



From the Editor's Desk

Dear Colleagues,

Greetings to all readers of the APCRI Journal. I am very happy to present you with this issue of the APCRI Journal, Volume XVI, Issue 1, July 2014.

The APCRI Journal is being published continuously for more than 16 years. Since 2006, it has an ISSN, and is regularly published two times a year, and is mailed to all APCRI members and other interested groups and officials. The Journal has an international circulation. The APCRI Journal has been indexed in Index Copernicus International since 2013.

The Journal of any professional and scientific organization is the medium through which everyone can get relevant information about the academic and scientific activities of that organization. It is most essential for creating interest about academic and scientific activities in that organization, amongst its members.

I hereby thank all the contributors for their articles. Without an abundant supply of articles, no editor can bring out a journal. I take this opportunity to once again request the scientific community for articles on Rabies and related topics for publication in the “APCRI Journal”, in future.

Any grievances or queries' can be addressed through “Letters to the Editor”.

I thank the corporate houses of Novartis, Zydus and Ranbaxy, for their Advertisements. I also thank Dr. S. Abdul Rahman, President APCRI, Dr. G. Sampath, Past-President APCRI, Dr. V. Srinivas Rao, Zonal Representative APCRI and Dr. G. Sukhdas, Treasurer APCRI, for helping me to bring out this issue of the APCRI Journal.

This issue of the APCRI Journal is a step in the endeavor of the APCRI to fight the menace of Rabies by increasing the awareness about Rabies in all sections of the society. Let us all commit ourselves for the elimination of human rabies from India.

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Editor, APCRI Journal

ASSOCIATION FOR PREVENTION & CONTROL OF RABIES IN INDIA (APCRI)

The Association for Prevention & Control of Rabies in India (APCRI) was founded on 17th April, 1998 & is registered as a scientific society under the Karnataka Societies Act S-No 439, 2000-01. It is an association of professionals, scientists & others who are committed to the elimination of rabies from India.

Goal: Rabies Free India by 2020.

Activities till date

1. **Annual Conferences on 6th July (World Zoonosis Day) or near about (On Saturday and Sunday only):**
Kolkata (1999), Bangalore (2000), Amritsar (2001), Jaipur (2002), Bhubaneswar (2003), Kolkata (2004), Shimla (2005), Jammu (2006), Hyderabad (2007), Lucknow (2008), Thiruvananthapuram (2009), New Delhi (2010), Chennai (2011), Kolkata (2012), Pune (2013) and Mysore (2014).
2. **Workshops, Seminars & Training Programmes:**
 - National workshop for APCRI trainers in modern WHO approved rabies prophylaxis at NIMHANS, Bangalore (2001).
 - National seminar on “Intradermal Rabies Vaccination”, KIMS, Bangalore (2003).
 - National workshop on “Developing guidelines for Rabies Prophylaxis” at Hyderabad (2006).
 - National workshop on “Rabies Prophylaxis” at Alleppey, Kerala (2006).
 - National workshop on “Rabies Immunoglobulin (RIG) Administration” at KIMS, Bangalore (2008).
 - **National Seminar on Rabies Vaccines: Important Issues, at Visakhapatnam (Vizag), Andhra Pradesh (1st March, 2009).**
 - **National Workshop on Development of IEC Material on Prevention of Rabies for School Children and Public at Mysore, Karnataka (20th & 21st March, 2010).**
 - **National Seminar on “Rabies Post Exposure Prophylaxis-Recommendations and Practices” at New Delhi (17th March, 2013).**
 - **National Seminar on Rabies Prophylaxis (2014), at Delhi (26th April, 2014).**
3. **Publications:** APCRI Journal (Biannual), & APCRI News Letter (Biannual).
4. **WHO sponsored “National Multi-centric Indian rabies survey” (2004).**
5. **Award:** APCRI was honoured with “**Chiron Vaccines Award 2000**” for its contribution to prevention & control of Rabies in India.
6. APCRI in association with Indian Academy of Paediatrics (IAP) and Rabies in Asia (RIA) Foundation, formulated the **IAP Guidelines for Rabies Prophylaxis in Children** (2008)
7. **Slides on “Rabies Prophylaxis – Current Concepts & Recommendations”** prepared by an expert consultation (2001), Revised in 2006 & now available on www.apcri.org
8. Observed “**World Rabies Day**” in 8th September, 2007, 28th September 2008, 28th September 2009, 28th September 2010, 28th September 2011, 28th September, 2012 and 28th September 2013 all over the country.
9. WHO-APCRI survey on '**Post Exposure Prophylaxis modalities in India (2007).**
10. APCRI is regularly organizing Zonal/ Regional conferences & CME programmes.
11. APCRI played a major role in implementation of Intradermal Rabies Vaccination (IDRV) in the country.
12. **Manual on Rabies Immunoglobulin (RIG) Administration published in February, 2009.**
13. APCRI Educational Portal in 2010. The site can be visited at edu.apcri.org.
14. **APCRI-TATA Project on Rabies Control in Jamshedpur.**