

21st International Leprosy Congress (ILC) - 2022 Hyderabad, India

Theme:

Better Knowledge – Early Diagnosis – Improved Care

The **International Leprosy Congress (ILC)** is an important event held every 3-4 years in various parts of the world and brings together key stakeholders in the field of leprosy. At the last ILC held in Manila Philippines in 2019 the baton was handed over to India to hold the next ILC in India. Plans are underway to prepare for the congress and below are some of the details of the congress.

In view of the prevailing situation the congress will be held as a **HYBRID CONGRESS** with about 500-1000 physical delegates and unlimited possibility of e-delegates. There will be an opportunity for more than 100 hours of scientific deliberations. The broad outline of the Congress on the four days will be:

Web-based Sessions:

November 8th Evening - 10th Evening, 2022
(Tuesday to Thursday)

Physical & Plenary Sessions:

November 9th Morning - 11th Evening, 2022
(Wednesday to Friday)

Venue:

HITEX Convention Centre, Hyderabad

- 9.00 am - 1.00 pm : Hybrid Plenary sessions with live web-feed;
- 2.00 pm – 4.30 pm : Physical Scientific Sessions in 3 halls (with limited live feed); and

- 5.00 pm – 10.00 pm : Web based Scientific Sessions hosted in 5 - 6 virtual halls.

The venue has a large plenary hall which can accommodate over 2000 delegates while maintaining necessary social distancing if required and also has suitable meeting halls for breakout sessions, pre-congress meetings, workshops, or consultations. The HITEX centre is also located next to the Novotel Hotel which is suitable for both accommodation and for pre-congress meetings as well as other star hotels to accommodate delegates.

The Congress is being jointly organized by the Indian Association of Leprologists (IAL), The Indian Association of Dermatologists, Venereologists & Leprologists (IADVL), the Central Leprosy Division (CLD) NLEP and under the auspicious of the International Leprosy Association (ILA). The local organizing team is steered by Dr. Bhushan Kumar, Chair Organizing Committee; Dr P Narasimha Rao, Organizing Secretary; Dr VM Katoch, Chair Scientific Committee; and Dr Sujai Suneetha & Dr Sunil Dogra, Scientific Secretaries.

According to the WHO data, in 2019 India contributed 56% of the world's numbers of new leprosy patients. India has the largest pool of clinicians and health care workers addressing the needs of leprosy affected individuals as well as robust and effective leadership in the National Leprosy

Elimination Program (NLEP). Additionally, the IAL and IADVL are committed to the cause of leprosy in India and will co-host the congress. We envision the congress will draw all National and International stakeholders including persons affected by leprosy, program managers, scientists, leprosy field workers etc. among others. The timings of the web-based sessions were decided so as to suit the global audience.

Further details on the congress will be available on the website: <https://www.ilc-india2022.com>.

For information on registrations & other details please contact the ILC secretariat at :

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The partnership and support of all stakeholders is essential for successful planning and implementation of the congress. Please mark these dates in your calendar and participate, partner and support the congress to make it a strategic meet in our fight against leprosy.

Dr P Narasimha Rao
Organizing Secretary
On Behalf of the Organizing Committee