INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF LEPROLOGISTS

Invitation

It gives us immense pleasure to inform you that the Department of Dermatology, Venereology & Leprology, Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh, India has been given the honour by the Indian Association of Leprologists (IAL) to organize the "LEPCON 2014", 29th Biennial Conference of Indian Association of Leprologists on March 28-30, 2014.

Leprosy as a disease is indeed a problem which requires a multi disciplinary approach. It still afflicts the humanity, brings challenges and still arouses our curiosity. There is no doubt that the global picture of leprosy is different now than it was more than 30 years ago. It is true that widespread use of MDT and improvements in patient care led to a significant reduction in case numbers worldwide and also to changes in the epidemiologic features of the disease. However, it is clear that leprosy still continues to be a major problem in many countries, India having maximum burden of the case load. This is due to the continued transmission of the disease, potential risk of developing disabilities and deformities, with devastating social and economic consequences. The Scientific Program, under the experienced guidance of Dr Kiran Katoch is being carefully prepared to make a serious effort to satisfy the expectations of all by covering the diagnostic, therapeutic, social, prevention of disabilities and rehabilitation components. There would be an opportunity to express your views and we invite you to share your new approaches to a problem.

Chandigarh the host city as envisioned by India’s first Prime Minister, Sh. Jawahar Lal Nehru, was planned by the famous French architect Le Corbusier. Picturesquely located at the foothills of Shivalik, it is known as one of the best example of urban planning and modern architect in India. Chandigarh has many tourist attractions like Rose Garden, Rock Garden, nearby Pinjore Garden and famous hill station, Shimla. The weather in March is cool and light woolen clothes are recommended.

Please make it convenient to attend the conference, register early and ensure submission of abstracts well in time. The organizing committee will strive hard to make your stay pleasant and memorable. The conference, we are sure will give you an additional opportunity to meet old colleagues and make new friends.

With best wishes for a happy & successful New Year 2014.
(Dr Sunil Dogra)

Organizing Secretary