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## Newsletter

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**Wishing all the GISI members a Healthy, Happy, Prosperous and Peaceful Year ahead.....let the coming year be a glorious one that rewards all our future endeavors with success.....**



**Let us all work together in the interest of the organization.**

## FDA to test new ways to trace food

The FDA has announced the start of two pilot programs to will help develop new tracking systems that will allow investigators to identify sources of foodborne disease outbreaks more quickly than is now possible. One of the programs focuses on processed foods, while the other targets raw fruits and vegetables. They mainly emphasize more detailed record keeping in the food production and distribution industries. (Source: Medpage Today)

## Achievements by GISI Members

**1. Dr. Anita Chakravati awarded IAMM Endowment Oration Award**

GISI members congratulate Dr. Anita Chakravati, Director Professor, Department Of Microbiology, Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi, for being awarded IAMM Endowment oration award at "XXXV National Conference" of Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists, (MICROCON 2011) held at Banaras University, Varanasi (U.P.) from 23-26 Nov 2011.



**2. Dr. K. K. Prasad, Additional Professor & In-charge GE Histopathology, Department of Gastroenterology**

- Participated and presented two research papers in 14<sup>th</sup> APDW 2011 at Singapore in Oct 2011
- Participated and presented a research paper in ASCP 2011 in conjunction with WASPaLM at Las Vegas, NV, USA in Oct 2011
- Received ISG – S. R. Naik Award (2011) for the best published work in the field of diseases of the digestive tract and liver, and other sciences as related to these areas in 2009-2010. The award was given during ISGCON 2011 at Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu in Nov 2011.



**3. Dr. Shashank Purwar MD, Associate Professor of Microbiology J.N. Medical College, Belgaum (Karnatka)**

- Nominated as Member of Academic Council of KLE University.

**4. Dr. (Mrs). Praveen Rishi, FAMI, Professor, Department of Microbiology, Panjab University, Chandigarh**

- Conferred Fellow, Indian Association of Biomedical Scientists 2011 during 32<sup>nd</sup> annual conference of IABMS held at Panjab University from 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> Nov 2011



## GISI Newsletter

GISI members are encouraged to send in their feedback, queries and news of their achievements to be included in the GISI newsletter.

**Dr. (Mrs.) Praveen Rishi, FAMI, FABMS  
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**52nd Annual Conference of Association of Microbiologists of India (AMI) AMI-2011** which was an "International Conference On Microbial Biotechnology For Sustainable Development" was organized by the Panjab University, Chandigarh from November 3-6, 2011.

### About the Event

Awareness about the role of microbes and microbial biotechnology in improving the quality of life has been recognized worldwide. Search for new microbes and novel genes for solving some of the major challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century with particular reference to sustainable agriculture, cleaner environment, bio-energy, wide range of enzymes, metabolites and human health is the need of the hour. In this context, it was realized that a conference/symposium focusing on microbes and microbial technologies must be organized to bring the Microbiologists on a common platform for exchanging their thoughts to meet the critical gap in applied microbiology and microbial technology for students, researchers and technology development professionals. Keeping this in view, Panjab University, Chandigarh organized 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of Association of Microbiologists of India with the theme 'Microbial Biotechnology for Sustainable Development' from November 3-6, 2011. Eminent scientists from all over India as well as abroad deliberated on various aspects of microbial biotechnology pertaining to Food and Industrial Microbiology, Environmental Microbiology, Medical Microbiology, Molecular Biology, Biofuels and Bio-energy, Microbial Diversity and Nanobiotechnology as well as biosensors. Around 1400 abstracts were received and presented in different sections by budding scientists during the 3 days conference.



**Dr. (Mrs.) Praveen Rishi**  
(Organizing Secretary, 52<sup>nd</sup> AMI Conference)  
Associate Editor

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