

PREFACE

RMRCT Annual Report 2007-08



It gives me great pleasure to present the activity report of the year 2007-08. The year under report was eventful and saw significant achievements. The centre initiated few but promising research projects. Some of the projects are waiting for funding. During this period the centre also received quite a good number of extramural funds from agencies like NACO, WHO-SEARO, ICMR, etc.

Predominantly a research institute, its academic activities are well reflected as many budding scholars/students joined the centre to pursue their Ph.D/ post graduation dissertation work under the able guidance of the scientists of the centre.

The scientists and the research staff are quite enthusiastic and work in an environment conducive for research. The scientific publications in reputed national and international journals are a reflection of their hard work. The scientists and the staff also presented papers in international conferences/meetings held abroad such as in Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, UK, American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, USA, Boston University School of Public Health, USA. During the said period one of the scientist also left for pursuing higher education at Royal Tropical Institute, Amsterdam. In terms of human resource development both scientists and the research staff were trained to handle high technology based laboratory equipments such as DNA sequencer, flowcytometer and liquid nitrogen plant, etc. from reputed bio-medical institutes/laboratories of the country.

The centre also disseminated research output and transfer of technology by organizing series of workshops through out the year. Mention may be made of International workshop on molecular epidemiology and immunology of malaria and other vector borne diseases organized from 16th -19th October 2007 which amasses delegates, scientists, academicians, scholars, program personnel, etc from all over the country and abroad. They presented papers and shared their valuable experiences of successes and failures both are essential for effective planning and implementation of health programmes in future. Hands on training were the other attraction of the workshop. The workshop is mostly supported by WHO, US Embassy, New Delhi, Ministry of Science & Technology, NVBDCP, MP Council of Science & Technology and ICMR. During this period we have published the proceeding of the National symposium on tribal health organized in October 2006.

I am happy to inform that RMRCT will complete its 25 years since inception and we are going to celebrate the Silver Jubilee on 1st March 2009. There is a proposal to organize an international symposium on tribal health from 27th February to 1st March 2009 at the centre. We are preparing for the mega event and getting an overwhelming response from both national and international delegates and from funding agencies.

Needless to mention the constant support and guidance provided by Lt. Gen D. Raghunath, SAC Chairman is a source of inspiration for the scientists. I place on record and express my sincere thanks to Prof. N.K.Ganguly, Former Director General, ICMR for his interest, encouragement and is always a motivation for all of us.

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