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Theme:

Modern Age Clinical Biochemistry: A New Era in Translational Medicine

Invitation

Greetings from Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh!

It is a matter of great honour and privilege to invite you all to our prestigious institute for the 42nd Annual Conference of Association of Clinical Biochemists of India (ACBICON 2015). Join us in the city beautiful, Chandigarh to experience a scientific program covering all the recent advances in clinical biochemistry and related fields. The organising committee is working really hard to provide an academic feast, which can satiate the scientific desire of delegates, covering major breakthroughs and developments in different fields of biochemistry.

We look forward to welcome you to the City Beautiful, located at the foothills of Shivalik range of Himalayas and the greenest city of India with world famous Zakir Hussain Rose Garden and Rock Garden and the captivating Sukhna Lake.

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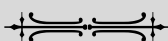
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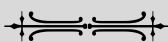
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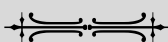
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Editorial

Dear Members,

Greetings.

It's been a very active year for your association. We present before you all the important events that took place, the most important of which was the Annual National Conference held in AIIMS, Jodhpur.

The next conference will be held at PGIMER, Chandigarh in November 2015. All important information and notices pertaining to the Chandigarh conference are present in this issue.

Happy reading. Do keep in touch!

Dr Rajiv R Sinha
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I regret to inform all members of the passing away of two of our senior members.

Prof. P.S. Murthy, Former President ACBI and Chief Editor IJCB, Professor of Biochemistry, UCMS & GTB Hospital, Delhi expired in the morning of 21.03.2015, at Bangaluru. He had worked tirelessly to make IJCB & ACBI what it is today and will always be remembered by all.

Dr Chameli Ganguly, life member of ACBI, Reader, Institute of Child Health, Kolkata, passed away on 24th December 2014 in Kolkata. She was an active member and took part in all ACBI activities.

May their Soul rest in peace.

Annual Report, 2014

(Excerpts of the Annual Report 2014 read out by the General Secretary at the Inaugural function of 41st ACBICON at Jodhpur.)

The first activity we had after the presentation of last years report was ACBICON 2013, The 40th Annual National Conference of Association of Clinical Biochemists of India. It was organized by Dr. Jayshree Bhattacharjee, Director-Principal, Vardhman Mahavir Medical College (VMMC) & Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi in association with ACBI Delhi Chapter at NASC Complex, Pusa, New Delhi from 3rd-6th Dec 2013. The theme of conference was "Breaking the Barriers and Widening the Horizons". The conference was inaugurated by Dr. B. D. Athani, Spl. DG & Medical Superintendent, VMMC & Safdarjung Hospital. Dr. G. N. Qazi, Vice Chancellor, Jamia Hamdard University, was the Guest of Honour. During the inaugural ceremony, Dr Jayashree Bhattacharjee was installed as the President of ACBI by the outgoing president, Dr Abhay Pratap. More than 700 delegates registered for the conference and there were around 150 invited eminent speakers. 60 exhibition stalls were put up displaying the latest instruments & technologies. Sponsored Industrial lectures from corporate like Beckman, Merck Millipore, Accurex, Meril, Transasia, Abbott, Piramal and Siemens were also held. PLENARY lectures were delivered by DR STEPHEN WONG, President-Elect, American Association for Clinical Chemistry, Dr Brian GOUGET, Treasurer, IFCC and Dr Howard MORRIS, Vice President, IFCC amongst others.

A total of 353 Posters were presented during the conference and this year special prizes were started by the organizing committee of ACBICON 2013 for best oral and poster presentations by young scientists in which 3 free oral paper and 10 poster presentations were selected each day and were presented with a certificate and a cash prize of Rs. 1000/- each.

The 4th. IFCC-Task Force Young Scientists symposia

(IFCC-TF YS) was organized during the conference. This symposium was aimed at creating awareness about the new changing environment of medical laboratories and the role of laboratory scientists in the field of research and industry. The speakers were Dr. Praveen Sharma, Dr. Bernard Gouget, Dr. Michael Oellerich, Dr Pradeep Kumar Dabla, Dr. Howard Morris, Dr. MVR Reddy and Dr. Pankaj Sharma.

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REGIONAL MEETINGS :

Regional meetings and CME's are the life line of any scientific organization like ACBI. There were quite a large number of scientific meetings / workshops arranged by the State/Zonal Chapter throughout 2014. The major ones were :

DELHI STATE BRANCH :

The DELHI STATE BRANCH in association with the Department of Biochemistry, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi organized a CME on 23rd March, 2014 with the theme of "Thinking Beyond the Routine" with talks on Fertility Markers, PAPP-A, a novel cardiac biomarker, Prostatic Health Index in the early detection of Prostatic Cancer, Establishing Biological Reference Interval and Current Genetic Markers in CAD.

HARYANA STATE BRANCH :

A one day CME on "Clinical implication and significance of Vitamin B12, Porphyria and Hypercalcemia: Clinical Inputs" was organized by Department of Biochemistry, Medanta The Medicity under the banner of ACBI Haryana Chapter. on 17th Dec'2013. More than 150 ACBI

members of Haryana and Delhi state and other participants from various Medical Colleges, Hospitals and prestigious Laboratories in Delhi-NCR region. It was a highly interactive session with topics on "Overview of Vitamin B-12", Porphyria and "Management of Hypercalcemia" and its clinical implication.

ANDHRA PRADESH BRANCH :

ACBI AP chapter conducted a one day CME on 30-1-2014 at Vijaya Diagnostic Centre, Himayatnagar, Hyderabad on Screening of New Born and inborn errors of Metabolism. It was attended by approximately 30-40 members. Speakers delivered lectures on screening of new borns and methods and precautions for sample collection and transportation to lab, inborn errors of metabolism with special reference to Phenyl ketonuria.

TAMIL NADU BRANCH :

The Tamil Nadu branch organized two CME's during the year.

The First CME programme was conducted on 16th September 2014 at SRM Dental College, Chennai. Professor K.N.Sulochana, Director, R.S. Mehta Jain Department of Biochemistry and Cell Biology, Vision Research Foundation, Sankara Nethralaya, Chennai spoke on the topic "In search of Information for drug development in Endogenous Proteins to target angiogenesis". This was followed by a talk by Dr. R. Vijayalakshmi, Associate Professor, Preventive Oncology Department, Cancer Institute, Adyar, on the topic "Molecular biology in Dental health -Scope and Scheme". More than 140 persons participated in this very informative CME.

The 2nd. CME was conducted on 11th October 2014 at Cancer Institute, Chennai. A total of 100 participants were present in the meeting in which subject of "PITFALLS IN THE INTERPRETATION OF LABORATORY REPORTS" and "QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS FOR LABORATORY SERVICES" were discussed.

KERALA STATE BRANCH

The ACBI Kerala Chapter organized a two day seminar cum workshop on 9th and 10th of August 2014 at the MES Medical College. The workshop and seminar was attended by more than 250 junior

and middle level faculty members, researchers, scientists, laboratory personals and post graduates from Kerala, Tamilnadu, Karnataka, Pondicherry, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra. The work shop gave in depth training in Karyotyping, FISH, Film array and PCR techniques. The invited speakers gave talks on Advances in clinical research, Ethics and institutional ethics committee, Research tools, Saliva the research tool for future, Advances in hematology analyzers, Implanting pancreatic islet cells and Clinical Trials current scenario.

MADHYA PRADESH BRANCH

ACBI Madhya Pradesh chapter conducted a one day CME on 14 August 2014 at Department of Biochemistry, GR Medical College Gwalior on clinical research methodology in which recent trends in clinical methodology and also research paper writing were delivered.

UTTAR PRADESH BRANCH

A scientific meet was held on 1st Sept 2014 at BRD Medical College, Gorakhpur. Scientific meet was organised by the Uttar Pradesh ACBI representative Dr Brijesh Rathore in which more than 60 delegates participated.

RAJASTHAN STATE BRANCH

"A National Symposium on Lead Awareness and Sensitization Program" was organized jointly by the National Referral Centre for Lead Projects in India and ACBI, Rajasthan Chapter to create awareness in school teachers to spread the message regarding Lead and its adverse effects on human health. School teachers from private and government schools along with members of Rajasthan Education Department, Rajasthan Pollution Control Board, faculty members and students participated in this programme. Talks were delivered by Prof. T. Venkatesh, Prof N Shashidhara and Dr Praveen Sharma.

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A four day training course on Quality Management System & Internal Auditors training was held in Desun Hospitals, Kolkata from 9th to 12th April, 2014 and North Bengal Medical College & Hospitals, Siliguri from 25th to 28th August, 2014.

Also a one day seminar was arranged on 9th April, 2014 on 'Water Quality in Medical Testing

Laboratory' by Dr Ipsita Mazumdar in Desun Hospitals.

SOUTH ZONE REGIONAL MEET :

Dr Poornima Manjrekar, Head, Department of Biochemistry, Kasturba Medical College, Mangalore, organized the 2nd South Regional Conference of the Association of Clinical Biochemists of India – 2014, on 22nd & 23rd May, 2014, with the theme of "Surging ahead with quality, research and diagnostics". About 250 delegates from Maharashtra, Goa, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry, Kerala & Karnataka attended the conference.

WEST ZONE REGIONAL MEET :

Dr. T. F. Ashavaid, South Zone representative & Dr Sucheta Dandekar, Past President, ACBI, organized the first of the series of 1 day lectures "Secrets of Quality" on 19th October 2014 at PD Hinduja Hospital, Mumbai. Every aspect of lab processes, preanalytical as well analytical, were presented as an overview which was followed by case histories. A large number of delegates attended this meet.

NORTH ZONE REGIONAL MEET :

Dr. Seema Bhargava, North Zone Representative had taken the initiative to organize the first North zone meet at Government Medical College, Srinagar, Kashmir. It was scheduled to be held on 27th & 28th September 2014 under the stewardship of *Dr. Sabhiya Majid*, Prof. & Head, Dept. Of Biochemistry at Govt. Medical College Srinagar, Kashmir. But it had to be postponed due to the unprecedented floods in Srinagar & adjoining areas of Kashmir. Dr Sabhiya has not given up and has promised to hold it this year.

AWARDS

1. Every year ACBI awards Fellowship to distinguished members of the association on the basis of their merit and achievement. In the last year the Fellowship of ACBI (i.e. FACBI) was awarded to (1) Dr Suman Bala Sharma, New Delhi and Dr. Neelima Singh (Gwalior).
2. The K.P.Sinha- P.S. Krishnan Award is awarded for the Best Paper published in the Indian Journal of Clinical Biochemistry (IJCBC). In 2013 this award was presented jointly to Seema P. Todur and Dr. Tester F. Ashavaid of P.D.

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3. ACBI-A. J. Thakur Award for Distinguished Services was instituted in the year 2005 by Mrs Savita Thakur, Chairperson and director of Accurex Biomedicals Ltd in memory of her Late husband Mr. A.J. Thakur, founder of Accurex Biomedicals, & is given to honor a senior member of ACBI who has made immense contribution to the growth of Clinical biochemistry & Laboratory Medicine in India. In 2013, the award was presented to Dr. T. Venkatesh, Former Professor & Head, Department of Biochemistry, St. John's Medical University, Bangalore.

ACBI – CMC EQAS PROGRAMME :

The ACBI-CMC External Quality Assurance Programme is being run smoothly by Dr. Victoria Job and her team at C.M.C. Vellore. A total of 3810 labs participated in this year's QC programme with 1378 new labs joining this year. You will be happy to note that the ACBI-CMC EQAS crossed another milestone by obtaining the NABL/ISO 17043:2010 accreditation. Accreditation of this EQAS scheme was a long desired goal and it was achieved this year. It is the first EQAS program to be accredited by NABL under ISO 17043: 2010 standards in India. To add feather to the cap, the EQAS programme was approached by the Tamil Nadu Health Delivery system to start The Tamil Nadu NCD project and from January 2014 samples were supplied to 777 labs. It is encouraging to observe the gradual improvement in the performance of these labs during the cycle.

This year saw the superannuation of Dr R. Selvakumar in July 2014. Under his efficient leadership, the EQAS scheme has expanded in all dimensions like, the major shift from bovine to human sera, liquid to lyophilized samples as well as accreditation of the program. We all salute Dr. Selvakumar who has kept the momentum rolling to a project initiated by the ACBI Executive council decades ago and translated it into what it is today by the pioneers in this field, Dr. A.S. Kanagasabapathy and Dr. S. Swaminathan with full and active support of the management of CMC Vellore. We all must thank Dr Victoria, Dr Geethanjali, her team & the management of CMC Vellore for keeping this flagship project of ACBI moving smoothly. Special

thanks also to Mr. Manigandan and Mr.Saravanan, technical staff in the EQAS section for their enthusiasm and hard work in running this program.

Membership of Indian Board of Clinical Biochemistry (MIBCB) :

This 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). At present, 3 batches of students have been admitted to this course. We must thank Dr. D. M. Vasudevan and his 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.

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being circulated to more than 6000 libraries all over the world earning IJCB a royalty of rupees 11.00 lakhs. The Editor-in-Chief, Dr Praveen Sharma and his editorial team must be commended for keeping the quality of IJCB at the highest level.

ACBI News Bulletin

Two issues of the News Bulletin have been released from ACBI Head office on time.

It has been an active year for the Association & it is heartening to note that with the establishment of Zones, many Regional meetings and state branches meetings were organized during the year. But still much more needs to be done to motivate other Zones & branches to organize educational activities.

And before I end, I must congratulate Dr Praveen Sharma and his team for putting together a truly fantastic academic feast for all of us and I am sure we will all be going back with enriched knowledge and lots of happy memories.



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, Biochem-Lab, 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 To and Fro 3 tier sleeper class rail fare to the maximum of Rs. 1000/-. 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 and the cheque 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.

41st ACBICON 2014 JODHPUR A Report

10th – 13th Dec 2014, Jodhpur, India

Theme: Integration in Lab Medicine: The Emerging Paradigm

The year ended with the highly successful ACBICON 2014, the 41st. Annual National Conference of Association of Clinical Biochemists of India was hosted by Department of Biochemistry, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Jodhpur (Rajasthan) and Rajasthan State Branch of ACBI, from 10th to 13th December 2014. It was a four days event, beautifully segregated into Workshops, CME's, Orations, Plenary, key notes, oral and poster presentations and 5 Industrial lectures by Beckman & Coulter, Randox, Transasia, Diasorin and Meril. There was a grand trade exhibition with 62 stalls of more than 30 corporate vendors.



Trade exhibition

The conference was preceded by Pre-conference workshop and CME on 10th December 2014. The first one was the workshop on Basics of Flowcytometry coordinated by Dr Sudip Sen and Dr Sanjeev Kumar Gupta from AIIMS New Delhi. The workshop included lectures by the coordinators on basic and applied Flowcytometry and was followed up by practical hands – on session. The workshop was attended by 50 participants. The pre-conference CME was on Intergrating Biochemistry in the Medical Curriculum, coordinated by Dr Sucheta P. Dandekar, Dr Ishtiyag Ahmad Shaafie,

Dr KG Gomathi and Dr Pankaj Bhardwaj. The CME had active participation by all the participants with active discussion on modalities for integration of Biochemistry in medical curriculum. This was followed by Editorial Board Meeting, Corporate Meeting and Pre G.B Executive Meeting and Corporate dinner at Nirali Dhani, showcasing the traditional Rajasthani folk dances by kalbalia and songs by the Langas. Also there was some exquisite Rajasthani cuisine for the delegates.



Pre-conference CME



Pre-conference Workshop

The conference commenced with the Awadesh Saran Memorial Oration delivered by Dr Neeta Singh, AIIMS, New Delhi. This was followed by K. L. Gupta Memorial Oration delivered by

Dr. Sanjeev Misra, Director, AIIMS, Jodhpur. This was followed by parallel sessions which had IFCC VLP lectures by Dr Graham Beastall and Dr Maurizio Ferrari and Talks on Common genetic disorders, Biomarkers of cardiovascular diseases and Vitamin D, CVD & Inflammation. This was followed by the Poster session. After this, all the delegates enjoyed their lunch in the lovely winter sunshine.

Post Lunch session had parallel sessions in which Howard Morris & Maurizio Ferrari gave the IFCC VLP, V. Parmeswaran and Udayan Ray talked on Value adding laboratory services. The topic of Lead toxicity was discussed by T. Venkatesh, Praveen Sharma and Abbas Ali Mahdi.

The IFCC TFYS was organized under the Chairmanship of Dr. Pradeep K. Dabla during the session Prof. Graham Beastall, Dr. Archana Singh, Dr. V. Parameswaran delivered and Prof. Praveen Sharma, Prof. Jayashree Bhattacharjee and Dr. Endang Hoyaranda chaired the session.

Inauguration of the 41st ACBICON 2014 was done in presence of many eminent personalities.



Installing the new President

Prof. Graham Beastall was the Chief Guest and Prof. Maurizio Ferrari was the Guests of Honour of the function. The inauguration began with the lighting of the lamp by the honored guests on the dice, followed by the unveiling of the Abstract booklet and Souvenir of ACBICON 2014.

During the inaugural function, Prof Praveen Sharma was installed as the new President of ACBI (2014 - 15). Also the inaugural function was marked by the bestowing of lifetime award to Prof. D. M. Vasudevan. He was presented a Shawl & Silver plate



Lighting the lamp



Presenting the ACBI Annual Report



Unveiling the Abstract book



Dr. Ashavaid receiving the FACBI



Dr Abhay Pratap receiving the FACBI



Dr U. Satyanarayana receiving the FACBI

and was conferred with the ACBI-A.J. Thakur Award for Distinguished Services to Clinical Biochemistry and Laboratory Medicine. Prof. T. Ashavaid, Prof. U Satyanarayan and Prof. Abhay Pratap were admitted as Fellow of Association of Clinical Biochemists of India. Conference Banquet and gala dinner was at Hotel Taj Gateway.

The second day of the conference began with the plenary lecture delivered by Prof. Ravi Sirdeshmuk on "Proteomic approaches and potential of Clinical Applications: Glioma Perspective". There were two prestigious, popular oration awards - Dr Taranath Shetty Memorial Oration delivered by K V R Tagore and Mrs & Dr G.P. Talwar Oration delivered by Prof. M.V.R. Reddy on "Autoimmune Diseases:

Therapeutic role of Helminth derived Immunomodulatory molecules". The scientific session was spread over delightful range of invited lectures from Infectious diseases, Genomics, Proteomics pre – lunch to Cancer Biology and Mass spectrometry post – lunch sessions.

The final day of the conference commenced with the popular oration awards– Dr. T.N. Pattabhiraman award delivered by Dr. Barnali Das on "Cutting the extra flab from your lab platter: Lean-Six sigma" and Seth G. S. Medical College & KEM Hospital Oration delivered by Prof. Sadanand S. Naik on "One carbon metabolism and fetal growth". These were followed up by special talks and award paper orations – Sita Devi award and P S Murthy award.

The GB elected the following as Executive Committee members for the year 2015. Dr. Praveen Sharma as PRESIDENT, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, VICE PRESIDENT (I) & Organizing secretary, ACBICON 2015, Dr . S. V. Rana - VICE PRESIDENT (II), ADVISO-Prof. K.P. Sinha, GENERAL–SECRETARY- Dr. Rajiv Ranjan Sinha, TREASURER- Dr Krishna Ranjan Prasad, JOINT SECRETARY: Dr. Jairam Rawtani (Jodhpur) & Dr. Ram Binay Sinha (Patna). ZONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS-Dr. Seema Bhargava (North Zone), Dr T. Vijayakumar (South Zone), Dr. Abhijit Pratap (East Zone), Dr. T. F. Ashavaid (West Zone) & Dr Sanjeev Singh (Central Zone).

This was followed by the Valedictory Function bringing the curtain down on 4 days of intense, high level scientific sessions. The organizing Secretary, Prof. Praveen Sharma thanked all the delegates and volunteers for making the conference a grand success. The Director, AIIMS, Jodhpur, Prof. Sanjeev Misra congratulated Prof. Sharma & his team for the successful organization of the conference. After this he distributed the award certificate & cash prizes to all the award winners. The General Secretary, ACBI, Dr Rajiv R. Sinha in his valedictory address heartily congratulated all the organizing committee members and volunteers for their untiring effort in making the 2014 National conference a great success.



MINUTES OF THE 41st PRE-GB EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING (Jodhpur, December 10, 2014)

The Executive Council (EC) of ACBI met on December 10th, 2014 at 5.00 pm in the lecture theatre of All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Jodhpur, Rajasthan. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Jayshree Bhattacharjee, the President of ACBI. 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 2014. Accounts of the ACBI for the year 2013-2014 was presented by Dr. K. R. Prasad, Treasurer, ACBI. The salient feature of this year report was that Rs.670306.00 has come by way of different membership fees. Last year the membership fee collected was 3,35,590.00. At present in general fund we have got Rs. 8929940.36. The total amount including the corpus fund and various ear marked funds together amounted to Rs.179,79855.88 . As on 31st March 2014, our total investments in various Term Deposits is 89,08497.00. The report was accepted by the EC.

The organizing Secretary, Dr. Jayshree Bhattacharjee of the 40th. Annual National Conference of ACBI held at New Delhi submitted the audited statement of the details of income and expenditure. The EC was apprised of the expected savings of the New Delhi conference. She requested the EC to allow her time till March 2015 as she still has to make certain TDS & other payments. The EC accepted her request for extension of time. Dr. Jayashree reiterated her desire to set up a corpus from the savings of the Delhi conference to fund a Bursary for attending International conferences. At this point, the General Secretary requested Dr Jayashree Bhattacharjee to contribute a handsome amount to the ACBI Building fund so as to enable the association to purchase its own office at Headquarters.

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. 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 General Secretary informed the EC of the retirement of Dr. R. Selvakumar as Professor & Head, Department of Clinical Biochemistry, CMC Vellore & Convener, ACBI-CMC EQAS Programme. All the members lauded the untiring effort put in by Dr Selvakumar to firmly put the ACBI-CMC EQAS Programme on a sound footing. Under his efficient leadership the EQAS scheme had expanded in all dimensions like, the major shift from bovine to human sera, liquid to lyophilized samples as well as accreditation of the EQAS program, a First in India. The secretary informed the EC members that Dr. Victoria Job is now the Professor & Head, Department of Clinical Biochemistry, CMC, Vellore and that Dr. F. S. Geethanjali, Professor of Clinical Biochemistry has taken over as the new convener of the ACBI-CMC EQAS Programme. He invited her to present the annual report of the programme. She presented the report on the ongoing EQA programme for the year 2014-2015. The EC was informed that 3810 labs actively participated in the EQAS programme during 2014 and that 1378 new labs joined the programme this year. Over 520 labs are participating in the Immunoassay programme and 455 labs are participating in HbA1C QC programme. During the year, CMC signed an MOU with the Tamil Nadu Health System for the implementation of the EQAS programme in the public sector hospitals & labs in the state of Tamil Nadu. It is encouraging to observe the gradual improvement in the performance of these labs during the cycle. Members will be happy to know that the ACBI-CMC EQAS programme was finally accredited under NABL/ISO 17043:2010. This is the first EQAS program to be accredited by NABL under ISO 17043: 2010 standards in India. During

the coming years, the EQAS team looks forward to improve the assessment pattern, to introduce more programs and to cater to a larger population. Thanks to Dr Geethanjali, her team & the management of CMC Vellore for keeping this flagship project of ACBI moving smoothly.

At this point, the General Secretary, Dr Rajiv R Sinha raised the issue of the re-naming of the newly accredited EQAS programme as "CMC EQAS Programme" and not "ACBI-CMC EQAS PROGRAMME". Dr. Geethanjali informed the members that since there was no signed documentation between ACBI and CMC when the programme started, therefore NABL refused to accept the name as ACBI-CMC EQAS. Dr Rajiv Sinha reminded the members as to how this programme was started after a discussion at the Pre-GB meeting & passed by the GB, after which Dr A. S. Kanagasabapathy accepted the task of organizing this programme from CMC Vellore after he had obtained due permission from the management. Dr. Geethanjali informed that the ACBI EC & GB would have to pass a resolution for the registration of "ACBI-CMC EQAS PROGRAMME" under the societies act and also an MOU has to be signed by ACBI and the management of CMC Vellore. Only after this will the old name be reverted. It was resolved to pass a resolution in the General body meeting for the signing of an MOU between ACBI and CMC Vellore and also to register the ACBI-CMC EQAS programme.

Mr. Upender Singh, Convener of the ACBI-Corporate wing presented an update of the activities of the ACBI-CW in 2014. He informed the members that 3 CW meeting took place during the year in which discussions took place regarding corporate sponsorship and corporate academic programme to the 41st. ACBICON 2014 at Jodhpur.

The General Secretary, Dr. Rajiv R. Sinha presented the new applications received for individual membership. He informed that in 2014, the total number of new applicants for membership was : Life member=92, Associate Life member=4. 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 2316, of which Life Members are 2027, Associate Life members – 235, Ordinary/Annual Members – 22, Corporate

Members – 27 and Honorary Members – 4

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. Abhay Pratap, Bokaro, the immediate Past President of ACBI, Dr Tester F. Ashavaid, P.D.Hinduja National Hospital, Mumbai and Dr. U. Satyanarayana, Vijayawada for the year 2014. Dr. Rajiv Sinha then placed before the EC the nominations received for different orations for 2014 and the reports of the oration award selection Committee.

The President, Dr. Jayashree Bhattacharjee 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, Five Zonal EC members and State Representatives. The General Secretary informed the members that as the post of the Zonal EC members was ratified & only started last year, the present Zonal EC members be allowed to continue for the next year and then their continuation would depend on their work performance. The EC agreed to this proposal and recommended that nominations will only be taken up for the post of Vice-President & State Representative. After discussion the EC validated all applications for presentation before GB meeting.

The EC members ratified the recommendations of the committee for selecting Dr. D. M. Vasudevan, Emeritus Professor & Head, Department of Biochemistry, Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences, Kochi for the ACBI- A. J. Thakur Award for Distinguished Services in Clinical Biochemistry and Laboratory Medicine for the year 2014.

The EC looked into the applications received to host the 2015 conference. Proposal had been received for hosting the 2015 ACBICON from Dr R. Selvakumar, Professor & Head, Department of Clinical Biochemistry, CMC Vellore and was accepted by the General body with a proviso that he should re-confirm his bid in Jodhpur in 2014. Consequent to his superannuation, his successor in the department, Dr Victoria Job has declined to host the 2015 National conference in Vellore as she has just taken over and everybody needs time to settle down. No other proposal had been received for 2015.

At this juncture, the General Secretary proposed that since there are no proposals for 2015, then if the members of the EC agree, the 2015 conference could be hosted by the Association's Head office (represented by Dr Rajiv Sinha) in association with few Past Presidents like Dr Jayashree Bhattacharya, Dr Praveen Sharma & Dr Arun Raizada. After discussion, the EC recommended that this proposal should be put up before the GB for approval. A few members informed the EC that as Dr Rajendra Prasad, Professor & Head at PGI, Chandigarh has applied for 2016 and if he willing, then his proposal may be allowed to be moved to 2015. The EC was informed by the General Secretary that as per the laid down rules for selection of new Organizing Secretary, Dr Prasad is not eligible as he became a Life member in February 2014. The EC decided to recommend to the GB to allow Dr Rajendra Prasad to be the next organizing secretary by overlooking his date of joining ACBI. With this proposal, the previous proposal of the EC to allow ACBI HQ to organize 2015 meet was withdrawn.

The EC looked into the proposals received for 2016. The first was from Dr. Poornima Manjrekar, Professor & Head, Department of Biochemistry, Centre for Basic Sciences, KMC, Mangalore. Her proposal was found to be in order. The second proposal was from Dr. M. Jaiprakash Babu, Vice-Principal & Professor, department of Biochemistry, GIMSR, Vishakhapatnam. His proposal was in order except that he has not elaborated on the exact venue of the conference or its floor plan. The EC decided that as Dr Jaiprakash Babu was not present in the meeting, his proposal was not accepted and he was asked to apply again for another year. Therefore, the EC recommended that the proposal of Dr. Poornima Manjrekar, Professor & Head, Department of Biochemistry, Centre for Basic Sciences, KMC, Mangalore be accepted for recommending the GB for 2016.

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. He informed the members that the MIBCB first batch started on 1st. January 2013 and 10 students have enrolled for the first course and they are now in the fourth semester. The 2nd. Batch started on 1st. June 2013 and three students enrolled for this course. The 3rd. Batch started in January

2014. Dr Vasudevan informed the members that the work on development of the course content and question bank is progressing well.

Dr Praveen Sharma, Chairperson of the 3 member committee formed to recommend amendment to the Guidelines for organization of congress with respect to providing facilities to Executive Board & Executive Council members during the ACBI Annual National conference. He informed the EC that the committee felt that as the number of ACBI EC members has increased, it puts a big financial burden on the organizing committee. Therefore it recommended that the present facilities for the ACBI EB members only should stays. He also recommended that no waiver of registration fees should be made to the State Representatives. The EC decided to put this recommendation before that GB.

The General Secretary placed the report of the committee formed by GB to look into strengthening the ACBI CONFERENCE & CONGRESS COMMITTEE. The EC was of the view that The ACBI Conference committee & General Secretary/ Head office should play a more proactive role in the management & planning of any National Conference. The committee should be a part of the Organizing committee of all national conferences. Since the members were not unanimous in their decision to appoint a single All India Event management firm to manage all our conferences, it was decided not to recommend this to the GB.

The General Secretary requested Dr. Kanan Vaidyanathan to present the Report of the 3 member committee formed to formulate rules & task of the amalgamated ACBI EDUCATION & SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE. He reported that after consultation between Dr Jayashree Bhattacharya & Dr Sucheta Dandekar, the committee was of the view that in order to energize the association's academic activity the following could be done. They suggested that in order to encourage those branches where scientific activities have never taken place or have been organized rarely, the Education committee could help in its organization by giving a seed money up to a maximum of Rs. 15,000 to 20,000. This amount could only be used for the scientific meet & not for food or giving accommodation. Also, this committee should have a list of voluntary speakers (& their topic) who have given consent to speak at such events. Also, instead

of giving cash, the committee could sponsor the travel & stay of the concerned Travelling Speakers. For organization of zonal/Regional meets, the committee could, if requested in writing, give a monetary assistance up to Rs. 25000/-. The organizing committee of such meets would have to submit their account statement of the meet to the ACBI Head office for audit. This provision would have to be followed in order to receive grants for the next year. The EC decided to put this recommendation before that GB.

Dr Rajiv Sinha, Secretary, ACBI then requested Dr M.V.R. Reddy, Past General Secretary, to submit his report regarding provision of funding visit of President/Secretary to attend International conferences/meetings. He proposed that President, General Secretary, Past Presidents, Past General Secretary of the Association and National Representatives of ACBI on the board of IFCC / APFCB be allowed funding to cover the cost of their Travel & stay. This would ordinarily be allowed if they are representing ACBI at any of these meetings. Also, the same individual will only be allowed this benefit once in 3 years. The EC decided to put this

recommendation before that GB for their decision.

The Secretary placed before the EC issues related to Agenda for the 40th. Annual GB meeting. The Draft copy was placed before EC for its consideration & review. The EC approved the agenda to be placed before General Body.

The General Secretary, Dr Rajiv R. Sinha, with the permission of the President, briefed the members about the status of the Corporate Wing account in Citi Bank, Gurgaon. He informed the members that this account has been inoperative since long and all efforts to have it revived has so far not yielded any positive results. As per instruction from the Branch Manager, he requested the EC to allow a resolution to be moved to appoint the General secretary & Treasurer, ACBI as signatories to this CW account at Citi Bank till the account is not closed.

The Executive Council recorded its appreciation on the excellent leadership provided by Dr Jayashree Bhattacharya, the President during the year 2014, in carrying out the activities of ACBI.

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



MINUTES OF THE 41st. ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING (AIIMS, Jodhpur, December 12. 2014, 6:15 pm)

The 41st. General Body Meeting of the ACBI was held on 12th. December 2014 in the lecture theatre of AIIMS, Jodhpur. The newly elected President, Dr. Praveen Sharma chaired the proceeding of the meeting. The General Secretary, Dr. Rajiv R. Sinha, placed the minutes of the 40th. General Body meeting held at New Delhi, which was earlier circulated through March 2014 issue of the ACBI News Bulletin. (Volume No.43/ No.-01). As there were no comments received, the minutes were approved.

The General Secretary presented the report of the EC regarding the applications received for hosting the 2015 National conference. The House was

informed that CMC, Vellore had proposed to host the 2015 conference but with the retirement of Dr R Selvakumar from CMC, Vellore, the present Head of the department, Dr Victoria Job has expressed her helplessness in organizing the 2015 conference at Vellore. Dr Rajendra Prasad, Professor & Head, PGI Chandigarh & Dr Poornima Manjrekar, Prof. & Head at Centre for Basic Sciences, KMC, Mangalore have submitted bid for 2016. Dr. Rajendra Prasad is willing to host the conference 2015. The House was informed that Dr Rajendra Prasad became a life member in February 2014. With a view of his seniority & as it has been done once in the past, the EC has requested the GB to overlook the criteria of 10 year of Life membership & allow Dr Prasad to

host the 2015 conference. After much discussion, the house unanimously decided to hold the 42nd. 2015 Annual National Conference in PGI, Chandigarh with Dr. Rajendra Prasad as organizing secretary. The house was informed that the conference would be held sometime in last week of November 2015. Dr Rajendra Prasad gave a brief presentation before the GB and invited all members to attend the next conference at PGI, Chandigarh.

Regarding the matter of hosting the 43rd. ACBICON in 2016, the GB was informed of the decision taken by the EC in its meeting on 10th. December. The GB ratified the decision of the EC to award the 2016 ACBICON to Mangalore to be organized by Dr Poornima Manjrekar (Centre for Basic Sciences, KMC, Manipal). She has to reconfirm her bid personally before the next GB in 2015. In case she fails to reconfirm her proposal for hosting the conference or personally does not present herself, other bids will be considered.

The GB was informed of the important decisions taken at the EC meeting held on December 10th. The GB ratified the decisions taken during the 41st. Pre-GB EC meeting as noted below.

The GB ratified the decision of the EC to award the Best State Representative of the Year 2015 to the Tamil Nadu Branch, represented by Dr K. Arivazhagan (Cancer Institute, Chennai)

The General Body ratified the decision of the EC to accept the recommendation of the 3 member committee, chaired by Dr Praveen Sharma, regarding granting of facilities (free registration/accommodation) to EB & EC members during ACBI National Conferences. The GB unanimously accepted the recommendation to restrict the granting of facilities to the ACBI Executive Board members only. Henceforth, State Representatives would not be eligible to receive any facilities in the ACBI National conferences.

The General Secretary at this point informed the GB members that the all members should read the ACBI News Bulletin on the ACBI website and not wait for the hard copy to come to them by post.

The General Secretary presented the report of the Education & Scientific Committee which had been ratified by the EC. The GB ratified the decision of the EC of providing seed money to those state

branches/Zonal branches who wish to host state conferences/Zonal conferences. This was fixed to a maximum amount of Rs. 25000/-. The Scientific & Education committee was tasked by the GB of preparing a list of senior faculties (& their topic of interest) who would be willing to deliver talks at different state / zonal conferences. The interested organizers would have to route their request through the Education & Scientific committee of ACBI.

The General Body was informed by Dr Rajiv Sinha of the report submitted & approved by the EC regarding provision of funding visit of President/Secretary/ACBI representatives to attend meetings of IFCC / APFCB Executive council. The GB ratified the decision taken by the EC in this regard.

The General Body appreciated the decision of Dr Jayshree Bhattacharya, Organizing Secretary, 40th ACBICON (New Delhi) to give a substantial amount from the savings of her conference in setting up a corpus towards funding such visits.

The General Secretary informed the members of the status of the Corporate Wing account at Citi Bank Gurgaon which has been lying defunct for a very long time. The GB ratified the decision of the EC appoint the General secretary & Treasurer, ACBI as signatories to Corporate Wing account at Citi Bank, Gurgaon till the account is not closed.

The matter related to the election of the office bearers: one vice-President, Five Zonal EC members and State Representatives was taken up for discussion. The General Secretary informed the GB members that as the post of the Zonal EC members was ratified & only started last year, the present Zonal EC members be allowed to continue for the next year and then their continuation would depend on their work performance. The GB agreed to this proposal and recommended that nominations would only be taken up for the post of Vice-President (II) & State Representatives. The House elected Dr. S. V. Rana (Chandigarh) as Vice-President. The various State Representatives who were elected were Dr. Anjali Manocha (Delhi), Dr. Aditi Jindel Gupta (Haryana), Dr. Subir Kr Das (West Bengal), Dr Dharamveer Yadav (Rajasthan), Dr. Rohini Bhadre (Maharashtra), Dr George Abraham (Kerala), Dr. Pradeep Naik (A.P.), Dr.

Brijesh Rathore (U.P.), Dr. Mridula Mahajan (Punjab), Dr. Poornima Manjrekar (Karnataka), Dr. R. Arivazhagan (Tamil Nadu), Dr Vinit Mehrotra (Uttranchal) and Dr. Indu Verma (Chandigarh). The House authorized the General Secretary to select the other state representatives for which no nominations were received.

With the permission of the chair, Dr H. V. Singh (Delhi) raised a proposal that one National conference should be organized by the ACBI Head Office at places where it is was not feasible due to lack of members or resources. The GB members proposed that this should be done in 2017. It was

also ratified that no proposals should be invited for the 2017 conference. Two locations were short-listed, viz, Goa and Port Blair. It was also proposed by the GB members that ACBI HQ would be assisted by 2 or 3 Past Presidents in the organization of this conference.

The General body recorded its appreciation on the excellent leadership provided by Dr Jayashree Bhattacharya, the President during the year 2014, in carrying out the activities of ACBI.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks by the General Secretary .



MINUTES OF THE 42nd. POST G.B. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING (AIIMS, Jodhpur, December 13, 2014)

The Executive Council (EC) of ACBI met on December 13, 2014, 12:30 pm in the meeting room at AIIMS, Jodhpur. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Praveen Sharma, the President of ACBI. Dr Praveen Sharma welcomed the members of the new Executive Council.

Dr. Rajiv Ranjan Sinha, the General Secretary presented the proceedings of the previous executive council meeting held on 10th. December 2014, which was accepted.

Taking stock of the organization of ACBICON 2014 : All the members were very appreciative of the manner in which the organizing committee of the ACBICON 2014 had worked hard to host a very successful conference.

Dr. Rajiv R. Sinha, the General Secretary placed before the EC the matter regarding galvanizing the academic activities of the Association. He exhorted the EC members to prod the State representatives into doing various activities in their area.

Dr Rajiv R Sinha briefed the EC members about the discussion that took place in the GB regarding the Education & Scientific Committee of the ACBI and its mandate of organizing Academic meets at locations where ACBI has very few active members.

The view was that the association has to compile a list of senior faculties who would be willing to deliver talks at different location in the country. This list of "Visiting Lecturer" along with the subject of their talk, would be available to the committee so that they can recommend the appropriate speaker to the organizers of such meets. The committee, if required, would pay for the travel expense of such speakers while the local hospitality could be looked after by the local organizing committee.

Members also discussed the idea of appointing a single Event Management company to manage our Annual National Conference. The secretary explained that every organizing secretary has to start from scratch and each of them interpret the "Guidelines of organizing ACBI conferences" in their own way. Since most Organizing Secretaries are academic professionals with very little experience of organizing conferences. Several pros & cons of this idea were discussed and it was decided to explore this idea with the different Event management companies as well as various past presidents.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks from the President, Dr Praveen Sharma.

NOMINATIONS INVITED FOR ORATION AWARD

Nominations from members are invited for the following orations awards during ACBI Conference in Chandigarh being held from 26th to 28th November 2015. Nomination should reach General Secretary Dr. Rajiv R. Sinha, Biochem-Lab, East Boring Canal Road, Patna – 800 001. email: kpsacbi@yahoo.co.in by 30st June 2015. The nomination should be on letter head or plain paper giving information about proposed nominee regarding his/her achievement, qualification, position and some reference about the field of work.

AWADHESH SARAN MEMORIAL ORATION AWARD

This oration was started in 1978 to commemorate the Founder President, Dr. Awadhesh Saran, who died prematurely in 1976. An eminent scientist is invited to deliver a lecture on a subject of interest to the clinical biochemists. The speaker may or may not be a biochemist or a member of ACBI or Indian national.

K. L. GUPTA MEMORIAL ORATION AWARD

The Oration was started in 1993 by Dr T. Malati and her brothers by donating a sum of Rs. 40,000 and again donating Rs. 50,000 in 2011. The nominee should be an eminent scientist working in the field of Oncology. He/She may or may not be member of ACBI or an Indian National.

K. E. M. HOSPITAL AND SETH G. S. MEDICAL COLLEGE ORATION

This oration was started in 1992 by the then Organising Secretary, Dr. A. V. Potnis, Prof. of Biochemistry of K.E.M. Hospital & Seth G.S. Medical College, Bombay by donating a sum of Rs. 15,000=00 from savings of the conference. Dr. Sucheta Dandekar, Professor of Biochemistry, Seth G.S. Medical College, Mumbai has further added Rs. 15,000/ from the savings of a Workshop on Quality Management held in December 2005 at Seth G.S. Medical College, Mumbai and also donated Rs. 1.0 lacs from savings of ACBICON 2010 at Mumbai.

The nominee should be an eminent Biochemist/ Pathologist/Clinician/Scientist to give a lecture on topic related to Clinical Biochemistry. He/She may or may not be member of ACBI or an Indian National.

Dr. T. N. Pattabhiraman Oration

This oration was created in year 2004 in the name Dr. T. N. Pattabhiraman, Ex-Professor of Biochemistry, Kasturba Medical College, Manipal and Past President of ACBI, by donation of Rs. One lakhs and one thousand by

his admiring students. The oration will take place annually during ACBI National Conference.

The Award nominee should be an eminent Biochemist/Pathologist/Clinician/Scientist to give a lecture on topic related to Clinical Biochemistry. He/She may or may not be member of ACBI or an Indian National.

Mrs. & Dr. G. P. Talwar Oration

This Oration was created in 2005 by a donation by Dr. G. P. Talwar Foundation of Rs. one lac. Dr. G. P. Talwar is a renowned Biochemist who was Head of Biochemistry in All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi and later, Director of Indian Institute of Immunology, New Delhi. He was President of ACBI in the year 1982.

The Award nominee should be an eminent Biochemist/ Immunologist/ Pathologist/ Clinician/ Scientist to give a lecture on topic related to his research done in India in the last 5 years which is of interest to clinical biochemists. He/ She may or may not be member of ACBI or an Indian National.

Taranath Shetty Memorial Oration.

This oration was created by the Association in the Executive council meeting held at Kolkata in December 2008 in the fond memory of a very dynamic and energetic member, Dr. K. Taranath Shetty. The Oration will be on topics to popularize science, particularly related to human health and to dispel myths from the minds of the people. It has been planned to organize this oration every year during Annual National Conferences.

The Organizing secretary shall inform the public through news paper and other announcement. The oration will be organized in a large space to accommodate general public besides delegates.

Orator shall be selected from nominations received from members, award committee members and the Organizing committee. The awardee shall be presented a memento, certificate and award money.

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 brochure 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 including Sessional Member, whose age on 31st December of the Year is below 35 years, is eligible to take part in the contest.

(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.)

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.

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.

P. S. MURTHY AWARD FOR BEST PAPER IN THE FIELD OF (1) INFECTIOUS DISEASES, AND (2) DEVELOPMENT OF DRUGS FROM PLANT SOURCES.

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 further supplemented by a donation of Rs. 50,000 from the ACBI Corpus fund. Papers for the award are

invited under 2 categories, i.e. (1) Infectious Diseases, and (2) Development of Drugs. 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.

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 20th. 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.

The Award is open for original work in biochemical/ immunological/ molecular aspects of Tropical Diseases. The applicant shall submit (1) 4 typed/ photo copies of the paper, (2) documentary evidence of age (3) no objection certificate from co-authors and (4) evidence of membership of ACBI, to the Organizing Secretary before the dead line.

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 31st. December 2014) submitting a poster at the ACBI National conference will be considered for the Poster Award Competition. No applications are required to be submitted.

NIMS AWARD FOR BEST POSTER.

The award was instituted in 1994 by a donation of

Rs. 10,000/ by the Organising 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 Organising secretary. The award shall be presented during the Valedictory function of the conference.

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.

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 be considered for those awards
- (5) Organizing committee award for visually excellent Posters.

NOTICE

CALLING ALL YOUNG DELEGATES " ACBI YOUNG SCIENTIST BURSARY"

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

The criteria for bursary selection are as follows:

1. Age of the candidate should be 35 or less than 35 years on 31st. December of the year of the conference.
2. Candidate should be a member of ACBI or if not a member then he/she shall have to take Sessional membership for the conference.
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 will provide:

Full Registration for the conference

Three night accommodation

To & fro AC 3 Tier rail fare

Each PARTIAL BURSARY will provide:

Full Registration for the conference.

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.

Applications for Bursary would be invited through the ACBI News Bulletin (March issue) and the Final Brochure of the conference. 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 conference. The awardees will have to submit photocopy of her to & fro rail ticket, Conference registration receipt & Hotel receipt to the General Secretary/ Treasurer, ACBI just after he valedictory function to claim the award.

INVITATION TO MEMBERS FOR CASE HISTORIES

Members are invited to send Case History with Biochemical Investigations of Interesting cases or cases with unusual presentations. Your experience will help others. Please share it with us on ACBI News Bulletin. Send your write up to Dr. Shyamali Pal at : shy23_pal@yahoo.co.in

Application for ACBI Best Paper Award

To
The Organizing Secretary
42nd ACBICON 2015
Chandigarh

Sir,

I am submitting a paper entitled

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byet 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.
(No separate entry is required for Poster Awards)

Name

Address.....
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Contact Numbers :.....

E-mail id

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Date

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Name & Signature

Application for AFMC QUIZ Award

To
The Organizing Secretary
42nd ACBICON 2015
Chandigarh

Sir,

Iwish 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

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Date

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Name & Signature

AFMC QUIZ AWARD

This award was instituted by the Organizing Secretary of 33rd 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-graduates students in Biochemistry/ Clinical Biochemistry in Medical institutions whose age on 31st 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 YOUNG SCIENTIST BURSARY AWARD

To
The Organizing Secretary
42nd ACBICON 2015
Chandigarh

Sir,

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

Address.....

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Contact Numbers :.....

E-mail id

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Date

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Name & Signature

IMPORTANT NOTICE

UPDATION OF YOUR ADDRESS

All members are requested to view ACBI website (www.acbindia.org) to check their name and address in Directory of members. If your name does not appear in the Directory, or there is error or discrepancy, please download the Correction Form from the website (/download forms) and send it by email to Dr. Rajiv Ranjan Sinha, Secretary, ACBI, at kpsacbi@yahoo.co.in

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, East Boring Canal Road, Patna – 800 001. email: kpsacbi@yahoo.co.in) by 30th. June 2015

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 down loaded 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, 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 Nos.....

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Date

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Place

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Signature of the proposer

Congratulations

Winners of ACBI Fellowships and Awards, 2014

ACBI FELLOWSHIP AWARD (FACBI)

- Dr. Tester F. Ashavaid, Mumbai
- Dr. U. Satyanarayana, Vijayawada
- Dr. Abhay Pratap, Bokaro

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

- Dr. D. M. Vasudevan, Former Professor & Head, Department of Biochemistry, Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences, Kochi.

ACBI ORATION AWARDS, 2014

- AWADHESH SARAN MEMORIAL ORATION : Dr Neeta Singh, Prof. & Head, Department of Biochemistry, AIIMS, New Delhi. "*Human Papilloma virus and cervical cancer : Prespective and Prospects.*"
- SETH G. S. MEDICAL COLLEGE & KEM HOSPITAL ORATION : Dr. Sadanand S. Naik, Head Of Department of Biochemistry & Endocrinology, K.E.M. Hospital, Pune. "*One carbon metabolism and fetal growth.*"

- DR T.N. PATTABIRAMAN ORATION AWARD: Dr. Barnali Das, Consultant in Biochemistry & Immunology, Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital & Medical Research institute, Mumbai. "*Cutting the extra flab from your Lab platter: Lean-Sic sigma protocol holds the key.*"
- K. L. GUPTA MEMORIAL ORATION : Dr. Sanjeev Misra, Director and Chief Executive Officer, Prof of Surgical Oncology, AIIMS, Jodhpur. "*Cancer control programme and screening of cancer in India*"
- MRS. & DR G. P. TALWAR ORATION AWARD : Dr. M. V. R. REDDY, Professor and Head, Department of Biochemistry, Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Sewagram, Wardha. "*Autoimmune diseases: Therapeutic Role of Helminth derived Immuno-modulatory Molecules*"
- DR. TARANATH SHETTY MEMORIAL ORATION: AWARD POPULAR LECTURE SERIES Dr. K. V. R. Tagore, IPS, Director General of Police (Retd), Karnataka

OTHER AWARDS

- K.P. SINHA - P.S. KRISHNAN AWARD FOR BEST PAPER PUBLISHED IN IJCB (2014): Gururao Hariprasad, Divya Kota, Sundararajan Baskar Singh, Alagiri Srinivasan and Souparno Adhikary. "Delineation of the Structural Elements of Oriental Liver Fluke PLA2 Isoforms for Potent Drug Designing". was adjudged best amongst the paper published in Indian Journal of Clinical Biochemistry, Vol. 29, No 4 (Oct-Dec 2014), Year 2014.
- Pitabus – Jamuna Burma Memorial Award
Dr. K. A Arul Senghor, Dept. Of Biochemistry, SRM Medical College Hosp. & RC, SRM University, Chennai. "Role of circulating Galectin-3 in induction of metastasis promoting cytokines from endothelial cells in cancer.
- DR. P. S. MURTHY AWARD
1. DEVELOPMENT OF DRUG – Dr. Manish Kumar Singh (KGMU, Lucknow) -"Efficacy of *Emblica officinalis* (Amla) in arsenic induced oxidative stress and Pro-inflammation in hepatocytes of Mice"
- DR SITA DEVI AWARD
Namita Mahalle, Deenanath Mangeshkar Hospital & RC, Pune. -"Vitamin B12 Deficiency is associated with dyslipidaemia, Insulin resistance and Inflammatory markers in Indians with coronary Artery Disease."
- NIMS BEST POSTER AWARD :
(1) CANCER : Shailendra Dwivedi (AIIMS, Jodhpur) "Tobacco exposure by various modes may modulate Pro-(IL-12) and Anti-(IL-10) inflammatory levels and influence the median survival of Prostate carcinoma Patients: An explorative study in North Indian Population"
(2) NON-CANCER : Shailja Chambial (AIIMS, Jodhpur) "Is dyslipidaemia a risk factor for Microalbuminuria in Normotensive Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus?"
- MGIMS (SEWAGRAM) AWARD
No award
- Dr. P. Usha Sarma Best Poster Award in Genomic Proteomic sciences –
No award
- AFMC QUIZ
No award
- ACBI YOUNG SCIENTISTS BURSARY AWARDEES
Ms. Soma Santra, Nagpur
- ACBI TRAVEL AWARD
No award

Branch Reports

There were quite a large number of scientific meetings / workshops arranged by the State/Regional Chapter throughout 2014.

TAMIL NADU BRANCH :

The Tamil Nadu branch organized two CME's during the year.

The First CME programme was conducted on 16th September 2014 at SRM Dental College, Chennai. Professor K.N.Sulochana, Director, R.S. Mehta Jain Department of Biochemistry and Cell Biology, Vision Research Foundation, Sankara Nethralaya, Chennai spoke on the topic "In search of Information for drug development in Endogenous Proteins to target angiogenesis". This was followed by a talk by Dr. R. Vijayalakshmi, Associate Professor, Preventive Oncology Department, Cancer Institute, Adyar, on the topic "Molecular biology in Dental health -Scope and Scheme". More than 140 persons participated in this very informative CME.

The 2nd. CME was conducted on 11th October 2014 at Cancer Institute, Chennai. A total of 100 participants were present in the meeting in which subject of "PITFALLS IN THE INTERPRETATION OF LABORATORY REPORTS" and "QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS FOR LABORATORY SERVICES" were discussed.

KERALA BRANCH :

Department of Biochemistry, Pushpagiri Institute of Medical Science & Research Centre, Tiruvalla, Kerala along with the Association of Clinical Biochemists of India (ACBI) – Kerala chapter conducted a one-day seminar on "Laboratory Accreditation and Quality Assurance" on 28th February 2015 (Saturday). This program was co-sponsored by Kerala State Council for Science,

Technology & Environment (KSCSTE), Govt. of Kerala.

The seminar was a grand success with more than 270 delegates from different parts of Kerala attending. Doctors and laboratory personnel were among the delegates.

The inaugural session was from 9 – 945 AM. Dr. Kannan Vaidyanathan, Prof & Head, Dept of Biochemistry & Organizing Secretary, welcomed the gathering. Rev. Fr. Dr. Shaji Mathews Vazhayil, CEO, Pushpagiri Groups of Institutions gave the presidential address. Dr. DM Vasudevan inaugurated the function by lighting the lamp, along with other dignitaries and gave the inaugural address. Felicitations were given by Dr. TP Thankappan, Principal, Pushpagiri Medical College, Dr. MO Annamma, Prof & Head, Dept. of Pathology and Dr. Anand Manoharan, Head, R & D, Pushpagiri Research Centre. Dr. TM Chary, Prof of Biochemistry & Organizing Chairman, gave the vote of thanks.

The first scientific session of the day was chaired by Dr. Chary. Dr. Vasudevan talked about the need for NABL accreditation for the laboratories and the importance of waste disposal. Dr. MK Lalitha, Retd. Prof & Head, Dept of Microbiology, CMC, Vellore & Senior NABL assessor, talked about the various clauses in NABL accreditation, and specifically about ISO 15189:2012.

The second scientific session was chaired by Dr. Jose Paul P, Prof of Microbiology, Pushpagiri Medical College. Dr. George Abraham, Head, laboratory Services, MIMS, Calicut spoke about the future of laboratory medicine. Dr. T Vijayakumar, Prof of Physiology & Biochemistry, Mahe Dental College spoke about pre-analytical errors while Mr. Riju Mathews, Head, Laboratory Services, Believers Church Hospital, Tiruvalla spoke on analytical and

post-analytical errors.

The morning session concluded at 130 PM followed by delicious lunch. The afternoon session started at 2 PM.

Dr. Vasudevan chaired the afternoon session. Dr. Seema Oommen, Prof & Head, Dept of Microbiology, Pushpagiri Medical College talked about laboratory safety. Dr. G Sulochana, Prof of Pathology, Pushpagiri Medical College discussed various issues related to biomedical waste management with specific focus of laboratory waste. Dr. Supriya Simon, Asst. Professor, Biochemistry, Pushpagiri Medical College spoke on quality control while Dr. Deepti GN, Asst. Professor, Biochemistry, Pushpagiri Medical College spoke on Pushpagiri experience on quality control.

All scientific sessions were of excellent quality and the delegates felt that they learned a lot of important practical points regarding accreditation and quality assurance. The valedictory function was conducted at 3.30 PM.

UTTAR PRADESH STATE BRANCH :

A scientific meet was held on 16th March 2015 at Era's Lucknow Medical College & Hospital, Lucknow. The meet was held in the Seminar room of Department of Biochemistry. Scientific meet was



Group photo of the scientific meet.

Dr Brijesh Rathore (UP representative-ACBI), Dr Anu Chandra, Dr Sanjeev Kumar Singh (Central Zone Council member-ACBI), Prof Ajanta Roy, Prof Geeta Jaiswal, Prof Aparma Mishra, Dr. Kanchan Singh and Dr Vishnu Kumar (from L to R)

organised by the Uttar Pradesh ACBI representative Dr Brijesh Rathore. The aim of the meeting was to update the concept of the Quality assurance. The welcome address was given by Prof Ajanta Roy, Head, Dept of Biochemistry, Era's Lucknow Medical College. She introduced the topic to the gathering. Further, Prof. Geeta Jaiswal, Head of the Department, Mahamaya Rajkiya Medical College, Ambedkar nagar (senior ACBI life member), updated about the concept of the Quality assurance. Dr Sanjeev Kumar Singh, Associate Professor, GRMC, Gwalior (Central Zone Council member-ACBI) talked about the importance of the Quality control. Dr. Brijesh Rathore, Associate Professor, Era's Lucknow Medical College, Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh ACBI representative) briefed the gathering about the role of ACBI and corporate members in maintaining the Quality control in laboratory. Dr. Aparna Misra, Professor of Biochemistry, Era's Lucknow Medical College, Lucknow told about the maintenance procedures of autoanalysers to provide consistent results to patients. Dr Anu Chandra, Asso. Professor of Biochemistry, Era's Lucknow Medical College, Lucknow told about the pre-analytical variables affecting the patient care through the laboratory. Dr Vishnu Kumar, InCharge, Hospital laboratory Service (Internal Auditor IS/ISO 15189) delivered a talk on guidelines of IS/ISO 15189. Dr. Kanchan Singh, Asst Prof, dept of Biochemistry presented the vote of thanks to all, at the end of meeting. During this scientific meet, all the faculty members, Junor residents, staff and MBBS students were present.

WEST ZONE REGIONAL MEET :

Dr. T. F. Ashavaid, South Zone representative & Dr Sucheta Dandekar, Past President, ACBI, organized the first of the series of 1 day lectures "Secrets of Quality" on 19th October 2014 at PD Hinduja Hospital, Mumbai. Every aspect of lab processes, preanalytical as well analytical, were presented as an overview which was followed by case histories. A large number of delegates attended this meet.

IFCC-Task Force Young Scientists Educational Symposium
At ACBICON-2014, Jodhpur, INDIA

A Report

“Research Design & Methodology-Identification of Need”

Jodhpur, Rajasthan, India 11th Dec 2014. Research in common parlance refers to a search for knowledge. One can also define research as a scientific and systematic search for pertinent information on a specific topic. Thus, the purpose of research is to discover answers to questions through the application of scientific procedures.

Continuing efforts, IFCC-Task Force Young Scientists (IFCC-TF YS) in collaboration with Association of Clinical Biochemists of India (ACBI) conducted a 5th Symposium on 11th Dec 2014 for young colleagues from laboratory medicine. The programme was well attended by more than 100 participants from India & abroad including senior members IFCC, APFCB & ACBI. The event was hosted by organising committee ACBI Conference (ACBICON) 2014 & Dr Praveen Sharma (Organising Secretary). It was organised at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Jodhpur, India.

This workshop covered the research process, an overview of qualitative and quantitative methods, data collection, recording and analysis and final output of a research proposal. It helped students to understand the basics of research process including the identification of a topic, preparation of a research proposal and final research report, assessment criteria for this and associated timelines. The concept of these activities is to encourage interactions & networking between young scientists alongwith education in the field of laboratory medicine & research. In India with collaborative efforts of ACBI & IFCC, the IFCC-TFYS is organising educational workshops/symposium every year in National Conference i.e, 2010, 2011, 2011, 2013 & 2014.

Addressing the conclave, Dr Graham Beastall (President-IFCC) praised the Task Force initiatives and stressed upon the need to share experiences and strong networking activities. Dr. Jayashree Bhattacharjee (President ACBI) given welcome addresses and summarised the ACBI initiatives for the young biochemists. Dr. Pradeep Kumar Dabla (Convener and Chair IFCC-TF YS) summarized the Task Force objectives, members & activities conducted. He assured the commitment of focused trainings and education to strengthen the future prospects of young laboratorians.

The first session was chaired by Dr. Maurizio Ferrari & Dr. Howard Morris. Dr. Graham Beastall initiated the session by sharing his academic experience in UK & worldwide as researcher & granting authority. He explained the increasing role of Health authorities in medicine. The future specialist in Lab Medicine will require a strong background in the basic medical sciences as well as highly developed clinical skills. It is needed to develop the robust Lab Med and clinical research programmes to improve health care and wellness of the population. Next Dr. Pradeep Kumar Dabla (Chair IFCC-TFYS) given basic Introduction to Research Design explaining what is research and its various steps in brief. Research process consists of series of actions or steps necessary to effectively carry out research and the desired sequencing of these steps. Research comprises of defining and redefining problems, formulating hypothesis or suggested solutions; collecting, organising and evaluating data; making deductions and reaching conclusions; and at last carefully testing the conclusions to determine whether they fit the formulating hypothesis. Prof. Venkat Parameswaran (School of Medicine, Univ. of



Tasmania) continued detailing Literature Review using the Internet Support & Theoretical Approaches. He said "One of the most difficult steps when considering research is to choose a right topic of interest". This job of locating the background information through systematic literature review nowadays has been made easier through web based "virtual library" facilities. Experimental approaches and analysis defines the information that is obtained.

Second session was chaired by Dr. Endang Hoyaranda & Dr. Jayashree Bhattacharjee. Dr. Archana Singh (Asst. Prof., Biochemistry, AIIMS Delhi) described various quantitative and qualitative methods in detail. Generally, health science research follows the empirical approach, i.e. based upon observation and experience and deals with information of a quantitative nature. In either approach, statistical reasoning using the laws of probability guides the inferential process. Based on these calculated probabilities, the hypothesis is accepted or rejected. In end Dr. Graham Beasall

guided how to draft a research proposal and fine details required. He said "The way in which a research proposal is structured and worded will have a significant impact on its likely acceptance". He stressed on allowing plenty of time to prepare the submission. Formulate your research proposal into a hypothesis or series of questions informing the 'Aims, Objectives and Outcomes' of your proposal to submit in time.

To summarize, the workshop has provided attendee's sufficient understanding of the major paradigms of qualitative and quantitative research and to provide a basis for further examination using preferred method. This session has provided a vision to understand the research process including the identification of a topic, preparation of a research proposal and final research report and associated assessment criteria to prepare research proposal. Following the success of this symposium the IFCC Executive Board is considering a new project to support YS to become involved with clinical and scientific research.

CONGRATULATIONS

Dr. Swarup A. V. Shah , Molecular Scientist - Human Genetics, Department of Biochemistry, P. D. Hinduja National Hospital & Medical Research Centre, Mumbai has been awarded the IFCC Travel Scholarship for attending the EuroMedLab 2015 congress in Paris.

ACBI BENEVOLENT 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 request 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, East Boring Canal Road, Patna - 800001 by bank draft in the name of "ACBI Benevolent Fund" payable at Patna. It is proposed to publish the names of members who contribute to this fund in News Bulletin.

Dr. Praveen Sharma, President



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THE ASIA-PACIFIC FEDERATION FOR CLINICAL BIOCHEMISTRY AND LABORATORY MEDICINE YOUNG SCIENTISTS AWARD COMPETITION 2015-2016

Objective:

The APFCB Young Scientist Award Competition is a scientific paper competition conducted by the APFCB through its Education and Laboratory Management Committee with the following objectives:

1. Foster scientific potential of young scientists within the Asia-Pacific region,
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Eligibility:

1. Scientists under the age of 40 on 26 November 2016.(opening of the 14th APFCB Congress in Taiwan where the awarding will take place)
2. Researcher must reside in the Asia Pacific region (all Asian countries except Arab region), Australasia, Pacific islands

Requirements:

The selection process will take place starting June 2015, with the following conditions:

3. Submitted scientific research papers shall be original works of one individual (single author) or as main author in a group research project
4. Research paper has not been published elsewhere or submitted at the same period/time for another competition or publication
5. Literary search or reviews are not acceptable
6. All research areas in laboratory medicine are welcome, but emphasis will be put to novel findings
7. Language will be English
8. Each researcher may submit more than one research paper

9. All papers must include a title page with the following information: title of the paper, name of scientist, affiliation name and address, researcher's email address and name, address and email address of the sponsor who endorses the project.
10. The maximum length of the paper is 1,500 words, not including title page, abstract, references, figures, tables, and appendices. The body of the paper shall begin with the abstract so that it is not on a separate page.
11. Deadline of submission is 31 December 2015
12. All submissions shall be addressed to: Dr Tony Badrick, APFCB Education and Laboratory Management Chairperson, email address: Tony.Badrick@rcpaqap.com.au

Winners and prizes:

1. There will be 5 (five) winners selected from all submitted papers.
2. All 5 (five) winners will be invited to present their papers at the 16th APFCB Congress in Taipei, Taiwan, on 26-29 November 2016. Expenses of the winner will be covered to a limit of SGD 2,000
3. A dedicated symposium during this congress will be allocated for this competition award.
4. Besides being sponsored to attend the 14th APFCB Congress, the First Winner will also receive a first prize winner of USD 1,000.00 and the second best will receive a second prize winner of SGD 500.00.
5. A Juror Team chaired by the APFCB Education and Laboratory Management Committee will be in charge for determining the winners of this competition.

The APFCB encourages scientists under the age of 40 to participate in this competition, through which they will have unique opportunities to learn a crucial part of scientific work which is communicating their work to others.



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