Director's Desk

Director's Message

The NICPR campus is always abuzz with a plethora of activities and has become a dynamic venue where brilliant minds share their vast reserve of knowledge and skills. It gives me immense pride to state that as a result of the collective efforts of the faculty, students and staff over the past few years, the institute has achieved National status. I am hopeful of its acquiring greater heights in the years to come.

The various conferences, training programs workshops and clinical activities are regular feature and focus on relevant areas such as Cytopathology, Clinical Oncology Molecular diagnostics and bio statistical analysis from time to time. Experts are invited from reputed institutes and organizations in India and abroad to deliver talks on wide-ranging topics and bring fresh insights into various fields of learning and research.

This Newsletter will provide a platform for the faculty and staff members of NICPR to showcase their achievements and progress on a half yearly basis.

Prof Ravi Mehrotra

Director
Global Knowledge Hub on Smokeless Tobacco Hub (KHSLT)

As per the recommendation of Conference of Parties in its sixth conference (COP6) Global Knowledge Hub on Smokeless Tobacco Hub (KHSLT) has been established at the National Institute of Cancer Prevention and Research by WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC) Secretariat and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India in 2016.

The first objective of KHSLT is to generate and share expertise, information and knowledge on smokeless tobacco (SLT) through information collection, analysis and exchange of information on SLT and dissemination of this information through web portal, individual and group consultation, meetings and international conferences.

Second objective of the KHSLT is to assist Parties of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control(FCTC) in the area of SLT control by identifying laboratories and investigators working on SLT in the South-East Asia region and beyond; strengthen communication and collaboration between laboratories through developing platforms for sharing data, information and expertise; nucleate and support collaborative projects on molecular and related social and economic aspects of SLT; develop standard operating procedures for analysis of SLT products; and generate and assess the existing data on specific SLT products and their constituents.

Policy project: searching for the most recent literature and preparing a background paper to address SLT products and the policies to control their use; the paper shall propose draft recommendations on how to strengthen the control of SLT products in the South-East Asia region; engage with Parties from the South-East Asia region, discuss the draft recommendations from the paper and develop strategies for their implementation in each Party of the region through an expert meeting organized for the Parties in the South-East Asia region.

On the forefront KHSLT is ready with all updated information to be released through Global Web Portal hosted by the WHO FCTC secretariat. Policy document is under preparation. Several scientific and review papers have been submitted to different journals worldwide. One meeting
of scientific experts was done in the recent past. KHS LT is led lunch time seminar of all KHS as a side event during COP 7.

Dr. D N Sinha

Screening Camps:

The Clinical division of the Institute extends the cancer screening facilities to the rural areas of Gautam Budh Nagar district by organizing screening camps at primary health centers (PHC) and community health centers (CHC) with the help of State Health authorities. Screening and awareness camps are also organized at CGHS clinics, ESI hospitals and nearby government institutions. Individuals attending the camps are screened for oral (visual examination), breast (clinical breast examination) and cervical cancer (Pap smear and VIA). Women diagnosed to have abnormalities on clinical breast examination are invited to attend breast clinic at NICPR which is run by Prof Anurag
Srivastava, Head, Department of surgery, AIIMS and his team on every Friday 2 pm. Women positive on VIA examination and Pap smear are invited to NICPR for further evaluation using Colposcopy and biopsy if needed.

**List of screening camps organized by NICPR:**

**20 December 2016 Amity International School, Sector 44, Noida**
Awareness Campaign and Interactive Session On Cervical Cancer And Hpv Vaccination

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Library Activities

Total collection of books 1463 and total holdings of the bound volumes about 2000. Institute subscribed 23 reputed journals online for the year 2017 (Includes the International, National) Council as extended the online access to Nature, Lancet, Science and New England Journal of Medicine for the year 2017. NICPR is linked with ICMR’s JCCC which links various libraries across all the ICMR institutes and provides access to printed- and hard-copies of over 500 journals being subscribed by the ICMR. Apart from this. Institute isa member of National Cancer Grid operated from Tata Memorial Hospital Mumbai. NCG has extended online access to OVID (10 journals and Clinical keys (100 journals) to its members.

Online subscription to Journals By NICPR for the year 2017:

- Acta Cytologica
- Am. J Epidemiology
- Bioinformatics
- Bulletin of WHO (Print)
- Cancer + Cancer Cytopathology
- Cancer Research
- Clinical Cancer Research
- Cytopathology
- Gynecologic Oncology
- Int. J Cancer
- J Cytology
- JNCI
- Lancet Oncology
- Nature
- Nature Review Cancer
- New England J of Medicine
- Nicotine and Tobacco Control
- Science
- Tobacco control
- The Lancet
- Weekly Epidemiological Records (Print)
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