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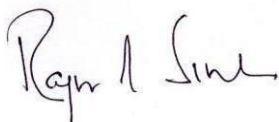
The year 2025 saw the first of the two International conference that we at ACBI had successfully bided for and bought it to India. The 34th conference of the World Association of Societies of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine (WASPaLM) and the 51st. National conference of ACBI was a grand scientific affair which was held in WESTIN, Koregaon Park, Pune.

Delegates from India and member countries of WASPaLM made their presence felt. I am also thankful to our corporate members who supported us in making this a grand event.

Dr Indu Verma passed on the baton of President of the association to Dr. Sadanand Naik. Will all be looking up to him to guide the association to greater heights. Preparations for IFCC WORLDLAB 2026 & 52nd. ACBICON 2026 are in full swing. I appeal to all to make this meet a grand event. This conference would give us an opportunity to rub shoulders with and interact with delegates & speakers from all branches of Lab medicine and also to attend an IFCC Conference here in our country and that also at half registration rate. All details are on the conference website: www.ifccnewdelhi2026.org

Looking forward to meeting you all in New Delhi.

With warm regards,



Dr. Rajiv R Sinha
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01/10/1968 - 20/10/2025

Dr. Subir Kumar Das did his Ph.D. in Medical Biochemistry from Amrita Institute of Medical Science, Kochi under Prof. D. M. Vasudevan. He then joined College of Medicine and JLN Medical College at Kalyani where he became Professor & Head of the department of Biochemistry. He joined ACBI in October 2000 and was actively involved in all its activities. He became President of the association in the year 2022. He as actively involved in the area of Alcoholic liver injury.

He was recipient of the Seth G. S. Medical College & KEM Hospital Oration Award in 2017, Praveen Sharma Oration Award in 2024. He was conferred the Fellowship of ACBI (FACBI) in the year 2023. The association has lost a great leader, friend and Guide.

May his Soul Rest in Peace.

**"तस्मादपरिहार्योऽयं जन्ममरणलक्षणोऽर्थः । तस्मिन्नपरिहार्येऽर्थे न त्वं
शोचितुमर्हसि"**

Bhagavat Gita, Chapter 2, Verse 27.

**"Therefore, this cycle of birth and death is inevitable. You should
not grieve over what is inevitable"**

May he Rest in peace

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CONFERENCE REPORT

34th. WASPaLM & 51st. ACBICON 2025 Pune 14th. October 2025 to 17th. October 2025 “Laboratory Medicine at the Frontier of Patient-Centric Care”

The Association of Clinical Biochemists of India (ACBI) were the proud host of the **34th. Conference of World Association for Pathology and Laboratory Medicine (WASPaLM)** and the **51st. Annual National conference of ACBI** held at Hotel Westin, Koregaon Park, Pune from 14th to 17th October 2025. It was the first time that a WASPaLM congress was being held in India. The theme of this congress was “**Laboratory Medicine at the Frontier of Patient-Centric Care**”. More than 700 biochemists and medical laboratory professionals from across the country and globe shared their expertise and contribution in the field of Clinical biochemistry and laboratory Medicine. The extensive scientific program of the conference was graced by the presence of esteemed national and international dignitaries from sixteen different countries such as Uruguay, USA, Canada, Netherlands, Germany, Hungary, Turkey, Italy, France, Belgium, Australia, Malaysia, South Africa, Japan, South Korea and Malaysia.

The program included Plenary Lectures, symposia, panel discussions and preconference workshops that provided an enriching platform for experts, to exchange knowledge and discuss the latest advancements in the field. The main conference had four parallel sessions and each one of them witnessed good attendance and active participation from the delegates. Prof Bernard Gouget (France) participated as Visiting Lecturers under the IFCC-Abbott Visiting Lecturer Program (IFCC-VLP). Prof. Gouget addressed the identification, assessment, and translation of emerging diagnostic technologies and data analysis procedures—from academic laboratories to clinical settings. Their contributions provided valuable insights emphasizing the importance of bridging the gap between research and its successful implementation in healthcare.



Pre-Conference Workshops:

Before diving into the scientific content of the conference, four pre-conference workshops were organized on 14th October 2025, all of which were at full capacity. All the workshops were conducted simultaneously at AFMC, Pune, Dinanath Mangeshkar Hospital & KEM Hospital. The first workshop entitled **Therapeutic drug monitoring using LCMS/MS** was conducted in Pathology Department, Deenanath Mangeshkar Hospital & Research Center, Pune. The workshop was conducted by the team of Drs. Sadanand Naik, Namita Mahalle, Sharwari Narawade & Ramiz Azad. The second workshop was **Next Generation Sequencing & Its Applications** Venue conducted at the Department of Biochemistry at AFMC, Pune. Faculty was Drs. Bhaskar Mukherjee, Anurodh Gupta, Subhashree Pradhan, Deepika Agrawal, Dwipa Parmar, Shreya Solanki, Barun Kumar Chakraborty and Rajan Nagendra. The third workshop was on **Flow cytometry** conducted at the KEM Hospital, Pune and was helmed by Ketaki Kelkar, Kiruthiga Ganeshan, Mayuri Sesmy and Ravi Godbole. The fourth workshop was **Protocol**

Development of Systematic reviews and met analysis for Diagnostic Test Accuracy (DTA) Studies. It was held at AFMC, Pune with the following Faculty : Praveen Sharma, Dharamveer Yadav Amit Pal & Jaykaran. In the afternoon, the Pre-GB Executive Council meeting was held in which members of the council attended.



President, Dr Indu Verma & Secretary, Dr Rajiv R Sinha conducting the EC meeting



The 34th. WASPaLM and 51st. ACBICON 2025 was meticulously organized, featuring forty-six symposia's, two plenary lectures and twelve industrial lecture spread over three days, divided into four parallel segments across distinct halls, each dedicated to specific themes. Renowned personalities from the field of clinical biochemistry and laboratory medicine chaired the sessions, enriching the discussions with their expertise. The first day started with two Young Faculty symposia and also two symposia's by young delegates. Dr. Kannan Vaidyanathan and Dr. Rachita Nanda chaired the first session where seven young faculties gave their talk. In another parallel session which was chaired

by Dr Dharamveer Yadav and Dr. Manjulata Kumawat, seven young faculties gave their presentation. In the parallel sessions, 3 & 4, Dr. Shailja Sharma, Mingma Sherpa, Dr. Deepak Parchwani and Dr. Sandhya Pillai-Nair chaired sessions in which 16 young delegates gave their talk. This was followed by the official opening of the congress industrial exhibition by Dr. Roberto Verna, President-Elect, WASPaLM. Roberto went around and interacted with all representatives of IVD industries who were manning their stalls.



This was followed by 4 parallel symposia. The first was the symposia organized by the World Pathology Foundation. Speakers were Dr. Roberto Verna who talked about Laboratory in Clinical Research, Dr. Lai Meng Looi on Recent reforms in pathologist training in Malaysia and Drs. Ana Aceves Capri: (VIRTUAL). The 2nd. Symposia was titled **"Artificial Intelligence (AI) - Driven Innovations in Clinical Diagnostics and Healthcare"** which was chaired by Dr. Bernard Gouget. The speakers were Amit Kharat, Bernard Gouget and Ashishkumar Agravatt.





ICMR Reference Interval Panel Discussion. Moderator: Praveen Sharma: Panelist were Praveen Sharma, Barnali Das, Sudip Kr. Dutta, Dharamveer Yadav and Nilesh Chandra. Another session under the WASPaLM banner was the first of the three sessions of the 4th **International Meeting of Residents in Pathology and Laboratory Medicine** in which the following topics & presenter were: Harmonization of Clinical Pathology/Laboratory Medicine Curricula in Different Countries. Coordinators: Flavio Alcantara(WASPaLM), Guillermo Santoscoy (Mexico)

- Clinical Pathology/Laboratory Medicine Residency: A Global Overview of Curriculum Impact on the Specialty

Walter Alallón (WASPaLM) Residents Panel: Giuliana Arrunategui Salas(Perú), Caio Pupin Rosa (Brazil), Isamel Melamed (Uruguay), Damaris Guadalupe García Alonso (Mexico) and Gabriela Moreira (WASPaLM). After this we had the Industrial lectures presented by Agappe Diagnostics & Beckman Coulter, Transasia bio medicals and Randox.



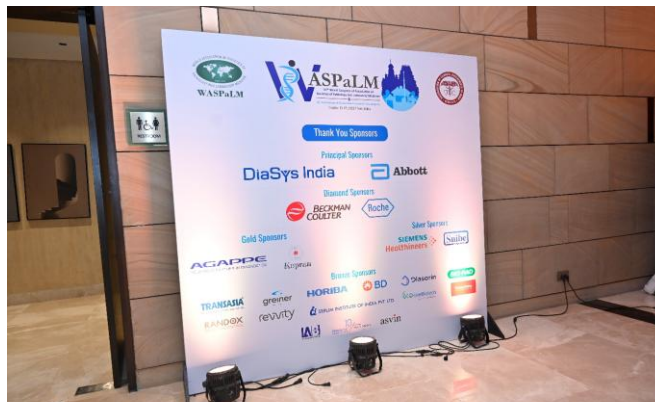
In the post lunch session we had four parallel symposia's. First we had the **WASPaLM-IFCC session** in which the speakers were Sergio Bernardini, Sedef Yenice and Prasenjit Mitra. The second parallel session was the TSC (Turkish

Society) – Virtual session on **Integrating High-Sensitive Cardiac Biomarkers and Artificial Intelligence in Emergency Cardiac Diagnostics** in which the speakers were M.Erinc Sitar, Banu Isbilen Basok. The third symposia was the IFCC- ETD Symposia on Advanced Diagnostics for Precision Health: **From Omics to On-the-Go Testing**. The speakers were Swarup A. V. Shah, Sridhar Sivasubbu and Bernard Gouget Chair: From Omics to On-the-Go Testing. The final parallel session was on **Complement pathways** in which the speakers were Marie Durey, Valentine Lobo, Ruma Manchanda and Kiran Sathe.



Following this was Symposia 13, 14, 15 and 16. Symposia 13 was organized by the **Brazilian Pathologists Association on Infectious Diseases in Brazil in XXIst Century; from conventional to metagenomics**. The speakers were Alvaro Pulchinelli, Luciana Franco and André M. Doi. Symposia 14 was organized by the SAACBLM (SOUTH AFRICA) with the symposia topic- **“Clinical laboratory cardiovascular risk assessment in 2025: Where are we now?”**. The speakers of this session were Dr. Tahir Pillay, Dr. Rivak Punchoo and Barbara Van Deventer: MicroRNAs and cardiovascular disease. (VIRTUAL). **Infection and Immunity** was the topic of symposia 15. The speakers were Anmol Chandele, Nimesh Gupta, Archana Singh and Kalpana Luthra. The last symposia in this session was on **Cancer Biology** and was helmed by Ashok Sharma, Subrata Sinha, Shyam S. Chauhan and Mayank Singh. The final session of the day had symposia 17 by FEDERACIÓN MEXICANA DE PATOLOGÍA CLÍNICA (MEXICO) on the topic Laboratory medicine in the era of precision medicine and the speakers were Guillermo Santoscoy-Ascencio, Fernando Santoscoy-Hernández and Deepak Parchwani. 18 was by conducted virtually by the Chinese Society for Laboratory Medicine. The topic of the symposia was The Value and Role of Laboratory Medicine in the Diagnosis and Treatment of **Major Chronic Diseases**. The speakers were Chuanxin Wang, Ming Guan and Li Jiang. Another symposia (19) was **Nutritional Epigenetics** by Jyotdeep Kaur, Sadhana R Joshi, and Subash Chandra Gupta.

This was followed up by a visit to congress exhibition and poster. This was followed up by 2 industrial lectures -Serum Institute of India and Horiba India Ltd. **The opening ceremony was grand affair with a Plenary lecture given by Dr Rahul Purwar who spoke on First “Make in India” CAR-T cell therapy: from RnD to clinic to Market.** This was followed by a grand welcome dinner.



Day 2 (15th October 2025) started with 4 symposia's in parallel. The first was **“AI in Laboratory Medicine: Past, Present, and Future”** in which the speakers were . Jay Kalra, Sudip Kumar Datta and Asmita Hazra. In tandem, **“Chronic kidney disease (CKD): Unravelling Mechanisms, Advancing Markers, and Improving Outcomes”** where Medha Rajappa, Sabarinath Shanmugam and Kitlangki Suchiang were the speakers. We also had **CAHO Diagnostics Division Quality Management session** where Thuppil Venkatesh, Neeraj Jain gave their presentation. There was also a panel discussion where the Moderator was Dr. Aparna Jairam. The final in this session was a thought-provoking talk on Neuroscience / Neurobiology in which Aparna Dixit, Jyotirmoy Banerjee, Sudip Sen and Amisha Malhotra gave their input. Post the morning session, we had 3 symposia sessions and one industrial lecture. **Advances in therapeutic drug monitoring** was helmed by Tester F. Ashavaid, Sharwari Narawade and Smita Pattanaik.



The second was on Enhancing Antenatal care by Prenatal Maternal Screening. The speakers were Shailja Sharma, Mithu Banerjee and Meenakshi Gothwal. Also we had the 2nd. Session of the WASPaLM: 4th International Meeting of Residents in Pathology and Laboratory Medicine in which young delegates from WASPaLM member countries talked on Harmonization of Clinical Pathology/Laboratory Medicine Curricula in Different Countries. It was coordinated by Tahir Pillay (South Africa) and Ozkan Alatas (Turkey). Residents Panel was represented by Emir Matpan (Türkiye), Juhan Jordaán (South Africa), Ajay Divvela (India) and Omar Corzo Mendo (Mexico). Then we had an Industrial lecture sponsored by ABBOTT on the topic Integrated Liver Insights: From Lab to Clinic. Post this we had Industrial lectures which were given by Daisy's, Beckman, Roche, - Werfen and Seimens. Before lunch, we had the **2nd Plenary talk of the congress which was delivered by Prof Yogesh Chawala who talked on “Liver biochemistry has changed hepatology clinical practice”.**

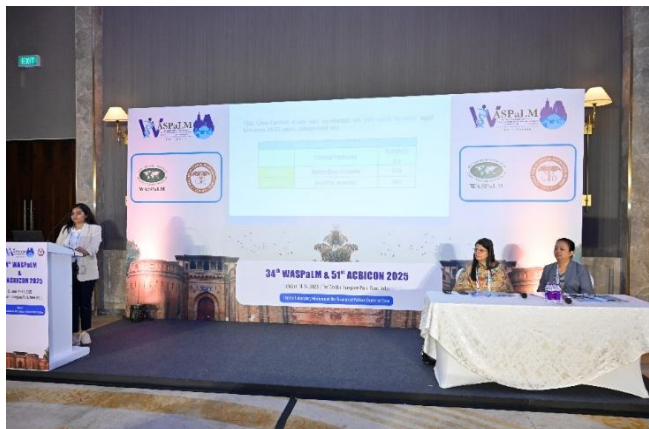


The post lunch session saw the following talks: The **Frontier of Infectious Disease Testing by JSLM (JAPAN)** in which the speakers were Yuki Uehara, Naoki Uno and Yoshifumi Uwamino. - **KSLM (KOREA) presented talk on Present and future of Korean Laboratory Medicine.** The speakers were Jeong-Yeol Ahn, Hyukmin Lee and Kyoung UN Park. **Biochemical and Genetic Interplay in Metabolic Syndrome** was presented by Eli Mohapatra, Rachita Nanda, Suprava Patel and Seema Shah. **Effective Leadership in the clinical laboratories** was presented by Sucheta Dandekar, Farzana Mahdi and Rohini Bhadre. **WASPALM - ACCLMP (INDIA) presented Diagnostics as the steering force of tailor-made therapeutics** in which the speakers were Sharmistha Choudhuri, Dibyaratna Patgiri and Rajarshi Sarkar. **Diseases Caused by Microplastics and Hormone Disruptors** was the topic by **FEDERACIÓN MEXICANA DE PATOLOGÍA CLÍNICA (MEXICO)**. The speakers were Ana Isabel Hernández Blas, Alberto Zamora Palma and Fátima Martha Castillo Albarrán. **NABL accreditation and Clinical Laboratory Quality Management.** This topic was by Pradeep K. Dabla, Pankaj Johri and Rajni Dawar. The last session was the **IFCC C-CLM Symposia: Excellence in POCT: Achieving Quality beyond**

the Laboratory in which the speakers were Praveen Sharma, Sohini Sengupta, Prasenjit Mitra and Saumya Srivastava. These were followed by the WASPaLM Board meeting the ACBI General Body Meeting. We had the AFMC Post-Graduate Quiz which had a real nail-biting finish. . The grand finale was the Banquet dinner in which the Armed Forces Medical College Jazz band mesmerized the audience with lively tunes. And not be outdone we had delegates joining them. The star of the event was Prof. Roberto Verna who sang a beautiful Italian song.

Day 3 (16th. October 2026) started early at 8 am with Young delegates competing for the various ACBI Oral Awards. Post this, we had the 3rd. and final PLENARY lecture which was delivered by Dr. Rajiv Sarin on **Germline Genetic Testing for Cancer - Challenges & Opportunities in India**. It was very well received by all the delegates present. Delegates from Uruguay (symposia 41) gave their talk on **Diagnostic Tools in Autoimmune Diseases: From Conventional Practice to New Technologies**. Speakers were Celia Buzzi, Mercedes Menéndez and Raquel Ballesté. Along with this we had the Faculty Symposia in which Drs. Shyam Prakash, Manaswini Mangaraj, Amit Pal and Tushar Shegal spoke. **Omic's in Biomarker Discovery: Bridging Laboratory Research and Clinical Application** (symposia 43) was delivered by Dr. Anant Mohan, Shilpy Sharma, Bela Goyal and Indu Verma. Alongside this we had the final session of the **WASPALM: 4th International Meeting of Residents in Pathology and Laboratory Medicine**. The following Residents participated in this talk: Nyam Bizya (Mongolia), Shruti Singh (India), Anayeli Lio Ramirez (Mexico), Hyejung Lee (South Korea) and Chuanxin Wang.

This was followed by symposia 45, 46, 47 & 48 in which speakers elaborated on important topics. Post lunch session we had 3 sessions of Faculty symposia and 1 session for the young delegates. With this the curtain came down for the highly successful 34th WASPaLM & 51st. ACBICON 2025. We had the closing ceremony in which Dr Rajiv R Sinha, Chair, Org. committee, Dr Indu Verma, President ACBI, Dr Walter Allalon Prseident WASPaLM and Dr Robero Verna President-Elect WASPaLM expressed the thanks and gratitude to all present for participating and making this a success. Walter and Roberto congratulated the organizers for their meticulous planning and execution of thei congress. They invited all to attend the next years congress in Malaysia. And finally it came to an end with the singing of the National Anthem.






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ANNUAL REPORT 2025

As read out by the Secretary, Dr. Rajiv R Sinha during the inaugural

Dr. Walter Allalon, President WASPaLM, Dr Roberto Verna, President-Elect, WASPaLM, Dr. Indu Verma, President, Association of Clinical Biochemists of India, Prof. Praveen Sharma, Chair, Conference Scientific committee, Dr. Sadanand Naik, Organizing Secretary, 51st. ACBICON 2025, Distinguished guests, members of ACBI, Friends, Ladies & gentlemen. Dear friends, It is a great honour to be standing before you and welcoming you all to the joint 34th WASPaLM Congress and the 51st. ACBICON 2025 here at Pune. The 50th. ACBI National Conference was held in Chandigarh, from 4th to 16th December 2024, organized by the department of Biochemistry, Post-Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research, Chandigarh. Over 600 delegates attended this highly successful congress. The conference was inaugurated by Dr. Digamber Behra, President, National Academy of Medical Sciences.

The congress had a heavy schedule with pre-congress workshops, plenary lectures and ACBI Orations. The scientific program of the Congress was very well curated and were on emerging topics of clinical biochemistry and laboratory medicine, the AFMC Quiz.

ACBI – CMC EQAS PROGRAMME:

The ACBI-CMC Vellore External Quality Assurance Programme is being run smoothly by Dr Pamela Christudoss and her team at the department of Clinical Biochemistry at C.M.C. Vellore. The vision and mission for which this program had evolved 46 years ago, with 58 laboratories in 1978, has been gracefully taken forward to help the Indian labs – very small, small, medium, large, from private sector, Govt. hospital labs and even PHC'S. With increasing awareness of the importance of Quality control and External quality control in medical labs in India, the ACBI-CMC EQAS has witnessed its growth in all dimensions with the increase in participating labs in the last few years and as of the year 2025, 16,000 lab participants registered in 12 different program of which 59 parameters are accredited according to the ISO 17043:2010 standards. We must thank Dr. Pamela, the management of Christian Medical College Vellore and her team for keeping this flagship project of ACBI moving smoothly. The **Membership of Indian Board of Clinical Biochemistry course** was started on 1st January 2013 and is being conducted by the Indian

Board of Clinical Biochemistry (IBCB) under the auspices of Association of Clinical Biochemists of India (ACBI) and is approved by the Quality Council of India (QCI). The course content, training and exams has garnered much respect from those who have done the course. We must thank Dr. D. M. Vasudevan, Dr. Kannan Vaidyanathan and their team at IBCB for their effort in managing this very important course initiated by the Association for the betterment of Clinical Biochemistry in this country.

INDIAN JOURNAL OF CLINICAL BIOCHEMISTRY

Four IJCB issues have been released in time with Springer India Pvt. Ltd. Our journal is being circulated to more than 6000 libraries all over the world earning IJCB a royalty of rupees 23.98 lakhs in 2024-2025. This has been possible by maintaining the quality of papers published and because of that the Impact factor. We must all put our hands together and applaud the Editor-in-Chief, Dr Praveen Sharma and his editorial team for their great work.

The **South Zone Conference of the Association of Clinical Biochemists of India** was successfully hosted on **24-25 January 2025 in hybrid mode at JISPH Auditorium, JIPMER, Puducherry** with the theme "Translation from the bench to the bedside: Emerging trends in clinical biochemistry to improve patient outcomes" by Department of Biochemistry, JIPMER, Puducherry, in collaboration with Department of Biochemistry, IGMC&RI, Puducherry. This conference was helmed by Dr. Medha Rajappa, Organizing Secretary, SZACBICON-2025. Dr. Gautam Roy, Director of JIPMER, addressed the gathering and acknowledged the dynamic progress in laboratory medicine. He commended the collaborative spirit of the scientific community and encouraged continued interdisciplinary efforts. It was a very well attended conference. The Department of Biochemistry, AIIMS Kalyani, in collaboration with the Department of Biochemistry, College of Medicine & JNM Hospital (COMJNMH), Kalyani, successfully organized the **Eastern-Zone Conference of the Association of Clinical Biochemists of India (EZACBICON 2025) as well as pre-conference workshops from 27th February to 1st March 2025**. The conference was held under the aegis of ACBI,



with the theme “Molecular & Cellular Basis of Bio-Medicine: Basic Insight for Translation.” The conference was conducted under the leadership of the Organizing President, Prof. (Dr.) Kalyan Goswami (HOD, Biochemistry, AIIMS Kalyani & Dean Academics); Organizing Chairman, Prof. (Dr.) Subir Kumar Das (HOD, Biochemistry, COMJNMH, WBUHS); and Organizing Secretaries, Dr. Atanu Kumar Dutta and Dr. Tanmay Saha, both from the Department of Biochemistry, AIIMS Kalyani.

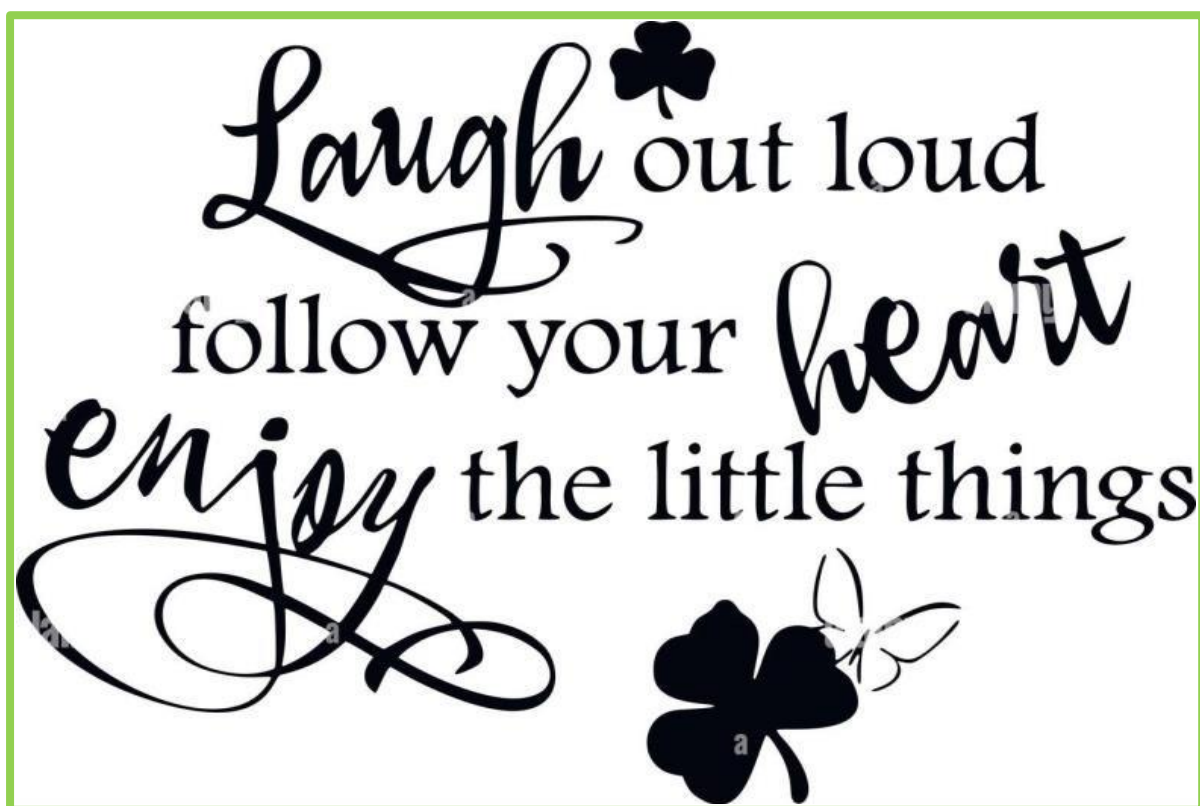
We must all congratulate organizers of these programs for translating the ideals of ACBI into reality. We all must not be seen only locked up in our labs & lecture theatres but must strike out and organize meets to update the knowledge and practice of Clinical Biochemistry and to make

all of you to feel proud of the fact that we are one of the most important cogs in the wheel that ultimately results in the cure the patient.

The Congress organizing team have worked hard to put together a very good scientific program and if there are any shortcomings in the organization, you have nobody else to blame but me.

Before I say adieu, I must thank Dr Indu Verma, Presidents, ACBI and the members of the executive council for helping me guide the association through 2025. Today Dr Sadanand Naik will be taking over as President of the association for 2026 from Dr. Indu Verma.

THANK YOU. Jai Hind.



MINUTES OF THE PRE-GB EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

October 14, 2025, 5.30 p.m. Hall 4, Westin Koregaon Park, Pune

The Executive Council (EC) of ACBI met on October, 14, 2025 at 5.30 pm in Hall 4 of Westin Koregaon Park, Pune. The Executive Council meeting was presided over by Dr. Indu Verma, President ACBI.

Dr. Rajiv R Sinha, General Secretary of ACBI presented the minutes of the previous 50th. Pre-GB 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 2025 which would be read out during the inaugural function.

Secretary informed the members about the new name of our association – Association For Clinical Biochemistry & Laboratory Medicine of India (ACBI). He informed the members that the complete changeover will take time starting with the office of the Registrar of Societies for name change.

The Secretary informed the members that the Treasurer, Dr K. R. Prasad was not able to present the report as he is not keeping well. Accounts of the ACBI for the year 2024-2025 was presented by the Secretary, ACBI. He informed members present about the current state of affairs of the association's accounts. All members approved & passed the audited accounts of the association.

Dr. Indu Verma, Organizing Secretary of the 50th. Annual Conference of ACBI, PGIMER, Chandigarh presented the account of the 51st. conference. She informed members that the total income of the conference was ₹15,395,635.00 and the expense was ₹ 14,693,588 leaving a surplus of ₹ 702,047.00. Out of the savings a sum of ₹ 3,50,000.00 was transferred to ACBI head office account. She informed that as confirmed by the CA handling the conference, the bank account will be closed after filing the Income Tax Return for the Financial Year 2025-26. The EC members applauded her for presenting the accounts on time and saving money.

Secretary, Dr Rajiv R Sinha informed members present that Dr Kannan Vaidyanathan, organizing secretary of the 49th. Annual conference has returned Rs. 6.0 lacs that he had been granted from the ACBI. He also presented the updated audit report of the conference as desired by the previous EC. Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Praveen Sharma, presented the report on the Indian Journal of Clinical Biochemistry and informed

the members about the efforts being taken to keep the standard of IJCB high. The four issues of IJCB are being released on time. Dr. Sharma informed the EC that IJCB is being distributed to more than 9000 libraries around the world. The members were informed by the Editor-in-chief about the high regards that IJCB has generated by the increased number of citations and also downloads. Dr. Sharma requested members to send their article to be published in their own journal. EC members congratulated Editor-in-chief for achieving a royalty of Rs. 23.98 lacs for 2024-25. EC members lauded the efforts of Dr. Praveen Sharma, his editorial team and Springer for their untiring effort to keep the IJCB's standard flying high.

The Convener of the ACBI/CMC-Vellore External Quality Assurance Program, Dr. Pamela Christudoss, presented the report on the ongoing EQA program for the year 2024-2025. She informed the EC that it is the 47th year of the CMCEQAS – Clinical biochemistry, under the Aegis of ACBI and she was happy to mention that the vision and mission for which this programme has evolved 47 years ago, with 58 laboratories in 1978 by Dr. A S Kanagasabapathy, has been gracefully taken forward to help the Indian labs – very small, small, medium, large, from private sector, Govt. hospital labs and even PHC'S. With increasing awareness of the importance of Quality control and External quality control in medical labs in India, the CMC-EQAS has witnessed its growth in all dimensions with the increase in participating labs in the last few years and as of the year 2025 we have 16000 lab participants registered in 12 different programmes, 59 parameters which are accredited according to the ISO 17043:2010 standards.

Dr. Pamela informed the EC that she would be superannuating on October 29, 2025, she will be handing over the post of CMC EQAS Coordinator and quality manager to Dr. G. Jayakumar Amirtharaj. At this stage she took the opportunity to thank the ACBI Executive committee for the encouragement and support received all through these years. She expressed her thanks to all the 16000 participants for their support, understanding and cooperation. The EC expressed their gratitude to her for able leadership of the ACBI-CMC Vellore EQAS program. The members present welcomed Dr Jayakumar to the EC meeting.



The report of the ACBI Corporate wing could not be presented as the corporate representative, Mr. Upendra Singh, was unable to come because he was indisposed.

The General Secretary, Dr. Rajiv R. Sinha presented the new applications received for individual membership. He informed that in 2025, the total number of new applicants for membership was : Life member = 47, Associate Life member = 1, Life member by Instalment – 1 and 1 Corporate member (GREINER BIO ONE India Pvt Ltd). 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 2906, of which Life Members are 2589, Associate Life members – 248, Ordinary/Annual Members – 34, Corporate Members – 34 and Honorary Members – 1.

Regarding the ACBI Fellowship, the Secretary informed the members that due to our conference being amalgamated with the WASPaLM conference, no fellowship awards were possible.

Dr. Rajiv Sinha then informed the members that due to paucity of time slots, our regular ACBI programs were not held. Because of this no ACBI Oration was scheduled.

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

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

The EC was informed by the secretary that request for organizing 52nd. ACBI National conference in 2026 along with IFCC WorldLab congress was approved by the EC & was awarded to Dr. Pradeep Kumar Dable, G B Pant Hospital, Delhi. The Secretary informed the EC that application was also received from Dr. Mithu Bannerjee, Professor & Head, Department of Biochemistry, AIIMS Jodhpur, to be allowed to host the 53rd. ACBICON 2027 at AIIMS, Jodhpur. Jodhpur last hosted the 2015 ACBICON. The applications was approved with Dr. Mithu Bannerjee as the organizing Secretary and were to be placed before the GB for discussion and approval.

Dr. D. M. Vasudevan, Past President & Director, Indian Board of Clinical Biochemistry, presented a report on the progress of the Membership course of the Association. The course was started on 1st January 2013. The syllabus was approved by the ACBI. The course is for 3 years, with 30 topics. Dr. Vasudevan thanked Dr. Kannan for ably assisting him in the day to day running of the course. He stressed on the point that there are very few takers for this course now and applicants have raised the issue of the purpose of this course as it does not assist them in getting a job. The EC had discussed about the relevance of the MIBCB course during the EC meeting held in Chandigarh conference and a committee under Dr Indu Verma was formed to explore means to rejuvenate the course. The members of the committee were Dr Indu Verma, Chair, Dr Kannan Vaidyanathan, Dr. Seema Bhargava, Dr Harsh Vardhan Singh, Dr Sudeep Datta and Dr. Arnab Pal. The report of the committee is appended below for all to read and comment:



Restructuring of the MIBCB Program

1. Basic Level:

Comprises five modules covering foundational topics 111 laboratory medicine and clinical biochemistry.

2. Advanced Level:

Open to candidates who complete all Basic modules. Includes 3-5 modules focused on advanced diagnostic technologies, including omics-based molecular diagnostics.

Practical training will be conducted at designated clinical laboratories across India.

3. Super-Specialized Level:

Open to those who have complete at least three modules of the Advanced level. Offers both theoretical and hands-on training in niche areas such as molecular diagnostics for metabolic disorders, cancer, and infectious diseases etc.

4. Learning Approach

The teaching modes of the course will include periodic in-person contact sessions at selected centres across India along with hands-on training in advanced clinical laboratories.

Curriculum Revision

A revised curriculum will be developed based on the above structure, with inputs from all the committee members. Reference will be made to international models, including the "IFCC Curriculum for Laboratory Medicine," to align content with global standards.

5. Expanded Eligibility Criteria

It was recommended that the program should also be opened to:

- o MSc candidates with a PhD, to orient them toward clinical laboratory practice**
- o MD (Pathology) candidates, to provide focused training in clinical biochemistry and**

Quality Assurance

This will be important for increasing participation and enhancing the interdisciplinary value of the program.

Dr Kannan requested the EC to give travel grants to students of this course to attend ACBI National Conference (which is a part of their curriculum) and also to give exams held during the conference. The EC requested the Secretary to look into this. The members expressed thanks to Dr Vasudevan and his whole team for running this flagship course of ACBI smoothly and successfully.

The Executive Council recorded its appreciation on the excellent leadership provided by Dr Indu Verma, the President during the year 2025, in carrying out the activities of ACBI.

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



MINUTES OF THE 51st. ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING

October 15, 2025, 6.00 p.m. Hall 4, Westin Koregaon Park,

The 50th. General Body (GB) meeting of the Association of Clinical Biochemists of India (ACBI) was held on December 6th. 2024, at 6:00 PM in the convention Hall of Hotel Mount View, Chandigarh. The meeting was presided over by Dr Indu Verma, President ACBI.

The General Secretary, Dr. Rajiv R. Sinha, placed before the house the minutes of the 50th. General Body meeting held in Chandigarh under the chairmanship of Dr Indu Verma, which was earlier circulated through March 2025 issue of the ACBI News Bulletin. (Volume No.53/ No.-01). As there were no comments received, the minutes were approved by the house.

The secretary informed the house that the 2026 ACBI National Conference will take place along with the 2026 IFCC WorldLab in New Delhi. The secretary informed the house that Dr Pradeep Kumar Dabla, Prof & Head at G.B. Pant Hospital, New Delhi has given his consent to be the organizing secretary of the 52nd. ACBI Conference which will be held in New Delhi along with the IFCC WorldLab 2026 congress. The house approved his selection.

The Secretary informed the EC that application was received from Dr. Dharamveer Yadav, Additional Professor, Department of Biochemistry at AIIMS Jodhpur that AIIMS Jodhpur be allowed to host the 53rd. ACBICON 2027. Jodhpur last hosted the 2015 ACBICON. The application was approved with Dr. Mithu Bannerjee, Professor & Head, Department of Biochemistry as the organizing Secretary. Dr Bannerjee reiterated her offer to host the 53rd. ACBICON 2027 at AIIMS Jodhpur. The GB approved the proposal.

The GB was informed of the important decisions taken at the Pre-GB Executive Council meeting held on October 14th. The GB ratified the decisions taken during the 51st. Pre-GB EC meeting.

1. Secretary informed the members about the new name of our association – Association For Clinical Biochemistry & Laboratory Medicine of India (ACBI). He informed the members that the complete changeover will take time starting with the office of the Registrar of Societies for name change.

2. The Secretary, Dr. Rajiv R Sinha placed before the EC, the applications received in response to the notification given in the ACBI News bulletin to fill the post of one Vice-President, Joint Secretary (HQ) and State Representatives. The following were the members who were elected for the different posts in the EC for the year 2026:

- (1) Vice President (2) - Dr Harsh Vardhan Sinha (Delhi)
- (2) Joint Secretary
 1. President's Office – Dr Jyotdeep Kaur (Chandigarh)
 2. Head Quarters – Dr Deepak Parchwani (Rajkot)
- (3) State Representative - West Bengal – Dr. Asmita Hazra (Kalyani)
Maharashtra – Dr. Anurodh Gupta (Pune)
Uttar Pradesh - Dr. Ranjana Singh (Lucknow)
Gujrat - Dr. Sandya Pillai Nair (Ahmedabad)
UP – Dr. Wahid Ali (Lucknow)

Rest of the State Representatives sent their consent to remain for 2026.

The Executive Council recorded its appreciation on the excellent leadership provided by Dr Indu Verma, the President during the year 2025, in carrying out the activities of ACBI.

The President thanked the members for their active participation in this very important meeting.

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



MINUTES OF THE 51st. Post-GB MEETING

October 16, 2025, 11.00 a.m. Hall 4, Westin
Koregaon Park, Pune

The Newly elected Executive Council (EC) of ACBI met on October 16th. 2025, at 11:00 am in the meeting room at Westin, Koregaon Park, and Pune. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Sadanand Naik, the President of ACBI. Dr. Naik welcomed the members of the new Executive Council.

The Secretary, Dr Rajiv R Sinha presented the proceedings of the previous executive council meeting held on 4th. December 2024, which was accepted.

Taking stock of the organization of ACBICON 2025 : All the members were very appreciative of the manner in which the organizing committee of the ACBICON 2025 and WASPaLM 2025 had worked hard to host a very successful conference.

Dr. Sadanand Naik, the President placed before the EC the matter passed by the GB for its successful implementation. Members were requested to suggest ways & means to make the 52nd. ACBICON a great success.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks from the President, Dr. Sadanand Naik.



The art of medicine consists in
amusing the patient while
nature cures the disease.

~ Voltaire

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Congratulations

Winners of ACBI Fellowships and Awards, 2025

ACBI FELLOWSHIP AWARD (FACBI)

NO AWARD

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

NO AWARD

ACBI ORATION AWARDS, 2024

AWADHESH SARAN MEMORIAL ORATION

NO AWARD

DR. K. P. SINHA ORATION

NO AWARD

SETH G. S. MEDICAL COLLEGE & KEM HOSPITAL ORATION

NO AWARD

DR T. N. PATTABIRAMAN ORATION AWARD

NO AWARD

K. L. GUPTA MEMORIAL ORATION

NO AWARD

MRS. & DR G. P. TALWAR ORATION AWARD

NO AWARD

DR PRAVEEN SHARMA ORATION

NO AWARD

TARANATH MEMORIAL POPULAR LECTURE ORATION AWARD

NO AWARD



OTHER AWARDS

K.P. SINHA - P.S. KRISHNAN AWARD FOR BEST PAPER PUBLISHED IN IJCB (2024):

NO AWARD

Pitabus – Jamuna Burma Memorial Award

Dr. Merlin Sabu, Department of Biochemistry, AIIMS, Rajkot, Gujrat.

“ Phenomapping of subgroups in high Lp(a) patients: A data driven cluster analysis in RED-CARPET Study”

DR SITA DEVI AWARD

Dr. Tanushree Roy, Department of Biochemistry, AIIMS, Bhubaneshwar, Odissa.

“ ML Network Analysisi and Probalistic Naïve Bayesian model to predict Preeclampsia and fetal outcome from Maternal Thyroid Profile and CRP. ”

AFMC Quiz

First Prize –

1. Dr. Santhossini S. -	JIPMER, Puducherry
2. Dr. Shobha S. -	JIPMER, Puducherry

Second Prize –

1. Dr. Dibyanjan Rana -	AFMC, Pune
2. Dr. Rarah Sulthana A. S. -	AFMC, Pune

ACBI YOUNG SCIENTISTS BURSARY AWARD

ORAL CATEGORY:

1. HEERAL U. B. PANDYA, P. D. Hinduja & MRC, Mumbai

“Comprehensive RNA-Seq and Bioinformatics Analysis identifies Potential Circular RNA Biomarkers for Tuberculosis: An Indian Pilot Study.”

2. SHOBHA S., JIPMER, Puducherry.

“Recurrent Hypoglycaemia A curse: A case report of Typical Insulinome.”

POSTER CATEGORY:

1. RACHNA S. MENON - All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Rajkot.

“Clinical Utility of HPLC-based Labile HbA1c as a biomarker of atherogenic dyslipidemia across the glycaemic spectrum.”

2. HEMAPRIYA J. - ESIC Medical College and Hospital. Chennai.

“Role of Emerging Biomarkers in Identification of MAFLD Associated Fibrosis.”

ACBI TRAVEL AWARD :

1. Manasi Kudtarkar (PD Hinduja, Mumbai)

2. Shruti Singh (Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Hospital, Delhi)



ZONE & BRANCH REPORTS

EAST ZONE CONFERENCE OF ASSOCIATION OF CLINICAL BIOCHEMISTS OF INDIA

DATE: 16TH AND 17TH JANUARY, 2026

ORGANISED BY DEPARTMENT OF BIOCHEMISTRY, AIIMS, BHUBANESWAR

The Department of Biochemistry, AIIMS, Bhubaneswar, hosted the East Zone Conference of the Association of Clinical Biochemists of India on 16th and 17th January 2026, under Aegis of Association of Clinical Biochemists of India with a theme on “Precision Theragnostics.”

The event commenced with four meticulously organized pre-conference workshops focused on Flow Cytometry, Serum Electrophoresis and Immunofixation, Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis, as well as Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning. The Conference was officially inaugurated on 16th January 2026, after the workshops, with the august presence of the Executive Director, AIIMS, Bhubaneswar, Prof. Dr. Ashutosh Biswas; the Dean Prof. Dr. Prashant Raghav Mohapatra, Medical Superintendent I/C, Prof. Dr. Ashok Kumar Jena and Prof. Dr. Sadanand Naik, President of ACBI. with invited speakers and delegates. The dignitaries unveiled a souvenir during the event.

After the Inaugural event, the plenary session commenced featuring presentations by Prof. Dr. Arnab Pal from the Department of Biochemistry, PGIMER, Chandigarh, and Professor (Dr.) Biren Banerjee, Head of JBS HALDANE Center for Molecular Medicine, Silicon University, BBSR. The plenary session was succeeded by a short Cultural Program and Gala dinner.

On January 17, 2026, five Scientific sessions took place from 9 am to 4 pm, focusing on advanced topics related to Precision Theragnostics. Distinguished physicians and eminent speakers engaged in precision therapy shared their insights on the fascinating intersection of diagnostics and therapeutics tailored toward targeted therapy. PG poster presentation competition was also conducted with prizes being awarded to the winning participants. The dedicated effort of the organizing team made the event successful with lots of appreciations.

At the end participants and delegates reached a consensus to establish a state association of ACBI under the guidance of Prof. Dr. Manaswini Managaraj, the state representative of ACBI, with support from the Central Executive Body of ACBI, for the various activities of the association in the state with a near future plan of the National Conference of ACBI in Odisha.







CENTRAL ZONE CONFERENCE OF ASSOCIATION OF CLINICAL BIOCHEMISTS OF INDIA

The Central Zonal ACBICON (CZACBICON 2026) was successfully conducted for the first time by the Department of Biochemistry, **All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Raipur, from 12-14 February 2026**. The conference was centered on the theme "Molecular Insights Driving Clinical Innovation," highlighting the importance of translational research in bridging the gap between bench and bedside. On the first day, the hands-on workshop was flagged off by the Organizing Chairperson, Dr. Eli Mohapatra, Dean (Academics) and HOD of Biochemistry; Dr. Rachita Nanda, Organizing Secretary; and Dr. Suprava Patel, Co-Organizing Secretary of this academic event.

The workshops chosen for this conference covered areas that are routinely performed in the Department of Biochemistry. The workshops conducted were on CD34 enumeration and T, B, NK analysis; detection of microRNA; serum protein electrophoresis; and immunofixation.

This hands-on training workshops were conducted by resource faculty members of the Department of Biochemistry: Dr. Seema Shah, Dr. D. L. Gupta, Dr. Neha Verma, and Dr. Vibha Sakare. Dr. Sushil Kumar Ramdasi, Senior Application Scientist, Beckman Coulter, Mumbai, also participated in the Flow Cytometry workshop. A total of around 30 participants registered for the workshop. The participants were from four different states of the Central Zone. They performed all the techniques themselves, which helped them gain knowledge with confidence.

Inaugurating the CZACBICON, the Chief Guest for the event, Prof. P. K. Patra, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Memorial Health Sciences and Ayush University, emphasised collaborative research and the scientific validation of indigenous products for integration into clinical practice. The Guest of Honour, Prof. Rajiv Ranjan Sinha, General Secretary of the Association of Clinical Biochemists of India, highlighted the rich legacy of ACBI and invited delegates to participate in the upcoming IFCC WorldLab at Yashobhumi - India International Convention & Expo Center, New Delhi, India.

Lt. Gen. Ashok Jindal, Executive Director and CEO of AIIMS Raipur, congratulated the Department on achieving NABL accreditation and appreciated its commitment to impactful research. Prof. Eli Mahapatra, Dean (Academics), Organising Chairperson and HoD of Biochemistry, reiterated the importance of inclusive research aimed at benefiting the wider community. Dr. Sukesh Mukherjee, Central Zone

Representative, expressed his appreciation for the effort taken by the department to conduct the Central Zonal ACBICON. A souvenir was also released that showcased the events of the entire conference. The vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Rachita Nanda, Organising Secretary, CZACBICON. Dr. Harshvardhan Singh, VP ACBI and State Representative from UP, and Dr. Pawan Kare, State Representative of MP, also attended the conference along with delegates from their respective states.

There were two plenary sessions by Dr. B. C. Koner from MAMC and Dr. Uma Kanga from AIIMS New Delhi. The session -I covered major depressive disorder and its relationship with immune system dysfunction and the session -II highlighted alloreactive immune responses in transplantation. Other participants at the conference included Dr. Kalyan Goswami, Dr. Shailaja Sharma, Dr. Atanu Datta, Dr. Sibashish Sahoo, Dr. Amarpreet Kaur, Dr. Shristidhar Prasad, Dr. Abhigyan Nath, Dr. Vaishali Jain, Dr. Kahkashan Naaz, and Dr. Sailu Yellabonia.

The four scientific sessions had participants and speakers from Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh, and Chhattisgarh, as well as from other states. Students presented their free papers and posters over four sessions during the two days (14 oral and 10 E posters). The valedictory session concluded with a prize distribution for the best and runners-up in oral paper and poster presentations. There were a total of 80 participants in the conference.

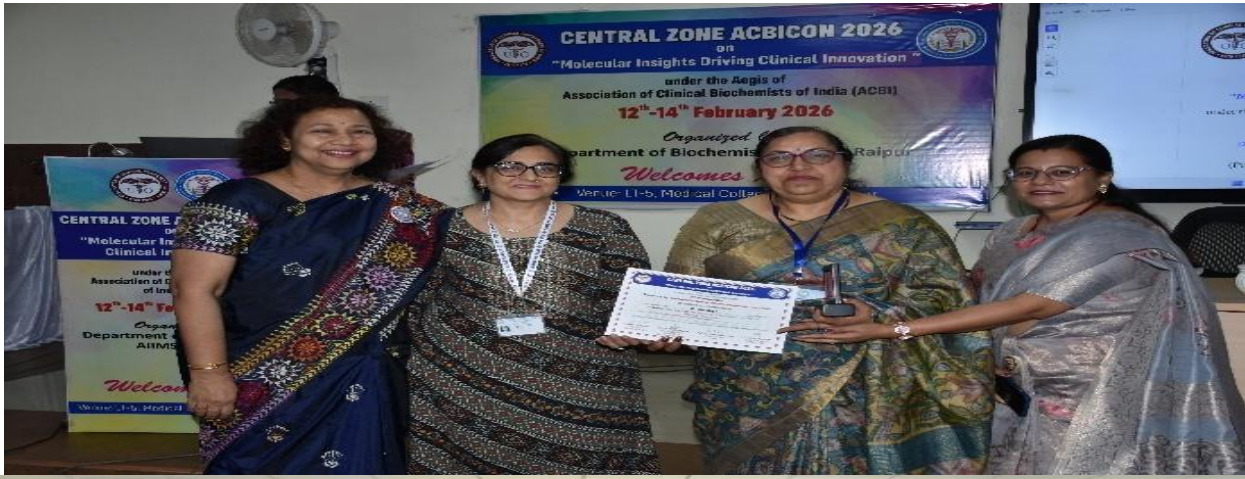
The Chhattisgarh Medical Council granted credit hours for the participants as given below.

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[C] 6th Workshop on Basic Molecular Techniques (19th to 23rd January , 2026)

A five-day intensive workshop on Molecular Biology and Real-Time PCR Applications was successfully conducted from 19th to 23rd January , 2026 by the Department of Biochemistry, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Jodhpur under the aegis of the Association of Clinical Biochemists India & was attended by 45 participants from across the country. The workshop brought together experts from academia and industry to provide participants with both the theoretical knowledge and hands-on training in molecular biology techniques, with a special focus on nucleic acid isolation, PCR/RT-PCR, and gene expression analysis. The primary aim of the workshop was to provide comprehensive training in modern molecular biology techniques, with a particular focus on nucleic acid isolation, PCR/RT-PCR, gene expression analysis, and advanced diagnostic technologies. The workshop combined lectures by eminent scientists with intensive practical sessions, offering participants both conceptual understanding and laboratory proficiency. Resource persons included Dr. Rajat Goswami, Dr. Manish Saroj, and Dr. Govind Vyas from Genetix Biotech Asia and Dr. Durgesh from Bio-Rad. The first day (19th January, Monday) began with lectures on the basics of molecular biology and nucleic acid isolation by Dr. Rajat Goswami, followed by an introduction to

Real-Time PCR and its applications by Dr. Durgesh. The afternoon was devoted to practical training, where participants performed RNA extraction, quantitation, and cDNA synthesis under the supervision of Dr. Rajat Goswami and Dr. Manish Saroj, along with an RT-PCR experimental set-up led by Dr. Durgesh.

On the second day (22nd April, Tuesday), Dr. Bhawana Bissa, Assistant Professor, Central University of Rajasthan started the day with lecture on Basics of Polymerase Chain reaction and Application in Medical Diagnosis., followed by the lectures focused on gene expression analysis using Real-Time PCR and data analysis with Maestro software, both delivered by Dr. Durgesh. In the corresponding practical session, participants set up and executed RT-PCR experiments and analyzed gene expression data, working closely with Dr. Durgesh, Dr. Rajat Goswami, and Dr. Manish Saroj.

The third day (23rd April, Wednesday) started with lectures by Dr. Govind Vyas on DNA isolation, quantification, and electrophoresis and by Dr. Rajat Goswami on end-point PCR analysis. During the practical sessions, participants performed DNA isolation, PCR, and gel electrophoresis, followed by qualitative and quantitative RT-PCR analysis. . The day concluded with a focused session on designing an experiment to study gene polymorphism and gene

expression by Dr. Prasenjit Mitra, Associate Professor, PGIMER Chandigarh. On the fourth day (24th April, Thursday), the focus shifted to advanced technologies. Dr. Manish Saroj delivered a lecture on recent advancements in molecular diagnostics, followed by lecture on Next Generation RT-PCR. The practical session of the day was dedicated to Qualitative and quantitative RT-PCR analysis and an interactive Q&A session, where participants raised specific queries and received personalized guidance from the experts. The day concluded with lecture on Integrating Genomic Variation and Transcriptomic Data: A Bioinformatics Pipeline for Differential Gene Expression Analysis by Dr Pankaj Yadav, Assistant Professor, IIT Jodhpur.

The fifth and final day (25th April, Friday) was devoted to consolidation and integration of the week's learning. The day started with the lecture on Primer Designing by Dr. Rohit Saluja, Associate professor, AIIMS Bibinagar followed by lecture on nCounter Technology for Gene Expression. In the practical session, participants conducted primer designing independently and engaged in-group discussions. The workshop concluded with a comprehensive troubleshooting and feedback session, allowing participants to refine their understanding and reflect

on how to apply the acquired skills in their respective research projects. The workshop concluded on 25th April, Friday, with the concluding ceremony. The concluding ceremony was chaired by Prof Praveen Sharma and Dr. Mithu Banerjee, Dept of Biochemistry, AIIMS, Jodhpur. Dr. Dharmveer Yadav gave the vote of thanks and participants were felicitated with certificates.

The workshop successfully integrated theory with practice, covering the fundamentals of nucleic acid isolation, cDNA synthesis, PCR, and Real-Time PCR while also exposing participants to emerging platforms such as Next Generation RT-PCR and nCounter Technology. The troubleshooting and interactive discussions provided clarity on common experimental challenges and encouraged critical engagement. Participants expressed high satisfaction with the depth and quality of the sessions. The opportunity to work hands-on with industry-standard equipment, coupled with direct interaction with experts, was described as the most valuable aspect. Many participants reported gaining confidence in setting up and analyzing PCR/RT-PCR experiments and expressed enthusiasm for integrating these techniques into their ongoing research.

6th Workshop on Basic Molecular Techniques



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