

## Awards/Honours

- ◆ A patent related to “A process for the preparation of primers useful for the detection of *M. tuberculosis*” in the name of Indian Council of Medical Research has been granted patent number this year – **Dr. Sujatha Narayanan.**
- ◆ Tuberculosis Association of India – 1<sup>st</sup> Prize for Poster presentation entitled “POT Staining of sputum samples for the detection of AFB” during the NATCON 2007 held at New Delhi was awarded during September 2008 - **Dr.N. Selvakumar.**

## Special Assignments

### **Dr.N. Selvakumar**

Consultancy for the following:

- ◆ Laboratory Committee Meeting at N.T.I. Bangalore organized by Central TB Division, New Delhi, 8-9 May 2008
- ◆ Laboratory Committee Meeting at RNTCP, New Delhi, 5-6 June 2008.
- ◆ Procurement Committee Meeting organized by Central TB Division, New Delhi, 22 August 2008.
- ◆ Laboratory Committee meeting, New Delhi, 18 October 2008.
- ◆ National Task Force meeting, RNTCP, AIIMS, New Delhi, 22-23 October 2008.

### **Dr. Alamelu Raja**

- ◆ Expert Member of the Institutional Review Board of Sri Kanchi Kamakoti CHILDS Trust Hospital
- ◆ Member, Editorial Board, Indian Journal of Medical Research
- ◆ Training and guidance for four students (M.Sc.,) for their dissertation as a part of their syllabus (6 months)

### **Reviewer for journals:**

#### **International**

- ◆ Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine
- ◆ International Immunopharmacology
- ◆ Expert Review of Anti-infective therapy
- ◆ BMC Infectious Diseases

#### **National:**

- ◆ Indian Journal of Medical Research
- ◆ Indian Journal of Tuberculosis

**Reviewer of Project Proposals submitted to funding agencies:**

- ◆ NHLS Research Trust, MRC-South Africa
- ◆ British Lung Foundation, UK

**Student Advisory Committee:**

- ◆ Guide for M. Phil., Dissertation of two candidates.

**Project consultant:**

- ◆ Prof. Lee Riley's laboratory, School of Public Health, University of California at Berkeley, USA for a period of 6 months from October 2008 - March 2009.

**Dr. Sujatha Narayanan**

- ◆ Examiner for M.Sc., Biotechnology examinations – Stella Maris College – April, 2008.

**Dr.P.Selvaraj**

- ◆ Executive council member, Indian society for Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics, New Delhi.

**Reviewer for international journals:**

- ◆ American Journal of Respiratory & Critical Care Medicine - Three
- ◆ Scandinavian Journal of Infectious Disease - One
- ◆ Human Immunology - Two
- ◆ International Journal of Tuberculosis & Lung Disease - One
- ◆ Infection, Genetics & Evolution - One
- ◆ Viral Immunology - One

**External examiner for M.Sc. exams (theory & practicals):**

- ◆ M.Sc., (Human Genetics)
  - ◆ M.Sc., (Biotechnology)
- } Sri Ramachandra  
University, Chennai.

**Dr.D. Sulochana**

- ◆ Doctoral committee member for two Ph.D. students from the Department of Zoology and Biochemistry, University of Madras, Chennai
- ◆ Reviewer for the Projects from DBT/DST funding agencies

**Reviewer for International Journals:**

- ◆ The Journal of Infectious Diseases
- ◆ Human Immunology
- ◆ Cytokine
- ◆ Journal of Tropical Medicine
- ◆ Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry
- ◆ Journal of Vaccine

## **Dr.P. Venkatesan**

- ◆ Provided guidance to Project work for 4 M.Sc., (Biostatistics) and 5 M.Tech./M.Sc., Bioinformatics students from several colleges in and around Chennai
- ◆ Coordinated the works related to the Survey on “Evaluation of Kishori Shakti Yojana”
- ◆ Adjuvant Professor-Manipal University, Manipal
- ◆ Honorary Visiting Professor - Sri Ramachandra Medical University, Chennai
- ◆ Chairman - Institute Ethics Committee/Institute Review Board, Sri Ramachandra Medical University, Chennai
- ◆ Chairman - Board of Studies – M.Sc., (Bioinformatics) - Sri Ramachandra Medical University, Chennai
- ◆ Chairman - Board of Studies – B.Tech., (Medical Informatics) - Sri Ramachandra Medical University, Chennai
- ◆ Expert Member - Scientific Advisory Board, Sai’s Biosciences Research Institute, Chennai
- ◆ Member- Board of Studies – M.Sc., (Statistics) & M.Sc., (Biostatistics), University of Madras, Chennai
- ◆ Member – Board of Studies – M.Sc., (Statistics) & B.Sc., (Biostatistics), Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli
- ◆ Member - Board of Studies – M.Sc., (Mathematics), Periyar University, Salem
- ◆ Member - Board of Studies – M.Sc., (Human Genetics) & B.Sc., (Biomedical Sciences), Sri Ramachandra Medical University, Chennai
- ◆ Member - Board of Studies – M.Tech., (Bioinformatics) and B.Tech., (Bioinformatics), Sathyabama University, Chennai
- ◆ Member – Board of Studies – M.Sc., (Mathematics), Meenakshi College for Women (Autonomous), Chennai
- ◆ External Examiner-University of Madras, Tamil Nadu Dr.MGR Medical University & Sri Ramachandra University, Chennai
- ◆ External Examiner – Ph.D. Viva-voce Examination, Dr. MGR University, Chennai
- ◆ External Examiner for evaluation of one Ph.D. thesis for the award of Ph.D. degree
- ◆ Nominated for question paper setting for graduate and post-graduate courses in University of Madras, The Tamil Nadu Dr MGR Medical University, Sri Ramachandra University, SRM University and Sathyabama University
- ◆ Member - Editorial Board: Journal of Pure and Applied Spectrophysics
- ◆ Joint Organizing Secretary – 2<sup>nd</sup> International Symposium on Global Trends in Biomedical Informatics, Research and Education, Chennai
- ◆ General Secretary - Indian Society for Medical Statistics
- ◆ General Secretary – International Biometric Society
- ◆ Reviewer of articles from four journals for their suitability for publication

**Dr. Geetha Ramachandran**

- ◆ Project guide for M.Phil., B.Tech. (Biotechnology) & M.Sc., students
- ◆ Reviewer of research proposals submitted to funding agencies.

**Dr. Beena E. Thomas**

- ◆ Faculty for NACO Specialist Training on “Confidentiality and treating minors’ on HIV Care and Treatment – organized by Govt. Hospital of Thoracic Medicine, Tambaram, Chennai.
- ◆ Panelist in the National Study Conference on “Social Work Profession – A Future Perspective” at the Department of Social Work, Loyola College, Chennai.
- ◆ External Examiner for the students of Post Graduate Students of Department of Social Work at Mar Gregorios College of Arts and Science, Chennai.