

INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES

1. Malaria clinic

The malaria clinic continued to run in the centre providing diagnosis and treatment to the patients. During the year a total of 25 fever cases reported to the clinic. None of them was positive for malaria parasite.

2. Computer facility

The centre is having LAN (Local Area Networking) facility having DVB-VSAT with 2 switches and router connecting about 35 nodes (clients) in both administrative and laboratory buildings of the institute. The computer section co-ordinates the smooth functioning of this facility. Regular updating and monitoring is done with both ISA Server and Antivirus server. In addition to this, the section assists in preparation of various reports, scientific presentations, documents, accounts statements, etc. of the centre.

3. Publication and Informatics section

Library continued providing its services to the readers. During the year the library added 18 new foreign journal on various disciplines such as Parasitology, AIDS, STDs, Cancer, Virology, Microbiology, Public Health etc. The total subscribed journals were 64 journals. (both Indian and foreign). Moreover, 49 new books were added to the library during the year taking the total holding of library books to 1,938. In addition the library provided its online literature / database services i.e. Proquest, JCCC & ICMR to its users through internet. The Medline services was also continued to the scientists as and when necessary. Over and above the regular services, other services like updating the publications of the Centre, paper clipping of health related news published in the news papers, cataloguing, classification work using the library software i.e. Libsys 4, photocopy services were continued.



A view of the library

4. Animal House

The animal house of the centre is registered with Committee for the Purpose of Control and Supervision of Experiments on Animals (CPCSEA), Chennai under registration no. 73/1999/CPCSEA. A Veterinarian of the centre routinely monitors the health of all animals and



The Guinea Pig colony

treat the sick animals as per CPCSEA guidelines. The stock position of various animals being bred in the Animal House as on 31.03.2006 is given in Table-8.

Table-8 : Stock position of various laboratory animals maintained in Animal house

Sl No.	Species	Strain	Total stock
1.	Mouse	Swiss Albino	467
2.	Mouse	BALB/C	202
3.	Rat	Wister	60
4.	Hamster	Golden Syrian	109
5.	Guinea pig	-	01
6.	Rabbit	Albino	72
7.	Sheep	Indigenous	05
8.	Goose	Indigenous	02
9.	Fowl	Indigenous	02

As per the demand from various scientists a total of 8 Swiss Albino Mice, 17 Wistar rats were supplied from the animal house for research purposes.

5. Insectory

Four species of mosquitoes, namely, Anopheles stephensi, Aedes aegypti, Culex quinquefasciatus and Toxorhynchites splendens were colonized round the year in the mosquito colony of the centre.



A view of the mosquito colony