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President's Message

Dear GISI members,

I feel immensely delighted to communicate with you through the GISI newsletter. The GISI was founded so as to make a common platform for the microbiologists and gastroenterologists dealing with gastrointestinal infections (GI). I hope young medical microbiologists and gastroenterologists working in the field will take this opportunity to present their scientific work.



The GISI has crossed its infancy with the usual teething problems. I am grateful to the members for giving valuable suggestions and for striving hard to work towards a common goal. The GISI is committed to help all its members for dissemination of knowledge related to GI infections.

I would like to have suggestions from all valued members for the welfare of the Society including formation of a Trust. I appeal to the members to create regional chapters in different parts of the country so that zonal CME can be conducted for interaction between those who cannot make it to the biennial conferences. The next biennial GISI conference is scheduled to be held at Manipal. All the members are requested to participate as well as encourage their colleagues working in the field to participate in large numbers. I would be grateful if all the members attend the General Body meeting during the biennial conferences.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at Manipal!

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GISI Newsletter

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

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Secretary's Message

Dear colleagues,

Over the last few years since inception, the Gastrointestinal Infection Society of India (GISI) is growing at a slow but steady pace, thanks to the sincere efforts of all the members, especially Dr Chetana Vaishnavi. To keep this growth spurt up at this young age, we solicit the cooperation of all members to induct more members from their institute, city and state.



The 2nd biennial meeting was successfully organized in March this year at the Government Medical college and Hospital, Chandigarh and the organizers have kindly contributed a sum of Rs 30,000/- to the parent organization of the GISI. The 3rd biennial conference is scheduled in 2011 and Dr Mamatha Ballal has kindly volunteered to hold it in the third week of May 2011 in Fortune Inn Valley at Manipal. I request all members to mark the dates to attend the conference and make it a roaring success. I also appeal to the members to volunteer for the 4th biennial conference scheduled for 2013.

The Society is planning to launch its own website which will have information on the membership list, current and oncoming activities of the Society, activities and achievements of its members and excerpts of important scientific and academic information relevant to the objectives of the Society. With time, the web page will be made interactive so that members can update their own profiles, contribute to the page and give feedbacks to make it more informative and effective.

The proposed Journal of the GISI is expected to see the light of the day soon. The new Executive body and the members of the Editorial Board of the journal is working hard to bring out the inaugural issue this year and I appeal to all the members to actively contribute to the same.

I am sure that with the blessings and active participation of all the members and well wishers, the GISI will have a bright and productive future.

Dr. Pallab Ray

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Gist of Journal of Gastrointestinal Infections

The Journal of Gastrointestinal Infections (JGI) is a peer-reviewed journal being published under the auspices of the Gastrointestinal Infection Society of India (GISI). It is issued once a year. The Journal aims at ensuring effective communication of research in various aspects of gastrointestinal infection in India and providing continuing medical education, where concepts and strategies for managing critical patients are evolving rapidly. The journal will cover studies related to gastro-intestinal (GI) infections. JGI is devoted to the dissemination of new knowledge concerning the various aspects of human infections and infestations associated with GI tract. The journal would publish peer-reviewed original research papers, case reports, systematic reviews and meta-analysis. Current reports can be submitted as brief communications which must include review of current literature, clinical details, outcome and follow up. Letters to the editor must be a comment on or pertain to a manuscript already published in the journal or in relation to preliminary communication of a larger study. The journal will also regularly publish Review articles, Special Articles or Guest Editorials on various topics in Gastroenterology.

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Travel abroad & academic achievement by GISI members since inception.

Prof. (Mrs) S V Rana, Dept. of Gastroenterology, PGIMER, Chandigarh

- presented the research work entitled, "Lactose intolerance in patients with gallstones" at the 49th Annual Conference of American College of Nutrition at Arlington, Virginia, USA in October 2008
- presented the research work entitled, "Orocecal transit time and small intestinal bacterial overgrowth" at 4th Frontiers in Biochemical Devices Conference & Exhibition held at Irvine, California, USA in June 2009)
- is the Vice-President of Nutrition Society of India since November 2007
- is the State Representative of the Association of Clinical Biochemist of India since 2007

Dr. Chetana Vaishnavi, Dept. 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, at Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh in Feb., 2007.
- presented a paper titled "Beneficial effects of biotherapeutics in the management of experimentally induced CDAD in BALB/c mice" at the 13th International Congress on Infectious Diseases, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in June, 2008.
- delivered an invited talk on "*Clostridium difficile* associated diseases" at the prestigious Ranbaxy Research Laboratories, Gurgaon in August, 2008

Dr. K.K. Prasad, Dept. of Gastroenterology, PGIMER, Chandigarh

- was awarded United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology Bursary to attend 27th International Academy of Pathology at Athens, Greece in October, 2008.
- was awarded United European Gastroenterology Federation Travel grant for Basic Scientists to attend 16th United European Gastroenterology Week at Vienna, Austria in October, 2008

Dr. Neelam Taneja, Dept. of Medical Microbiology, PGIMER, Chandigarh

- was awarded the International Development award for young women scientists by the International Society of Infectious Disease at the 13th International Congress on Infectious Diseases, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in June, 2008.

Dr. (Mrs.) Praveen Rishi, Dept. of Microbiology, Panjab University, Chandigarh

- is the member, Editorial Board of International Journal of Biomedical Sciences.
- was conferred 'Fellow' award by Association of Microbiologists of India, 2009 (FAMI Award)

Dear GISI,

Very happy to know about the progress of GISI, especially about the introduction of the new journal. Looking forward to instructions of Journal of GISI. Sure to attend the GISICON -03 to be held in Manipal.

Wishing all the best.

Dr. Beena Antony.
Mangalore

