NIRRH Golden Jubilee Celebrations & International Conference on Women’s Reproductive Health: A step towards improving quality of life

20-23 February 2020, Mumbai, India

50 Years of NIRRH (1970–2020)
Commemorating five decades of advancements in reproductive and sexual health
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Dear Colleagues,

2020 is the year of celebrations for us as it marks the completion of 50 years of our existence. It gives us a sense of joy and accomplishment as we reminisce our journey of serving the nation through research, education, and outreach for the betterment of reproductive health.

ICMR - National Institute for Research in Reproductive Health evolved from the family planning unit (FPU) set up by Government of India in 1954 at Indian Cancer Research Centre, Mumbai (later named as Cancer Research Institute). The mission was to develop and test new methods for fertility regulation. The unit was later shifted to Seth G.S. Medical College and K.E.M. Hospital, Mumbai. To address the growing and diverse reproductive health needs, it was essential to broaden the research scope and physical expansion. Institute for Research in Reproduction (IRR) was thus established on February 21, 1970 at the current location. Over the years, the institute has made significant contributions in the field of reproductive health such as the birth of the country's first scientifically documented test tube baby; development of the first ELISA based pregnancy detection kit, evaluation of various contraceptives for their safety, efficacy, and acceptability which are included in National Family Planning Programme. In recognition of its scientific contributions, the Institute was accorded the national status on July 20, 2002, and was renamed as the National Institute for Research in Reproductive Health. Adolescent Reproductive Sexual Health (ARSH) service delivery models developed by us in two Urban Health Posts were replicated in other health facilities by Mumbai Municipal Corporation. On our quest to serve the health needs of all, Model Rural Health Research Unit (MRHRU) was established at Dahanu, Dist. Palghar, Maharashtra to address the burden of snake bite, Sickle cell anemia, post-partum hemorrhage, tuberculosis, leprosy and other health disorders prevalent in tribal block of Palghar district, Maharashtra.

Today, we are a team of 42 scientists with expertise in basic, clinical, operational and socio-behavioural research, several Ph.D. scholars and supporting staff working together to address a wide range of issues related to reproductive health such as infertility and other reproductive dysfunctions, reproductive tract infections/sexually transmitted diseases, pregnancy-related disorders, reproductive tract cancers, bone health and osteoporosis etc.

We believe that the best way to celebrate our achievements and plan our way forward is to bring together the experts who have made a significant impact and those who will carry forward the legacy of excellence in the field of reproductive health. NIRRH Golden Jubilee Conference would provide a forum for scientists from different streams – basic, clinical, operational and socio-behavioural science, to share their research and also their perspectives on the possible strategies to effectively predict, diagnose and manage various disorders affecting women's health. We are happy to invite all stakeholders involved in research on reproductive health issues, to join us at the conference and be part of our celebrations.

Dr Smita Mahale
Director, ICMR - NIRRH
Inaugural Session

Venue:
Nehru Centre Auditorium
Nehru Centre, Dr. Annie Besant Road,
Worli, Mumbai, India
Date: February 20, 2020
Time: 6.30 pm

Scientific Sessions

Venue:
Phiroz Shah Mehta Auditorium
Mumbai University Campus,
Santacruz (East), Mumbai, India
Date: February 21-23, 2020

Scientific Programme

Three-day conference sessions organized as part of Golden Jubilee year celebrations of ICMR - NIRRH would focus on the theme of women’s Reproductive Health through basic, clinical, operational and socio-behavioural studies. The scientific program will include plenary lectures, symposia sessions, panel discussions, debates, short communications and poster presentations.

Distinguished Speakers (confirmed):

- Dr Satish Adiga, India
- Dr Rupasri Ain, India
- Dr Neerja Bhatla, India
- Dr Shinjini Bhatnagar, India
- Dr Douglas Carrel, USA
- Dr John Doorbar, UK
- Dr Ashutosh Halder, India
- Dr Niraj R. Joshi, USA
- Dr Mohan Kamath, India
- Dr Malini Laloraya, India
- Dr Grant Montgomery, Australia
- Dr Arpita Mukhopadhyay, India
- Dr Monali Prabagaran, USA
- Dr Sundararaman, India
- Dr JB Sharma, India
- Dr Surendra Sharma, USA
- Dr Chittaranjan Yajnik, India

Abstracts are invited on the topics of:
1. Fertility Determinants
2. Infertility and Reproductive Disorders
3. Pregnancy Associated Complications
4. Fetal Origin of Adult Onset Diseases
5. Reproductive Aging and Cancer
6. Policy & Technology for Women’s Health
Submission of Abstracts

Investigators working in the area of reproductive health can submit their abstracts online, through our portal: www.goldenjubilee.nirrh.res.in. The word limit is 250 words only. Any difficulties in accessing the portal, kindly contact us through email address goldenjubilee@nirrh.res.in. The screening committee would select the abstracts for oral, poster presentation and short communication.

Abstract submission last date is December 15, 2019.

Language

The official language of the symposium will be English.

Weather

The weather in February remains pleasant with the minimum temperature of 17°-20°C and maximum of 29°-31°C.

Payment Procedure

Registration fees can be paid by Net Banking through the portal www.goldenjubilee.nirrh.res.in.

Accommodation

A number of rooms of various categories will be available for participants. Early intimation of the requirement would be appreciated through the portal www.goldenjubilee.nirrh.res.in.

Poster Presentations

Poster presentations would be exhibited and judged on the February 22, 2020. Poster stands to accommodate a poster of 4’ (height) × 3’ (width) will be made available at the venue. Research scholars/ Young Investigators are encouraged to participate and the best poster would be awarded.

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