

## 6. Visitors / Scientific Forum/Other activities

### 6.1 Visitors

- 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2005 **Bulgarian delegation** of six scientists led by  
**Dr. Margarita L Guenova**
- 9<sup>th</sup> Sept., 2005 **Dr. M. Pai**  
School of Public Health  
Berkley, USA
- 4<sup>th</sup> Feb., 2006 **Dr. Andrew X. Kitua**  
Director-General  
National Institute for Medical Research  
PO. Box. 9653-Dar-e-Salam  
Tanzania
- 13<sup>th</sup> Feb., 2006 **Dr. Lutz Hamann**  
Institute for Microbiology and Hygiene  
Charite Medical Centre  
Humboldt University  
Dorotheenstrasse  
Berlin, Germany
- 13<sup>th</sup> Feb., 2006 **Dr. Samlee Pliachaychang**  
WHO Regional Director for  
South East Asia  
New Delhi
- 13<sup>th</sup> Feb., 2006 **Dr. J. P. Narain**  
Director (Communicable Disease)  
SEARO/WHO  
New Delhi
- 24<sup>th</sup> Feb., 2006 **Sh. K. P. S. Gill**  
Former DGP (Punjab & CRPF)  
11, Talkatora  
New Delhi
- 26<sup>th</sup> Feb., 2006 **Ms. Patricia Price**  
University of Western Australia
- 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2006 **Junji Okada**  
Kurashiki- si, Nishizaka 1480-10  
Japan



- 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2006 **Kiyo Mikamo**  
1300 - 15 Odanaka, Tsuyama - City,  
Okayama, Japan
- 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2006 **Sakura Kuga**  
409, 2-3-25, Ekiamae - Cho Okayama-City  
Okayama, Japan
- 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2006 **Sakiko Inso**  
4-32-7, Kamikitazawa, Setagaya-Ku,  
Tokyo, Japan
- 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2006 **Emiko Yamasaki**  
1-6-14, Shikatacho, Okasoma-Si  
Japan
- 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2006 **Hanna Okada**  
Kurashiki-Si, Nishizaka 1480-10  
Japan
- 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2006 **Shouka Inso**  
3-5-203, Daigakucllo, Okayama-City  
Okayama-Japan
- 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2006 **Manami Yoshida**  
2-1-1, Seikibashi, Okayama-City  
Okayama-Japan



## 6.2 Scientific Forum

Besides holding regular journal clubs / seminars, following important activities were organized by the scientific forum during the year :

1. On the occasion of Annual Day (21<sup>st</sup> April, 2005 ) research scholars of the Institute (Anuj Kumar Gupta, Pushpendra Singh, Hirawati, Mallika Lavania, Mradula Singh, Deepti Parashar, Avnish Kumar, Pradeep Dagur and Jaya Faujdar) presented their work.
2. A joint seminar was organized on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2005 in which Dr. Margarita L Guenova, leader of Bulgarian delegation (comprising of Dr. Gueorgui Nikolaevitch Balatzenko, Dr. Roumiana Kirilova Markova, Dr. Vesselina Georgieva Gadzheva, Dr. Evgenia Hristakieva and Dr. Sabina Zaharieva) made a presentation regarding the interests of Bulgarian scientists. The areas highlighted were haematological disorders, TB, HIV, AIDS, cancer and skin disorders.



3. Dr.M. Pai from School of Public Health, Berkley, U.S.A., delivered a guest lecture on “The end of tuberculin testing” on 9<sup>th</sup> Sept., 2005.
4. On the occasion of Anti-leprosy day (30<sup>th</sup> Jan., 2006) the Institute organized a seminar on "Current trends in diagnosis and management of leprosy". This seminar was jointly organized with local Chapter of IMA & IAL. Beside the presentations by research scholar, Dr. R.S. Mishra noted leprologist from New Delhi delivered the first Dr. Gopal Ramu Memorial Lecture on "Current trends in diagnosis and management of leprosy". Dr. V.M. Katoch, Director, Dr.B.K. Girdhar, Dy. Director (SG) and Dr. G.N. Malaviya, Dy. Director (SG) also delivered lectures.
5. On the occasion of Anti-TB day (24<sup>th</sup> March, 2006) Mr. Zahoor (Research Scholar, PGIMER, Chandigarh) made a presentation on “Animal experimentation in TB Research” and Neelja Singhal (Research Scholar, NJIL&OMD, Agra) spoke on “BCG Vaccine” and a quiz on tuberculosis was organized for Postgraduate students.

### 6.2.1 Scientific Advisory Committee meetings

#### **Mini SAC :**

One day mini-SAC meeting of the Institute was held at Agra on 15<sup>th</sup> Nov., 2005. This SAC meeting was focused on leprosy and areas other than tuberculosis. This meeting was chaired by Dr. Sandip Basu (Chairman, NJIL&OMD -SAC). Dr. N.K. Mehra, (AIIMS, New Delhi) Dr. T D Chugh (New Delhi), Dr. R. C. Mahajan (PGIMER, Chandigarh), Dr. R.N. Gupta , (Ex-ICMR, New Delhi), Dr. H. Srinivasan (Chennai), Dr. K. Ramachandran (Chennai), Dr. V.M. Katoch (Director, NJIL&OMD, Agra) were present in this meeting.

#### **Joint SAC :**

The scientists and students from the Institute participated in Joint Scientific Advisory Committee (TRC and NJIL & OMD) meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Dec., to discuss studies on Tuberculosis at TRC Chennai. The meeting was jointly co-chaired by Dr. Sandip Basu (Chairman, NJIL&OMD- SAC) and Dr. C.M. Gupta (Chairman-SAC, TRC, Chennai). Dr.V.M.Katoch (Director, NJIL&OMD,Agra), Dr. Kiran Katoch (DD,SG), Dr. Anil Kumar (DD-SG), Dr. U.D.Gupta (DD), Dr. Om Parkash (AD), Dr. Tahziba Hussain (AD), Dr. Deepa Bisht (RO), Dr.D.S. Chauhan (RO), Dr. Shailendra Sachan (Research Scientist), Ms. Pragya Sharma (Res. Asst.), Mr. Pusphendra Singh (SRF), Mr. Anuj Kumar Gupta (SRF), Mr. Prashant Upadhyay (Project Asst.), Ms. Nidhi Chaurasia (Project Asst.), and Mr. Gaurav Pratap Singh Jadaun (SRF) participated in the meeting.



### **6.2.2 Meeting of the Institutional Technical Committee**

The meeting of Technical Committee of the Institute, chaired by Prof. S.V.S. Chauhan, Ex. Prof. & Dean, School of Life Sciences, Dr. B.R.Ambedkar University, Agra, was held at the Institute on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2006. Members present were : Dr. Sarman Singh, New Delhi; Dr H.K.Prasad, New Delhi, Dr. Rajni Bharti, Agra; Dr. R.S. Dayal, Agra; Dr. R.K. Goyal, Agra; Dr. G.N. Malaviya (Member-Secretary), and Shri Bhikam Singh (ACO, NJIL & OMD, Agra).

### **6.2.3 Meeting of the Ethical Committee for Animal Experiments**

A meeting of this committee was held on 26<sup>th</sup> Dec., 2005. This was chaired by Dr. R.M. Acharya, Retd. DDG (Animal Sciences, ICAR). The other members present were Prof. T.T. Sethi, Col. Y.N. Upadhyaya (CPCSEA Nominee), Dr. V.M. Katoch, Dr. U. Sengupta, Dr. B.K. Girdhar and Dr. U.D. Gupta (Member-Secretary).



#### **6.2.4 Meeting of Special Task Force to review the Programmes of Ghatampur Field Unit:**

A two day meeting of Special Task Force constituted by Director -General, ICMR was held at Kanpur/ Ghatampur on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2005. Besides presentations and discussions, this meeting also included a visit to field area of the Unit where active work on leprosy, tuberculosis and filariasis is progressing. Dr. Sandip Basu, Director, NII & Chairman, Scientific Advisory Committee of NJIL&OMD, Dr. V I Mathan , Chair-Epidemiology and Chairman, Scientific Advisory Group (SAG) of ICMR; Dr. MD Gupte, Director, NIE Chennai; Dr. SK Sharma, Prof. & Head, Deptt of Medicine, AIIMS, New Delhi; Dr. N.K. Mehra, Prof & Head, Transplantation Immunology & Histocompatibility, AIIMS, New Delhi; Dr. DCS Reddy, Ex. Prof. & Head, Community Medicine, IMS, Varanasi; Dr. AS Sachan, Ex- Principal/Prof & Head, TB & Chest, SNMC, Agra; Dr. RP Mall, Ex State Leprosy Officer-UP/Consultant Epidemiologist, UP; Dr. VM Katoch, Director, NJIL & OMD. Dr. Kiran Katoch, DD (SG), Dr. Anil Kumar, DD (SG), Dr. DS Chauhan, RO, Dr. P. Sachan and Dr. S. Sachan (Res Scientists, ICMR/ DBT Projects) presented the progress achieved and also the future plans.



### **6.2.5 Visit/Meeting of Director-General (ICMR) to Ghatampur Field Unit**

Prof. NK Ganguly, DG, ICMR visited the Ghatampur Kanpur unit on 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2005. He assessed the steps being taken to implement the recommendations of Special Task Force Committee and provided his inputs as a member of Special Task Force. Dr. VM Katoch, Director; Dr. Kiran Katoch, DD (SG), Dr. Anil Kumar DD (SG), Dr. DS Chauhan, RO, Dr. P. Sachan and Dr. S. Sachan (Res Scientists, ICMR/ DBT Projects) accompanied Prof Ganguly in the field unit and participated in meeting with Dr. R.P. Mall, Ex-SLO (Govt of UP).

### **6.3 Workshops/Conferences/Seminars etc. organized at the Institute**

National level workshops / conferences / seminars were organized at this Institute during 2005-06. Besides these events the Institute also organized seminars on important days such as Annual day, Technology day, Anti-leprosy day, Science Day and Anti-TB day etc. A large number of eminent academicians from different institutions of Agra participated in these activities. The functions organized during 2005-06 were:



### 6.3.1 Annual day

On the occasion of the Annual day (celebrated on 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2005) a seminar was organized Prof. H.S. Asopa, Director, Asopa Hospital & Research Centre, Agra was the chief guest, Shri N.R. Nim, IAS (Retd.) was the guest of honour and Prof. A.S. Sachan, former Principal & Head, TB & Chest Diseases, S.N. Medical College, Agra presided over the function. Anuj Kumar Gupta, Pushpendra Singh, Hirawati, Mallika Lavania, Mradula Singh, Deepti Parashar, Avnish Kumar, Pradeep Dagur and Jaya Faujdar, the research scholars of the Institute, presented their work and posters were also exhibited on various research activities.



### 6.3.2 National Technology Day

On the occasion of National Technology Day (11<sup>th</sup> May, 2005) a seminar on "Newer technologies for better patient care" was organized. Dr. Deoki Nandan, Principal/Dean Professor and Head, SPM, S.N. Medical College, Agra was the Chief guest and Wg. Cdr. (Dr.) Rajeev Kapur, S.M.O., Air force Station, Agra, was guest of honour.



### 6.3.3 24<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of Indian Association of Leprologists

24<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of IAL was organized and hosted by the Institute during 12<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> Nov., 2005. On 12<sup>th</sup> Nov., 2005 a CME on “Newer Technologies for Patient Care and Epidemiology of Leprosy and Other Mycobacterial Diseases" was inaugurated by Dr. Deoki Nandan, Principal, S.N. Medical College, Agra. A workshop on 'Case detection trend' was also organized jointly by LEA, ILEP, IAL and NJIL&OMD, Agra. The IAL conference was inaugurated on 13<sup>th</sup> Nov., 2005 by Prof. N.K. Ganguly, DG, ICMR, New Delhi. More than 400 scientists, students academicians from across the country and outside the country participated in this conference. Conference ended on 14<sup>th</sup> Nov., 2005 with valedictory function presided over by Dr Padam Singh,( Ex-ADG, ICMR, New Delhi).



### 6.3.4 Anti-Leprosy Day

A seminar on "Current trends in diagnosis and management of leprosy" was organized on 30<sup>th</sup> Jan., 2006 (Martyrs Day/Anti-leprosy day). In the memory of Dr. Gopal Ramu, the Institute began Dr. G. Ramu Memorial Lecture series and the first memorial lecture on "Elimination to Eradication : The Road Ahead" was delivered by Dr. R.S. Misra Former Head (Dermatology, Venereology and Leprology), Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi and presently Sr. Consultant, Dermato-Cosmetologist, Sir Ganaga Ram Hospital, New Delhi. Dr. V.M. Katoch, Director, delivered a lecture on "Recent advances in the diagnosis of leprosy", Dr. B.K. Girdhar, Dy. Director (SG) gave a lecture on "Diagnosis and treatment of leprosy" and Dr. G.N. Malaviya, Dy. Director (SG), spoke on "Role of surgery in management of leprosy affected persons". Brig (Dr.) G.S. Guglani, Commandant, Military Hospital, Agra was the chief guest. Dr. Ashok K. Shiromany (Hon. Secretary), Dr. Sunil Garg (President) and several members of IMA also participated in the seminar which was co-hosted with IAL.



### 6.3.5 6<sup>th</sup> Joint Annual Conference of Indian Society for Malaria and Other Communicable Diseases and Indian Association of Epidemiologists (ISMOCD and IAE)

Sixth joint Annual Conference of ISMOCD & IAE was organized by the Institute during 11<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> Feb., 2006. The conference was inaugurated on 11<sup>th</sup> Feb., 2006 by Prof. N.K. Ganguly, DG, ICMR, New Delhi. Key note address was delivered by Dr Samlee Plianbangchang, Regional Director, WHO, Regional Office for South East Asia on the theme of the conference “ Road Map to Healthy India: Vision and Challenges”. More than 250 delegates from across the country participated in the conference. Conference was successfully ended with the valedictory function presided over by Dr Padam Singh, (Ex-ADG, ICMR, New Delhi). Vote of thanks was given by Dr. Anil Kumar, Dy. Director (SG) and the Organising Secretary of the conference.



### 6.3.6 Anti-Tuberculosis Day

Anti-TB day was celebrated on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2006. On this occasion scientific presentations were made by Mr. Zahoor Ahmed (Research Scholar, PGIMER; Chandigarh) on "Animal experimentation in TB Research", and by Miss Neelja Singhal (JRF, NJIL & OMD) on "BCG Vaccines". The post-graduate students of various universities across the country took part in a quiz on tuberculosis. Dr. BK Girdhar (Dy. Director-SG) and Dr. U Sengupta (Former Director, NJIL & OMD) also shared their views with the students and scientists present on this occasion.

