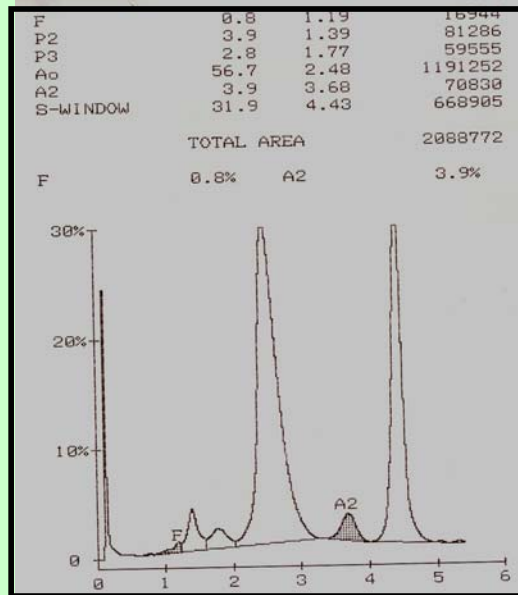


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AWARDS & HONORS

1. Dr. Shrimati Shetty , Research Officer was awarded “ Reach the developing world travel grant” from International society of thrombosis and haemostasis to participate in their annual conference held from 12th - 18th July 2003.
2. Ms. Vandana Pradhan , was awarded Best Poster for the paper entitled “ Anti-idiotypes in ANCA associated vasculitides do they play an immunoregulatory role? At 30th annual meeting of Indian Society , Lucknow, from 23rd to 25th Nov, 2003.
3. Dr. V. Babu Rao was awarded the Dr.L.D. Sanghvi award for the paper entitled “Cytogenetic study of myelodysplastic syndrome”. 28th Annual Conference of Mumbai Haematology Group held at LTMG Hospital, Mumbai from 26th to 28th March, 2004.
4. Mr. Bipin Kulkarni was awarded the “Dr.J.C.Patel award” for his presentation entitled “Frequency distribution of Human platelet antigen (HPA) in the Indian population and its association with neonatal alloimmune thrombocytopenic purpura (NAITP)” at the 28th Annual Conference of Mumbai Haematology Group held at LTMG Hospital, Mumbai from 26th to 28th March, 2004.

From the Director / Officer-in-Charge's Desk

The year under review 2003-2004 has seen the consolidation of the excellent progress made in the previous year wherein the Institute was adjudged the best at the ICMR Directors' meeting by the Director General. In spite of the constraints of limited scientists and staff, the Institute managed to continue with high quality research work as evidenced by the national and international publications in high impact journals and the awards received by the scientists.

The Institute would have achieved much more if the approved projects under the 'Genome Initiative' were sanctioned by the Council to enable us to be up-to-date in our State-of-the-art research work. However, the projects under the special drive for the Northeast region are yielding very interesting data and we hope to consolidate them in the current year.

The year also saw three young scientists completing their doctoral thesis and awarded Ph.D – Ms. Vandana Pradhan, Shri Bipin Kulkarni and Shri Amit Khare. Two more are awaiting their viva voce. The year also saw a transition period. Dr. Mohanty completing her successful tenure as Director for 11 years and continuing to guide the Institute as Emeritus Scientist. Dr.S.S. Badakare, Deputy Director (Sr.) also superannuated after thirty three years of effective and fruitful service to the Institute. The new Director's appointment letter is delayed and once the new incumbent joins, the Institute will start a new chapter in its glorious existence. We are awaiting a smooth handing over of charges during the current year.

It is also a proud moment for us to inform all concerned that the Institute is entrusted with the Quality Control programme for Immunohaematology in India by the WHO and we are in the process of being designated as the Centre of Excellence in genetic diseases specially in Haemoglobinopathies, also by the WHO. The Institute is ready to move ahead in the area of Stem Cell research along with the other thrust areas.

The continued support and timely advice from the members of the Scientific Advisory Committee of the Institute and Scientific Advisory Group of the Division of Basic Medical Sciences at the ICMR Headquarters is greatly appreciated.

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