



INDIAN SOCIETY OF HOSPITAL WASTE MANAGEMENT

Report of Honorary General Secretary ISHWM-2024

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Dear Members of ISHWM,

- As we meet today during the Annual General Body Meeting, I am thankful to all the Life members of ISHWM who have assembled here.
- This Report is intended to provide a “snapshot” of activities carried out by ISHWM during the past year (FY-2023-24) after the last ISHWMCON at AIIMS, Jodhpur in Nov 2023. The Conference Report is available on the ISHWM website for all members.
- **Memberships:** Due to the organizational drive by ISHWM members, a total of 19 members have been enrolled as members of ISHWM during this period taking the total members to 523. 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 in the times to come.
- **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 Workshop on BMW management jointly organised by ISHWM-Karnataka Chapter & St Theresa’s College of Nursing on 6th April 2024. ISHWM has also supported the International Conference on Solid Waste Management organised by TERI School of Advanced Studies on 1st March 2024.
- **Annual Conference ISHWMCON-2024-** It was decided during the last AGBM on 3rd Nov 2023 at AIIMS Jodhpur that President will discuss with potential organisers for the next annual conference. Subsequently, letter/emails were received from Dept of Hospital Administration, PGIMER, Chandigarh and University Education Department, KGMU, Lucknow for organising the ISHWMCON 2024. After due deliberations during the Governing Council meeting held on 14th December 2023, the Governing Council decided to award the Conference to UED, KGMU, Lucknow. Governing Council members

have visited KGMU, Lucknow in February and August for preparatory visits. We are indeed grateful to Prof. Soniya Nityanand, Hon'ble VC, KGMU; Prof. Kirti Srivastava, Organising President, Prof. Mohd Parvez Khan, Organising Chairman, Prof. D Himanshu, Organising Secretary and the entire Organising Committee of ISHWMCON-2024 for conducting this International conference at KGMU, Lucknow.

- **Best paper & Case study awards:** As in the past, the scientific papers and case studies presented during the ISHWMCON 2023 conference were judged by distinguished Jury members and Best papers/posters were awarded by Organising Committee.
- **Digital initiative- revamping ISHWM website:-** Members will be extremely happy to know that the performance of revamped ISHWM website. During the past couple of years, 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 have continued with both modes for the last two years, and plan to continue for some more 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.
- **Compendium of Case studies under aegis of WHO:-** In consultation with WHO, a compendium of Case Studies comprising of efforts of improving biomedical waste management, zero waste strategies and improving occupational and environmental health in healthcare sector in India had been convened. A stakeholders meeting was conducted and all the submitted case studies were evaluated by Experts. The most innovative and impactful case studies were awarded during ISHWMCON-2023. The final compendium has been sent to WHO for approval before printing.
- **Editorial Committee for ISHWM Journal:** Members are informed that during the AGBM held on 1st Dec 2018, we had constituted a new Editorial Committee, with Dr. Nanda Kumar B S, Senior Associate Professor, Community Medicine & Head, Division of Research & Patents MS Ramaiah Medical College, Bangalore as Editor in Chief. Although, we were able to publish the Journal on annual basis, since then, it is still lagging behind. It is proposed to hand over the Journal to any academic institution which is desirous of taking up this responsibility.

- **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. Mohd Parvez Khan has been elected as Hony President.

Thank you one and all!


