

## Summary of proceedings of 2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter meet, August 2, 2007

### Held at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi

The Department of Clinical Microbiology, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, and New Delhi is grateful to the office bearers of IAMM Delhi Chapter for having allowed us to hold 2nd Delhi Chapter Meet. As you are aware that the conference was held on 4th August 2007 at India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, between 12.30 and 5 PM and a pre-conference workshop was also organised by our department between 8 and 12.30 P.M. The theme of the conference was Antimicrobial Resistance with the focus on "Detection of  $\beta$  Lactamases in GNB - a practical approach" with emphasis on its nosocomial spread.

23 Doctors from all over the country like Kolkatta, Mumbai, Bangalore, Vellore, Hyderabad, Gohati, Pondicherry, Lucknow, Chennai, Noida, Gurgaon and Delhi attended the workshop. The workshop was a great success and was appreciated by all the participants as was known from their feedback forms. The workshop was aimed at giving hands on training for the detection of ESBLs (disk diffusion, Etest, Vitek, MicroScan), Detection of Metallo  $\beta$  Lactamases & Detection of Amp C mediated resistance. Prof. Peter M. Hawkey, Professor of Clinical & Public Health Bacteriology and Honorary Consultant, University of Birmingham & Heath Protection Agency, West Midlands Public Health Laboratory, UK, assisted in conducting the workshop in our department. Prof. Peter Hawkey delivered a guest lecture before starting the workshop on " $\beta$  Lactamases in GNB – a practical approach", which set the stage perfect for the practical aspects of the techniques involved in the detection of various  $\beta$  lactamases in GNB. The participants in the hands on workshop that followed practiced most of the techniques discussed by him in his lecture. We provided all attendees with the ESBL positive ATCC quality control strain to ensure standardizations for detection of ESBLs at their respective place of work.

In the afternoon, IAMM Delhi Chapter (MicroCON) started at 12.30 PM at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi with poster session. Free posters as well as poster for Meghna Kishan Baweja Best Poster award on Paediatric Infectious Diseases were displayed. 18 posters in total were presented and were judged by Dr. Krishna Ray and Dr. Sarman Singh. The conference was inaugurated by the chief guest, Dr. B.K. Rao, Chairman, Board of Management, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi and more than 180 delegates & guests attended the conference. Dr. C. Wattal, Chairman, Organising Committee and Department of Clinical Microbiology, SGRH, welcomed the chief guest, the office bearers of the association, Sr. Microbiologists, and the delegates on behalf of the organizing committee. Dr. J.C. Samantaray addressed the gathering and conveyed his satisfaction over the progress of the IAMM Delhi Chapter. Dr. Iqbal Kaur made various announcements regarding the Delhi Chapter. Dr. N.P. Singh on her behalf announced receipt of the most of the EQA programme results. The result will be declared in the next meeting.

The theme of the conference was Nosocomial infections. Prof. Peter Hawkey delivered another guest lecture on "Molecular epidemiology of nosocomial infections – Bench to Bedside", and evoked good discussion from the delegates & lecture was well appreciated. Dr. Sudershan Kumari, Dr. Arti Kapil chaired the session. Dr. R. Raveendran, Consultant, Department of Clinical Microbiology Sir Ganga Ram Hospital delivered another lecture, on blood stream infections and central line related

blood stream infections (BSI & CRBSI) – SGRH experience. The data was presented before the audience. Dr. Preena Bhalla, Dr. Anita Arora chaired the session. The lecture evoked deep interest from the audience & was fully appreciated. Various methods of evaluating central venous lines as a cause of BSI were discussed and DTP cultures were discussed as an acceptable method for screening CRBSI related BSI. There was a presentation made by Dr. Karthik Anantharaman on “Resistant Bugs and a new drug: Indian Perspective”. The profile of Ertapenem was discussed.

The meeting ended with award distribution.

