

Preface

This edition of the Annual Report of the Centre highlights the efforts of the Centre to provide high quality research support for tuberculosis (TB) control not only in India but in other parts of the world as well through linkages with global organizations. During the year under review, our efforts to evolve patient friendly and cost effective regimens for the treatment of TB continued. This included studies to shorten the duration of treatment regimens for TB, development of regimens for people with HIV and TB dual infections and design of regimens for the treatment of MDR-TB. As before, the Centre worked closely with the TB control programme in identifying and answering key operational research questions to strengthen its efforts to control TB. The studies carried out by the Epidemiology Unit of the Centre have been widely recognized and the protocols developed by the Centre to assess the ARTI have now been adopted and are currently being utilized in other locations by the Central TB Division. Major laboratory activities included studies on the immunology and molecular biology of TB and immuno-genetics of TB. The Centre also provides valuable statistical support to investigators all over India and plays a lead role in modeling and projection exercises conducted by national and international agencies.

The high quality research output of the Centre is due to the untiring efforts of all the scientific, technical and administrative staff of the Centre. The year under review has been a turbulent time for the Centre with unprecedented departure of a large number of senior staff due to superannuation and deployment elsewhere. However, there is no flagging in the enthusiasm to achieve perfection and commitment to TB control.

I place before you this Annual Report that represents the combined efforts of all the staff members and invite your valuable suggestions to help us improve our research efforts.

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