

Activity Report of IAPSM Maharashtra Chapter (2015-2017)

1) 17th Maharashtra State Joint Conference IAPSM & IPHA in collaboration with Mumbai Branch of IAPSM on 12th and 13th February at Seth G. S. Medical College & K.E.M Hospital, Mumbai

17th Maharashtra State Joint Conference IAPSM & IPHA in collaboration with Mumbai Branch of IAPSM was held at Seth G. S. Medical College & K.E.M Hospital, Mumbai on 12th and 13th February 2016, with pre-conference workshops at 3 different institutes in Mumbai on three different topics, on previous day i.e. 11th Feb. 2016.

On 11th February, the workshop on the topic of “Basic skills development for data analysis using SPSS for health related research was conducted by Department of Community Medicine at Seth G.S.Medical College and KEM Hospital, Mumbai. On the same day, Department of Community Medicine of LTMMC and Sion Hospital, conducted workshop on the topic of “Qualitative Methods in Research” while Department of Preventive Oncology at Tata Memorial Hospital, Parel, Mumbai conducted workshop on “Women’s cancer prevention, screening & early detection”. Around 100 participants attended these workshops based on their choice.

The theme of the conference was “**Achievement of Millennium Development Goals 2015 -Time for Introspection**” along with several sub-themes of public health priorities. It is really the right time to introspect the achievements of MDGs to build on further, aiming to achieve the ambitious Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030. All the presentations, plenary speeches, discussions and deliberations mainly focused on this agenda.

Total number of 428 delegates, which include senior faculty members from most of the colleges in the State of Maharashtra, senior officials from Directorate of Health services, representatives of UNICEF and other national and state level NGOs, corporate sector functionaries and resident doctors from the medical colleges in the state and nearby states, and few delegates outside India, attended the conference. Scientific programme included mix of Orations (Total 6 - 3 MCIAPSM, 2 Mumbai Branch of IAPSM, and 1 IPHA), plenary sessions on relevant topics (Total 10 with 30 speakers), Panel discussions, Oral paper presentations (104) and Poster presentations (38). Keynote address on the conference theme was delivered by eminent senior public health specialist and Ex Director General of Health Services, Govt. of Maharashtra, Dr. Subhash Salunke.

Out of total 104 oral papers, 76 were screened for 8 awards in different categories based on research topic (6 awards by MCIPASM and 2 awards by Mumbai Branch of IAPSM). Two best posters were given by IPHA Maharashtra Branch. Conference souvenir was released during the inaugural function of the conference. Throughout the conference and during the valedictory function, all the speakers and the delegates reiterated the importance of introspection to realize strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats of collective

actions for MDGs and have assured proactive initiatives at individual and system level, within their limits to facilitate achievement of anticipated SDGs by 2030, with a new vision, which may be considered as successful outcome of the conference.

On the evening of first day delegates enjoyed the cultural programmes; an interactive session with Mentalist and Musical night with feast of items demonstrating Marathi Culuture through songs and dances along with the Grand Dinner organized in KEM Hospital Campus.

General Body Meetings of Maharashtra Chapter of IAPSM and IPHA Maharashtra Branch were also held on evening of 12th February 2016 at Conference Venue. Some of the important resolutions passed in these meetings include -

- a) Submission of representation to Maharashtra University of Health Sciences (MUHS), on behalf of IAPSM regarding placement policy of resident doctors in various clinical departments.
- b) Strengthening advocacy measures for placement of Community Medicine Specialists on the post of medical superintendent of the tertiary level institute and on key positions of public health importance.
- c) Promotion of IPHA Maharashtra Branch scheme initiated recently to fund every year, two community medicine/public health related research projects of undergraduate students (Rs 10,000/- for each) on the lines of ICMR-STs.
- d) Unanimous decision to hold 18th Maharashtra State Joint Conference of IAPSM & IPHA at MGM Medical College, Aurangabad.

At the General Body meeting of Maharashtra Chapter of IAPSM, certain organizational changes also took place. For the remaining duration of the current governing body, Dr. R. R. Shinde, existing Secretary of MCIAPSM will be now onwards be the President MCIAPSM, and existing executive committee member, Dr Purushottam Giri, Professor, Department of Community Medicine at Indian Institute of Medical Science & Research Medical College (IIMSR), Badnapur, Jalna will be the new Secretary of MCIPASM. Also Dr. Gajanan D. Velhal, Professor, Department of Community Medicine, Seth G. S. Medical College, Mumbai and organizing Secretary of this conference has been inducted as Executive Committee Member. The organizers of this conference whole heartedly thank all those who were directly or indirectly involved in making this conference successful.

2) IAPSM Maharashtra Chapter Quiz:

Out of 48 Medical Colleges in Maharashtra, 24 colleges organized World health Day 2016 Quiz i.e. 50% colleges participated in the quiz. The IAPSM Quiz for MBBS students was conducted as planned on the World Health Day 7th April 2016. The elimination round for it was held on 5th April 2016.

3) **Updation of IAPSM Life-Members:**

After the formation of new body of Maharashtra IAPSM Chapter on 31st January 2015 the gigantic task of updating the data of IAPSM Life members was done.

4) **Membership drive by IAPSM Maharashtra Chapter:**

A membership drive was conducted by Maharashtra Chapter IAPSM in all the 48 medical colleges all over Maharashtra and an appeal was sent to all Professor and Head, Dept. of Community Medicine of all Medical colleges in Maharashtra for facilitating IAPSM Membership by President Dr R. R. Shinde and Secretary Dr. Purushottam Giri.

5) **Executive Committee Meeting of IAPSM, Maharashtra Chapter meeting was held at Dept. of Community Medicine of MGM Medical College, Aurangabad on 21st June 2016** with reference to 18th Maharashtra State Joint Conference of IAPSM & IPHA to be held at Mahatma Gandhi Medical College, Aurangabad in January 2017. The conference will be held on 20th and 21st January 2017 with pre-conference workshop to be held on 19th February 2016. The theme of the conference **“Public Health - Centric Governance: For Equitable Health Development”**.

6) **Representations to Secretary Medical Education for Change of subject “Preventive and Social Medicine” to Community Medicine” as per Medical Council of India directives**

Letters have been addressed to Hon’ble Smt. Medha Gadgil, Addl. Chief Secretary, Medical Education and Drugs Dept, Govt of Maharashtra dated 24th August 2015 by Dr. Mohan Doibale, Immediate Past-President and now President National IAPSM and Dr. R. R. Shinde, Immediate Secretary and now President, Maharashtra IAPSM Chapter for change of the subject “Preventive and Social Medicine” to Community Medicine” as per Medical Council of India directives.

7) **Representation for uniformity in PG postings (MD & DPH) to MUHS. Clinical orientation training/field postings for PG degree/Diploma Students of Community Medicine Course**

Letter was addressed to the Registrar, MUHS, Nashik by Dr. Mohan Doibale, Immediate past-president, Dr. R. R. Shinde, President and Dr. Purushottam Giri, Secretary, IAPSM Maharashtra Chapter in July 2015 and April 2016 giving recommendations for amendments in field postings in place of notification 18/2015 with immediate effect in view of MCI Syllabus 2006. The same was discussed and approved in the meeting held by MUHS on 15th June 2016.

8) Recommendations from IAPSM Maharashtra State for consideration and approval for ministry of Health

A proposal with recommendations has been made by Dr. R. R. Shinde, President, & Dr. Purushottam Giri, Secretary, IAPSM Maharashtra Chapter on behalf of IAPSM Maharashtra Chapter to Hon'ble Shri J. P. Nadda, Union Minister, Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, New Delhi dated 17th May 2016 during his visit at Nashik.

The recommendations proposed by IAPSM Maharashtra for approval (at both Central and State levels) are as follows:

1. IAPSM Maharashtra, be recognized as a Professional Organization in the interests of Health Care Services and Medical Education, by the Ministry of Health at State and Central level.
2. The Department of Community Medicine in the Medical colleges be recognized and placed on records as an organization for collaborative partnerships for Health projects, quality services, training, evaluation and research.
3. The Urban and Rural Training Centers of the Community Medicine Depts in the Medical Colleges must be reflected as additional health unit in the spectrum of Primary health care system. Thus the Urban and Rural Health Centers must be provided a separate Health budget as is sanctioned for Primary Health Centers and rural hospital.
4. The President/Secretary of IAPSM and Senior Faculty of Community Medicine be inducted on the Technical Committees and Task Force Committees of the State and Central health Ministires and Directorates of Health Services.
5. The ICMR may be directed to allocate Research projects of Public Health Importance to IAPSM and Dept. of Community Medicine in Medical Colleges.
6. The IAPSM and Dept of Community Medicine in Medical Colleges be recognized as training institutes for imparting training to health officials and Para-medical staff at State and Central level.
7. IAPSM proposes to publish a post-graduate level textbook of Public health and Community Medicine for students and professionals. It is requested that due financial assistance be provided for this purpose by the ministry of health.
8. A committee for Enhancing Integration of Public Health and Medical Education” be established in all states with mandatory inclusion of IAPSM representatives and faculty of community medicine of medical colleges.

9) Workshops / Seminars / Training programmes organized by IAPSM Maharashtra Chapter

- 1) Conducted Research Methodology workshops for PG students of all clinical departments' at all clinical departments at Seth G. S. Medical College, Mumbai.

- 2) Special Training programme on SPSS Software utilization in health care was organized in Mumbai in 7 medical colleges of Mumbai and Navi Mumbai and clinicians/physicians from CGHS/Railways and national institutes participated.
- 3) Workshop on leadership development on HIV/AIDS Prevention was organized in Mumbai for PG students, paramedical staff and faculty.
- 4) President, IAPSM Maharashtra was inducted as technical expert for the health advice call centre committee to provide health information database facilitating the health helpline (103).
- 5) President, IAPSM Maharashtra was appointed as expert advisor to establish “Standard Treatment Protocol” for PHC medical officers published by DHS, Maharashtra.
- 6) Promoted health awards, evaluation format and chosen as process partners for UPS, CIMS Companies.
- 7) Conducted training programmes for General Practitioners on “Role of General Practitioners in prevention and control of Vector-borne diseases in monsoon.
- 8) Training programmes were organized for medical officers for District, Taluka and PHC level in collaboration with MUHS on “Ebola virus and Zika Virus”.
- 9) Collaboration with Family Welfare Training Research Centre, GOI for research and academic purpose.
- 10) Organised lecture on “Right to Information Act” delivered by Chief Information Commissioner Shri Ratnakar Gaikwad.

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