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47th Annual conference of
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Pre-conference Workshop & CME: December 7-8, 2020
Conference: December 9-11, 2020

Greetings from **College of Medicine & JNM Hospital, WBUHS, Kalyani**

It is a matter of great honor and privilege to invite you all in **ACBICON 2020** to be held in Science City, **Kolkata** from **December 7-11, 2020**.

Join us in the "**City of Joy**" to experience a scientific program on "**Translational Research to Medical Innovations**" in Biochemistry and related fields.

We are sure that **ACBICON-2020** at **Kolkata** will be a memorable experience for all of us.

We look forward to welcome you all in **Kolkata**, and urge you to put the dates in diary now.

With warm Regards,



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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Dear Members,

You will be happy to know that ACBI has appointed DIGIALGO as our mass mailing service provider. ACBI receives many important mails from all over the world, from different societies in Clinical Biochemistry & Laboratory Medicine, which we think is important to many of you. For this Digialgo were tasked with mass mailing the letters to all the members whose email id we have. But unfortunately, many of the mails bounced because the email id's were not operational or their mail program blocked them as spam.

This is to request all of you to kindly allow these emails to reach you so that all the members are not deprived of International/National notices and also our association notices.

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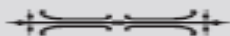
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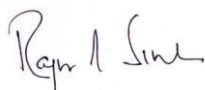
Dear Members,
Greetings.

Finally the much talked about APFCB Congress 2019 finally was here. 2019 saw the congress organizing committee work doubly hard to make the congress noteworthy. We had to do a lot of cajoling to get members to register for APFCB meet !! But it all paid off with a handsome turnout of delegates from India and abroad. There was a high level of scientific exchange and some great workshops. As is the case in any meet, there must have been some shortcomings but the organizing committee of the APFCB congress on the whole did a fantastic job. Sydney, Australia were passed the APFCB Flag by Dr Praveen & Dr. Rajiv as the host for the next conference which will be held in 2022.

As decided earlier, this year's Dr Subir Das and his team will be hosting the ACBI Annual conference in Science City, Kolkata from 9 to 11th. December 2020.

With our country & many parts of the world being affected by the Novel Corona Virus, I can only say one thing – "Maintain Social distancing & stay safe". May God give us the strength to overcome this great calamity that has befallen mankind.

Happy reading. Do keep in touch!



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

Dr. K. R. Prasad
Executive Editor

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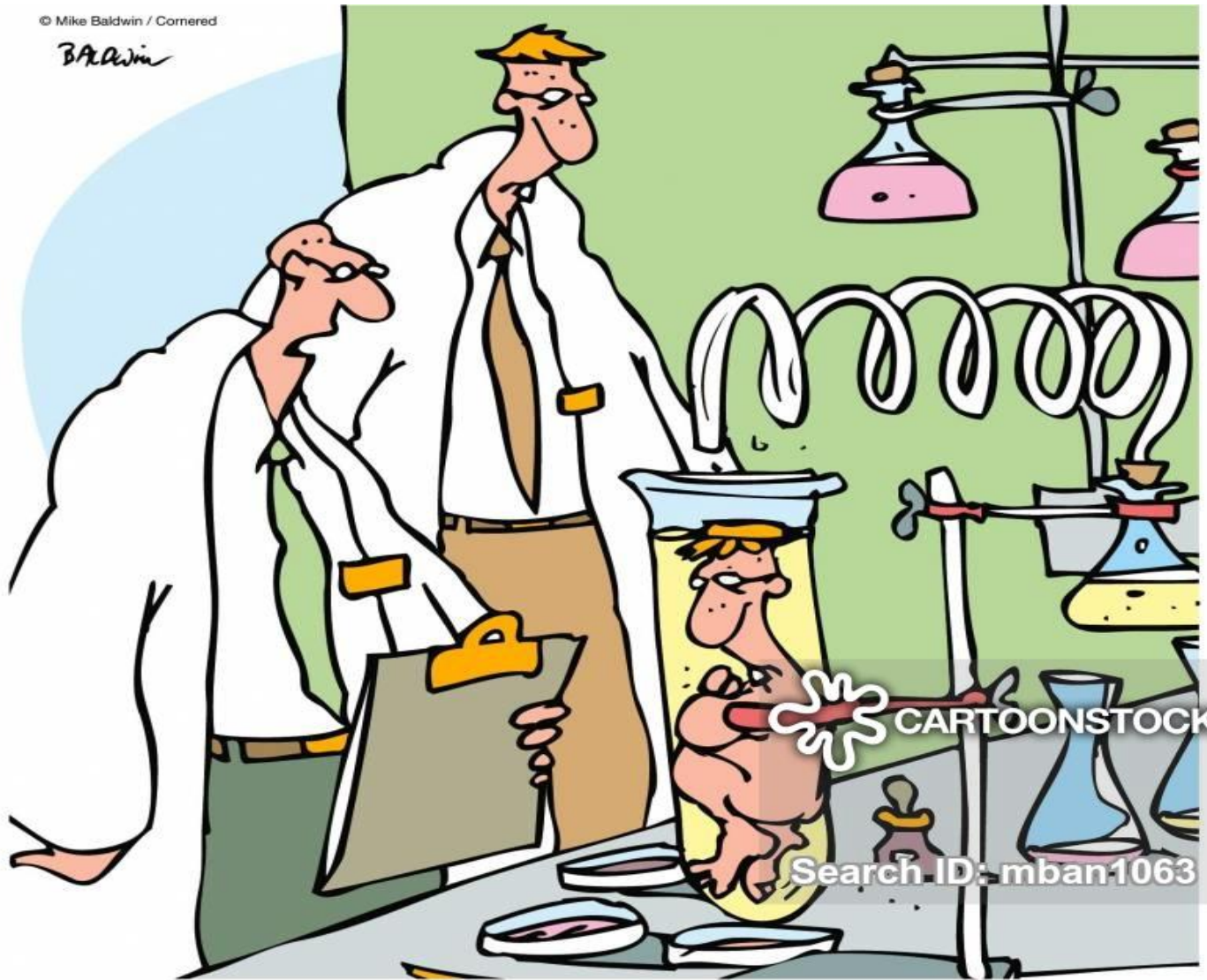
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“Well, it certainly looks like your DNA. How many times have I told you to wear gloves before touching anything?”

46th. ACBICON 2019, JAIPUR: A Report

17th. – 20th November 2019, Jaipur, Rajasthan, India

THEME: Laboratory Medicine – Innovation & Integration”

The 46th Annual National Conference of Association of Clinical Biochemists of India was to be organized at Jaipur along with the 15th. APFCB 2019 congress from 17th November to 20th November 2019 with 1 or 2 scientific sessions, ACBI Orations and the meetings. But with the very heavy scientific schedule of the APFCB congress, the ACBI EB had to take a very unprecedented decision to completely change the previously thought out program. It was decided that only 4 ACBI Orations would be scheduled over the APFCB Plenary lectures and honour the plenary speakers with their oration awards. It was also decided that since we were not able to find a slot for any of our business meetings during the congress and also due to the fact that many of our EB members were unable to schedule some time before or after the congress, this year's ACBI Pre-GB, GB & Post-GB council meetings be postponed and also that the present Executive Council be allowed to continue for the year 2020 also.

The different Orations that were delivered over four days were the **Awadhesh Saran Memorial Orations** was delivered by Prof. Subrat K Acarya, Pro-Chancellor KIIT University & President, AIIMS, Bhubaneswar, and Orissa.

The topic of his talk was “*Ammonia in Acute Liver Failure: Its influence on pathogenesis, Prognosis and Management.*”

The **Seth G. S. Medical College & KEM Hospital Oration** was delivered by Professor Maurizio Ferrari, President IFCC, Professor of Clinical Pathology University, Vita-Salute San Raffaele, Director of Clinical Molecular Biology and Cytogenetics Laboratory, Head of Unit Genomics for Diagnosis of Human Pathologies, IRCCS San Raffaele Milan. Italy.

He spoke on “*Expanding space for Next Generation Sequencing diagnostics applications*”. Professor Sampath Parthasarthy, Florida Hospital Chair in Cardiovascular Science, College of Medicine, University of Central Florida, USA, delivered the **Mrs. & Dr. G. P. Talwar Oration**.

The topic of his talk was “*Alzheimer's a cerebrovascular disease?*”. The last oration to be delivered was the **Prof. T. N. Pattabiraman Oration** by Professor David Kinniburgh, Director, Alberta Centre for Toxicology, University of Calgary, Canada. Professor Kinniburgh talked on *The Opioid Crisis in North America*”.

As decided by the GB during the Goa Conference, the 2020 ACBI National conference will be held in November 2020 and the organizing secretary would be Dr Subir Kumar Das, professor of Biochemistry at Kalyani.



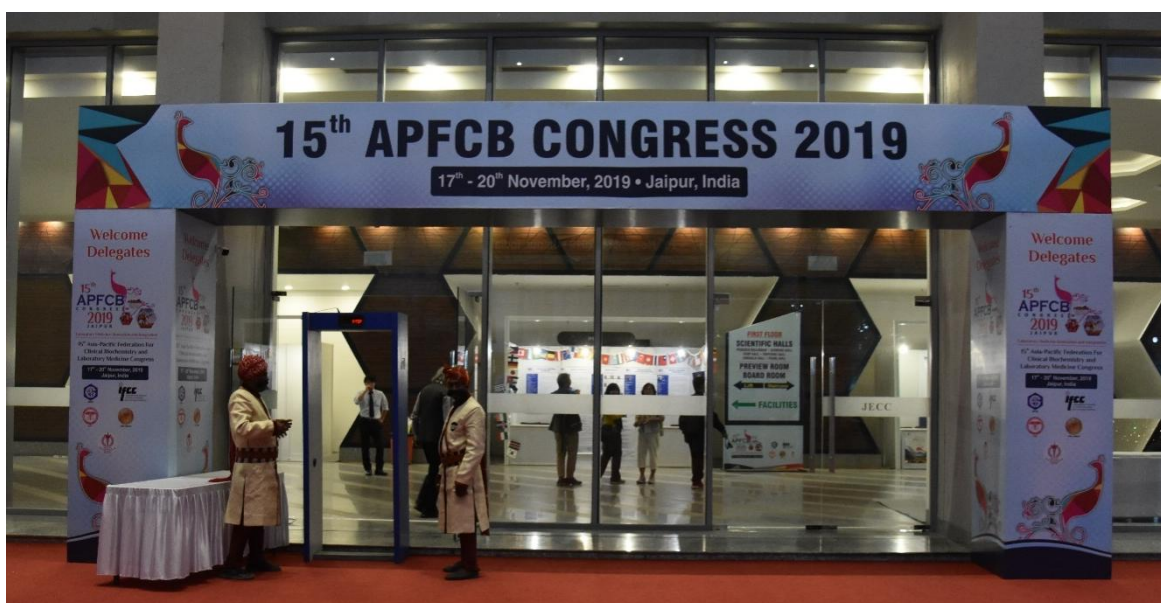
15th. Asian-Pacific Federation for Clinical Biochemistry & Laboratory Medicine (APFCB) Congress.

JECC, Jaipur, Rajasthan, November 17th.-20th. 2019.

The 15th Asia-Pacific Federation for Clinical Biochemistry and Laboratory Medicine (APFCB) Congress was held at Jaipur Exhibition and Convention Centre (JECC), Jaipur, Rajasthan, India from 17th to 20th of November 2019. It was organised by Association of Clinical Biochemists of India (ACBI) along with the support of Association of Medical Biochemists of India (AMBI). The theme of the congress was *“Laboratory Medicine – Innovation & Integration”*



OUR VENUE – JECC, JAIPUR



WELCOME DELEGATES

Six pre-congress workshops were held in two sessions on 17 November 2019 at Marriot Hotel, Jaipur. The workshops were –

- AACC Global Lab Quality Initiative: Adding value to patient care using quality control (AACC)
- Alzheimer's Workshop (IFCC - ETD)
- Mass Spectrometry in the clinical laboratory (AACB)
- Building Tomorrow's leaders by the young generation (IFCC-CCLM / IFCC-TFYS)
- Requirement for High Quality liquid profiling for cancer diagnostics in clinical laboratory practice (IFCC - EB)
- Multi-dimensional perspectives of Laboratory (ACBI - Roche)

The Congress began on 17 November with the inaugural plenary by Prof Subrat Kumar Acharya. He delivered a talk on 'Ammonia in Acute Liver Failure: Its influence on pathogenesis, Prognosis and Management'. There were three plenary lectures scheduled on different days of the Congress by Prof Maurizio Ferrari (*Expanding space for Next Generation Sequencing diagnostics applications*), Prof Sampath Parthasarathy (*Alzheimer's a cerebrovascular disease?*) and Prof David Kinniburgh (*The Opioid Crisis in North America*). ACBI conferred oration awards to the four plenary speakers. Prof Subrat K Acharya was given Awadesh Saran Memorial Oration award, Prof Maurizio Ferrari received Seth G.S. Medical College & K.E.M. Hospital Oration Award, Prof Sampath Parthasarathy received Mrs. And Dr. G. P Talwar Oration Award and Prof David Kinniburgh was given the Prof. T. N. Pattabhiraman Oration Award.



Mrs. & Dr. G. P. TALWAR ORATION



SETH G S. MEDICAL COLLEGE & KEM HOSPITAL ORATION



Dr. T. N . PATTABIRAM ORATION



AWADHESH SARAN MEMORIAL ORATION

The scientific program of the Congress had 40 symposia containing 134 lectures presented on emerging topics of clinical biochemistry and laboratory medicine by various member societies of APFCB, IFCC, AACC, COLABIOCLI, WasPalm etc. Additionally, 40 oral papers and 366 scientific posters were presented in the Congress. Survey during the sessions was also conducted by means of feedback forms for speaker feedback, congress programme, presentation content and services. Participant feedback exhibited the grand success of the congress.

Prof. Leslie Lai was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award for his outstanding contribution to APFCB and scientific excellence.

There were three IFCC – Visiting Lecture Fellows: Prof Sampath Parthasarathy, Prof Sedef Yenice and Prof Ed Randell. The Congress also offered a total of 47 awards and scholarships to support the participation of young fellows and scientists. The different awards with the number of awardees were:

- APFCB young scientist travel scholarship - 3
- IFCC Roche travel scholarship - 8
- IFCC TFYS Snibe travel grant - 3
- APFCB-RCPAQAP award - 1
- APFCB organising committee travel award - 5.
- Best poster award from organising committee - 8.



Dr. Leslie Charles Lai being awarded the APFCB LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

A total number of 662 participants and 308 exhibitors from all over the world participated in this Congress. A total of 28 companies exhibited their products in the Congress.



Four academic societies (APFCB Congress, IFCC Worldlab 2020, IFCC and ACBI) also joined the exhibition. There were a host of meetings during the Congress. APFCB had its council meeting on November 17, 2019.

IFCC ETD and CPD also had their meeting on the same day. IFCC TFYS meeting was on November 19 and IFCC Board meeting was conducted on November 20-22, 2019. The Congress also hosted a variety of social programmes.

The opening ceremony and inaugural dinner were held on November 17, at JECC. The opening ceremony for the Exhibition was held on November 18. On November 19, Cultural programme and Gala dinner was organised.

Valedictory ceremony was held on November 20, where successful completion of the congress was celebrated and the flag was handed over to Prof Helen Martin, AACB for the next Congress, the 16th APFCB Congress to be held in Australia in 2022.



HANDING THE APFCB FLAG TO PRESIDENT, APFCB



Dr. Helen & the Australian Team with the APFCB Flag

CALLING ALL YOUNG DELEGATES

"ACBI YOUNG SCIENTIST BURSARY"

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

FULL BURSARY: Rupees Ten Thousand each.

Each PARTIAL BURSARY: Rupees Seven Thousand each.

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.

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.

The application along with all documents should be sent to the Organizing Secretary of the Conference before the last date for call for abstract as published in the Final brochure or the conference website.

Candidates applying would have to submit the following : (1)Proof of registration, (2) Proof of membership of ACBI, (3) Proof of age, and (4) copies of their Oral /Posterpresentation to the committee for evaluation, (5) a letter stating that they have not received any grant for attending the conference. All applications have to be forwarded by their Head of departments /Institution. The Awardees name will be announced during the valedictory function of the conference.

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



Application for ACBI young Scientist Bursery Award

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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

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.

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Educational Qualifications

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A.C.B.I. Travel Fellowship

Applications are invited from Young members of the Association who are attending the 45th. ACBICON & 15th. APFCB Congress in Jaipur for availing this fellowship. **This award shall be awarded to Young Members of ACBI below the age of 35 whose paper/Poster has been accepted for presentation and who has not availed any other assistance through any other assistance through any other source. Total number of Travel Fellowship award will be Ten (10).** The Application for Travel Fellowship should be addressed to the General Secretary, ACBI and submitted to the ACBI Secretariat address [Dr. Rajiv R. Sinha, General Secretary, Biochem-Lab, East Boring Canal Road, Patna – 800001.] He/She should enclose proof of membership of ACBI, proof of Age, Proof of conference registration and certificate from the Head of the department of non-receipt of any other financial support& Hard as well as Soft copy of the presentation. The award will be decided by a committee consisting of the Organising Secretary, President and General Secretary of ACBI.

The awardees will be given Rs. 5000/- each. Preference will be given to those who has to travel from far of places. The awardees name will be announced before the conference and the award will given during the valedictory function of the conference.

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, and Donation of Rs. Fifty Two Thousand by Mr. S. K. Manhar, Director, Priman Instruments Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi & from the ACBI Corpus Fund.



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The Organizing Secretary shall be inviting papers for the below mentioned Awards from **members of the Association including Sessional members** through the final announcement 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.)

[1] PITABUS-JAMUNA BURMA MEMORIAL AWARD

Dr. D. P. Burma, Professor of Biochemistry, Institute of Medical Sciences, Benaras Hindu University instituted this award in memory of his father and mother by donating a sum of Rs.5000/ in 1982.As per the resolution of the General Body passed in December 2011, Gwalior, this was further supplemented by a donation of Rs. 50,000 from the ACBI Corpus fund.

The applicants have to submit a write up (not more than 2000 words) on an original research work in medicine based on approaches in biochemistry or molecular biology, **published by any other author/authors, excluding himself and his group**, in any prestigious journal of the world in the preceding one year. **[It must not be your work]**. Application along with (1) 4 typed/photo copies of the write up, (2) 4 photocopies of the original paper, (3) documentary evidence of age and (4) proof of membership of ACBI should be submitted to the Organizing Secretary before the dead line.

The winner of the award shall be given a cash award and a certificate at the Valedictory function of the same conference.

[2] SITA DEVI AWARD

This award was created by a donation of Rs.5000/ by the Organising Secretary of 6th. Annual Conference of ACBI, Dr. C. Sita Devi, in 1980 and later again Rs.5000/ from her own side. As per the resolution of the General Body passed in December 2011, Gwalior, this was further supplemented by a donation of Rs. 50,000 from the ACBI Corpus fund.

The cash award and a certificate are given to the person whose paper in oral presentation was considered best and worth. The applicant shall submit (1) 4 typed/photo copies of the paper, (2) documentary evidence of age (3) proof of membership of ACBI (4) no objection certificate from co-authors, if any, to the Organizing Secretary before the dead line.

The winner of the award shall be given a cash award and a certificate at the Valedictory function of the same conference.

[3] P. S. MURTHY - UCMS AWARD FOR BEST PAPER IN THE FIELD OF :

(1) INFECTIOUS DISEASES,

(2) DEVELOPMENT OF DRUGS FROM PLANT SOURCES

(3) DIABETES and

(4) CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES.

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 supplemented by a donation of Rs. 50,000 from the ACBI Corpus fund.

This was further supplemented by a donation of Rs. 49,000 from the saving of the XX Annual conference held at Delhi. Papers for the award are invited under 4 categories, i.e. (1) **Infectious Diseases**, and (2) **Development of Drugs** (3) **Diabetes** and (4) **Cardiovascular Diseases**. **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.

[4] MGIMS AWARD FOR BEST PAPER IN THE FIELD OF TROPICAL DISEASES

This award was created in the year 1994 by a donation of Rs.10,000/ by Dr. B. C. Harinath, the Organising Secretary of 20th. ACBI conference, Sevagram. As per the resolution of the General Body passed in December 2011, Gwalior, this was further supplemented by a donation of Rs. 50,000 from the ACBI Corpus fund.

The Award is open for original work in biochemical/ immunological/ molecular aspects of Tropical Diseases.

The applicant shall submit (1) 4 typed/photo copies of the paper, (2) documentary evidence of age (3) no objection certificate from co-authors and (4) evidence of membership of ACBI, to the Organizing Secretary before the dead line.

In case no paper is considered worth, then similar papers in Poster Sessions should be considered for the award. The award shall be presented to winners during the Valedictory Function of the conference.



POSTER AWARDS

A number of awards will be granted to the best posters presented at the conference. All young scientists aged 35 year or less (on 31st. December of that year) submitting a poster at the ACBI National conference will be considered for the Poster Award Competition. No applications are required to be submitted.

[1] NIMS AWARD FOR BEST POSTER.

The award was instituted in 1994 by a donation of Rs. 10,000/ by the Organising Secretary of XIX Annual Conference of ACBI, Dr. T. Malati, Professor and Head of the Dept. of Biochemistry, Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS), Hyderabad. As per the resolution of the General Body passed in December 2011, Gwalior, this was further supplemented by a donation of Rs. 50,000 from the ACBI Corpus fund.

There are 2 awards - One award is for the best poster in the **field of Cancer** and another in **Non-Cancer** field. **There is no application required to win this award.** All posters shall be evaluated by a panel of judges drawn from the delegates, who have been selected by the President in consultation with the Organising secretary. The award shall be presented during the Valedictory function of the conference.

[2] Dr. P. Usha Sarma Best Poster Award in Genomic Proteonomic sciences – Clinical Application

The award was instituted in 2013 by a donation of Rs. 50,000/ by Dr. P. Usha Sarma, Retired Professor and Head of the Dept. of Biochemistry, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Institute of Genomic Research, New Delhi. There will be one award to the Best poster in the field of Genomic Proteonomic Sciences – Clinical application during the ACBI Annual Conference.

[3] POSTER AWARDS FROM ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Organizing Committee shall also announce 5 or more awards for excellent posters and the process of selection will be the same by the same judges of the NIMS Award.

There is no application required to win this award.

Thus Poster awards fall in following categories:-

- (1) Cancer – 1**
- (2) Non-cancer – 1**
- (3) Genomic Proteonomic Sciences – Clinical Application**
- (4) In case no award is given for Oral presentation of
 - (a) P. S. Murthy Award for (i) Infectious diseases**
 - (ii) Development of drugs from plant sources,**And (b) MGIMS Award for papers on Tropical diseases. Posters on these topics will be considered for those awards**
- (5) Organizing committee award for visually excellent Posters.**



Application for ACBI Best Paper Award

To
The Organizing Secretary, 45th. ACBICON 2019, Jaipur
Department of Biochemistry
AIIMS, Basni Phase-2, Jodhpur

Sir,

I am submitting a paper entitled

.....
byet al, for the best paper award during the conference. I am aware of the terms and conditions of competing for the award and abide by the rules. **Preference for the award to be considered is indicated as below (only one choice):-Pitabus Jamuna Burma Award/Sita Devi Award /P. S. Murthy Award / MGIMS Award (tick the preference).**

Enclosures:

1. Two sets of full text of the paper, along with abstract in a format as required for IJCB
2. Documentary evidence of age
3. No objection certificate from co-authors, if any
4. ACBI membership number
5. Photocopy of documentary evidence of membership.

Kindly acknowledge the receipt of the same and inform me the date of presentation, if considered for presentation.

Name

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

E-mail id

Date

Name &Signature

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, Budha Colony Main Road, Patna – 800 001. email: kpsacbi@yahoo.co.in) by **31st. July 2020**

Association of Clinical Biochemists of India awards Fellowship to distinguished members of the Association on the basis of their achievement.

Eligibility for the nominee:

Nominee should be a Life member of ACBI of at least 10 years standing. He/She should have at least 15 years of teaching / research / analytical experience in the areas of clinical biochemistry or has done distinguished services to ACBI.

Nomination letter duly signed by proposer along with 4 copies of (a) Biodata of nominee in the prescribed format (to **be down loaded from ACBI website: ACBI Constitution- Annexure**), (b) list of publications by the nominee in IJCB or other indexed journals with **4 copies of reprints of 6 papers of which 3 are recent ones**, (c) proof of various statements made in Biodata.



Format for Nomination of Fellow of ACBI

To
The Secretary
Association of Clinical Biochemists of India
Dr. Rajiv R. Sinha
Biochem-Lab
East Boring Canal Road,
Budha Colony Main 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

Congratulations

Recipients of ACBI Bursary and Travel Awards, 2019 to attend the 15th. APFCB Congress at Jaipur, Rajasthan.

ACBI BURSARY AWARD

1. Dr. ABHILASHA
2. Ms. ANUPAMA MODI
3. Mr. MANOJ KHOKHAR
4. Dr. RAGHUMOY GHOSH
5. Dr. PILLA VSN KIRAN KUMAR
6. Dr. SOJIT TOMO
7. Ms. TARU GOYAL
8. Dr. GANGAM SAI KIRAN
9. Ms. PREETI SINGH

ACBI TRAVEL AWARD

1. Dr. DIPAYAN ROY
2. Dr. INDUJA M.
3. Dr. MALAVIKA L.
4. Dr. NEELAM M. PANWAR
5. Ms. RIDDHI G. AGARWAL
6. Dr. SHRUTI GUPTA
7. Ms. SMRITI SURI
8. Ms. ARADHNA MARATHE
9. Ms, G, PRIYADARSHINI
10. Dr. SARAVANAN K.

ACBI ORATION AWARDS, 2019

AWADHESH SARAN MEMORIAL ORATION

Prof. Subrat K Acarya, Pro-Chancellor KIIT University & President, AIIMS, Bhubaneshwar, Orissa.

“Ammonia in Acute Liver Failure: It’s influence on pathogenesis, Prognosis and Management.”

SETH G. S.MEDICALCOLLEGE & KEMHOSPITAL ORATION

Professor Maurizio Ferrari, President IFCC, Professor of Clinical Pathology University, Vita-Salute San Raffaele, Director of Clinical Molecular Biology and Cytogenetics Laboratory, Head of Unit Genomics for Diagnosis of Human Pathologies, IRCCS San Raffaele, Milan. Italy.,

“Expanding space for Next Generation Sequencing diagnostics applications”

DR T. N. PATTABIRAMAN ORATION AWARD

Professor David Kinniburgh, Director, Alberta Centre for Toxicology, University of Calgary, Canada.

“Molecular reclassification of disease; how the laboratory can guide the clinic”

MRS. & DR G. P. TALWAR ORATION AWARD

Professor Sampath Parthasarthy, Florida Hospital Chair in Cardiovascular Science, College of Medicine, University of Central Florida, USA,

“Alzheimer’s a cerebrovascular disease?”



Branch Reports

Workshop on “Quality Controlling Clinical Biochemistry” **ACBITAMIL NADU BRANCH**

The department of Clinical Biochemistry, Christian Medical College, Vellore conducted the First one day workshop on ‘Quality Control in Clinical Biochemistry’ on 18th&19th October 2019. The programme began with prayer led by Rev. Pearson, Chaplain. Dr. Pamela Christudoss, Professor & HOD, Coordinator of CMC-EQAS Clinical Biochemistry welcomed the participants. The dignitaries present were Dr. Deepak Abraham, Associate Director (HR), Dr. Anna Pulimood, Principal, Dr. Joy Mammen (Associate Medical Superintendent) who gave their felicitations and appreciated the Department. Dr. Arivazhagan, HOD, Clinical Biochemistry, Adayar Cancer Research Institute and Tamil Nadu State Representative of the ACBI, mentioned about the association of CMC-EQAS with the ACBI (Assoc. of Clinical Biochemists of India) over the past 41 years. Dr. A.S.Kanagasabapathy former Professor and HOD of Clinical Biochemistry highlighted the history of the CMC-EQAS programme and the importance of Quality control in Clinical Labs in India. The sessions handled during the workshop were –“Salient Features of Quality Assurance in Clinical Laboratories” -Dr. A.S.Kanagasabapathy, “Various phases of Errors in Clinical Laboratory and how to avoid them ‘and “Good Clinical Laboratory Practices” – Dr. Pamela Christudoss .Activities involving basic statistical calculation, construction of LJ charts, etc. were conducted in the afternoon session. The focus of the workshop was to enable the participants of our CMC-EQA programme to Understand the Principles and Practice of Quality control (Internal QC and EQA), trouble shooting, corrective and preventive action, statistical calculation, scoring, basic techniques in clinical Biochemistry, etc. Owing to the large requests from our participant laboratories all over India, it was decided to have a series of workshop starting with the

state of Tamil Nadu. The workshop was well attended by a total of 270 participants on both days, which included MD biochemists, PhD’S, Lab managers, senior technical staff , Quality managers, from various Hospital labs, medical college and hospital labs, private labs from the state of Tamil Nadu. The workshop was a time of learning for all the participants. The participants were highly appreciative of the information gained during the workshop and the feedback received was very encouraging. Dr. S. Swamina then and Dr. Geethanjali, former Professors of Clinical Biochemistry also graced the occasion.

The Department of Clinical Biochemistry, under the banner of The Association of Clinical Biochemists of India (ACBI) has been conducting the External Quality Assessment Scheme (EQAS) since 1978. Today the Participants represent all the states of India, Nepal, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka. The participating laboratories include teaching and non-teaching hospital laboratories, government as well as private hospital Labs, private Labs and diagnostic centers. The CMC-EQA, Clinical Biochemistry is accredited since 2014 by NABL as per ISO/IEC 17043:2010. Lyophilized samples are prepared and sent to the participating laboratories at regular intervals in batches of 4 vials thrice a year (total of 12 samples/year) for each of the programmes: Chem-1(23parameters), Chem -2(9 parameters), Thyroid and Cortisol, Reproductive Hormones, Downs Screening, HBA1C, Urine Chemistry, Tumor markers. Of these, 6 programmes are accredited. Many laboratories are benefited by this program, since it is affordable compared to other commercially available EQAS scheme. This program has created awareness in a large number of

clinical laboratories throughout India in providing quality results to the clinicians. At present there are 8 different programs with more than 7500 laboratories participating in CMC-EQAS Clinical Biochemistry. Besides the Dept. also prepares IQC and sends these vials to almost 3000 small labs in India. A total of approx. 16000 vials are prepared for a month and dispatched to our participants.

Dr. Pamela expressed her gratitude to all the staff of the QC section who put in their efforts wholeheartedly and to the Laboratory staff as well for all their cooperation. The department takes this opportunity to thank the Administration of CMC for their Kind support through the past 4 decades.



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INVITATION TO MEMBERS FOR CASE HISTORIES

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

ACBI BENEVOLENT FUND

AN APPEAL

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

I solicit your support and request you to send money for this noble work as much as you like. The money be sent to the Treasurer, Association of Clinical Biochemists of India, Biochem-Lab, East Boring Canal Road, Patna - 800001 by bank draft in the name of "ACBI Benevolent Fund" payable at Patna. It is proposed to publish the names of members who contribute to this fund in News Bulletin.

Dr. L. M. Shrivastava

President



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Photo Identity card of ACBI will be mandatory for members to attend the Annual Conferences, all meetings and also for exercising their voting rights. The Identity card will be provided on payment of Rs.100/- . Payment to be made by Demand Draft to “Association of Clinical Biochemists of India” payable at “PATNA”.

Identity card form is available after the ACBI Membership form.

Members are requested to fill-up the form and post it to:

Dr Rajiv R Sinha

General Secretary,

Association of Clinical Biochemists of India Biochem-Lab

East Boring Canal Road

Patna – 800 001

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**MEMBERSHIP OF THE
ASSOCIATION OF CLINICAL BIOCHEMISTS OF INDIA**

ADMISSIBILITY RULES

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

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

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MEMBERSHIP FEE : (a) **Annual Member** – Rs. 600/- annually, (b) **Life Member** – Rs.5130/- (Rs.5000/- once + Rs.30/- for L.M.certificate posting + 100/- I Card (or Rs. 1800/- annually for 3 consecutive years.) (c) For persons residing in other countries – US \$200/- (d) **ASSOCIATE LIFE MEMBERS** - Rs.5130/- (Rs.5000/- once + Rs.30/- for L.M.certificate posting + 100/- I Card, (e) **Corporate Member** : Rs. 25,000/- one time payment. (f) **Sessional Member** – Rs. 600/- (g) **IFCC subscription** (optional) - Rs. 1500/- once.

The Membership Application form can be downloaded from www.acbindia.org

Prescribed fee should be paid by **BANK DRAFT** only payable to “**ASSOCIATION OF CLINICAL BIOCHEMISTS OF INDIA**” at **PATNA**. [Our bank – State bank of India, Patna Main Branch, West Gandhi maidan, Patna, Bihar] **NO CHEQUE PLEASE**. The completed application (along with enclosures)& draft should be sent to **Dr. Rajiv R. Sinha, General Secretary, ACBI, Biochem-Lab, East Boring Canal Road, Patna – 800 001**, preferably by registered post.

PHOTOGRAPH : Please affix a passport-size photo on the form and on the ID card form.

ASSOCIATION OF CLINICAL BIOCHEMISTS OF INDIA
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM



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1. Category of Membership Applied (tick the choice): Life/Associate Life/Annual/Sessional

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Family Name

First name

3. Sex :

4. Date of Birth:

5. Nationality:

6. Academic Qualifications with Year :(attach Photocopies)

7. Designation :

8. OFFICIAL ADDRESS:

1. Department :

2. Institution :

3. Address :

4. City : 5. Pincode :

6. State :

7. Telephone (with area code):

8. Fax (with area code):

9. E-mail (CAPITAL):

10. Mobile:

11. RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS:

1. Address:

2. City: 3. Pin Code:

4. State: 5. Telephone (with area code):

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9. Address for Communication: Official OR Residential (please tick the choice)

10. Professional Experience (briefly) on separate page:

Teaching/Research/Diagnostic:.....Years

11. Field of expertise/ Areas of Interest :(1)..... (2)

12. Publications, if any: Attach a list giving details of publications.

13. Membership of other professional bodies, if any:

14. Any other relevant information (brief): (on separate page) 15. D.D. No.....

16.Date: 17. Bank: Branch :

Amount Rs: (Enclose the crossed D.D. for an appropriate amount drawn in favour of “Association of Clinical Biochemists of India” payable at Patna)

Undertaking by the Applicant

I have gone through the bylaws of the Association of Clinical Biochemists of India. If admitted as a member, I shall abide by the rules and regulations of the association.

.....

Signature of the Applicant

Date

Place

Recommendation by a member of ACBI (This is essential)

I have verified the information given in these applications that are true to the best of my knowledge. He/She fulfils eligibility requirement for becoming a member of ACBI. I recommend that..... be recorded that membership of the ACBI.

Name & Signature of the Member..... Date:

ACBI Membership No: Place

(Disclaimer)

I have no objection / I object* if my address and full details are put on the ACBI website at www.acbindia.org.

Signature of Applicant

Date:

*strike out whichever is not applicable

PROFORMA

Members Identity Card

Please type or write in CAPITAL Letters.

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1. Name :
2. Qualification:
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(will be filled up at Head office)
4. ACBI Membership Number :
- (will be filled up at Head office).
5. Work Place (City) :
6. State :
7. Date of joining ACBI: (will be filled up at Head Office)

**NEW MEMBERS: Filled up form to be posted along with the Membership application form. ID card charge is
Included in LIFE/ASSOCIATE LIFE/CORPORATE membership fees**

GLIMPSES OF 15th APFCB CONGRESS, JAIPUR.







ACBICON 2020



47th Annual conference of
ASSOCIATION OF CLINICAL BIOCHEMISTS OF INDIA

Pre-conference Workshop & CME: December 7-8, 2020
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Greetings from **College of Medicine & JNM Hospital, WBUHS, Kalyani**
It is a matter of great honor and privilege to invite you all in **ACBICON 2020** to be held in Science City, **Kolkata** from **December 7-11, 2020**.
Join us in the "City of Joy" to experience a scientific program on "Translational Research to Medical Innovations" in Biochemistry and related fields.
We are sure that ACBICON-2020 at Kolkata will be a memorable experience for all of us.
We look forward to welcome you all in Kolkata, and urge you to put the dates in diary now.

With warm Regards,



Prof. Dr. Subir Kumar Das
Organizing Secretary,
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