

Trainings/Workshops/Seminars organized by the centre

1. Workshop on Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme & Epidemic Preparedness and Response

A workshop on “Integrated disease surveillance & Epidemic Preparedness and Response” for Medical officers of Northeast India including Sikkim was organised at Regional Medical Research Centre, NE Region (ICMR) Dibrugarh in collaboration with National Institute of Epidemiology, Chennai from 17th – 22nd May 2004. A total of 31 participants representing various Health institutions in the region (State Health Services 4; Tea garden Hospital 6; Medical Colleges of Assam 12; Sikkim 4 and RMRC, Dibrugarh 5) participated in this workshop. The objective of the Workshop was to prepare the health professionals working at grass root level to identify, investigate and develop intervention measures at the local level to combat various disease outbreaks of known and unknown origin. Additionally this Workshop was intended to sensitize the participants on integrated disease surveillance programme in the backdrop of emerging / re-emerging communicable diseases and growing burden of non-communicable diseases in the community. Prof. M. D. Gupte, Director NIE, Dr. Vidya Ramchandran and Dr. R. Ramakrishnan from NIE, Chennai were the facilitators in the Workshop. The methodology of the workshop was based on WHO modules wherein the lectures were followed by extensive group exercises and presentation of the group work by the participants.

2. Workshop on Immunization Strengthening Programme

A 6-days Workshop on Immunization Strengthening Programme, sponsored by Min. of Health & FW, Govt. of India, was held at RMRC Dibrugarh from 19.7.2004 – 24.7.2004 in collaboration from NICED, Kolkata. The main objective of the Workshop was to sensitise the participants to increase the immunization coverage in Assam which is far below the national average. A total of 8 district level officials belonging to the rank of Additional CMO, CMO (CD), Deputy CMO (CD) and District Immunization Officer who are at the helm of affairs of immunization coverage in the district participated in the Workshop. The participants were sensitized about the low immunization coverage in Assam. Dr. P. Dutta, Dr. D. N. Gupta and Dr. S. K. Mondal, all from NICED Kolkata, were the resource persons in the Workshop. Field visits to district immunization centers was also arranged for the participants during the Workshop.

3. ICMR-WHO Workshop on IPR & WTO issues

A 2-days WHO sponsored Workshop on IPR and WTO issues was organized by ICMR Hqts. at Regional Medical Research Centre, Dibrugarh on 15th and 16th September, 2004. This Workshop was attended by 25 researchers, scientists and academicians from different north eastern states. The objective of the Workshop was to bring awareness in the scientific fraternity of the need and importance to protect new knowledge generated through intellectual property rights and to commercially exploit the new knowledge through technology transfer and licensing etc in view of changes like liberalization and globalization of economy and the encouraging participation of industry in the increasingly technology driven medical research and health care. Dr. K Satyanarayana and Dr. N. C. Jain from ICMR Hqts., Dr. O. P. Agarwal from CSIR, Delhi and Mr. K. S. Kardam from Delhi Patent Office were learned faculty members who facilitated the Workshop.

4. Reorientation trainings in Malariology and Integrated Vector Control

A total of 2 re-orientation trainings in Malariology were conducted during the year. One training (21–23 February, 2005) was organized for Medical Officers of Military and Paramilitary forces posted in NE region which was attended by 20 candidates. Similarly, one training was arranged for Laboratory Technicians of Military and Paramilitary forces (28.3.2005- 1.4.2005) working in NE India and it was attended by 25 persons. Both these trainings were sponsored by Dte of National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme, Delhi. One training, sponsored by National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Delhi on Integrated Vector Control (21-25 March, 2005) was arranged for Entomologists, District Malaria Officers and other functionaries from different north-eastern states. A total of 22 participants attended this training programme.

Ph.D./M.D. PROGRAMMES

The centre has been extending guidance and laboratory facilities to the students pursuing Ph.D./M.D. thesis work. The following candidates worked for their Ph.D/MD thesis at the centre during the year.

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| 1, Dr. Chandra Jyoti Barua | “Clinico-Aetiological study of Acute Meningitis in Hospitalized paediatric patients including the Neonates” (MD thesis) |
| 2. Dr. Bhaskar Saikia | “Clinico-Bacteriological study of Respiratory tract infection in Hospitalized children below 5 years of age (MD thesis) |
| 3. Mr. Prakash Ranjan Gogoi | “The eco-taxonomic study of mosquito fauna found in Dibru-Saikhowa biosphere reserve, Assam” (Ph.D. thesis) |

Awards/Honours received by the scientists/technical staff

1. Dr Anil Prakash, AD was awarded Commonwealth Professional Fellowship, 2004 for 3 months duration (20.1.2004–15.4.2005) tenable at University of Manchester, UK to undergo Hands on training on Molecular methods of sibling species identification of malaria vector mosquitoes complex.
2. Mr. M. Chetia, LT was awarded WHO In-Country Fellowship for 3 weeks (13.12.2004 – 2.1.2005) tenable at University of Madras, Chennai to attend Workshop on common lab equipments
3. Mr. S. K. Rajguru, LT was awarded WHO In-Country Fellowship for 4 weeks (1.2.2005 – 2.3.2005) tenable at Dr. ALMPG Institute of Basic Medical Sciences, University of Madras, Chennai to attend Training on Concept in structural and/or Molecular Biology