

Report on ACTREC Alumni Association Third Annual Meet

ACTREC Alumni Association Third Annual Meet was conducted on 30th March, 2021. Event was inaugurated by Dr Sudeep Gupta, Director, ACTREC at 9.45am. His talk was followed by speech by Dr Neelam Shirsat, AAA President. She updated activities of AAA to all and appealed to join to those who are eligible but yet to join association.

Total of 75 participants including speakers/ panelists were online.

First talk of event by Dr Dimpu Gogoi. First talk of event by Dr. Dimpu Gogoi. He covered immune responses in COVID-19 patients and described how excessive immune responses to SARS-CoV-2 could contribute to severity of the disease symptoms. Dr. Dimpu also described his work on pandemic swine flu virus. This talk was followed by Dr Harish Bharambe. He described Covid vaccines, their designing and formulation details and further how efficacy has been evaluated for all different types of vaccines. Later Dr Dilip Badgujar spoke on recent progress on drug development against SARS CoV-2. Although there are not many drug candidates reported as it is too short time to develop drug but Pfizer reported a development of antiviral against Viral main protease and it is in Phase-I clinical trials. The invited talk session ended with a talk by Dr Shrikrishna Dadke. He gave an overview on the process of drug discovery and development with a focus on metabolic disorders.

Panel discussion covered questions on how institute can create opportunities for alumni to stay connected with alma mater and how alumni can give back to alma mater. Dr Jyoti Kode moderated the session. Dr Prasanna Venkatraman chaired the session and provided final comments on each segment. Eminent panelists were Dr. Dimpu Gogoi, Dr Dilip Badgujar, Dr Shrikrishna Dadke, Dr Tanuja Teni and Dr Neelam Shirsat.

Dr Nirmal Kumar, Mr Naythan Dcunha and Ms Arti Patil helped enthusiastically in administrative matters and conducting event smoothly.

Meeting ended with Vote of thanks delivered by Dr Ojaswini Upasani, Event Coordinator at 1.30pm.