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# 39TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF ASSOCIATION OF CLINICAL BIOCHEMISTS OF INDIA

FROM THE DESK OF ORGANIZING SECRETARY



Dear colleagues,

Association of Clinical Biochemists of India, Jharkhand Branch and Rajendra Institute of medical Sciences, Ranchi invites you to the 39th Annual Conference of Association of Clinical Biochemists of India (**ACBICON 2012**) at Ranchi in December 2012.

We are trying hard to provide you total comfort and convenience and feast of wonderful science and request you to plan well in advance and inform us to avoid any inconvenience.

Brochures will be sent to you on your mailing address in the month of May 2012, it will be also available on website **www.accbi 2012** from end of April- Early May onwards.

Attempts are being done to make the students stay comfortable near the venue at reasonable tariff.

**Welcome to ACBICON 2012 at Ranchi**

**Host: Jharkhand Branch Of ACBI and RIMS Ranchi**

**Date: 11-14 December 2012 • Venue: Megasports Complex, Khelgaon, Ranchi**

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**CME / WORKSHOP : 11. DEC 2012**

**CONF. DATES: 12-14 DEC 2012**

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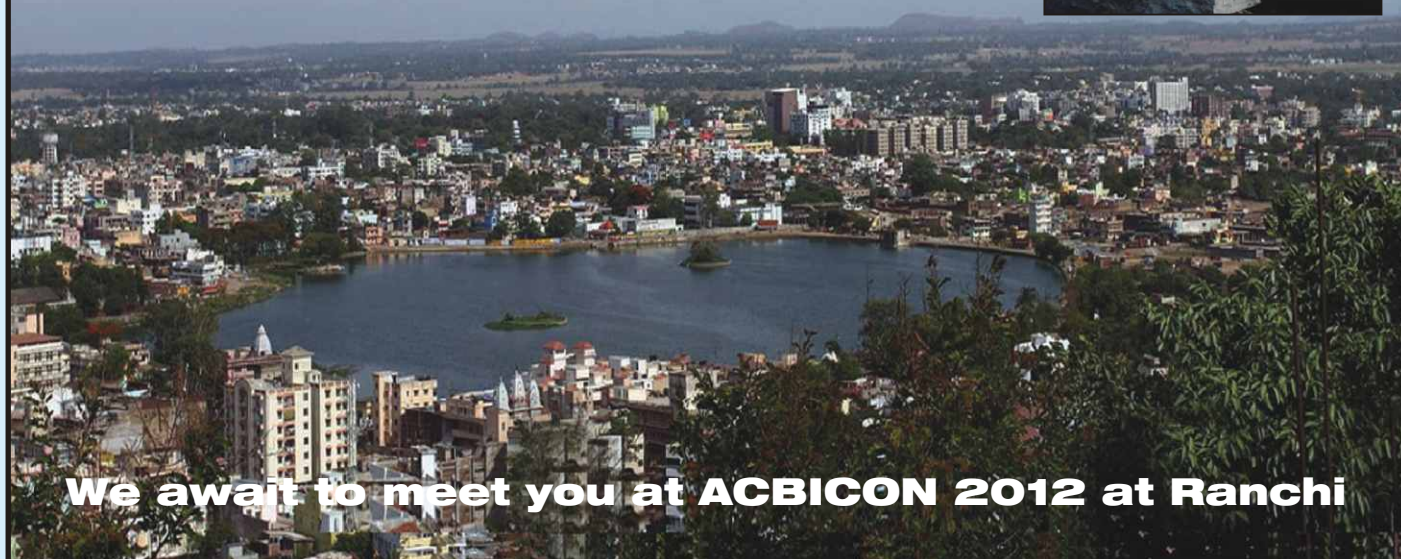
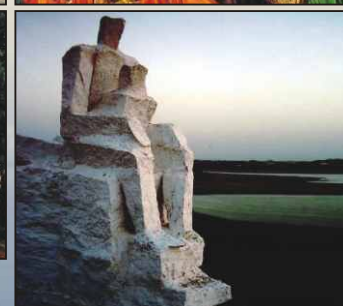
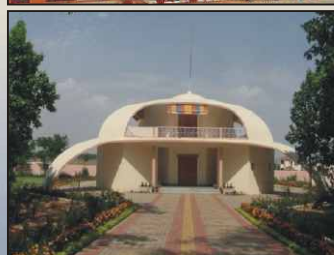
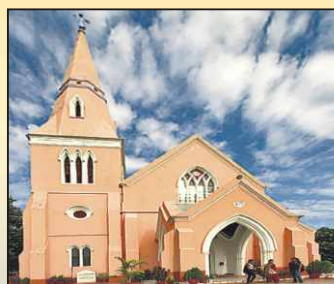
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**We await to meet you at ACBICON 2012 at Ranchi**

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Dear members,  
Greetings.

We bring you the second issue of 2012. This issue is important because it carries a lot of notices & information regarding various meetings that will be taking place in Ranchi during ACBICON 2012.

This issue carries the constitution of our association which has been looked into by a committee appointed by the GB at Gwalior. Dear members, it is requested that all of you please read it and communicate any points that you may have to say to the chairperson of that committee. All the comments/suggestions would be compiled and presented before the GB at Ranchi for its ratification.

The much awaited membership course in Clinical Biochemistry is finally here. We are carrying the admission notice in this issue. The course content, syllabus & other detail are on the ACBI website.

Looking forward to meeting you all in Ranchi.

Happy reading. Do keep in touch!

*Dr. Rajiv R. Sinha*  
GENERAL SECRETARY & EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

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**DRAFT OF  
REVISED CONSTITUTION AS APPROVED BY  
CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMITTEE**

**P R E A M B L E**

At the last GB meeting held at Gwalior it was decided to revise the constitution and introduce the changes needed to fulfill the aims of the Association. A Constitution Revision Committee was constituted consisting of 3 past Presidents and 2 past Secretaries: Dr. K. P. Sinha, Dr. B. C. Harinath, Dr. Praveen Sharma, Dr. M. V. R. Reddy and Dr. U. M. Donde. The committee members along with President Dr. Neelima Singh met at Sevagram on 30th June and 1st. July 2012 and considered all clauses and suggestions received till that date. The members unanimously decided the following constitution which is being presented to all Executive Council Members and General members for comments and suggestions which can be considered at Executive Council meeting and GB meeting. This will facilitate adoption of the Constitution in short time.

After adopting the Constitution some of the lacunae and deficiencies will disappear. ACBI Constitution is unique and has successfully served the purpose. The Committee has suggested a new name of the Association to fulfill the aims of the Association in the new millennium.

**DRAFT OF  
REVISED CONSTITUTION AS APPROVED BY  
CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMITTEE**

**ASSOCIATION OF CLINICAL BIOCHEMISTS OF INDIA FOR APPROVAL OF GBM**

**M E M O R A N D U M**

In these present the words standing in the first column of the table, next hereinafter contained, shall bear the meaning set opposite to them respectively, in the second column hereof, if not consistent with the subject of context.

**The Association:** The Association of Clinical Biochemists of India

**Suggestion:** The members of this committee felt that the scope of the Association needs to be broadened by revising the name of the Association as “ Indian Association of Clinical Biochemistry & Laboratory Medicine” to reflect the developments and progress in the new millennium.

**ACBI Council:** The Council consists of Executive Committee members (EC), Advisor, Chairpersons of various committees, Past Presidents, Past Secretaries, Editor-in-Chief of IJCB and Convener of Education & scientific Committee, Conference Committee, ACBI-Corporate wing, State Representatives. and three representatives from ACBI- Corporate wing.

**The Executive Committee (EC):** EC Committee consists of President, Advisor, immediate Past President, vice-Presidents (two), Secretary, immediate Past Secretary, Treasurer, Joint Secretaries (three) and five elected Executive members.

**The Office:** The Registered Office of the Association of Clinical Biochemists of India, situated at the Department of Biochemistry, Patna Medical College, Patna 800004.

**Members:** Founder, Life, Annual, Honorary, Sessional, Associate and Corporate members of the Association of Clinical Biochemists of India.



**The Seal:** The common seal of the Association of Clinical Biochemists of India, as printed here.



**The General Body:** The Body comprising of the Founder, Life and Annual Members of the Association of Clinical Biochemists of India.

**TERMS OF:**

**(1) Office:** From date of installation of new President during annual conference to the next annual conference when incoming President takes over.

**(2) Financial Year:** From 1st April to 31st March

**THE AIMS AND OBJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION SHALL BE**

1. To promote improvement in the health and well-being of the communities it serves through improving the Science and Practice of clinical biochemistry. And for that purpose to hold meetings, congress, seminars, symposia and otherwise to promote and advance the interest of Clinical Biochemistry.
2. To organize and establish institution / training centre for training Clinical Biochemists and to hold examinations and award diplomas.
3. To associate with International and National Organizations such as IFCC APFCB, INSA, NAMS etc.
4. To advise Universities, Governments and Statutory Authorities regarding Biochemistry including Clinical Biochemistry.
5. To publish journal(s) related to Clinical Biochemistry and News bulletin covering Association activities.
6. To create awareness in community on importance of biochemical tests in preventive, curative and rehabilitative healthcare.

**ARTICLE OF ASSOCIATION**

**1. MEMBERSHIP**

**(i) Annual Member :** Membership of the Association is open to Clinical Biochemists and to teachers and research scientists working in medical institution in the discipline of Biochemistry and Clinical Biochemistry, Immunology, Endocrinology, Nutrition, Pathology, Molecular Biology and allied subjects whose work is related to clinical biochemistry. Those persons who are engaged in the practice of Clinical Biochemistry either in a hospital or in private and posses M.D. or Ph.D. or Diplomat of National Board, M.Sc. in Medical / Clinical Biochemistry or M.B.B.S. or equivalent qualification can also be taken as member. Annual member shall pay annual subscription as applicable at that time.

**(ii) Founder Member:** Those members of the Association who formed themselves into an Association before the inaugural meeting of the Association shall be called Founder Members. The names of founder Members as recorded in Proceedings Book of Executive Committee shall be kept inscribed on a tablet or any other material to be hung in the office.

**(iii) Life Member:**

(a) Annual members / Founder members / Any person eligible for Annual membership shall pay in one installment an amount fixed by the GB ( ten years annual membership fee at any time to become life Member). Life Members shall not be required to pay the annual membership subscription.

(b) Life Membership subscription can also be paid in three annual installments equivalent to Life membership fee together with some surcharge as decided by General Body. Such installment paying

member shall become Life Member only after all installments have been fully paid.

**(iv) Honorary Member:** Eminent scientist of Clinical or Medical Biochemistry or of any other discipline may be made an honorary member on the recommendation of the ACBI Council. Honorary member shall enjoy the privilege of Life member except the right to vote or be elected as office bearers, if he/ she is not already a voting member. Honorary member shall not pay membership subscription.

**(v) Sessional Member:**

(a) Any person who has interest in Clinical or Medical Biochemistry and wants to attend the Annual Conference, Convention, Workshop, Symposium etc. being organized by the Association, without becoming member of the Association, can be enrolled as Sessional Member for the session by the Secretary or Organizing Secretary, on payment of an amount equivalent to annual membership subscription. Such members also have to pay registration fee like other members for attending meetings.

(b) Such Sessional members shall not enjoy the voting right or right to be elected as office bearers, and are not entitled to receive News Bulletin, IJCB, and other publications free of charge.

(c) The Sessional membership subscription paid by the sessional members to the Organizing Secretary shall be remitted to the Head office. The registration fee and other charges paid by the member shall be retained by the Organizing Secretary.

**(vi) Associate Member:** Those academicians and laboratory professionals who are not eligible for membership but have interest in Clinical Biochemistry can become Associate Member on application and payment of fee equivalent to life membership fee. Such members shall enjoy all privileges of a Life member except voting right and the right to be elected office bearers.

**(vii) Corporate Member:**

(a) When a scientific firm dealing in materials required for clinical Biochemistry wants to become a member of this Association, it can be enrolled as Corporate Member on payment of an amount as decided by the General Body from time to time. Like other members, one or more representatives of a firm can attend scientific meetings of ACBI on payment of registration fees as decided by organizer.

(b) Such corporate members shall not pay the Annual subscription. However they are required to pay annual fees to the ACBI-Corporate wing as decided by the wing.

(c) Corporate members shall not enjoy the voting right or right to be elected office bearers. Corporate Members shall form an Electoral College called "ACBI-Corporate Wing", which shall elect a Convener to manage day-to-day affair of the Corporate Wing. The Convener shall become a member of Council. Corporate Wing shall also send three representatives. The Corporate Wing will be headed by a Chairman elected by Council from Life Members of the Association who will act as liaison between ACBI and Corporate Wing.

(d) All Corporate members shall be members of ACBI-Corporate Wing. The Corporate Wing shall have its separate bank account, opened by resolution of Council, which shall be operated jointly by the chairman and the convener.

(e) Corporate member can present papers, sponsor scientific programme or invite speakers for special lectures in consultation with Secretary or Organizing secretary of the conference.

(f) Corporate members can give corporate news, views and scientific work for publication in News Bulletin or IJCB.

(g) Corporate members shall have preference in advertisements in News Bulletin or any other publication of the Association and also in exhibition stall charges.

## **(2) MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION**

(i) The annual membership subscription shall be an amount to be determined by the General Body from time to time. The current rate of subscription is given in Annexure-3.

- (ii) The annual membership subscription as well as that for life subscription by installment shall be payable in advance by 31st January of the year.
- (iii) An extension of 2 more months shall be allowed to enable the member to pay the dues, after which name shall be removed from membership.

### **(3) ENROLMENT OF MEMBERS**

- (i) Members shall be enrolled by the Council after receiving application in a prescribed Form (Annexure-I/ II) duly filled in by applicant and introduced by a life member of the association about the standing and eligibility and about trueness of statements made in the application form. The application form will be available from Head Office or can also be down loaded from ACBI Website. The Secretary shall provisionally admit the applicant as member after satisfying himself / herself about eligibility and on receipt of proper membership fee subject to ratification by next Council meeting.
- (ii) The Council shall nevertheless be empowered to elect such other suitable candidate as may apply for becoming member, who from special circumstances, may not be personally known to any life member of the Association.
- (iii) The Sessional Members for Conference shall be admitted by the Organizing Secretary of the conference or by the General Secretary after receiving proper application and membership fee.

### **(4) TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

The membership will be terminated in the following cases:

- (i) Due to death.
- (ii) Acceptance of resignation by the Council.
- (iii) Due to non-payment of membership subscription by March of the year. He or she can become member again on fresh application against previous membership number.
- (iv) The Council shall have power to remove a person from membership due to any one of the following reasons:
  - (a) Due to any action by the member which is against the interest of the Association.
  - (b) Due to lunacy.

### **(5) STATE OR UNION TERRITORY BRANCH**

- (i) The Association shall encourage the formation of branches of the Association at State / Union territory level where there is a minimum strength of twelve members. There shall be only one branch in one state or territory.
- (ii) The Association shall encourage members of such State/territory where there are less than twelve members to join the adjoining State/Union territory branch.
- (iii) The rules for the management of the State/Union territory branch shall be framed by the State/Union Territory Committee. They shall be consistent with the rules of the Association and shall be approved by the Council. The chief of the Branch shall be known as Chairman.
- (iv) The State/Union Territory Branch shall hold scientific meetings and all activities shall be reported to the General Secretary for publication in News Bulletin.
- (v) Branch can also take fee from its members. On request from the Branch Secretary, the Head Office will pay 10 percent of the annual subscription collected from Ordinary Members in the year and from the interest accrued on the amount paid by the Life Members of the branch on furnishing previous year's expenditure account subject to a minimum of Rs. 3,000.00 and maximum of Rs 10,000.00.
- (vi) The Secretary of the branch should generally be the state representative on the EC of the main organization and shall be elected by branch members. Any Change in Secretary/ Representative should be conveyed to the General Secretary before the GB meeting.

- (vii) Any city within a state having 12 or more members can have a city chapter of ACBI under the state branch. They will have convener but no secretary or chairman.

## **(6) ZONAL BRANCH**

ACBI would encourage formation of five zonal branches divided broadly on the basis of Government categorization (representing East, West, North, South and Central zones) to promote scientific activities.

The Northern Zone comprising the States of Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Rajasthan, National Capital Territory of Delhi and Union Territory of Chandigarh; The Central Zone, comprising the States of Chhattisgarh, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh; The Eastern Zone, comprising the States of Bihar, Jharkhand, Orissa, Sikkim, West Bengal and North-Eastern states; The Western Zone, comprising the States of Goa, Gujarat, Maharashtra and the Union Territories of Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli; and The Southern Zone, comprising the States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and the Union Territory of Pondicherry.

One executive member will be elected by Zone members or and if no name comes from zones then they will be elected from each zone in the General Body Meeting. Such zonal executive member shall act as Secretary of the Zone and will be responsible for holding scientific meetings in the zone. One zonal conference should be held every 2 or 3 years.

## **(7) MANAGEMENT**

**Advisor:** The Advisor shall see that the work of the Association is done as per the spirit and mandate of the constitution, to keep the tradition and give advice for future development of the organization.

The day-to-day work of the Association shall be managed by an **Executive Committee** consisting of the following:

- (i) President
- (ii) Advisor
- (iii) Immediate Past President
- (iv) Immediate Past Secretary
- (v) Vice-President (two)
- (vi) Secretary
- (vii) Joint Secretary (three)
- (viii) Treasurer, and
- (ix) Five Executive committee members elected from different zones.

The Executive Committee shall be responsible to ACBI Council and General Body and carry out work according to decisions taken by Council and GB. It is mandatory for the Executive Committee to have a mid term meeting directly or through video conference / e-mailing. In case it is needed to take important policy decisions on emergency basis in the interest of the association, the executive committee can take decisions which need to be ratified in the next Council and GB meetings.

**Note:** The Treasurer and one joint Secretary shall be nominated by Council from members of Head Office. Second joint Secretary will be nominated by Secretary from his / her place who will help in the Secretariat work. The third Joint Secretary will be nominated by President-elect from members of his/ her place. In case the Secretary is from Head Office, the Joint Secretary post attached with secretary shall remain in abeyance till the term of the Secretary.

### **THE ACBI COUNCIL SHALL CONSIST OF**

1. Executive Committee members
2. Ex-Officio Members



- (a) All past Presidents
- (b) All past General Secretaries
- 3. Chairpersons of various committees
- 4. Convener of ACBI- Corporate Wing and three representatives of Corporate wing
- 5. All State / Union Territory Branch Secretary / Representative.

#### **FUNCTION AND DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL**

The Council shall perform the following functions :

- (a) To exercise the rights and powers conferred by the General Body.
- (b) To manage the funds and approve budget prepared by Treasurer.
- (c) To consider and approve or reject applications for membership presented by Secretary.
- (d) To consider the resignation of members.
- (e) To fulfill the directions of the Association as given by the resolutions of the General Body meeting.
- (f) To examine and approve the accounts of income and expenditure of the Association of the year and of the just preceding year for which Auditor has given report.
- (g) To approve budget for the year.
- (h) To entrust different responsibilities related to the objectives of the association to the members.

#### **(8) DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF OFFICE-BEARERS**

- (i) **Advisor** : Advisor will advise the Executive Committee, Council and GB about development of ACBI, ensure that work is done as mandated by constitution and negotiate where his/her help is felt. He/ she shall be a link between Past and Present Presidents of the Association.
- (ii) **President**: The President shall preside over the meetings and also guide the activities of the Association. President shall guide and monitor the functioning of various committees formed by the association.
- (iii) **Vice-President (I)**: The Vice-President (I) is the elected Organizing Secretary for the next conference and shall look after organizing the conference
- (iv) **Vice-President (II)** shall act on behalf of President in his/her absence also shall perform such duties as advised by the President.
- (v) **Secretary**: The Secretary shall manage the affairs of the Association according to the directions of the General Body, Council and the President.
- (vi) **Joint Secretary (I)**: The Joint Secretary(I) will be from the place of Head Quarter and will manage the affairs of Head Office as Administrator.
- (vii) **Joint Secretary (II)**: The joint secretary (II) shall be from the place of Secretary and shall act on behalf of the Secretary in his absence and carry out such duties as and when assigned to him.
- (viii) **Joint Secretary (III)**: **The Joint Secretary (III)** will perform duties as assigned by President.
- (viii) **Treasurer**: The Treasurer shall maintain the account of the Association and work in co-ordination with the Secretary and Joint Secretary of Head Office.

#### **(9) METHOD OF SELECTION / ELECTION**

- (i) **Advisor**: Advisor shall be appointed by the Council based on the advice by a selection committee consisting of three past Presidents and two past Secretaries nominated by the Council. The tenure of advisor shall be five years and extendable.
- (ii) **President**: The Organizing Secretary of the Annual Conference shall become President for the term following the Conference after having been installed at the Inaugural function till the next Conference is held.
- (iii) **Vice President-I**: The Organizing Secretary elected by the General Body to organize next Annual

Conference shall be deemed to be elected as Vice President-I. The office of the Vice President will be for one term till he/she succeeds as President.

- (iv) **Vice-President - II** shall be elected by voting members along with other office bearers and shall hold office till the next conference.
- (v) **Secretary, Joint Secretary (i), Treasurer and five Executive zonal members** shall be elected by voting members only. Joint Secretary (Head Office) and Treasurer have to be elected from the place of Head Office. Joint Secretary (II) and (III) shall be nominated by Secretary and President respectively. The term of office of Secretary, Treasurer and Joint Secretary (I) and (II) (associated with Head office and with Secretary) and Treasurer shall be of 3 years unless they are removed by the GB. The term of office of Joint secretary attached with President shall end with the term of the President. No one can be elected Secretary for more than 2 terms together.
- (vi) **Five Executive Zonal members:** Zonal members from different zones shall be elected by members of respective zones or by General Body, if zonal members fails to elect any one and their term shall be of one year and can be re-elected continuously 2 times more on being satisfied by his/ her performance and on filing of nomination each year.
- (v) **Procedure of Election:** The Secretary shall announce the election for the various elective posts as and when they are required to be elected after the end of their term through NEWS BULLETIN published in September of the year of Conference and also through ACBI website. The nominations on prescribed form (Annex-IV) for various posts duly signed by proposer, seconder and consent of the nominee should be sent to the President or the Returning Officer if appointed, hereafter called RO, at least 3 months before the Conference. The nominee should be eligible to be elected to the proposed post. The nomination paper must bear the date, signature and name and membership number of the candidate, proposer and seconder.

The RO shall scrutinize the nominations for validity as per rules. He/she will place all nominations at the next EC meeting giving reasons for accepting or rejecting the nominations. If there is no nomination for any post, Secretary shall ask for nominations against those posts by a notice pasted at Bulletin Board of the conference as well as by announcement during scientific meetings held prior to the GB meeting. Such nomination must reach President/RO at least 2 hours prior to GB meeting. If there are more than the required numbers of valid nominations for one or more posts, then election for those posts shall be held by secret ballot during the GB meeting. The RO/ Secretary shall keep ballot papers ready with the names of the nominee. The RO shall prepare ballot paper containing names of all valid nominees for different posts for which election has to be conducted and distribute the signed ballot paper to the present voting members (Life and Annual member) after mentioning the voter's membership number on the ballot paper and taking his/her signature on it. It is mandatory that the contestant should be present in the GBM at the time of elections. No candidate in absentia will be considered for elections. After the voting is over the ballot papers shall be scrutinized and counted. The result will be announced in the meeting.

The Organizing Secretary for next conference shall be elected from amongst the proposals for holding next conference received from Life Members who fulfill the criteria and shall be deemed to be elected as 1st Vice-President.

#### **REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS FOR VARIOUS POSTS**

- (i) **Organizing Secretary:** The Organizing Secretary should be a Life member of ACBI of at least 15 years standing as member and must be in a senior position in the profession having practiced Clinical Biochemistry/ teaching Biochemistry to medical students for at least 15 years. He/ she should have been regularly attending ACBI conferences and has attended at least 10 conferences. He / She should have shown leadership qualities as evidenced by active participation in activities of ACBI either at state or at

national level, organizations of scientific meetings and influenced at least 10 biochemists for enrollment as member of ACBI. He/She is held in high esteem by members of the Association.

- (ii) **Secretary, Vice President-II:** A candidate for these posts should be a life member of at least 10 years standing and have attended at least 7 Annual Conferences of the Association. He/ She should be holding a senior post in his/her work place or has been doing clinical biochemistry for the last 15 years. Candidates should not hold any bias against medical-non-medical members or bias against any one. He / she have shown aptitude for working for the association by taking up some responsibilities of the Association in the past and is ready to devote 2-3 hours daily on Secretarial work. A committee of 5 Presidents and 2 secretaries will scrutinize the nominations for secretary and select one or two most suitable candidates for the secretary's job. Election will be held if there is suggestion for two candidates. The committee members should make effort requesting the second nominee to withdraw. If withdrawal does not take place, election will be held as per rule.
- (iii) **Joint Secretaries and Treasurer** should be a Life member of at least 8 years duration and should have attended at least 5 Annual Conferences in the last 8 years.
- (iv) **Five Elected Committee Zonal Members:** should be a Life Member of at least 5 years standing and who have attended at least 3 conferences in the last 4 years.
- (v) **State Representatives** should be a life member and is well known to state branch members and who has attended conferences regularly in the last 5 years and is fairly active in Association activities.

#### **WHO CAN VOTE FOR THE ABOVE ELECTED POSTS**

Only Life Members and Annual Members (who have paid up-to-date subscription) can vote.

**Method of election of Organizing Secretary for next conference:** At the time of calling nominations for election for various posts, the Secretary shall also call for proposals from members who are qualified to become organizing secretary / President, for hosting next two annual conferences on a prescribed form (Annexure- V). The proposal shall have a supporting letter from Head of the Institution hosting the conference or from the Chairman of the state branch. All proposals received in time shall be evaluated by a committee appointed by Council as per rules and the recommendation of the committee is presented in the ACBI Council and later in GB. The organizing Secretary should be ready to sign an MOU with ACBI to abide by all the rules and guidelines prescribed by ACBI in this regard.

#### **(10) JOURNAL**

- (i) The Association shall publish a journal named INDIAN JOURNAL OF CLINICAL BIOCHEMISTRY.
- (ii) The Journal shall be edited by a Board of Editors consisting of an Editor-in-Chief and eminent nominated members.
- (iii) The Editor-in-Chief shall be the ex-officio member of the Council.
- (iv) The Board shall hold office for a period of three years which can be renewed at the end of the term.
- (v) The Editor-in-Chief may nominate a Managing or Executive Editor and assign duty for publication of the journal.
- (VI) For any change in policy matter, Editor-in-Chief shall consult members of the Editorial Board by e-mail or by post or by meeting. One meeting of the Editorial Board, preferably during National ACBI conference, has to be called by the Editor-in-chief for reviewing the publication work and for giving necessary directions. A report of proceedings of the meeting has to be submitted to the Secretary during the conference for consideration by the Executive Council.

#### **(11) ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETINGS**

- (i) The annual General Body Meeting of the Association shall be held during the period of the Annual

Conference once in a year. Fifteen days notice in writing shall be given to every member by the Secretary in consultation with the President through News Bulletin or by post.

- (ii) The General Secretary shall present report of the working of the Association at the General Body Meeting.

#### **(12) REQUISITIONED MEETING OF THE GENERAL BODY**

On the requisition by one-third voting members, the President shall call the special GB meeting within one month. Only those subjects will be discussed in the requisition meeting which is given in the agenda circulated with the requisition.

#### **(13) FUNCTIONS OF THE GENERAL BODY**

The General body shall perform the following functions:

- (i) To elect office bearers of the council.
- (ii) To make amendments in the Articles of the Association,
- (iii) To appoint auditors or to delegate this power to the President,
- (iv) To give directions to the council,
- (v) The decision of the venue of the next two annual Conferences shall be ratified by the General Body.

#### **(14) THE CONFERENCE**

- (i) The Annual conference shall generally be held in the last week of December each year, or at a suitable time as decided by G.B. but before 31st March of next year.
- (ii) At the time of the conference, besides conducting official business, scientific papers shall be presented. Workshops, Symposia, Group-discussions, Popular lecturers & Scientific exhibition shall generally be arranged.

#### **(15) THE COUNCIL MEETING**

The meeting of the Council shall be held at least twice a year during the conference, one before GB meeting and another after GB meeting with newly elected members. At least fifteen days notice for the meeting has to be given by the Secretary in consultation with the President. Additional meeting or consultation can be arranged via electronic media.

#### **(16) NEWS BULLETIN**

The News Bulletin shall be published by Secretary/ Head Office as decided by EC at least twice a year or more frequently.

#### **(17) SOURCES OF INCOME**

The income of the Association shall be from the following sources.

- (i) Subscription paid by its members.
- (ii) Donations.
- (iii) Share from savings from conferences.
- (iv) Grant by Government, Universities etc.
- (v) Advertisement.
- (vi) Income from Investments.
- (vii) Any other source approved by the General Body.

#### **(18) FUNDS**

The funds of the Association shall be kept in a scheduled bank at the Head Quarter. Withdrawals will be

made by joint signatures of the Treasurer and the General Secretary/Joint Secretary (Head Quarter).

The Treasurer can invest part of the fund in fixed deposits of scheduled banks and recognized organizations giving assured income in order to achieve more interest. All fixed deposit accounts shall be jointly operated by authorized signatories of the main account.

Any excess over 25% of the income of the year which remains after expenditure shall form a CORPUS FUND for specific purposes such as:

- (i) For IJCB to aid regular publication of Indian Journal of Clinical Biochemistry,
- (ii) Establishment of Central Library and Research Centre,
- (iii) Construction of Office Building of the Association and
- (iv) Other useful purposes as prescribed in the Objects of the Association.

#### **(19) FUNDING OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES**

- (i) As per provision of the By-laws of the Association, collection on account of life membership fees being one time receipt for the entire tenure of life of the members concerned be taken as CORPUS FUND of the ASSOCIATION and be not treated receipt of revenue nature. Further the income accrued or received from investment of the said Life membership fee is taken as the income of the Association.
- (ii) Any earmarked donation towards any specific purposes or as Corpus of the Association is similarly dealt with in the accounts of the Association.

#### **(20) VESTING OF PROPERTIES**

Movable and immovable Properties of the Association shall remain vested in the Council.

#### **(21) ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT**

Regular written accounts of all income and expenditure shall be maintained by the Treasurer and it shall be duly audited every year by a Chartered Accountant. The report must be placed before the ACBI Council for approval.

#### **(22) DISSOLUTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF PROPERTIES AFTER DISSOLUTION**

Dissolution of the Association, if necessary, will be by passing a resolution in the General Body Meeting with 60 per cent majority of members present. Property of the Association after dissolution will be utilized towards payment of debts and liabilities of the Association and the balance, if any, will not be distributed amongst the members but will be given to some other societies with similar objectives in accordance with a resolution passed in the General Body Meeting with 60 % majority of members.

#### **(23) AMENDMENT IN THE ARTICLES OF THE ASSOCIATION**

- (i) Amendments and alterations in the Articles of the Association, if necessary, will be by passing a resolution in the General Body Meeting with two-third majority present in the General Body meeting.
- (ii) Amendment proposals shall be circulated amongst the members by the Secretary before being placed in the General Body.

#### **(24) LEGAL JURISDICTION FOR DISPUTE**

The Judiciary at Patna (Head Quarter of the Association) only shall have jurisdiction for redressal of disputes between the Association and others

**This constitution after acceptance in GB will supersede all the previous versions.**





# ACBI Election Notice

## Call for Nominations to fill up vacancies in Executive Council of ACBI, 2012

Position	Number of Vacancies
1. Vice President	One
2. General Secretary	One
3. Joint Secretary (Head quarters)	One
4. Treasurer	One
5. EC Members	Six
6. State Representatives	All the States

Duly filled nominations for the above posts are invited from the eligible members duly proposed and seconded by the Members of the Association. Nominations may please be submitted to the President, ACBI in the format given below to :

**Dr. Neelima Singh**

PRESIDENT, ASSOCIATION OF CLINICAL BIOCHEMISTS OF INDIA  
Professor & Head, Department of Biochemistry  
G.R. Medical College  
Gwalior - 474 009 (Madhya Pradesh)

**The Last date for receiving the Nominations: 15th November, 2012**

**The Last date for withdrawal of Nominations: 30th November, 2012**

**Dr. Rajiv R. Sinha**  
General Secretary, ACBI

### REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS FOR VARIOUS POSTS

**Secretary, Vice President-II** : A candidate for these posts should be a life member of at least 8 years standing and have been regularly attending Annual Conferences of the Association. He/ She should be holding a senior post in his/her work place. He / she has shown aptitude for working for the association by taking up some responsibilities of the Association in the past.

**Joint Secretaries and Treasurer** should be a Life member of at least 5 years duration and should have attended at least 3 Annual Conferences in the last 4 years.

**Six Elected Council Members:** should be a Life Member and who have attended at least 2 conferences in the last 4 years.

**State Representative** should be a life member who has attended conferences regularly in the last 5 years and is fairly active in Association activities.

**Please find the format of the Nomination Form for Positions in Executive Council in next page.**

## Format of the Nomination Form for Positions in Executive Council

I, .....

propose the name of Prof./Dr./Mr./Ms. ....

bearing Membership No. .... for the post of .....

PLACE : ..... SIGNATURE: .....

DATE: ..... MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: .....

I, .....

second the proposal.

PLACE : ..... SIGNATURE: .....

DATE: ..... MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: .....

I, .....

accord my consent to the proposal.

PLACE : ..... SIGNATURE: .....

DATE: ..... MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: .....

### **FORTHCOMING EVENT**

## **International Indo-US Symposium Industry-Academia Interaction in Diabetes & Cardiovascular Drug Discovery**

**December 4-5, 2012**

**Banaras Hindu University, India**

**Website :** <http://www.bhu.ac.in/seminar/june2012/Circular.pdf>

*For details, please contact*

**Prof. Y.B. Tripathi**, Ph.D. Biochemistry

Department of Medicinal Chemistry, IMS, BHU, Varanasi-221005, India  
[yaminiok@yahoo.com](mailto:yaminiok@yahoo.com)

# Clinical Case History

## INTERESTING LABORATORY REPORT

**Patient Description:** Female, aged 55 years.

**Clinical History:** A known case of hypertension. B.P.160/80 on the day of collection of blood sample. On antihypertensive of homeopathic origin for the last 5 years. Complaints of pain in right upper chest and vertigo. The patient is non diabetic and euthyroid.

**Laboratory Investigations:** The investigations suggested by the clinician are: Cardiac profile, lipid profile, glucose (Fasting), urea and creatinine.

Parameter	Value	Unit	Reference Range
Glucose(F)	85	mg/dl	70-110
Total Cholesterol	215	mg/dl	150-250
HDL-Cholesterol	45	mg/dl	29-61
LDL-Cholesterol	130	mg/dl	up to 150
VLDL-Cholesterol	40	mg/dl	up to 40
Triglycerides	292	mg/dl	50-150
Urea	40	mg/dl	10-40
Creatinine	2.25	mg/dl	0.7-1.2
CK	85	U/L	up to 190
CKMB	10	U/L	up to 25
LDH	165	U/L	230-460

**Correlations:** Cardiac and lipid profile was normal which is evident from the reports. But creatinine is very high though urea is high normal. There may be two reasons:

1. As the patient is antihypertensive medicine user, diuresis reduces blood urea concentration. But creatinine is the actual marker of renal status. So, renal function needs to be checked.
2. UTI raises blood creatinine concentration.
3. Dehydration may precipitate acute renal failure but in such cases generally urea concentration also remains high.

So, routine examination of urine and creatinine clearance was performed. Daily water intake was also monitored.

### Laboratory Investigations:

Routine Examination of Urine:

### Chemical Examination

Reaction	Acidic
Protein	Present(++)
Blood	Present
Glucose	Absent
Bile pigment	Absent
Chyle	Absent

### Microscopic Examination

Pus cells	6-8/H.P.F
R.B.C.	4-5/H.P.F
Epithelial cells	2-3/H.P.F.
Casts	Granular
Micro organism	Not present

**Creatinine Clearance:** 27.15ml/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup> body surface area.

**Calculated Values of Creatinine Clearance (MDRD Calculator):** 29ml/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>body surface area.

**Correlations:** Proteinuria with microscopic hematuria and presence of granular casts indicates that the complications are of renal origin. As presence of microorganism has not been found out so raised creatinine is not due to UTI. In dehydration both urea and creatinine remain elevated so the high blood creatinine and low creatinine clearance is indication of renal impairment. Urine output was 1800ml/24 hrs which may be due to use of diuretics and monitoring of water intake. Details of food and water intake have not been provided in the supplemented clinical case history.

Creatinine clearance and proteinuria has been re-estimated after 10 days.

**Serum Creatinine :** 2.71mg/dl.

**Urine Creatinine :** 40.03mg/dl

**Total urine output:** 1850ml/24hrs

**Creatinine clearance:** 19.08ml/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup> body surface area.

**Urine Protein:** 1.016gm/24hrs.

**Conclusion:** Serum urea concentration is a proven renal marker but for this particular patient with history of prolonged use of antihypertensive influenced the concentration of urea in blood.

# Branch Reports

## □ ACBI Kerala Chapter Workshop on Laboratory Quality Control & Accreditation

A Seminar cum Workshop was organized by the Association of Clinical Biochemists of India (Kerala Chapter) on 29th of July 2012, at Hotel Casino, Trissur. The seminar was supported by M/s Silver Wings Solutions, Healthcare Management Consultants, Aluva, Cochin, Kerala. The function was a grand success with around 150 total participants. Mr. Anand PS, M.Sc, welcomed the faculty and delegates to the inaugural session. The function was Presided by Dr T Vijayakumar, Former Dean and Director at School of Health Sciences, University of Calicut. The function was formally inaugurated by Dr D.M. Vasudevan, Former Dean of Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences and Past President of ACBI. The scientific session started at 10.30 am with an enlightening presentation by Dr DM Vasudevan on “Markers in Diabetes and Diabetes Complications”.



Afterwards, the second session started at 11.15 am, with a scholarly presentation on “Pre Examination Errors in laboratory” by Dr T Vijayakumar. The third presentation was by Mr. Riju Mathew MSc, Chief Biochemist and Quality Manager at Medivision Laboratories Cochin. The topic, “Role of Accreditation in Clinical Laboratory” was discussed in detail and steps and stumbling stones on laboratory accreditation were

discussed. Post Lunch Session was “Laboratory Quality Control” by Dr Raji MD, Pathologist at Ananthapuri Hospital, Trivandrum. The last session was Hands on training and Workshop on “Equipment Calibration in Laboratory” by M/s Medical Engineering & Services, Trissur. An open forum with all the eminent presenters on stage was organized from 3 pm onwards. Different questions and doubts from the delegates were answered by the experts. The function ended with concluding remarks by Mr Arun K.C, MSc, Director , Silver Wings Solutions

## □ ACBI Tamilnadu Chapter CME at Cancer Institute , Adayar

A half a day CME-III meeting was conducted by DR. R. Arivazhagan, Associate Prof. & Head of the Clinical Bio Chemistry Dept., Cancer Institute , Adayar, Chennai-20 at Cancer Institute on 15th September 2012.

Dr. R. Arivazhagan TN state Rep. welcomed the gathering with a brief introduction about ACBI and its activities. Dr. E. Hemanth Raj, Additional Director, Cancer Institute gave a talk on the Importance of the basic science and the bio chemistry in his chairperson's speech. Dr. K.N. Sulochana, Director & Prof. , Bio Chemistry & Cell Biology Lab, Sankara Nethralaya, Chennai gave a talk on “Cardio Vascular Disease Risk in Diabetes - insights from Mechanistic Studies”. The Second talk was given by Dr. Ganesh Venkataraman, Asst. Prof., Dept. of Human Genetics, College of Bio Medical Sciences, Sri Ramachandra University, Chennai-116 on “Nano Medicine- Prospects and Challenges in therapy of Cancer”. Chairperson gave the mementos to the speakers. Dr. M.



Anbazzhagan, Chief Bio Chemist, Sri Ramachandra Hospital, Chennai proposed a vote of thanks.

The meeting was attended by quiet a number of ACBI members and Post Graduate students and research scholars. The meet ended with High Tea sponsored by Mr. B. Kumaran, M/s. VKM Scientific Products, Chennai.

## ❑ ACBI Haryana Chapter Conference and CME

Haryana Chapter of the ACBI organized a Conference & CME under the Presidentship of Dr. Harbans Lal, Sr. Prof & Head, Department of Biochemistry, Maharaja Agrasen Medical College Agroha (Hisar), on 29th Sept 2012.

It was attended by more than 150 persons including 61 delegates (Staff and students) from various Medical Colleges in Haryana besides the faculty, Residents and interns of the Medical College Agroha.

Thirtyseven research papers were presented in the poster session. Five papers were given best paper awards. In addition, the following speakers delivered talks in the



two scientific sessions

1. Dr. G. Gurudutta, Senior Scientist & Head, Stem Cell & Gene Therapy Research, and Joint Director, Defence Institute of Nuclear Medicine & Allied Sciences, Delhi : *Stem Cell Response Control through Genetic Engineering of Critical Genes With Gain-of-Function Mutations To Enhance Their Utility Potential In Transplantation.*
2. Dr. Neeta Singh, Prof. & Head, Dept of Biochemistry, AIIMS, New Delh : *HPV and cervical cancer: molecular pathogenesis and vaccine development.*
3. Dr. Arun Raizada, Sr. Consultant, Department of Clinical Biochemistry, Medanta-Medicity, Gurgaon & Ex President, ACBI : *Addressing Lab Challenges through Automation & Process Excellence.*
4. Dr. R. Prasad, Prof & Head, Dept of Biochemistry, PGI Chandigarh : *Molecular genetic analysis on cystic fibrosis.*
5. Dr. A.A. Mahdi, Prof. & Head, Dept. of Biochemistry, KGMU, Lucknow : *Role of oxidative stress in health and diseases: Current perspectives*

## UPDATION OF YOUR ADDRESS

We want that all members should actively participate in ACBI activities and be kept informed about the programmes and activities. For this we require your correct addresses and email ID. Please check your details on the ACBI website [www.acbindia.org](http://www.acbindia.org) and if any correction is needed please email at [kpsacbi@yahoo.co.in](mailto:kpsacbi@yahoo.co.in) or by post to Dr. Rajiv R. Sinha, Biochem-Lab, East Boring Canal Road, Patna 800 001.



# ADMISSION NOTICE

## COURSE OF MEMBERSHIP OF INDIAN BOARD OF CLINICAL BIOCHEMISTRY (MIBCB)

Applications are invited from desiring and suitable candidates for admission to the course on prescribed form which can be downloaded from ACBI website ([www.acbindia.org](http://www.acbindia.org)). The application should reach the Director at the following address latest by 30th November 2012. The rules, regulations and syllabus of the course can be viewed and downloaded from the ACBI website. Please attach a demand draft of Rs. 10,000/ payable to "Indian College of Clinical Biochemistry" at Kochi (Kerala) towards fee for 1st. Semester of the course.

**Dr. D.M. Vasudevan**, MD, FRCPath, FACBI  
Director, Indian College of Clinical Biochemistry  
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Mobile: 09349011312 • e-mail: [dmvasudevan@yahoo.co.in](mailto:dmvasudevan@yahoo.co.in)

## Call for Proposal to host 41st Annual Conference of ACBI, 2014

The proposal to host 41st. Annual conference of ACBI in 2014 should reach the Secretariat latest by 30th. November 2012. Please contact Secretary ([kpsacbi@yahoo.co.in](mailto:kpsacbi@yahoo.co.in)) or visit [www.acbindia.org](http://www.acbindia.org) for rules and format of application.

**Note:** The proposal for the 40th Annual Conference for 2013 submitted by Dr. Jayashree Bhattacharya, Director/Principal, Vardhman Mahavir Medical College, New Delhi, was accepted by 38th GB at Gwalior, subject to re-affirmation by Dr Jayashree Bhattacharya. In case she does not reaffirm, then the GB will decide from the available proposals satisfying all requirements. Therefore, if anybody wants to propose for this conference should send their proposal by 30th November 2012 to the General Secretary.

## INVITATION TO MEMBERS FOR CASE HISTORIES

Members are invited to send Case History with Biochemical Investigations of Interesting cases or cases with unusual presentations. Your experience will help others. Please share it with us on ACBI News Bulletin.

Please send your write up to Dr. Shyamali Pal at : [shy23\\_pal@yahoo.co.in](mailto:shy23_pal@yahoo.co.in).

## ACBI BENEVOLENT FUND : AN APPEAL

The Executive Council and GB were concerned to know the fact that one of our very senior members is suffering due to lack of money for his treatment and upkeep. For such situation many organizations have created 'Benevolent' fund to assist their members in dire need. We should also have compassion when any of our members are in need of help. Therefore the G.B. has decided to create a Fund to help our needy members and has sanctioned Rs. 50,000 from ACBI account for this fund. The IJCB Board has also decided to contribute Rs. 25,000. Many members have agreed to send money for the fund. Dr. B.C. Harinath has contributed Rs. 17000 which includes the money he got as recipient of ACBI-A.J. Thakur award for Distinguished Clinical Biochemist. Some have sent Rs. 1000 / 2000 /3000 as their contribution.

I solicit your support and **appeal** you to send money for this noble work as much as you like. The money be sent to the Treasurer, Association of clinical Biochemists of India, Biochem-Lab, East Boring Canal Road, Patna - 800001 by bank draft in the name of "ACBI Benevolent Fund" payable at Patna. The names of Donors are published in News Bulletin.

**Dr. Nileema Singh**, President



### List of Donors to ACBI-Benevolent Fund : As on 15.03.2012

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# Book Review

## MEDICAL ERRORS AND PATIENT SAFETY

Brief Review from **Dr. A .S. Kanagasabapathy**  
Former Prof. & Head of Clinical Biochemistry, CMC Vellore

The objective of this book **MEDICAL ERRORS AND PATIENT SAFETY** by **Dr. Jay Kalra** (Professor of Pathology at the University of Saskatchewan, Canada and Head of Laboratory Medicine of Saskatchewan district hospitals) is to bring to the attention of the reader the fact that present healthcare processes are not functioning at their optimal potential, thereby leaving tremendous scope for quality improvement. This book is not exclusively meant for lab professional, but rather for all healthcare professional—clinicians, nurses and other paramedical personnel and thus offers a holistic approach to medical errors and patient safety.

The author has effectively put forth his views through 10 chapters and stresses the need to take care of patient safety which will otherwise be jeopardized by medical errors that can occur in all areas of medical care, viz. medical examination, diagnosis, treatment and clinical lab analysis. One should focus on how best to incorporate a **culture of safety** by changing mindsets, understanding error mechanism and devoting resources towards improvement in this area. The author drives home the point that the adverse events are indeed preventable and strongly feels that the healthcare system

should be held accountable, rather than just few individuals, thus highlighting the need to tackle specifically latent errors more than active errors. The author recommends a **NO - FAULT error reporting model** towards strategies for identification and prevention of lab errors and believes this will result in creating a medical system in which all stake holders will have increased trust in one another, making confrontations - including costly malpractice claims - less likely to occur.

As disclosure of adverse events is critical in healthcare, one full chapter discusses the barriers to open disclosure of such adverse events and the implications involved. As an incentive to healthcare professionals, evidence exists that punitive actions may not necessarily be initiated against them if their errors are honestly acknowledged and appropriately disclosed. Challenge lies in achieving a balance between a non-punitive approach to error and the need for a process that includes accountability and suitable compensation for patients. International laws and guidelines towards addressing error disclosure exist only in few developed nations, while several other countries are attempting to implement these in order to reduce the incidence of

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# ASSOCIATION OF CLINICAL BIOCHEMISTS OF INDIA

## **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

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(PLEASE WRITE IN CAPITAL OR TYPE)

1. Category of Membership Applied (tick the choice):

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FAMILY NAME

FIRST NAME

3. Sex: ..... 4. Date of Birth: ..... 5. Nationality: .....

6. Academic Qualifications with Year : **(Also Attach Photocopies please)** .....

7. Designation: .....

8. OFFICIAL ADDRESS

(i) Department: .....

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11. Professional Experience (briefly) on separate page: Teaching / Research / Diagnostic: ..... Years

12. Field of expertise/Areas of Interest: (1) ..... (2) .....

13. Publications, if any : ..... **Please attach a list giving details of publications.**

14. Membership of other professional bodies, if any: .....

15. Any other relevant information (brief): **(on separate page)**

16. D.D. No.: ..... Date: ..... Bank: .....

Branch: ..... Amount: Rs.: .....

(Enclose the crossed D.D. for an appropriate amount drawn in favour of 'Association of Clinical Biochemists of India' payable at Patna)

## UNDERTAKING BY THE APPLICANT

I have gone through the bylaws of the Association of Clinical Biochemists of India. If admitted as a member, I shall abide by the rules and regulations of the association.

Place .....

Date

Signature of the Applicant

## Recommendation by a Member of ACBI (This is essential)

I have verified the information given in this application that are true to the best of my knowledge. He/She fulfils eligibility requirement for becoming a member of ACBI. I recommend that ..... be accorded the membership of the ACBI.

Name & Signature of the Member .....

Date : .....

ACBI Membership No.: .....

Place : .....

## DISCLAIMER

I have no objection / I object\* if my address and full details are put on the ACBI website at [www.acbindia.org](http://www.acbindia.org).

Name & Signature of the Member .....

Date : .....

\* strike out whichever is not applicable

## ADMISSIBILITY RULES

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA** : Membership of the Association is open to teachers & research scientists in the discipline of Biochemistry, Clinical Biochemistry, Immunology, Pathology, Endocrinology, Nutrition, Medicine and other allied subjects in a medical institution and also to persons holding M.B.B.S., M.Sc.(Biochemistry or Clinical Biochemistry) and are engaged in research or practice of clinical Biochemistry in hospital or in private laboratory.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP** : Those graduates who do not fit in the above criteria, but have an interest in Clinical Biochemistry are eligible to become Associate Members.

**CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP** : A company dealing in biochemical and instruments for biochemistry laboratories can become corporate members.

**SESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP** : Those persons who are not members but want to attend ACBI National Conference and attend and/or present papers have to become Sessional Member. This membership will be valid for that conference only. If he/she fulfils all eligibility criteria for membership and again pays the next years Annual membership fees, they will be admitted as Annual Member of ACBI.

**MEMBERSHIP FEE** : (a) **Annual Member**: ₹ 600.00 annually, (b) **Life Member**: ₹ 5130.00 (₹ 5000.00- once + ₹ 30.00 for L.M. Certificate posting + ₹ 100.00 for Identity Card (or ₹ 1800.00 annually for 3 consecutive years.) (c) For persons residing in other countries: US \$200.00 (d) **Associate Life Members**: ₹ 5130.00 (₹ 5000.00 once + ₹ 30.00 for L.M. Certificate posting + ₹ 100.00 for Identity Card, (e) **Corporate Member**: ₹ 25,000.00 one time payment. (f) **Sessional Member**: ₹ 600.00 (g) **IFCC subscription** (optional): ₹ 1500.00 once. [LIFE MEMBERS please note : For Hard copy of Journal: ₹ 200.00 per year for postage (or ₹ 1,000.00 for 6 years). Money to be sent to Editor, IJCB (at Jaipur). **The Membership Application form can be downloaded from [www.acbindia.org](http://www.acbindia.org).**

For Web viewing, please send your email id to editor. For more information log on at [www.ijcb.co.in](http://www.ijcb.co.in)

Prescribed fee should be paid by **Bank Draft** only payable to “**Association of Clinical Biochemists of India**” at **Patna. NO CHEQUE PLEASE**. The completed application (along with enclosures ) & draft should be sent to **Dr. Rajiv R. Sinha, Secretary, ACBI, Biochem-Lab, East Boring Canal Road, Patna-800 001**, preferably by registered post.

**Photograph**: Please affix a passport-size photo on the form & enclose a stamp-size photo with the form. **DO NOT STAPLE OR PIN.**

**ID Card Form**: Please fill the Identity Card form and send along with duly filled Membership Application form.



## IDENTIFY CARDS FOR ACBI MEMBERS

Photo Identity card of ACBI is mandatory for members to attend the Annual Conferences, all meetings and also for exercising their voting rights. All Life, Associate Life and Corporate members are requested to fill up the above form and send it to the above-mentioned address along with a **Demand Draft of ₹ 100.00, in favour of "Association of Clinical Biochemists of India" payable at "PATNA"**. If you have already sent the same, please ignore this.

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBER'S IDENTITY CARD

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2. Qualification : .....
3. ACBI Membership Number : ..... (for example 3579/LM/JOUR)
4. Work Place (City) : .....
5. State : .....
6. Date of Joining the ACBI : .....

Members are requested to fill-up the form to get their Identity Card. This is essential. Filled up form to be posted to :

**Dr Rajiv R Sinha**  
Secretary, Association of Clinical Biochemists of India  
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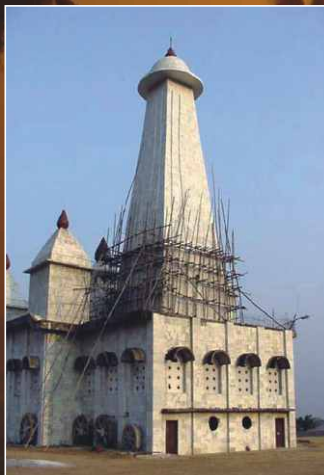
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Meeting	Date & Time	Venue
Editorial Board of IJCB Meeting & other sub-committees meetings	December 11, 2012 5.00 to 6.00 pm	Khel Gaon, Ranchi
Pre GBM EC meeting	December 11, 2012 6.00 to 8.00 pm	
General Body Meeting	December 13, 2012 4.30 to 7.00 pm	Khel Gaon, Ranchi
Post GBM EC meeting	December 14, 2012 8:00 9:00 am (breakfast)	

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