

INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF LEPROLOGISTS (IAL)
Announcement for Leprosy Focus Groups

Dear IAL members,

IAL executive committee invites expression of interest to the following Leprosy Focus Groups.

Leprosy focus groups (LFG) are formed to identify the current knowledge in various sub-specialties, disseminate to the members and community at large. Specific objectives include:

- To keep abreast with the current knowledge in the concerned sub-specialty.
- To identify the lacunae in their respective fields and to suggest solutions for them.
- To design feasible collaborative research studies and identify prospective departments and research centers
- To plan and execute webinars, CMEs, / workshops / brain storming sessions with the approval of Academy and EC
- To liaison and assist local agencies / NLEP to participate in leprosy control programs with the approval of Academy and EC.
- To identify key areas of advocacy with the NLEP / WHO pertaining to the sub-specialty and take it up in coordination with the academy & EC.

Expression of interests (EOI) are invited from **IAL Life Members** for Coordinator/ Convener/ Membership of the following LFGs, with a **duration of 2 years**:

List of proposed LFGs:

1. **Clinical & Therapeutics Leprosy**
(Clinical leprosy & Diagnosis; Treatment (MDT and beyond); Lepra reactions & management; New drugs / regimens, Immunotherapy, Immuno /Chemoprophylaxis, Relapse & management; Drug resistance & management)
2. **Lab Diagnostics**
(Skin smears; Histopathology; Immunology; Molecular biology & Diagnosis; Drug Resistance Testing; Transmission; Other basic research)
3. **Public Health & Operational Research.**
(Epidemiology & leprosy control; Public health; Operational research; Management of leprosy programmes)
4. **Prevention of Disability & Rehabilitation**
(Prevention of disability (POD); Reconstructive surgery (RCS); Physiotherapy; Rehabilitation & Care after treatment, Orthotics).

Please fill up the attached form and send to:

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with copy to ialoffice2123@gmail.com by 5th September, 2021.

Kindly specify the Leprosy focus group and the position; you are interested in the EOI form.

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