

8. Distinguished Visitors

19 Jan – 2 Feb 2005	Ms. Wilma A. Stolk , Department of Public Health, Erasmus MC, University Medical Center, Rotterdam, The Netherlands, to discuss the progress in collaborative research project on LF and to work further on this project with all Scientists involved in VCRC.
10-11 Feb. 2005	Dr B. Boatin , Manager, Lymphatic Filariasis Research WHO / TDR- to discuss on future research needs for filariasis and field visit to WHO / TDR study sites.
21 Feb – 25 Mar 2005	Ms. Julia Critchley , Assistant Lecturer, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, Liverpool, Merseyside, GB, for the completion of the DEC Salt review and preparation of new review topic “Effectiveness of the different regimens of DEC in the control of Lymphatic Filariasis” under Cochrane collaboration.
4 Mar 2005	Dr.Pawan Malhotra , Senior Research Scientist, International Centre for Genetic Engineering & Biotechnology (ICGEB), New Delhi, to deliver a lecture on "RNA interference (RNAi) and its applications in malaria and vector biology".
8 Mar 2005	Dr. M.S. Nirmala , Senior Medical Officer, Govt. General Hospital, Pondicherry, to deliver a lecture on “Health issues related to women” in connection with International Women’s day.
21 Mar 2005	Dr.Partha P. Majumder , Professor & Head, Human Genetics Unit, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, to deliver a lecture on "Genes, Populations and Complex Diseases".
21 Mar 2005	Dr.D.A.Gadkari , Emeritus Scientist, National Institute of Virology, Pune, to deliver a lecture on "Inhibition of Japanese encephalitis virus replication by small interfering RNAs".
23 Mar 2005	Dr. Beena Naik , Executive, Auroville Health Services, Resource Management for Health, Aurelec, Auroville, Tamil Nadu, to discuss regarding the collaboration with VCRC.
9 – 11 Apr 2005	Dr. Paul Garner , Professor of Community Health, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, Pembroke Place, Merseyside, GB, for academic collaboration.
11 Apr 2005	Dr.S.K.Sarin , Director Professor & Head, Department of Gastroenterology, G.B.Pant Hospital, University of Delhi, New Delhi , to deliver a lecture on "Use of immunogenetics and molecular tools in relation to viral hepatitis.

10 May 2005	Dr. Ravishankar , Scientist, National Remote Sensing Agency, Hyderabad, to discuss about the collaborating project on JE.
15 – 16 Jun 2005	Prof. S. Kannaiyan , Chairman, National Biodiversity Authority, Neelankarai, Chennai, Informal Visit.
23 – 24 Aug 2005	Dr. S.D. Kholkute , Officer In charge, Regional Medical Research Centre, Belgaum, for Inter-Institutional co-operation.
24 Aug 2005	Dr. C. Kandasamy , Tagros Chemicals India Ltd., Chennai, to discuss about the testing of Deltamethrin 25% WT for active ingredient content.
1 Sept 2005	Ms. Kanika Radhakrishna , Evergreen Valley Law Group P.C., California & Dr. K. Satyanarayana , Sr. Dy. Director General, IPR Unit, ICMR, New Delhi, to discuss about patents filed and patentable inventions and the intellectual Property strategies of the ICMR.
14 Nov 2005	Dr. Gautam Biswas , Medical Officer, Filariasis CDS/NTD/PCT, World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland, Visit.

