter Meeting

Goumara, Jalpaiguri Dist, Jalpaiguri June 16-17, 2023

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 program was started with the talk of Prof Nibhriti Das. Her topic was "Complement cytokine axis in autoimmune disorders." Prof Sadhana Sharma from AIIMS, Patna discussed on "Identification of Substrates of MBL Associated Serine Proteas-1 (MASP-1) From Human Plasma Using N-Terminomic Strategy." Prof. Kalyan Goswami from AIIMS, Kalyani discussed on "Autoimmunity: From Bench to Bed, Translational Prospect of Basic Research." Student participants had presented their work, which were critically discussed by eminent faculty members.

In inaugural program, Dr Amitabha Das, Associate Prof., from College of Medicine & JNM Hospital, WBUHS had welcome the delegates. The Program was inaugurarted with lamp lightning and souvenir release. Prof Ramji Singh, Hon'ble Executive Director, AIIMS, Kalyani and Guest of Honor for the Conference had delivered his address. Prof Krishnajyoti Goswami, past president of ACBI discussed on "Clinical Biochemistry and Climate Change", Corporate representatives from Snibe Diagnostics India Pvt Ltd and Transasia Biomedicals Pvt Ltd discussed on their product, while representatives from Roche Diagnostics India Pvt Ltd discussed on importance of CSF analysis in diseases associated with ageing. All participants then raised issue on NMC proposals on Biochemistry syllabus, teaching and evaluation. Members had agreed to send their opinion by email to the Organizing Secretary, 49th ACBICON. The inaugural program was concluded with remarks from the Organizing Secretary of this event, Dr. Mrityunjoy Halder. All delegtes enjoyed the rainy afternoon visiting Samsing, Jaldhaka and Bindu, the last Indian village bordering Bhutan

Second day program was started with the talk of Prof Kannan Vaidyanathan on "Biology of SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19)". Dr Sudip K Datta from AlIMS, New Delhi discussed on "A Novel Approach for Prognostication in COVID-19 using Routinely Used Laboratory Parameters". Dr Sukhes Mukherjee from AlIMS, Bhupal discussed on "Moringa oleifera Leaf Extract Inhibits Migration, Induces Apoptosis and Alters the Molecular Switches Of HIFs-Controlled Signature Genes in vivo and in vitro". Dr Biswajit Pal from CSIR-CCMB, Hyderabad discussed on

"Soluble Guanylate Cyclase: from bench to bed side." Finally, there was a panel discussion on "Translational research and the evolving landscape for biomedical innovation: Ethical, Legal and Regulatory Issues."

It was the second outreach Clinical Biochemistry conclave by the ACBI West Bengal Chapter. All delegates demanded to continue such outreach focused topic meeting regularly every year. The program ended with Vote of thanks.

Members of the Association of Clinical Biochemists of India (ACBI) from West Bengal organized two day Symposium on the 27th and 28th August 2022 on the theme on "Emerging Diagnostics in Post-COVID era" at Hotel Sea Star Resort, Mandarmani, Digha. Dr Chanchal Kr Dalai, Medical Superintendent, College of Medicine & JNM Hospital, WBUHS welcomed the dignitaries. Prof Subir Kr Das, President of ACBI, highlighted the motto of ACBI and the theme of this Symposium. Prof Suhrita Paul, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, WBUHS addressed the audiences, followed by lightning of lamp and released Souvenir of the program. Prof Ramji Singh, Hon'ble Executive Director, AlIMS, Kalyani and Guest of Honor of this Symposium highlighted his association with ACBI.

Prof Suhrita Paul, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, WBUHS, initiated Scientific Session with brief overview on 'Therapeutic Drug monitoring'. Mr Sandeep Dash from Snibe Diagnostics India Ltd briefly discussed their contribution to laboratory services, health care and related academic activities. Dr Mrityunjoy Halder, organizing Secretary highlighted about the symposium.

Prof Krishnajyoti Goswami, Past President of ACBI highlighted the Influential Lessons on Laboratory Medicine in the COVID 19 Era. Prof Binita Goswami from Moulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi discussed on Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) for COVID-19. Prof Manaswini Mangaraj from AIIMS, Bhubaneswar highlighted the impact on diagnostic practices due to COVID-19 pandemic with special reference to tuberculosis and malaria.

Dr Vijay Kumar Kutala from Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences, Hyderabad highlighted the newly constituted "Allied Health Professional Act-Objectives, Composition and Future". Prof Dibyajyoti Banerjee from PGIMER, Chandigarh discussed on "Screening of Pesticide Poisoning in Post COVID era", while Dr Rajasri Bhattacharyya from PGIMER, Chandigarh discussed on "In-Silico Biology: In Post COVID era". Susmita Jha from Mol

Bio Diagnostics discussed on "Viral Load In HCV RNA Amongst Eastern Indian Population: A Retrospective Study Post-Covid Using Point Of Care Device TRUENAT".

Prof Kalyan Goswami from AIIMS, Kalyani lucidly discussed on "From Error to Uncertainty: A Search for Variability in Lab Report". Prof Kannan Vaidyanathan from Believers Church Medical College Hospital, Thiruvalla, Kerala highlighted on "Lab 4.0

Dr Shyam Prakash from AIIMS, New Delhi discussed on "Role of Prokineticins, ZIP8 and Nitric Oxide Expressions in Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease and Metabolic Dysfunction Associated Fatty Liver Disease"; while Dr Mriganka Mouli Saha from College of Medicine & JNM Hospital, WBUHS, Kalyani explained their experience in "SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 infection in pregnancy and its outcome"



ACBICON ODISHA 2023

The Department of Biochemistry AIIMS Bhubaneswar, conducted a one-day Odisha chapter conference of the Association of Clinical Biochemists of Odisha (ACBI) on "Immunometabolomics- A glance at the immune response of diseases", on the 25th March 2023.

The program was inaugurated by Prof Ashutosh Biswas, Executive Director, and AIIMS Bhubaneswar. Prof P. R Mahapatra, Dean, Prof Dilip Kumar Parida, Medical Superintendent AIIMS Bhubaneswar and Prof Seema Bhargava,

President ACBI also graced the inauguration event, which started with lamp-lighting and welcome address by Prof Manaswini Mangaraj, Head of the Department of Biochemistry, AIIMS Bhubaneswar and organizing Chairperson of the conference. Dr Debapriya Bandyopadhyay, organising secretary proposed the vote of thanks.

There were three scientific sessions during the conference.

The first scientific session was under the chairmanship of Prof Pramila Kumari Mishra, Prof and HoD Biochemistry, Hi-Tech Medical College, Bhubaneswar (Former Prof and HoD, MKCG Medical College, Brahmapur, Odisha) & Prof Seema Bhargava, President ACBI, Chairperson and Senior Consultant, Dept of Biochemistry, GRIPMER, New Delhi. There were two lectures. First one on "Insights into Immunopathogenesis of SLE" by Dr Bidyut Dash, Prof and HoD, Immunology and Clinical Rheumatology, SCB Medical College, Cuttack, Odisha and the second on Biological targets in the treatment of Rheumatic diseases" by Dr Ramnath Mishra, Prof and HoD, Clinical Immunology & Rheumatology, Dean (R&D), KIMS, BBSR (Former Prof & Head, Clinical Immunology & Rheumatology and Dean, SGPGI, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh)

The second scientific session was under the chairmanship of Prof P C Mohapatra, Former DMET, Odisha & Dr Subhashree Ray, Prof & HoD Biochemistry, IMS & SUM Hospital, Bhubaneswar. There were two lectures. First on "Targeting Immunometabolism: A promising gateway to finetune immune cell function" by Dr Sunil K Raghav, Scientist F, Institute of Life Sciences, Bhubaneswar and the second lecture on "Hepatic Immune Dysfunction in Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease by Dr Subir Das, Prof & HoD Biochemistry, JNM Medical College, Kalyani, West Bengal & Former President ACBI.

The post-lunch third scientific session was under the chairmanship of Dr Pratima Kumari Sahu, Prof and HoD Biochemistry, SCB Medical College, Cuttack & Prof Subir Das. The session started with an on-online session on "Revisiting Multiple Myeloma- Laboratory Perspective" by Dr. Kannan Vaidyanathan, Prof & HoD Biochemistry, Believer's Church Medical College, Thiruvalla, Kerala, followed by a talk on "Does suboptimal vitamin D impact the outcome of COVID-19?

 Evidence from the first and second waves in a tertiary care hospital of India" by Dr Seema Bhargava. The last talk in this session was on "Antinuclear antibodies: the snowflake of various autoimmune diseases" by Dr. Rachita Nanda, Professor Biochemistry, AIIMS Raipur, Chattisgarh.

After a tea break, the most awaited event of the day, the Immunology quiz for the post-graduate students were conducted by Dr Gautom Kumar Saharia, Scientific Convener. The team from IMS & SUM hospital, Bhubaneswar came runners-up while the team from AIIMS Bhubaneswar came first in the quiz.

There were around 80 registered delegates from various medical colleges of Odisha for this conference. The Odisha Council for Medical Registration (OCMR) has awarded 4 credit points for the attendees.



Prof Manaswini Mangaraj Organising chairperson



Prof P R Mahapatra Dean, AIIMS Bhubaneswar



Prof Asuthosh Biswas Executive Director, AIIMS



Prof Seema Bhargava ACBI President



Prof D K Parida Medical Superintendent



Dr Debapriya Bandyopadhyay Organizing Secretary





The chairpersons during scientific sessions

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Dr Gautom Kr Saharia



The honorable speakers and delegate among the audience



Winners, Post-gradute Immunology quiz





Runners-up, Post-gradute Immunology quiz



Group Photo with all delegates

ACBI ENEVOLENT FUND

AN APPEAL

The Executive Council and GB were concerned to know the fact that one of our very senior members is suffering due to lack of money for his treatment and upkeep. For such situation many organizations have created 'Benevolent' fund to assist their members in dire need. We should also have compassion when any of our members are in need of help. Therefore the G.B. has decided to create a Fund to help our needy members and has sanctioned Rs. 50,000 from ACBI account for this fund. The IJCB Board has also decided to contribute Rs. 25,000. Many members have agreed to send money for the fund. Dr. B.C. Harinath has contributed Rs. 17000 which includes the money he got as recipient of ACBI-A.J. Thakur award for Distinguished Clinical Biochemist. Some have sent Rs. 1000 / 2000 /3000 as their contribution.

I solicit your support and appeal you to send money for this noble work as much as you like. The money be sent to the Treasurer, Association of clinical Biochemists of India, Biochem-Lab, and East Boring Canal Road, Patna - 800001 by bank draft in the name of "ACBI Benevolent Fund" payable at Patna. The names of Donors are published in News Bulletin.

Dr. Seema Bhargav President

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Notice for ACBI Meetings of 2023

Attention Please! Members of ACBI & ACBI Executive Committee

Please note the dates, timings and Venue of the next EC & GB meetings

Meeting	Date & Time	Venue
Editorial Board of IJCB Meting & other sub- committees meetings	September 13, 2023 3.00 to 4.00 pm	Al-Saj International
Pre GBM EC meeting	September 13, 2023 4.00 to 6.00 pm	Convention Center, Thiruvananthapuram
General Body Meeting	September 15, 2023 5.00 to 6.00 pm	Al-Saj International Convention Center,
Post GBM EC meeting	September 16, 2023 Time to be informed.	Al-Saj International Convention Center,

Dr.Rajiv R Sinha General Secretary, ACBI

ACBI Election Notice Call for Nominations to fill up vacancies in Executive Council of ACBI – 2024.

Executive Council of ACBI - 2024.

Position Number of Vacancies

1. Vice President : One

2. Joint Secretary (Head quarters) : One

3. State Representatives : All the States:

Duly filled nominations for the above posts are invited from the eligible members duly proposed and seconded by the Members of the Association. Nominations may please be submitted to the President, ACBI in the format given below to:

Dr Seema Bhargava

President,

Association of Clinical Biochemists of India

Chairperson and Senior Consultant,

Department of Biochemistry & Professor, GRIPMER,

Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, Rajinder Nagar

New Delhi-110060, India

The Last date for receiving the Nominations: September 3rd, 2023
The Last date for withdrawal of Nominations: September 10th, 2023

Dr.Rajiv R Sinha General Secretary, ACBI

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Note: Required Qualifications for various posts:

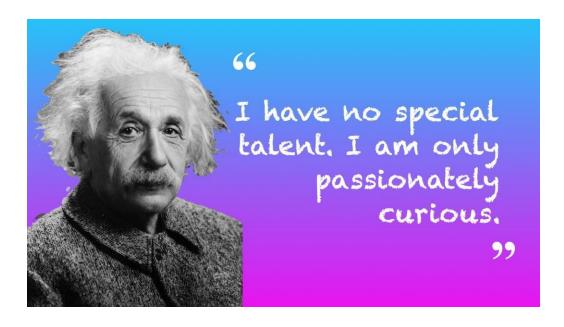
Vice President-II: A candidate for these posts should be a life member of at least 8 years standing and have been regularly attending Annual Conferences of the Association. He/ She should be holding a senior post in his/her work place. He / she has shown aptitude for working for the association by taking up some responsibilities of the Association in the past.

Joint Secretary should be a Life member of at least 5 years duration and should have attended at least 3 Annual Conferences in the last 4 years.

State Representative should be a life member who has attended conferences regularly in the last 5 years and is fairly active in Association activities.

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Those whose proposal was accepted in the last EB meeting held online may reconfirm their bid. In the event of they not wanting to host it, then other members may propose.

Proposal may also be given for 2025 (51st. Annual Conference) & 2026 conference.



ASSOCIATION OF CLINICAL BIOCHEMISTS OF INDIA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM



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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Membership of the Association is open to teachers & research scientists in the discipline of Biochemistry, Clinical Biochemistry, Immunology, Pathology, Endocrinology, Nutrition, Medicine and other allied subjects in a medical institution and also to persons holding M.B.B.S., M.Sc.(Biochemistry or Clinical Biochemistry) and are engaged in research or practice of clinical Biochemistry in hospital or in private laboratory.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP: Those graduates who do not fit in the above criteria, but have an interest in Clinical Biochemistry are eligible to become Associate Members.

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