**Workshop on “Microteaching”**

**05/07/2012**

The program began at 3.00pm.

Prof. Dr. Raju Antony, HOD, Community Medicine & Coordinator, MET Unit welcomed the audience.

Principal and Officer in charge, MET unit Commodore Dr. M. J. John, gave the introductory remarks and inaugurated the programme. He spoke on the importance of the workshop. He stressed the need for the teacher’s training and requested the faculty to get involved in research activities and to publish papers.

Dr. Suchanda Sahu, HOD – Biochemistry, presented the details of Microteaching starting with the definition, meaning, methodology, advantages and skills practiced. She explained the procedure to conduct a microteaching session. There were 2 presentations planned to be conducted during the work shop.

The first presentation was by Dr.Seema L. Jawalekar, Assoc. Prof - Biochemistry, on “Obesity and its effects”. 5 teachers from among the audience were given the feedback forms to fill up independently. They were:

Dr.Sumangala, Prof & HOD – Pathology

Dr.Ambika Bai, Prof & HOD – OBG

Dr.Indira, Prof & HOD – Pulmonology

Dr.Prasad, Prof & HOD – Surgery

Dr.Mary Franklin, Prof & HOD – Pediatrics

Dr.Seema L. Jawalekar presented the topic for 5 minutes using audio visual aids.

After the presentation Dr. Prasad gave a feedback regarding the speaker’s positive and negative points.

The next presentation was by Dr. Raju Antony. He took class on effective communication for 5 minutes. Before presentation a few faculty members from among the audience were given the feedback forms for filling.

They were :

Dr.Dharmaratnam – Prof & HOD Dermatology

Dr.Anoop Sinha, Assoc. Prof &, Microbiology

Dr.Isaac, Asst Prof, Anesthesia

Dr.Asha Augusty., Asst Prof, Biochemistry.

Dr. Anoop summarized the feedback giving speaker’s positive and negative points.

Medical Superintendent Dr. Satheesh G Prabhu gave the concluding remarks. He pointed out the importance of similar sessions in future to improve quality of teaching.

The participants requested for having a session on “role play” during one of the future sessions.

The workshop was attended by many faculty members from different departments.

The session ended with vote of thanks by Dr. Raju Antony.

Basic Research Methodology Course

September 2012 to January 2013

We have started the Basic research Methodology Course on 19th September 2012. This programme was inaugurated by Executive Director Col Ramesh and Principal Surg Commodare Dr M J John.



This is a course being conducted by SNIMS in collaboration with Christian Medical College, Vellore and Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram. This course is not to make an expert in epidemiology or research; however, few short-term and long term outcomes enumerated below are expected from the participants. We have started with few lectures, group activities, participant presentations and planning for a one day workshop. The sessions are conducted every Wednesdays from 2PM to 3PM. We have completed the following topics - Introduction, Research Designs, Formulating research questions, Clinical Trials, Writing a research protocol and Ethics and research.

The main objective of the course is to enable the participants to develop research proposals. Participants should identify their topics of interest (that is relevant also) preferably ahead of the commencement of sessions. This requires some ground work- like literature search and collecting statistical data etc. This research concept has to be further refined and shaped into a research question and forms the basis for developing the study protocol. It is ideal that each participant finally come out with a protocol; however the sessions on protocol development and presentations will be conducted as group activity.

In addition to protocol development, there will be sessions for facilitating critical reading of published articles and manuscript writing.



The research protocol development can be achieved by a step wise approach as listed below.

1. Identify a research topic
2. Formulate the research question
3. Outline the study plan – each step
4. Develop a questionnaire / Proforma
5. Develop informed consent form
6. Prepare time line
7. Prepare budget with justification
8. Methods for quality control

Study protocols will vary based on the study design. Formats for protocol preparation will be available as soft copy.

**ASTICON 2012**

**Nov 2nd to 4th 2012**

The Department of Dermatology Venerology and Leprology in association with the medical education and technology unit conducted a national conference of sexually transmitted diseases and HIV under the leadership of Dr A D Dharmarathnam. This was the 36th National conference of Indian Association for the Study of Sexually Transnitted Diseases & AIDS (IASSTD & AIDS) was conducted from November 2nd - 4th, 2012 at the Sree Narayana Institute of Medical Sciences, Ernakulam, Kerala. Speakers of repute from all institutes of national importance graced and spoke at the conference. The scientific programme is attached.

## Scientific Programme

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| **Friday, 02 NOV 2012Continuing Medical Education - Past, Present And Future of STD & AIDS**  |
| Time | Topic | Speaker/Participants | Chairperson |
| **STD PANORAMA**  |
| 9:00 – 9:15 AM | Unusual manifestations of STDs | Dr. K Pavithran, Prof Emeritus, Former Prof & HOD Derm & Venereology, Calicut Medical College & Sr Consultant, Derm & Venereology MIMS, Kozhikode | Dr K Robins, Prof (Derm & Venereology), Academy of Medical Sciences, Pariyaram, Kannur |
| 9:15 - 9:30 AM | STD's then and STD's now | Dr Rachel Mathai, Former Prof & HOD Derm & Venereology, Christian Medical College, Vellore |
| 9:30 – 9:45 AM | Hurdles in STD practice | Dr N Usman, WHO Consultant (Venereology), Chairman, Technical Resource Group (STD), NACO |
| 9:45 – 10:00 AM | Preventive strategies for STDs - a different perspective | Dr Bhushan Kumar, Former Prof & HOD Derm & Venereology, PGIMER, Chandigarh |
| 10:00 – 10:15 AM | Discussion |
| **HIV: EXPERT VIEWPOINTS 1**  |
| 10:15 - 10:30 AM | STD and HIV – a physician's perspective | Dr R N Sharma, Prof & HOD Medicine, AIMS, Ernakulam | Dr Kunjamma George, Prof & HOD Medicine, SNIMS, Ernakulam |
| 10:30 -10:45 AM | IRIS in HIV setting | Col (Dr) Rajesh Verma, Prof & HOD Derm & Venereology, Armed Forces Medical College, Pune |
| 10:45 –11:00 AM | Stigma and discrimination towards HIV/AIDS | Dr Raju Antony, Prof & HOD Community Medicine, SNIMS, Ernakulam |
| 11:00 - 11:15 AM | Primary Neurological involvement in HIV | Dr Anand Kumar, Prof & HOD Neurology, AIMS, Ernakulam |
| 11:15 –11:30 PM | Newer approaches to HIV prevention | Dr Ajithkumar K, Addl Prof Derm & Venereology, Thrissur Medical College |
| 11:30 – 11:45 AM | Discussion  |  |
| **CAMEO**  |
| 11:45 - 12:00 Noon | Unusual sexually transmitted diseases and related genital conditions | Dr P M Abdul Gafoor, Consultant Dermatologist, Indira Gandhi Co-op Hospital, Ernakulam | Dr S Murugan, Former Prof & HOD Venereology, Tirunelveli Medical College & GMKMC, Salem |
| 12:00 – 12:15 PM | Syndromic approach to STD management  | Dr K Mahadevan, Prof & HOD Venereology, Coimbatore Medical College Hospital, Coimbatore |
| 12:15 - 12:30 PM | Disseminated gonococcal infection | Dr MS Sadeep, Prof & HOD, Derm & Venereology, Govt Medical College Hospital, Kottayam |
| 12:30 – 12:45 PM | Discussion |
| 12:45–1:30 PM | **LUNCH**  |
| **VIRAL STD's**  |
| 1:30 - 1:45 PM | Viral infections – lessons from the past | Dr Laxmi V Nair, Former Prof & HOD Derm & Venereology, Calicut Medical College, Professor & HOD (Derm & Venereology), KMCT Medical College, Kozhikode | Dr C Balachandran, Prof & HOD Derm & Venereology, KMC, Manipal |
| 1:45 – 2:00 PM | HPV - today and tomorrow | Dr Somesh Gupta, Assoc Prof Derm & Venereology, AIIMS, New Delhi |  |
| 2:00 - 2:15 PM | HPV and HIV | Dr Susanne Pulimood, Prof & HOD Derm & Venereology, Christian Medical College, Vellore |  |
| 2:15 – 2:30PM | HSV serology – present day relevance | Dr Rajiv Sridharan, Prof & HOD Derm & Venereology, Academy of Medical Sciences, Pariyaram, Kannur |  |
| 2:30 - 2:45PM | Condyloma acuminatum – practical management strategies | Dr Rema Devi TJ, Sr Consultant Derm & Venereology, KIMS Hospital & PRS Hospital, Trivandrum |  |
| 2:45 – 3:00 PM | Discussion  |  |
| **ROVING EYE**  |
| 3:00 – 3:15 PM | Sex in geriatric population – A myth or reality? | Dr George Paul, HOD Geriatrics, AIMS, Ernakulam |  |
| **PG QUIZ PRELIMS**  |
| 3:15 – 4:00 PM | PG Teams from various colleges | Dr Rajesh Sankar, Sr Consultant Derm & Venereology, Cochin Hospital, Ernakulam |
| **END OF FIRST DAY SESSIONS**  |
| **VENUE: BLUE WATERS, CHERAI BEACH**  |
| 7:00 - 8.00 PM | **CULTURAL PROGRAMME**  |
| 8:00 - 8.30 PM | **CONFERENCE INAUGURATION**  |
|   | Prayer & Lamp Lighting |
|   | Welcome Address | Dr A D Dharmaratnam, Chairman, ASTICON 2012 |
|   | Secretary's Report | Dr P Elangovan, Secretary, IASSTD & AIDS |
|   | Presidential Address | Dr Dinesh C Govil, President, IASSTD & AIDS |
|   | Inauguration & Awards Distribution | Surg R Adm John D'Souza, VSM Command Medical Officer, Headquarters, Southern Naval Command |
|   | Release of Souvenir | Dr Dinesh C Govil |
|   | Vote of Thanks | Dr J Sridhar, Organising Secretary, ASTICON 2012 |
| 8:30 PM Onwards | **COCKTAILS & DINNER**  |

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| **Saturday, 03 NOV 2012 - Conference Day 1**  |
| 8.30 AM - 9:30 AM | Dr HC Mohanty PG Quiz Competition | Teams 1, 2, 3, 4 Quizmaster : Dr Rajesh Sankar, Sr Consultant Derm & Venereology, Cochin Hospital, Ernakulam | Dr Rajiv Sridharan, Prof & HOD Derm & Venereology, Academy of Medical Sciences, Pariyaram, Kannur |
| Time | Topic | Speaker/Participants | Chairperson |
| **ORATIONS 1**  |
| 9:30 - 10:00 AM | RV Rajam Endowment Oration – “STDs and Pregnancy: a venereologist's quest” | Dr V K Jain, Prof & HOD Derm & Venereology, Pt BD Sharma PGIMS, Rohtak | Dr B Loganathan, Former Prof & HOD Venereology, Govt Royapettah Hospital & Kilpauk Medical College, Chennai, Sr Consultant Venereologist, Expo Clinic, Chennai |
| 10:00- 10:30 AM | Institute of Venereology Silver Jubilee Oration – “Ethics in HIV – overlooked?” | Dr S Ambujam, Prof & HOD Derm & Venereology, Indira Gandhi Medical College & Research Institute,Puducherry |
| **EXPERT VIEWPOINTS 2**  |
| 10:30 - 10:45 AM | Biochemistry and immunology of HIV | Dr DM Vasudevan, Chairman, Medical Laboratory Services, AIMS, Ernakulam | Dr Bhushan Kumar, Former Prof & HOD Derm & Venereology, PGIMER, Chandigarh |
| 10:45 - 11:00 AM | AIDS and the Heart | Dr N Sudhaya Kumar, Prof Cardiology, AIMS, Ernakulam |
| 11:00 – 11:15 AM | Neurological complications in HIV | Dr Madhusudanan, Prof Neurology, AIMS, Ernakulam |
| 11:15 – 11:20 AM | Discussion |
| **HIV THERAPY**  |
| 11:20 – 11:35 AM | Management of ART-experienced patients (more than 10yrs) | Dr DG Saple, Prof Derm & Venereology, Director HIV Clinical Research Programme, Human Health Care & Research Foundation | Dr Najeeba Riyaz, Prof & HOD Derm & Venereology, Calicut Medical College |
| 11:35 – 11:50AM | Monitoring Antiretroviral Therapy | Dr Jayadev Betkerur, Prof & HOD Derm & Venereology, JSS Medical College, Mysore |
| 11:50 – 12:10 PM | Treat and Cure HIV early Panel discussion on HIV/AIDS | Dr R Sajith Kumar, Chief of Infectious Diseases, Govt Medical College Hospital, Kottayam |
| 12:10 – 12:45PM | Moderator: Dr J Sridhar, Consultant Derm & Venereology INHS Sanjivani, Kochi | Dr D G Saple, Dr R Sajith Kumar, Dr Jayadev Betkerur, Dr Radhakrishnan, Dr G Nandakumar |
| 12:45 - 1:30 PM | **LUNCH BREAK**  |
| 1:30 – 2:05 PM | **FREE PAPERS SESSION 1**  |
|   | Clinicoepidemiological study of STI at rural-based tertiary carecentre | Dr Abhishek Pilani | Dr K Shobanakumari, Prof Derm & Venereology, Govt Medical College Hospital, Kottayam |
|  | Adverse reaction to multiple antiretrovirals – is it ? | Dr Neha Sharma |
|  | Squamous cell carcinoma on a syphilitic gumma: a unique presentation | Dr Rahima Saleem |
|  | Pseudogranuloma herpeticum | Dr D Pratyusha Kolanuwada |
| **NON-VIRAL STD'S**  |
| 2:05 - 2:20 PM | Follow up of syphilitic cases: a case study | Dr P Elangovan, Prof & HOD Venereology, Govt Royapettah Hospital, Kilpauk Medical College & Hospital, Chennai | Dr Meera Bhagyanathan, Sr Consultant Derm & Venereology, Baby Memorial Hospital, Kozhikode |
| 2:20 -2:35 PM | Changing trends in syphilis | Dr Kaushal Verma, Prof Derm & Venereology, AIIMS, New Delhi |
| 2:35 - 2:50 PM | Mycoplasma genitalium – an emerging sexually transmitted pathogen | Dr Sunil Sethi, Addl Prof Medical Microbiology, PGIMER, Chandigarh, Vice Chairman, IUSTI Asia Pacific South Asia Subregion & Nodal officer, RNTCP Accredited Lab |
| 2:50 - 3:05 PM | Lymphogranulomavenereum – resurgence | Dr G Nandakumar, Addl Professor, Dept of Pathology, Govt Medical College, Trivandrum |
| 3:05 – 3:20 PM | Discussion |
| 3:20 - 4:10 PM | **FREE PAPERS SESSION 2**  |
|   | Whither venereology training in India? | Dr N Asokan | Dr Abdul Samad, Addl Prof Derm & Venereology, Govt Medical College, Trivandrum |
|   | HIV Prevalence among diagnosed MDR-TB patients in Dhaka, Bangladesh | Dr Kashi Kant Jha |
|   | Throwing some light on dark field microscopy for the diagnosis of syphilis in genital ulcer disease : a 15- year experience | Dr Sumathi Muralidhar |
|   | New insights into non-infectious inflammatory dermatoses in HIV infection community | Dr Betsy Ambooken |  |
|   | Community STI survey in turmeric district of Tamil Nadu | Dr R Rajesh |  |
|   | Periodic presumptive treatment – a step backward or forward? | Dr S Sreekanth |  |
| **END OF SESSIONS DAY 2**  |
| **VENUE: BOLGATTY PALACE AND ISLAND RESORT**  |
| 6:30 – 7:30 PM | GENERAL BODY MEETING OF IASSTD & AIDS  |
| 7:30 PM Onwards | CULTURAL PROGRAMME AND DINNER  |

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| **Sunday, 04 NOV 2012 - Conference Day 2**  |
| Time | Topic | Speaker/Participants | Chairperson |
| **AWARD PAPER SESSIONS**  |
| 8:30– 9:30 AM | Dr V Govindan Nair Memorial Award Paper Session |
|   | All that is genital is not venereal: Unusual cases with lesions on genitals | Dr Shaista Farooqui Kazi | Dr GC Rao, Founder Member & Hon. Treasurer, IASSTD & AIDS, Sr Consultant Venereologist, Chennai |
|   | Epidemiological trends in sexually transmitted diseases: a 5 year hospital based study | Dr Remya Raj R |
|   | Disseminated Kaposi sarcoma in HIV and Hepatitis B coinfected heterosexual male patient | Dr Manoj Agarwala |
|   | Clinico – investigative profile of cervicovaginal discharge in high risk women attending STI clinic in tertiary care hospital | Dr Swapna M |
|   | Asymptomatic neurosyphilis - an underrecognised facet of syphilis of unknown duration | Dr Anju K Balan |
|   | Characteristics of HIV patients whoare lost to ART follow up anddetermine the reason for the same– a study at Davangere, CentralKarnataka | Dr Amrita A Hongal |
| 9:30– 10:30 AM | Dr P S Ranganathan Memorial Award Session |  |
|   | Ulcerating type 1 lepra reaction mimicking lazarine leprosy: an unusual presentation of immune reconstitution inflammatory syndrome in a human immunodeficiency virus infected patient | Dr Malcolm Pinto | Dr K Muhammad, Addl Prof Derm & Venereology, Calicut Medical College, Kozhikode |
|   | Investigating seasonal variations in gonorrhoea using graphical and ratio-to-moving average methods | Dr Manju Bala |  |
|   | Antiretroviral therapy (nevirapine) induced toxic epidermal necrolysis | Dr Veena Thimmappa |  |
|   | Emergence of drug resistant Tuberculosis: threat to TB and HIV control Programmes | Dr Badri Thapa |  |
|   | Child sexual abuse - a sensitive subject | Dr Aarthi M |  |
|   | Study on the prevalence and microbial profile of urethritis among men attending STD Clinic in a tertiary care hospital | Dr Balaji AVM |  |
|   | Study profile of male clients of female sex workers (FSWs) | Dr R Ramachandran |  |
| **ORATIONS 2**  |
| 10:30 - 10:45 AM | Sardari Lal Memorial Award 2012 “Determinants of rapid progression to immunodeficiency syndrome among people infected with human immunodeficiency virus” | Dr TS Anish, Asst Professor, Department of Community Medicine, Government Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram | Dr K Venkateswaran, Assoc Prof Venereology, Institute of Venereology, Chennai |
| **EXPERT VIEWPOINTS 3**  |
| 10:45 – 11:00 AM | Current perspectives in STI & HIV prevention | Dr YS Marfatia – Prof & HOD Derm & Venereology, GMC and SSG Hospital, Vadodara | Dr YS Marfatia – Prof & HOD Derm & Venereology, GMC and SSG Hospital, Vadodara |
| 11:00 – 11:15 AM | Medicolegal aspects of STD & AIDS | Dr Uma Dethan, Prof & HOD, Forensic Medicine, AIMS, Ernakulam |
| 11:15 – 11:40 AM | Thirty years of AIDS - lessons learnt and future challenges | Dr JK Maniar- Consultant in HIV Medicine, Jaslok Hospital & Research Centre, Mumbai |
| 11:40 – 11:55 AM | Challenges in Management of HIV-2 infection | Dr JK Maniar- Consultant in HIV Medicine, Jaslok Hospital & Research Centre, Mumbai |
| 11:55 – 12:10 PM | Current status of initiation of ART in HIV infected patients | Dr O C Abraham – Prof Medicine, Christian Medical College, Vellore |
| 12:10 – 12:20 PM | Discussion |
| 12:20 – 1:00 PM | **AWARDS FUNCTIONINSTALLATION OF NEW PRESIDENT & OFFICE BEARERSVALEDICTORY FUNCTION**  |  |
| **END OF CONFERENCE**  |

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Day 1: CME Scientific sessions

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Day 1 afternoon: CME Inauguration by GCT Executive

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Day 1 evening: Conference Inauguration & Banquet (few photos)

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Day 2: Conference scientific sessions

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Day 2 evening: GB Meeting & Banquet

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Day 3: Conference scientific sessions

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**Workshop in Basic Biostatistics**

**2nd December, 2012**

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| **Date Time** | **Topic** | **Faculty** |
| 2:12:2012 9.00 – 10.30 AM     10.45 – 11:00 AM  11.00 – 12:30 PM  12:30 – 1:00 PM    1:00 – 1:30 PM  1:30 – 3.15 PM   3:15 – 3.30 PM 3:30 – 4.30 PM  | Basics of biostatistics, Types of variables, Confidence Interval, SD, SE ,Descriptive statisticsRefreshmentSampling methodsSample size calculation – basics, software demoLunch Demo of common statistical software - demo on data entry, Data ManipulationRefreshmentHypothesis testing :Comparison of means | Mrs. VisaliMs.Thenmozhi Mrs.VisaliMs.ThenmozhiMs.Visali |