

6. Visitors/Scientific Forum/Other Activities

6.1. Visitors

10 th Jan. 2003	Dr. Vincent Hascall Cleveland Clinic, Ohio, USA
10 th Jan. 2003	Dr. Moh. Hafeez Faridi School of Life Sciences Jawahar Lal Nahru University, New Delhi
28 th Feb. 2003	Prof. K.M.Acharya, Prof. & Head, Department of Skin , STD & Leprosy, MP Shah Medical College, Jamnagar, Gujarat
21 st Apr. 2003	Dr. R.M. Acharya, Former DDG, Indian Council for Agricultural Research
11 th May 2003	Dr. K.M. Patil Professor, Biomedical Engineering Division, Department of Applied Mechanics, Indian Institute of Technology Madras, Chennai
11 th May 2003	Dr. Abraham B. Thomas Principal and Director, Pondicherry Institute of Medical Sciences, Pondicherry
6 th June 2003	Aum Cleshi Clina SIDA, Sweden
26 th June 2003	Sue Block Tyrrell World Health Organization, Geneva
1 st Dec., 2003	Dr. B. Sharma Reader, Department of Biochemistry, Dr.Ram Manohar Lohia Avadh University, Faizabad (UP)
18 th Dec. 2003	Prof. K. Dharmalingam Senior Professor and Head, Deptt. of Genetic Engineering, School of Biotechnology, Madurai Kamraj University, Madurai.
18 th Dec. 2003	Prof. S.S. Bhojwani Director, Dayalbagh Educational Institute, Agra .



6.2. Scientific Forum

During the year following eminent personalities delivered guest lectures in the scientific forum :

- (i) Prof. K.M.Acharya, Prof. & Head, Department of Skin, STD & Leprosy, MP. Shah Medical College, Jamnagar, Gujarat delivered a guest lecture on 'Leprosy Reaction : Mechanism and Management' on 28th Feb. 2003 on the occasion of Science Day. Dr. Narendra Malhotra, Malhotra Maternity and Nursing Home, Agra also delivered a talk on "Applications of *in-vitro* fertilization (IVF)".
- (ii) Dr. RM Acharya, Former DDG, Indian Council for Agricultural Research delivered a talk on 21st Apr. 2003 on the occasion of the Institute Annual Day. Brig. (Dr. B.N. Panda, Commandant, Military Hospital, Agra also delivered a lecture on "Respiratory allergies".
- (iii) Dr. KM Patil, Professor, Biomedical Engineering Division, Department of Applied Mechanics, Indian Institute of Technology Madras, Chennai delivered a lecture on "Application of foot pressure analysis in scientific management of foot problems in Leprosy & Diabetes" on 11th May 2003, on the occasion of National Technology Day. Dr. Abraham B. Thomas, Principal and Director, Pondicherry Institute of Medical Sciences, Pondicherry also delivered a lecture on "Applications of microsurgical techniques in reconstructive surgery".
- (iv) Dr. B. Sharma, Reader, Department of Biochemistry, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Avadh University, Faizabad (UP) delivered a guest lecture on "HIV-1: Revisited" on 1st Dec. 2003, on Global AIDS Day..
- (v) Prof. K. Dharmalingam, Senior Professor and Head, Deptt. of Genetic Engineering, School of Biotechnology, Madurai Kamraj University, Madurai, delivered a lecture on 'Understanding of Genome of Leprosy Bacillus' on 18th Dec. 2003, on occasion of JALMA Foundation Day.



6.3. Meeting of the Scientific Advisory Committee

The 20th Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting of the Institute was held on 15th & 16th Dec. 2003 under the chairmanship of Dr. Sandip Basu, Director, NII, New Delhi. The other members present were: Dr. Chandna Das (AIIMS, New Delhi), Dr. Suhma Gupta (DG's nominee) Dr. Padam Singh, Addl. Director-General, ICMR, New Delhi, Dr. VM. Katoch (Member-Secretary) Dr. N.K. Mehra (AIIMS, New Delhi), Dr. Harminder Singh (Chandigarh), Dr. H. Srinivasan (Chennai), Dr. Santosh Kar (JNU, New Delhi), Dr. P.R. Narayanan (TRC, Chennai), Dr. M.D. Gupte (NIE, Chennai), Dr. P.K. Oommen (CLT&RI, Chengalpattu, TN), and Dr. RNayak (IISc, Bangalore).

Dr. Bhushan Kumar (Chandigarh), Dr. Dipali Mukherji (Sr. DDG, ICMR), Dr. Seyed E. Hasnain (Hyderabad), Dr. L.S. Chauhan & Dr. Ashok Kumar (Ministry of Health and Family Welfare), SLO and DG (UP State) and Dr. Lalit Kumar, Sr. DDG (ICMR) could not attend the meeting.



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6.4. Meeting of Human Ethical Committee

The meeting of the Human Ethical Committee of the Institute meeting was held on 15th January, 2004 under the chairmanship of Mr. N.R. Nim, IAS (Retd). The other members present were : Dr. G.G. Dhir, Dr. Asha Lata Sharma, Dr. S.H. Pandey, Mr. K.K. Paliwal, Mr.H.S. Mathur and Dr. V.M. Katoch (Member-Secretary). Dr. D.K. Hazra, Dr. H.S. Asopa, and Mr. S.C. Gupta could not attend the meeting. Dr. A.S. Sachan participated as special invitee.



6.5. Meeting of Ethical Committee for Animal Experiments

The 5th meeting of the Ethical Committee for Animal Experiments was held on 21st April, 2003 under the chairmanship of Dr.R.M.Acharya. The other members present were : Prof. T.T. Sethi, Col. Y.N. Upadhyay (CPCSEA Nominee), Dr. V.M. Katoch, Dr. U.Sengupta, Dr. B.K. Girdhar and Dr. U.D. Gupta (Member-Secretary).



6.6. Meetings of Technical Committee of the Institute

The meetings of the Institute Technical Committee were held on 14th Feb. 2003 and 3rd Feb. 2004 under the chairmanship of Dr. S.V.S. Chauhan, Prof. and Ex-Dean of the School of Life Sciences, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University, Agra. The members present : Dr. Sarman Singh (AIIMS, New Delhi), Dr. H. Krishna Prasad (AIIMS, New Delhi), Dr. J.B. Singh, Dr. Rajni Bharti, Dr. R.S. Dayal, Dr. R.K. Goyal (S.N. Medical College, Agra), Mr. Hukam Singh (Consultant-Accounts, CJIL & OMD, for the meeting on 14th Feb. 2003), Mr. Bhikam Singh (Accounts Officer, CJIL & OMD, for the meeting on 3rd Feb. 2004) and Dr. G.N. Malaviya (DD Sr. Gr.) (Member-Secretary).



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6.7. Other Activities

6.7.1. Indo-US Workshop on HIV / STD Behavioral Prevention Research

An Indo-US collaborated workshop on HIV / AIDS Behavioral Prevention Research, sponsored by ICMR, NACO & NIMH and co-hosted by CJIL & OMD was conducted from 22nd-24th January, 2003. Mrs. Meenakshi Datta Ghosh, Additional Secretary to the GOI & Project Director, NACO, New Delhi was the Chief Guest of the workshop and opening remarks were given by Prof. NK Ganguly, Director-General, ICMR and Dr. Ellen Stover, NIMH. Dr. RN Gupta and Dr. Willo Pequegnat were the coordinators of the workshop.



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6.7.2. National Science Day

National Science day was celebrated on 28th February, 2003 with a guest lecture on 'Leprosy Reaction: Mechanism and Management' by Prof. K.M. Acharya, Prof. & Head, Department of Skin, STD & Leprosy, M.P.Shah Medical College, Jamnagar, Gujarat. There were three presentations on the theme '50 years of DNA : 25 years of IVF the blueprint of life'. Dr. Narendra Malhotra, Malhotra Maternity and Nursing Home, Agra also delivered a guest lecture on "Applications of *in-vitro* fertilization (IVF)". Dr. V.M. Katoch, Director, spoke on "Journey of DNA- from discovery of double helix to Genomics". Dr. U.D. Gupta, Asstt. Director also spoke on "Transgenic animals."



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6.7.3. Annual Day Function of the Institute

The Annual Day of the Institute was celebrated on 21st April, 2003. Prof. A.S. Sachan, Former Principal and Head of the Deptt. of TB & Chest Diseases, S.N. Medical College, Agra, presided over the function. Dr. RM Acharya, Former DDG, Indian Council for Agricultural Research was the Guest of Honour. Brig. (Dr) BN Panda, the chief guest, delivered a talk on "Respiratory allergies".



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6.7.4. National Technology Day

The National Technology Day was celebrated on 12th May, 2003 with scientific lectures and a poster exhibition of the research activities of the Institute. Dr. KM Patil, Professor, Biomedical Engineering Division, Department of Applied Mechanics, Indian Institute of Technology Madras, Chennai delivered a lecture on "Application of foot pressure analysis in scientific management of foot problems in Leprosy & Diabetes", and Dr. Abraham B. Thomas, Principal and Director, Pondicherry Institute of Medical Sciences, Pondicherry, delivered a lecture on "Applications of Microsurgical techniques in reconstructive surgery".



6.7.5. Global AIDS Day

On the occasion of Global AIDS day on 1st December 2003, a guest lecture was organized, which was delivered by Dr. B. Sharma, Reader, Department of Biochemistry, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Avadh University, Faizabad (UP) on "HIV-1: Revisited". Dr SR Qamra (Asstt Director) also delivered a talk on "Preventive methods in HIV-AIDS".



6.7.6. JALMA Foundation Day

The Japanese Leprosy Mission for Asia (JALMA) was founded on 16th December, 1963. As a mark of respect and sense of gratitude to the founders of JALMA, the JALMA Foundation Day was celebrated on 18th December, 2003, with a guest lecture by Prof. K. Dharmalingam, Senior Professor and Head, Deptt. of Genetic Engineering, School of Biotechnology, Madurai Kamraj University, Madurai, who presided over the function and delivered a lecture on 'Understanding of Genome of Leprosy Bacillus'. This lecture was dedicated to Late Dr. G. Ramu, Former Deputy Director of the Institute. Prof. S.S. Bhojwani, Director, Dayalbagh Educational Institute, Agra was the Chief Guest of the function.



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6.7.8. The ICMR-WHO sponsored Workshop on IPR and WTO issues

The ICMR-WHO sponsored workshop on IPR and WTO issues was conducted at CJIL & OMD on 22nd & 23rd Nov. 2003. Shri NR Nim, IAS (Retd) was the Chief Guest. The opening remarks were given by Dr K Satyanarayana, Chief, P & I & IPR Unit, ICMR and the keynote address was given by Dr Padam Singh, Additional DG, ICMR.



6.7.9. ICMR-INSERM Workshop on Tuberculosis

ICMR-INSERM Workshop on Tuberculosis was conducted from 12-14th December, 2003. The inaugural session was addressed by Dr VM Katoch, Director, CJIL & OMD, Dr M Gonnard, Attache for Science & Technology, French Embassy in India, New Delhi, Prof PH Lagrange, Hospital Saint Louis, 1-avenue Claude Vellefaux, Paris, Prof SC Sehgal, Chief (IHD), ICMR HQs, New Delhi and Dr. Mukesh Kumar, Asstt. Director - General (IHD), ICMR, New Delhi. Sessions were conducted on the topics - Host susceptibility & resistance, Diagnostics, Microbial aspects-virulence & Drug resistance and New emerging technologies in the field of tuberculosis.



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6.7.10. WHO sponsored PCR-RFLP workshop

A WHO sponsored PCR workshop entitled "Identification of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* and other pathogenic mycobacteria by a ribosomal PCR-RFLP assay" was conducted from 23rd-26th Dec 2003 to transfer the in-house developed PCR-RFLP technique for the molecular identification of mycobacteria to the country. Dr. Azra Shah, Dr. Rubina Lone & Dr. Tahmina (Srinagar, J&K), Dr. Bharti Malhotra (Jaipur), Dr. M Hanif (New Delhi), Dr. Chenappa T Shivannavar & Mr Sudeep Kothari (Gulberga), Mrs. Sulochana Somasundaram & Dr. G Kuberan (TRC, Chennai), and Mr. Sandeep Meharwal, Mr. Bhupender Singh & Miss Manusmriti (PGI, Chandigarh) participated in the workshop.



6.7.11. Meeting of Directors/Officers-in-charge of ICMR institutions

The Annual Meeting of the Directors / Officers-in-charge of ICMR institutions was held at CJIL & OMD, Agra on 6th & 7th Feb, 2004. The meeting was inaugurated and chaired by Prof. N.K. Ganguly, Director-General, ICMR. Dr Padam Singh, Additional Director-General and Shri P. Seth, Financial Advisor also participated in the meeting. Prof.VI. Mathan (Chennai) and Dr I. Gaba (New Delhi) were special invitees.



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Following directors participated in the meeting: Dr. S.C. Sehgal (RMRC, Port Blair / ICMR Headquarters), Dr. S.K. Kar (RMRC, Bhubaneswar), Dr. J.M. Deshpande (EVRC, Mumbai), Dr. J. Mahanta (RMRC, Dibrugarh), Dr. P.R. Narayanan (TRC, Chennai), Dr. M.D. Gupte (NIE, Chennai), Dr. H.N. Saiyed (NIOH, Ahmedabad), Dr. Arvind Pandey (IRMS, New Delhi) and Dr. V.M. Katoch (CJIL & OMD, Agra), Dr. A.P Dash (RMRC, Jabalpur & CRME, Madurai). Following Officers-in-charge of the Institutes / Centres participated in the meeting: Dr B. Sivakumar (NIN, Hyderabad), Dr. A. Roy Chowdhary (NIOH, Eastern Station, Kolkata), Dr. A.C. Mishra (NIV, Pune), Dr. R.S. Paranjape (NARI, Pune), Dr. H.R. Rajmohan (NIOH, Southern Station, Bangalore) and Dr. S.D. Kholkutte (RMRC, Belgaum).

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Various senior scientific officers, who attended the meeting as the nominees of the Directors were: Dr. Aruna Mittal (IOP, New Delhi), Dr. B.C. Das (ICPO, New Delhi), Dr. K. Ghosh (IIH, Mumbai), Dr. P.K. Sinha (RMRIMS, Patna), Dr. Shekhar Chakraborty (NICED, Kolkata), Dr. S.P. Pani (VCRC, Pondicherry) and Dr. Tarala Nandekar (NIRRH, Mumbai). In addition, several officers from ICMR Headquarters attended the meeting as special invitees: Dr. Lalit Kant, Sr. DDG (ECD), Dr. Bela Shah, Sr. DDG (NCD), Shri. N.C. Saxena, DDG (SG), Dr. K. Satyanarayana, DDG (SG), Dr Dipali Mukherjee, DDG (SG), Sh V.K. Kapoor, Asstt. Director-General, Dr. Vijay Kumar, Asstt. Director-General and Dr. Roli Mathur, Res. Officer.



6.7.12. 3rd Convention of SIIP

Third Convention of the Society for Immunology and Immunopathology (SIIP) and the National Symposium on Cytokines and Signal Transduction were held from 13th-15th Feb. 2004. The convention was attended by more than 170 delegates from all over the country representing universities, veterinary institutes and institutes of ICMR, CSIR & ICAR. About 30 invited speakers from institutions of ICMR, ICAR, CSIR, DBT, BARC, veterinary and medical colleges delivered lectures on lead topics. During the inaugural session of the convention on 13th Feb. 2004 following eminent scientists were felicitated by the Society with fellowship: Dr. S.K. Basu, Dr. Indira Nath, Dr. N.K. Mehra, Dr. J.L. Vegad, Dr. S.K. Garg, Dr. Lalkrishna and Dr. M.K. Bhaumick for their outstanding contributions in the field of immunology and immunopathology. The valedictory function of the convention and the symposium was held on 14th Feb. 2004, under the chairmanship of Dr. Padam Singh, Additional DG, ICMR. A post-conference workshop on "Modern immunological and molecular techniques" conducted on 15th Feb. 2004 was attended by more than 100 participants.



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