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FROM THE EDITORS DESK



In this Second Issue of the VPCI Newsletter, it gives us great pleasure to present to you the new developments, achievements and milestones attained by the V.P. Chest Institute during the period from June to December 2013. The V.P. Chest Institute received the DMA Centenary Institution Award from the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Govt of NCT, Delhi for, "Outstanding Contribution in the field of Patient Health Care" on 18th August 2013. The New Ward was inaugurated on 23rd August 2013 and commenced functioning as ward B. Some of the new initiatives during this Diamond Jubilee year of the Institute included the, Public Lecture Series, Honour

Lecture Series, Guest Lecture Series, and Grand Round Presentations. Multidisciplinary Cancer Board and Interstitial lung disease Board meetings were also commenced, on regular basis.



EVENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

World Environment Day



The Institute celebrated the World Environment Day on 5th June 2013. In this initiative taken by the Director VPCI, Prof. Rajendra Prasad, the Faculty and Staff of the VPCI participated wholeheartedly by planting saplings in the Institute premises. In continuation, it was decided to further plant 5 saplings on the 5th day of every month in the Institute premises. This practice is being regularly followed since the past six months.

Update on Lung Cancer

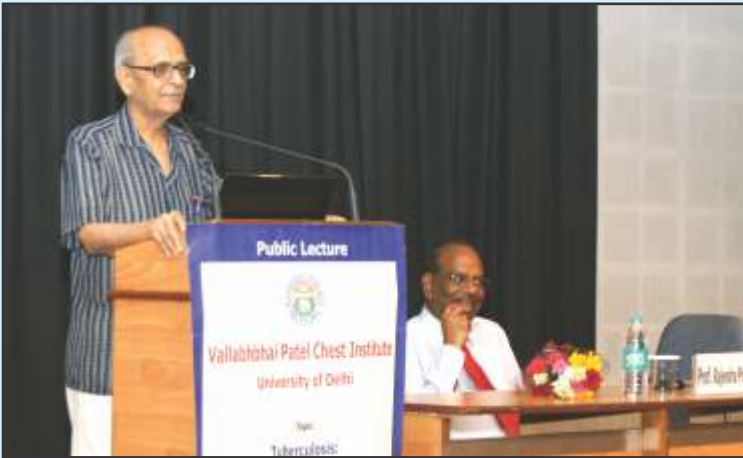


An Update on Lung Cancer was held on 26th July 2013 at Paintal Memorial Golden Jubilee Auditorium. The recent advances in the field of lung cancer were highlighted by eminent faculty from VPCI and Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute & Research Centre, New Delhi. Prof. Rajendra Prasad spoke on the effect of Biomass fuel exposure in the development of lung cancer.

Dr. Rajiv Goyal spoke on the therapeutic bronchoscopic interventions for lung cancer. Dr. Balakrishnan Menon, Dept of Respiratory Allergy and Applied Immunology was the Organising Secretary of the update.

ceremony was attended by VPCI staff with their family members. Director Prof. Rajendra Prasad took the Guard of Honour and hoisted the National Flag. He later distributed sweets to all those present as well as indoor admitted patients.

Public Lecture Series



The Public Lecture Series was initiated by Prof. Rajendra Prasad, Director, VPCI on 31st July 2013. Prof. P.N. Tandon, Chairman, Governing Body VPCI gave the inaugural address and emphasized on the important role of Public Lectures which provide excellent opportunity for personal interaction, and problem solving. The first lecture of this series was delivered by Prof. Rajendra Prasad, Director, VPCI on the topic; “Tuberculosis: Causes, Diagnosis and Treatment” and received an overwhelming public response.



DMA Centenary Institution Award

The V.P. Chest Institute received the DMA Centenary Institution Award from the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Govt of NCT, Delhi for “Outstanding Contribution in the field of Patient Health Care” on 18th August 2013. The Award was received on behalf of VPCI by Dr. V. Rohil, Dept of Clinical Biochemistry, at the function held at MAMC, New Delhi.

Independence Day Celebration



The 67th Independence Day function was celebrated on 15th August 2013 at the VPCI campus with great fervour. The



Inauguration of New Ward

The New Ward was inaugurated on 23rd August 2013 by Prof. P.N. Tandon, Chairman Governing Body and Prof. Rajendra Prasad, Director, VPCI, and began functioning as Ward B on the ground floor of the multi-storey building of the Institute. Addition of this ward increased the bed strength to 128.



Release of First VPCI Newsletter



Update on COPD

An Update on Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease was organized by VPCI in association with the Society of Tobacco Control at India Habitat Centre on 8th September 2013. Prof. Raj Kumar was the Organising Secretary of the event. The programme was inaugurated by Prof. Rajendra Prasad, Director, VPCI and eminent faculties from reputed institutions of Delhi and NCR attended the event.



The Inaugural issue of the VPCI Newsletter was released on 23rd August 2013 by Prof. P.N. Tandon, Chairman Governing Body, VPCI, Prof. P.N. Tandon appreciated the initiative and leadership of Prof. Rajendra Prasad, Director, VPCI and hard work of the editorial team in timely release of the first issue.

Teachers Day Celebration

Another initiative taken by Prof. Rajendra Prasad, Director, VPCI, was the celebration of the Teachers Day at the Paintal Memorial Golden Jubilee Auditorium on 5th September 2013. The students greeted the teachers with flowers and the interaction continued with sharing of words of wisdom by the teachers.



Chairperson, Board of Governors, Medical Council of India, New Delhi, was the Chief Guest, and Prof. P.N. Tandon, Chairman, Governing Body, VPCI presided over the function. Prof. Rajendra Prasad, Director VPCI, gave a report of the Institute activities. Prof. K. Ravi, Dept. of Physiology, gave a brief glimpse on the life and achievements of Prof. A.S Paintal. The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks by Prof. S.N.Gaur.

CME on Health Care Associated Infections



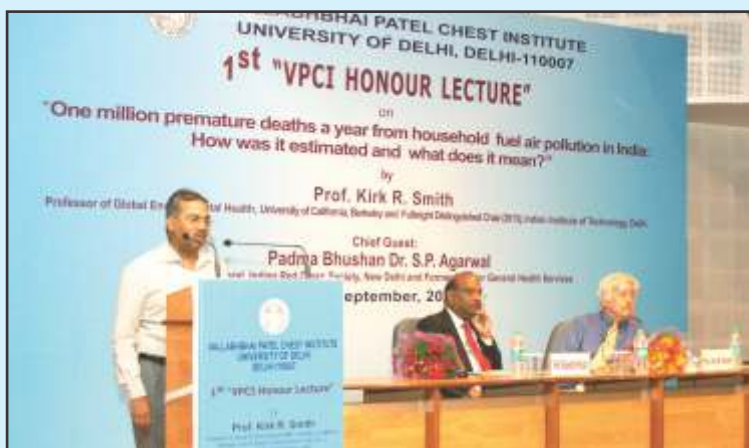
On the eve of the Prof. Autar Singh Paintal Memorial Oration, a CME programme on, 'Health Care Associated Infections' was held at VPCI on 23rd September, 2013. Prof. L.S. Chauhan, Director, National Centre for Diseases Control, Delhi, was the Chief Guest and Prof. Rajendra Prasad, Director, VPCI, presided over the function. Dr. Malini Shariff, Dept. of Microbiology, was the Organizing Secretary of this CME.

9th Prof. A. S. Paintal Memorial Oration

The 9th Prof. A. S. Paintal Memorial Oration was delivered by Prof. Samir K. Brahmachari, Director General, CSIR & Secretary, Government of India, Department of Scientific & Industrial Research, New Delhi at the Paintal Memorial Golden Jubilee Auditorium on 24th September 2013. The title of the Oration was "Open Source Drug Discovery: An Innovative Model for Affordable Healthcare for All". Dr. R.K. Srivastava,



VPCI Honour Lecture Series



design for the accurate interpretation of the data generated. Guest lecture was delivered by Prof. Archana Thakur, Dept. of Microbiology, G.B. Pant Hospital, New Delhi on 15th October 2013 on the topic, Biomedical Waste Management. This important lecture was well attended by all the staff member of VPCI who benefitted by the simple and lucid manner of the bilingual presentation made by Prof. Thakur.



Guest Lecture was delivered by Prof. Anil Gulati, Dept. of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Associate Dean, Mid-Western University, Chicago on the topic, 'A Novel Adrenergic agent for the Resuscitation of Hypovolemic Shock on 17th October 2013.

The VPCI Honour Lecture Series was initiated under the leadership of Director, Prof Rajendra Prasad. Dr. S.P Agarwal was the Chief Guest of the event. The First Lecture of this Series was delivered by Prof. Kirk R. Smith, Professor of Global Environmental, University of California, Berkeley and Fulbright Distinguished Chair (2013), Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, on the topic, 'One million premature deaths a year from household fuel air pollution in India: How was it estimated and what does it mean' on 26th September 2013.



VPCI Guest Lecture Series



The VPCI Guest Lecture series was initiated by Director Prof. Rajendra Prasad. The First Guest Lecture was delivered by Prof. R.M Pandey, Head, Dept. of Biostatistics, AIIMS, New Delhi, on 9th October 2013 on the topic, Essentials of Research Methods in Medical Research, at Paintal Memorial Golden Jubilee Auditorium. Prof. Rajendra Prasad emphasized on the importance of a well formulated research question and study



Guest Lecture was delivered by Dr. Richard E Goodman, Research Professor of Food Allergy research and Resource Programme in the Dept of Food Science and Technology, University of Nebraska, USA on 19th December 2013 on the topic, 'Complexities of Diagnosing Food Allergy and Protecting Food Allergic Consumers'.



Department Presentation

In these presentations, Prof Rajendra Prasad, Director VPCI, reviewed the progress made by the departments of Microbiology and Pathology during the last five years. Dr. Malini Shariff and



Dr. Ritu Kulshrestha highlighted the achievements made by these departments, and their future plans including establishment of anaerobic laboratory and cell culture laboratory, respectively. The Director appreciated the progress made in molecular diagnosis of tuberculosis and other infections and noninfectious lung disease.

Workshop on Essential Medicine Concept, Price and Availability of Essential Medicines

The Institute organized a Workshop on 'Essential Medicine Concept, Price and Availability of Essential Medicines in collaboration with the World Health Organization-India (WHO-India), at Paintal Memorial Golden Jubilee Auditorium on

6th December 2013. Dr. Anita Kotwani, Dept. of Pharmacology was the Organising Secretary of this Workshop. Dr. Madhur Gupta, WHO-India, spoke on the importance of National Essential Medicine list of India.



Grand Round Presentation

The Grand Round Presentations were initiated by Director, Prof. Rajendra Prasad to increase the academic interaction among faculty members and students of all the departments of the institute on the topics of frontline areas in scientific research and other relevant topics of common interest. The first presentation of this series was made by Prof S.K. Bansal, Dept of Biochemistry, on 18th December 2013 on the topic, "Stem Cells: An overview". In this presentation, he explained in detail about the Stem cell research and their role in regenerative and preventive medicine.



Workshop on Hands-on Training in Molecular Techniques in Biotechnology



A National Workshop on 'Hands-on Training in Molecular Techniques in Biotechnology' was organized by Department of Respiratory Virology in association with the Biotechnology Society of India on 23rd-24th December 2013. Dr. Madhu Khanna, Department of Respiratory Virology, was the Organising Secretary of this Workshop. It was attended by 30 participants from across the country and eminent speakers like, Dr. Angamuthu Selvapandiyan, Scientist at Indian Institute of Molecular Medicine, Delhi interacted with the students.

Symposium on New Trends on Interventional Bronchoscopy



Symposium on New Trends on Interventional Bronchoscopy, was held on 24th December 2013. The programme was inaugurated by lighting of the lamp by Prof. Rajendra Prasad, Director, VPCI. Dr. M. Munavvar, Consultant Chest Physician and Head Interventional Pulmonary Lancasura Technical Hospital, UK spoke on 'New Trends on Interventional Bronchoscopy' and Prof. Rajendra Prasad delivered the lecture entitled, 'Pearls in Bronchoscopy'. Prof. Raj Kumar was the Organising Secretary of the symposium

DOTS CENTRE

The DOTS Centre, at VPCI provided free of cost treatment to patients of tuberculosis diagnosed at VPCI and from the area in and around the University, defined to have one lakh population, under the RNTPC protocol. Under this protocol, the designated microscopy centre is being conducted at VPCI. In addition a feedback communication is maintained by the VPCI of the patients who are referred to the respective District TB Officer for further follow up treatment. The Core Committee, comprising of Chairman, Prof. Rajendra Prasad; Member Secretary, Dr. Ngilang Taley, District TB Officer, Kingsway Camp, Chest Centre; Nodal Officer, Dr. Balakrishnan Menon, and other faculty members held quarterly meetings to supervise as well as review the progress of the DOTS programme.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Research Cell

The Research Cell, VPCI, worked commendably under the leadership of Director, Prof. Rajendra Prasad, Prof. S.K. Bansal, Officer-in-charge, Research Cell and Dr Mandira Varma, Dept. of Microbiology. The Honour Lecture Series, Guest Lecture series and Grand Round Presentations were initiated and efficiently organized during this period.

Multi disciplinary Research Unit

The Institute was approved for the establishment of the Multi-disciplinary Research Unit (MRU) by the Govt of NCT, Delhi. In this scheme of the Department of Health Research (DHR), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt of India, under the aegis of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), a total of 7 concept notes on non-communicable lung diseases, including lung cancer, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and bronchial asthma, from the departments of Cardiorespiratory Physiology, Biochemistry, Clinical Biochemistry and Pathology were proposed and approved. The administrative formalities are presently going on.

New Research/Teaching Initiatives



1. The Cell Culture Laboratory was equipped and made functional at Department of Pathology in October 2013. It is equipped with the latest CO₂ incubator, multimode spectrophotometer and Western Blot electrophoresis.
2. The Multidisciplinary Cancer Board and Interstitial lung board meetings, were initiated for the first time under the leadership of the Director, Prof. Rajendra Prasad at VPCI. In these meetings all the cases of lung cancer and interstitial lung diseases are presented and discussed by the faculty and students of the clinical and paraclinical departments of VPCI.

Photography cum Audiovisual unit



The Photography cum Audiovisual unit exhaustively covered the events organized at VPCI during the period. With the initiative of Prof. Rajendra Prasad, Director, VPCI, the in-house production of a short film of VPCI, highlighting its infrastructure, functioning and achievements, was commenced by Mr Tarun Malhotra, STA, Photography cum Audiovisual unit.

Awards and Honours

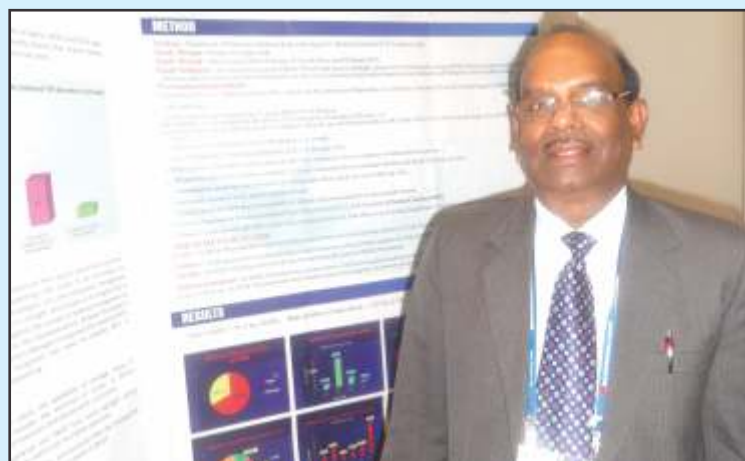
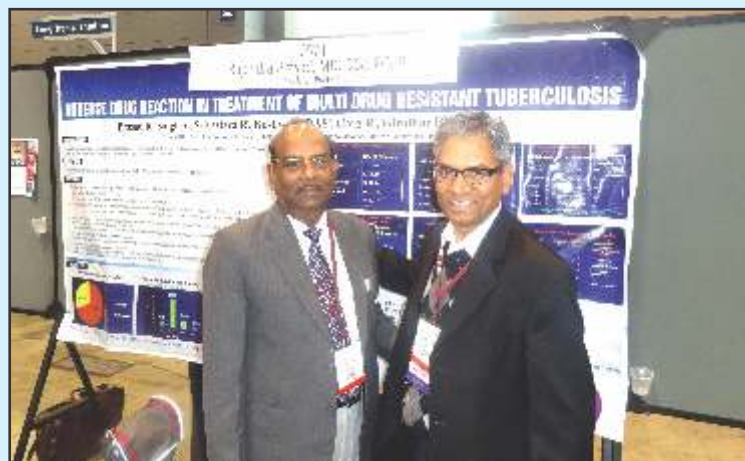
Prof. Rajendra Prasad was the Member of five Technical Expert groups and Consultancy: (1) Developing Curriculum and Training Module on High Altitude Mountain Medicine, Govt. of India 2013 (2) Indian Standard of Tuberculosis Care, Govt. of India, 2013 (3) Diagnosis and Management of Tuberculosis under RNTCP Govt. of India, 2013 (4) Guidelines for diagnosis and Management of COPD in India, Indian Chest Society and NCCP(I) 2013 (5) Indian initiative on Obstructive Sleep Apnea Guidelines, Department of Health Research, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India, 2013.

Prof. Rajendra Prasad gave 20 faculty lectures in National level and State level Conferences/ Workshops and CMEs in different states of India on topics including lung cancer, tuberculosis, asthma, COPD, ILD, Allergy, Bronchoscopy, RNTCP program.

Prof. Rajendra Prasad gave Faculty Lecture on 'MDR-XDR TB: current status,' at International CME at Santosh Medical College, Ghaziabad on 5th October 2013.

Prof. Rajendra Prasad was chairperson of scientific sessions in the ZTF North Zone Workshop held at Dharmshala on 20th-21st September 2013 and in the ZTF East Zone Workshop, RNTCP held at Raipur on 18th October, 2013.

Prof. Rajendra Prasad was chairperson of scientific session in 79th Annual International Scientific Association of American College of Chest Physicians (Chest 2013) held at Chicago (USA) on 28th October 2013.



Prof. Rajendra Prasad presented Research Paper, 'Adverse drug reaction in the treatment of multi drug resistant tuberculosis,' American College of Chest Physicians (ACCP) 2013 in Chicago, USA on 26th-31st October 2013.

Prof. Rajendra Prasad gave faculty lecture on 'Pulmonary

disease in India with special reference to tuberculosis' at Mid-Western University Chicago, USA on 31st October 2013.

Prof. Rajendra Prasad presented Research Paper, 'Treatment outcome of multi drug resistant tuberculosis patients in modified DOTS-PLUS: A new strategy-two years experience.' International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases (The UNION) Paris, France, 30th October-3rd November 2013.

Prof. S.N. Gaur was the Founder fellow of the Academy of Pulmonary Science, October 2013.

Prof. S.N. Gaur was selected as Society Representative to the House of Delegates from India in Asia Pacific Congress of Allergy, Asthma and Clinical Immunology for 3 years from December, 2013.

Prof. A. Ray gave a Faculty Lecture on, 'The Pharmacology of CNS-Immune interactions during stress' at International Immunology Forum at Montreal, Canada, 19th-20th October 2013.

Prof. A. Ray was visiting scientist, Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences (ICS), St Boniface General Hospital, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada, 22nd-23rd October, 2013 gave a faculty lecture on, 'Methylxanthine induced cardiotoxicity and its mechanisms' on 23rd October, 2013.

Prof. A. Ray gave a Faculty Lecture on, "Gender based differences in stress responses and regulation by NO" in International Symposium on Legacy of Nitric Oxide Discovery: Impact on Disease Biology " in Thiruvananthapuram, 5th-6th November 2013.

Prof. A. Ray was nominated member of ICMR Expert Group for Safety Review of Indian Medicinal Plants, November 2013.

Prof. A. Ray, participated in Training Programme on Pharmacovigilance of Vaccines organized by CDSCO-IPC (Govt. of India) at New Delhi in November 2013

Prof. A. Ray gave a Faculty Lecture on, 'Sexual dimorphism in

stress susceptibility and adaptation: a complex role for NO' at International Conference on Translational Pharmacology and 46th Annual IPSCON at Bangalore 16th-18th December 2013.

Prof. S.K. Bansal was Member of Core Committee, Chairman, Accommodation and Transport Committee and Chairman, Plenary Lecture for organisation of 40th ACBICON Conference of Association of Clinical Biochemistry of India held at New Delhi on 03rd-06th December 2013.

Prof. Raj Kumar was awarded Fellowship, International Medical Sciences Academy (IMSA), National Medical Library Building, Ring Road, Ansari Nagar, New Delhi

Prof. Raj Kumar was the Member of Central Committee of the Tuberculosis Association of India.

Prof. Raj Kumar was the Member Board of Studies, Dept. of Tuberculosis and Chest Diseases, Banaras Hindu University (BHU) and Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh.

Prof. Raj Kumar was Chairperson and delivered a lecture, on "Smoking Cessation" at Respiratory Update -2013 organized by Department of Pulmonary Medicine, Grant Medical College, Mumbai on 28th September 2013.



Prof. Raj Kumar was Chairperson in the session of Allergy at International Pulmonary Update organized by Santosh University, Ghaziabad on 5th October 2013.

Prof. Raj Kumar gave faculty lecture on 'Allergy Situation in India' during Annual meeting of the American College of Allergy Asthma and Immunology (ACAAI) on November 8th, 2013 at Baltimore Convocation Center, Baltimore, Maryland, USA.

Prof Raj Kumar presented poster paper titled, "Indoor Air Pollution and Asthma in Children at Delhi, India" at the "2013 Annual Meeting of the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (ACAAI)" during 7th-11th, November 2013 at Baltimore Convention Center, Baltimore, Maryland, USA.

Prof Raj Kumar gave Faculty lecture, on "Evolving Concepts of Allergy" at NAPCON – 2013, the 15th Joint Conference of Indian Chest Society (ICS) and NCCP in November, 27th-30th, 2013 at Chennai Trade Centre, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

Prof. Raj Kumar gave faculty lecture, on "Prevalence of Food Allergy in Bronchial Asthma" in Brain Storming Session on Food Allergy (BSS-FA) organized by CSIR- Indian Institute of Toxicology Research on 9th December, 2013 at Indian Institute of Toxicology Research, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.

Prof. Raj Kumar conducted a training programme on Smoking Cessation at Department of Medicine, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi for P. G. residents.



Dr. Mandira Varma gave faculty lecture on 'Molecular Diagnostic techniques' at Workshop on Biotechnology held at Miranda House, University of Delhi on 15th September 2013.

Dr. Mandira Varma gave faculty lecture on 'Drug Resistance in Tuberculosis' at meeting of the Tuberculosis Consortium of India, organized by the Dept. of Transplant Immunology, AIIMS at Hyatt Regency, 12th-13th January, 2014.

Dr. Mandira Varma attended Workshop on Gel ComparII, from 10th-11th June 2013 at Applied Maths, Ghent, Belgium.

Dr. Mandira Varma was the Special Invitee on Screening Committee, DBT for the review of proposals received under the Twinning R&D program for NER 2013-14 (Medical Biotechnology area) 9th July 2013.

Dr. Mandira Varma was Expert on Societal Research Fellowship Scheme – Disha Programme Group Monitoring Workshop (GMW), DST, New Delhi on 17th-18th December 2013.

Dr. Madhu Khanna received the Bill & Melinda Gate foundation award to attend the Keystone symposia on "Advancing vaccine in the genomic era" held from October 31st-Nov. 4th, 2013 at Brazil.

Dr. Madhu Khanna was the expert member of the selection committee of M.Sc.-Ph.D. examination at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Center for Biomedical Research (ACBR) and for M.Sc. (Virology) examination of PGI, Chandigarh.

Dr. Anita Kotwani gave faculty lecture on, "Role of Pharmacist in National Medicine Policy: Rational Drug Use – Prescribing and Dispensing Habits", June 28th-30th, 2013 at SEARPharm, Forum, South East Asian FIP-WHO Forum of Pharmaceutical Association Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Dr. Anita Kotwani gave faculty lecture on "Where are we now: Assessing the access to essential medicines as India plans free medicines for all" meeting of Foundation for Research in Community Health (FRCH) 5th July, 2013 at New Delhi

Dr. Anita Kotwani participated in Global Respiratory Infection Partnership (GRIP) Summit held at Berkshire, UK, 7th-8th, July 2013.

Dr. Anita Kotwani was Member of the Editorial Board of The Journal of Health Policy and Programs in India. August 2013.

Dr. Anita Kotwani conducted the WHO training workshop at Bangalore for research teams on 6th-7th September, 2013.

Dr. Anita Kotwani was nominated as an expert Member on Indo-Norway Working Group on Antimicrobial Stewardship Program, ICMR. She presented the talk, "Surveillance of antibiotic consumption and prescribing in outpatient and inpatient at various levels of healthcare facilities in India" during

the workshop held at Tromso, Norway, 26th-30th September 2013.

Dr. Anita Kotwani presented research work "Antibiotic Dispensing in Urban New Delhi and Rural Karnataka State, India" during Antibiotic Stewardship Meeting held in Hanoi, Vietnam, 24th-25th, October 2013.

Dr. Anita Kotwani was Nominated as Member of Steering Committee of "National Programme on Containment of Antimicrobial Resistance". November 2013.



Dr. Kavita Gulati gave faculty lecture on 'Immunomodulation by Herbal Drugs: Impact on Health and Disease' at International Immunology Forum at Montreal, Canada, 19th-20th October, 2013

Dr. Kavita Gulati was visiting scientist, Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences (ICS), St Boniface General Hospital, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada, 22th-23th October, 2014.

Dr. Kavita Gulati gave faculty lecture on Role of nitric oxide during stress, at Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences (ICS), St Boniface General Hospital, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada, 23th October, 2014.

Dr. Kavita Gulati gave faculty lecture on "Dual neuromodulatory role of nitric oxide in the brain" in International Symposium on Legacy of Nitric Oxide Discovery: Impact on Disease Biology" in Thiruvananthapuram, 5th-6th November 2013.

Dr. Kavita Gulati Participated in Training Programme on Pharmacovigilance of Vaccines organized by CDSO-IPC (Govt. of India) at New Delhi in November 2013.

Dr. Kavita Gulati gave faculty lecture on Differential neuromodulatory role of NO in anxiety and seizures at International Conference on Translational Pharmacology and 46th Annual IPSCON at Bangalore 16th-18th December, 2013

Dr. V. Bansal gave a Faculty lecture on, 'Role of Oxygen Therapy

in Pulmonary Rehabilitation' at Pulmonary Rehabilitation Workshop, on 2nd June 2013; organized by Metro Multi Speciality Hospital, Noida.

Dr. V. Bansal gave a Faculty lecture on, 'Pulmonary Rehabilitation in COPD' at 3rd National Conference on Respiratory Allergy & Immunology, on 27th October, 2013; organized by Allergy & Asthma Research Centre, Kolkata.

Dr. V. Bansal gave a Faculty lecture on, 'Exercise Training: An aspect in Management of Chronic Respiratory Disease' at XXV Annual National Conference of Physiological Society of India: Physicon-2013; from 9th-11th December, 2013, Andhra Pradesh.

Dr. V. Rohil was Expert project review committee, at DIPAS, DRDO, Govt. of India, in the Seventh and Eighth Executive Board Meetings on 12th August 2013 and 25th November 2013 respectively.

Dr. V. Rohil was Chairperson of Scientific Session, 40th ACBICON Conference of Association of Clinical Biochemistry of India held at New Delhi on 3th-6th December 2013.

Dr. Ritu Kulshrestha was nominated, Member of the Council of the Asian Pulmonary Pathology Society (APPS) in August 2013.

Dr. Ritu Kulshrestha gave faculty lecture on Pathological and Molecular Diagnosis of Lung Cancer at the Update on Lung Cancer, held on 26th July 2013 at V.P. Chest Institute.



Mr. Binod Kumar, Ph.D student was awarded the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation fellowship to attend "Options for the Control of Influenza VIII" conference at Cape Town, South Africa, 5th-10th September, 2013.

The Best Poster award was won by Anju Sharma, Vishwajeet Rohil, Shweta Paul, Rini Joshi, Jayashree Bhattacharjee for their Poster paper titled: Effect of Ellagic acid on the Expression of p21 in Lung Cancer. at 40th ACBICON Conference of Association of Clinical Biochemistry of India held at New Delhi on 3th-6th December 2013.





26th October, 2013, at AIIMS, New Delhi.

Certificates and Cash prizes were received by Mr. Tarachand Sharma & Mr. Kapil Dev (Library), Mr. Kewal Krishan Singh (Physiology Dept) and Mr. Shashi Dhar Mehta (Pathology Dept) in the different Hindi competitions during the HINDI SAPTAH Organised By Rajbhasha Anubhag, University of Delhi, Delhi on 16th September 2013.



The Second Best Poster Award was won by Rajesh Sinha, Pooja Singh, Neeraj K. Saini, Ajit Kumar, Gaurav Tyagi, Rakesh Pathak, Amita Chandolia, Ashok Kumar Prasad, Hanumantharao G. Raj, Mandira Varma-Basil, Mridula Bose, for paper titled: Host cholesterol utilization by *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* : Role of Mce4A protein. At Vth Annual Conference (Micro-D-Con 2013) on "Human Microbiome in Health and diseases", on

Projects

Presently 26 extramurally funded research projects are ongoing in the Institute. In addition the following 7 extramurally funded Research Projects were sanctioned during the above period

S/ No.	Title of the Project	Funding Agency/ Grant Sanctioned	Principal Investigator	Year and Duration
1.	To study the hetero subtypic immunity provided by pandemic influenza A H1N1 (2009) virus infected cells	CSIR Rs 22.08 lakhs	Dr. Madhu Khanna	2013-2016
2.	'Evaluation of Antiviral Activity of Medicinal Plant Extracts against Influenza A Virus'.	Dept of AYUSH Rs 25.66 lakhs	Dr. Madhu Khanna	2013-2016
3.	Effect of Indian Almond and Sweet Almond in Diabetes induced Nephropathy and Cataract in Rats".	Dept of AYUSH-CCRAS Rs 21.80 lakhs	Dr. Anita Kotwani	December 2013-15
4.	Assessing the Price and Availability of Essential Medicines in Delhi before the Implementation of National Pharmaceutical Pricing Policy 2012	WHO, India. Rs 2.52 lakhs	Dr. Anita Kotwani	September 2013
5.	To Investigate The Role of Calreticulin Transacetylase Mediated Histones Hyperacetylation Induced Epigenetic Modulation By Polyphenolic Acetates In Genes Implicated In Lung Tumorigenesis	DBT Rs 32.16 lakhs	Dr. Vishwajeet Rohil	September 2013 - March 2015
6.	Experimental studies on the association between Alzheimer's disease and diabetes mellitus: A novel approach to possible therapeutic strategies	DST Rs 31.30 lakhs	Dr. A Ray	2013-2016
7.	Development of aminocoumarins as candidate drugs for the treatment of multi-drug resistant (MDR) tuberculosis (TB – RFA)	DBT Rs 41.21 lakhs	Dr. M Varma	2013-2016

Media Reports

Prof. Rajendra Prasad, Director, VPCI had given an interview to Mr. Bobby Ramakant, Health Correspondent, Citizen News Service (CNS) on Lung Cancer during July 2013. The content of this interview has been covered/published in an article form, titled; **"5 years survival after lung cancer treatment remains low"** in several media houses from India as well as abroad, like; Citizen News Service-CNS, News Blaze, USA, NZ week, New Zealand, Modern Ghana, Accra, Ghana, Weekly Blitz, Dhaka,

Bangladesh, Pakistan Christian Post, Pakistan, Elites Tv, USA, Asian Tribune, Sri Lanka/Thailand/India, etc.

Prof. Rajendra Prasad gave a Live All India Programme on **"Asthma"** in Delhi on 20th November 2013.

Dr. Anita Kotwani was interviewed by Ms. Rema Nagarajan, Times News Network, Times of India, and an article titled, **"Health Facilities in Delhi Short on Essential Antibiotics"** was published in the Times of India (Delhi Edition) newspaper on 28th September 2013.

Infrastructure Development

The Development work of 44 bedded **New Ward** (Ward B) in the multi storied building of VPCI was completed & the new ward inaugurated by Prof. P.N. Tandon, Chairman Governing Body and Prof. Rajendra Prasad on 23rd August 2013.

The renovation work of the OPD rooms, Pulmonary function laboratory, Committee room on 4th floor and Type I Staff quarters at Maurice nagar and Dhaka complex was completed.

The Institute initiated the construction of Gymnasium in the Ground floor of the multistoried building and Badminton Court for the welfare of the VPCI employees and students.



Distinguished Visitors

Dr. Pawan Sharma, Senior Consultant-Healthcare, NER-BPMC program of DBT, Govt of India visited the Institute on 25th September 2013, and discussed collaborative work of VPCI and NER Institutes with Director, Prof. Rajendra Prasad.

Prof. D.K. Mitra, department of Transplant Immunology and Immunogenetics, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi visited the Institute on 21st November 2013 and collaboration in the areas of Tuberculosis and Sarcoidosis was initiated among the departments of Respiratory Medicine, Microbiology and Pathology of VPCI and AIIMS.

Superannuation and Farewell

Mr. Brijmohan Sharma, Sorter, superannuated on 30th September 2013 after 36 years of service at VPCI



Upcoming events at VPCI

39th Allergy Workshop - 2014 on “Respiratory Allergy: Diagnosis and Management” in collaboration with National Center of Respiratory Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (NCRAAI), V.P. Chest Institute, Delhi and Institute of Genomics & Integrative Biology, Delhi will be organized at VP Chest Institute, Delhi on 10th-14th February 2014.

Bronchoscopy Training Course will be organized by NCRAAI, VP Chest Institute, Delhi at Paintal Memorial Golden Jubilee Auditorium, on 28th February 2014.

Quiz: for Post Graduate Students of Respiratory Medicine (MD / DNB / DM / DTCD) & General Medicine will be organized by NCRAAI, VP Chest Institute, Delhi at Paintal Memorial Golden Jubilee Auditorium, VP Chest Institute, Delhi on 17th April 2014.

The First Conference of the Society for Nitric Oxide and Allied radicals (SNOAR) will be organized in collaboration with the VPCI, on 26th May 2014.

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