

of Science and Technology, New Delhi, delivered the guest lecture on "Bio-technology and Health goals". The lecture was followed by a symposium on "Genetic and human health." Under the chairmanship of Dr M. Dharmarajan, former professor, of Genetics, Madras Veterinary College. The other participants: Dr Ragupathy, Sharma of Tuberculosis Research Centre, presented his paper on pharmacogenetics and Dr M. A. Muthu Sethupathy of Kilpauk Medical College, discussed 'Transplantation genetics' while Dr Miss. K. Kamala of Madras Medical College, explained the role of genetics in neurological problem in children; Dr. M. Dharma Rajan summarised the papers of Dr O. S. Reddy (Instt. Genetics, Hyderabad) and Dr M. Sanjivi Rao, Dept. of Genetics, Osmania University, on Molecular basis of genetic diseases, and mutagenesis.

7. The conference which was co-sponsored by the Depts of Science and Technology, Environment and the Faculties of Chemistry and Life Sciences of Loyola College, Madras—proposed the following recommendations at the concluding session. They were unanimously adopted.

8. Recommendations: a. Emphasis should be based on restructuring the Medical Science curricula and the health care at Graduate and post-graduate levels, in view of the rapid advances in Biomedical science, technology and engineering.

b. Faculties of University should be encouraged to establish viable post graduate courses in Bio-Medical sciences including Bio-Engineering, Bio-Medical instrumentation, keeping in mind huge resources needed

for the mass immunization programme to be launched as a National component of "Health for all by 2000 AD".

c. There should be greater inputs into the bio-technology of the relevant area of vaccine production by Bio-technological procedures.

d. There should be greater emphasis on environment and health and target date accepted to fulfill the objectives of providing safe drinking water and facilities for sanitary disposal of sewage in rural and urban areas.

e. To manufacture highly nutritive food wholesome and acceptable; bio-technology procedures should be adopted to preserve and conserve processed foods.

f. Efforts should be made to establish more counselling centres on human genetics in relation to management of birth defects.

g. National Referral Centre should be established to serve as data bank on regional basis for fulfilling the above objectives.

The conference has decided to publish invited lectures, symposium papers and prize papers in the Journal of IABMS, 'Bio-Medicine' and hold the next VI Annual Conference, in S. V. University, Tirupati in September 1985.

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### ERRATA

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