

TROPACON 2021

DECEMBER 10-11, 2021



*“One Health Approach for the
Control of Parasitic Infections”*

XV Annual Conference of the



IATP
INDIAN ACADEMY OF
TROPICAL PARASITOLOGY

Department of Medical Parasitology
Postgraduate Institute of Medical
Education and Research
(PGIMER)
Chandigarh, INDIA



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE IATP

I am very happy to communicate that the next conference of the IATP, the XV TROPACON 2021 is being organized by the Department of Medical Parasitology, PGIMER, Chandigarh from December 10-11, 2021.

For the past more than a one and half years we have been in the midst of a pandemic of COVID-19 and this has curtailed a lot of activities. Though, at the moment we are gaining in the fight against the virus due to control measures and one of the best vaccination campaigns in the world, still travel is restricted at places and may be risky. Therefore, after deliberations with the Committee members it was decided that this year also the conference will be held by the virtual mode. The team of the Department of Medical Parasitology agreed to hold the conference at a short notice and IATP is obliged to them for the same.

The IATP continues to expand with more members and has increased its activities with various regional and state chapters organizing CME/conferences, etc. This is done with the aim to disseminate knowledge of parasitic infections, most of which are neglected. A furtherance of the goal to control and eliminate parasitic infections from India is another goal of the IATP and the Academy supports all efforts of the Government.

I am sure that the team of Department of Medical Parasitology would certainly put in their best efforts and the conference will be a great scientific achievement. I wish them success for this!

I would like to request all the members and the students to actively participate in the conference. The various departments should also disseminate the information on the upcoming conference so that more scientists can participate.

Wishing the conference, a great success!

Prof. S. C. Parija
President, IATP

WELCOME MESSAGE

It gives us immense pleasure to hold the 15th National Conference of the Indian Academy of Tropical Parasitology (IATP), at PGIMER, Chandigarh from 10-11th December, 2021. We are thankful to the IATP to bestow upon us this privilege!

Though there is declining trend of COVID-19 cases in the country, but it was decided that this year also we would hold the conference in the virtual mode. The last several months have been very stressful for everyone due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which is still continuing. I am sure that as microbiologists, all of us have contributed to the control of this pandemic, and the fruits of our efforts are now appearing as we are slowly but surely winning this war.

The efforts of the Organizing Committee of the IATP and especially the Department of Medical Parasitology, PGI, is to make this conference an international event. Our dedicated team is in the process of finalizing an up-to-date scientific program, including many eminent international and national faculty, and we hope that the sessions will leave an imprint on the minds of the delegates. The detailed program will soon be circulated.

The theme of the Conference is *“One Health Approach for the Control of Parasitic Infections”*. With the successful example of science winning over a very novel disease such as COVID-19 in a relatively short span of time, this is perhaps an appropriate moment to reflect on the fact that a vast and diverse group of experts is needed to control any infectious disease, and that it is indeed very much possible to do so! A lot has been done for the control of parasitic diseases in the past and we have succeeded in the elimination of Dracunculosis from the country by using simple preventive measures for its control. The aim now is to eliminate the big three – malaria, leishmaniasis and filariasis. A wide implementation and success of mass drug administration campaigns for helminthic infections is another excellent success story as far as the control of parasitic infections is concerned. For the continued success of all the control programs in the country, our Academy is poised to play a pivotal role.

I am sure that under the aegis of the IATP team this conference will be a useful source of knowledge for the participants, as this is the only conference in India which exclusively deals with human parasitic infections. I encourage everyone working in the field of parasitic diseases to join for this two-day scientific saga.

I would also request the various Departmental Heads of the Medical Colleges and Institutes across the country to join for this conference and encourage their colleagues as well as students for active participation in the event.

Warm wishes and sincere regards,

Prof. Rakesh Sehgal
Organizing Secretary
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Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER)

The PGIMER, Chandigarh was conceived in 1960 as a center of excellence which would endeavour to develop patterns of teaching in postgraduate medical education in as many branches as possible and attempt to produce specialists in several disciplines of medicine, who would spread out in the country and impart medical education of highest standard to the students and set up nucleus of excellence in their own institutions. The PGIMER was also given the responsibility to broaden the horizons of medical knowledge by intensive research in the field of health. The Institute became an autonomous body under the Act of Parliament in 1967 functioning under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. Since its inception, PGIMER has provided high quality patient care, medical education, and research and contributed to the growth of the medical specialties in India.

Department of Medical Parasitology

The Department of Medical Parasitology obtained the status of an independent department on 1st July, 1978 under the illustrious headship of Professor R.C. Mahajan. The department has been recognized as Center for Serology of Malaria in 1979, Center for Quality Control for detection of Malaria Antigen and Antisera in 1980 by ICMR, New Delhi, center for External Quality Control in Clinical Parasitology by WHO in Jan, 1984, member of the Partners for Parasite Control (PPC) under the Programme for Control of Neglected Tropical Diseases, by the World Health Organization in 2007 and as DST-FIST sponsored department in 2007. The department provides referral services to the various medical colleges and institutions in the country, in addition to providing high quality training and research in medical parasitology.

In line with the motto of PGIMER "Service to the Community, Care of the Needy and Research for the Good of all", the Department of Medical Parasitology organizes academic and training events like conferences, CMEs, workshops and training courses from time to time. This year, we are proudly organizing TROPACON 2021, the XV Annual Conference of the Indian Academy of Tropical Parasitology (IATP) from December 10-11, 2021 in virtual mode. The scientific sessions will be held by eminent international and national speakers who will impart the latest information about the field of parasitology to the delegates. We look forward to your participation in this virtual event.

THINGS TO KNOW

Dates of the conference: December 10–11, 2021

Last date for submission of abstracts: December 02, 2021

Last date for registration: December 05, 2021

Registration fees: INR 1000/- for faculty and INR 750/- for students and technicians

Registration form: Included in the brochure

For queries and submission, contact: tropacon.pgi.2021@gmail.com

To learn more about IATP, visit: <http://iatpacademy.com/>

GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Abstracts are invited for oral and poster presentations for work done in the field of medical parasitology. The papers must not have been published elsewhere. The abstract must not exceed 300 words in length and should be in structured format (Background, Methods, Results and Conclusion). The presenting author's name should be underlined and he/she must register for the conference. Abstracts have to be submitted before/on December 02, 2021, by email to tropacon.pgi.2021@gmail.com. A panel of experts will evaluate the oral papers and posters for Best Paper Award in each category. The specifications of the oral and poster presentations will be conveyed to the selected abstracts prior to the conference by email.

CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT

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Name: Age: Gender:

Designation:

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City: State: Pin Code:

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CATEGORY: Tick the category

Faculty

Student*

Technical Staff

PARTICIPATION DESIRED FOR: Tick the category

Conference

Oral presentation

Poster presentation

REGISTRATION AMOUNT:

Faculty (INR 1000/-)

Students and technicians (INR 750/-)

The registration amount may be deposited online to the following account:

A/c No. 37156701471

A/c Name: Indian Academy of Tropical Parasitology

Bank Name: State Bank of India

Branch: JIPMER

IFSC Code: SBIN0002238

Signature:

Date:

- ***For students, a certificate from the HOD/Supervisor must be included**
- **Please email the duly filled registration form and UTR No./ proof of transaction of registration fees to tropacon.pgi.2021@gmail.com with details of the delegate**