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CONFERENCE SPECIAL NEWSLETTER

GISI (a registered body) has evolved with the intention to prevent the incidence and find a cure to the commonest of infections afflicting mankind of all age groups especially in the developing countries. This society strives to accomplish the same by bringing together eminent scientists, clinicians, microbiologists and gastroenterologists from countries all over the world, to share their knowledge and experience in the field of infectious diseases.



Inauguration of 3rd GISICON 2011

The 3rd GISICON 2011 was organized by the Department of Clinical Microbiology & Immunology, KMC – International Centre, Manipal on 13th and 14th May, 2011. A brief welcome address was given by the Organizing Secretary, Dr. Mamatha Ballal.

The scientific event of day 1 began with the presentation by Dr. Nihal Abeyasinghe, Regional Advisor, Immunization & Vaccine Development, WHO, New Delhi on "Vaccine strategies for the vaccine preventable enteric infections." Followed by his talk, Dr. Rim Kwang IL Epidemiologist, WHO, New Delhi enlightened the audience on "New WHO strategic approach for the prevention and control of acute diarrhoea in Southeast Asia region". Dr. Rim stressed the importance towards diarrhoea free region and world. Dr. G.B. Nair, Director – NICE, Kolkata threw lime light on "New insights into community & hospitalized diarrhoea in resource poor settings". He emphasized on the need for prevention and diagnosis of diarrhoea.



The post tea session geared up with the talk on "Are probiotics a feasible intervention for prevention of diarrhoea in the developing world?" by Dr. Neerja Hajela, Head Science, Yakult Danone India Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi. "The current trends in the management of Hydatid disease of the liver" was elaborated by Dr. Sampath Kumar, Professor & Head of Surgery, KMC, Manipal.

The conference was a platform especially for the young student whose innovative research mind was reflected through the poster presentation session. The presentation covered various fields from gastrointestinal infection and highlighted the value of medicinal plants in treating such infections.

Panel Discussion on "Investigation & management of Hepatitis B & C" was conducted by Dr. Sudha V (professor & head of Medicine), Dr. Mukhyaprana P (Professor of Medicine), Dr. Deepak Suvarna (Associate Professor of Gastroenterology), KMC and Dr. Sugandhi Rao (Professor of Microbiology), KMC IC, Manipal, after the lunch. Dr. Philip Abraham, consultant gastroenterologist, P.D. Hinduja Hospital, Mumbai, spoke on "The emerging challenges of Crohn's Disease in India". A bird's eye view on "GI Tuberculosis: An emerging new facet of GI disorder in the new millennium" was shown by Dr. V.M. Katoch, Director General, ICMR, New Delhi. The day 1 scientific events were wound up and kicked off for the formal inaugural function in the evening.



Dr. V.M. Katoch, Chief Guest of the conference addressing the delegates

The Inaugural ceremony was graced by distinguished scientists Dr. V.M. Katoch, Director General, ICMR, New Delhi, Dr. H.S. Ballal, Pro Chancellor, Dr. K. Ramnarayan, Vice Chancellor, Dr. G.K. Prabhu, Registrar, Manipal University, Dr.G.B. Nair, Director, NICED, Kolkata, Dr. Rim Kwang IL, Epidemiologist, WHO, New Delhi, Dr. N.K. Ganguly, Ex-Director General and Eminent Microbiologist, ICMR, New Delhi, Dr. Baskaran, First Vice Chancellor (retired) and Eminent Microbiologist, Medical Health University, Andhra Pradesh, Professor Valiathan, National Research Professor, Dr. Poornima Balliga, Convener/ Dean, KMC International Centre, Manipal. The souvenir of GISICON was released by Dr. G.B. Nair and the Journal of Gastrointestinal Infection was released by the chief guest Dr. V.M. Katoch. The conference was supported by WHO, ICMR, CSIR and other sources.

The scientific proceedings for day 2 began with "The clinical manifestations of Campylobacter infections" by Dr. Chetana Vaishnavi, Professor, Division of Microbiology, Department of Gastroenterology, PGIMER, Chandigarh. She insisted on the need for the diagnosis of *C. jejuni* infections. Dr. Ranganathan Iyer, Consultant, Clinical Microbiologist, Global Hospitals, Hyderabad, incontrovertibly emphasised "The role of clinical microbiology lab in the diagnosis and antimicrobial therapy in GI infections". "An update on the Microbiology of *Helicobacter pylori*" was given by Dr. Varsha Gupta, Professor of Microbiology, GMCH, Chandigarh.

The scientific fest continued with the lecture on the "Recent developments in gastrointestinal Zygomycosis" by Dr. Jagdish Chander, Professor & Head of Microbiology, GMCH, Chandigarh. Dr. K.V Rajagopal, Professor of Radiodiagnosis, KMC, Manipal enlightened the gathering on "The novel radiological imaging approaches in GI Infections". The significance of "Opportunistic GI Infections in HIV patients" was addressed by Dr. Ganesh Bhat, Associate Professor of Gastroenterology, KMC, Manipal. Dr. Shrikala Balliga, Professor & Head of Microbiology, KMC, Mangalore stressed on the "Advances in high level disinfection and sterilization".

The conference adjourned with a valedictory function where awards for Best Poster and Brain Teasers were given off. With over a 200 delegates from different parts of the country and across the globe, an overwhelming response was achieved. As the curtains of GISICON 2011 dropped down, the executive body meeting of GISI was held at the same venue post lunch followed by the General body meeting of GISI members. It was decreed to conduct the 4th Biennial conference of GISI at Srinagar, Kashmir in 2013.

Awards

- **The best student poster award was shared by the articles entitled,**
 - i) "A sporadic outbreak of *Vibrio cholerae* El Tor Ogawa in and around Manipal during a period of four months." Mamatha Ballal, Mithila Sridhar, Balasubramanyam V, Deptt. of Clinical Microbiology & Immunology, KMC IC, Deptt. of Microbiology, KMC, Manipal.
 - ii) "An unusual presentation of Fasciolopsisbuski, Taenia species, Aspergillus species in a retro positive patient – first case report from rural coastal India – Manipal, Karnataka." Mamatha Ballal, Suganthi Martena, Preetam Reddy, Ajit Alexander, Sanjukta M, Deptt. of Clinical Microbiology & Immunology, KMC IC, Manipal.
- **The best faculty poster award** was won by the article entitled, "Evaluation of PCR using MPB64 primers for rapid diagnosis of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* in endoscopy biopsy specimens of gastrointestinal tuberculosis." Kusum Sharma, S.K. Sinha, A. Sharma, M. Singh, R. Dandora, et al. Deptt. of Microbiology, PGIMER, Chandigarh.
- **The best manuscript prize** has been conferred to the original research article entitled "Quercetin prevents nuclear changes and ameliorates alcoholic liver injury in rats" by Sushma Bharrhan, Kanwaljit Chopra, Ashwani Koul and Praveen Rishi, Panjab University, Chandigarh, **in the 1st issue of Journal of Gastrointestinal Infections.**



Poster Presentation

Announcements

1. The Life Membership fees for GISI is Rs.1500 and payments will be received by cash or bank draft only or cheques at par in favor of "Gastrointestinal Infection Society of India" payable at Chandigarh.
2. Membership form is enclosed along with the newsletter.
3. The first issue of "Journal of Gastrointestinal Infections" is now available.
4. The 4th GISICON will be hosted at Srinagar, Kashmir in 2013.



1st issue of the Journal of Gastrointestinal Infections being released

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