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Theme: Microbial Threats: Trace-Target-Treat

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**28th October to 01st
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PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

PRE- CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS			DATE – 28.10.2026 (Wednesday)
SN	TOPIC	WORKSHOP COORDINATOR	FACULTY TEAM
1	DIAGNOSTIC APPROACHES IN CLINICAL PARASITOLOGY: FROM MICROSCOPY TO SEQUENCING	Dr. Harshvardhan Sheorey Consultant Medical Microbiologist St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne & Royal Melbourne Hospital, Australia	Dr. Abhishek Mewara Additional Professor, Department of Medical Parasitology, PGIMER, Chandigarh Dr. Sitara SR Ajjampur Professor, Wellcome Trust Research Laboratory within the Christian Medical College (CMC), Vellore Dr. Rimjhim Kanojia Assistant Professor in the Department of Microbiology Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh Dr. Malathi Manuel Senior Demonstrator, Wellcome Trust Research Laboratory, Christian Medical College, Vellore
2	TRANSFORMING CLINICAL MICROBIOLOGY WITH NEXT-GENERATION SEQUENCING	Dr. Bharti Malhotra Professor, Department of Microbiology, Sawai Mansingh Medical College, Jaipur	Dr. Ankit Jain Executive Segment Specialist, Illumina Dr. Swati Gautam SMS Medical College, Jaipur Dr. Manjunath B Senior Field Application Scientist, Illumina Dr. Swapnil Kadamb Field Application Scientist, Premas Life Sciences Dr. T.S Gugapriya Professor Department of Anatomy AIIMS Nagpur
3	EVALUATING DIAGNOSTIC TESTS PERFORMANCE: CONCEPTS, METHODS AND APPLICATION	Dr. Sujiv Akkilagunta Additional Professor, Department of Community Medicine, AIIMS Nagpur	Dr. Pradeep Deshmukh Professor & Head, Department. Community Medicine, AIIMS, Nagpur Dr. Yogesh Bahurupi Additional Professor, Department of Community Medicine, AIIMS Nagpur Dr. Jaya Prasad Tripathy Additional Professor, Department of Community Medicine, AIIMS Nagpur

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4	HANDS-ON TRAINING IN INTEGRATED MYCOPATHOLOGY AND NANOPORE SEQUENCING	Dr. T Karuna Professor, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS, Bhopal	Dr. Rahul Garg Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS Bibinagar Dr. Gajendra Singh Scientist, Department of Microbiology AIIMS Bhopal Ms. Madhu Panthi Laboratory Technician, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS Bhopal
5	ONE HEALTH APPROACH TO VIRAL THREATS	Dr. Anoop Velayundhan Scientist F & Nodal Officer for One Health, ICMR, New Delhi	Dr. Rima Sahay Scientist D, ICMR NIV Pune Dr. Neha Nityadarshini ICMR Headquarters Dr. Anita Shete-Aich Scientist E, ICMR NIV Pune Dr. Rakesh Mishra Director, Tata Institute for Genetics and Society, Bengaluru Dr. Ashwin Raut ICAR-NIHSD Dr. Rajiv Sarkar Scientist E, ICMR NIRDH Dr. P. Manickam Scientist F, NIE Chennai
6	OUTBREAK INVESTIGATION: A MICROBIOLOGIST'S TOOLKIT	Dr. Aruna Poojary Laboratory Director & IPC In-charge, Breach Candy Hospital Trust, Mumbai	Dr. J. Jayalakshmi Professor & HOD, Dept of Microbiology Kovai Medical College, Coimbatore Dr. Rajni Gaind Consultant & Professor VMMC & Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi Dr. Sweta Shah Lead Consultant Microbiology & Infection Control, Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital and Research Institute, Mumbai

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			Dr. Ranganathan Iyer Senior Consultant, Rainbow Children's Hospital, Hyderabad Dr. Ashwini Tayade Consultant Infectious Diseases & Director Ishra Health-Infectious Diseases Clinic, Visiting Consultant Wockhardt Hospital & KIMS Hospital, Nagpur Dr. Madhavi Deshmukh Consultant Clinical Microbiologist, Dhruv Diagnostics, Nagpur Dr. Nitin Shinde Senior Consultant, Infectious Diseases and Internal Medicine, KIMS Kingsway Hospital, Nagpur
7	ANAEROBIC: BEYOND OXYGEN CULTURING THE INVISIBLE	Dr. Shashwati Nema Additional Professor, Department of Microbiology AIIMS Bhopal	Dr. Beena Antony Professor, Department of Microbiology, Father Muller Medical College, Mangalore Dr. Bhawana Sharma Professor, Department of Microbiology, VMMC & Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi Dr. Tanu Sagar Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS, New Delhi
8	INTEGRATED APPROACH TO UTI	Dr. Sarita Mohapatra Professor, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS, New Delhi	Dr. Manish Soneja Professor, Dept. of Medicine, AIIMS, New Delhi Dr. Meher Rizvi Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology & Immunology Sultan Qaboos University Muscat, Oman Dr. Shwetha J Venugopal Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology, Bengaluru Medical College and Research Institute, Bengaluru Dr. Sneha K Chunchanur Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology, Bengaluru Medical College and Research Institute, Bengaluru Dr. Arun Kumar Associate Professor, Department of Nephrology, AIIMS, New Delhi

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9	SCIENTIFIC WRITING	Dr. Sangeeta Joshi Editor- in-Chief, IJMM, Consultant Microbiologist, Infection control officer, Sahyadri Hospital, Pune	Dr. Ranganathan Iyer D Sr Consultant, Rainbow Children's Hospital, Hyderabad Dr. Jaswinder Kaur Oberoi Sr Consultant, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi Surge Vice Admiral Shankar Subramanian Deputy Chief of Integrated Defense Staff (Medical) Dr. Shilpi Khanna Managing Editor IJMM Past: Senior Consultant and Head Clinical Microbiology and Molecular, Deputy Head Laboratories, Maharaja Agrasen Hospital, Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi
10	CLINICAL MYCOLOGY DIAGNOSTICS FROM BASICS, BIOMARKERS TO MOLECULAR APPROACHES	Dr. Malini R Capoor Professor, Department of Microbiology, VMMC & SJH, New Delhi	Dr. Deepak Thamke Professor, Department of Microbiology MGIMS, Sevagram Dr. Abhijeet Bal Consultant Microbiologist, National Health Service, UK Dr. Anup Gosh Professor Department of Microbiology PGIMER, Chandigarh Dr. Sheetal Sharma Senior Resident, VMMC & SJH, New Delhi Dr. Vanalruati Senior Resident, VMMC & SJH, New Delhi Dr. Moumita Chakraborti Senior Resident, VMMC & SJH, New Delhi
11	A PRACTICAL APPROACH TO VIRAL CELL CULTURE ISOLATION TECHNIQUES	Dr. Ishani Bora Additional Professor, Virology, PGIMER, Chandigarh	Dr. Subhabrata Sarkar Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology, PGIMER, Chandigarh Dr. Vishal Shete Associate Professor, Microbiology AIIMS Nagpur

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12	CSSD - TRACELESS TASKFORCE TARGETING MICROBIAL THREATS	Dr. Soumyabrata Nag Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS, Nagpur Member Secretary, CSSD	Dr. Akshat Vij Consultant Microbiologist and Infection Control Officer Medcover Hospital, Hyderabad Dr. Safaa Muneer Head of Department, Clinical Microbiology and Hospital Infection Control, Renova Group of Hospitals & Tenet Diagnostics, Hyderabad Dr. Vijendra Kawle Consultant Microbiologist, Rainbow Children's Hospitals, Hyderabad, Telangana Secretary, IAMM TAPC State Chapter Ms. Neeta Ghugare CSSD Manager, Wockhardt Hospital Limited, Mumbai Central Mr. Shailesh Mehta Director, Medovation Inc.
13	FROM PROTOCOL TO PRACTICE: CASE BASED DISCUSSIONS WITH MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM IN NEUTROPENIC PATIENTS	Dr. Sonali Choudhari Senior Consultant Clinical Microbiologist & Infection Control Officer, National Cancer Institute, Nagpur	Dr. Pradeep Mishra Head of Department, Internal Medicine and Critical Care, National Cancer Institute, Nagpur Dr. Pankaj Dwivedi Head, Paediatric Oncology, National Cancer Institute, Nagpur Dr. Aruna Poojary Laboratory Director & IPC In-charge, Breach Candy Hospital Trust, Mumbai Dr. Anusha Karunasgar MD, PhD, DipRCPath, CIC, MBA (Imperial College, London) , Speciality Doctor- Microbiology The Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust Hamstel road, Harlow, Essex, CM20 1QX

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14	NEXT GENERATION SEQUENCING FOR HOSPITAL WASTE WATER SURVEILLANCE: FROM PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS TO AMR DETECTION	Dr. Rajesh Karyakarte Professor & Head, Department of Microbiology, Byramjee Jeejeebhoy Government Medical College, Pune Dr. Varsha potdar Scientist 'E' National Institute of Virology, Pune	Dr. Mahesh Dharne Chief Scientist, CSIR-National Chemical Laboratory, Pune Dr. Rashmita Das Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology, BJ Government Medical College, Pune Dr. Sushma Yanamandra Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology, BJ Government Medical College, Pune Mr. Kiran Nanaware Project Associate II, CSIR-National Chemical Laboratory, Pune Mr. Sai Joshi Project Associate II, CSIR-National Chemical Laboratory, Pune Mr. Amey Pawar Research Scholar, CSIR-National Chemical Laboratory, Pune Mr. Rinka Pramanik Senior Project Associate, CSIR-National Chemical Laboratory, Pune Mr. Raunak Kumar Project Associate I CSIR-National Chemical Laboratory, Pune Mrs. Veena Vipat Sr Technical officer NIV, Pune Mr. Santoshkumar Jadhav Sr Technical Officer NIV, Pune

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15	Unmasking the Great Mimic: Melioidosis for Surveillance, Diagnosis, and Research: A National Workshop for Microbiologists	Dr. Bijayini Behera Professor, Department of Microbiology AIIMS, Bhubhaneshwar In co-ordination with KMC MANIPAL	Dr. Chiranjay Mukhopadhyay Professor, Department of Microbiology, KMC, Manipal Dr. Vandana K.E. Professor, Department of Microbiology, KMC, Manipal Dr. Ayush Gupta Additional Professor, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS Bhopal Dr. Mohammed Ashiq Research Scientist, Department of Microbiology, KMC, Manipal
16	SYNDROMIC TESTING	Dr. Devjani De Lead - Medical Affairs, Biomerieux India	Mr. Swapnil Dobhale Application Specialist Biomerieux, India Dr. Sehzad Mirza Professor and Head, Department of Microbiology, Dr. D.Y. Patil Medical college and Research Centre, Pune Dr. Ashwini Tayade ID Specialist, Nagpur
17	MICROBIOLOGY AUTOMATION & AMR/AMS	Dr. Anuradha Deshmukh Senior Consultant Microbiologist, Kingsway Hospital, Nagpur	Dr. Veenu Gupta Mr. Sampath Kumar Mr. Harshul Mishra Mr. Kunal Dixit
18	WORKSHOP ON ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP PRACTICES [WASP] - A STING OPERATION ON AMR	Dr. Sumit Rai Professor & Head Department of Clinical Microbiology, AIIMS, Mangalagiri	Dr. Debabrata Dash Associate Professor, Department of Clinical Microbiology, AIIMS, Mangalagiri
19	WATER SAFE CARE	Dr. Nizam Damani Consultant & Advisor, Public Health Agency, Northern Ireland, UK	To be announced

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20	RISK MANAGEMENT IN MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGY LABORATORIES	Dr. Rajendra Surpam Professor & Head Department of Microbiology, GMC Chandrapur	Dr. Anuradha Deshmukh Senior Consultant Microbiologist, Kingsway Hospital, Nagpur Dr. Nayana Ingole Professor, Department of Microbiology, Kasturba Hospital for Infectious Diseases, Chinchpokli, Mumbai Dr. Nilma Hirani Professor, Department of Microbiology, Grant Medical college & JJ hospital, Mumbai
21	HAI SURVEILLANCE	Dr. Apurba Sastry Additional Professor, Department of Microbiology Hospital Infection Control Incharge JIPMER, Puducherry	Dr. Benedict Vinothini HIC Fellow and SR, JIPMER, Puducherry Dr. Sarumathi D Assistant Professor (Microbiology) AIIMS, Madurai Dr. Poulami Biswas HIC Fellow & Senior Resident JIPMER

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29.10.2026 (THURSDAY)

PRE-CONFERENCE CME I		NEW AGE RAPID AST SOLUTIONS AND THEIR PIVOTAL ROLE IN TRANSFORMING DIAGNOSTIC STEWARDSHIP	
Topic	CO-ORDINATORS	Speaker	
FAST-TRACK SEPSIS: THE POWER OF RAPID AST	Dr. Debkishore Gupta Director & Head, Medical Affairs, South Asia, Biomerieux	Dr. Devjani De Medical Affairs Lead-India Biomerieux Critical Care Physician, India	
		Dr. Antonio Curtoni Medical Doactor at Microbiology & Virology unit, University Hospital of City Health & Science, Turin, Italy	
		Dr. Cecillia Carvalhaes Director, Medical Microbiology, bioMerieux India	
		Dr. Anup Warriar Chief Medical Affairs & Quality Officer Aster Hospital, Cochin	
		Dr. Shrikala Baliga Associate Dean, Kasturba Medical College, Manipal, Mamhalore	

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PRE-CONFERENCE CME II

LEARNING CLINICAL MICROBIOLOGY BY CASES: PEARLS & PITFALLS IN RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS

ICMM CME (9 AM to 3 PM)

CME CO-ORDINATORS: DR. RANGANATHAN N IYER,
Director, Clinical Microbiology, Rainbow Children's Hospital, Hyderabad
VENUE : To be announced Date : (29.10.2026) Thursday

PRE-CONFERENCE CME III

THE GOLD STANDARD CIRCUIT: FROM LAB VALIDATION TO FRONTLINE DISINFECTION

CME CO-ORDINATORS: DR. PURVA MATHUR
Professor & Head, Microbiology Unit, Trauma Centre, AIIMS New Delhi
VENUE : To be Announced Date : (29.10.2026) Thursday

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INAUGURATION – 29th October 2026 (Thursday)

Time	Convention Hall
8 : 00 AM	Registration and Breakfast starts followed by Pre-Conference CMEs
6 : 00 – 7 : 15 PM	Commencement of Inaugural Function
7 : 15 – 7 : 45 PM	Presidential Oration – Prof. (Dr.) Chand Wattal Chairman, Clinical Microbiology & Immunology, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi
7 : 45 – 8 : 15 PM	Cultural Program
8 : 15 PM Onwards	Inaugural Dinner

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CONFERENCE DAY 1		30-10-26 (Friday)
CONVENTION HALL		
TIME	VENUE	TOPIC
		MEET THE EXPERTS
8 : 00– 8 : 45 AM	Convention Hall 1	TOPIC - HIDDEN WORLD OF TRANSPLANT INFECTIONS SPEAKERS: Dr. Subramaniam Swaminathan Infectious Disease specialist, Apollo Gleneagles Hospital, Chennai Dr. Ranganathan Iyer Director, Clinical Microbiology, Rainbow Children's Hospital, Hyderabad CHAIRPERSONS : To be announced
	Convention Hall 2	TOPIC – HELICOBACTER PYLORI: FROM DETECTION TO DRUG RESISTANCE SPEAKERS: Dr. Shalinie Perera Clinical Microbiologist, Western Diagnostic Pathology, Western Australia Dr. Neelesh Shrivastava Assistant Professor, Department of surgical oncology, AIIMS Nagpur CHAIRPERSONS : To be announced
	Convention Hall 3	TOPIC – PITFALLS IN READING ANTIBIOGRAMS SPEAKERS: Dr. Sumit Rai Professor and Head, Clinical Microbiology, AIIMS Mangalagiri Interpreting blood culture reports in the clinical scenario: Case based Challenges Dr. Parikshit Prayag Consultant, Transplant Infectious Disease, Deenanath Mangeshkar Hospital, Pune CHAIRPERSONS : Dr. Bhaskar Thakuria Professor & Head, Microbiology, AIIMS Patna

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		MEET THE EXPERTS
8 : 00 – 8 : 45 AM	Convention Hall 4	TOPIC – RELEVANCE OF BIOINFORMATICS IN CLINICAL MICROBIOLOGY Leveraging Multiomics and Machine- learning in Virology Research : Biomarker and Antiviral Drug Delivery Dr. Sarah Cherian Scientist G, Bioinformatics & Data Management Division, NIV, Pune Application of AI and Omics in Microbiology/ Virology Dr. Amit Arora Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology, PGIMER, Chandigarh CHAIRPERSONS : To be announced
9 : 00 - 10 : 00 AM		DR. K.B SHARMA MEMORIAL JUNIOR BEST PAPER AWARD
10 : 00 - 10 : 30 AM		DR. S.C. AGARWAL ORATION AWARD Dr. Ekta Gupta Professor, Department of Clinical Virology, ILBS, New Delhi
10 : 30 - 11 : 00 AM		IAMM ENDOWMENT ORATION AWARD Prof. (Dr.) Ujjala Ghoshal Professor & Head, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS Kalyani
11 : 00 - 11 : 15 AM		TEA

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CONVENTION HALL

11 : 15 – 12 : 30 PM	PLENARY SESSIONS		
	MODERATOR : Dr. Jayanthi Shastri Director, Center of Excellence in Research & Training in Infectious Diseases, Maharashtra University of Health Sciences (MUHS) Regional Centre, Mumbai		
	Theme : Immune Landscape in Infection		
	TOPIC	SPEAKER	CHAIRPERSON
	FIGHTING THE PATHOGENIC FIRE WITH FLOW CELLS : FRONTLINE IMMUNE MONITORING IN OUTBREAKS.	Dr. Vainav Patel Scientist 'D' , Head, Department of Biochemistry & Virology, National Institute for Research in Reproductive Health, Parel, Mumbai	Dr. Deepjyoti Kalita Associate professor, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS, Guwahati
	INTEGRATED MICROBIOME IMMUNE SIGNATURES IN HIV- TB	Dr. Vikrant Bhor Scientist 'E', National Institute of Research in Reproductive & Child Health , Parel, Mumbai	
IMMUNOLOGY OF MATERNAL HCMV INFECTION : IMPLICATIONS FOR ADVERSE PREGNANCY OUTCOMES	Dr. Rungmei S K Marak Professor & Head, Department of Microbiology & Infectious Diseases, SGPGIMS, Lucknow		
12 : 30 – 01 : 00 PM	KEYNOTE ADDRESS		
	TOPIC : EATING THE ELEPHANT: A PRACTICAL APPROACH TO HAI REDUCTION		
	SPEAKER : Dr. Nizamuddin Damani Consultant & Advisor, Public Health Agency, Northern Ireland, UK		
1 : 00 – 2 : 00 PM	CHAIRPERSONS : To be announced		
	LUNCH (IAMM Quiz Screening Round)		
2 : 00 - 3 : 00 PM	DEBATE		
	TOPIC : SYNDROMIC PANELS ARE HELPING CLINICAL DECISION MAKING		
	MODERATOR : Dr. Camilla Rodrigues Head of Department of Lab Medicine, Consultant Microbiologist, P. D Hinduja Hospital, Mumbai		
	FOR : 1. Dr. Akshatha Ravindra Consultant Infectious Diseases, Kauvery Hospitals, Bengaluru		
	2. Dr. Bansidhar Tarai MAX Hospital, Delhi		
3 : 00 - 3 : 30 PM	AGAINST : 1. Dr. Chhaya Chande Professor, B.J.G.M.C, Pune		
	2. Dr. Nirmal Jaiswal Chief Intensivist & Head, Department of Medicine & Critical Care, Suretech Group of Hospitals, Nagpur		
	JUDGES : To be Announced		
3 : 00 - 3 : 30 PM	TEA		

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PARALLEL SYMPOSIA - Day 1 (30.10.2026)

3 : 30- 5 : 30 PM HALL 1

THEME : MICROBIOME MATTERS : GUT HEALTH CHATTERS

SN	Topic	Speaker
1	INTERPLAY OF HUMAN GUT MICROBIOTA IN HEALTH & WELLNESS	Dr. Bhabatosh Das Professor & Co-ordinator, Microbial Research Centre, BRIC - THSTI, Faridabad
2	GUT MICROBIOME, IBD & FECAL TRANSPLANTATION	Dr. Shrikant Ambalkar Consultant & Head of Service, Department of Clinical Microbiology & Infection, Sherwood Forests Hospital, NHS , UK
3	PROBIOTICS, PREBIOTICS & SYMBIOTICS : SAFE OPTIONS FOR NEW THERAPEUTICS	Dr. Dimple Kasana Professor, Additional Director & Head of the Department, Dept. of BBTR, RV & TB and BSL3, Directorate General of Health Sciences, Government of India, New Delhi
Chairperson - To Be Announced		

PARALLEL SYMPOSIA – Day 1 (30.10.2026)

3 : 30- 5 : 30 PM - HALL 2

THEME : RARE EMERGING AGENTS (RICKETTSIA, EMERGOMYCES, EMERGING PARASITES)

SN	Topic	Speaker
1	RICKETTSIA AND RARE EMERGING BACTERIA	Dr. Manisha Biswal Professor, Dept of Microbiology, PGIMER, Chandigarh
2	EMERGOMYCES AND RARE EMERGING FUNGI	Dr. Malini Capoor Professor, Vardhman Medical College & Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi
3	EMERGING RARE PARASITIC INFECTIONS : ROLE IN CARCINOGENESIS-THE MISSING LINK	Dr. Tuhina Banerjee Professor & Head, Dept of Microbiology, Institute of Medical Sciences Banaras Hindu University
Chairperson - Dr. Jagdish Chander Former Professor & Head Department of Microbiology, Government Medical College & Hospital, Chandigarh. Dr. Priti Agrawal Professor and Head Department of Microbiology AIIMS, Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh		

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3 : 30- 5 : 30 PM - HALL 3

THEME : PULMONARY MYCOSES : DIAGNOSTIC CHALLENGES

SN	Topic	Speaker
1	EPIDEMIOLOGY : SPECTRUM AND EMERGENCE	Dr. Jayanthi Savio Professor & Head, Department of Microbiology St. Johns Medical College, Bengaluru
2	WHEN TO SUSPECT PULMONARY MYCOSES AND DIAGNOSTIC ALGORITHM	Dr. Shivaprakash M Rudramurthy Professor & Head, Dept of Microbiology, PGIMER, Chandigarh
3	INTERPRETATION OF NON-CULTURE-BASED DIAGNOSIS	Dr. Priyanka Narain Associate Professor, Dept of Microbiology, Patna Medical College, Bihar
Chairpersons - 1. Dr. Ragini Tilak Professor, Department of Microbiology, BHU, Varanasi		2. Dr.(Mrs.) Shukla Das Head, Dir. Prof. Dept. Microbiology UCMS & GTBH, Delhi-95

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SIMULTANEOUSLY ORAL PAPERS(IAMM & FREE)

TIME	VENUE	INDUSTRIAL SESSIONS
5 : 30 - 6 : 30 PM	Hall 1 - ZUVERLASSE	(Topic & Faculty details to be announced)
	Hall 2 - ZUVERLASSE	(Topic & Faculty details to be announced)
	Hall 3 - BIOMERIEUX	TOPIC - THE SEPSIS CARE CONTINUUM: FROM DIAGNOSTICS TO INTERVENTION – A MULTIDISCIPLINARY DIALOGUE Speakers : Dr. Parikshit Prayag Infectious Diseases Consultant Deenanath Mangeshkar Hospital, Pune Dr. Subhash Kr. Todi Director of the Department of Critical Care Manipal Hospitals, Kolkata Dr. Meena Mishra Professor & Head, Department of Microbiology AIIMS Nagpur Dr. Sankar Sengupta Head of Department-Laboratory Medicine CNCI, Kolkata Dr. Debkishore Gupta Director & Head, Medical Affairs - South Asia,Biomerieux bioMérieux India Dr. Cecilia Carvalhaes Director, Medical Microbiology Specialists bioMérieux India
7 : 00 PM Onwards	NETWORKING DINNER	

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CONFERENCE DAY 2

(31 - 10-26) Saturday

CONVENTIONAL HALL

TIME	VENUE	MEET THE EXPERTS
8 : 00 – 8 : 45 AM	Convention Hall 1	TOPIC : BONE & PROSTHETIC JOINT INFECTION SPEAKERS: 1. Dr. Aditya Menon Orthopedics consultant, PD Hinduja Hospital, Mumbai 2. Dr. Aruna Poojary Lab Director & IPC In charge, Breach Candy Hospital Trust, Mumbai CHAIRPERSONS: Dr. Manideepa SenGupta Professor & Head, Department of Microbiology, Mandakini Institute of Medical Sciences & Hospital, Ranaghat, West Bengal
	Convention Hall 2	TOPIC : FROM CULTURE/AST TO MOLECULAR TESTING- QUALITY MATTERS SPEAKERS : Too Sensitive, Too Resistant? Quality Issues Behind AST Discrepancies - Dr. Sonal Saxena Professor & Head, MAMC, New Delhi From Extraction to Ct values : The Quality Chain in Molecular Testing- Dr. Bharti Malhotra Professor, Department of Microbiology, Sawai Mansingh Medical College, Jaipur CHAIRPERSONS : Dr. Vimla Venkatesh Professor & Head, Department of Microbiology, King George's Medical University, Lucknow
	Convention Hall 3	TOPIC : OCULAR MICROBIOLOGY DIAGNOSTICS SPEAKERS : Microbiological diagnosis of eye infections- nuances of specimen collection and routine diagnosis of viral and non-viral eye infections - 1. Dr. Savitri Sharma Director Emeritus, laboratory Services, LV Prasad Institute, Hyderabad Uncommon Ocular Pathogens, Molecular Diagnosis and Metagenomic Approach in the Diagnosis of Eye Infections - 2. Dr. Nishat Hussain Professor, Ocular Microbiology, Dr. R.P.C, AIIMS Delhi CHAIRPERSONS : Dr. Sanjay More Professor and Head, Department of Microbiology, GMC, Nanded
8 : 00 – 8 : 45 AM	Convention Hall 4	TOPIC : THE SHIFTING MICROBIAL LANDSCAPE : WHAT TODAY'S MICROBIOLOGIST MUST ANTICIPATE SPEAKER: 1. Dr. Ashwini Tayade Consultant - Infectious Disease, Wockhardt hospital, Director-Ishra Health-Infectious Disease Clinic, Nagpur 2. Lt Gen. Raghunath (Retired) CHAIRPERSONS : Dr. Pratima Gupta Professor & Head, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS Deoghar

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TIME		
09 : 00 – 10 : 00 AM	IAMM QUIZ	
10 : 00 – 11 : 30 AM	Dr. S. R SENGUPTA IAMM SYMPOSIUM	
	TOPIC : ONE HEALTH AND JOINT OUTBREAK RESPONSE MODERATOR : Dr. Mala Chabra Principal Consultant - Microbiologist, Principal Investigator, VRDL, ABVIMS & Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi	
11 : 30 – 12 : 00 PM	KEYNOTE ADDRESS	
	TOPIC : THE FUTURE OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES : PREDICT, PREVENT, PROTECT SPEAKER : Dr. Nivedita Gupta Scientist 'F', ICMR, New Delhi CHAIRPERSONS : To be Announced	
12 : 00 – 01 : 00 PM	GENERAL BODY MEETING	
01 : 00 – 02 : 00 PM	LUNCH	
02 : 00 – 02 : 30 PM	KEYNOTE ADDRESS	
	TOPIC : CHALLENGES IN DIAGNOSIS OF UNUSUAL PARASITES AND USE OF E-DIAGNOSIS SPEAKER : Dr. Harshavardhan Sheorey Consultant Clinical Microbiologist St. Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne & Royal Melbourne Hospital, Australia CHAIRPERSONS : To be announced	
02 : 30 – 03 : 30 PM	PLENARY SESSIONS	
	TOPIC : INTERESTING CASE DISCUSSION MODERATOR : Dr. Aruna Poojary Lab Director & Infection Control In-charge, Breach Candy Hospital Trust, Mumbai PANELIST : Dr. Nitin Shinde Senior Consultant, Infectious Diseases and Internal Medicine, KIMS Kingsway Hospital, Nagpur Format Overview • Theme : Real-time Grand Round – Interactive & Unscripted • Case Source : Selected from cases submitted by Young Trailblazer	

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3 : 30 – 5 : 30 PM - HALL 1

THEME : ONE HEALTH IN ACTION : INTEGRATING HUMAN, ANIMAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

SN	Topic	Speaker
1	WATER, WASTE & BUGS : ENVIRONMENTAL PATHWAYS TO AMR	Dr. Jyoti Iravane Professor & Head, Department of Microbiology, GMC Aurangabad
2	IMPLICATIONS OF THE ONE HEALTH PARADIGM FOR CLINICAL MICROBIOLOGY	Dr. Nayana Ingle Professor, Department of Microbiology, Kasturba Hospital for Infectious Diseases, Chinchpokli, Mumbai
3	COLLABORATE TO CONTAIN : MULTISECTORAL STRATEGIES FOR HEALTH SECURITY	Dr. Pragya Yadav Director in-Charge, National Institute of One Health, Nagpur, Scientist 'F' and Group Leader, Maximum Containment Laboratory, Indian Council of Medical Research-National Institute of Virology, Pune

CHAIRPERSON : Dr. Vineeta Mittal

Professor RMLIMS, Lucknow

PARALLEL SYMPOSIA - Day 2 (31.10.2026)

3 : 30 – 5 : 30 PM - HALL 2

THEME : CULTURE THE UNCULTURED : ADVANCES IN ANAEROBIC INFECTION DIAGNOSIS

SN	Topic	Speaker
1	ASSOCIATION OF ANAEROBES WITH INFECTIOUS AND NONINFECTIOUS DISEASE, WIDENING HORIZON	Dr. Rama Choudhary ICMR Emeritus Scientist Former Head of Microbiology, AIIMS Delhi
2	FROM NEGLECT TO NECESSITY : UNMASKING ANAEROBES IN CULTURE-NEGATIVE INFECTIONS	Dr. Padmaja A Shenoy Associate Professor Department of Microbiology, KMC Manipal
3	CONVENTIONAL VS AUTOMATIONS : DIAGNOSTIC DILEMMA	Dr. Shashwati Nema Professor, Department of Microbiology AIIMS Bhopal
4	DECODING VIRULENCE AND RESISTANCE IN CLINICALLY SIGNIFICANT ANAEROBES	Dr. Archana Angrup Additional Professor Department of Medical Microbiology PGIMER, Chandigarh

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PARALLEL SYMPOSIA - Day 2 (PANEL DISCUSSION) (31.10.2026)

3 : 30 – 5 : 30 PM - HALL 3

THEME : TEST WHAT MATTERS : DIAGNOSTIC STEWARDSHIP IN THE AGE OF AUTOMATION AND AI

SN	Topic	Speaker
1	DIAGNOSTIC STEWARDSHIP IN THE AGE OF AUTOMATION : RESTORING THE CLINICAL REASONING	Dr. Vikas Manchanda Professor, Dept of Microbiology Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi
2	FROM OVER-TESTING TO TEST WHAT MATTERS	Dr. Umabala Pamidimukkala Professor & Head, Dept Microbiology, Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences, Hyderabad
3	SPEED WITH SENSE : RATIONAL USE OF RAPID DIAGNOSTICS	Dr. V. Balaji Professor, Dept of Microbiology, CMC, Vellore
4	CLINICAL IMPACT & COST-EFFECTIVENESS IN INFECTIOUS DISEASES	Dr. Devjani De Medical Affairs Lead - India Biomerieux
5	FROM PATHOGEN TO PRESCRIPTION : THE CLINICAL POWER OF TIMELY DIAGNOSTICS	Dr. Anup Warriar Chief Medical Affairs & Quality Officer Aster Hospital, Cochin

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ORAL PAPERS (IAMM & FREE)

5 : 30 to 6 : 30 pm

INDUSTRIAL SESSIONS

HALL 1- ZUVERLASSE (Topic & Faculty details to be announced)

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5 : 30 to 6 : 30 pm

INDUSTRIAL SESSIONS

HALL 2 – BIOMERIEUX - Panel Discussion on Digital Innovation, Automation & Actionable Intelligence

TOPIC	SPEAKER
BEYOND THE CULTURE PLATE : THE FUTURE OF DATA-DRIVEN CLINICAL MICROBIOLOGY	Dr. Bansidhar Tarai Director & Head Microbiology Max Super Specility Hospital Dr. Subhranshu Mandal Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology, Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute, Kolkata Dr. Vandana K.E. Professor & Head, Department of Microbiology, Kasturba Medical College (KMC), Manipal Dr. Rupali Suryawanshi Consultant Microbiologist Ruby Hall Clinic, Pune Dr. Nandini Seturaman Senior Consultant & Head of Department Microbiology Apollo Hospital, Chennai

5 : 30 to 6 : 30 pm

INDUSTRIAL SESSIONS

HALL 3 – BD DIAGNOSTICS (TOPIC & FACULTY DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED)

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CONFERENCE DAY 3

(01- 11- 26) Sunday

CONVENTION HALL

TIME	VENUE	MEET THE EXPERTS
8 : 00 – 8 : 45 AM	Convention Hall 1	TOPIC : WAITING FOR THE NEXT VIRAL PANDEMIC SPEAKER : Dr. Manoj Murhekar Director, NIE, Chennai To be announced CHAIRPERSON : To be Announced
	Convention Hall 2	TOPIC : TWO LIVES AT STAKE: ARE WE MISSING INFECTIONS IN PREGNANCY? SPEAKERS : Endosymbiont strikes back : mitochondrial signals in placental infection-driven preterm birth - Dr. Siddhesh Aras Center for Molecular Medicine and Genetics, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Department of Oncology, Wayne State University School of Medicine Dr. Chaitanya Shembekar Gynaecologist & Fertility Consultant, Omega Hospitals, Nagpur CHAIRPERSON : To be Announced
	Convention Hall 3	TOPIC : LEPROSY & OTHER NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES SPEAKER: Dr. Biswaroop Chatterjee Professor & Head, IQ City Medical College, West Bengal Dr. Sanjiv Choudhary Professor & Head of Dermatology, venereology and Leprology, AIIMS, Nagpur CHAIRPERSON : Dr. Namrata Kumari Professor & HOD , Department of Microbiology, Indira Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Sheikhpura, Patna
	Convention Hall 4	TOPIC : WHEN TO STOP ANTIFUNGAL THERAPY SPEAKER: Dr. Rajashri khot Professor, Department of Medicine, AIIMS, Nagpur Dr. Anjali Shetty Consultant Microbiologist, PD Hinduja, Mumbai CHAIRPERSON : To be Announced

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CONVENTIONAL HALL

	IAMM STUDENT SYMPOSIUM TOPIC
9 : 00 – 9 : 45 AM	TOPIC : SURVEILLANCE OF DEVICE ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS SPEAKER : Dr. Purva Mathur Professor & Head, Microbiology Unit, Trauma Centre, AIIMS Delhi MODERATOR : To be Announced
	KEYNOTE ADDRESS
9 : 45 – 10 : 15 AM	TOPIC : A Bird's-Eye View of the Evolving Landscape of Tuberculosis Diagnostics SPEAKER : Dr. Shobhini Rajan Deputy Director General (TB), Central TB Division Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India CHAIRPERSON : Dr. Pratibha Narang Honorary Professor Dept of Microbiology, MGIMS, Sewagram
10 : 15 – 10 : 30 AM	TEA
10 : 30 – 11 : 00 AM	TOPIC : WHAT IS NEW FOR MICROBIOLOGISTS TO PRACTICE INTEGRATED ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP (INSAAF, A BEDSIDE PERSPECTIVE)? Speaker : Dr. Prasan Kumar Panda Dept of Medicine (ID Division), AIIMS, Rishikesh , Secretary SASPI
	DEBATE (Faculties to be confirmed)
11 : 00 AM - 12 : 00 PM	TOPIC : THE LAB VS THE PRESCRIPTION PAD: WHO REALLY CONTROLS AMR? MODERATOR : Dr. Abhay Chaudhary CEO, Urokul Kulkarni, Urosurgery Institute, Pune Microbiologist : 1. Dr. Sumit Rai Professor and Head, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS Mangalagiri 2. Dr. Sanjay Bhattacharya Senior Consultant Microbiologist, Tata Medical Centre, Kolkata Clinicians : 1. Dr. Nikhil Balankhe Director, Department of Critical Care Medicine, Viveka Hospital, Nagpur 2. Dr. Mangesh Tiwaskar Consultant Physician and Diabetologist, Shilpa medical Research Centre, Mumbai
12 : 00PM – 1 : 30 PM	ORAL PAPERS (IAMM & FREE)

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2 : 00 PM Onwards		LUNCH
PARALLEL SYMPOSIA - Day 3		12 : 00 PM to 01 : 30 PM - HALL 1 (1 hour 15 min)
THEME : NTM UNCOVERED : AN UPDATE ON DIAGNOSIS, DRUG SUSCEPTIBILITY, AND ONE HEALTH APPROACHES		
SN	Topic	Speaker
1	ADVANCES IN NTM DIAGNOSTICS : FROM CONVENTIONAL METHODS TO NEXT GENERATION SEQUENCING	Dr. Nilma Hirani Professor, Dept of Microbiology, Grant Medical college & JJ hospital, Mumbai
2	DRUG SUSCEPTIBILITY TESTING IN NTM : CURRENT METHODS, CHALLENGES AND CLINICAL CORRELATION	Dr. Mandira Verma Basil Director, Professor, Vllabhai Ptael Chest Institute, Delhi
3	ENVIRONMENTAL AND ONE HEALTH PERSPECTIVES IN NTM TRANSMISSION & SURVEILLANCE	Dr. Joy Sarojini Michael Dept of Clinical Microbiology, CMC, Vellore
CHAIRPERSON : 1. Dr. Mangaikarasi Professor & Head, Dept of Microbiology, AIIMS, Madurai		2. Col. A. Agarwal Professor & Head Department of Clinical Microbiology, AIIMS, Rajkot
PARALLEL SYMPOSIA - Day 3		12 : 00 PM to 01 : 30 PM - HALL 2
THEME : DEMYSTIFYING AES: BEYOND FEVER AND ALTERED SENSORIUM		
SN	Topic	Speaker
1	TRIGGERS OF AES : INFECTION, IMMUNITY AND BEYOND	Dr. Winsley Rose Professor & Head, Department of Paediatric Infectious Disease, CMC Vellore
2	FINDING THE CULPRIT : TARGETED APPROACH TO DIAGNOSE AES	Dr. Reeta S.Mani Professor & Head, Neurovirology, NIMHANS, Bangalore
3	AES ON TARGET : EARLY ACTION, ROBUST SURVEILLANCE LASTING IMPACT!	Dr. Anoop Velayudhan Scientist 'E' ICMR, New Delhi

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12 : 00 PM to 01 : 30 PM – HALL 3

THEME : POST-COVID VIROLOGY: ARE WE PREPARED OR JUST EXPERIENCED?

SN	Topic	Speaker
1	FROM PANDEMIC PANIC TO PATHOGEN INTELLIGENCE : ARE OUR SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS TRULY GENOMICS READY?	Dr. Rakesh Mishra Director, TIGS, Bangalore
2	THE NEW VIROLOGY LANDSCAPE : REEMERGENCE, SPILLOVERS, AND THE EXPANDING ZONOTIC THREAT	Dr. Anita Shete Scientist 'E' ICMR NIV, Pune
3	DIAGNOSTICS, BIOSAFETY, AND LAB PREPAREDNESS : LESSONS LEARNED VS SYSTEMS BUILT	To be announced

Day 3 (01.11.2026) SUNDAY

12 : 00 PM to 01 : 30 PM – HALL 4

ORAL PAPERS (IAMM & FREE)

01 : 30 PM to 02 : 00 PM - VALEDICTORY

02 : 00 PM - Onwards Lunch