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1. Report of ISRB Conferences/Workshop

Report of 'National Science Day' celebration as 'Workshop on Recent Advances in Radiation Biophysics' Feb. 28, 2011

Organizer: Department of Biophysics, University of Mumbai, Vidynagari Santacruz (E), Kalina, Mumbai 400098 under the aegis of Indian Society of Radiation Biology and International Society of Science and Technology, Mumbai

Highlights of the program are as following:

The programme was started as per with University song. Dr **Rajpal Hande**, Director BCUD, **Dr Nagraj Huilgol**, Vice President, Indian Society of Radiation Biology & Chief, Division of Radiation oncology have lighted the lamp and inaugurated the workshop, there were more than 150 participants from various colleges/Institutes.

Dr P M Dongre, Head, Department of Biophysics had given introductory remarks of Workshop such as importance of National Science Day celebration, Dr C V Ramana's Discovery of light scattering and his noble award etc. The Chief Guest of the Workshop **Dr Rajpal Hande, Director, BCUD** spoke about the application of radiation in various fields such as medical, research and other areas, importance of ionizing radiation. Dr Hande spoke about various research schemes of Mumbai University. How faculty and Research student can submit research proposals. He also mentioned that university of Mumbai has made special budget for research. Further he spoke about new initiatives of Mumbai University like starting of International Research Journal, accession of journals through internet etc. **Dr Nagraj Huilgol** had highlighted on about various modalities in cancer treatments. **Dr Varsha Kelkar Mane**, Head, Department of Biotechnology had talk on progress of Department of Biophysics, facilities available in the Department, research projects and collaboration with various Institutes etc. Etc. The inaugural function was ended with vote of thank.

Invited speakers delivered talks on various topics and Prof S. Sivakami, Prof Sanjay Deshmukh, Prof D C Kothari were Chairpersons of scientific sessions.

Dr B. S. Rao, Adjunct Professor, Mumbai University, Mumbai had given lecture on **Radiation** induced DNA damage and its Implications on Human Health. He stressed on how the damage DNA plays crucial role in the health of human being. DNA accumulates variety of damage as results of exposure of variety of environmental agents. Monitoring of the DNA damage is very important to assess the impact of human exposure to variety of environment agents. Further he explained about advanced techniques available for measurement of DNA damage. Finally he explained about abnormalities takes place by DNA damage.

Dr B. N. Pandey, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Mumbai delivered his talk on **Radiation** induced membrane damage and its consequences: Cell death to cancer radiotherapy. Dr Pandey showed evidence that how cell membrane initiates molecular signal when it is damaged by ionizing radiation. He showed (his own results) that alteration in fluidity of liposome membrane could modify membrane signaling and radiosensitivity. Further Dr Pandey explained that radioprotection to cell membrane using antioxidants such as eugenol results in prevention of membrane signaling as well as cellular radiation damage

including induction of apoptosis. He also presented some recent report of his research laboratory that radiation exposure affects cytoskeleton and membrane in human breast cancer, which results in metastatic phenotype in cancer cells. In his concluding lecture he told that the membrane not only act boundary but act as a crucial hub of controlling various signaling events. The alteration in membrane associated signaling events in irradiated cells can decide the ultimate fate of cell, which may play crucial role in induction of apoptosis, cancer induction and may have significant implication in cancer radiotherapy.

Dr Nagraj Huilgol, Nanavati Hospital, Mumbai had delivered his talk on "**Physical and Biological Principles of Hyperthermia in Cancer Therapeutics**". Dr Nagraj had emphasized about history of hyperthermia, how the ancient people use hyperthermia for treatment of infectious diseases? He showed that hyperthermia can be delivered local region or even whole body treatment for cancer. Dr Nagraj had explained the techniques used in hyperthermia, such as infrared tents, circulation of hot water bath, microwave, Radio Frequency, ultrasound etc. Further he stressed that hyperthermia can be delivered as a single modality or in conjunction with chemotherapy and radiotherapy. He concluded that radiation and chemo sensitizing potential of hyperthermia can enhance survival of cancer patients.

Dr Murli Krishna, Advanced Centre for Training Research Education on Cancer, Kharghar, Navi Mumbai had delivered his talk on **Raman Spectroscopy: A Potential Tool in Radiation Research"**. Dr Murli showed that how the discovery of Raman effect that analysis of idealistically scattered light from the simplest molecule H₂O could provide unique fingerprint of molecular structure? He emphasized that in last couple of decades, popularity and versatility of Raman Scattering spectroscopy have increased in many ways and a diverse Raman based techniques have been developed. The latest development in light sources (lasers) and detectors (CCD's), have made Raman Spectroscopy of even weakly scattering samples like tissues and cells easy and good Raman Spectra can be recorded without much efforts. He emphasized that Raman Spectroscopy is an ideal tool in biomedical application.

Dr Vinay Kumar, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Mumbai had delivered his talk on **Structural biology using X-rays**. Dr Vinay Kumar showed that how 3-D structures useful to define biological concepts explaining molecular and biochemical functions to study biochemical mechanisms and macromolecular interactions. It also helps to unravel evolutionary relationship promoting 3-D modeling of biological molecules and characterization of orphan gene, development of new pharmaceuticals and in rational engineering of the protein. He showed that the development of new method for protein expression using highly intense X-ray radiation synchrotron sources have provided the necessary impetus in field of structural biology. The worldwide structure genomics efforts have immensely contributed to the development of new methods as well as initiated well coordinated high throughput structural biology program. He talked that in the year 2010 alone nearly 8000 structures were submitted to protein data bank and majority of them were the contributions using single crystal X-ray diffraction method.

Dr Dullal Panda, IIT, Mumbai delivered his lecture on **Drug protein interaction and its implication in cell division**. He showed how the protein assembly dynamics affects cell division and its physiological significance of protein drug interaction. Further he stressed on

some important biophysical techniques such as Fluorescence spectroscopy and Confocal Microscopy useful in protein-protein, protein drug interaction and cell division etc.

Dr D. Bahadur, IIT, Mumbai discussed on **Warm treatment to cancer with drug through nanoparticulates and Hybrids.** Dr Bahadur explained procedures of preparation of magnetic nanoparticles with different shapes, composites, hybrids, core shell structure and magnetic fluids. He showed that how magnetic nanostructure with sufficient biocompatibility are best for several therapeutic and diagnostic applications such as treatment of cancer through hyperthermia, targeted and sustained drug delivery, as contrast agents and other bio-sensing applications etc. Dr Bahadur mentioned that nanostructures when properly functionalized can be used as effective vehicle for biological entities *in vivo*. He emphasized on the mechanisms of cell death during controlled experimental conditions for hyperthermia treatment of cancer.

The following Colleges/University participated in the Workshop:

RKT College, Ulhasnagar, CKT College, Panvel, Institute of Science, Mumbai, MGMCET Navi Mumbai, Advance Cancer Training Research Centre, Kharghar, Sophia College, VJTI, Khalsa College, Bombay College of Pharmacy, Sathe College, HBB College Marine Lines, Dy Patil Medical College, Kolhapur, Institute of Science, Aurangabad, Bandokar College of Science, BARC Hospital, Nair Hospital, JNU New Delhi, Department of Zoology, University of Pune and University Departments: Chemistry, Life Sciences, Biotechnology, Physics.

Colleges/University from other States participated:

MS College, Vadodara, MBM Science & Home Science College, Rajkot , Department of Zoology, University of Baroda, JNU, New Delhi.

The program was concluded by Dr B N Pandey, BARC, Mumbai

Report prepared and submitted by

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Inauguration Function



Scientific session: Frame 1 (top left): Informal discussion by Prof. Kothari, Dr B. N. Pandey, Dr Hande and Dr Huilgol, Frame 2 (top right) Dr B. N. Pandey, Frame 3 (bottom left): Dr N. Huilgol, Frame 4 (bottom right) Dr Vinay Kumar delivering talks



Scientific session: Frame 1 (top left): Dr Huilgol delivering talk, Frame 2 (top right) audience, Frame 3 (bottom left): Dr Murali Krishna delivering his talk, Frame 4 (bottom right) audience

2. FROM ARCHIVES OF RADIATION SCIENCES

Paper: The Radiological Treatment of Cancer: 1928-1935, Methods and Results, I. The Biological Conception of Dosage in Radiotherapy

Source: Canadian Medical Association Journal. Year: 1936, Vol.: 35, Pages: 299–305 (http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1561855/pdf/canmedaj00516-0149.pdf/)

Authors: G. E. Richards

Laboratory: Professor of Radiology, University of Toronto; Department of Radiology and Institute of Radiotherapy, Toronto, Canada

Highlights of the paper

This is one of initial papers in which assessment of cancer radiotherapy was performed when application of radiation in cancer therapy was rapidly growing and rather in 'infant' period. The situation and importance of need to address the issues could be sensed by author's statement that 'There still exists much misunderstanding not only as to the natural limitations inherent in this form of therapy........ This can no doubt be gradually corrected by the presentation of accurate records. But most necessary of all, is a better understanding of the conditions which determine success or failure in cases referred...'. During early days of cancer radiotherapy (1896-1920), when impression of damaging effects of radiation (X-ray, radium) was dominated over its beneficial effects, dose applied during radiotherapy was too low to show remarkable substantial clinical response while radiotherapy. However, in later period of ~10 years, significant progress was made for perfection of instruments and its dosimetry.

Author emphasized radiation treatment of malignant disease using a sufficiently heavy accurately measured dose. Other issues which might be encountering those days in cancer radiotherapy were the demand of skilful radiologists, individualization in radiotherapy and careful clinical control for patients. Tissue reactions after radiotherapy was more confusing was suggested to be recognized as an essential part of the treatment, not as an indication of negligence or lack of skill on the part of the radiologist.

Significance of the paper

The influential paper was to assess the clinical scenario and radiobiological problems faced during cancer radiotherapy, which was emerging amongst confusions and apprehensions. Author addressed some of the very pertinent fundamental questions and provided a realistic opinion in clinical radiobiology.

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Note: Interested readers may submit similar articles. This column is aimed to highlight the salient points and significance of seminal research articles/events in radiation biology and allied sciences, which further substantially changed the understanding in that particular research field.

3. NEWS AND VIEWS

Radiation and Cancer Biology

Radiation exposure and cancer risk

 Magnitude of radiation induced dna damage in peripheral blood leukocytes and its correlation with aggressiveness of thymic lymphoma in Swiss mice

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21913818

- The role of miRNA in the direct and indirect effects of ionizing radiation http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21928045
- Interaction between ionizing radiation and estrogen: What we are missing?

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21903337

Radiation exposure and non-cancer diseases

 Risk of cancer and non-cancer diseases in the atomic bomb survivors http://rpd.oxfordjournals.org/content/146/1-3/272.abstract?etoc

Radiation induced Bystander effect

 Increased frequency of spontaneous neoplastic transformation in progeny of bystander cells from cultures exposed to densely ionizing radiation

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21738697

 Mitochondrial Gene Expression in Directly Irradiated and Nonirradiated Bystander Cells

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21830943

 A role for p53 in the response of bystander cells to receipt of medium borne signals from irradiated cells

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21831006

 Analysis of the common deletions in the mitochondrial DNA is a sensitive biomarker detecting direct and non-targeted cellular effects of low dose ionizing radiation

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21843534

 Track structure calculations on intracellular targets responsible for signal release in bystander experiments with transfer of irradiated cellconditioned medium

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21951050

 Reactive oxygen species-induced release of signalling factors in irradiated cells triggers membrane signalling and calcium influx in bystander cells

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21294691

 Radiation induced bystander effects in mice given low doses of radiation in vivo

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21731538

Low Dose Radiation Biology

 The effect of non-targeted cellular mechanisms on lung cancer risk for chronic, low level radon exposures

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21770704

 The effect of low-dose exposure on germline microsatellite mutation rates in humans accidentally exposed to caesium-137 in Goiânia http://mutage.oxfordjournals.org/content/26/5/651.abstract?etoc

Accidental radiation exposure

 Uncoupling p53 Functions in Radiation-Induced Intestinal Damage via PUMA and p21

http://mcr.aacrjournals.org/content/9/5/616.abstract?etoc

 Analysis of White Blood Cell Counts in Mice after Gamma- or Proton-Radiation Exposure

http://www.bioone.org/doi/abs/10.1667/RR2413.1

Carcinogenesis

- MiR-21 plays an important role in radiation induced carcinogenesis in BALB/c mice by directly targeting the tumor suppressor gene Big-h3. http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21494432
- Curcumin decreases cholangiocarcinogenesis in hamsters by suppressing inflammation-mediated molecular events related to multistep carcinogenesis.

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/20824699

 Mutations in the p53 Tumor Suppressor Gene: Important Milestones at the Various Steps of Tumorigenesis

http://gan.sagepub.com/content/2/4/466.abstract?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=article&utm_content=articletitle&utm_campaign=1118110JA2&priorityCode=1118110JA2

Cancer Biology and Therapy

 Caspase 3-mediated stimulation of tumor cell repopulation during cancer radiotherapy

http://www.nature.com/nm/journal/v17/n7/full/nm.2385.html?WT.e c id=NM-201107

 Beyond reverse pharmacology: Mechanism-based screening of Ayurvedic drugs.

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21731372

 Differences in integrin expression and signaling within human breast cancer cells

http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2407/11/293/abstract (Open access)

- Angiopoietin-1 and 2 exert antagonistic functions in tumor angiogenesis, yet both induce lymphangiogenesis http://cancerres.aacrjournals.org/content/early/2011/07/20/0008-5472.CAN-10-4635.abstract?papetoc
- Radiation-enhancement of MDA-MB-231 breast cancer cell invasion prevented by a cyclooxygenase-2 inhibitor http://www.nature.com/bjc/journal/v105/n4/abs/bjc2011260a.html ?WT.ec_id=BJC-201108
- A novel transferrin receptor-targeted hybrid peptide disintegrates cancer cell membrane to induce rapid killing of cancer cells http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2407/11/359/abstract
- Curcumin suppresses proliferation and induces apoptosis in human biliary cancer cells through modulation of multiple cell signaling pathways

http://carcin.oxfordjournals.org/content/32/9/1372.abstract?etoc

- Caloric restriction reduces growth of mammary tumors and metastases http://carcin.oxfordjournals.org/content/32/9/1381.abstract?etoc
- Plumbagin inhibits invasion and migration of breast and gastric cancer cells by downregulating the expression of chemokine receptor CXCR4 http://www.molecular-cancer.com/content/10/1/107 (open access)
- SPHINGOSINE KINASE INHIBITORS AND CANCER: SEEKING THE GOLDEN SWORD OF HERCULES http://cancerres.aacrjournals.org/content/early/2011/09/21/0008-5472.CAN-11-2364.abstract?papetoc

Cancer Radiotherapy

• Radiotherapy: Repopulating tumor cells—dying for caspase 3

http://www.nature.com/nrclinonc/journal/v8/n9/full/nrclinonc.2011. 112.html?WT.ec_id=NRCLINONC-201109

 Efficacy and safety of intratumoral thermotherapy using magnetic ironoxide nanoparticles combined with external beam radiotherapy on patients with recurrent glioblastoma multiforme.

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/20845061

Cancer: Prognosis and Diagnosis

- Fatty acid binding proteins (FABPs) in prostate, bladder and kidney cancer cell lines and the use of IL-FABP as survival predictor in patients with renal cell carcinoma http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2407/11/302/abstract (Open access)
- Intrinsic resistance to tyrosine kinase inhibitors is associated with poor clinical outcome in metastatic renal cell carcinoma http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2407/11/295/abstract (Open Access)
- Late symptoms in long-term gynaecological cancer survivors after radiation therapy: a population-based cohort study http://www.nature.com/bjc/journal/v105/n6/abs/bjc2011315a.html ?WT.ec_id=BJC-201109
- Long-lived inflammatory signaling in irradiated bone marrow is genome dependent

http://cancerres.aacrjournals.org/content/early/2011/09/07/0008-5472.CAN-11-1926.abstract?papetoc

• Experimental α-particle radioimmunotherapy of breast cancer using 227Th-labeled p-benzyl-DOTA-trastuzumab

http://www.ejnmmires.com/content/1/1/18

Technological advancement/note

- Current progress of the biological single-ion microbeam at FUDAN http://www.springerlink.com/content/l310840p37045486/
- Scanning irradiation device for mice in vivo with pulsed and continuous proton beams

http://www.springerlink.com/content/y0j737308n236316/

 Dosimetry of a 238Pu-based alpha-particle irradiator and its biological application in a study of the bystander effect

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21737630

Nuclear Technology & Safety

Radiation Safety

- Dynamic model for tritium transfer in an aquatic food chain http://www.springerlink.com/content/w655750262qw02q0/
- Doses from beta radiation in sensitive layers of human lung and dose conversion factors due to 222Rn/220Rn progeny http://www.springerlink.com/content/02w528076wj84821/
- Fukushima's economic fallout shutters Britain's Sellafield mixed-oxide facility.

 $http://www.nature.com/news/2011/110810/full/476140a.html?WT.e\\ c_id=NATURE-20110811$

 Summary Report of the Preliminary Findings of the IAEA Mission on remediation of large contaminated areas off-site the Fukushima Dai-ichi NPP

http://www.iaea.org/newscenter/focus/fukushima/pre_report.pdf

Science and Society

Indian Science and Technology

- Developing world: Educating India
 http://www.nature.com/news/2011/110405/full/472024a.html?WT.e
 c id=NATURE-20110407
- Beyond reverse pharmacology: Mechanism-based screening of Ayurvedic drugs.

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21731372 (Free on Pubmed Central)

Science in General

- The roles of herbal remedies in survival and quality of life among longterm breast cancer survivors - results of a prospective study http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2407/11/222/abstract
- Management of cosmic radiation exposure for aircraft crew in Japan http://rpd.oxfordjournals.org/content/146/1-3/123.abstract?etoc

4. ARTICLE OF THE ISSUE

 Summary Report of the Preliminary Findings of the IAEA Mission on remediation of large contaminated areas off-site the Fukushima Dai-ichi Nuclear Power Plant

In response to the request made by the Government of Japan, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) organized the second fact-finding mission to support the remediation of contaminated areas off-site the Fukushima Dai-chi Nuclear Power Plant (NPP). The Mission Team involved 12 international experts. The mission team has submitted the Pre-Report and the final report will be provided to Japan by 15 November 2011. The highlights of 12 points advice suggested by Team in Pre-Report are as following:

• Cautiously balance the different factors that influence the net benefit of the remediation measures to ensure dose reduction.

- Encourages the relevant authorities to revisit the issue of establishing realistic and credible limits (clearance levels) regarding associated exposures. Residues that satisfy the clearance level can be used in various ways, such as the construction of structures, reclamations, banks and roads.
- Encourages the Japanese authorities to continue the useful monitoring of freshwater and marine systems

Read the full Pre-Report on following link:

http://www.iaea.org/newscenter/focus/fukushima/pre_report.pdf

5. ARTICLE SERIES/REVIEWS

Targeting hypoxia in cancer therapy

http://www.nature.com/nrc/journal/v11/n6/abs/nrc3064.html?lang =en?WT.ec_id=NRC-201106

- Calcium in tumour metastasis: new roles for known actors http://www.nature.com/nrc/journal/v11/n8/abs/nrc3105.html?lang =en?WT.ec_id=NRC-201108
- Chemotaxis in cancer

http://www.nature.com/nrc/journal/v11/n8/abs/nrc3078.html?lang =en?WT.ec_id=NRC-201108

• Cyclin D as a therapeutic target in cancer

http://www.nature.com/nrc/journal/v11/n8/abs/nrc3090.html?lang =en?WT.ec_id=NRC-201108

· Nanotechnology: Tag teams

http://www.nature.com/nrc/journal/v11/n8/full/nrc3111.html?WT.e c_id=NRC-201108

- New challenges in radiobiology research with microbeams http://www.springerlink.com/content/l603g56549825842/
- Fasting vs dietary restriction in cellular protection and cancer treatment: from model organisms to patients

http://www.nature.com/onc/journal/v30/n30/abs/onc201191a.html
?WT.ec_id=ONC-201107

- Radiation-Induced Bystander Effects: What Are They, and How Relevant Are They to Human Radiation Exposures? http://www.bioone.org/doi/abs/10.1667/RR2548.1
- Applications of particle accelerators in medicine http://rpd.oxfordjournals.org/content/146/4/440.abstract?etoc
- Interaction of tumor cells with the microenvironment
 http://www.biosignaling.com/content/9/1/18 (Open access)
- Warburg Meets Autophagy: Cancer Associated Fibroblasts Accelerate Tumor Growth and Metastasis Via Oxidative Stress, Mitophagy and Aerobic Glycolysis.

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21883043

6. LETTER(S) FROM THE READERS

7. UPCOMING CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP OF ISRB

International Conference on Cancer Prevention, Diagnosis & Treatment, Jaipur

Jan, 21-22, 2012

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http://www.isrbindia.com/upcoming-events-of-the-society/

International Conference on Emerging Frontiers & Challenges in Radiation Biology, Department of Zoology, Government Dungar College, Bikaner (Rajasthan)

Jan, 24-25, 2012

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International Conference on Radiation Biology: (ICRB- 2012) and 11th Biennial Meeting of Indian Society for Radiation Biology Theme: Cosmic To Clinical Radiation Biology Advanced Centre for Training, Research and Education on Cancer (ACTREC), Navi Mumbai, Mumbai, India

September 28-30, 2012

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8. UPCOMING MEETINGS/ WORKSHOPS

Frontiers in Cancer Prevention Research

October 22-25, 2011, Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, Boston, Massachusetts

http://www.aacr.org/home/scientists/meetings--workshops/frontiers-incancer-prevention-research.aspx

Translational Cancer Research for Basic Scientists

October 30-November 4, 2011, Omni Parker House Hotel, Boston, MA http://www.aacr.org/home/scientists/meetings--workshops/educationalworkshops--special-courses/translational-cancer-research-for-basicscientists.aspx

Tumor Microenvironment Complexity: Emerging Roles in Cancer Therapy

November 3-6, 2011, Hilton Orlando Hotel, Orlando, FL

http://www.aacr.org/home/scientists/meetings--workshops/specialconferences/tumor-microenvironment-complexity-emerging-roles-in-cancertherapy.aspx

Year: 2011 October-December **Issue:** 16 19 Miami, FL 33101-6960New Horizons in Cancer Research: Biology to Prevention to Therapy, December 13-16, 2011, Gurgaon, Delhi (NCR), India

http://www.aacr.org/home/scientists/meetings--workshops/new-horizons-in-cancer-research.aspx

 International Conference on Cancer Prevention, Diagnosis & Treatment, Jaipur, January 21-22, 2012

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• International Conference on Emerging Frontiers & Challenges in Radiation Biology, Department of Zoology, Government Dungar College, Bikaner (Rajasthan), *January 24-25, 2012*

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• International Conference on Radiation Biology: (ICRB- 2012) and 11th Biennial Meeting of Indian Society for Radiation Biology, Theme: Cosmic To Clinical Radiation Biology, Advanced Centre for Training, Research and Education in Cancer (ACTREC), Navi Mumbai, Mumbai, India, September 28-30, 2012

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<u>Important Notice</u>: Are you organizing any Workshop/Meeting related to Radiation Research or in related research areas? You can add the announcement of event to this eNewsletter **free of cost**!! The announcement would reach to ISRB Community as well many more in India and abroad. The details of announcement may be communicated to:

isrb_enewsletter@yahoo.co.in. Moreover, the information would be included to web page as and when it would be available.

9. AWARDS/HONORS TO ISRB MEMBERS

Name of the ISRB Member	Affiliation	Award/Honors	Year/ Period
Prof. A. B. Prasad	Center for Bioinformatics, Jerath Compound, Hinoo, Ranchi, Jharkhand, India	 Chairman symposium session- VI: "Genetic Polymorphism and Sensitivity to Genotoxic Carcinogens", 2nd AAEMS, Pattaiya, Thailand. Member: Executive Council EMSI. Executive Council, AAEMS. Executive Council IAEMS. Commemoration Volume: "Biotechnology for Sustainable Development: Achievements and Challenges" authored by Eminent Scholars was dedicated to Professor A. B. Prasad on his 75th Birthday 	15th-18th Dec,' 2010 (2010-11)
Prof. P. K. Goyal	Radiation & Cancer Biology Laboratory, Department of Zoology, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur	 Member, Advisory Committee of World Cancer Research Forum for Plant based Research on Cancer Management President of Indo Global US Health Care Research Foundation Director, P.G. School of Life Sciences, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur 	August 2011

Congratulations to the Life Members of Indian Society for Radiation Biology for prestigious Awards and Honors!!

May God bless you many more in future!!

10. RECENT PUBLICATIONS/PATENTS OF ISRB MEMBERS

Author/Affiliation	Title	Citation	Key words
Annapurna Agrawal and P.	Know the facts	Mritunjaya, April,	
K. Goyal*	about cancer	2011 (Scientific	
Radiation & Cancer Biology Laboratory		article)	
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University of Rajasthan			
Jaipur, India			
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Annapurna Agrawal and P.	Oral cancer and:	Smarika, Asha	
K. Goyal*	An alarming	Kiran, May, 2011	
Radiation & Cancer Biology	Cancer in India	(Scientific article)	
Laboratory Department of Zoology,			
University of Rajasthan			
Jaipur, India			
*Email:			
pkgoyal2002@gmail.com			
<u>Jyoti Parmar, Priyanka</u>	Anti-tumor and	American Journal	
Sharma, Preeti Verma,	anti-oxidative	of Biomedical	
Priyanka Sharma and P. K.	activity of	Sciences. 3(3),	
Goyal* Radiation & Cancer Biology	Rosmarinus officinalis in 7,12	199-209, 2011	
Laboratory	dimethyl benz(a)		
Department of Zoology,	anthracene		
University of Rajasthan	induced skin		
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11. CAREER FORUM

Grants and Awards

- Looking for Grants, Funds, Fellowships related to Radiation Research, visit the Radiation Research Web page or following link http://www.radres.org/ECOMradres/timssnet/common/tnt_JobsFundingandFellowships.cfm
- Pre- and Post Doctoral Fellowships from NIH http://grants.nih.gov/training/extramural.htm
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- AACR Career Development Awards
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• Science Foundation Ireland, (SFI)

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www.sfi.ie

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Article related to career issues

Education: The PhD factory

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Postdoctoral training: Time for change

http://www.nature.com/ncb/journal/v13/n7/full/ncb0711-735a.html?WT.ec_id=NCB-201107

Important Web Sites

AACR Research Fellowships

http://www.aacr.org/default.aspx?p=3860

 GrantsNet is resource to find funds for training in the sciences and undergraduate science education. Through the support of HHMI and AAAS, this service is completely free.

http://www.grantsnet.org/start.cfm?session_id=844615

Naturejobs the career magazine from Nature with the hottest science jobs and details
of career related issues.

http://www.nature.com/naturejobs/index.html

• **Post Doc Jobs,** a site providing opportunities about Post Doc Jobs. It is a platform to bring students, Professionals and Research Institutes together.

http://www.postdocjobs.com/

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http://nextwave.sciencemag.org/?CFID=789744&CFTOKEN=78870222

- The National Academy of Sciences offers Research Associateship Awards to doctoral level scientists and engineers (US and foreign nationals). For more information go to http://sites.nationalacademies.org/pga/RAP/index.htm
- Science careers

http://sciencecareers.sciencemag.org/tools_tips/outreach/relationships_booklet

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• Radiation Research Podcast

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http://lsmr1.lbl.gov:8080/xwiki/bin/view/Radiation+Research+Society/

Or Look for Journal Podcast under category 'Journal' and then 'Journal Podcast' on following web page

http://www.radres.org/podcast/

Or Look for 'Radiation Research Podcast' in Google Search

Radiation Research Society SIT Discussion Board

Another site, which may attract you to get information related to Scientific Meetings, vacancies and discussion in Radiation Sciences.

http://www.radres.org/ECOMradres/timssnet/phpBB2/index.php

• **Science's Next Wave** is a weekly online publication that covers scientific training, career development, and the science job market. **Next Wave** is published by **SCIENCE** magazine and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

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http://www.radres.org/ECOMradres/timssnet/common/tnt_RelatedSocieties.cfm

Nuclear India

A publication by Department of Atomic Energy, Government of India about nuclear energy and various other related issues

http://www.dae.gov.in/ni/nimain.htm

Video presentation titled "Radiation Hormesis and Life-Mild Radiation Stress

Makes You Stronger." Video and a pdf file of the slides presented are available on link:

http://dspace.lrri.org:8080/xmlui/handle/123456789/891

One more Video Commentary related to radiation adaptive responses (hormesis)

http://www.dose-response.org/conference/2010/videos.htm

http://www.radiation-scott.org/phototour/radiation/radgloss.htm

13. IMPORTANT JOURNALS

Annals of Oncology

http://annonc.oxfordjournals.org/

• Acta Oncologia

http://www.informaworld.com/smpp/title~content=g779470932~db=all

• BMC Cancer (Open Access Journal)

http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmccancer/

• Cancer Discovery

http://cancerdiscovery.aacrjournals.org/

• Cancer Epidemiology Biomarkers & Prevention

http://cebp.aacrjournals.org/

• Cancer Prevention Research

http://cancerpreventionresearch.aacrjournals.org/

• Cancer Research

http://cancerres.aacrjournals.org/

Cell Death & Disease (Open Access Journal)

http://www.nature.com/cddis/index.html

Cell Growth and Differentiation

http://cgd.aacrjournals.org/

• Clinical Cancer Research

http://clincancerres.aacrjournals.org/

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DNA and Cell Biology

http://www.liebertpub.com/products/product.aspx?pid=13

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• Free Radical Research

http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/authors/gfrrauth.asp

Genome Integrity

www.genomeintegrity.com

Human Gene Therapy

http://www.liebertpub.com/products/product.aspx?pid=19

• Indian Journal of Radiation Research

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International Journal of Radiation Biology

http://www.informaworld.com/smpp/title~content=t713697337

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• Iranian Journal of Radiation Research

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http://www.oxfordjournals.org/our_journals/jjco/about.html

• Journal of Cancer Research and Therapeutics

http://www.cancerjournal.net/

• Journal of Experimental and Clinical Cancer Research

http://www.jeccr.com/

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Radiation Oncology

http://www.ro-journal.com/

Radiation Physics and Chemistry

http://www.elsevier.com/wps/find/journaldescription.cws_home/331/description#description

- Radiation Protection Dosimetry http://rpd.oxfordjournals.org/
- Radiation Research

http://www.rrjournal.org/perlserv/?request=get-archive

· Radiotherapy and Oncology

http://www.elsevier.com/wps/find/journaldescription.cws_home/506042/d escription#description

Science Signaling

http://stke.sciencemag.org/

14. RECENT BOOKS

- Units of measurement past, present and future. International system of units http://rpd.oxfordjournals.org/content/145/4/426.extract?etoc
- Human Radiation Injury, edited by Dennis C. Shrieve and Jay S. Loeffler http://www.bioone.org/doi/abs/10.1667/RRXX31.1?journalCode=rare
- The History of Oncology by Theo Wagener
 http://annonc.oxfordjournals.org/content/22/8/1933.extract?etoc
- Further consideration of the incidence of childhood leukemia around nuclear power plants in Great Britain

http://www.bioone.org/doi/abs/10.1667/RRXX34.1

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