



INFORMATION, EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION

National Science Day Celebrations

National Science Day (NSD) was celebrated in the semi-urban area located in the outskirts of Delhi by holding a health education camp. The theme of the NSD for the year 2002 was “Wealth from Waste”. Lectures, live demonstrations of various stages in the life cycles of mosquitoes and malarial parasites, larvivorous fish, EPS beads, and video shows were held in the health education camp. Flyers in Hindi were also distributed.

Observance of Antimalaria Month

A workshop on malaria was organized for paramedical staff of Primary Health Centre, Chawla near Delhi. Charts and exhibitions were displayed. Popular lectures on malaria transmission, prevention and control were delivered. Demonstrations of blood slide preparation and biological control agent were given. Slide and video shows were held. Brochures and pamphlets were distributed.

Participation in Health Exhibition

Malaria Research Centre participated in Swadeshi Arogya Mela held at Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi during 7 to 12 February. The significance of this mela was top level scientists and technologists explored the possible options towards national self-reliance and sustainable development. MRC displayed its research activities and achievements in the form of exhibition panels. Live demonstrations, blood examination and video shows were also held during the six-day exhibition. School children and general public visited this exhibition in large numbers. Flyers and folders were distributed to the visitors.

Distribution of VHS Cassettes

Over 40 video cassettes were reproduced and 25 were distributed to the trainees, various health departments and NGOs.



MRC WEBSITE

A website of Malaria Research Centre was designed and launched on 28 October 2002 on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee celebrations of MRC. The URL of website is **<http://www.mrcindia.org>**. The website contains information on:

1. Directory of all the MRC-field stations with separate page for each field station describing their activities and contact information.
2. Directory of all scientists of MRC with their address, e-mail and research interest.
3. Information about publications of MRC including year-wise research publications for last 10 years (1993–2002) and separate page for *Indian Journal of Malariology*.
4. Information about activities of MRC such as, activities of Audio-Visual Unit, research activities and services rendered by MRC.
5. Pages with 'Search' form (within website) and 'Feedback' form.
6. Links to important malaria websites.

Additionally, following documents have been uploaded on the website:

1. Chapter wise PDF files of document entitled, 'A Profile of Malaria Research Centre' published on the occasion of Silver Jubilee celebrations of MRC.
2. Abstract book of International symposium on 'Challenges in Malaria and Prospects for Research', organized by Malaria Research Centre, Delhi from 29–31 October 2002.
3. Annual Report 2001.

Database on research projects and their activities are under preparation.

The website has been included in DMOZ open directory project. The various pages of website can now be searched using Google[®] search engine.



PUBLICATIONS AND LIBRARY

PUBLICATIONS

Indian Journal of Malariology: The *Indian Journal of Malariology* keeping up the tradition and hopes with which it was revived by *Indian Council of Medical Research* in the year 1981 has entered in its successful twenty second year of publication.

Malaria Patrika: A popular Hindi magazine is being published to create awareness in the community on malaria and its control which has been appreciated by the community.

Apart from above a special document namely “A profile of Malaria Research Centre” containing the research activities carried out by Malaria Research Centre in a nutshell, extramural and intramural projects undertaken, brochures, folders, books, pamphlets, etc. published, Ph.D students guided, training courses organized, papers published by MRC scientists, etc. was published on the occasion of completion of 25 years of MRC foundation. This document was applauded by the National and International community. A Souvenir was also published for the International symposium “Challenges in Malaria and Prospects for Research” which was organized by Malaria Research Centre at CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi from 29-31 October 2002. This document contains the messages from VIPS, programme and abstract of research papers presented by eminent National and International scientists.

LIBRARY

Centre has one of the best libraries in the country in the field of malaria having 6507 books, 3005 bound journals, 3526 reprints, 18 video cassettes, 27 audio cassettes, 5 microfilms, 13 theses and 100 National and International reports. A total of 70 journals (60 International and 10 National) are being subscribed besides 10 journals which are being received on exchange or complimentary basis. Five magazines, 7 English and 5 Hindi newspapers are also being subscribed. In the financial year library has added 185 new books and 8 new journals.

Library renders its services not only to the scientists/research scholars of the Centre, but also to various National and International Universities and Organizations. In the year 2002 library has provided services to the scientists of 15 International and National Institutes and Universities. In the process of modernization during the year 2001-2002 library has purchased, MEDLINE CD (since 1966) and library software —Libsys. Data on 1200 books have been updated and cataloguing work is in progress with the Libsys software. Library is also affiliated with DELNET (Developing Library Network) to access various database like Union Catalogue of books/periodicals to provide required material to the scientists and users. Library provides abstracts, references, CAS and SDI services. MEDLINE CD search and internet facility to access on line journals is also available for the users. Library also provides science citation index services to scientists through INSDOC. Library has provided this facility to 20 scientists of the Centre during the year. Library provides inter-library loan facilities and reprographic services on demand. Library has started a half yearly *MRC Library News Letter* since 2002.