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TROPACON 2023

17th National Conference of Indian Academy of Tropical Parasitology

26th - 29th October 2023

Theme: “Parasitic Infections: Hopes & Hurdles”

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Venue: Auditorium, AIIMS, Jodhpur
MESSAGE FROM THE ORGANIZING CHAIRPERSON

Dear Friends,

It’s a great pleasure to invite you to the 17th Annual National Conference of Indian Academy of Tropical Parasitology (IATP) - TROPACON 2023 to be held on 26th-29th October 2023 being organized by the Department of Microbiology, AIIMS, Jodhpur. The main objective of the conference is to bring together all the experts of different specialties in this field, giving them the opportunity to share their research experiences & knowledge in different aspects of Parasitology. The content of the program is targeted for faculties, scientists, researchers, residents and students.

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, I cordially invite you all to actively participate in this pioneering event and share your experiences through invited lectures, oral papers, panel discussion, poster presentations, Quiz & discussion with the experts.

We look forward to see you in the Sun City Jodhpur.

Prof. Vijaya Lakshmi Nag
President
Rajasthan Chapter of IATP
Message from the President of IATP

Prof. SC Parija
President, IATP

Dear Friends,

It’s our pleasure on behalf of the entire fraternity of Indian Association of Tropical Parasitology (IATP) to welcome you all to the 17th Annual National Conference of Indian Academy of Tropical Parasitology (TROPACON 2023) being held at AIIMS, Jodhpur on 26th-29th October 2023.

This Conference is an excellent platform for professional interaction among all the Medical Microbiologists including Parasitologists and Clinicians working in various medical colleges and research institutes. This will promote exchange of ideas and research interest in parasitic diseases of public health importance. We extend our best wishes to the organizers and participants for the success of this event and hope that deliberations in this Conference will contribute significantly towards the advancement in the knowledge and research in this field of Parasitology.

Theme of Conference:
Parasitic Infections: Hopes & Hurdles
Message from the Vice-President of IATP

Dr. S. Geethalakshmi
Vice-Chancellor
The Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. University
Chennai

Dear esteemed colleagues and participants,
I am honoured to welcome you all to - TROPACON 2023, the XVIIth National Conference of Indian Academy of Tropical Parasitology, as the Vice President of IATP. This gathering of enthusiastic minds is scheduled to take place in Jodhpur from October 26th to October 29th, 2023, and is a testament to our commitment to advancing the understanding and control of parasitic diseases.

Medical parasitology plays a pivotal role in public health, with parasites affecting millions of individuals worldwide. As we convene to share our latest research findings, innovative diagnostics, and treatment strategies, we strengthen our collective efforts to combat these insidious threats.

Our conference agenda encompasses a diverse range of topics, from emerging parasitic diseases to groundbreaking advancements in parasitology research. It provides a unique platform for networking, collaboration, and learning from experts and peers alike together, we can make significant strides in the fight against parasitic diseases, ultimately improving the lives of countless individuals globally.

Best Regards
Dr. S. Geethalakshmi
Vice-President IATP
MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF IATP

Prof. (Dr.) Ujjala Ghoshal
Head, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS Kalyani
Ex. Head, Department of Microbiology, SGPGIMS, Lucknow
Senior ASM Country Ambassador to Northern India
Secretary General, Indian Academy of Tropical Parasitology
Vice President IAMM UP- UK Chapter, EC member IAMM

On behalf of the Indian Academy of Tropical Parasitology (IATP), it is my privilege and honour to extend a warm invitation to attend our much-awaited XVIIth National Conference of Indian Academy of Tropical Parasitology - TROPACON 2023, scheduled to be held in the historical city of Jodhpur, Rajasthan, from October 26th to 29th,2023.

With the theme, “Parasitic infections: Hopes and Hurdles” this year’s conference promises to be an enriching experience and will cover a diverse range of topics. TROPACON is renowned for its academic excellence and brings together medical microbiologists, clinicians, experts, researchers, and scholars from the fields of tropical medicine and parasitology to share insights to combat tropical parasitic diseases effectively.

Jodhpur, with its vibrant culture, majestic palaces, and historical significance, offers an ideal backdrop for this gathering of minds. We encourage you to take some time to explore the city’s splendors and immerse yourself in its rich heritage.
I wish the conference a great success.

Best Regards
Prof. (Dr.) Ujjala Ghoshal
Secretary General-IATP
Dr. Vibhor Tak,  
Organizing Secretary,  
Additional Professor,  
Department of Microbiology, AIIMS Jodhpur,

It is my immense pleasure to invite all the eminent guests, speakers, delegates, scholars and students to attend TROPACON 2023, XVIIth National Conference of Indian Academy of Tropical Parasitology. From the banks of Hooghly River in Kolkata where we left last year, this year we move across breadth the country from East to West, and reach the gateway to the Thar desert, the ‘Sun-City’ of Jodhpur, where the conference is scheduled from October 26th to October 29th, 2023.

The theme for this year is, “Parasitic infections: Hopes and Hurdles”. The conference aims to gather experts, researchers, and enthusiasts in the field of medical parasitology from around the country to exchange knowledge, foster collaborations, and discuss the latest advancements in parasitological research. This platform will provide a comprehensive understanding of parasitic diseases, their impact on global health, and the development of innovative approaches for their prevention and treatment. Neglected tropical parasitic diseases and parasitic diseases with respect to ‘One Health’ will also be covered. It will also feature keynote speeches, pre-conference workshops, quiz, poster presentations and oral sessions covering various aspects of medical parasitology.

Jodhpur, known as the “Blue City” for its azure-tinted houses, is an exceptional destination that blends the old-world charm with modernity. Alongside the intellectually stimulating conference, we encourage you to experience the captivating cultural heritage and breathtaking attractions that Jodhpur has to offer. We also welcome you to join the UNESCO endorsed, 'Jodhpur Rajasthan International Folk Festival' which coincides with the timeline of the conference.
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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS/APPLICATIONS FOR THE IATP AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS 2023, IN PARASITOLOGY

The Indian Academy of Tropical Parasitology (IATP) since its inception has remained committed to academic excellence and nurturing of research in parasitic diseases. To broaden the perspectives, the IATP, every year offers various awards and recognitions to its members as well as other Parasitologists of eminence in India and abroad for their contributions in the field of Parasitology.

1. Springer-Parija South East Asia Award of the IATP:
This is a prestigious international award by the Springer with the Indian Academy of Tropical Parasitology (IATP) to be given every year. This award will be given for Excellence in research in parasitic diseases related to “One Health” to be awarded to the scientists from WHO South East Asian Member Countries (India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Indonesia, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Timor-Leste). It will be awarded to a mid-level scientist/faculty of 45-55 years age from any of these countries based on his/her publications in indexed journals. One person can get the award only once and the value of the award is in the form of Springer book Voucher of 2500 Euros. The awardee will be given a certificate and a gold medal at the Annual Congress of the Indian Academy of Tropical Parasitology 2023. Recipient will deliver an Oration during the Annual Congress.

2. Dr S.C. Parija Oration Award of the IATP:
This is a prestigious international award of the Indian Academy of Tropical Parasitology (IATP) given every year to eminent parasitologist of age 55 years and above from India and abroad in recognition of their contributions to the field of parasitology. The person must be of repute in the field of parasitology and should have contributed immensely to the subject over a considerable period as evidenced by papers published in peer reviewed journals, monographs/textbooks written on parasitological topics etc. In addition, individuals from the industry segment who have contributed to the development of parasitology would also be considered for the award. The awardee will be given a certificate and a gold medal at the Annual Congress of the Indian Academy of Tropical Parasitology. Recipient will deliver an Oration during the Annual Congress. Full transcript of the Oration will be published in the January-July 2024 issue of ‘Tropical Parasitology’, the official journal of IATP.

3. Fellow of the IATP:
This is an important Fellowship given every
year to an eminent parasitologist of age 55 years and above from India and abroad in recognition of their contributions to the field of parasitology. The person must be of repute in the field of parasitology and should have contributed immensely to the subject. In addition, individuals from the industry segment who have contributed to the development of parasitology would also be considered for the award. The awardee will be given a certificate and a gold medal at the Annual Congress of the Indian Academy of Tropical Parasitology.

4. Springer Award for the Best Oral Paper Presentation of the IATP:
TROPACON is the national conference of IATP held every year during September-October at various locations in India. Till now, 16 such Conferences have been successfully held. In the Springer-IATP award, four best presentations will be selected by the judges and will be awarded as follows every year:

a. Two Best Oral Paper Presentations by the Faculty or Scientist: Book vouchers of 500 Euros each to buy any book published by Springer International.
b. Two Best Papers by Post graduate students (MD, MSc, PhD): Book vouchers of 250 Euros each to buy any book published by Springer International.

The members of the Indian Academy of Tropical Parasitology only are eligible for this Award.

5. Springer Award for Best Publication in Tropical Parasitology:
The IATP has its own official journal TropicalParasitology which is a biannual publication which is Scopus and PubMed indexed. For selecting the best papers, the previous year's publications will be judged by a panel of experts (with no conflict of interest) and awards will be given as: a. Maximum Three Best Original Articles: Book vouchers of 500 Euros each. b. Maximum Two Best Dispatches: Book vouchers of 250 Euros each.

A soft copy of the Self application/Nomination including a covering letter with justification of the nomination and bio data indicating contribution in the field of parasitology, may be sent to the Prof Sumeeta Khurana, Secretary, IATP Awards and Orations Committee, the Indian Academy of Tropical Parasitology on or before 31st August 2023. The application may be submitted at khuranasumeeta@gmail.com.

The details of the award and earlier recipients of the Oration may be accessed at www.iatpacademy.com.
Guidelines for Oral and Poster Presentation:

1. All the abstracts submitted must be written in English.
2. The topic should be relevant to Parasitology.
3. Abstract should not be longer than 250 words and must be written under following headings: Background, Objective, Methodology, Results and Conclusion.
4. For Case reports: Introduction, Case Management and Conclusion
5. Do not include Pictures, Tables and Charts within the abstract.
6. All abstracts submitted for Oral/Poster presentation will first be reviewed before acceptance.
7. The abstracts for Oral/Poster presentation must be sent as a soft copy (Word/PDF) to the Email ID: tropacon2023@gmail.com
8. For Award category Abstract submission kindly go through the guidelines as per the brochure and mail the abstract to khuranasumeeta@gmail.com
9. Confirmation regarding acceptance for Oral/Poster presentation will be communicated via Email.
10. Posters must be printed on 3’ X 4’ size paper only in Portrait layout. Any other size posters will not be allowed.
11. Oral presentation must be prepared on a MS PowerPoint presentation format containing not more than 15 slides.
12. Registration is mandatory for abstract submission.
13. Last Date for Abstract Submission is 30th September 2023.

Guidelines for Quiz participation:

1. Each team will have Two members either UG and/or PG and/or SR in any combinations.
2. Team members should be from the same Institution/College.
3. Pre-registration for the conference is not mandatory for preliminary round. While registration is mandatory for both the participants once selected for stage round.
4. Google form for registering for Preliminary round: https://forms.gle/mJiATEMbJzVT3WHm7
5. Preliminary round will be conducted online on 9th September 2023.
6. Quiz registration will close on 5th September 2023.
7. Top 5 teams from the Preliminary round will be selected for the stage round.
8. Stage round will be conducted during the conference.
26/10/2023: Pre-conference workshops

### WORKSHOP

**WORKSHOP-1** Medical Entomology: Approach to Identification & Control
**WORKSHOP-2** Laboratory diagnosis of coccidian parasites and STH
**WORKSHOP-3** Clinical management of Parasitic diseases

### CONFERENCE

#### Day-1: 27/10/2023

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<td>Dr. Abhishek Bhardwaj, AIIMS Jodhpur</td>
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<td>Challenges in management of Cutaneous Leishmaniasis</td>
<td>Dr. Saurabh Singh, AIIMS Jodhpur</td>
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<td>Lymphatic filariasis: Way to Eradication</td>
<td>Dr. Srujana Mohanty, AIIMS Bhubaneswar</td>
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<td>Dr. Tuhina Banerjee, BHU</td>
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<td>Current perspectives in management of Hydatid cyst</td>
<td>Dr. N.R. Dash, AIIMS New Delhi</td>
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<td>Tropical Splenomegaly: An approach towards clinical management</td>
<td>Dr. Gopal Krishna Bohra, AIIMS Jodhpur</td>
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<td>Liver flukes: No more a rare entity</td>
<td>Dr. Pratyusha K, AIIMS Patna</td>
<td>Histopathology as a tool for diagnostic parasitology</td>
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