

Society for Mitochondrial Research and Medicine – *India*

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Secretary's report (activities since the 5th SMRM)

Preceding to the 6th annual conference of SMRM, Workshop on High-resolution respirometry was jointly organized by SMRM, CCMB and OROBOROS at CCMB, Hyderabad during 7 – 8 February 2017. Dr. Erich Gnaiger, OROBOROS Instruments, Austria conducted the workshop and delivered technical talks. Dr. Robert Pitceathly, UCL, London, delivered a talk on clinical aspects of mitochondrial disorders.



The sixth annual conference of the Society entitled “International conference on Mitochondria in Health and Disease” was organized by Dr. Rana P. Singh at School of Life Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, during 10 - 11 February 2017.



A total of 27 speakers, including 9 international and 19 Indian speakers have delivered the talks. In order to encourage the young researchers, eight best abstracts have been selected for oral presentation. During this conference, a cultural programme was organized on the 10th (February 2017) evening. EC greatly appreciated the efforts of Dr. Rana P. Singh and his colleagues for organizing the 6th SMRM conference very efficiently.

The meeting report of the 6th SMRM was compiled by Chakrabarthy S, Kabekkodu SP, Singh RP, Thangaraj K, Singh KK and Satyamoorthy K, and has been published in the November (2018) issue of *Mitochondrion*.

The Sixth General Body meeting of the SMRM was held on 10th February 2017 at 8.00 PM at the venue of the 6th Annual Conference of SMRM.

As a part of SMRM activities, Hands-on workshop on “Mitochondrial Biochemistry, Enzyme Histochemistry and Electron Microscopy” and 4th Mito-Symposium 2017” was organized by Prof. Gayathri N and her colleagues at the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS), Bangalore, during 10-16 October 2017.



Next Generation Sequencing Workshop on Precision Oncology jointly organized by the School of Life Sciences, Manipal, SMRM-India, and ThermoFisher Scientific, USA during 6 to 8 November, 2017.



Another such activity was the mini-symposium on “Mitochondrial Medicine”, held at CCMB, Hyderabad on 1st February 2018, and the lectures were delivered by Dr. Sireesha (NIMS, Hyderabad), Prof. Gayathri (NIMHANS, Bangalore), Prof. Satyamoorthy (Manipal University, Manipal), Prof. Keshav K. Singh (University of Alabama, USA) and Dr. K. Thangaraj (CCMB, Hyderabad).



On 10th December, SMRM lost its Founder President, Dr. Lalji Singh, who held the post until 2012. During the inaugural function of the mini-symposium held at CCMB on 1st February 2018, EC members and others have shared their memories and contributions of Dr. Lalji Singh. SMRM in memory of Dr. Lalji Singh has instituted “Dr. Lalji Singh Memorial Lecture Award”, which

would be presented during the annual meetings of the SMRM to those who have made significant contribution in the field of "Mitochondrial Research".

In order to encourage the postgraduate students, who are working in the field of mitochondrial research, Society has requested the members to offer 6-month project to the students in their lab. However, there was no request from the students.

During the last one year, 38 new members have joined the Society. Till date, we have a total of 221 members.



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