

South Zone

1. Allergocon 2019

CMC, Vellore

1st National Congress on Asthma, Allergy and Immunology – Allergocon 2019

Allergic disorders are rampant in the community and may attack any organ of the body. While 'Allergy' is an established speciality of medicine in developed countries, the situation is very different in India and other developing countries. Allergic disorders, including asthma, affect at least 15% of India's population (many experts feel it may be more). This translates to an approximate figure of nearly 100-150 million patients. The prevalence of allergic diseases is increasing at an alarming rate, and there are not enough specialists who are able to offer standard care for these numerous patients who suffer from allergic disorders. Furthermore, there is a dearth of structured training programs and there are very few opportunities for the training and certification of Allergists. CMC has endeavoured to address this need by innovative training programs and has trained more than 400 specialists over the past 12 years.

There was a felt need among those who were trained from CMC and those who had an interest in Allergy for a high-quality scientific conference. The department of pulmonary medicine, in collaboration with International Asthma Services, Colorado, USA, therefore, organized the first conference of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology in the CMC, Vellore (Bagayam campus). More than 150 Pulmonary & General physicians, Paediatricians, ENT specialists, Immunologists & General practitioners attended the meeting. Eminent faculty with established academic excellence from India, and overseas faculty from USA and Singapore gave insights and updates on important topics in the field. This conference was an academic feast for practising and aspiring allergists of our country, on the practice of evidence-based allergy and recent trends in the field. The conference hosted lectures, interactive case discussions, debates and workshops. The participants had opportunities for presentation of original research as free papers and posters and received feedback from doyens in the field. The quality of the oral and poster presentations was high. When the meeting drew to close, feedback from the attendees confirmed that the objectives of the conference had been met. This meeting is likely to be an annual event.











2. ICS Talent Search Kerela, 5th and 6th January

There was a talent search organised by the Kerela State Chapter of the Indian Chest Society. It was organised by Dept of Pulmonary Medicine, DM, WIMS Medical at Hotel Hyson Heritage in Wayanad Kerela. It was conducted on the 5th and 6th of Jan and was a huge success.

