

10. Workshops/Meetings/Seminars/ Symposia - 2004

9.1 Meetings Attended by VCRC Staff

International

6 - 7 Jan. 2004	A joint Indo-US symposium on infectious diseases held at Indian Institute of Science campus, Bangalore.	Dr. P.K. Das
6 - 10 Jan. 2004	Participated in Indo-US Symposium in Infectious Disease Research & Development - Diversity Development Vision in infectious disease research, organized jointly By SDTC for Research in Tropical Diseases, Bangalore; gave a lecture on 'Role of Molecular Biology in the Elimination of LF'.	Dr. S.L. Hoti
12 Jan. 2004	Third Global Meet on Parasitic Disease held at Bangalore University, Bangalore.	Dr. P.K. Das
25 Jan. - 2 Feb. 2004	Served as WHO Temporary Consultant in the International Training Course on Comprehensive Vector Control held at Salatiga, Indonesia.	Dr. P. Jambulingam
25 Jan. - 7 Feb. 2004	Served as a resource person in the International Training Course on Comprehensive Vector Control (CVC) held at Salatiga, Indonesia.	Dr. P.K. Das
19 - 21 Feb. 2004	Indo-French Workshop on "Geographical Information System for Health Survey" held at French Institute, Pondicherry.	Dr. P.K. Das Dr. R. Ravi Dr. S. Sabesan
10 - 12 Mar. 2004	WHO Study Group on Malaria Vector Control and Personal Protection held at Geneva, Switzerland.	Dr. P.K. Das
18 - 20 Mar. 2004	"WHO-ICMR Workshop on competence building for seeking grants from funding agencies" at DMRC, Jodhpur. Delivered lectures on (a) "Review of literature and internet search for research" and (b) "Intellectual Property Rights".	Dr. S.P. Pani



23 - 25 Mar. 2004	Third Meeting of the Global Alliance for elimination of LF held at Cairo, Egypt.	Dr. P.K. Das
18 - 19 Apr. 2004	Fifth RPRG meeting held at Dhaka, Bangladesh.	Dr. P.K. Das
20 - 23 Apr. 2004	WHO/TDR workshop on drug delivery strategies for LF in urban areas in India, held at New Delhi.	Dr. K.D. Ramaiah
18 - 19 June 2004	WHO-NICD Meeting on DENGUNET, at Kozhikode.	Dr. P.K. Das Dr. R. Ravi
9 - 11 Sept. 2004	“World Conference on Dosing of Anti-infectives - Dosing the Magic Bullets” and the “Ehrlich Symposia” held to commemorate and celebrate Paul Ehrlich in the year of his 150 th birth anniversary, held at Nuremberg, Germany.	Dr. S.P. Pani
13-15 Sept. 2004	International seminar on “Water Management” held at Auroville, Pondicherry.	Dr. S. Sabesan
13 - 16 Sept. 2004	Served as WHO Temporary Advisor and Technical Co-ordinator to conduct a workshop for trainees on judicious use of insecticides at WHO Mediterranean Centre for Vulnerability Reduction, Tunis, Tunisia.	Dr. K. Krishnamoorthy
26 Sept. - 8 Oct. 2004	Analysis and preparation of report on global insecticide use for vector borne disease control held at WHO/HQ, Geneva, Switzerland.	Dr. P. Jambulingam
1 - 14 Oct. 2004	To defend Ph.D thesis and to work on a collaborative project on “Developing model variants and methods for use of LYMFASIM in planning and evaluation of LF control in India” and to attend the meeting on project held at Erasmus MC, University Medical Center Rotterdam, Rotterdam, The Netherlands.	Mr. S. Subramanian

4 - 5 Oct. 2004	Sixth Meeting of the RPRG held at Colombo, Srilanka.	Dr. P.K. Das
13 - 14 Oct. 2004	Meeting on our collaborative project "Developing model variants and methods for use of LYMFASIM in planning and evaluation of LF control in India" held at Erasmus MC, University Medical Center Rotterdam, Rotterdam, The Netherlands.	Dr. P.K. Das
12 - 13 Nov. 2004	WHO/TDR informal consultations on control/ elimination of LF, held at Miami, USA.	Dr. K.D. Ramaiah
1 Nov. - 10 Dec. 2004	Organized and served as technical co-ordinator of training course on Comprehensive Vector Control for WHO trainees at VCRC.	Dr. K. Krishnamoorthy
1 - 3 Dec. 2004	8 th WHOPES Working Group Meeting to review novaluron EC for mosquito larviciding and presented draft guidelines on laboratory and field evaluation of larvicides, at Geneva, Switzerland.	Dr. P. Jambulingam
13 - 15 Dec. 2004	Exploratory meeting to formalize the structure and functions for the South Asian Cochrane Network (SACN), held at Cavellosim, Goa.	Dr. P. K.Das
National		
6 - 7 Feb. 2004	Meeting of Directors of ICMR Institutions, JALMA, Agra, 2004.	Dr. S.P. Pani
7 - 9 Jan. 2004	Industry interaction on research in unani medicine to identify areas of collaboration, held at Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi. Presented a paper on "Macro filaricidal lead from an Indian medicinal plant.	Dr. Nisha Mathew
12 Feb. 2004	Workshop on malaria situation in Noamundi Block, Jharkhanda State, organized by DAV Public School, Noamundi.	Dr. S.S. Sahu
19 Feb. 2004	National Seminar on "Systems approach to Bioinformatics", held at Pondicherry University, Pondicherry; delivered a talk on "Hunting drug and vaccine targets for lymphatic filariasis - A bioinformatics approach".	Dr. S.L. Hoti
28 Feb. 2004	Review meeting on the findings of various studies carried out by ICMR Research Centre in several endemic areas, held at ICMR Hqrs., New Delhi.	Dr. P.K. Das

16 Mar. 2004	TAC on malaria, held at NVBDCP, Delhi.	Dr. P.K. Das
1 Apr. 2004	2 nd National Workshop on "Simple diagnostic methods in infectious diseases" held at JIPMER.	Dr. S. Sabesan
9 Apr. 2004	Seminar on Olyset Net: Long lasting insecticide treated bed net, held at New Delhi, organized by M/s. Sumitomo Chemical India Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai.	Dr. P.K. Das
5 Apr. 2004	Orientation programme organized by NVBDCP, for Nodal Officers, trainers of State level trainers and concerned officers of NICD and NVBDCP to provide technical support to the State health authorities for training programme of various categories of personnel and for morbidity management and baseline surveys for the elimination of LF, held at NICD, Delhi.	Dr. P.K. Das
30 Apr. - 2 May 2004	10 th PAC meeting in Health Sciences held at National Institute of Mental Health & Neurosciences, Bangalore.	Dr. K. Balaraman
12 May 2004	ICMR review meeting on "Literature review on burden of disease estimation for LF" held at ICMR, New Delhi.	Dr. L.K. Das
12 May 2004	Investigators' meeting to discuss the final report of the WHO Biennium study on disease burden estimation, held at ICMR, New Delhi.	Dr. K. Krishnamoorthy
18 May 2004	Investigators' meeting to finalize the protocols of two collaborative studies on malaria to be carried out in tribal areas; held at NICD, Delhi.	Dr. P.K. Das
15 June 2004	Screening Committee and Technical Equipment Committee meetings held at ICMR, New Delhi.	Dr. M. Kalyanasundaram
15 - 16 July 2004	Workshop on Managing Intellectual Property, jointly organized by Andhra Pradesh Technology Development and Promotion Centre (APTDC), Govt. of Andhra Pradesh and Confederation of Indian Industry, held at Hyderabad.	Dr. P. Jambulingam Dr. S.L. Hoti
20 - 21 July 2004	Scientific Advisory Group Meeting 2004 (SAG), held at ICMR, New Delhi.	Dr. P.K. Das
29 July 2004	ICMR review meeting on "Literature review on burden of disease estimation for LF" held at NICED, Kolkata.	Dr. L.K. Das
30 - 31 July 2004	National Level Workshop organized by NVBDCP, New Delhi, held at Indian Habitat Centre, New Delhi.	Dr. P.K. Das

2 - 3 Aug. 2004	National seminar on "Clinical Trials - from Concept to Completion" at NIPER, Chandigarh.	Dr. L.K. Das
3 - 10 Aug. 2004	First National workshop on "Basic Techniques in Molecular Biology and Bioinformatics in Pharmacogenomics" Jointly organized by JIPMER & VCRC. Dr. Hoti delivered a talk on "High-throughput methods in genotyping".	Dr. S.L. Hoti Dr. V.Vasuki
5 - 6 Aug. 2004	Resource person in the First National Workshop on Basic Techniques in Molecular Biology & Bio-Informatics in Pharmacogenomics held at JIPMER, Pondicherry. Delivered lectures on "Introduction to Bio-informatics - Origin, Resources and useful Links" & "Analysis of Electropherogram using Softwares" held at JIPMER, Pondicherry.	Ms. T. Sankari
25 Aug. 2004	Served as a resource person in the Workshop on "Research Capacity Strengthening" organized by Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Bangalore. Delivered a talk on "Considerations in the Preparation of Project Proposals".	Dr. R. Ravi
6 Sept. 2004	National Consultation on "Biosafety aspects related to genetically modified organisms" for members and nominees of DBT on institutional biosafety committees (IBCs), sponsored by the DBT, Govt. of India and organized by Biotech Consortium India Ltd., New Delhi, held at Dr.M.S.Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai.	Dr. P. Jambulingam Dr. S.L. Hoti Dr. A.M. Manonmani Dr. N. Pradeep Kumar
8 Sept. 2004	Selection Committee meeting for SRO post held at ICMR Hqrs., New Delhi.	Dr. P.K. Das
11 - 15 Oct. 2004	"Expert Group meeting on Medicinal Plants: Monograph on Filariasis" at ICMR Headquarters, New Delhi.	Dr. S.P. Pani
18 Nov. 2004	Meeting of Experts for LF Elimination, to review MDA in India, held at NVBDCP, New Delhi.	Dr. P.K. Das Dr. R. Ravi
15 - 17 Dec. 2004	National Conference on climatic change and its impact on water resources in India held at Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai. Presented a paper on "The impact of National River Water Projects on Regional Climate Changes and Vector Borne Disease Outbreaks in India".	Mr. M. Palaniyandi

16 - 17 Dec. 2005	CMC Winter Symposium III organized by CMC, Vellore, delivered a talk on "Molecular Epidemiology and Elimination of LF".	Dr. S.L. Hoti
15 - 18 Dec. 2004	31 st Annual Conference of Indian Immunology Society organized by Centre for Biotechnology, Anna University, Chennai. Dr.S.L.Hoti delivered a lecture on "Genetic diversity of <i>Wuchereria bancrofti</i> in India and its implications to LF Elimination Programme".	Dr. S.P. Pani Dr. S.L. Hoti Dr. V. Vasuki Dr. K. Athisayamary
16 - 18 Dec. 2004	DST's project presentation held at North Orissa University, Paripada, Orissa.	Dr. S. Poopathi
24 Dec. 2004	First Steering Committee on the project on "Development of an Integrated Information System for the Control of Bancroftian Filariasis in Andhra Pradesh" submitted by IICT & C-DAC, Hyderabad held at Ministry of Communications & Information Technology, New Delhi.	Dr. P.K. Das
State level meetings		
2 Jan. 2004	Review of progress of collaborative research studies between DPH and VCRC held at DPH, Chennai.	Dr.P.K.Das Dr.S.P.Pani
27 Jan. 2004	Review meeting on mosquito control in Pondicherry convened by the Member Secretary, PPCC at Science, Technology & Environment Department, Pondicherry.	Dr. S. Sabesan
28 Jan. 2004	Joint review and planning meeting on MDA programme for filariasis control in Thiruvannamalai District at DDPH Office, Thiruvannamalai.	Dr. S.P. Pani
29 Jan. 2004	Joint Review and planning meeting on MDA programme for filariasis control in Thanjavur District at DDPH office, Thanjavur.	Dr. S.P. Pani
18 Feb. 2004	Planning and Implementation of MDA and morbidity management for filariasis in Thiruvannamalai and Thanjavur districts of Tamil Nadu held in the Office of DPH, Chennai.	Dr. S.P. Pani
5 Mar 2004	Workshop on Vector Control, by Indian Pest Control Association, at Pondicherry. Dr. M.Kalyanasundaram delivered a lecture on "Issues related to insecticide application for Vector Control.	Dr. R. Ravi Dr. M. Kalyanasundaram

15 Mar. 2004	Joint DPH, Tamil Nadu; VCRC, Pondicherry; TRC, Chennai and CDC Atlanta, US, planning meeting for development, implementation and up-scaling of morbidity management for filariasis in Tamil Nadu, held at DPH, Chennai.	Dr. S.P. Pani
26 Mar. 2004	Review and planning meeting of collaborative research projects between DPH, TN and VCRC Pondicherry held at Health & Family Welfare Training Centre, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Egmore, Chennai.	Dr. S.P.Pani Dr. K. Krishnamoorthy
30 Mar. 2004	Orientation camp for salt (cart) vendors at Gingee.	Dr. K. Krishnamoorthy
12 Apr. 2004	Review meeting on MDA for the control of filariasis in Tamil Nadu with the Joint and Additional Directors of Public Health, Chennai.	Dr. S.P. Pani Dr. K. Krishnamoorthy
18 Apr. 2004	State level trainers' (DDPH from different districts) training for programme on LF elimination, Govt. of Pondicherry, held at GH, Pondicherry.	Dr. S.P. Pani
3 June & 18 Aug. 2004	District Coordination Committee Meeting in connection with the elimination of LF through Mass Drug Administration held at Chamber of District Collector, Saram, Pondicherry.	Dr. P.K. Das
20 June 2004	Discussions on MDA programme in Pondicherry with JIPMER and Pondicherry Health Dept. officials.	Dr. R. Ravi
8 July 2004	Joint review and planning meeting on MDA programme for filariasis control in Thiruvannamali & Thanjavur Districts at DPH, Chennai.	Dr. S.P. Pani Dr. K. Krishnamoorthy
13 Aug. 2004	Advocacy meeting on MDA for filariasis control/elimination in Tamil Nadu held at the Secretariat, Chennai.	Dr. P.K. Das Dr. S.P. Pani
15 Aug. 2004	Inauguration of Science Awareness Jatha organized by State Co-ordinating Agency, Pondicherry Science Forum, Held at Community Hall, Bahour.	Dr. P.K. Das
18 Aug. 2004	MDA Coordination Committee Meeting in the office of the District Collector, Pondicherry.	Dr. R. Ravi
30 - 31 Aug. 2004	Training of trainers (PHC MOs & health supervisors) MDA for filariasis control/elimination in Tanjore District.	Dr. S.P. Pani

19 Sept. 2004	Meeting on Bio-medical Waste Management organized by Pondicherry Pollution Control Committee held at DSTE, Pondicherry.	Dr. S. Sabesan
15 Dec. 2004	Meeting with the Director of Public Health, Govt. of Tamil Nadu to review the progress of collaborative projects.	Dr. S.P. Pani Dr. K. Krishnamoorthy Dr. K.D. Ramaiah

Inter-institutional meetings

18 Feb. 2004 & 8 Jul. 2004	Protocol finalisation meeting on "Multicentre study of Daflon-500 in bancroftian filarial lymphoedema" at TRC, Chennai.	Dr. R. Ravi Dr. S.P. Pani Dr. L.K. Das
24 & 25 Feb. 2004	Meeting on WHO/TDR Study on MDA with DEC + Albendazole at Block level in Tamil Nadu, at TRC, Chennai.	Dr. P.K. Das
18 & 19 Mar. 2004	RAC (Vector Biology & Control) & SAC of MRC held at 20 Madhuvan & NICD Seminar Room.	Dr. P.K. Das
25 Mar., 21 May 12 Aug. & 2 Nov. 2004	Departmental Promotion Committee meetings of JIPMER, Pondicherry.	Dr. R. Ravi
18 Apr., 2 May, 1 June 2004	MDA training programme at General Hospital, Pondicherry, as resource person.	Dr. R. Ravi
2 May 2004	State level trainers training programme on elimination of LF, held at General Hospital, Pondicherry.	Dr. P.K. Das
12 - 15 July 2004	Review and planning of epidemiological research at RMRC, Port Blair, Andamans (including Selection Committee meeting for PhD candidates for Pondicherry University on 16 July 2004 & consultation on selection of water purification system).	Dr. S.P. Pani
5 - 6 Aug. 2004	Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) of NIE, Chennai	Dr. P.K. Das
13 - 14 May & 29 Oct. 2004	Ethics Committee of JIPMER	Dr. R. Ravi

Service to academic bodies

20 Feb. 2004	Delivered a lecture on "GIS for Health Surveys - (<i>Japanese encephalitis</i>) - Indo-French Workshop, Pondicherry.	Dr. S. Sabesan IFP & VCRC,
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25 Feb. 2004	Research Committee, Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Bangalore, as Member.	Dr. R. Ravi
26 Feb. 2004	Served as Chairman and conducted viva voce for a Ph.d candidate at Nagercoil under Manonmaniam Sundaranar University.	Dr. K. Krishnamoorthy
27 Feb. 2004	Conducted a seminar on vector borne diseases and their control in India at Scot Christian College, Nagercoil	Dr. K. Krishnamoorthy
5 Mar. 2004	Delivered a lecture on "GIS for Vectors & Vector-borne Disease Control" at India Pest Control Association, Pondy.	Dr. S. Sabesan
18 Mar. 2004	Delivered lectures on "VBD Control: Issues & Needs" and "RS & GIS in Environmental Risk Assessment & Epidemiology of VBDs" Refresher Course for senior level Faculty (sponsored by the UGC) at Annamalai University, Annamalai Nagar.	Dr. S. Sabesan
22 & 23 Mar. 2004	Delivered a lecture on "Mosquito Ecology & Bionomics of mosquito vectors".	Dr. K. Gunasekaran
23 Mar. 2004	Delivered a lecture on "Arboviral Disease Epidemiology" JE/West Nile Training Institute, Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of Tamil Nadu.	Dr. S. Sabesan
25 Mar. 2004	Training programme on vector-borne & zoonotic diseases, delivered a lecture on "Use of insecticides in public health, equipment and safety" to Senior Entomologists, District Medical Officers and District Entomologists of DPH, TN in Chennai.	Dr. M. Kalyanasundaram
18 April & 2 May 2004	Demonstration of limb washing on filarial patent was given to 45 PHC Doctors at Conference Hall, Govt. General Hospital, Pondicherry.	Mrs. G. Vijayalakshmi
10 Aug. 2004	Delivered a talk on "Ethical Issues in Pharmacogenomics" as Resource Person for the Workshop on Pharmacogenomics, at JIPMER, Pondicherry.	Dr. R. Ravi
24 Aug. 2004	Delivered a lecture on "Molecular Basis of Lymphatic Filariasis" in the Seminar on "Molecular Basis of Diseases" organized by Prof.Dhanapalan College for Women, Chennai.	Dr. S.L. Hoti
25 Aug. 2004	Workshop on "Research Methodology, Bio-statistics and Research Ethics" held at Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Karnataka.	Dr. R. Ravi Dr. S.P. Pani

20 Sept. 2004	Ethics Committee meeting for considering human research projects of Rajah Muthiah Medical College, Annamalai University, Chidambaram.	Dr. S.P. Pani
9 - 12 Oct. 2004	Investigation on the reported occurrence of trypanosomiasis in Maharashtra.	Dr. K.P. Paily
16 Dec. 2004	Lecture on "role of community in malaria control in Orissa State" to the participants of Junior Red-Cross Organized by Education Department, Govt. of Orissa.	Dr. S.S. Sahu

Meetings held at VCRC

13 Feb. 2004	Review meeting on Ivermectin trial held at VCRC.	Dr. R. Ravi
4 March 2004	Meeting between VCRC and Covansys (India) Private Limited, Chennai, on software development for data management in research studies with special reference to clinical trials.	Dr. S.P. Pani
29 July 2004	Meeting of the VCRC Committee on the issue of retaining/functioning of the animal house facility.	Dr. S.P. Pani
27 Aug. 2004	Pondicherry University Advisory Committee Meeting (for PGDME) at VCRC, Pondicherry.	Dr. S. Sabesan
4 - 5 Nov. 2004	Scientific Advisory Committee Meeting of VCRC, Pondicherry.	

Informal training to outside agencies

27-28 Apr. 2004	Conducted training for Health Inspectors and paramedical staff on drug distribution for the control of filariasis in Pondicherry, at Murungapakkam.	Dr. K. Krishnamoorthy
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3 May 2004	Training programme conducted for district-level programme managers on MDA for the control of filariasis in Pondicherry UT.	Dr. K. Krishnamoorthy
16 - 17 May 2004	Conducted training for Medical Officers, Municipal Health Officers & Health Inspectors in Tanjore district in planning and implementation of 7 th round of Mass Drug Administration.	Dr. K. Krishnamoorthy
24 May 2004	Training and Orientation on MDA to Medical, Para-Medical staff and volunteers at Lawspet & Muthialpet, Pondicherry.	Dr. S. Sabesan



25 May 2004	Training for Laboratory Assistants and Insect Collectors on parasitological and entomological techniques to evaluate the impact of MDA in Pondicherry	Dr. K. Krishnamoorthy
25 May 2004	Training and Orientation on MDA to Medical, Para-Medical staff and Volunteers at Ariankuppam, Pondicherry.	Dr. S. Sabesan
26 May 2004	Advocacy & Orientation training for PHC staff and community leaders, Pondicherry.	Dr. S. Sabesan
27 May 2004	Orientation Training for Medical and Para Medical staff of NFCP, Pondicherry.	Dr. S. Sabesan

- 6 Sept. 2004 Meeting with the Collector, CDMO and ADMO (PH), Koraput District, and Medical Officer, Pottangim on strategy development for re-treatment of mosquito nets with insecticide in Pottangi PHC, organized by district administration, Koraput. Dr. S.S. Sahu
- 27 Sept. 2004 Review meeting on coverage and consumption assessed by volunteers at Nehru Yuva Kendra at Thiruvannamalai. Dr. K. Krishnamoorthy
- 28 Sept. 2004 Review of malaria situation and technical support provided by VCRC on malaria control in Keonjhar District. Dr. S.S. Sahu