

**43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the Indian Immunology Society ,Feb 2017**

**Report From the Secretary, IIS at GITAM , Visakhapatnam**

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### **High lights**

**IIS received the best International DOI award on August 22<sup>nd</sup> at Melbourne during ICI 2016, award money of 2000 Euro had been deposited at the IIS account. We are grateful to all the organizers who made it possible by sending us excellent reports on their celebration of the DOI.The secretary, IIS, in a formal presentation of the award winning ODI, highlighted all the contributors. Congratulations to all.**

**Twenty nine DOIs had been organized during April 16,2017. Congratulations and Thanks to all the organizers of DOI.**

**IIS is now an associate member of the FOCIS and is committed to organize the FOCIS associate member symposium on 2018. Dr. DN Rao informed that he is a Scientific committee member of focus for the evaluation of abstracts. Dr. NK Mehra is the chairperson of FOCIS- IUIS educational program bursary allocation.**

**A feature on IIS is printed at the October issue of the FOCIS Newspot**

**Dr. Nibhriti Das had been elected as the IUIS Council member. Sincere thanks to IUIS assembly members for electing me to this coveted post. Thanks to IIS to entrust me with this responsibility.**

**Dr. Nibhriti Das had also been included in the Immunopaedia to contribute to the public education in Immunology under Immunopaedia.**

**A report on the educational activity by IIS had been submitted to the IUIS Education committee by the secretary , IIS in response to a request by Dr. Michelle, chairperson, IUIS Education committee. Dr. Shubhada Chiplunkar is a member of the IUIS education committee**

Dr. NK Mehra is the co-chair for the IUIS Gender Equality and Career Development (GEC) Committee

IIS endorsed Dr. Sunil Arora to organize the FIMSA training course, a joint venture by FIMSA and IIS. Congratulations Dr. Arora for the grand success of the course. However with the increased financial burden on IIS due to expanding educational programs and meeting expenditures for expanded EC representing each part of India, increased IUIS membership contribution, and taxation to IIS, no financial support on non-returnable basis could be provided to Dr. Arora as discussed and approved by the GBM, 2015.

Dr. Sunil Arora and Dr. Uma Kanga had been nominated by IIS as the IUIS general assembly member, the nomination had been accepted by the Executive council, IUIS. Congratulations friends. Dr. Sunil Arora had also been nominated by IIS as the FIMSA council member. Dr. DN Rao informed that he continues to be the Vice President, FIMSA.

Since 2014, IIS activity calendar is being regularly updated at IUIS. This is making IIS better known as a vibrant society.

IIS national executive meeting: was held on September, 2016. The meeting was attended by all excepting two members of the executive committee.

It was decided to shift the venue from Shrinagar. It could not be made possible to hold 43<sup>rd</sup> annual meeting of IIS, the same year. Thanks to the GITAM Team which came to our rescue with a very short notice despite their own heavy official schedules but date got shifted to Feb 2017.

Thanks to Dr. Rao to find out this very impressive option for Immunocon 2016.

Dr. GP Talwar mid-career scientist award: Dr. Talwar instituted this award to promote research activities and presentation skills of the mid-career scientists. Age limit is above 35 to 50 years. It is an oration award with cash money, a gold medal and a certificate.

IIS Website has been updated and remodeled by the team of Dr. Kaustuv, Dr. Nibhriti Das and the website operator.

CME: Since Jan 2016 a total of 3 CMEs had been organized. Another three CMEs are on line till June 2017.

It is decided to start Immunology education talks to resource restricted schools/ colleges as personal initiative by each E member. It is yet to be started. Members also felt whether we can run CMEs for the neighbouring SAARC countries. The IIS journal could not be started due to non-committal attitudes of the Omics group.

Membership Drive: This year we enrolled 104 new members.

Allocation of funds for Bursaries and support to Immunocon 2017 CMEs ,DOIs: Treasurer's report will be presented by Dr. Alpana Sharma.

New executive member :Will be web sited after handing over the charges to the new executive members. Dr. Kaustuv Nayak is the new Joint Secretary Elect, Dr. Archana Singh is the new Executive council member elect. Post of Vice President, East zone and one executive council member falls vacant. Rest of the executives had been re-elected. All the members of the new executive committee express their sincere thanks and gratitude to you all for supporting us. The proposals for the forthcoming Immunocons will be discussed .

In addition to the decisions taken by the full body of IIS executives at the meeting held on September, all other activities had been discussed with the NCR executives at the IIS. Head office. All the other executive members were kept in loop through mails for their guidance and approval of the activities.

#### CMEs since Jan 2016 till date

Dr. Rama Raju B. Assistant Professor Department of Biotechnology National Institute of Technology Warangal-506004	January 20 & 21, 2016	National Workshop & Continuous Medical Education (CME) on Clinical Immunology: Past and Present
Dr. C. Arulvasu, Ph.D. Assistant Professor Department of Zoology University of Madras, Guindy Campus Chennai-600 025	February 02 & 03, 2016	National Seminar on "Basic and Applied Immunology"
Dr. Beenu Joshi Scientist F (Immunology Division) National JALMA Institute for Leprosy and OM Taj Ganj, Agra, 282004	April 28-29, 2016	Advances in Basic and translational immunology;Immunology of Leprosy and TB

#### Proposed CMES/ seminars under the aegis of the IIS for the year 2017:

Dr. MK Rasool, VIT, Vellore, Dr. Shakila Mohan : MKU, Dr. Vandana Pradhan ,Mumbai,Dr. Ravindran, Bhuvaneshwar.

#### **Organizers (WID-2016) Theme:Immunoprophylaxis and Immunotherapy**

<b>Dr. Meera Sharma</b> Healthcare Private Limited Company, Delhi	<b>Prof. S. Raisuddin</b> Jamia Hamdard New Delhi	<b>Dr. Siddhartha N. Joardar</b> West Bengal University of Animal and Fishery Sciences (W.B.)	<b>Dr. Aparanji Poosarla</b> Andhra University, Andhra Pradesh	<b>Dr. D.M. Tripathi,</b> Govt. Autonomous P.G, College, Rishikesh, Uttrakhand-
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**Immunocon 2015 was hosted by RMRIMS, Patna Dr under the leadership of Dr. Pradeep Das, Director, RMRIMS. Dr. Shubhankar Singh had been the organizing Secretary. The conference had been a grand success and will be remembered for years to come.**

**Thank you all for your contributions , support to IIS and participation at the Immunocon 2016 .**