

XIII Annual Conference of Indian Association of Preventive and Social Medicine
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A Report

The Department of Community Medicine, Himalayan Institute of Medical Science, HIHT University, Jolly Grant, Dehradun organized the “XIIIth Annual Conference of Indian Association of Preventive and Social Medicine UP & Uttarakhand Chapter from 30th to 31st October 2010”. The theme of conference was **“Strengthening Public Health - Translating Ideas into action”**. The conference was inaugurated by Dr Deoki Nandan, Director, National Institute of Health and Family Welfare; New Delhi & Guest of Honour was Dr H.C.Bhatt, Director General Health Services, Govt of Uttarakhand. Dean, Dr V. Chauhan, National President IAPSM-Prof. Sundaer Lal, President IAPSM UP UK Chapter Prof. S.C.Saxena, and Vice President Dr Uday Mohan (in the absence of Dr S.K.Garg, Secretary IAPSM UP UK chapter) & Dr S.D. Kandpal, Organizing Secretary also chaired the Inaugural Session. The Vice Chancellor’s message was read out by Dr. S.D.Kandpal in his absence. All the speakers in their inaugural speech put emphasis on ‘Strengthening Public Health Translating Ideas into action’ to build a healthy nation. They expected the association should play key role in upgrading Community Medicine & bring real change by coordination & support from all the Government & Non-Government sectors. Vote of thanks was proposed by the Organizing Secretary.



There were 12 scientific sessions during two days of conference including 6 plenary sessions covering important topics like family planning, RCH, Communicable & Non communicable disease. Eminent speakers were present during Plenary Sessions from Indian Council of

Medical Research (New Delhi), NIHFW (New Delhi), UNICEF (Lucknow), Population Foundation of India (New Delhi), Family Health International-USAID (New Delhi), A2Z-USAID (New Delhi), American Heart Association (USA), National Institute of Orthopedically Handicapped (Kolkata).

Session I on 1st day by the Population Foundation of India, New Delhi comprised presentation on implementation results of a Family Planning project initiative to deliver Quality Services by Dr Sharmila G. Neogi.

An Innovative Mobile Based MIS by Dr Rajeev Bijalwan, RDI/HIHT & 'Quality of Family Planning Services' through Rapid Assessment by the Ms Parul & Mr Nihar Ranjan.



Session II was presented by Dr Deoki Nandan, Director, NIHFW, New Delhi on Public Private Partnership in Health Sector & Dr Pramod Gautam, Programme Management Specialist, FHI, New Delhi presented overview of HIV/AIDS Epidemic in Uttar Pradesh.

Dr Sudipta Mondal from FHI spoke on programmatic response to combat HIV/AIDS in Uttar Pradesh. Data Triangulation in HIV/AIDS was presented by Dr Madhulekha Bhattacharya, Professor, NIHFW, New Delhi.

During IIIrd Session on RCH, Dr Gaurav Arya, Health Specialist, UNICEF office for Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow discussed on Increasing the availability and use of ORS and Zinc for diarrhoea management in the community.



Dr. V.K. Srivastava, Prof., CSMMU, Lucknow delivered a talk on role of Public health institutions and academia in increasing the prescription of ORS and Zinc for diarrhoea management.

Session IV was dedicated principally to research. There were speakers from NIHFWS- Dr V.K. Tiwari, Professor, NIHFWS, New Delhi whose presentation was on Operational Research in Health & Family Welfare; another presentation by Dr S.Vivek Adhish, Professor, NIHFWS, New Delhi (in absentia of Dr Neera Dhar, Professor, NIHFWS, New Delhi) focussed on Material Preparation & Presentation Skills in the Scientific Session.



On day 2, Session V was on Non Communicable Diseases. Dr Ashu Grover, Scientist, ICMR, New Delhi spoke on 'Non Communicable Diseases in the country-ICMR Veiwpoint'. 'Stress and Life Style Diseases' was presented by Dr. Ravinder Singh, ICMR, New Delhi. There was a presentation on Management of Cardiac Emergencies at Grass root level presented by Dr Divya Gupta on behalf of Dr S.K. Ahuja, American Heart Association, Maryland U.S.A.



Dr P. Bajpayee, NIOH Dehradun spoke on National Policies for Persons with Disability & role of the National Institute, while Dr D. Mitra also from NIOH, sensitized the delegates on Disability Management.

Session-VI was based on RCH. Dr A.K.Gupta, State Representative, A2Z USAID Micronutrient Project delivered his talk on the Importance of Complimentary feeding practices in prevention and control of child anemia. Prof. P V. Kotecha , Country Representative, A2Z USAID Micronutrient Project, New Delhi spoke on Child Anemia - a feasibility study: Results and lessons learnt from ,SR Nagar District Uttar Pradesh, India.



In open category, there were 5 Oral & 1 Poster sessions (again categorized according to the topics of the presentations) .There were a total 175 participants including registered

Delegates (135), speakers, Chairperson & Dignitaries. Overall 85 abstracts were received for both Oral (52) & Poster (32) presentations.

An essay competition based on the theme of the conference was organized for Postgraduates; entries were submitted online & 21 entries were received. Dr Kajal Srivastava, resident, S.N. Medical College, Agra was declared the winner for the best essay.

Dr Ashish Yadav, resident, L.L.R.M. Medical College got the best oral paper award & Dr Deepshikha, 1st year resident, H.I.M.S. Dehradun got the best poster award.

Official website of UP UK chapter was launched after approval at the General Body Meeting. During General Body meeting, Head office of '*Indian Journal of Community Health*' office was shifted from GSVM Medical College Kanpur to the Department of Community Medicine, Himalayan Institute of Medical Sciences, HIHT University, Swami Ram Nagar, Dehradun. It was also decided in GBM that journal will be performance based and will remain with the institute on satisfactory performance. Indexing of the Journal was a priority emphasized by the members. Subharti Medical College, Meerut was given the opportunity to host the next conference.

A banquet was also organized and the Guests & delegates were entertained through Live Music, Puppet show, Folk songs etc.

The office bearers of Executive council for the coming year i.e. 2010-2011 were also elected at the GBM. Prof Zulfia Khan, AMU, Aligarh was elected the new president for the state chapter. Dr S.C.Gupta, Prof & Head, S.N. Medical College, Agra took over as new vice president & Dr D.S. Martolia, Kanpur was the new elected secretary while Dr Shivender Singh, Lucknow became Joint Secretary & Dr Seema Nigam, Kanpur was newly elected Treasurer. Newly appointed Members of Executive council were, Dr Sadhna Awasthi, Dr Rakesh Kakkar, Dr Khursheed Muzammil, Dr Naim Ahmed, Dr Arun Kumar. The functionaries of the council were briefed on their portfolio and felicitated at the closing of the event.