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## President's Message

Dear colleagues,

I welcome all the new life members for joining this Society!

With the third biennial GISICON around the corner, our enthusiasm is also growing by leaps and bounds. We are expecting a large turnover for this prestigious scientific event. I hope all of you are also gearing up to meet us at Manipal! Meanwhile you are also requested to send your manuscripts for publication in the Journal of Gastrointestinal infections. This would be the first issue of the journal which is to be released during the inaugural function of the GISICON 2011. The Journal aims at ensuring effective communication of research in various aspects of Gastroenterology in India and providing continuing medical education, where concepts and strategies for managing critical patients are evolving rapidly. The instructions for submission can be downloaded from the website [gisi.in](http://gisi.in). Kindly help us in making the journal a success by getting your valued manuscripts published in the journal. Manuscripts should be submitted by e-mail to Editor-in-Chief, Dr Varsha Gupta, Professor, Department of Microbiology, Govt. Medical College Hospital, Chandigarh ([varshagupta\\_99@yahoo.com](mailto:varshagupta_99@yahoo.com)) or to Dr. Deepinder K. Chhina, Assistant Editor, Professor & Head, Dept of Microbiology, DMC & H, Ludhiana ([deepinder.chhina@rediffmail.com](mailto:deepinder.chhina@rediffmail.com))



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## Achievements by GISI members

### **Dr. C. Vaishnavi, Department of Gastroenterology, PGIMER, Chandigarh**

- Delivered two guest lectures on the topics “ Water conservation” and “Human cloning” on the event of DBT sponsored National Science Day, held at Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2007.
- Was a guest speaker and chaired a session at the International Congress of Malaysian Society for Microbiology at Penang, Malaysia on Dec 1-4, 2009. She was also a judge for medical posters.
- Awarded a best poster presentation prize for her paper “Acute phase reactant in neurological diseases” at North West chapter conference of IAMM at Jammu, Feb. 2009.
- Participated in the 1<sup>st</sup> Biennial congress of the Asian Neurogastroenterology and Motility Association at Seoul, Korea from April 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and presented a paper titled “Campylobacter association with Guillain Barre Syndrome and anti-gangloside auto antibody profile.”
- Has been conferred with the prestigious ISG-Zyodus Alidac Oration Award by Indian Society of Gastroenterology during its 51st Annual conference held at Hyderabad 2010

### **Dr Varsha Gupta, Professor, Department of Microbiology, GMCH, Chandigarh**

- Attended and presented a poster on “Metallo beta lactamases in Pseudomonas aeruginosa and Acinetobacter species- A study from North India in the ISID International conference at Vienna in Feb 2007.
- Was nominated as the Managing Editor of Journal of Parasitic Diseases from the year 2006 (June) published by the Indian Society of Parasitology.
- Is the member of INSAR (Indian national surveillance of antimicrobial resistance) group.
- Has been offered to be included as a member of TIARA (Trans Global Initiative for antimicrobial resistance analysis).
- Is the honorary editor of the journal “Infection and Resistance” published by DOVE press

**Dr. K.K Prasad, Associate Professor, Department of Gastroenterology, PGIMER, Chandigarh**

- has been awarded the ISG Travel fellowship to attend Asia Pacific Digestive Week 2009 at Taipei, Taiwan in Sept, 2009
- United European Gastroenterology Federation Travel Grant for Basic scientists to attend GASTRO 2009-UEGW/WCOG at London, UK in November, 2009

**Dr. Anita Chakravarti Director Professor, Department of Microbiology, Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi**

- Conferred Radhakrishnan award for excellence as a Medical Teacher on 4 Sept. 2010



**BID FOR NEXT GISICON INVITED**

Dear GISI members

Your Society is inviting bids for holding the biennial GISI conference for the year 2013. Members desirous of organizing the conference should send in their bids as soon as possible so that the selected bidder can be approved in the General Body meeting to be held at GISICON 2011 at Manipal.

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