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DR. SUBHAS MUKHERJEE AWARD 2017

DR SMITA DILIP MAHALE

The Dr. Subhas Mukherjee Award was instituted by ICMR in the year 2012 in the memory of Dr. Subhas Mukherjee for outstanding contributions in the field of Assisted Reproductive Technology, Reproductive Biology & Endocrinology and Reproductive Health in General. The award for the year 2017 is being presented to Dr Smita Dilip Mahale, ICMR- National Institute for Research in Reproductive Health (NIRRH), Mumbai for the research works on “Reproductive biology & endocrinology”.

Dr Mahale has contributed immensely to the advancement of knowledge in the area of gonadotropin research in general and follicle-stimulating hormone/receptor research in particular. Findings from her studies have helped in unravelling the molecular basis of altered ovarian response in women undergoing gonadotropin therapy during IVF treatment.



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DR ANIRBAN BASU

The Basanti Devi Amir Chand Prize is the earliest instituted award of ICMR, founded in 1953 by (Late) Major General Amir Chand for the significant research contributions made by scientists in the field of biomedical sciences. This prize is awarded to a research scientist engaged in any area of biomedical sciences. The award for the year 2017 is being presented to Dr Anirban Basu, National Brain Research Center, Manesar for the research work on “Host pathogen interaction in viral encephalitis: from bench to bedside”.

Dr Basu has made significant contribution towards understanding the regulatory role of neuro-inflammation in the pathogenesis of Japanese encephalitis (JE). His work provides a new and general principle for cure of the whole spectrum of neuro-inflammatory diseases that include infection of the brain.



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DR MOHAMMAD ZAHID ASHRAF

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Dr Ashraf has been instrumental in resolving the mystery behind blood clotting on high-altitude hypoxia exposures. His work has exhibited the role of Calpain activation, NLRP3-Caspase1-IL1ss-signaling and miR-145 in the thrombus formation and is in the process of their translational and commercial applications.

His findings are acknowledged globally and documented in various journals-of-repute.



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SHAKUNTALA AMIR CHAND PRIZE 2017

DR R. M. ANJANA

The Shakuntala Amir Chand Prize was instituted in 1953 by (Late) Major General Amir Chand for significant research contribution by young scientists in biomedical sciences. This prize is awarded for the best published research work on any subject in the field of biomedical science including clinical research. The award for the year 2017 is being presented to Dr R. M. Anjana, Dr. Mohan's Diabetes Specialties Centre, Chennai, for the research work on "Epidemiology of diabetes and its risk factors in India".

Dr Anjana has worked extensively on diabetes, epidemiology, physical activity and community based population studies. She has been involved in the conceptualization, design and implementation of the large national ICMR-INDIAB study which has provided national data on diabetes, hypertension and obesity in all the States of India.



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DR GOUTAM CHOWDHURY

The Shakuntala Amir Chand Prize was instituted in 1953 by (Late) Major General Amir Chand for significant research contribution by young scientists in biomedical sciences. This prize is awarded for the best published research work on any subject in the field of biomedical science including clinical research. The award for the year 2017 is being presented to Dr Goutam Chowdhury, ICMR-National Institute of Cholera and Enteric Diseases (NICED), Kolkata for the research work on “Various aspects of diarrhoeal diseases and cholera”.

Dr Chowdhury's work identified the emergence of carbapenem resistance harbouring blaNDM-1 gene in *Vibrio fluvialis* isolates from diarrhoeal samples. Dr Chowdhury also showed that rugose atypical *V. cholerae* O1 El Tor responsible for cholera outbreak in India and *V. cholerae* non-O1/non-O139 caused extra intestinal infections in human.



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DR SWATHI KALIKI

The Shakuntala Amir Chand Prize was instituted in 1953 by (Late) Major General Amir Chand for significant research contribution by young scientists in biomedical sciences. This prize is awarded for the best published research work on any subject in the field of biomedical science including clinical research. The award for the year 2017 is being presented to Dr Swathi Kaliki, The Operation Eyesight Universal Institute for Eye Cancer, LV Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad, for the research work on “Ocular oncology”.

Dr Kaliki is a trained ocular oncologist and currently heads the Ocular Oncology Unit at L V Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad. She has published extensively on various ocular and adnexal tumors including eyelid sebaceous gland carcinoma, ocular surface squamous neoplasia, retinoblastoma, ocular melanoma, and various other eye tumors.



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DR ARUN KUMAR SHUKLA

The Shakuntala Amir Chand Prize was instituted in 1953 by (Late) Major General Amir Chand for significant research contribution by young scientists in biomedical sciences. This prize is awarded for the best published research work on any subject in the field of biomedical science including clinical research. The award for the year 2017 is being presented to Dr Arun Kumar Shukla, Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, for the research work on “Cellular signalling and drug discovery”.

Dr Shukla’s research has provided a better understanding of activation, signalling and regulation of G protein-coupled receptors (GPCRs), and it has opened the doors for developing more effective therapeutics targeting GPCRs in a range of human disorders.



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AMRUT MODI UNICHEM PRIZE 2017

DR JAYANTEE KALITA

The Amrut Mody Unichem Prize was instituted by Unichem Laboratories in 1985. This prize is awarded to a scientist for the research work carried out in the field of Gastroenterology/Cardiology/ Neurology/Maternal & Child Health/Chest Diseases. The award for the year 2017 is being presented to Dr Jayantee Kalita, Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences (SGPGIMS), Lucknow for the research work on “Neurology in the field of pain and critical care”.

Dr Kalita has significant contribution in understanding and treating patients with migraine, post stroke complex regional pain syndrome, central post stroke pain and chronic low backache. In migraine, she studied neuronal behavior using multi-model evoked potentials, endorphin and its receptors and therapeutic aspect of high rate repetitive magnetic stimulation.



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DR. H. B. DINGLEY MEMORIAL AWARD 2017

DR SUVASINI SHARMA

The Dr. H.B. Dingley Memorial Award was instituted in 1988 by Smt. Deepika Kumar in memory of her father, (Late) Dr. H. B. Dingley. This prize is awarded to an Indian scientist for outstanding contribution in the field of Paediatrics. The award for the year 2017 is being presented to Dr Suvasini Sharma, Lady Hardinge Medical College, New Delhi for the research work on “Paediatric neurology: Dietary therapy of refractory childhood epilepsy in resource constraint settings: challenges and successes”.

The ketogenic diet is a high fat low carbohydrate diet which is used for the treatment of refractory childhood epilepsy.

Dr Sharma’s research work involves the adaptation of this diet, known as the modified Atkins diet for use in Indian children, especially in resource-constraint and low literacy settings.



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DR MAMTA CHAWLA-SARKAR

The ICMR Kshanika Oration Award was instituted in 1977 by Dr. K. N. Sen, former Professor of Medicine, School of Tropical Medicine, Kolkata to be awarded to an eminent woman scientist for her meritorious work carried out in any of the branches of biomedical sciences. The award for the year 2017 is being presented to Dr Mamta Chawla-Sarkar, ICMR-National Institute for Cholera and Enteric Diseases (NICED), Kolkata for the research work on “Virology”.

Dr Chawla-Sarkar’s research focus involves both basic as well as the public health aspects of Rotavirus, a leading cause of global childhood mortality and morbidity. Her work has thrown significant light on the modulation of host-cell environment during infection and has led to the identification of cellular proteins as potential anti-viral targets for developing new therapeutics.



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ICMR PRIZE FOR BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH FOR SCIENTISTS BELONGING TO UNDERPRIVILEGED COMMUNITIES 2017

DR NARAYAN PRASAD YADAV

The ICMR Prize for Biomedical Research for Scientists belonging to Underprivileged Communities was instituted by the ICMR in 1983 for scientists who belong to under privileged communities and have contributed significantly to any field of biomedical sciences. The prize for 2017 is being presented to Dr Narayan Prasad Yadav, CSIR- Central Institute of Medical and Aromatic Plants (CIMAP), Lucknow, for the research work on “Herbal Formulations/Technology Development”.

Dr Yadav has been working on the development of herbal formulations and drug delivery systems e.g. nanoemulsion and nanoparticles. He developed, optimized and evaluated the nanogel formulation of tea tree oil, mosquito repellent cream formulation containing citronella oil; polysaccharide encrusted nano-colloidal system of andrographolide and many other formulations.



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ICMR PRIZE FOR BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH CONDUCTED IN UNDERDEVELOPED AREAS 2017

PROF. ASHIS KUMAR MUKHERJEE

The ICMR Prize for Biomedical Research Conducted in Underdeveloped Areas was instituted by the ICMR in 1983 for scientists who have contributed significantly to any field of biomedical sciences and is granted for the work carried out in underdeveloped areas of the country. The prize for year 2017 is being presented to Prof. Ashis Kumar Mukherjee, Tezpur University, Tezpur (Assam) for the research work on “Biochemical and pharmacological characterization of snake venom and cardiovascular drug discovery”.

Prof. Mukherjee has made significant contribution in biochemical, pharmacological and proteomic characterization of snake venom, clarity on molecular mechanism of toxicity of snake venom toxins, assessment of quality of commercial antivenom for improvement of snakebite therapy, and therapeutic application of non-toxic snake venom components as peptide-based cardiovascular and anticancer drugs.



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ICMR TILAK VENKOBA RAO AWARD 2017

DR RAMAN DEEP

The ICMR Tilak Venkoba Rao Award was instituted by the ICMR in 1982 for scientists who have contributed significantly to field of Psychological Medicine or Reproductive Physiology on alternate year and this year the Award is granted for the work carried out in field of Psychological Medicine. The prize for 2017 is being presented to Dr Raman Deep Associate Professor (Psychiatry), AIIMS, New Delhi, for the research work on “Clinical and biological aspects of euthymic bipolar disorder”.

Dr Raman Deep has been working towards biological underpinnings of bipolar disorder, in addition to clinical issues persisting in euthymic period. She is also a recipient of DST ECRA (2017) grant in bipolar disorder, in addition to being investigator for other funded and non-funded research projects in bipolar disorder.



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JALMA TRUST FUND ORATION AWARD 2017

DR ASHUTOSH NATH AGGARWAL

The JALMA Trust Fund Oration Award was Instituted with funds donated by the Japan Leprosy Mission for Asia to commemorate the Mission's work on leprosy in India and is granted to a scientist for his outstanding contributions in the field of Leprosy and other Mycobacterial diseases. The award for 2017 is being presented to Dr Ashutosh Nath Aggarwal, Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh for the research work on "Epidemiology and evidence based diagnosis and management of tuberculosis".

Dr Aggarwal has estimated population prevalence of pulmonary tuberculosis in Mohali district. Meta-analyses show that interferon-gamma release assays are poor, and adenosine deaminase is a good biomarker for pleural tuberculosis. Also health-related quality of life is an important programmatic outcome measure for tuberculosis treatment and standard short-course therapy is as efficacious as prolonged treatment for tuberculous lymphadenitis.



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MAJOR GENERAL SAHEB SINGH SOKHEY AWARD 2017

DR PRAGYA D. YADAV

The Major General Saheb Singh Sokhey Award was instituted in 1988 in accordance with the will of Major General Saheb Singh Sokhey and is granted to a scientist for his/her outstanding contributions in the field of communicable diseases, significantly adding to the existing knowledge in the field. The award for 2017 is being presented to Dr Pragya D. Yadav, ICMR-National Institute of Virology (NIV), Pune for the research work on “Public health importance of Crimean Congo Hemorrhagic fever in India”.

Dr Yadav’s, research contributions are in understanding the causation of outbreaks of highly infectious and pathogenic viral infections ‘Crimean Congo Hemorrhagic fever’ leading to improving national public health surveillance policy for interventions and management.



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SMT. KAMAL SATBIR AWARD 2017

DR INDERPAUL SINGH SEHGAL

The Smt. Kamal Satbir Award was instituted in 1987 by Commodore Satbir, AVSM, I.N. (Retd.) in memory of wife Smt. Kamal for significant research contribution by young scientists in biomedical sciences. This prize is awarded for the best published research work in the field of non-tuberculous Chest Diseases, especially Respiratory Allergy and Chronic Obstructive Lung Diseases pertaining to mechanism and causation of the diseases, their prevention and/or management. The award for the year 2017 is being presented to Dr Inderpaul Singh Sehgal, Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh for the research works on “Bronchoscopy in the evaluation of respiratory disorders”.

Dr Sehgal, Assistant Professor in the Department of Pulmonary Medicine at PGIMER, Chandigarh, has been awarded for his research work in diagnostic flexible bronchoscopy. His research areas include diagnostic and interventional pulmonology and chronic pulmonary aspergillosis.



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DR. D. N. PRASAD MEMORIAL ORATION AWARD 2017

DR KASHIF HANIF

The Dr D. N. Prasad Memorial Oration Award was instituted in 1991 by Dr G. V. Satyavati, former Director-General of ICMR. This prize is awarded to an Indian scientist for work in the field of pharmacology. The award for the year 2017 is being presented to Dr Kashif Hanif, CSIR-Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI), Lucknow for the research work on “Pharmacology”

Pulmonary hypertension (PH), a fatal disease of pulmonary vasculature, mainly affects people at high altitude and COPD patients. To understand the pathophysiology of PH, Dr Hanif’s Group established the rat model of PH in India and showed that enzymes like PARP-1, FAS and GABA transaminase play pivotal roles in PH.



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DR. J. B. SRIVASTAV ORATION AWARD 2017

DR SARAH S. CHERIAN

The Dr J. B. Srivastav Oration Award was instituted in 1978 by Mrs. J. Srivastav in memory of her husband (Late) Dr J. B. Srivastav, former Director-General of Health Services. It is an award for the work carried out by a scientist in the field of virology. The award for the year 2017 is being presented to Dr Sarah S. Cherman, ICMR-National Institute of Virology (NIV), Pune, for the research work titled “Evolutionary insights into viral epidemic transmissions and disease pathogenesis”.

Dr Cherman has done pioneering work in the country towards understanding the evolutionary dynamics of viruses of public health importance including influenza and dengue, through molecular clock and phylogeography studies. She has also contributed significantly in the area of structural modelling of viral proteins and the analyses of virus-host interactions in disease pathogenesis.



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DR. M. O. T. IYENGAR MEMORIAL AWARD 2017

DR PRADEEP KUMAR N.

The Dr M. O. T. Iyengar Memorial Award was instituted in 1983 by Smt. Rukmani Iyengar to honour a scientist for carrying out research in the field of malaria, filariasis, plague or medical entomology. The award for the year 2017 is being presented to Dr Pradeep Kumar N., ICMR-Vector Control Research Centre (VCRC)- Field Station, Kottayam (Kerala) for the research work on “Medical entomology- bringing in a novel and innovative dimension to the taxonomy of medically important insects”.

The scientist developed and adopted DNA barcoding methodology for taxonomic identification of medically important insects, bringing in a novel and innovative dimension to the field of taxonomy. He developed molecular methods for surveillance of arbo-viral infections. He characterized the parasite species causing cutaneous leishmaniasis in Agasthyamala Biosphere Reserve forest, Kerala to be *Leishmania donovani*, a strain different from the one causing visceral leishmaniasis in northern India. His studies on genetic characterization of dengue viruses brought in dengue 4 serotype perhaps for the first time in Kerala.



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DR. PREM NATH WAHI AWARD 2017

DR RAYALA SURESH KUMAR

The Dr Prem Nath Wahi Award was instituted in 1990 by (Late) Dr. P. N. Wahi, former Director-General, ICMR for significant contributions made by a scientist in the field of basic and/or clinical cytology and/or preventive oncology. The award for the year 2017 is being presented to Dr Rayala Suresh Kumar, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Chennai for the research work on “Discovering the role of Pak1 in pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma (PDAC)”.

Dr Rayala Suresh Kumar has been actively involved in investigating the molecules as well as the molecular mechanisms that contribute to transformation of normal cells to tumor cells. His research work on understanding P21-activated kinase 1 (Pak1) signalling has great clinical relevance aimed at therapeutic targeting of Pak1 in cancer.



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ICMR CHATURVEDI GHANSHYAM DAS JAIGOPAL MEMORIAL AWARD 2017

PROF. SUNIT KUMAR SINGH

The ICMR Chaturvedi Ghanshyam Das Jaigopal Das Memorial Award was instituted in 1985 by Dr. S. P. Chaturvedi in memory of his parents. This prize is awarded to a scientist for his/her work in the field of Immunology. The award for the year 2017 is being presented to Prof. Sunit Kumar Singh, Institute of Medical Sciences, Banaras Hindu University, (BHU) Varanasi for the research work on “Immunology and inflammation biology”.

Prof. Singh's study presents a novel microRNA-432 mediated mechanism through which japanese encephalitis virus (JEV) increases the expression of SOCS5 protein in human microglial cells, which helps JEV to evade cellular anti-viral response. This study on microRNA mediated modulation of immune regulatory genes will render a better understanding of JEV pathogenesis.



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ICMR CHATURVEDI KALAWATI JAGMOHAN DAS MEMORIAL AWARD 2017

DR SURYA RAMACHANDRAN

The ICMR Chaturvedi Kalawati Jagmohan Das Memorial Award was instituted in 1975 by Dr S. P. Chaturvedi in memory of his parents. This prize is awarded to a scientist for his/her work in the field of cardiovascular disease. The award for the year 2017 is being presented to Dr Surya Ramachandran, Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology, Thiruvananthapuram for the research work on “Plasma cyclophilin A levels can suggest accelerated vascular disease in patients with diabetes mellitus”.

Dr Ramachandran’s research efforts are aimed at developing circulatory monocyte proteins as efficient indicators of vascular wall injury in diabetes mellitus. Studies on secretory monocyte proteins using *in vitro* cellular systems, clinical patients and *ex vivo* models have led to the identification of cyclophilin A as an important marker for detecting coronary artery disease early in type 2 diabetes patients.



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ICMR SMT. SWARAN KANTA DINGLEY ORATION AWARD 2017

DR SANJAY BASAK

The ICMR Smt. Swaran Kanta Dingley Oration Award was instituted in 1984 by Dr. H. B. Dingley in the memory of his wife Smt. Swaran Kanta Dingley. This prize is awarded to an Indian scientist for outstanding contribution in the field of reproductive biology. The award for the year 2017 is being presented to Dr Sanjay Basak, ICMR-National Institute of Nutrition (NIN), Hyderabad for the work on “Maternal nutritional state and placental function”.

Angiogenesis is critical for the successful fetoplacental development as the placental blood flow depends on placental vascularisation. Early placentation involves both vasculogenesis and angiogenesis. Dr Basak's Group proved that docosahexaenoic acid, an essential fatty acid, enhanced angiogenesis by stimulating the secretion and expression of vascular endothelial growth factor, a potent angiogenic growth factor.



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DR CINZIA S. KEECHILOT

The ICMR- Calcutta National Medical College (CNMC) Short Term Studentship (STS) Excellence Award was initiated by CNMC Alumni Association, Kolkata in 2015. This award is conferred upon a MBBS student who has been awarded ICMR-STs fellowship and published a research paper in an index journal as the first author. The ICMR-CNMC STS Excellence Award for the year 2017 is being awarded to Dr Cinzia S. Keechilot, from Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Center, Cochin, Kerala, for her STS research work on “Detection of occult hepatitis B and window period infection among blood donors by individual donation nucleic acid testing in a tertiary care center in South India”.

Dr Cinzia tried to investigate occult hepatitis B and window period infection among blood donors by individual donation nucleic acid testing. The overall incidence of occult hepatitis B and window period infections was found to be low at 1 in 6503 and 1 in 24214 donations, respectively.





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DR MAHITOSH MANDAL

Basanti Devi Amir Chand Prize is the earliest instituted award of ICMR, founded in 1953 by (Late) Major General Amir Chand for the significant research contributions made by scientists in the field of biomedical sciences. This prize is awarded to a research scientist engaged in any area of biomedical sciences. The award for the year 2018 is being presented to Dr Mahitosh Mandal, Professor & J. C. Bose National Fellow, School of Medical Science and Technology, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kharagpur for the research work on “A snapshot of IL-6 mediated involvement in cancer development”.

IL-6 signalling network has been implicated in oncogenic transformations making it attractive target for cancer therapeutics. Diacerein, an anti-arthritis drug offered a novel blueprint for cancer therapy by hampering IL-6/IL-6R/STAT3/MAPK/Akt network. A synthetic somatostatin analogue (SST) was used as SSTR2 targeting agent and Diacerein was employed as therapeutic molecule



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SHAKUNTALA AMIR CHAND PRIZE 2018

DR SUPRIYA MALLICK

Shakuntala Amir Chand Prize was instituted in 1953 by (Late) Major General Amir Chand for significant research contribution by young scientists in biomedical sciences. This prize is awarded for the best published research work on any subject in the field of biomedical science including clinical research. The award for the year 2018 is being presented to Dr Supriya Mallick, Assistant Professor, Department of Radiation Oncology, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, for the research work on “Patterns of care and survival outcomes in patients with pineal parenchymal tumour of intermediate differentiation”.

Evidence based medicine; especially in oncology is the buzzword of the time. Dr Mallick performed systematic review and meta-analysis for rare or uncommon diseases in oncology where no level-1 evidence exists and it is unexpected to have randomized data in near future. His major focus is head and neck, central nervous system (CNS) and breast cancer research.



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DR RANJAN GUPTA

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Dr Gupta has identified a number of new urinary biomarkers of lupus nephritis using hypothesis-driven (soluble CD25, osteoprotegerin, prostaglandin-D synthetase) as well as hypothesis-free approach (haptoglobin, retinol binding protein, alpha-1 antichymotrypsin, lipid metabolites) and demonstrated their clinical utility in differentiating between patients with and without nephritis and in monitoring treatment response.



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DR SATISH MISHRA

Shakuntala Amir Chand Prize was instituted in 1953 by (Late) Major General Amir Chand for significant research contribution by young scientists in biomedical sciences. This prize is awarded for the best published research work on any subject in the field of biomedical science including clinical research. The award for the year 2018 is being presented to Dr Satish Mishra, Senior Scientist, Division of Molecular Parasitology and Immunology, CSIR-Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI), Lucknow, for the research work on “Malaria biology.”

His scientific contributions have been in malaria sporozoites and liver stage biology, including the malaria target-based drug discovery and development of a genetically attenuated whole parasite malaria vaccine for inducing pre-erythrocytic and cross-stage immunity.



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DR TIMIR TRIPATHI

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Dr Tripathi has made significant contributions in the field of biochemistry and molecular biology of neglected tropical parasites. His work on the structure-function-folding-flexibility-dynamics relationship of novel drug target proteins of the liver fluke *Fasciola* from the north-eastern region of India holds immense therapeutic potential for structure-based drug discovery.



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AMRUT MODY UNICHEM PRIZE 2018

DR HARIKRISHNAN.S

Amrut Mody Unichem Prize was instituted by Unichem Laboratories in 1985. This prize is awarded to a scientist for the research work carried out in the field of Gastroenterology/Cardiology/Neurology /Maternal & Child Health/Chest Diseases. The award for the year 2018 is being presented to Dr Harikrishnan.S, Professor of Cardiology, Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST), Thiruvananthapuram for the research work on “Cardiology- heart failure”.

Dr Harikrishnan.S, coordinates the first heart failure (HF) registry in the country with funding from ICMR – the Trivandrum HF Registry, also leads the National Heart Failure Registry with pan-India representation. He has been granted one of the 10 National Centres of Excellence in Clinical Research (CARE) by ICMR, for research in Heart Failure.



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DR. H. B. DINGLEY MEMORIAL AWARD 2018

DR ADITI SINHA

Dr. H. B. Dingley Memorial Award was instituted in 1988 by Smt. Deepika Kumar in memory of her father (Late) Dr. H. B. Dingley and is awarded each year to an Indian scientist with outstanding contributions in the field of Pediatrics. The H. B. Dingley Memorial Award for the year 2018 is being presented to Dr Aditi Sinha from the Division of Nephrology, Department of Pediatrics, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi for her work examining the pathogenesis, and efficacy and safety of therapies, for two glomerular diseases that are leading causes of acute and chronic renal morbidity in childhood.

Through randomized controlled trials and prospective studies, Dr Sinha and her colleagues compared the efficacy and safety of therapies for steroid sensitive and steroid resistant nephrotic syndrome, including prednisolone, tacrolimus, cyclophosphamide and rituximab. They have also demonstrated that plasma exchanges with immunosuppression effectively induce and maintain remission in anti-factor H (anti-FH) antibody-associated haemolytic uremic syndrome



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ICMR KSHANIKA ORATION AWARD 2018

DR ANURADHA DUBE

ICMR Kshanika Oration Award was instituted in 1977 by Dr. K. N. Sen, former Professor of Medicine, School of Tropical Medicine, Kolkata to be awarded to an eminent woman scientist for her meritorious work carried out in any of the branches of biomedical sciences. The award for the year 2018 is being presented to Dr Anuradha Dube, Division of Parasitology, CSIR-Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI), Lucknow for the research work on “Immunobiology of visceral leishmaniasis (kala-azar): Identification and characterization of novel drug/vaccine targets”.

Dr Dube has made significant contributions in the area of the immunobiology of visceral leishmaniasis. She has identified some Leishmania parasite proteins/molecules with Th1-stimulatory property as potential vaccine targets; some key biomarker proteins with unknown functions on a comprehensive/differential proteomic analysis of Leishmania clinical isolates which may serve as new drug targets.



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ICMR PRIZE FOR BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH FOR SCIENTISTS BELONGING TO UNDERPRIVILEGED COMMUNITIES 2018

DR SREEDHAR BODIGA

ICMR Prize for Biomedical Research for Scientists belonging to Underprivileged Communities was instituted by the ICMR in 1983 for scientists who belong to under privileged communities and have contributed significantly to any field of biomedical sciences. The prize for 2018 is being presented to Dr Sreedhar Bodiga, Assistant Professor, Department of Biochemistry, Kakatiya University, Warangal for the research work on “Cardiovascular biology”.

His seminal contributions are on the role of intracellular zinc in myocardial ischemia/reperfusion injury, in addition to the extent and manner of Zrt, Irt- like proteins (ZIP) and zinc transporters (ZnT) gene expression changes and the molecular mechanisms associated with early vascular toxicity during platinum-based chemotherapy.



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MAJOR GENERAL SAHEB SINGH SOKHEY AWARD 2018

DR SIDHARTHA GIRI

Major General Saheb Singh Sokhey Award was instituted in 1988 in accordance with the will of Major General Saheb Singh Sokhey and is granted to a scientist for his outstanding contributions in the field of communicable diseases, significantly adding to the existing knowledge in the field. The award for the year 2018 is being presented to Dr Sidhartha Giri, Associate Professor, Wellcome Trust Research Laboratory, Division of Gastrointestinal Sciences, Christian Medical College (CMC), Vellore for the research work on “Communicable diseases”.

He worked on mucosal immunity against poliovirus after administration of injectable poliovirus vaccine in children already primed through prior exposure to oral poliovirus vaccine, which demonstrated benefit offered by inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) than by further doses of oral polio vaccine (OPV) to boost mucosal immunity in OPV vaccinated children. These findings were instrumental in WHO Strategic Advisory Group of Experts recommendations on immunization for the use of IPV to boost mucosal immunity in children and its role in the Global Poliovirus Eradication Initiative



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BGRC SILVER JUBILEE ORATION AWARD 2018

DR AMIT RAWAT

BGRC Silver Jubilee Oration Award was instituted in 1982 by the ICMR-National Institute of Immunohaematology, Mumbai (the former Blood Group Reference Centre) of the ICMR. This award is granted to a scientist for his/her research work carried out over a period of time in the field of haematology/immunohaematology. The award for the year 2018 is being presented to Dr Amit Rawat, Professor of Pediatric Allergy and Immunology, Department of Pediatrics, Advanced Pediatrics Centre, Postgraduate Institute Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh for research work on: "Primary immunodeficiency diseases."

His research is perhaps the first to describe early complement defects due to C1QA gene variants in Indian children with systemic lupus erythematosus. Dr. Rawat has also documented a unique microbial profile in chronic granulomatous disease from India with microorganisms such as *Fusarium dimerum* and *Chryseobacterium gleum*.



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DR. DHARAMVIR DATTA MEMORIAL ORATION AWARD 2018

DR SUBHASH MEDHI

Dr. Dharamvir Datta Memorial Oration Award was instituted by Dr. Usha Datta, in memory of her husband, late Dr. Dharamvir Datta, former Head of the Department of Hepatology, Postgraduate Institute Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh. This award is granted to a scientist (medical or non-medical) for work carried out over the last five years in the field of Liver Diseases in India. The award for the year 2018 is being presented Dr Subhash Medhi, Assistant Professor, Department of Bioengineering and Technology, Gauhati University, Guwahati for the research work on: “Viral hepatitis in India with special emphasis to northeast India”.

Dr Medhi has made significant contributions with respect to the better understanding of viral hepatitis and its sequel in northeast India. High seroprevalence of hepatitis C virus (HCV) in northeast India compared to rest of India along with its genotyping is reported perhaps for the first time, in which HCV genotype 4 is the most prevalent. This finding has significant influence in deciding the treatments of the patients.



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DRS. KUNTI & OM PRAKASH ORATION AWARD 2018

DR SANJAY KUMAR BHADADA

Drs. Kunti & Om Prakash Oration Award was instituted in 2005 by Messrs Vipul and Rahul Prakash in memory of their parents, Drs. Kunti and Om Prakash. This award is conferred on a scientist for excellence achieved in the field of biomedical sciences (Clinical Research). The award for the year 2018 is being presented to Dr Sanjay Kumar Bhadada, Professor, Department of Endocrinology, Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh for the research work on “Metabolic bone disorders in India: Journey from bed side (clinical) to bench (molecular mechanisms)”.

His research group made first online national Indian primary hyperparathyroidism (PHPT) registry <http://indianphptregistry.com/> which generated clinical, biochemical, treatment outcome helping in understanding the pathogenesis of Indian PHPT patients thereby confirming that Indian PHPT patients are younger, symptomatic and more severe molecular abnormality contrary to western world. Also made rare metabolic bone disorders (MBD) registry www.rarembd.com and published novel mutation and novel treatment in rare MBD.



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DR. P. N. RAJU ORATION AWARD 2018

DR RAVINDRA KHAIWAL

Dr. P. N. Raju Oration Award was instituted in 1965 by Dr Narsimha Raju, a Medical Practitioner of Vishakhapatnam. This prize is awarded to a scientist for his/her work in any subject of national importance in the field of medicine or Public Health (Environment). The award for the year 2018 is being presented to Dr Ravindra Khaiwal, Additional Professor of Environment Health, Department of Community Medicine and School of Public Health, Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh for the research work on “Public health (environment)”.

Dr Khaiwal’s work focused to better understand the air-pollution, its sources and exposure to minimize the adverse-impacts and facilitate evidence-based policies.

He developed exposure-index for health risk assessment, identified barriers for cleaner alternatives, proposed sustainable solutions for pollution mitigation and climate-adaptation model to improve air quality and promote better health.



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DR. VIDYA SAGAR AWARD 2018

DR P.N SURESH KUMAR

Dr. Vidya Sagar Award was instituted in 1985 by faculty of the Department of Psychiatry, Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh, in memory of Dr. Vidya Sagar, former Professor of Psychiatry, Medical College, Rohtak. It is awarded to an eminent scientist for the outstanding contributions made in the field of mental health. The award for the year 2018 is being presented to Dr P. N Suresh Kumar, Professor of Psychiatry, Department of Psychiatry, KMCT Medical College, Kozhikode for the research work on “Mental health”.

Dr P.N Suresh Kumar’s research field includes suicidology, sleep medicine, mood disorders, substance abuse disorder and psychopharmacology. He has published clinically relevant research papers in reputed national and international journals which are widely cited.



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DR. Y. S. NARAYANA RAO ORATION AWARD 2018

DR ANIRBAN BASU

Dr. Y. S. Narayana Rao Oration Award was instituted by Smt. Kamala Narayana Rao in 1972; in memory of her husband late Dr. Y. S. Narayana Rao, former Director of King Institute of Preventive Medicine, Guindy, Chennai. It is an award given to a scientist for carrying out sustained research work in the field of microbiology. The award for the year 2018 is being presented to Dr Anirban Basu, Scientist VI, National Brain Research Centre (NBRC), Manesar for the research work on “Drug repositioning and repurposing: a promising strategy to develop therapy against viral infection”.

The work from Dr Basu’s group showed the efficacy of minocycline in treating Japanese encephalitis (JE) and acute encephalitis syndrome (AES). His work significantly enhances our knowledge of an existing drug for new indications, and could be useful for millions in this country and elsewhere.



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ICMR LALA RAM CHAND KANDHARI AWARD 2018

DR LAXMISHA CHANDRASHEKAR

ICMR Lala Ram Chand Kandhari Award was instituted by Prof. K. C. Kandhari, former Head of the Department of Dermatology and Venereology, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, in memory of his late father. The award is given to a scientist for research in the field of dermatology and sexually transmitted diseases. The award for the year 2018 is being presented to Dr Laxmisha Chandrashekar, Additional Professor & Head, Department of Skin & STD, Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education & Research (JIPMER), Puducherry for the research work on “Inflammatory mediators in chronic urticaria and their effects on the hypothalamo-pituitary-adrenal axis”.

The research on chronic urticaria paves the way for understanding the interplay between chronic stress, systemic inflammation and hypothalamic- pituitary -adrenal axis suppression. Cases with increased disease severity, longer duration, and higher stress scores are more likely to have systemic inflammation, platelet activation, platelet oxidative stress, hypovitaminosis D and hypocortisolism.



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ICMR M. N. SEN ORATION AWARD 2018

AIR COMMODORE (DR) SUBRAMANIAN SHANKAR

ICMR M. N. Sen Oration Award was instituted in 1977 by Dr K. N. Sen, former Professor of Medicine, School of Tropical Medicine, Kolkata in memory of his brother Shri M. N. Sen. This award is given to a scientist for the sustained research work carried out in the field of practice of medicine (clinical, laboratory or therapeutic). The award for the year 2018 is being presented to Air Commodore (Dr) Subramanian Shankar, Professor & Head, Department of Internal Medicine, Consultant Rheumatologist & Clinical Immunologist, Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC), Pune for the research work on “Leveraging proteomics for biomarker discovery in autoimmune rheumatic disorders”.

Air Commodore (Dr) Subramanian Shankar collaborated with Dr Akhilesh Pandey’s group at Institute of Bioinformatics, Bengaluru for discovery of novel biomarkers in autoimmune rheumatic diseases (like rheumatoid arthritis and spondyloarthritis) by leveraging the proteomics and bioinformatics platforms.



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NOVARTIS ORATION AWARD 2018

DR ELLORA SEN

Novartis Oration Award for Research in the field of Cancer was originally instituted in 1970 by M/s Sandoz India Limited in the field of Cancer Research and renamed as Novartis Oration Award after the merger of Sandoz India Ltd. with Hindustan Ciba-Geigy Ltd. in 1997. This prize is conferred upon a scientist for his/her contributions in the field of cancer research carried out for the control, prevention and cure of cancer. The award for the year 2018 is being presented to Dr Ellora Sen, Scientist VI, National Brain Research Centre (NBRC), Manesar for the work on “Targeting dysregulated metabolic landscape in glioblastoma: Therapeutic implications”.

Dr Ellora Sen's, research work focused on understanding the rewiring of metabolic reprogramming and inflammation in brain tumors. She has also published clinically relevant research papers in reputed national and international journals.



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PROFESSOR B. C. SRIVASTAVA FOUNDATION AWARD 2018

DR SHANKAR PRINJA

Professor B. C. Srivastava Foundation Award was instituted in 1987 by the students and colleagues of late Prof. B. C. Srivastava, Head of the Department of Preventive and Social Medicine, K.G. Medical College, Lucknow. This prize is awarded to a scientist for work in the field of community medicine carried out in medical colleges/recognized institutions. The Award for the year 2018 is being presented to Dr Shankar Prinja, Additional Professor of Health Economics, Department of Community Medicine and School of Public Health, Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh for the research work on “Application of economic evidence for universal health coverage”.

His research has specifically focused on generating evidence on key questions to support policies on universal health coverage (UHC). He has undertaken research to assess the cost of health care; impact of health insurance programs on health care utilization, out-of-pocket expenditures and equity; cost-effectiveness of several health care interventions to provide evidence on its value for money; and developed measurement methodology to determine the extent of UHC.



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PROFESSOR B. K. AIKAT ORATION AWARD 2018

DR K. ALAGARASU

Professor B. K. Aikat Oration Award was instituted by Dr Meera Aikat in 1984 in memory of her husband Prof. B.K. Aikat, a biomedical scientist. This award is conferred upon a scientist for the research work carried out in the field of tropical diseases. The Award for the year 2018 is being presented to Dr K. Alagarasu, Scientist-D, Dengue/Chikungunya Group, ICMR-National Institute of Virology (NIV), Pune for the research work on “Immunogenetics of dengue fever and dengue hemorrhagic fever: A study from western India”

Immunogenetic studies by Dr K. Alagarasu have identified the human leukocyte antigen (HLA) alleles and polymorphisms in the TNFA, IL10, CD209, OAS, TLR3, and TIRAP genes that are associated with dengue hemorrhagic fever (DHF) in Western Indian population. The findings have implications for predicting individuals at risk of developing DHF and contribute to the understanding of dengue disease pathogenesis.



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ICMR-CNMC STS EXCELLENCE AWARD 2018

DR SUDHIR SHANKAR MANE

ICMR- Calcutta National Medical College (CNMC) Short Term Studentship (STS) Excellence Award was initiated by CNMC Alumni Association, Kolkata in 2015. This award is conferred upon a MBBS student who has been awarded ICMR-STs fellowship and published a research paper in an indexed journal as the first author. The ICMR-CNMC STS Excellence Award for the year 2018 is being awarded to Dr Sudhir Shankar Mane, Osmania Medical College, Hyderabad for his STS research work on “Infant and young child feeding practices among mothers in Hyderabad, Telangana - Debunking the myths”.

The study evaluates the infant and young child feeding practices prevalent in the population of Hyderabad by applying standard WHO indicators such as exclusive breast feeding, complementary feeding, minimum dietary diversity, *etc*. It was noted that lack of awareness was overall the most common reason for sub optimal feeding practices.



