

Summary of proceedings of 1st IAMM Delhi Chapter meet, April 26, 2008

Held at VMMC and Safdarjung Hospital

Dept of Microbiology, VMMC and Safdarjung Hospital organized the first quarterly meeting of IAMM –Delhi Chapter on 26th April 2008. This included a Poster and a scientific session

The Add DG, Principal and Medical Superintendent of VMMC and Safdarjung Hospital addressed the gathering. More than 120 microbiologists attended the meeting from the NCR including founder members of IAMM and students.

The newly elected President (Dr M. Bose) and Secretary (Dr B. L Sherwal) of IAMM Delhi branch addressed the gathering about the activities and achievements of the IAMM, Delhi Chapter. This was followed by a scientific session focused on practical problems in diagnostic laboratories, which included Blood culture practices, Catheter associated blood stream infections and sexually transmitted diseases. Eminent Microbiologist and experts - Dr R A Bhujwala (Ex Prof AIIMS) and Dr Dipali Mukherji (Senior Scientist at ICMR) chaired the session. The speakers included Dr Ashok Rattan (Director SRL), Dr TD Chugh (Prof Emeritus BLK Hospital), Dr Dimple Kasana (Sr Microbiologist SJH) and Manju Bala (Sr Microbiologist Regional STD Centre SJH). This was followed by an excellent discussion from the audience. The participants were also provided with guidelines on “Principles and Procedures for Blood Cultures”; Approved Guideline CLSI M47-A Vol. 27 No. 17

The poster session was a good learning experience for the postgraduate students and other faculty. This included 10 posters from various sections of Microbiology. Dr Neena Dewan (Ex Prof LHMC) and Dr Anuj Sharma (Consultant SGRH) evaluated the posters. Dr M Bose President IAMM Delhi branch distributed the prizes and certificates of participation. The best poster award of was given to **Prabha Lal** AIIMS for her work “ *Diversity of AmpC β in Enterobacteriaceae in a Tertiary care Hospital of North India.*” She received a cash prize of Rs 1000/.