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Dear colleagues,

My Dear Members of ACBI,

I am proud & grateful to you all for conferring me this honour and privilege of organizing ACBICON 2013, our Annual National Conference, in Delhi.

It gives me great pleasure in inviting you all to attend the conference in Delhi from 3rd-6th December 2013 at NASC (National Agricultural Science Centre Complex), Pusa road and make it a grand success.

With Regards,



Dr. Jayashree Bhattacharjee

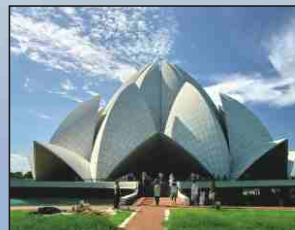
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Dear members,
Greetings.

We bring you the new issue of your ACBI News Bulletin. Along with the report of the just concluded and a very successful National conference which was held in Ranchi, this issue carries important announcements for the 2013 National conference which would be held in New Delhi.

For our young scientists, this issue carries important announcements about the various award papers & posters, for which applications are invited.

There is good news for the youngsters. ACBI announces the institution of the ACBI YOUNG SCIENTISTS BURSARY AWARD for which applications are invited. Apart from this there is ACBI TRAVEL AWARD for 5 participating young scientists. Go ahead and apply.

A few state branch's activity is being presented here. What about the rest of the country? This is a request to all the State Representatives, wake up... Organize CME's or meets in your area.

Happy reading. Do keep in touch!

Dr. Rajiv R. Sinha
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Annual Report, 2012

Excerpts of the Annual Report 2012 read out by the General Secretary at the Inaugural function of 39th ACBICON at Ranchi

The first activity we had after the presentation of last years report was the 38th. Annual National conference of Association of Clinical Biochemists of India held during December 2nd. to the 6th. of December 2011 hosted by G. R. Medical College at the beautiful and magnificent complex of ITM University, Gwalior.

A Pre-conference Professional course in Clinical Biochemistry with the theme of **Advances in Laboratory Medicine towards Molecular Diagnostics** was held on 2nd December 2011 which was inaugurated by the Hon'ble vice Chancellor of Jiwaji University, Gwalior, Dr. M. Kidwai, Dr. Sucheta Dandekar, Dr. Deshratana Asthana, Dr. Udayan Ray, Dr. Renu Saxena, Dr. V. Parmeswaran, Dr. Padma Chavan, Dr. Mawava, Dr. K.K. Srivastava & Dr. Shyamali Pal were the resource persons for this course.

On 3rd December 2011, the morning session started with International Federation of Clinical Chemistry Task Force for Young Scientists. Dr Joseph Lopez from Kuala Lumpur, representative of IFCC, and Dr Pradeep Dabla from ACBI were the conveners of the programme.

Dr. Elizabeth Frank, Prof. K.V. Ramani, Dr. Bharti Jhaveri, Dr. Adarsh Pal Singh, Dr. Ajay Gandhi and Dr. Sandeep Singhal were the resource persons for the 1st CME on Total Lab Management. The 2nd CME on Stem Cell Therapy was addressed by Dr. Mrinalini Chaturvedi, Dr. Himanshu Bansal, Dr. I.K. Patro, who highlighted their views on how stem cells are obtained and handled and their importance in treatment of various diseases.

Dr. N.C. Sharma delivered the **Awadhesh Saran Memorial Oration**. **Dr. Tester Ashavaid**, Head, Dept. Of Laboratory Medicine, P.D. Hinduja National Hospital, Mumbai delivered the **Seth G. S. Medical College & KEM Hospital Oration**. The **Dr. T. N. Pattabiraman Oration** was delivered by **Dr. Jasvinder K. Gambhir**, Professor of Biochemistry, University College of Medical Sciences, New Delhi. **Dr. B.R. Shrivastava**, Professor & Head, Department of Surgery, G.R. Medical College, Gwalior delivered the **K.L. Gupta Memorial Oration**. **Dr. D. Dash**,

Professor & Head at Institute of Medical Sciences, Benaras Hindu University delivered the **Mrs. & Dr G. P. Talwar Oration**.

More then 800 delegates from India and Abroad attended the conference. 59 oral presentations, 75 poster presentations, 48 invited lectures and 3 industrial lectures were delivered over 3 days. An **Open session with experts** was organized on 5th. December 2011 in post-lunch session by Dr. T. Malati. Young students and scientists participated and exchanged their views.

Apart from the large number of eminent speakers from India, the Gwalior conference also attracted many International speakers like Dr. Joseph Lopez, Dr. Michell Ollerich, Dr. Bharti Jhaveri, Dr. Annu Khajuria, Dr. Ravindra Singh, Dr. J. Kartzmann, Dr. Stephen K.J.G. Grebe, Dr. Deshratan Asthana, Dr. V. Parmeswaran & Dr. Udayan Ray.

The conference ended on a high note with the Vice-Chancellor, Agriculture University, Gwalior giving away the numerous awards & prizes that have been instituted by the Association to help encourage the spirit of research in the young scientists.

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Regional Meetings

There were quite a large number of scientific meetings/workshops arranged by the State/Regional Chapter throughout 2011. The major ones were :

(1) The Delhi State Chapter of ACBI along with the Department of Biochemistry, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi organized a symposium on 21st January, 2012, titled "Opening New Horizons in Clinical Biochemistry" under the guidance of Dr. L. M. Srivastava, Senior Consultant & Head of Biochemistry, Sir Ganga Ram

Hospital & Dr Anjali Manocha, Delhi State representative & also of Sir Ganag Ram hospital. The main aim of conducting this symposium was to encourage a close interaction between the Biochemists and Clinicians. The symposia was inaugurated by Dr. D. S. Rana, Chairman, Board of Management, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital and was addressed amongst others by Dr. Rajneesh Jain, Sr. Interventional Cardiologist, SGRH, Dr. Surinder Kumar, Sr. Consultant and Head, Department of Endocrinology, SGRH, Dr K. K. Srivastava and Dr. Anjali Manocha.

(2) The Department of Biochemistry & Immunology of Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital & Medical Research Institute, Mumbai in collaboration with the Maharashtra Branch of the Association hosted the 'Total Quality Management Seminar' on 7th January 2012. The seminar opened with a welcome address by Dr. Ram Narain, Executive Director of Kokilaben Hospital (KH). Apart from Dr. Barnali Das, the organizing Secretary of the seminar, others who spoke were Dr. Girdhar J Gyani, Secretary General Quality Council of India & CEO, NABH, Dr. Thuppil Venkatesh, Principal Advisor, QCI, Dr. Milind Bhide, Dr. Bharati Jhaveri, CAP Governor, Dr. Ronald B Lepoff, CAP inspector & Ms. Adrienne Malta, CAP inspector. The seminar was attended by around 300 delegates from all over Maharashtra.

(3) A Seminar cum Workshop was organized by the Association of Clinical Biochemists of India (Kerala Chapter) on 29th of July 2012 at Thrissur. Dr T Vijayakumar, Former Dean and Director at School of Health Sciences, University of Calicut, Dr D.M. Vasudevan, Former Dean of Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences and Past President of ACBI, Dr Raji spoke on topics of Diabetes and Pre-analytical errors. A Hands on training on "Equipment Calibration in Laboratory" was also done. The function was a grand success with around 150 participants from different hospitals & laboratories participating.

(4) The Kerala chapter also organized a seminar on **Quality Goals & Quality Rules in Laboratory Medicine** on 22nd September 2012 at Pushpagiri Institute of Medical Sciences & Research Centre. Thiruvalla. Dr. D.M. Vasudevan, Past President ACBI delivered the key note address. More than 300 delegates attended this meet

(5) A half a day CME was organized by Dr. R. Arivazhagan, Associate Prof. & Head of the Clinical Bio Chemistry Dept., Cancer Institute, Adayar, Chennai & Tamil Nadu State representative on 15th September 2012. Dr. Arivazhagan gave a brief introduction about ACBI and its activities. Others who spoke on this occasion were Dr. E. Hemanth Raj, Additional Director, Cancer Institute, Dr. K.

N. Sulochana, Director & Prof., Bio Chemistry & Cell Biology Lab, Sankara Nethralaya, Chennai & Dr. Ganesh Venkataraman, Asst. Prof., Dept. of Human Genetics, College of Bio Medical Sciences, Sri Ramachandra University, Chennai.

(6) **Haryana Chapter of the ACBI** organized a Conference & CME under the Presidentship of Dr. Harbans Lal, Sr. Prof & Head, Department of Biochemistry, Maharaja Agrasen Medical College Agroha (Hisar), on 29th Sept 2012. It was attended by more than 150 persons from various Medical Colleges in Haryana. Thirty seven research papers were presented in the poster session. Five papers were given best paper awards. In addition, the following speakers delivered talks in the two scientific sessions. Dr. G. Gurudutta, Senior Scientist & Head, Stem Cell & Gene Therapy Research, and Joint Director, Defence Institute of Nuclear Medicine & Allied Sciences, Delhi & Dr. Neeta Singh, Prof & Head, Dept of Biochemistry, AIIMS, New Delhi, Dr. Arun Raizada, Sr Consultant, Department of Clinical Biochemistry, Medanta-Medicity, Gurgaon & ex President ACBI, Dr. R. Prasad, Prof & Head, Dept of Biochemistry, PGI Chandigarh & Dr. A. A. Mahdi, Prof & Head, Dept. of Biochemistry, KGMU, Lucknow.

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 D. M. Vasudevan, Retired Professor & Head, Department of Biochemistry, Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences, Kochi ,(2) Dr. S. V. Rana, Professor & Head, Department of Clinical Biochemistry, PGI, Chandigarh and (3) Dr. T. Vijayakumar, Head, Department of Biochemistry & Physiology, Educare Institute of Dental Sciences, Malappuram.

2. ACBI has instituted K.P.Sinha- P.S. Krishnan Award for Best Paper published in the Indian Journal of Clinical Biochemistry (IJCBI). In 2011 this award was presented jointly to Neena Srivastava, Jai Prakash, Ram Lakhan, C.G. Agarwal, D.C. Pant and Balraj Mittal of Department of Biochemistry, SGPGL, Lucknow.

3. ACBI-A. J. Thakur Award for Distinguished Services was instituted by the Family of the Late Shri 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. This award for the year 2011 was presented to **Dr. L. M Srivastava**, Consultant Biochemists & Head, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi.

ACBI CMCEQ Programme

The ACBI-CMC External Quality Assurance Programme is being run smoothly by Dr. R. Selvakumar and his team at C.M.C. Vellore. A total of 2528 labs participated in this years QC programme with 230 new labs joining this year. ACBI-CMC EQAS crossed another mile stone with the introduction of an immunoassay programme having Thyroid hormone & cortisol. They have also introduced QC vials with assigned values to be used as Precision controls. A trial was conducted for QC for HbA1C assay and then it will be added to the repertoire of the EQAS programme. They are also planning to supply EQAS samples to Turkey & Bangladesh. Thanks to Dr Selvakumar, his team & the management of CMC Vellore for keeping this flagship project of ACBI moving smoothly.

Indian Journal of Clinical Biochemistry

Four IJCB issues have been released in time with Springer India Pvt. Ltd. now actively involved in the printing & distribution of this prestigious journal. Our journal is being circulated to more than 6,000 libraries all over the world earning IJCB a royalty of rupees 8.5 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.

Continuing with our initiative to join hands with the corporate sector to increase awareness in various aspects of laboratory work, ACBI had joined hands with BD Diagnostics Preanalytical Systems to have training programmes in (1) Best Practice in Phlebotomy & (2) Preanalytical Variables in Laboratory Medicine. The schedule for every month has been put up on the ACBI website along with full details. I appeal to all members to make full use of this programme.

It has been an active year for the Association & it is heartening to note that many state branches are organizing CME & workshops. But still much more needs to be done to motivate other branches to organize educational activities.

Dr. T. Malati, National Representative attended the IFCC General conference at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Dr. S.V. Rana from PGI Chandigarh, attended the meeting of IFCC Task Force on Impact of Laboratory Medicine on Clinical Diagnosis & Outcome, as a member.

I also extend my sincere thanks to Dr. Geeta Ebrahim, Dr. M.V. Kodliwadmam, Dr. Harsh Vardhan Singh for donating generously this year to the ACBI Benevolent Fund, which has been set up to help senior members in their time of need.

And before I end, I must congratulate Dr. Abhay Pratap and his team for putting together a truly fantastic academic feast for all of us and I know we will all go back with lots of happy memories.



AN APPEAL

I express my sincere thanks to all members of ACBI, especially senior members who gave me great opportunity to serve as Advisor in the Executive Committee for such a long time. I have tried to fulfill this responsibility honestly to the best of my ability. Now I have grown old and my ability and strength has considerably diminished. In such situation it would not be proper for me to continue as Advisor. Hence I request the President and other members of the ACBI Council in particular and all members in general to accept my resignation. I assure you my constant support to the activities of the Association and shall try to attend annual conference if I am well.

Further I appeal to you to kindly look for another suitable member to take up this job which has been created by our new constitution.

K.P. Sinha

ACBICON, 2012

A Report

39th ACBICON, 2012

ACBICON 2012, The 39th Annual National Conference of Association of Clinical Biochemists of India was host by the Jharkhand Branch of ACBI in association with Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) at Ranchi from 11th-14th December 2012. The Pre Conference workshop was conducted at RIMS and main conference was held at Mega Sports Complex, Khelgaon, Hotwar, Ranchi.

More than 700 delegates registered for the conference and 42 exhibition stalls were put up displaying the latest instruments & technologies. Sponsored Industrial lectures from corporate like Roche, Diasys, Johnsons & Johnsons OCD division and Seimens were also held.

A Pre-conference Workshop on **Haemoglobinopathies and its interpretations (Hands on training)** was conducted at Department of Biochemistry, RIMS, Ranchi, on 11-12-12 by Dr. Vanita Lal and Dr. Bela Rose Ekka. Prof. U. Satanarayana (Andhra Pradesh) and Prof. Sanjoy Mishra from the NRS Medical College Kolkata were the Chairpersons.

Also, Two Pre Conference CME were organized. The first was on **Implementation of good laboratory Practice** in which Dr. Sucheta Dandekar, Seth G. S. Medical College and KEM Medical College, Mumbai and Dr. Padma Chavan, MGM Medical College, Navi Mumbai spoke and the session was chaired by Dr Jayshree Bhattacharya, Director, VMCC, New Delhi.

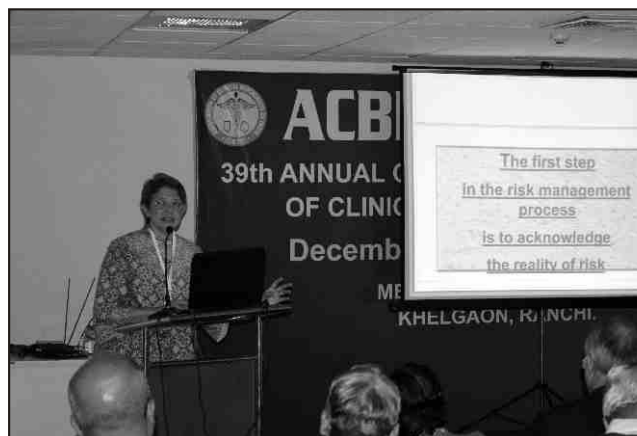
The second CME was on **New Approaches to Medical Education in Biochemistry** in which Dr. Shyamali Pal, Kolkata, was the resource person. The CME was chaired by Dr. Jayshree Bhattacharya. The post lunch session had **The IFCC TASK FORCE for Young Scientist (IFCC-YS-TF)** in which more than 150 young scientist delegates participated. Dr. D.M. Vasudevan, Dr. Neelima Singh and Dr. Praveen Sharma Chaired the IFCC-TF session. The programme started with a talk on **Core Laboratory Concept** by Dr. Hariom Sharma, Prof. & HOD, GMC, Gujarat. Dr. B. Gouget (EB, IFCC) and Dr. Jayashree Bhattacharya, Dean-VMCC shared their experience in talk devoted to **Research Training Knowledge**. The last part of the session was a Round Table interaction in which young



Swami Sarvalokanandaji Maharaj of Ramakrishna Mission, Kolkata, addressing the audience

delegates had many of their points & difficulties clarified by the panelist. Concluding remarks was given by Dr. Pradeep Dabla, New Delhi and lastly a vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Abhay Pratap, Organizing Secretary, ACBICON 2012. This programme was also attended by most of the senior members of Association.

The main **Scientific Session** started on 12th December 2012 in the Main Hall of Megasports Complex, Khelgaon, Ranchi with Revered Swami Sarvalokanandaji Maharaj of Ramakrishna Mission, Kolkata, giving his blessings for the success of the conference and exhorting biochemists to do their best for the upliftment of society.



Dr. Endang Hoyaranda (Indonesia), Secretary, APFCB delivering Plenary lecture



Prof. T. Venkatesh presenting the Taranath Shetty Oration

This was followed by a key note address on **Risk Management beyond Patient Safety** which was delivered by Dr. Endang Hoyaranda (Indonesia), Secretary, Asian Pacific Federation of Clinical Biochemistry & Laboratory Medicine. This session was chaired by Dr. Neelima Singh and Dr. Udayan Ray.

Industrial Exhibition was inaugurated by Dr. Bernard Gouget and Dr. Praveen Sharma.

This was followed by the **K.L. Gupta Oration**, which was delivered by Prof. Raghunadharao, Prof. of Medical Oncology, Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences, Hyderabad on **Lessons from Clinical Trials of Targeted Therapies for Cancer** and was chaired by Dr. T. Malati and Dr. Rajiv. R. Sinha.

The **Taranath Shetty Oration** was given by Prof. T. Venkatesh, Principal Adviser, QCI & Emeritus Professor, Dept. of Biochemistry and Biophysics, St. John's Medical College, Bangalore. He delivered his oration on **Global Prospective and National Policy of Lead Poisoning**. Sri KVR Tagore and Dr. Praveen Sharma were chairpersons.

An Industrial Lecture which was sponsored by



Address by Chief Guest Dr. Tulsi Mahto, Director, RIMS, Ranchi



Presidential address by Prof. Neelima Singh, President ACBI

Johnson's & Johnson's OCD division, was delivered by Dr.P.D.Sawant on **Lean Lab**.

During Lunch time on 12.2.12, **Lunch with Experts** was organized where good numbers of delegates interacted. The experts were Dr. Endang Hoyaranda, Dr. Jay Kalra, Dr. Bernard Gouget and the session was chaired by Dr. A.S. Kanasabapathy, Past President ACBI and Retd. Prof. and HOD Clinical Biochemistry, CMC, Vellore.

During the Post Lunch Session, Panel Discussion on **New Tests in to Practice-Industry/Biochemist and Clinicians Prospective** was organized where Dr. Udayan Ray, Dr. Advani (Transasia Biomedicals), Dr. A. Dasgupta and Dr. Harshvardhan Singh were the panelist. Dr. Pascoal Carvalho was the Chairperson.

Parallel symposia were conducted in 3 separate halls on Cardiovascular system related disorders, Free Radicals and Antioxidants, Diabetes, Endocrine and Haematological disorders and Instrumentation in lab Practice and Animal experiments on 1st day of the conference.

The Conference was officially inaugurated on 12th Dec



Release of the Conference Souvenir



Past President Dr. P.S. Murthy being felicitated

2012 at 7:00 PM by Prof. Tulsi Mahto, Director, Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences Ranchi. Prof. B.C. Harinath, Department of Biochemistry, JB Tropical Disease Research Centre, MGIMS, Sevagram was the Guest of Honour during the inaugural function of 39th Annual conference of ACBI.

Dr. Abhay Pratap, Organizing Secretary gave the welcome address followed by Presidential address by Prof. Neelima Singh, President ACBI.

Prof. K.P. Sinha, Adviser ACBI spoke about MICCB course under the guidance of ACBI. Dr. Rajiv R. Sinha, General Secretary presented the Annual Report of the association for 201-2012. Prof. Tulsi Mahto inaugurated the 39th Annual Conference by lightening the inaugural lamp and during his inaugural speech he mentioned about the importance of biochemistry in day to day life and that biochemical tests are the backbone for the clinicians in diagnosis and medicare of the patients.

Prof. R. Selvakumar of CMC Vellore was presented with the **ACBI-A.J. Thakur Award for Distinguished Service to**



President Dr. Neelima Singh, the current President, handing over the Presidential Medal to Incoming President Dr. Abhay Pratap

Clinical Biochemistry & Laboratory Medicine for the Year 2012. Dr. Shyamali Pal from Kolkata was conferred with the **Fellowship of ACBI**.

Dr. P.S. Murthy, a very senior ACBI member, who had been Past President of ACBI & also Past Editor of IJCB, was felicitated for his contribution to the growth of the Association. Dr. Murthy received a standing ovation from all delegates present.

A souvenir published to mark the 39th ACBICON 2012 was released by Prof. B.C. Harinath, who was the Guest of honour. This was followed by the installation of the new President, Dr. Abhay Pratap with Dr. Neelima Singh, the current President, handing over the Presidential Medal to Dr. Abhay Pratap.

Dr. Abhijit Pratap, Asst. Organizing secretary gave the Vote of thanks. The inaugural function was followed by a cultural programme and Dinner at Dr. Ram Dayal Munda Kala Kendra complex, Khelgaon.

On 2nd day, 12.12.12, scientific programme started with panel discussion on **Six Sigma in Diagnostics and Healthcare** by Dr. Barnali Das, Dr. Jai Bhaumik and Dr. Leena Das. Panel discussion was chaired by Dr. Pascoal Carvalho, Dr. T. Venkatesh and Dr. Uday Donde.

The **T. N. Pattabhiraman Oration** was delivered by Dr. M.V. Kodliwadmth, Prof. & HOD Biochemistry, Navodya Medical College, Raichur, Karnataka. and a Past President of ACBI. He delivered his oration speech on **Plenary of Ageing**.

A sponsored lecture by Johnson & Johnson OCD division on **Liver Ageing Technology to Enhance Patient Care** was delivered by Dr. P. D. Sawant

Diasys Sponsored lecture on **Monitoring of Acute and Chronic Kidney Dysfunction**, Lecture given by Dr. Hektor, Director R&D, Diasys, Germany. Roche sponsored-lecture



ACBI General Secretary, Dr Rajiv R. Sinha, felicitating Dr. Endang Hyoranda, Secretary, APFCB



Colourful welcome of delegates during the Inaugural Session



Chau dance presentation

on **Essentials in Prenatal Screening** was delivered by Dr. Barnali Das in the pre-lunch session.

Invited lectures and parallel symposia on **Maladies of Reproductive System and Topics Associated with Pregnancy & Functional Disorders** were conducted during post lunch session. Free papers were also presented in other 2 halls.

The Annual General Body Meeting was held in the evening. Many important decisions for coming year, presentation of last year's financial reports and presentation for hosting of the 40th Annual Conference at New Delhi and election of ACBI office bearers for 2013-2014 was conducted.

The evening saw all the delegates & guests enjoying the Banquet Dinner and musical night at Hotel Radisson. It was sponsored by Transasia Biomedicals. The General Secretary, Dr. Rajiv R. Sinha, felicitated Dr. Endang Hiyoranda, Secretary, APFCB and thanked her for giving her support to make this conference a successful one. He also requested her to convey his thanks to the President, APFCB for agreeing to send her to attend this important conference.

The last day of the conference, 14th December 2012 was also a scientific feast. For the **Pitabus Jamuna Burma Award**, 3 papers were selected for the presentation for evaluation. Two papers were selected for evaluation in Sita Devi Award category. MGIMS Award paper was also presented on Correlation of status of Thyroid Antibodies

and Thyrotropin Hormone with prevalence of Thyroid autoimmune disease in pregnancy by Dr. Shahid Akbar Mujawar. Judges for above awards papers were: Dr. Md. Suhrab Ali (Bangladesh), Dr. T. Malti (Hyderabad) and Dr. Amitava Dasgupta (USA).

The **Seth G.S. Medical college and KEM Hospital Oration** was delivered by Dr. Suman Bala Sharma (UCMS, New Delhi). Her talk was on 'Phytochemicals : A Possible Herbal Drug to Diabetes and its Complications'. The session was chaired by Dr. P.S. Murthy and Dr. K.M. Dubey.

Mrs. and Dr. G.P. Talwar Oration was given by Dr. Nibhriti Das and she delivered her lecture on 'Disease Modulating role of Membrane Complement Regulatory Proteins and their Significance as Emerging Biomarkers of Systemic Autoimmune Disorders'. The session was chaired by Dr. L.M. Srivastva.

Final round of the hotly contested AFMC Quiz was conducted by Dr. T. Malati and Dr. R. Chawla in which Dr. Rajani Dawar (Delhi) & Dr. Dharamveer Yadav (Jaipur) were declared winners.

A total 82 oral papers and 265 Posters were presented during the conference. Many international speakers attended this conference, amongst them were Dr. Bernard Gouget, Dr. Endang Hoyaranda, Dr. Jay Kalra, Dr. Udayan Ray, Dr. Amitava Dasgupta, Dr. Hektor and Dr. H.S. Sharma.

The 39th ACBICON concluded after the valedictory function and distribution of prizes to the winners of the different awards.



Minutes of the 39th Pre-GB Executive Council Meeting

(Ranchi • December 11, 2012)

The Executive Council (EC) of ACBI met on December 11th 2012 at 6:30 pm at the Auditorium Complex, Khel Gaon, Ranchi. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Neelima Singh, 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 ACBI for the year 2012. Accounts of the ACBI for the year 2011-2012 was presented by Dr. R.R. Sinha, as Dr. K.R. Prasad, Treasurer was unable to attend due to sudden indisposition, and was accepted by the EC. The EC gave its approval for the appointment of a new auditor, M/s S. Nayak & Co, in place of M/s Thakur, Vaidyanath Aiyer & Sons, to audit the accounts of the associations from the financial year 2012-13.

The organizing Secretary, Dr. Neelima Singh of the 38th Annual National Conference of ACBI held at Gwalior submitted the audited statement of the details of income and expenditure. The EC was appraised of the low savings at the Gwalior conference.

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. EC members were informed that Springer has continued the printing and distribution of the Journal. The members were briefed about the steps taken to increase the impact value of the journal. They were also informed about the decrease in the time taken by reviewers in returning their comments, but there was still scope for some improvement. The EC members lauded the efforts of Dr. Praveen Sharma and his editorial team and also Springer for improving the standard of the Journal.

The Convener of the ACBI/CMC-Vellore External Quality Assurance Programme Dr. R. Selvakumar presented the report on the ongoing EQA programme for the year 2011-2012. The EC was informed that 2570 labs actively participated in the EQAS programme during 2012 & 480 in the immunoassay programme. The human sera based QC programme added another feather to its cap by starting the immunoassay programme in the 2012 cycle with Thyroid hormone & Cortisol. In 2013, HbA1C will be introduced into the EQAS programme as a separate programme. The future programme is to get the EQAS accredited by NABL & to collaborate with the



A view of the Pre-GB Executive Council Meeting

International PT (Prothrombin Time) schemes and introduce Accuracy based PT samples. Plans are afoot to supply QC materials to countries like Turkey & Bangladesh. The EC has put on record its appreciation of the efforts of Dr Selvakumar & his team, especially Mr. Manigandan & Mr. Saravanam and the contribution of CMC, Vellore.

The General Secretary, Dr. Rajiv R. Sinha presented new applications received for individual and corporate memberships and the same were approved by the EC.

The President, Dr. Neelima Singh 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, one Secretary, One Treasurer, two Joint secretaries, six EC members and State Representatives. After discussion the EC has validated all applications for presentation before GB meeting.

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 award committee to award the fellowship to Dr. Shyamali Pal, Kolkata for the year 2012. Since Dr. Sucheta Dandekar, Past President, ACBI has already been conferred with the fellowship, her name was not considered this year in the category of Past presidents. Dr. Rajiv Sinha then placed before the EC the nominations received for different orations for 2012 and the reports of the oration award selection Committee approved them. The EC members ratified the recommendations of the search committee for awarding Dr. R. Selvakumar (CMC, Vellore) for the ACBI-A. J. Thakur award for distinguished services in Clinical Biochemistry and Laboratory Medicine for the year 2012.

The Chairperson of the Constitution Revision Committee, Dr. K. P. Sinha, Advisor, ACBI, presented the report of the committee before the executive council. He requested Dr. M.V.R. Reddy, Past General Secretary and a member of the committee to read out the salient revision/features of the ACBI constitution. The committee had recommended that the name of the association be changed to incorporate the word "Laboratory Medicine" in it. Many names were suggested by members present, but Dr. T. Venkatesh, Past president, cautioned the members about changing the name and adding "India" to it. He informed the members about the Government of India guideline in not allowing the use of the word "India" in any society name. Therefore, the members felt that the name "Association of Clinical Biochemists of India" should be retained. Other changes recommended by the committee were approved by the EC for presentation before the GB.

The EC looked into the applications received to host the 2013 conference. Proposal had been received from Dr Jayashree Bhattacharya, Principal, Vardhaman Medical College & Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi which was accepted last year by the GB with a proviso that she should reconfirm her bid in Ranchi in 2012. Dr. Bhattacharya has sent a confirmation letter for hosting it in 2013 in New Delhi. Her proposal was found to be in order and was recommended for approval to the General Body. No other proposal has been received for 2013. EC also looked into the proposal received for the 2014. One proposal was received from Dr. Praveen Sharma (Jodhpur) and was found in order and was recommended for presentation before the GB.

The EC was briefed by Dr D. M. Vasudevan, Director, Indian Board of Clinical Biochemistry, about the progress regarding starting of the course. The EC was informed by Dr Vasudevan that all the system is in place and that the course will commence its first batch from January 2013.

The Secretary briefed the members about the issue of paying membership dues of the Association to WASPaLM (World Association of Societies of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine). He placed before the EC the views of members of the Association. The EC was of the view that ACBI should continue being a member of WASPaLM as it would benefit the young scientists, and placed its recommendation for approval of the GB.

The Secretary placed before the EC the recommendations of the committee appointed to frame rules and guidelines of the Bursary for young scientists to attend ACBI National Conference and present their scientific

work. It would be called '**ACBI Young Scientist Bursary**' and would have Full Bursary for Travel, Registration and Accommodation) for 2 persons & 2 bursaries for registration Fee only. An Award Committee for grant of Bursary shall consist of (i) Organizing Secretary of the conference (as chairperson), (ii) Scientific committee chairperson of current ACBICON, (iii) ACBI Secretary, (iv) President of ACBI & and (v) Chairperson, ACBI Scientific Committee.

The RULES for FULL BURSARY are :

1. Age of the candidate should be 35 or less than 35 years on 31st. December of the current year.
2. Candidate should be a member of ACBI or if not a member then he/she would have to take sessional membership for the conference.
3. Work to be presented at the conference should be original as evaluated by the scientific committee
4. One bursary will be given to eligible candidate contesting for award of oral presentation.
5. Second bursary shall be given to candidate presenting poster selected by the award committee. 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.

The RULES for PARTIAL BURSARY are :

1. Age of the candidate should be 35 or less than 35 years.
2. Candidate should be a member of ACBI or if not a member then he/she would have to take sessional membership for the conference.
3. Work to be presented at conference should be original as evaluated by the scientific committee.
4. One bursary to be given to candidate contesting for any award oral presentation.
5. Second bursary to be given to candidate presenting poster.
6. The candidate should give an undertaking that he/she did not receive any grant from any other government or private sources.
7. The candidate should submit application through proper channel, i.e signed by head of department or head of Institution.

Applications for Bursary would be invited through the ACBI News Bulletin, March issue. Candidates applying would have to give proof of registration, proof of member-

ship of ACBI, copies of their Oral presentation/Poster to the committee for evaluation. Apart from the 4 ACBI Bursary, the 5 Travel Awards shall continue to be offered to young scientists attending the ACBI National Conference.

The Secretary placed before the EC issues related to Agenda for the 39th. 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.

Dr. B.N. Tiwary, Past President, ACBI has sought permission for starting an Oration in the name of Dr. K.P. Sinha, his Teacher at Patna Medical College with a corpus of Rs. 2.0 lacs. He has suggested it to be named as **Dr. K. P. Sinha Oration**. His former students & admirers have also added Rs. 1.50 lacs, making it 3.40 lakhs. The plan is to have a corpus of Rs. 10.0 Lakhs. After extensive discussion amongst EC members, it was decided that in place of an oration, it would be more fitting to form an Endowment Trust, named **Dr. K.P. Sinha Endowment Trust**. The endowment would sponsor lectures by eminent speakers in different parts of the country as part of CME. Suggestions by Dr. B.C. Harinath, Dr. L.M. Srivastava and Dr. Nibhriti Das were also incorporated that the trust could

provide seed money to organize 4-5 days residential training programme for young scientists in different parts of the country. The organizers would also solicit funds from different funding agencies like ICMR, UGC etc. The General Secretary was requested to formulate rules & guidelines to manage this endowment trust. The EC recommended that this proposal be brought before the GB for its approval.

The General Secretary, Dr. Rajiv R. Sinha informed the members of EC about the letter he has received from Mr. L. L. John of KW Conferences Pvt. Ltd regarding whether ACBI would be interested in bidding for the 24th International Congress of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine- ICCCLM 2020. The EC was of the view that ACBI should bid for the ICCCLM 2020 congress & the Secretary was asked to initiate talks with the representatives of KW conferences in this regard.

The Executive Council recorded its appreciation on the excellent leadership provided by Dr Neelima Singh, the President during the year 2012, in carrying out the activities of ACBI.

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



Minutes of the 39th General Body Meeting (Khel Gaon, Ranchi • December 13, 2012 • 4:30 pm)

The 39th General Body Meeting of the ACBI was held on 13th December 2012 in the auditorium hall of Khel Gaon Sports complex, Ranchi. The newly installed President, Dr. Abhay Pratap chaired the proceeding of the meeting. The General Secretary, Dr. Rajiv R. Sinha, placed the minutes of the 38th General Body meeting held at Gwalior, which was earlier circulated through March 2012 issue of the ACBI News Bulletin (Volume No.41/ No.-01). As there were no comments received, the minutes were approved.

The matter related to the election of the office bearers: Vice-President, General Secretary, Joint Secretary, Treasurer, EC members and State representative was taken up for discussion. The House elected Dr. Jayshree Bhattacharya and Dr. Ulhas Tendulkar as Vice-President, Dr. Rajiv R. Sinha as General Secretary, Dr. K R. Prasad as Treasurer, Dr. S. V. Rana & Dr. Abhijit Pratap as joint secretaries, Dr. H.V. Singh, Dr D. G. Dastidar, Dr. Sukesh

Mukherjee, Dr. Monika Gupta, Dr. Sanjeev Singh & Dr. Sadanand S. Naik were elected as EC members. The various State Representatives who were elected were Dr. Anjali Manocha (Delhi), Dr. Shashi Bala Nag (Jharkand), Dr. Shyamli Pal (West Bengal), Dr Dharamveer Yadav (Rajasthan), Dr. Shekhar Nerurkar (Maharashtra), Dr T. Vijayakumar (Kerala), Dr. Rachel Jacob (A.P.) & Dr. S. Nagatilak (U.P.). The House authorized the General Secretary to elect the other state representatives for which no nominations were received.

The General Secretary presented the report of the EC regarding the applications received for hosting the 2013 National conference. The House was informed that only one nomination was found valid in all respect and this was put before the house for its decision. The house unanimously decided to hold the 40th. Annual National Conference in New Delhi with Dr. Jayashree Bhattacharya as organizing secretary. The house was informed that the

conference would be held sometime in November/December 2013. Dr Jayashree Bhattacharya invited all members to attend the next conference at New Delhi.

Regarding the matter of hosting the 41st. ACBICON in 2014, the GB was informed of the decision taken by the EC in its meeting 2 days previously. The GB ratified the decision of the EC to award the 2014 ACBICON to Jodhpur to be organized by Dr Praveen Sharma (AIIMS, Jodhpur). He has to reconfirm his bid personally before the next GB in 2013. In case he fails to reconfirm his proposal for hosting the conference or personally does not present himself, other bids will be considered.

The GB was informed of the important decisions taken at the EC meeting held on 11 December 2012. The GB ratified the decisions taken during the 39th. Pre-GB EC meeting as noted below.

ACBI Constitution Review: Dr. M.V.R. Reddy, Past General Secretary appraised the house of the changes made to the ACBI Constitution. He informed the house that the constitution was put up on the association website and was also published in the ACBI News Bulletin. Comments were invited from honorable members. Based on their feedback, the committee had made certain changes. He explained about the spirit behind the changes, the most important was the composition of the EC on regional basis. The House unanimously approved the new constitution on 13 December 2012.

DR. K.P. Sinha Endowment Fund: The GB approved of the EC decision to start the 'DR. K. P. SINHA ENDOWMENT FUND' which has been started by personal donation of Rs. 2.0 lakhs by Dr. B. N. Tiwary, Past President ACBI and one of his former students. His students & admirers from Bihar have added to the fund which now stands at Rs. 3.5 lakhs. The house was informed of the desire to have a corpus of 10 lakhs. The endowment would sponsor lectures by eminent speakers during the ACBI Annual National Conference. Members were told of the suggestions by Dr B.C. Harinath & Dr. L.M. Srivastava to use the endowment fund to provide seed money to organize 4-5 days training programme (Workshops) for young scientists in different parts of the country. The organizers of such workshops would also solicit funds from different funding agencies like ICMR, UGC, etc. The house unanimously approved of this fund and different members present also offered to donate to the fund. The General Secretary was authorized to open a bank account in a nationalized bank in Patna and also to formulate guidelines for the use of the Endowment fund.

WASPaLM Membership: The GB ratified the decision of the EC to continue with the membership of WASPaLM. The annual membership fee would be paid from the general fund of the association.

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



Minutes of the 40th Post-GB Executive Council Meeting (Khel Gaon, Ranchi • December 14, 2012)

The Executive Council (EC) of ACBI met on December 14, 2012, 9:30 am at Khel Gaon, Ranchi. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Abhay Pratap, the President of ACBI. Dr. Pratap welcomed the members of the new Executive Council. Dr. Rajiv R. Sinha, the General Secretary presented the proceedings of the previous executive council meeting held on 11th. December 2012, which was approved.

Taking stock of the organization of ACBICON 2012 : All the members were very appreciative of the manner in which the organizing committee of the ACBICON 2012 had worked hard to host a very successful conference.

The EC was appreciative of the step taken by Dr Abhay Pratap, President, ACBI & Organizing Secretary ACBICON

2012 in starting the system of automatic logging of delegates who enter the venue. Many members suggested ways & means to further streamline this system. It was suggested that from the next conference, there should be an automated logging at entrance of each hall & certificates would reflect the actual time the delegate has attended different lectures/seminars. Thanks were given to Accurex Biomedicals for getting this system functional.

Dr. Jayashree Bhattacharya, the next organizing secretary, was advised to announce the date of the 40th. Annual meet & also to see that it does not clash with the Immunology & IAPM Conference. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks from the President.



NOMINATIONS INVITED FOR ORATION

Nominations from members are invited for the following orations awards during ACBI Conference in New Delhi being held in December 2013. Nomination should reach **General Secretary Dr. Rajiv R. Sinha**, Biochem-Lab, East Boring Canal Road, Patna 800 001. email: kpsacbi@yahoo.co.in by 31st May 2013. 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 admir-

ing 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 money to cover his/her travel.



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 deadline.

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. 5,000/- 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/ photocopies 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, & (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

K.P. Sinha-P.S. Krishnan Best Paper Award

The Award was instituted in the year 1990 jointly by Organising Committee of 13th and 15th Annual Conferences held at Patna and Jammu by each donating Rs. 10,000/- out of the savings from their respective conferences with a view to encourage biochemists to publish their work in Indian Journal of Clinical Biochemistry (IJCBI). 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 papers published each year in IJCBI are adjudged by a set of 3 Judges appointed by the President in consultation with the Editor of the Journal.*** The author/authors of the best paper are awarded a certificate and a cheque of Rs. 2,000/- or more to be shared equally between the authors during the inaugural function of the conference. One of the authors is invited to attend the inaugural function of the conference to receive the award. He/she will get free conference registration & 1 night accommodation.

(Note: No application is required)

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 2013) submitting a poster at the ACBI National conference will be considered for the Poster Award Competition.

NIM 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.

Poster Awards from Organising 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. No application is required to win this award.

Thus Poster awards fall in following categories:

1. Cancer 1
2. Non-cancer 1
3. 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.
4. Organizing committee award for visually excellent posters.



CALLING ALL YOUNG DELEGATES . . .

ACBI YOUNG SCIENTIST BURSARY

A bursary programme has been set up to help participation of young scientists to the ACBI Annual Conferences. 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.

Bursary Award Committee will consist of :

1. Organizing Secretary of the Conference (Chairperson)
2. Scientific Committee chairperson of the Conference
3. General Secretary, ACBI
4. President, ACBI
5. Chairperson, ACBI Scientific Committee

Applications for Bursary would be invited through the ACBI News Bulletin (March issue) and the Final Brochure of the conference. Candidates applying would have to give proof of registration, proof of membership of ACBI, proof of age, and copies of their Oral /Poster presentation to the committee for evaluation, 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. Apart from the 4 ACBI Bursary, ACBI and National Conference Organizing Committee also give Travel Fellowship.

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 Best Paper Award*

To
The Organizing Secretary
40th ACBICON 2013
New Delhi

Sir,

I am submitting a paper entitled

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

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

Name

Address

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Contact Nos.

E-mail ID

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DATE

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SIGNATURE

*This Application Form can be downloaded from ACBI website too.

Application for AFMC Quiz Award

To
The Organizing Secretary
40th ACBICON 2013, New Delhi

Sir,

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

Enclosures:

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

Kindly acknowledge the receipt of the same.

Name

Address

Contact Nos.

E-mail ID

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DATE

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SIGNATURE

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 Organising Secretary along with registration for the conference. (A copy of the application along with photocopy of all supporting documents should also be sent to ACBI Head Office.)** He/She should enclose proof of membership of ACBI, proof of Age 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.

Application for ACBI Young Scientist Bursary Award

To
The Organizing Secretary
40th ACBICON 2013, New Delhi

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 Qualification

Current Position

Address

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Contact Nos.

E-mail ID

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DATE

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SIGNATURE

UPDATION OF YOUR ADDRESS

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 and if any correction is needed please email at kpsacbi@yahoo.co.in or by post to Dr. Rajiv R. Sinha, Biochem-Lab, East Boring Canal Road, Patna 800 001.

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 2013**.

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 General 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.

DATE

PLACE

SIGNATURE OF THE PROPOSER

*This Format for Nomination can be downloaded from ACBI website too.

Congratulations

Winners of ACBI Fellowships and Awards, 2012

ACBI FELLOWSHIP AWARDESS - FACBI

- **Dr Shyamali Pal**, Kolkata, West Bengal

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

- **Dr. R. Selvakumar**, Professor & Head, Department of Clinical Biochemistry, Christian Medical College, Vellore, Tamil Nadu.

ACBI ORATION AWARDS, 2011

- AWADHESH SARAN MEMORIAL ORATION : None Awarded this year.
- SETH G.S. MEDICAL COLLEGE & KEM HOSPITAL ORATION : **Dr. Suman Bala Sharma**, Professor, Dept. of Biochemistry, University College of Medical Sciences & GTB Hospital, Delhi. "*Phytochemicals : A possible herbal drug to Diabetes and its complications.*"
- DR T.N. PATTABIRAMAN ORATION AWARD : **Dr. M.V. Kodliwadmath**, Prof. & Head, Department of Biochemistry, Navodya Medical College, Raichur, Karnataka. "*Plenary of Ageing.*"
- K.L. GUPTA MEMORIAL ORATION : **Dr. Raghunadharao**, Professor, Department of Medical Oncology, Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences, Hyderabad, AP. "*Lessons from clinical trials of targeted therapies for cancer.*"
- MRS. & DR G. P. TALWAR ORATION AWARD : **Dr. Nibhriti Das**, Professor, Department of Biochemistry, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi. "*Disease modulating role of "Membrane Complement Regulatory Proteins" and their significance as emerging biomarkers of systemic autoimmune disorders.*"
- TARANATH SHETTY MEMORIAL POPULAR LECTURE SERIES ORATION : **Dr. T. Venkatesh**, "*Global Prospective and National Policy of Lead Poisoning.*"

Other Awards, 2012

- K.P. SINHA - P.S. KRISHNAN AWARD FOR BEST PAPER PUBLISHED IN 'IJCB' (2011): **M.P Narayanan, Vaidyanathan Kannan, K.P. Vinayan & D. M. Vasudevan** : "Diagnosis of Major Acidurias in Children: Two Years Experience at a Tertiary Care Centre" was adjudged best amongst the paper published in Indian Journal of Clinical Biochemistry, Vol. 26, No. 4, Year 2011.
- PITABUS-JAMUNA BURMA MEMORIAL AWARD : **Dr. Rajani Dawar**, LHMC, New Delhi : "25-Hydroxy Vitamin D during pregnancy and risk of type I diabetes in offspring."
- DR. P.S. MURTHY AWARD : (i) **Prachi Shelgikar** (B.J. Medical College, Pune) : "Evaluation of Nitric Oxide levels and Arginase activity in oral cancer patients." (POSTER). (ii) **Dr. Shashi Bala Nag** (RIMS, Ranchi) : "Study of Glucose-6 Phosphate Dehydrogenase deficiency in tribal and Non-Tribal population of Jharkhand." (POSTER)
- DR. SITA DEVI AWARD : **Dr. Richa Dixit**, Lady Hardinge Medical College, Delhi : "Correlation of Inflammatory markers in Coronary Artery Disease : A Case Control Study."
- NIMS BEST POSTER AWARD :
(i) **CANCER** : **Md. Khaleel Pasha** (Department of Biochemistry, Osmania General Hospital, Hyderabad) : "Study of Trace Elements in malignant and Non-malignant ascitis."
(ii) **NON-CANCER** : **Ms. Priyatma** (Department of Gastroenterology & Nutrition, AIIMS, New Delhi) : "Development of In-house method for Quantitation of HBV DNA by RT-PCR."
- MGIMS (SEWAGRAM) AWARD : **Ms. Manjusha Hivre** (Department of Biochemistry, MGIMS, Sewagram) : "Evaluation of Immunomodulatory potential of Filarial Antigens on the development of Type I Diabetes."
- AFMC QUIZ : (i) 1st Prize: **Dr. Rajni Dawar**, Lady Hardinge Medical College & Safdurjung Hospital, New Delhi; (ii) **Dr. Dharamveer Yadav**, SMS Medical college, Jaipur.
- ACBI TRAVEL FELLOWSHIP AWARDEES : **Ms. Kadam Charushila Yuvraj**, B.J. Medical College, Pune

Branch Reports

There were quite a large number of scientific meetings/ workshops arranged by the State/Regional Chapter throughout 2012.

❑ ACBI Delhi Chapter

International Symposium on *Changing Role of Laboratory Medicine Laboratory-Clinic Interface*



Symposium organised by ACBI Delhi Chapter

The **Department of Biochemistry, Chacha Nehru Bal Chikitsalya (CNBC)** in association with **Association of Clinical Biochemists of India (ACBI)-Delhi Chapter** organized a one day Symposium on Dec 15, 2012 in Delhi. This symposium aimed at creating awareness about the changing environment of medical laboratories and to bring both Laboratory Scientists and Clinicians at the same platform. Over 100 healthcare professionals from across the country attended this symposium to know about emerging trends in Laboratory Medicine and the current and future developments in the field of Inborn errors of metabolism. The meet was held at Chacha Nehru Bal Chikitsalya, pioneer in specialised pediatric health services associated to Maulana Azad Medical College. This hospital is the first public hospital in India to get accreditation from National Accreditation Board for Health Care Providers.

The meeting was addressed by eminent speakers from the field of Laboratory medicine and the Clinical fraternity. **Dr Pradeep Kumar Dabla**, Organising Chair & National Representative, IFCC-TF YS briefed the audience about CNBC and the theme of the symposia. He summarized how lab medicine has changed and is likely to evolve in the

coming years and requires cooperation with clinical colleagues for functional areas outside the lab. **Dr. Santosh Kumar**, Organising Secretary welcomed all and presented souvenir to all the dignitaries. **Dr. K. K. Kalra**, Medical Superintendent, CNBC, gave a brief overview on networking of lab and clinics while introducing institute and its various functional areas. **Dr J. Bhattacharjee**, Dean, VMMC & Safdarjung Hospital stressed on raising research activities and collaborations amongst institutes. **Dr. B. Gouget**, EB & Treasurer, IFCC described how IFCC being an International Organisation is working towards lab quality assessment and other task force activities for raising lab standards globally. **Dr. K. K. Shrivastava**, *President, ACBI-Delhi Chapter* introduced various activities being organised for lab scientists under ACBI. **Prof. H. S. Sharma**, VUMC, Amsterdam explained the various trends and technological developments into the field of lab medicine and introduced the various ongoing research programmes in the institute.

The first session was chaired by **Dr. L. M. Shrivastava**, EB-ACBI & Head Department of Biochemistry, SGRH. **Dr. B. Gouget** explained the networking of IFCC and its functional organisation chart. He introduced various scientific activities, committees being organised by IFCC and the need for special task force projects into different areas. He stressed onto the involvement of Young Scientists in various activities. Speaking on the occasion, **Dr. K. K. Shrivastava** stressed about the role of high-quality medical care for improvements in medical quality and services for the patients. The second session was chaired by **Dr. Nibhriti Das**, Dir. Prof, Department of Biochemistry, AIIMS



A part of the audience

and **Dr. P.C. Ray**, Dir. Prof, Department of Biochemistry, MAMC. **Dr. B. Talukdar**, Director, Prof & Head, Pediatric Medicine, CNBC explained about the clinical & diagnostic challenges related to the Inborn errors of metabolism and children with seizures and neurodevelopmental disorders. He explained how the **accumulation of toxic substances**, abnormal metabolites and deficient energy production leads to metabolic block resulting in seizures. He discussed the available urinary screening tests for IEM and how algorithm for clinical diagnosis can be a helpful aid. He ended the lecture by briefing about the diagnostic challenges of IEM. In second lecture, **Dr. Manjeet Kaur**, Chief Consultant & Head, Deptt of Genetics, Dr Lal PathLabs spoke on how prompt detection requires a high index of suspicion and the early measurement of biochemical markers such as blood ammonia. Diagnosis is important not only for treatment but also for genetic counselling and antenatal diagnosis in subsequent pregnancies. She talked on how Metabolic investigations should be initiated at the earliest as the treatment outcome of many IEM especially those associated with hyperammonemia is directly related to the rapid diagnosis and early management. This was followed by **Round table discussion** in which all the speakers and participants took part. Dr. K. K. Srivastava gave the concluding remarks. The session ended with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr Pradeep Kumar Dabla and distribution of souvenir to members of the organising committee by Dr. B. Gouget. To conclude, this workshop provided a unique platform to the healthcare professionals to exchange ideas and to develop a new vision for the future of laboratory sciences in India and abroad.

❑ Kerala Branch

Seminar on Quality Goals & Rules in Laboratory Medicine

Association of Clinical Biochemist of India, Kerala Chapter conducted a National Seminar on **Quality Goals & Quality Rules in Laboratory Medicine** at Pushpagiri Institute of Medical Sciences & Research Center, Thiruvalla during the 11th Annual Meeting of Society of Clinical Chemists, Kerala (SCCK) on Saturday 22nd of September, 2012.

Dr. George Abraham, Secretary of SCCK delivered the welcome address. Prof (Dr) T. Vijayakumar Executive member ACBI Kerala Chapter delivered the Presidential Address. Rev. Fr (Dr). **Abraham Mulamoottil**, Chairman & CE-Pushpagiri Group of Institutions inaugurated the function. Rev. Fr. (Dr) **Mathew Mazhavancheril**, Director, Academic and Research, Pushpagiri Group of Institutions



Inauguration of the National Seminar organised by
ACBI Kerala Chapter

and Dr. Smitha Mariyam Thomas, Principal, Pushpagiri College of Allied Health Sciences felicitated the function. Prof. (Dr) D M Vasudevan distinguished professor of AIMS, Kochi and past president of ACBI has delivered the key note address on **Laboratory Medicine Historical perspective**. Dr. Supriya Simon A, Assistant Professor, Dept of Biochemistry, Pushpagiri Institute of Medical Sciences & Research Center delivered the vote of Thanks.

Dr. Supriya Simon A has been declared as the winner of the best research paper award of the SCCK for her paper titled **Biochemical and Genetic studies on Cardio metabolic syndrome** published on IJCB in 2011. During the scientific session distinguished panel of speakers Prof. (Dr). T. Vijayakumar, Dr. George Abraham, Dr. K. Ramesh Kumar Mr. S. Suresh and Mr. Riju Mathew, Senior Consultant Biochemist, Medivision had shared their thoughts on the subject. More than 300 participants including the senior and junior faculties, students and laboratory staffs from Pushpagiri Institute of Medical Sciences & Research Center and other institutions all around the Kerala attended the event.

❑ East Zone ACBI

QMS and IAT Course, Kolkata

A four day training course on Quality Management System & Internal Auditors Training was held in the Academy of Fine Arts in Kolkata from 15th to 18th of January, 2013, by the Association of Clinical Biochemists of India (West Bengal chapter).

The program was coordinated by QCI coordinator for West Bengal, Prof. Krishnajyoti Goswami, Former President of ACBI and Dr. Ipsita Mazumdar, Scientific Committee member of ACBICON2012. The training course was attended by 46 participants from the state of Odisha,



Participants of 4-day Quality Management System & Internal Auditors Training Programme organised by ACBI East Zone

Jharkhand, Assam & West Bengal, all of whom completed it successfully under the training & guidance of Dr P D Sawant, Technical Committee member of NABL, and Prof. T. Venkatesh, Principal Advisor of QCI & Director, NRCLPI.

The training began at 10 AM on 15th of January, with an inauguration speech by Prof. Goswami, which was followed by presentations on QMS by Dr. Sawant. The training session continued post lunch and ended at 6 PM with an evaluation of the trainees.

On the second day of the training, the session started with evaluation & feedback of the first day & was followed by presentation on IAT by Prof. T Venkatesh, and discussions. Post lunch session was continued by Dr Sawant. Finally the session ended with an evaluation of the day's training by the participants.

The third day began with evaluation of the second day, followed by a training & discussion session on **Internal**

Audit by Dr P D Sawant. A mock Audit was conducted in five NABL accredited laboratories in Kolkata after lunch and an audit report was prepared by the candidates.

Final evaluation of the candidates along with the results of the mock audit was conducted on the fourth & final day of the training. This was followed by a closing speech by Dr Abhay Pratap, President, ACBI, felicitation of the trainers & a valedictory session.

❑ ACBI West Bengal Branch

Workshop on Inborn Errors of Metabolism & Metabolic Disorders

A **Research Workshop on Inborn Errors of Metabolism & Metabolic Disorders** was organized by the Department of Biochemistry, College of Medicine & JNM Hospital, WBUHS, Kalyani on March 7-8, 2013, in association with International Union of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology



ACBI East Zone : Quality Management System & Internal Auditors Training Programme in progress



Dir Prof. Amit Banerjee releasing the Abstract. On dias: Prof. D.M. Vasudevan, Prof. D. Bhattacharyya & Prof. Subir Kr. Das

(IUBMB) and under auspices of Association of Clinical Biochemists of India (ACBI). Prof. Dipankar Bhattacharyya, Principal, College of Medicine & JNM Hospital, WBUMS, Kalyani, welcomed all participants; and Dir. Prof Amit Banerjee, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, West Bengal University of Health Sciences, addressed the delegates. In inaugural address Prof. D.M. Vasudevan highlighted an overview on Inborn errors of metabolism.

Prof. Robert Aquaron, from Aix-Marseilles University, France discussed on complications and role of homogentisate 1,2 dioxygenase (HGD) gene in alkaptonuria; and the role of four major types of OCA (OCA1-OCA4) on disruption in production of melanin from tyrosine in oculocutaneous albinism (OCA). Dr. Ashwin Dalal, from CDFD, Hyderabad, and Dr. Rita Christopher from NIMHANS, Bangalore discussed on practical clinical approach to the recognition and investigation of inborn errors of metabolism. Dr. Noah Weisleder from the Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio described on the pathophysiology of inherited diseases of musculoskeletal systems. Dr. K. Nandagopal from the Calcutta University highlighted on enzyme defects in purine metabolism. Dr. Purnima Prabhu from the PD Hinduja Hospital, Mumbai, discussed on ketogenic diet as a modality of treatment in refractory status epilepticus.

Prof. John E. Baker from Medical College of Wisconsin, USA showed the ability of simvastatin to mitigate disorders of metabolism and cardiac injury after 10 Gy total body irradiation, a radiation dose relevant to a radiological terrorist threat. Dr N. Maulik from Connecticut Medical Center, Farmington, CT, USA on signaling mechanisms on diabetes. *Travis Gurney from OSU, Columbus, OH, USA*; Dr. T.Vijayakumar and *Dr. J. Bhattacharyya*, from University of



Part of the august audience

Missouri, Columbia, USA discussed on the various aspects of diabetes mellitus. Dr. Narasimham Parinandi and Dr. Sainath Kota from the OSU, Columbus, OH, USA discussed the role of lipids and lipidomics of sickle cell disease. Dr. Partha P. Majumdar, Director, NIBMG, Kalyani, India, discussed on genomic determinants of unconjugated bilirubin level in humans. Students from different institutes of various parts of India working in relevant fields actively participated and shared their work with peers.

Dr. Robert Aquaron, Dr. Noah Weisleder, Dr. Ashwin Dalal, Dr. Purnima Prabhu and Dr. Praveen Sharma participated in a panel discussion, moderated by Dr. D.M. Vasudevan recommending preliminary level screening for inborn errors of metabolism with low cost tests laboratories in all medical colleges and district hospitals; while ten tertiary care laboratory in India should be established; and screening of all new born babies in India should be the long term aim. Awareness programmes throughout the country, therefore, should be initiated.



CONGRATULATIONS

1. **Prof. L.M. Srivastava**, Senior Consultant and Chairperson, Department of Biochemistry, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, Rajinder Nagar, New Delhi, has been awarded **The Dharma Vira Award for Excellence** by Sir Ganga Ram Hospital for the year 2012. The Award was conferred at a Ceremony held in the Hospital on 20th January 2013.

2. **Dr. Saswati Das** from the Department of Biochemistry, Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi and a member of ACBI has received the **IFCC-Roche Scholarship, 2013** for attending Euromed LAB Milan in 2013.

3. **Dr. Pradeep Kumar Dabla**, Department of Biochemistry, Chacha Nehru Bal Chikatsalya (Pediatric Super Specialty Hospital, associate of MAMC), New Delhi, has been elected as **National representative from India on the IFCC Task force for Young Scientist (TF-YS)** for a 3 year term).

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