



PREFACE

It gives me immense pleasure to present the annual report of the centre for the year 2006-07.

The new achievement during this period has given a phenomenal boost to the expanding activities of the centre a step towards achieving excellence in science. The centre endeavor to achieve good health of the community by its promising research projects, advocacy etc. The centre is likely to initiate six new but challenging projects. Add to this the centre also received extramural funds for five new projects from the agencies like MP Council of Science and Technology, UNICEF, NACO, WHO-SEARO, ICMR, etc. Hon'ble Minister for Health, Government of Madhya Pradesh has visited the centre in the recent past and also invited some projects for financial support. The centre also achieved the best bio-diversity award in the Jabalpur commissionerate as part of its multi faceted activities.

The research outcomes and methodological developments of the centre are disseminated in the form of research papers/concept papers in national and international conferences and symposiums. Predominantly a research institute, its academic activities are well reflected as different scholars/students are pursuing their Ph.D and post graduation dissertation work in bio-medical and allied disciplines under the able guidance of the experts at the centre. The scientists of the centre are quite enthusiastic, hard working and come up with vibrant out come. It is worth mentioning that during this period seven scientists of the centre attended and presented papers in the prestigious international conferences held at Scotland, Brazil, Bangkok and New York. Papers are also published in journals/books of national and international repute.

We have organized a National Symposium on Tribal Health an interdisciplinary forum which gathers delegates, scientists, academicians, and scholars etc. from all over the country and also from prestigious CDC, LSTM, LSTH, WHO, USAID etc. The Proceedings of Symposium is under preparation. There is a proposal to organize an international workshop on emerging and reemerging infectious diseases on October 16-19, 2007 at the centre. We have received an overwhelming response from both national and international delegates for their participation.

I will be failing in my duties if I do not acknowledge the constant support and guidance provided by Lt. Gen. D. Raghunath, SAC Chairperson, who is always a source of inspiration for the scientists of the centre. It is my privileged opportunity to thank Prof. N. K. Ganguly, Director General, ICMR for his approval designated for the construction of international hostel in the premises and renovation of the laboratories with modern facilities for the greater interest of research. His interest, encouragement and continuous motivation have helped us to achieve the standard and build up a niche in the arena.

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