



From The Director/Officer - In-Charge's Desk



We are happy to present the Annual Report for the year 2004-05. Institute's progress in various areas of research continues unabated. However, as recorded every year the constraints of staff is increasingly withholding us from achieving lot more which we are capable of doing.

Several of our scientists like every year won laurels and awards were selected. They as members of various scientific advisory committee's. eg. BARC, CSIR etc. Some of our scientists were also invited by various scientific bodies to give state of the art lectures on various aspects of management and control of hematological disorders. We have great pleasure in informing that Dr.Ghosh is the "President Elect" of Indian Society of Hematology and Transfusion Medicine.

You will be happy that some of our projects under Council's genomics initiative have recently been sanctioned and we hope to start on with it as soon as we receive the funds. Several important projects were completed this year successfully producing very interesting data.

The project on North East is yielding interesting data though in slow pace because of the inherent difficulty in getting appropriate samples from that area.

Several young scientists completed their doctoral thesis or won laurels in various forum. Ms.Sona Nair completed her Ph.D. thesis on Glanzmann's Thrombasthenia. Dr.Bipin Kulkarni, received the Dr.J.C.Patel best paper award. Dr.K.Ghosh received Best Research Paper Award of ICMR. Dr.Y.S.Iyer, was awarded the BGRC Oration Award at Mumbai Hematology Group Annual Conference. Dr.U.Shankar Kumar received Dr.J.C.Patel Dr.B.C.Mehta JAPI Award. Dr.Shrimati Shetty received "Early Career Investigator Award" from Bayer Hemophilia Awards Programme Committee, USA. Dr. Vandana Pradhan received Dr.S.S.Misra Memorial Award as a recognition of research paper on "Anti-neutrophil cytoplasmic antibodies and their association with systemic vasculitis and other related disorders".

The Institute initiated a pioneering work on stem cell research and therapy but it is not able to go on full steam in this area because of constraints of space as well as suitable manpower. With all these difficulties the Institute has managed to continue with high quality publications in national and international high impact journals.

WE thank the continued support and timely advise from the Scientific Advisory Committee of the Institute and the Scientific Advisory Group of the Division of Basic Medical Sciences at the ICMR Headquarters which is greatly appreciated. We also thank Director General and all the staff of ICMR Headquarters for their untiring support. The close collaboration with the Haematology Department of KEM Hospital and the continued support from Dean, KEM Hospital and several acknowledged and we wish to place this for record.

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