

## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

## PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

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SN	TOPIC	WORKSHOP COORDINATOR	FACULTY TEAM
1	<b>Diagnostic Approaches in Clinical Parasitology: From Microscopy to Sequencing</b>	<b>Dr. Harshvardhan Sheorey</b> Consultant Medical Microbiologist St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne & Royal Melbourne Hospital, Australia	<p><b>1. Dr. Abhishek Mewara,</b> Additional Professor, Department of Medical Parasitology, PGI, Chandigarh</p> <p><b>2. Dr. Sitara Swarna Rao Ajjampur,</b> Professor, Wellcome Trust Research Laboratory within the Christian Medical College (CMC), Vellore</p> <p><b>3. Dr. Rimjhim Kanojia,</b> Assistant Professor in the Department of Microbiology at the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh</p> <p><b>4. Dr. Malathi Manuel</b> Senior Demonstrator Wellcome Trust Research Laboratory Christian Medical College, Vellore</p>
2	<b>Harnessing AI in Health Care</b>	<b>Dr. Sonal Saxena</b> Director Professor & HOD Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi	To be announced
3	<b>Virus to Variants : Practical Insights into NGS</b>	<b>Dr. Varsha Potdar</b> Scientist 'E' National Institute of Virology, Pune	To be announced
4	<b>Evaluating Diagnostic Tests Performance: Concepts, Methods and Application</b>	<b>Dr. Pradeep Deshmukh</b> Professor & HOD, Dept. Community Medicine, AIIMS, Nagpur	To be announced
5	<b>Hands-on Training in Integrated Mycopathology and Nanopore Sequencing</b>	<b>Dr. T Karuna</b> Professor, Dept. of Microbiology, AIIMS, Bhopal	To be announced
6	<b>One Health Approach to Viral Threats</b>	<b>Dr. Nivedita Gupta</b> Scientist F, ICMR, New Delhi	To be announced
7	<b>Outbreak Investigation: The Microbiologist's Toolkit</b>	<b>Dr. Aruna Poojary</b> Head of Dept , Pathology & Microbiology, Breach Candy Hospital	To be announced

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8	<b>Anaerobic: Beyond Oxygen Culturing the Invisible</b>	<b>Dr. Shashwati Nema</b> Additional Professor, Department of Microbiology AIIMS Bhopal	<p><b>1. Dr Beena Antony</b> Professor, Department of Microbiology, Father Muller Medical College, Mangalore</p> <p><b>2. Dr. Bhawana Sharma</b> Professor, Department of Microbiology, VMC &amp; Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi</p> <p><b>3. Dr. Tanu Sagar</b> Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS, New Delhi</p>
9	<b>Integrated Approach to UTI</b>	<b>Dr. Sarita Mahapatra</b> Professor, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS, Delhi	To be announced
10	<b>Scientific Writing</b>	<b>Dr. Sangeeta Joshi</b> Consultant Microbiology, Infection control officer, Sahyadri Hospital, Pune	<p><b>1. Dr Ranganathan Iyer D</b> Sr Consultant, Rainbow Childre's Hospital, Hyderabad</p> <p><b>2. Jaswinder Kaur Oberoi</b> Sr Consultant, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital New Delhi</p> <p><b>3. Air Marshal (Dr) Shankar Subramanian</b></p>
11	<b>Clinical Mycology Diagnostics from Basics, Biomarkers to Molecular Approaches</b>	<b>Dr. Malini R Capoor</b> Professor, Microbiology, VMMC & SJH	<b>Dr. Deepak Thamke</b> Professor, Microbiology MGIMS, Sevagram
12	<b>A Practical Approach to Viral Cell Culture Isolation Techniques</b>	<b>Dr. Ishani Bora</b> Additional Professor, Virology, PGIMER, Chandigarh	<b>Dr. Subhabrata Sarkar ,</b> Assistant Professor , Department of Microbiology, PGIMER, Chandigarh

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14	<b>Water safe care</b>	<b>Dr. Nizamuddin Noordin DAMANI</b> Consultant & Advisor Public Health Agency Northern Ireland, UK	To be announced
15	<b>HAI Surveillance</b>	<b>Dr. Apurba Sastry,</b> Infection Control Officer Officer In-charge, HICP Unit Additional Professor Department of Microbiology, JIPMER	To be announced
16	<b>From protocol to practice: Case based discussions with Multidisciplinary team in neutropenic patients</b>	<b>Dr. Sonali Zadbuke</b> Consultant Clinical Microbiologist & Infection Control Officer, National Cancer Institute, Nagpur	To be announced
17	<b>Next Generation Sequencing for Hospital Waste water Surveillance: From Pandemic preparedness to AMR detection</b>	<b>Dr. Rajesh karyakarte</b> Professor & Head, Department of Microbiology, B.J.GMC, Pune	To be announced