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President's Message

"If we don't change, we don't grow.

If we don't grow, we are not really living."



So representing the change in leadership of Gastrointestinal Infection Society of India (GISI), I feel privileged to take the baton of the society forward. It will be a matter of pleasure to work for the society with the new team. I know that it will be difficult task for me to fit into the show of the previous leaders, but I shall make all efforts to do my best.

We know that infections related to gastrointestinal tract are amongst the most commonly encountered infections in primary health care settings. They may not be always severe but can cause life threatening diseases in younger age groups especially in India. So the aim of this society is to bring together all the specialists working in the field of gastrointestinal diseases on a common platform, so as to work together to combat the grim situation of infections related to gastrointestinal tract in India. Since these infections have also been considered as a significant contributor to infant mortality rate, keeping a check on them is all the more important. Although a number of specialists including microbiologists, virologists, gastroenterologists, GI surgeons, general physicians, research scientists are working individually as well as in their respective societies for these infections along with other diseases related to their respective specialties, but one of my aims will be to bring all of them together on this specific issue. Furthermore, our journal (Journal of Gastrointestinal Infections) published by M/s Jaypee Brothers and indexed at various indexing sites, is on continuous path of progress since its inception, I shall endeavour to take it further ahead. I request all the members to help bring high quality research articles as contributions to our journal. Through this message, I also want to request all the members to assess their own innovative work and ignite the flame to take a step further for GISI.

It is important to hold CMEs and conferences regularly to update ourselves and I would like the members to come forward in organising as well as attending these meetings. So I end with a note

"I will work hard, you will work hard, the goal is not far

When we will work hard together"

Jai GISI Jai HIND

Prof. Varsha Gupta,
Department of Microbiology,
Govt. Medical College and Hospital, Sector 32 Chandigarh.

GISI team welcomes the following new Life Members

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| Dr. Priyanka Sharma | Dr. Yutika Bhandari | Dr. Neeru Rajput |
| Dr Perika | Dr. Rajni Bharti | Dr. Sonika Bhagat |
| Dr. Sohan Bangera | Prof. Vignesh B Shetty | Dr.Padmaja Shenoy |
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| Dr. Kiran Chawla | | |

A new website on abdominal tuberculosis has been launched

A new website on abdominal tuberculosis has been launched to provide accurate and reliable information to the patients and latest evidence-based information to the clinicians and researchers interested in the field. Abdominal tuberculosis is an enigmatic disease with varied manifestations and mimics many clinical conditions like Crohn's diseases, peritoneal carcinomatosis etc. The website has two sections: one for the patients with frequently asked questions and answers, and second devoted to the professionals and providing various resources like links to guidelines, tuberculosis journals and quiz for the professionals. The beta version of the website is available at <http://www.abdominaltb.org/> and the final version is expected to be available by September 2019. Submissions in the form of quiz and blogs on topics related to abdominal tuberculosis, EPTB and tuberculosis are invited from the members of the Gastrointestinal Infection Society of India (GISI).

Dr. Vishal Sharma

MD (UCMS, Delhi), DM (PGIMER, Chandigarh)

Assistant Professor of Gastroenterology

PGIMER , Chandigarh

ACHIEVEMENTS OF GISI MEMBERS

1. Dr Neelam Taneja was invited as a visiting scientist to the University of Glasgow from 18th Jan to 29th Jan 2018 and took a guest lecture on, "Bacterial infections and challenges in diagnosis." She was invited by School of Life Science, Warwick University, UK as a resource faculty to the workshop "Challenge of Antimicrobial resistance in India and Pakistan -AMRE-Pa from 5-6 December, 2017." Dr Taneja delivered two talks. "AMR as relevant to travellers to India and AMR at human-animal interface - PGI activities." She received ICMR International fellowship as guest speaker to attend Biodefense World Summit-2017 at Alexandria, VA from 26-29 June 2017 and gave an invited talk, "Surveillance for foodborne pathogens and antimicrobial resistance –an Indian case study". Dr Taneja was invited by Kresge Eye Institute of Wayne State University School of Medicine, Detroit , MI, USA from 16-11-2017 to 20-11-2017 as a visiting scientist. She organized and conducted the concluding meeting of WHO Advisory Group on Integrated Surveillance of Antimicrobial Resistance (AGISAR-India grant) project 25th and 26th April 2017.
2. Dr. Deepinder Chhina elected as President of IAMM-North West Chapter MICROCON 2018. Got 2nd Prize in Poster presentation in MICROCON 2018 and also got Certificate of Good Clinical Practice. Dr Chhina was Organizing secretary of North West Chapter MICROCON 2018 and also Member of Hospital Infection control Society.
3. Dr. Beena Antony, Professor of Microbiology, got grant of Rs.40,00,000/- (Forty Lakhs) from Vision Group of Science & Technology for the Project "Phenotypic & Genotypic Characterization of Anaerobic Microbial Community Isolated from Human Infections in the Suburban Population of Coastal Karnataka."
4. Dr Omesh Goyal, Associate Professor, presented a paper on Sarcopenia in liver disease at the Asia Pacific Liver Conference at Philippines on 23rd February 2019.
5. Dr Sayan Bhattacharyya received: second prize in oral paper in Tropicon 2018, Gateway Hotel, Kolkata.
6. Dr. Zubin Sharma was awarded FRCP (Edin) from Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, UK

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The 7th Biennial Conference of Gastrointestinal Infection Society of India (GISICON 2019) will be held at Ludhiana by Prof. Rajoo Singh Chhina, Dean Academics Dayanand Medical College, Ludhiana, and Punjab on 4 and 5th October, 2019. All members are requested to participate in the conference.
2. Bidding for GISICON 2021 and GISICON 2023 is invited from all the GISI members and shall be accepted on first-come first-served basis.
3. Life Membership fees of GISI are INR 3000.00 payable by bank draft or cheque at par in favour of "Gastrointestinal Infection Society of India" payable at Chandigarh, INDIA. Membership forms are enclosed with this newsletter.
4. Manuscripts for Journal of Gastrointestinal Infections should be typed in MS-Word and Figures/Photographs in JPEG format and submitted by e-mail to the Editor-in-Chief at jgi.gisi@gmail.com or gisi2007@rediffmail.com so that the papers are not lost. Authors are also encouraged to submit the manuscript online at Jaypee website <http://www.jgi-gisi.com> We will guide you on this procedure.
5. All GISI members are requested to pass on any news that they desire to be published in the newsletter. This will include information of awards received, fellowships obtained or travel abroad for academic purposes and any other information that may be of interest to the members.

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