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ASSOCIATION OF MICROBIOLOGISTS OF INDIA

from The General Secretary Desk

Dear Members,

Greetings to all esteemed members of AMI! One full term is completed since I have taken over as General Secretary, Association of Microbiologists of India (AMI), one of the reputed academic bodies in India. I sincerely thank to all office bearers of AMI and all the members of AMI for electing me again as General Secretary of Association for next three years. I assure every one of you that I along with office bearers and Central Council members are devoted to serve AMI and hope to come up to your expectations.

All members are request to visit new website of AMI and update their address/ email. The ID cards are also issued to members enrolled till March 31, 2017. Our Association has heritage of 78 years now our association has been succeeding academically fine. Our official journal, Indian Journal of Microbiology (INJM) is on track of achieving greater height and now published under the banner of Springer Nature which adds laurel to AMI.

I am enthralled to inform you about the magnificent success of 57th Annual Conference of Association of Microbiologists of India (AMI-2016) at Gauhati University, Assam. This was the first conference in North-East and every member felt thrilled to participate in this event.

We welcome of new AMI President, a noted academician and scientist, Dr. Amulya K. Panda, National Institute of Immunology, (NII), New Delhi and President Elect-2017, Prof. Appa Rao Podile, Vice Chancellor of University of Hyderabad who is a one of renowned microbiologist of the country. We also welcome new central council of AMI for next triennium (2017-2020).

Further, now AMI is trying participation from majority of world societies in Japan, South Africa, Spain, Brazil etc. in AMI Conferences and in this connection AMI has tied up as Associate Member of International Union of Microbiological Societies (IUMS) a Scientific Unions of the International Council of Science (ICSU).

I am also delighted to inform you that we have been successful to complete the registration of our academy in the name of Academy of Microbiological Sciences (AMSc) under founder chairmanship of Prof. R.C. Kuhad, presently serving as Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Haryana. The fellows are elected as **FAMSc** and w.e.f. the year 2016.

Further, it has been decided to award the travel fellowship to research scholars/students who are not availing any fellowship. The students can apply as per information available on website by 31st August, 2017. Further, I am in constant touch with many sponsor companies for getting financial support to strengthen AMI's activities. Further, AMI website has all user friendly option where members can create their user ID and create their profile. I request all members to browse through the AMI website and can ask website support team for their queries.

We acknowledge the praiseworthy activities put forth by AMI office bearers and members of central council. I look forward to request your support for further strengthening the AMI.

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ASSOCIATION OF MICROBIOLOGISTS OF INDIA

(58th Annual Conference of AMI)

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A. First Circular

Dear Member(s),

This is indeed our pleasure to inform you that **58th Annual Conference of AMI** will be organized from **November 16th-19th, 2017 at Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University (BBAU), Lucknow, UP, India**. You are cordially invited to attend the **58th Annual Conference of AMI** and participate in various scientific deliberations and AMI activities. Abstracts of the papers for presentation are to be prepared in short, not exceeding 300 words and indicating the name of the author presenting the paper. The posters are to be prepared strictly according to the size, the details of which will be informed in the Second Circular by the **Organizing Secretary of the 58th Annual Conference of AMI**. The details about last date for submitting the abstracts and registration fee etc. will be **notified in the second circular**. For further detailed information please contact the **Organizing Secretary** at the address given below:

Organizing Secretary

Prof. Ram Chandra

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Dates of the Conference: November 16-19, 2017

Theme of the Conference: Microorganisms and Environment for Human welfare

B. AMI- AWARDS

Nominations for AMI Awards: As approved by the Central Council (C.C.) of AMI in its 5th meeting held on March 12, 2017 at **Committee Room, International Guest House, University of Delhi, New Delhi**, the nominations are invited for the following awards before **31st August, 2017** to be awarded during **58th Annual Conference of AMI at BBAU, Lucknow, U.P., India.**

- 1. AMI-Prof. G.S. Rangasamy Award (Biannual):** The AMI Prof. Rangaswamy award is open to all AMI members. Applicants should be **50 years but not older than 65 years** and should be a member of the AMI of long standing (at least 10 years). He/she should have contributed significantly for the **development of Agricultural Microbiology**, in India or abroad as demonstrated by his work and publications. The award includes a cash of Rs 20,000/- and a citation. The awardee shall present his/her contribution during the conference.
- 2. AMI-Louis Pasteur Award (Triennial):**
The AMI-Louis Pasteur award is open to all AMI members. Applicants should be below the age of **60 years** and preferably a member of 10 years continuous standing and should have contributed significantly to the areas of **Fermentation or Medical Microbiology** preferably in India. The award will include cash of Rs 10,000/- and a citation. The awardee shall present his/her work during the conference.
- 3. AMI Young Scientist Awards (Annual):**
The association shall give out one award each in Agriculture, Industrial, Medical & Veterinary, Molecular microbiology and Biotechnology, Dairy & Food and Environmental Microbiology to young Microbiologists of India. Applicants should be less than 35 years of age on last date of submission of the nominations, and must have demonstrated their ability as Microbiologists and should be a

member of the Association at the time of nomination. The awards will be given during the annual conference of AMI. The awardees will be required to make a brief presentation of the work for which they are rewarded. The each award will include a cash of Rs. 5,000/- and a citation.

4. AMI- Best Poster Awards (Annual):

The award shall be given to the best **poster presented in each of the following areas of Microbiology** such as Agriculture, Industrial, Medical and Veterinary, Molecular, Dairy & food and Environmental Microbiology, during 58th Annual Conference of AMI. Each award will include a cash award of Rs.2000/- and a certificate. The procedure for selection shall involve review of the various posters by an expert committee jointly selected by the organizers and the C.C. AMI. Their decision will be final.

5. AMI- Dr. Rana Memorial Best Poster Award (Annual):

This award shall be given to the over all Best Poster presented at the 58th Annual Conference of AMI. All Posters presented at the 58th Annual Conference are entitled to compete. The award shall consist of a cash of Rs. 4,000/- and a certificate. The procedure for selection shall involve review of the various posters by an expert committee jointly selected by the organizers and the C.C. AMI. Their decision will be final.

6. AMI Best Unit Award

AMI units which are active will be awarded suitably by the AMI with a cash award and certificate to be decided by the Central Council of AMI. Selected unit will receive an award in the form of a certificate/ citation mentioning all the details of the unit/chapter and a Cash prize of Rs. 5000/-, Rs.3,000/- & Rs. 2,000 to the Ist, IInd and IIIrd Prize holders. The award will be given at the time of the annual General Body meeting and will have to be received by an officer of the unit.

7. AMI-Prof. J.V. Bhat award for the Best paper published in Indian Journal of Microbiology (Annual)

Since the Journal is open to all to publish their papers, there shall be no restriction for being a member of the Association. All papers published in the Indian Journal of Microbiology (INJM) during preceding year shall be considered for the award. The award will consist of a cash award of Rs. 3000/- and a citation. For selecting the awardee, the General Secretary shall obtain copies of the journal from the Editor-in-Chief and send the same to one or two eminent Microbiologists, who shall review and report back to the General Secretary the paper that deserves to be honored.

8. AMI-Travel grants

The AMI may support travel grants to young life members of AMI (below the age of 35), for participating annual conference of AMI, whose papers have been accepted for presentation at the AMI conference. Detailed guidelines will be available on AMI website. The travel grants shall cover II class Railway fares by the shortest route. The funds for this shall come from interest from funds earmarked for this purpose. The number of travel grants available will depend on the funds available and the GS, based on regional distribution, shall make primary scrutiny before placing to CC for approval. Those interested in utilizing this facility should inform the General Secretary of AMI soon after their paper is accepted at the conference, along with a copy of the paper and the acceptance letter.

9. Procedure of nomination for (1) AMI-Prof. G.S. Rangasamy Award (Biannual), (2) AMI-Louis Pasteur Award, and (3) Young Scientists Awards

Each nomination should be accompanied by complete details of the candidates like name, corresponding address, position held, academic distinctions, honors received, list of publications along with (i)

Name of the Award applied for (ii) brief of scientific contributions/ achievements (iii) Curriculum vitae (iv) Reprints of selected papers of the last 5 years with impact factor and citation index (v) contribution towards AMI. Each nomination for the awards at Sr. No. 1, 2 & 3 shall be proposed by two Life members of AMI and for the awards at Sr. No. 3 the nomination may be forwarded by Head of the Department/Major Advisor. One set of the nominations as well as one complete application Microsoft Word & PDF file by **e-mail** (Mention Subject line- AWARD NAME_ APLICANT NAME) complete in all respects should be submitted to **PROF. PRATYOOSH SHUKLA, General Secretary, AMI, Head, Department of Microbiology, Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak-124001, Haryana, INDIA, Phone-91-1262-393398; Fax-91-1262-274133, Cell-91-8813866019, 91-9431171157. E-mail: gsami2014@gmail.com, latest by 31st August, 2017.**

10. Fellow of Academy of Microbiological Sciences (FAMSc):

The fellowship nominations are invited for election of Fellow of Academy of Microbiological Sciences (FAMSc), earlier called as FAMI, for the year 2017. In all eleven sets of nominations complete in all respects should reach to the Prof. R.C. Kuhad, Chairman, Academy of Microbiological Sciences, Department of Microbiology, University of Delhi South Campus, New Delhi-110021 latest by 16th August, 2017. The nominee should have a minimum of 15 years of research/ teaching/technology development experience in any area of Microbiological Sciences with outstanding academic record and should preferably be a member of Association of Microbiologists of India (AMI) for 10 years, out of which life member for 5 years. The copy of the Rules and Application/Nomination form for FAMSc can be downloaded from AMI website.

* Note: Those who have already applied for FAMSc in the year 2015 and 2016 are requested to update their C.V. and re-submit the application mentioning the year of application on envelope to General Secretary, AMI on or before 16th Aug. 2017.

11. Election of the President-Elect. (2018) of AMI:

The nominations for the post of President-Elect (2018) of AMI are invited on the format given at the end of the circular. The nomination duly filled, proposed and seconded as per the conditions given in the format as per rules of AMI available on website should reach to the address given below on or before 31st August 2017.

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Minutes of the 57th General Body (GB) meeting held at the BKB Auditorium, Gauhati University, Guwahati, Assam, India on 25.11.2016.

1. The 57th General Body (GB) Meeting of AMI was held on November 25, 2016 at 12.30 PM at the BKB Auditorium, Gauhati University, Guwahati, Assam. The list of members present in the meeting is appended at Annexure I.
2. At the outset, General Secretary briefed the audience about the message of Prof. Sunil Khanna, President, AMI and his absence due to his sudden health problems. He read a message sent by Prof. Sunil Khanna. Then, he invited the President Elect, AMI Dr. Amulya K. Panda to chair the meeting. Other members seated on the dais included Prof. T. Satyanarayana (Immediate past President), Prof. Rupl Lal, Past President, AMI Prof. L.V. Rao, Prof. V.C. Kalia, Editor-in-Chief, INJM, Prof. Rup Lal, Past President, AMI, Prof. Pratyooosh Shukla, GS, AMI and Prof. Dhruva K. Jha, Organizing Secretary, 57th Annual Conference of AMI.
3. General Secretary, Prof. P. Shukla welcomed all the members of AMI present in the GB meeting and began the proceedings with permission of President, AMI. Prof. Shukla, GS briefed the GB about the major developments in AMI since the last GB meeting held at JNU, New Delhi, during the 56th Annual conference of AMI. He mentioned that the Association of Microbiologists of India was established in 1938 at Lucknow and has completed 78 years and regarded as one of the oldest and most reputed scientific societies of India.

Prof. Shukla briefed that about the balanced progress made by the Association and the activities of the association are going across the country to help nurturing the aspirations of many members of society.

Many new members have enrolled themselves with the Association and the number of life members now stands at 4,518. The Association has successfully submitted its income tax return for the assessment year 2015-16. Its annual book of accounts have also been audited by the auditors employed by the general Body.

Few more microbiology societies are in contact with AMI for forging ties including Nigerian Society of Microbiology. Within the country also new units of AMI has come up which shows the increase of interests of members and interest towards AMI and its activities. Many members of the Association have also brought reputation to glory to the Association by getting fellowship of various science Academies and other reputed honors.

4. The GS then presented before the GB the annual report of the AMI and the proceedings of the CC meetings held during the year (2016-2017).
5. General Secretary informed that in this time, more than 8 AMI units have submitted their report and their activities were reported. He briefed GB that many other units are not very regular in sending their reports to the Central Unit which is mandatory. GB took a serious view of the issue and asked the GS to send final letters to the units and they may be closed in case they are not active.

The report was subsequently proposed for approval by Prof. Sunil Pabbi and seconded by Prof. Ram Chandra.

6. The Treasurer, AMI presented the audited report of financial accounts of the AMI, enrollment of new members and financial help extended to various AMI units to conduct activities of the units for popularization of Microbiology in the country. He mentioned that the Association is in excellent financial health and total fund available with AMI including all fixed deposits as on 20.10.2016 is Rs. 1,79,49,564/- . He also mentioned that income tax return has been for the assessment year 2016-17.

1. Total deposit in banks (PNB, Mall Road, SBI , Delhi, Rs. 1,04,17,505.70, dated 20.10.2016) and fixed deposit in PNB, Hissar /Delhi is Rs. 59,36,449, dated 31.3.2016.
2. SBI University of Delhi AMI A/C Rs. 15,95,610/- dated 20.10.2016
3. Total fund in AMI a/c 1,79,49,564.70/- dated 20.10.2016
4. Auditing of the AMI account for financial year 2015-16 has been completed.
5. Income Tax return has been submitted for assessment year 2016-17 on 7.9.2016.
6. Income tax notices had been clarified by our CAs.
7. New Income tax notice has been received and will be attended by our CAs.
8. Rs. 3,00,000/- as an advance has been given to 56th AMI Conference Organizer at JNU, New Delhi, dated 29.6.2015.
9. Prof. B. N. Johri award has been initiated with the deposit of Rs. 2,00,000/-
10. Advance of Rs. 20,000/- has been given to AMI unit Srinagar dated 23.7.2015.
11. Advance of Rs. 20,000/- to Dr. G.Venkateswaran for AMI activities.
12. Process is initiated for income tax exemption.

The GS informed the GB that according to Treasurers report the loan given to organizers of AMI 2015 yet not returned even after repeated reminders and e-mails. The GB showed its strong dissatisfaction over the matter of non return of loan of Rs. 3 Lakhs and savings as per GB guidelines by Organizers of 56th Annual AMI Conference and suggested GS to follow the procedure as per Rule no. 19.12 (page 41) of AMI Rule Booklet.

The report of the Treasurer was proposed for approval by Prof. Ram Chandra and seconded by Prof. Gopal Reddy.

7. The Editor-in-Chief of INJM Prof. (Dr.) V.C. Kalia, read out his report highlighted that Indian Journal of Microbiology (INJM), the official Journal of the Association of Microbiologist of India (AMI), has made steady progress in different areas such as Academic activities, Administrative and Financial matters. The Journal has been appreciated by researchers across the globe. At present, we can be proud of the status of INJM, which is now having a worldwide recognition. The credit for this progress goes to the faith reposed by the authors, the dedicated efforts and interests of all the members of the AMI, Editors and Reviewers of INJM and the team of M/s Springer Nature.

The journey of INJM after being initiated with M/s Springer in 2007, under the able leadership of Prof. Dr. Rup Lal, as Editor-in-Chief has now taken a new dimension. From 2016 M/s Springer has grown to M/s Springer Nature. It is a proud moment for AMI that INJM is now published in association with Nature Publishing Group. I am really lucky to get an opportunity to serve as Editor in Chief of this prestigious Journal since March 2013.

With the strong support from AMI CC members, and Editors of INJM, we have been able to bring out all the issues of INJM in 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 in a scheduled and timely manner. Another interesting feature throughout these years is that at present 100% of the articles are published according to the date of their appearance under Online First. We receive almost 800-900 articles every year and even this year we have already received 750 articles by 8th November 2016. Of these, 70 articles have been subjected to full reviewing process. The rest 680 articles have been pre-screened and the decision has been conveyed to the authors within 1 week of their initial submission. This rapid

decision has saved the authors of their precious time, which thus enabled them to submit their articles to other journals. In brief, there is no backlog of any kind on any front.

A few highlights of the progress made by INJM during the past one year are:

- The Impact factor of INJM has been going Northwards during the last few years: 0.838, 0.899 to 1.143 in 2015 and is likely to improve further.
- The total number of citations / year is also showing an upwards trend. It has increased from 331 in 2012 to 835 in 2015, the highest so far.
- The best part of the progress made by Indian Journal of Microbiology (INJM) is the fact that there are quite a few papers (Published during 2007-2016), which have more than 100 cites each (Google Scholar) (The highest being 151 cites).
- Papers published in INJM are getting cited in journals such as Nature Chemical Biology, 2016 (Impact Factor: 12.999).
- Editorial policy has been making necessary changes from time to time. At the time of submission, all articles are checked for any kind of plagiarism. The issue of plagiarism in the published articles has been reduced to a level, which is acceptable to all Journals of International repute. So we can be proud of the fact that our Journal does not publish any copied material, i.e. no plagiarism.

We must acknowledge the fact, quite a few researchers have started contributing their quality papers in large numbers, which has certainly raised the standard of INJM. The journal has already been listed in several international indexing services including PUBMED. It will be pertinent to convey the message that the articles published in INJM are being cited in high Impact Factor journals. So publish your best works and cite papers from INJM. It will be worth

mentioning that INJM is subscribed by more than 6000 Institutions globally, which give high visibility to the works published here. It is thus as good as Open Access. INJM is likely to scale heights beyond our imaginations. I hope you will all participate to strengthen AMI and INJM.

There was appreciation in the GB of the hard work made by the Editor-in-Chief and his team. The reports of the Editor-in-Chief was proposed for approval by Prof. T. Satyanarayana and seconded by Prof. Sunil Pabbi.

8. General Secretary then announced the AMI Awards for 2016 which was listed as the next agenda. The selection of the recipients of the following Fellowships and awards of AMI were placed and approved by the GB on a recommendation from the CC:

AMI- Life Time Achievement Award

Prof. Amit Ghosh, Ph.D., D.Sc.(hc), FNASc, FASc, FNA, FBRS
J.C. Bose Distinguished Professor, National Academy of Sciences , India
National Institute of Cholera and Enteric Diseases (ICMR), Kolkata - 700010, India

AMI- Dr. G. B. Manjerekar Award

Prof. Arun Goyal, (FAMI,FABAP,FBRS,FNABS,FNAAS,FIFIB)
Professor and Former Head, Department of Biosciences and Bioengineering
Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati,Guwahati-781039, Assam, India

AMI- Prof. S. R. Vyas Memorial Award

Prof. V. C. Kalia, FNASc; FNAAS; FAMI
Chief Scientist, CSIR-IGIB; Professor, AcSIR, Microbial Biotechnology and Genomics, CSIR- Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology; Delhi-110007.

AMI- Prof. B. N. Johri Award for Microbial Diversity Jointly to be given to:

Dr. Ch. Sasikala
Professor and Chairperson, Board of Studies,
Bacterial Discovery Laboratory, Centre for Environment,
Institute of Science and Technology, Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University
Hyderabad,
Hyderabad - 500 085, India.
& Prof. Rup Lal, FNA, FNASc, FNAAS
Molecular Biology Laboratory, Department of Zoology, North Campus, University of
Delhi, Delhi-110007, India

AMI -YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARDS

Agricultural Microbiology Award

Dr. N. Amaresan, Asst Professor

C.G. Bhakta Institute of Biotechnology (CGBIBT)

Uka Tarsadia University (UTU), Maliba Campus, Bardoli Mahuva Road,
Tarsadi, Dist. Surat, Gujarat (INDIA) -394350

Medical Microbiology Award

Dr. Sinosh Skariyachan, Associate Professor

Department of Biotechnology , Dayananda Sagar College of Engineering
Kumaraswamy Layout, Bangalore-560 078, India

Environmental Microbiology Award

Dr. Avinash Sharma, Scientist B

Microbial Culture Collection, National Centre For Cell Science, Pune-411007

Industrial Microbiology Award

Dr. Deepa Deswal

Dept of Microbiology, University of Delhi South Campus

Dairy and Food Microbiology Award

Dr. Puneet Kumar Singh

Department of Microbiology, Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak, Haryana

Molecular Microbiology & Biotechnology Award (Jointly)

Dr. Rishikesh Shukla

Dr. D.S. Kothari Post Doctoral Fellow, Department of Microbiology, Central
University of Haryana

Mahendergarh-123031, Haryana, INDIA

&

Dr. Dhiraj Paul, DST Young Scientist ,Microbial Culture Collection, National Centre
for Cell Science, Pune

On behalf of Chairman, AMSc briefed about the approval of CC for **Fellow of Academy of Microbiological Sciences (FAMSc)**.

Sl. No.	Name	Affiliation
1.	Prof. Prakash M. Halami	Sr. Principal Scientist & Professor, AcSIR CSIR-Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysore-570020, India

J.V. Bhat award for best paper published in INJM

Biodiesel Industry Waste: A Potential Source of Bioenergy and Biopolymers” by Kumar P. et. al.

AMI Best unit award:

- a. First prize for the 'AMI award for the best unit' went to the **Panjab University Chandigarh, Unit.**
- b. Second prize for the 'AMI award for the best unit' went to the **AMI-Rohtak unit** of AMI based at M.D. University, Rohtak, Haryana.
- c. Third prize is given to AMI-IARI Unit at New Delhi

Best Poster Awards during AMI 2016

Sl. No.	Field	Title of poster	Code No.
1.	Rana memorial best poster award	Expression of bioactive recombinant streptokinase in <i>Pichia pastoris</i> fed-batch culture Adivitiya and Y.P. Khasa Department of Microbiology, University of Delhi, South Campus, New Delhi-110021, India	IM-05
2.	Environmental Microbiology	Genomic Insights of PAHs degrading bacteria Rajkumari Jha, L. Paikhomba Singha, Piyush Pandey Department of Microbiology, Assam University, Silchar	1
3.	Food and Dairy Microbiology	Effect of a locally-prepared fermented alcoholic beverage from jaggery on the gut bacterial profile of the tea-tribal population of Assam, India Rupamoni Thakur, Narayan C. Talukdar, Mojibur R. Khan Molecular Biology and Microbial Biotechnology Laboratory, Life Science Division, Institute of Advanced Study in Science and Technology (IASST), Paschim Boragoan, Garchuk, Guwahati-781035, Assam, India	FDM-18
4.	Industrial Microbiology	Production and characteristics of biosurfactant produced by <i>Bacillus sp.</i> KSRH1 towards its application as antifungal agent Sathi Reddy. K., Archana. K., Nageshwar. L., Hameeda Bee Department of Microbiology, Osmania University, Hyderabad-07	IM-61

5.	Molecular Microbiology and Biotechnology	Profiling of the gut microbes and metabolites of ethnically diverse tribal population of Assam and their correlation Madhusmita Dehingia, Supriyo Sen, Narayan C. Talukdar and Mojibur R. Khan Molecular biology & Microbial Biotechnology laboratory, Life Science division, Institute of Advanced study in Science and Technology (IASST), Guwahati, Assam-781035 India	MMB-35
6.	Medical and Veterinary Microbiology	Understanding the functional role of Type VII secretion system in <i>Mycobacterium smegmatis</i> Yutika Nath ¹ , Suvendra Kumar Ray ¹ and Alok Kumar Buragohain ^{1,2} ¹ Department of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, Tezpur University, Assam-784028 ² Dibrugarh University, National Highway37, Dibrugarh, Assam-786004	MVM-82
7.	Soil and Agriculture Microbiology	Application of ACC deaminase producing PGPR for the management of abiotic stress in <i>Panicum maximum</i> Jacq. Garima Tiwari, Hariprasad P. and Satyawati Sharma Centre for Rural Development and Technology, India Institute of Technology Delhi-110016	SAM-21

GB congratulated all the awardees on their achievements.

9. On behalf of Chairman, AMSc, the GS informed the GB that the registration of academy is done with change in its abbreviation and full name. He also informed the GB that the revised name and abbreviation for **Academy of Microbiological Sciences** will be **AMSc with fellows will be called as FAMSc**. The same was approved by GB.
10. Result of the election to the Post of President-Elect- 2017 was declared by the General Secretary as approved by CC. With able guidance from the Central Council under the leadership of the President, AMI and in exercise of the responsibilities enshrined in the constitution of AMI, the Joint Secretary (Prof. Sunil K. Khare) acted as the Returning Officer for the elections for various posts. The following persons were declared elected:

- a. Prof. Appa Rao Podile, Vice Chancellor, UoH, Hyderabad was **elected unopposed** President-elect -2017 as the other candidate (Prof. J.S. Viridi) had withdrawn from the contest. We wish to thank Prof. J.S. Viridi for his move for strengthening AMI.
- b. Prof. Pratyoosh Shukla, Head, Dept of Microbiology, M.D.U. Rohtak was **elected unopposed** for the post of General Secretary for the triennium 2017-20.
- c. Prof. Sunil Pabbi, IARI, New Delhi was **elected unopposed** for the post of Treasurer for the triennium 2017-20.
- d. Regarding election for the six posts of CC members for triennium 2017-20, the following persons were declared elected unopposed :

SI. No.	Name & Affiliation
1.	Prof. Gopal Reddy, Dept of Microbiology, Osmania University, Hyderabad
2.	Prof. Ram Chandra Department of Environmental Microbiology, B.B. Ambedkar Central University, Lucknow-226025, U.P., India)
3.	Prof. D.K. Singh, Department of Zoology, North Campus University of Delhi, Delhi-110007, India
4.	Prof. Prince Sharma, Department of Microbiology, Panjab University, Chandigarh
5.	Dr. Sashi Kanta Dash, Orissa University of Agriculture & Technology, Bhubaneswar-751003, Odisha, India.
6.	Prof. Yogendra Singh, Department of Zoology, University of Delhi

Let us all congratulate all the victorious candidates who will take the AMI forward during the next years. I also appreciate the efforts of the CC members of AMI.

11. The GS then put forth the proposal of authorization of CC for nominating as Editor in Chief, INJM for 2017-2021, which was also approved by 4th CC meeting. The GB authorized CC to take decision on this matter. In the same agenda, Dr. V.C. Kalia also gave his consent to continue as EiC.

12. While finalizing proposal for holding the 58th Annual conference the GS informed that Prof. Ram Chandra, President, AMI, Lucknow Unit, BBAU, Lucknow, UP has already send his proposal through established procedure for organizing AMI 2017 and it has been approved by subsequent CC meetings. Prof. Ram Chandra also presented the brief plan of AMI and justification about facilities and funding. The GS requested the GB to give its approval for holding 58th Annual AMI Conference at Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University (BBAU) Lucknow, UP along with collaboration with other educational institutes (CIMAP, CDRI, ITRC etc). The GB decided the 58th Annual Conference of AMI (AMI-2017) is being bestowed to AMI Lucknow Unit.

Further, a message was conveyed by the President of unit Prof. Ram Chandra, in which he assured all the members of hosting memorable conference with the suggestion and guidance of the CC of AMI.

13. Finally, Prof. P. Shukla, General Secretary thanked Prof. Sunil Khanna, President, AMI, Chair, Central Council members, Past Presidents of AMI for skillfully conducting the meeting and all the AMI members for their active participation and full support.

14. In final remarks, Prof. Amulya K. Panda, President Elect, AMI expressed his full contentment for the discussion of all the agenda items and taking significant decision in an definite manner.

Sd/-
(Pratyosh Shukla)
General Secretary

Sd/-
(Sunil Khanna)
President

DATED: 15.01.2017

Annexure I

57th General Body (GB) meeting held at the BKB Auditorium, Gauhati University, Guwahati, Assam, India on 25.11.2016.

Sl. No.	Name	Affiliation
01	Prof. Rup Lal	University of Delhi, Delhi
02	Prof. B.N. Johri	Barkatullah University, Bhopal
03	Prof. T. Satyanarayana	University of Delhi, Delhi
04	Prof L.V. Rao	Osmania University, Hyderabad
05	Dr. Diganta Narzary	Gauhati University, Guwahati, Assam
06	Prof. Debananda Ningthoujam	Manipur University
07	Prof. Pramod W. Ramteke	Sam Higginbottom University of Agriculture, Technology and Sciences, Allahabad
08	Prof. Prakash Halami	CSIR-CFTRI, Mysore
09	Prof. A.K. Dubey	NIST, Delhi
10	Prof. Gopal Reddy	Osmania University, Hyderabad
11	Prof. Appa Rao Podile	University of Hyderabad, AP
12	Prof. S.S. Dudeja	GJUST, Hisar
13	Prof. Arun Goyal	IIT Guwahati, Assam
14	Prof. Yogendra Singh	University of Delhi
15	Dr. Amit Ghosh	NICED, Kolkata
16	Prof. Ram Chandra	BBAU, Lucknow
17	Prof. Sunil Pabbi	IARI, New Delhi
18	Dr. Praveen Rahi	NCCS, Pune
19	Dr. K.K. Dubey	CUH, Mahendergarh Haryana
20	Dr. VS Randhawa	Lady Hardinge Medical College, New Delhi
21	Dr. Subhash Medi	Guwahati University, Guwahati
22	Prof. Alka Prakash	Dayalbagh Educational Institute, Dayalbagh (DEI), Agra
23	Dr. Seema Sangwan	CCS HAU HISAR
24	Dr. Namita Singh	GJUS&T Hisar
25	Dr. Kamla Malik	CCS HAU Hisar
26	Dr. Upendra Kumar	National Rice Research Institute Cuttak
27	Dr. Sangeeta Paul	IARI, New Delhi
28	Dr. Kamla Malik	CCS HAU HISAR
29	Dr. V. Govindasamy	IARI, New Delhi
30	Dr. Ajay Kumar	North-West University, South Africa

Sl. No.	Name	Affiliation
31	Dr. Dhiraj Paul	NCCS, Pune
32	Dr. N. Amaresan	CGB, UTU, Gujrat
33	Dr. Sinosh Skariyachan	Dayananda Sagar Institutions Bangloare
34	Ms Shruti Garka	DayanandaSagar Institutions Bangloare
35	Ms Sonam Tripathi	BBAU, Lucknow
36	Ms Pooja Sharma	BBAU, Lucknow
37	Dr. Suneeti Gere	Fergusson College, Pune
38	Dr. Rajashree Patwardhan	Haribhai V College Pune Maharashtra
39	Dr. Siya Ram	Gautam Buddha University, Noida
40	Dr. Ram Naraian	V.B.S. Purvanchal University, Jaipur
41	Prof. Piyush Pandey	Assam University, Silchar
42	Asmita Singh	-----
43	Prof. D.S. Arora	GNDU, Amritsar
44	Dr. Vivek Negi	University of Delhi, Delhi
45	Dr. Vipin Gupta	University of Delhi, Delhi
46	Shekhar Nagar	University of Delhi, Delhi
47	Prof. Chanderkant Kelmani	Gulbarga University, Gulbarga
48	Dr. Shrikant Pawar	NCCS-MCC, Pune
49	Dr. Prafulla Shede	Garware College, Pune
50	Avinash Sharma	NCCS-MCC, Pune
51	Dr. Nitish Kumar Mahato	University of Delhi, Delhi
52	Dr. Nirjara Singhvi	University of Delhi, Delhi
53	Dr. Harshita Mishra	University of Delhi, Delhi
54	Dr. Charu Tripathi	University of Delhi, Delhi
55	Dr. Pooja Rani	University of Delhi, Delhi
56	Dr. Utkarsh Sood	University of Delhi, Delhi
57	Dr. Princy Hira	University of Delhi, Delhi
58	Dr. Helianthous	University of Delhi, Delhi
59	Dr. Chandni Talwar	University of Delhi, Delhi
60	Dr. Akshita Puri	University of Delhi, Delhi
61	Dr. Namita Nayyae	University of Delhi, Delhi
62	Dr. Rashmi Sharma	University of Delhi, Delhi
63	Dr. Priya Singh	University of Delhi, Delhi
64	Dr. Himani Khurana	University of Delhi, Delhi
65	Dr. Deepa Deshwal	UDSC, New Delhi
66	Dr. Rishikesh Shukla	CUH, Mahendergarh
67	Dr. Anoop R. Markande	CGB, UTU, Gujrat
68	Prof. S.R. Dave	Gujarat University, Ahmedabad
69	Dr. Ranjana Bhatia	UIET, PU Chandigarh

Sl. No.	Name	Affiliation
70	Dr. Puja Yadav	CUH, Mahendgarh
71	Dr. Sajida Sultana	Manipur University
72	Dr. Bhanupratap Singh Chouhan	MID, Indore
73	Prof. D.K. Jha	Guwahati University, Guwahati
74	Prof. Pratyosh Shukla	M.D.U. Rohtak
75	Dr. V.C. Kalia	IGIB, New Delhi
76	Dr. Puneet K. Singh	M.D.U. Rohtak

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FORMAT FOR NOMINATION FOR THE POST OF THE PRESIDENT ELECT-2018 OF AMI

*(Use the same format for sending nomination and see the rules of nomination on
AMI website)*

We hereby propose the name of Prof./Dr./Mr./ Mrs. _____

Annual Member/Life member of the Association since: _____

For the post of President Elect-(2018)

Signature of the Proposer: _____

Name and Address in Block Letters: _____

Signature of the Seconder: _____

Name of Address in Block Letters: _____

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CONSENT OF THE CANDIDATE

I agree to stand as a candidate to the office of President Elect-(2018) of Association of Microbiologists of India (AMI).

Name and Address in Block Letters: _____

BIODATA OF THE CANDIDATE: (Briefly highlight the academic and administration achievements)

The nominee for the above position should be a life member of at least 10 years standing or as annual member for at least 15 years continuous standing and have contributed to AMI. It is **mandatory for President Elect** should have contributed for AMI in any capacity (CC Member, GS, Treasurer, Editor-in-chief, Joint Secretary or AMI Unit President/Secretary/Treasurer). **(Please send membership proof, brief write about your contribution (Mandatory) to AMI, Future plan of action etc.)**

Nominations for above position duly proposed by FAMSc (earlier FAMI)/ Ex-President and seconded by two other members, who may be Life Members with 10 year standing, along with the consent of the candidate, shall be sent to **Prof. Pratyosh Shukla, General Secretary, Association of Microbiologists of India, Head, Department of Microbiology, Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak-124001, Haryana, India on or before 31st August, 2017.**

Brief Notes:

- ❖ *Incomplete applications and without the format above will be summarily rejected.*
- ❖ *By signing this form the AMI Members contesting agrees to abide the decisions made by CC and GB of AMI.*
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