



MICROCON
Bengaluru 2018

**42nd Annual Conference of
Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists**

**28th November – 2nd December, 2018
NIMHANS Convention Centre, Bengaluru**

“Breaking Barriers...Building Bridges”

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It is our great pleasure to invite you to participate in the 42nd Annual Conference for Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists, scheduled from 28th November – 2nd December, 2018 at NIMHANS Convention Centre, Bengaluru (Bangalore).

It is a matter of great privilege & a lot of jubilation to host the 42nd MICROCON in Bangalore again, after 16 long years. The association has continuously provided a platform for dissemination and sharing of scientific exchange amongst professionals interested in the study of Microbiology in the country.

Aimed at Medical Microbiologists from the Indian Subcontinent, we are committed to bring together the very best of the Faculty ever assembled in this part of the country.

Your interaction with your colleagues from different regions will stimulate a creative exchange of ideas and will be personally rewarding. We look forward to your active participation and welcome you to the Garden City of India, Bengaluru. We invite you to come and experience the scientific fiesta, where old friendships can be renewed and new ones formed. Do take some time out to experience the best of Bengaluru.

Look forward to see you all at MICROCON 2018.

Dr. V. Ravi

Chairman-MICROCON 2018

Dr. R. Ravikumar

Organising Secretary-MICROCON 2018

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Clinical Microbiology is at a very exciting period; not only are we seeing changes in the way we practice, but we also have a very sophisticated array of tools at our disposal. These tools have enabled improvement in delivery of services provided to our patients. Yet, in our daily role as clinical microbiologists, there are significant barriers which currently limit our ability to function at the highest level possible. Identifying and breaking these barriers is essential to enhance quality of care to our patients. Such an approach is neither easy nor comfortable. However, it will keep us professionally viable and relevant. The only way forward is building new bridges through networks. Bridges between local, state, and central public health systems, between academia, business and government, also across different scientific disciplines, between research communities in different nations, and even between multilateral institutions. This theme of engagement will be the primary focus of MICROCON 2018, Bengaluru.