



Secretary General's Report

Dear members,

New Year greetings to all of you.

To begin with, I extend my sincere gratitude to all the members of APCRI for having given me an opportunity to serve as the secretary General of our prestigious association.

Today, intra dermal rabies vaccination has become a norm for post exposure prophylaxis for rabies in many states in the country thanks to the efforts of our association and its 11th National Conference held on 4th and 5th July, 2009 with the theme "Intra Dermal Rabies Vaccination: the challenges ahead". The support and guidance extended by Dr. M K Sudarshan, Dr. S N Madhusudana, Dr. R L Ichpuchani, Dr. Mala Chhabra and Dr. Veena Mittal needs special mention.

I am deeply indebted to Smt. P K Sreemathi Teacher, Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Kerala and Dr. Dinesh Arora IAS, Jt. Secretary, SMD, NRHM & KMSCL for the excellent administrative support rendered by them for implementation of IDRV in the state including the issuing of government order for provision of IDRV free of cost to all bite victims and also in all the endeavors of APCRI including the national workshop. I believe that the administrative support of this kind is a blessing to any state who wishes to implement IDRV in the state.

The year 2009 is of pride to all members of APCRI as Dr. F X Meslin, team leader visited our nation to evaluate the implementation of IDRV in the state of Kerala. This was recognition for tireless efforts of our organization and a glimpse of its comraderie. I am proud to bring to your notice that the initiatives of our organization were very much appreciated at RIACON 2009 (Rabies in Asia Conference, at Hanoi, Vietnam). The activities headed by our association on World Rabies Day 2009 were published on the home page of www.worldrabiesday.org by the Alliance for Rabies Control.

This year APCRI began its strive towards Rabies Free India by fine tuning its post exposure treatment by conducting a training of trainers for RIGs administration in Kerala. This unique initiative was possible only due the technical and academic support from Dr.G.Sampath and Dr. D. H Aswath Narayana.

It is my humble to congratulate Dr. Amlan Goswami, convener of the editorial board, for his persistent efforts in bringing out high quality APCRI newsletters and journals for the last four years.

I look forward to meet you at the National IEC workshop at Mysore on 20th and 21st March 2010. The date for next annual national conference will be on 3rd and 4th of July. The conference announcement will be sent to you shortly.

For updates about activities of APCRI please log on to www.apcri.org.

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