



INDIAN SOCIETY OF HOSPITAL WASTE MANAGEMENT

Report of Honorary General Secretary ISHWM-2022

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Dear Members of ISHWM,

- As we meet today during the Annual General Body Meeting, I am thankful to all the members of ISHWM who have assembled here.
- This Report is intended to provide a snapshot of activities carried out by ISHWM during the past 2 years, 2020-21 & 2021-22, in the aftermath of the devastating COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Memberships:** Due to the organizational drive by ISHWM members, a total of 36 members have been enrolled as members of ISHWM during this period taking the total members to nearly 500. Similarly, the number of Corporate/Institutional members has touched double digits. I take this opportunity to exhort all leaders/stakeholders to take part in this drive, so that ISHWM becomes more vibrant.
- **Participation in CMEs and training programs:** Members will be happy to know that Prof Ashok Agarwal, President ISHWM was invited as Key Note speaker during webinars conducted on various aspects of Bio-medical Waste management during COVID-19 pandemic on 15th July (SGT University, Haryana); 27th July (IIPA, New Delhi); 12th Oct (Delhi Pharmaceutical Sciences and Research University, Govt of NCT Delhi); Sixth ICMH Conference on Essential Health Services during COVID pandemic on 30th Oct 2020 organised by Khesar Gyalpo Univ of Medical Sciences, Thimpu, Bhutan. He was invited as Chief Guest during NHM facilitated Training Program on BMW management & Infection Control, on 2nd Dec 2021. ISHWM was associated with World Mental Health Day celebrations organised by CO-WIN on 10th Oct 2020. The undersigned had delivered a lecture during the Training Program on Disaster resilient Health Care infrastructure in India organised jointly by School of Planning & Architecture, and National Institute of Disaster Management on 15th April 2021.
- ISHWM, New Delhi also organised a **Seminar on Health Care waste management- impact of COVID-19 pandemic** on 18th December

2021 through physical mode at Indira Gandhi Hospital, New Delhi, which was attended by more than 50 doctors of various hospitals, and was widely appreciated.

- **Annual Conference ISHWMCON 2020-22:** It was decided during the last AGBM on 29th Nov 2019 to organize ISHWMCON-2020 at Khesar Gyalpo University of Medical Sciences (KGUMSB), Thimpu, Bhutan, on 4th -5th June, which had to be cancelled due to lockdowns imposed during COVID-19 pandemic. After the second wave, the Governing Council, in consultation with Gandhi Medical College, Hyderabad, had decided to hold the ISHWMCON-2021 in Dec-21, which also had to be postponed due to increasing cases. ISHWM is indeed grateful to the Mission Director, NHM, Govt of Telangana, Director Medical Education & Training, Govt of Telengana, Principal, Gandhi Medical College, Hyderabad, and the Organising Committee of ISHWMCON-2022 for conducting this conference at Hyderabad.
- **Best paper awards:** As in the past, the scientific papers presented during the ISHWMCON 2019 conference were judged by distinguished Jury members and Best papers/posters were awarded by Organising Committee. A total of 5 awards were presented.
- **Digital initiative- revamping ISHWM website:-** Members will be extremely happy to know that the performance of revamped ISHWM website on Google platform has been rated as 4 star, with more than 4000 hits/visitors during May 2020. The online traffic had increased by 247% in comparison with April 2020, which means that we as an organisation must focus on our website. During the past year, we have been able to start “on-line payment” system for members which has been linked to our website www.ishwm.org However, many applications are still being sent as hard copies with cheques/Drafts etc. We plan to continue with both modes for some time till the digital system prevails in due course of time. After approval in Governing Council meeting, the membership receipt will be sent through email. At present Membership Certificate is being issued through hard copy mode. Digital membership certificates will also be issued in due course of time.
- **WHO Collaboration on Discussion Paper:** In consultation with WHO, a Discussion Paper (DP) on “Bio medical waste management and infection control in climate resilient health care system” had been drafted by ISHWM in accordance with APW no 202386209 dt 20-09-19. This DP was intended to sensitize all stake-holders on this important aspect. Copies had been distributed to delegates attending ISHWMCON-2019, and final report submitted to WHO office on 25th Dec 2019.

- **Editorial Committee for ISHWM Journal:** Members will be happy to note that may recall that the new Editorial Committee, with Dr. Nandakumar B S Senior Associate Professor Community Medicine & Head, Division of Research & Patents, MS Ramaiah Medical College, Bangalore as Editor-in-Chief has come out with ISHWM Journal 2022, which will be released during the Conference.
- **Karnataka Chapter of ISHWM:-** Members will be happy to know that the newly formalized Karnataka Chapter of ISHWM is growing rapidly under the able leadership of Dr. V Raju, Hony President (ISHWM-KC) and is contributing to the overall objectives of ISHWM.
- **Uttar Pradesh Chapter of ISHWM:-** Members will be happy to know that the UP Chapter of ISHWM has been constituted in accordance with the Byelaws, and Prof. Kirti Srivastava has been elected as Hony President.
- **Change of address of Registered Office of ISHWM:-** As decided during the last AGBM, a letter has been sent by the undersigned to the Registrar of Societies, Kapas Hera Extension, New Delhi-37 with a request to amend the official records. However, we are yet to receive any response from them.

Thank you one and all!


