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# HISICON 2018

XV National Conference of  
Hospital Infection Society India

October 4 - 6, 2018

at Marigold by Green Park, Hyderabad



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## Welcome to HISICON 2018

### *“Clinical Aspects of HAI – Issues and Solutions”*

A warm welcome to all delegates at Hyderabad for the XV National Conference of Hospital Infection Society of India from October 4-6, 2018, preceded by the Pre-Conference Workshops/CME on October 3, 2018. Hyderabad happens to be the capital city of Telangana, the most recently formed state which is vibrant with its own cultural heritage. It has been adjudged as one of the best habitable cities in India with a good quality of life. It continues with its reputation of being an easy blend of natural heritage, culture and tradition on one side and a highly evolved IT industry on the other. Unique among many other features in this city are the well preserved relics of the past such as the Nizam's palaces, Charminar, Golkonda Fort with the Qutb Shahi Tombs.

Healthcare Associated Infections or HAIs are a preventable evil that add to the morbidity and mortality as seen in our hospitals and healthcare institutions. Common clinical forms of infections have been long discussed in various meetings. Preventing HAIs and control over the ancillary services that act as potential foci for HAIs proves a challenge to infection control practitioners in this country. It is our endeavour to make the Conference as meaningful and interactive as possible. It encompasses keynote address sessions, themed symposia, debates and meet the expert sessions, with some newer sessions as Recent trends & How Do I... and a session on Litigation in Infection Control that would hopefully give us a true insight into achieving good infection control in our daily work. The Conference would be preceded by seven Workshops/CME learning events that highlight molecular typing methods, audits in infection control, outbreak management, CSSD management and many other useful topics. These will be held in various hospitals as parallel activities across the city. Additionally there are many options for sightseeing both within and around the city.

We hope this Conference will be a good learning exercise for the young and uninitiated minds and open vistas of good infection control practice.

**Dr. Ranganathan N Iyer**  
Organising Secretary, HISICON 2018

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## CONFERENCE INFORMATION

### Venue:

The XV Conference of the Hospital Infection Society of India (HISICON 2018) will be held at **Marigold by Greenpark**, Begumpet, Hyderabad from October 4-6, 2018. It is located conveniently within 10 minutes walking distance from the Begumpet Railway Station, 20 minutes from Ameerpet Bus Station, 30 minutes from Secunderabad and Nampally Railway Stations respectively and about 32 kms from Rajiv Gandhi International Airport.

### Language:

The official language of the Conference will be English.

### Climate:

The weather in October should be pleasant with very minimal rain. Overall a nice time to be in Hyderabad.

### Inauguration:

The XV National Conference of Hospital Infection Society of India will be inaugurated on the evening of October 4, 2018 at 6.00 pm.

### Accommodation:

**Please note that all delegates must make their own arrangements for their accommodation during the Conference. The delegate fee does not include accommodation.**

A list of suggested hotels which are within a reasonable distance to the venue of the Conference along with other details is given. Delegates are advised to make their own transport arrangements to reach the venue of the Conference. Delegates may please be informed that the cost mentioned here are approximate charges and are subject to change. Delegates are advised to directly contact the hotels and make their accommodation arrangements early to avoid disappointment, as October is a festival and Conference season.

## Hotels suggested for accommodation of Delegates of HISICON 2018

### Within 2 kms

<b>Marigold</b>	Greenlands, Begumpet, Hyd-16	Venue	040-67363636	Rs.8,000
<b>Green Park</b>	Greenlands, Begumpet, Hyd -16	Adj. to Venue	040-66515151	Rs.6,000-6,500
<b>The Plaza</b>	Greenlands, Begumpet, Hyd-16	200 mts	040-49495959	Rs.2,700-3,000
<b>Athithi Inn</b>	Dharam Karan Road, Ameerpet, Hyd-16	500 mts	040-23739091	Rs.2,300-2,600
<b>Hallmark Inn Begumpet</b>	Opp. Lifestyle Building, Begumpet, Hyd-16	500 mts	040-48520016	Rs.1,500-2,000
<b>Executel Xtnd</b> (Furnished Apts.)	Subbamma Towers, St. No. 1, Uma Nagar	500 mts	040-65267879	Rs.2,300-2,800
<b>Aditya Park</b>	Kundanbagh, Begumpet, Hyd-16			
<b>Country Club</b>	Aditya Trade Centre, Satyam Theatre Rd, Hyd-38	1.5 kms	040-66788888	Rs.3,000-3,500
<b>ITC Kakatiya</b>	Adj. to Begumpet Station, Hyd-16	500 mts	040-66688714	Rs.2,500-3,000
	Opp. CM's residence, Begumpet, Hyd-16	1 km	040-23400132	Rs.13,000-15,000
<u><b>Within 3-4 kms</b></u>				
<b>Kamat Lingapur</b>	Chikoti Gardens, Begumpet, Hyd-16	2.5 kms	040-27764242	Rs.2,800-3,000
<b>The Park</b>	Raj Bhavan Road, Somajiguda, Hyd-82	3 kms	040-23456789	Rs.7,000-7,500
<b>The Katriya</b>	Raj Bhavan Road, Somajiguda, Hyd-82	3 kms	040-2325678	Rs.2,500-3,000
<b>Inner Circle</b>	Saboo Heights, Raj Bhavan Rd, Hyd-82	3 kms	040-23302330	Rs.2,800-3,000
<b>The Manohar</b>	Old Airport Exit Road, Begumpet, Hyd-16	2.5 kms	040-66543456	Rs.3,000-3,500
<b>Mercure Hotel KCP</b>	Irram Manzil Colony, Somajiguda, Hyd-82	3.5 kms	040-67888888	Rs.3,000-3,500
<u><b>Within 5-6 kms</b></u>				
<b>Abode by Venkateshwara</b>	Lakdi-ka-Pul, Hyd-4	5 kms	040-23236871	Rs.2,800-3,000
<b>Shree Venkateshwara</b>	Lakdi-ka-Pul, Hyd-4	5 kms	040-23214403	Rs.2,300-2,500
<b>Central Court</b>	Beside HDFC Bank, Lakdi-ka-Pul, Hyd-4	5 kms	040-23232323	Rs.4,000-5,000
<b>Best Western Ashoka</b>	Lakdi-ka-Pul, Hyd-4	5 kms	040-23230205	Rs.2,500-3,000
<b>Hampshire Plaza</b>	Lakdi-ka-Pul, Hyd-4	5 kms	040-23335555	Rs.3,000-3,500
<b>Quality Inn Residency</b>	Opp. Railway Station, Nampally, Hyd-1	6 kms	040-30616161	Rs.3,600-4,300

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

### Registration

All delegates attending the XV HISICON 2018 National Conference will need to register for the same paying full delegate fees as indicated. The registration fees along with the Application Form duly filled out may be sent to the following Conference Secretariat address:

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### General Rules for Registration

- Full payment must accompany each Registration Form. Forms without payment or with partial payment will not be processed and such delegates cannot be considered to be registered.
- An acknowledgement for delegate registrations received will be sent out within a week of receiving the payment. Delegates may contact the Conference Secretariat if they do not receive an acknowledgement within 15 days of sending the conference payments.
- Final receipts in hard copy will be handed over to all delegates during the Conference.
- **The Registration Fees for the Conference does not include the registration for the Pre-Conference Workshops and CME programme events.** Delegates are advised to pay the fees for the respective Workshops/CME events along with the Conference payment.
- No delegate will be allowed to register for the Pre-Conference Workshops and CME events without registering for the Conference. Registration for the Conference is mandatory for all participants attending the Pre-Conference Workshops and CME events.

The **Delegate fee** includes the following:

- Attendance at all Scientific Sessions during the XV National Conference of HISICON 2018 (October 4-6, 2018) and the Conference documentation.

- Attendance at the Exhibition Hall and Scientific Exhibits.
- The tea/coffee sessions, lunches and dinners as planned for the Delegates attending the Conference.

*Note: Delegate fee of the conference does not include attendance at the Pre-Conference Workshops and CME events.*

The **Associate Delegate** fee includes the following:

- Attendance at the lunches, dinners and tea coffee sessions as planned during the Conference.

*Note: Associate Delegates are not allowed access to the Scientific Sessions and they will not receive a delegate bag of the Conference.*

#### **Student Delegate Fee:**

Student delegate fees are meant to encourage full time postgraduate students to attend the Conference and present their research work.

- Student applications must be endorsed by a letter from the Prof and Head of Department of the Institution where the student is registered for postgraduate studies and is currently pursuing the same.
- The letter from the concerned authority and the form along with the fee payment must reach the Conference Secretariat together for an easy and fast processing of the delegate registration.
- **Forms without the accompanying letter or certificate from the Institution will be rejected by the Conference Secretariat.**

#### **Spot Registration:**

- There is no spot registration for any Workshops/CME at HISICON 2018.
- Registrations for Workshops are available on a first-come-first-serve basis. Hence delegates are advised to register early to avoid disappointment.
- Spot registrations at the Conference will be allowed subject to availability of place at the time of the Conference.
- Please note that all delegates registered as spot registrants will receive the delegate bag and other Conference material subject to availability. Preference will be given to delegates who have registered before the deadline.

#### **Payments**

The following modes of payment are accepted towards registration for HISICON 2018:

A. **Demand Draft** for the total amount of the Conference + Workshop/ CME event favouring HISICON 2018 payable at Hyderabad.

B. **NEFT Transfer** to the following account (Andhra Bank):

Name of Account: HISICON 2018      IFSC : ANDB000107

Account No.      : 107511100001990      MICR: 500011062

#### **Cancellation:**

- If a written request for cancellation of registration is received on or before Aug 1, 2018, the registration fee minus 50% will be returned to the delegate.
- No requests for cancellation will be entertained after August 1, 2018
- All such requests made before the deadline will be effected within 15 days after completion of the Conference

#### **REGISTRATION FEES**

Category	Upto Apr 30, 2018 (Early Bird)	Upto Aug 31, 2018	From Sept 1, 2018
HISI Members	Rs.6,000	Rs.7,000	Rs.8,000
Non-HISI Members	Rs.8,000	Rs.9,000	Rs.10,000
Associate Delegate	Rs.5,000	Rs.5,500	Rs.7,000
Student Delegate	Rs.4,500	Rs.5,500	Rs.7,000

**SPOT REGISTRATION** (Conference)      Rs.10,000

There are no Spot Registrations for Pre-Conference Workshops/CME events.

## ABSTRACTS INFORMATION

Abstracts are invited from all delegates attending the conference for an oral or poster paper presentation during the HISICON 2018 conference. The following information regarding abstract presentation may be noted:

1. All delegates presenting a paper (oral/poster) during the HISICON 2018 conference must necessarily be registered for the conference.
2. There will be no extension of the date for abstract submission.
3. The abstracts submitted for HISICON 2018 must adhere to the following requirements to maintain uniformity:
  - i. The abstract font must be Times New Roman and the font size should be 12. Fonts and font sizes other than this will be rejected and sent back for reformatting.
  - ii. The format of the abstract should be as follows
    - a. Title of the paper  
*(Leave one line)*
    - b. Name of the author/s and affiliations  
(\*Please underline the name of the presenting author)  
\*Presenting author must be registered for the conference  
*(Leave one line)*
    - c. Aim and Objective of the study  
*(Leave one line)*
    - d. Materials and Methods  
*(Leave one line)*
    - e. Results  
*(Leave one line)*
    - f. Conclusions
4. Abstracts must not exceed 400 words.

5. Please indicate a preference for oral or poster paper at the upper right hand corner of the abstract submitted
6. All abstracts need to be submitted as a soft copy to the Email ID *hisicon18hyd@outlook.com* and mark a copy to *ranganathaniyer799@gmail.com*

## Abstract Review, Selection and Publication

1. All abstracts will be peer reviewed by a scientific committee appointed by the conference secretariat.
2. An abstract may be selected for oral/poster paper presentation after review by the members of the scientific committee. The decision of the scientific committee would be final.
3. The presenting author will receive an intimation from the conference secretariat regarding the acceptance of the abstract for oral/poster paper presentation by Email. Rejection of the abstract will also be communicated on the same Email ID. Hence, it is mandatory for the presenting author of all abstracts submitted to be registered for the conference and also send us a valid Email ID for communication. Further information on the oral/poster sessions, date, time and the format, etc., will be sent out to the respective delegates.
4. All accepted abstracts will be published in the conference abstract book.

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**October 3, 2018: Pre-Conference Workshops & CME Events**

S. No.	Topic of the Workshop/CME	Organiser	Institute/Hospital	No. of Delegates	Proposed Fees
1	Molecular Typing Methods in Health Care Associated Infections and Control (Workshop)	Dr. V. Lakshmi	Kamineni Life Sciences	30	Rs.3,000
2	Infection Prevention and Control – Monitoring, Implementation, Process, Compliance and Outcome (CME)	Dr. Ratna Rao	Apollo Hospitals & Health City	30	Rs.2,000
3	The CSSD Sterilisation including Newer Technologies (CME with demonstration)	Dr. Radha Rani	Basavatarakam Indo American Cancer Hospital and Research Institute	50	Rs.2,000
4	Investigating Outbreaks (Workshop)	Dr. P. Shashikala Reddy Dr. Jyothilakshmi M.	Osmania Medical College and Hospital	30	Rs.2,000
5	Hospital Acquired Infections in the Health Care Worker (CME)	Dr. Mustafa Afzal Dr. Jhansi Vani Dr. Hemalatha Rao Kotari	CARE Institute of Cardiac Sciences	100	Rs.2,000
6	AMS (Workshop)	<i>To be confirmed</i>	HISI Event & Global Hospitals		<i>To be confirmed</i>
7	Healthcare Associated Fungal Infections: Epidemiology, Prevention & Control (CME with Demo)	Dr. Umabala P. Dr. Vijay Teja	NIMS Hyderabad	100	Rs.2,000

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**October 3, 2018** : Pre-Conference Workshops/CME

**October 4, 2018**

07.30 am Onwards : Registration

**Hall A**

08.00 am – 09.00 am : **Meet the Expert Session - I** (Parallel Session)  
 Latest in Reduction of MDR GNB Infections

09.00 am – 09.30 am : **Keynote Address - I** (Hall A) “*Achieving Quality in Infection Prevention & Control: Challenges ahead*”

09.30 am – 10.30 am : **Recent Advances Session** (Parallel Session)

09.30 am – 10.00 am : Infection Control Interventions in HAI-TB – Recent trends

10.00 am – 10.30 am : Plasmid borne Resistance: New challenge in Infection Control

10.30 am - 10.45 am : Tea Break

10.45 am - 12.30 pm : **Symposium - I** (Parallel Sessions)

HAI's and Infection Control Strategies in Eye Hospitals (Moderator: Dr. Savitri Sharma)

*To be confirmed*

12.30 pm – 01.00 pm : **Keynote Address - 2** (Hall A) “*Communication and Adult Education in Infection Control*”

01.00 pm – 02.00 pm : Lunch & Poster Viewing

**Hall B**

Prevention of CAUTI

Biofilms in Endoscopy: Challenges in Diagnosis and Prevention – Recent trends

Biomedical Waste Disposal

Hall A	Hall B
02.00 pm – 02.45 pm : <b>Debate - 1</b> (Hall A) “Routine Environmental Surveillance: To Perform or Not” (Pros and Cons Debate)	
02.45 pm – 03.45 pm : <b>Oral Paper Session</b> (Parallel Session) Halls A & B	
03.45 pm – 04.45 pm : <b>Mini Symposium - 1</b> (Parallel Session) <b>Dialysis-related Infections</b>	<b>Infections related to Food and Water in the Hospital</b>
03.45 pm – 04.15 pm : Control of Infections in Haemodialysis	Epidemiology of Food borne Infections in the Hospital
04.15 pm – 04.45 pm : Prevention of CAPD-related Infections	Monitoring and Prevention of HAIs related to Food and Water
04.45 pm – 05.00 pm : Tea Break ( <b>Executive Council Meeting - designated hall</b> )	
05.00 pm – 05.30 pm : <b>Special Guest Lecture</b> (Hall A) “Integrating POCT (Point of Care Tests) in Infection Control”	
06.00 pm : <b>Inauguration of the Conference:</b> Highlights (Hall A) President’s Address Secretary’s Report Chief Guest’s Address Dr. Brahm Prakash Oration Dr. Ajita Mehta Oration	
08.00 pm : Dinner	
<b>October 5, 2018</b>	<b>Hall B</b>
08.00 am – 09.00 am : <b>Meet the Expert Session - 2</b> (Parallel Session) Recent Trends in Sterilisation and Disinfection	Operation Theatre-related Infections: Recent Trends in Prevention
09.00 am – 09.30 am : <b>Keynote Address - 3</b> (Hall A) “Infection Control in the New Age of Genomic Epidemiology”	Cost and Budget Infection Control Activities
09.30 am – 10.30 am : <b>How do I.....?</b> (Parallel Sessions) Implement an Infection Control Programme in my Hospital	Choose the Best Bacterial Typing System for effective IPC?
10.00 am – 10.30 am : Use Standardized Infection Ratio in Predicting Infection Rates	(To be confirmed)
10.30 am – 10.45 am : Tea Break	
10.45 am – 12.30 pm : <b>Symposium - 2</b> (Parallel Sessions) HAIs — Out of the Ordinary	<b>Keynote Address - 4</b> (Hall A) “Antimicrobial Stewardship in Surgery: How different is it from Medicine?”
12.30 pm – 01.00 pm : <b>Keynote Address - 2</b> (Parallel Sessions) Lunch & Poster Viewing	<b>Interactive Session</b> (Hall A) “Point of Care Risk Assessment (PCRA) in Infection Control”
01.00 pm – 02.00 pm : <b>Interactive Session</b> (Hall A) “Point of Care Risk Assessment (PCRA) in Infection Control”	<b>Oral Paper Presentations</b> (Parallel Sessions) Hall A and Hall B
02.00 pm – 02.45 pm : <b>Oral Paper Presentations</b> (Parallel Sessions) Hall A and Hall B	<b>Mini Symposia - 2</b> (Parallel Session) “HAIs in Special Situations and Services”
02.45 pm – 03.45 pm : <b>Mini Symposia - 2</b> (Parallel Session) “HAIs in Special Situations and Services”	Infection Control in the ER/Casualty: A Neglected Area
03.45 pm – 04.45 pm : Blood Transfusion and HAIs: Epidemiology & Prevention	Linen and Laundry Service and HAIs
04.15 pm – 04.45 pm : Recent Trends in <i>C. difficile</i> Management	
04.45 pm – 05.00 pm : Tea Break	
05.00 pm – 06.00 pm : <b>General Body Meeting</b> (Hall A)	
06.00 pm – 08.30 pm : <b>Major Symposium on Clinical HAIs</b> “HAI in the Surgical Unit - Case Scenarios & Prevention”	
08.30 pm Onwards : Dinner	



08.00 am – 09.00 am	: Meet the Experts Session - 3 (Parallel Sessions) Prosthetic Devices and Infection Control	HAI and the Anaesthesia Service
09.00 am – 09.45 am	: Keynote Address - 5 (Hall A) “Litigation, Patient Rights and HAI: Present and Future”	
09.45 am – 10.00 am	: Tea Break	
10.00 am – 11.30 am	: Hot Topics (Parallel Sessions)	
10.00 am – 10.45 am	: Top Ten papers in Infection Control (2017-2018)	Preventing Infections in HSCCT Recipients
10.45 am – 11.30 am	: HAIs and the NICU	(To be confirmed)
11.30 am – 12.45 pm	: Oral Paper Sessions (Parallel Sessions)	
12.45 pm	: Valedictory Function (Hall A)	
01.15 pm	: Lunch and Disperse	

### Tourist Attractions

In addition to the scientific and learning events at HISICON 2018, some of the most popular tourist attractions within and around Hyderabad are:

#### Within Hyderabad

- **Charminar:** Four minarets as the name suggests was constructed in 1591, a heritage site and a global icon of Hyderabad city. It is surrounded by a variety of markets, located in the centre of the old city.
- **Golkonda Fort:** One of the oldest citadel and forts in South India, was the capital of the sultanate of *Qutb Shahi* dynasty. Located 12 kms from Hyderabad, it is easily approached by road. The light and sound show here depicts the past.
- **Qutb Shahi Tombs:** Located at Ibrahim Bagh close to the Golkonda Fort, a collection of tombs built during the *Qutb Shahi* dynasty.
- **Ramoji Film City:** A popular attraction of modern day visit to Hyderabad, one of the largest studio complexes in the world with 2000 acres of land. This was established by Ramoji Rao in 1996.
- **Birla Mandir:** A Hindu temple made of marble constructed by the Birla Foundation on a 85 mts hillock called Naubath Pahad.
- **The Buddha Statue:** Located in the middle of Hussain Sagar lake, the world’s tallest monolith of Gautam Buddha. Can be reached by boating on the lake. This is coupled with the Lumbini Park that also has a popular light and sound fountain show.
- **Shilparamam:** An arts and crafts village located in Madhapur, Hyderabad, built on 65 acres of land. The main aim of the village is to preserve traditional crafts with ethnic festivals around the year.
- **Chilkur Balaji Temple:** A popular temple dedicated to Lord Balaji located at the outskirts of Hyderabad.

#### Around Hyderabad

- **Manjira Wildlife Sanctuary:** Located at Sangareddy district close to the city and is home to the vulnerable species of mugger crocodile in addition to many rare species of birds.
- **Ahobilam:** Is a holy site, believed to be the site where the Narasimha avatar of Lord Vishnu occurred. Located around 250 kms from Hyderabad, it is a must see for the religiously inclined.
- **Gnana Saraswathi Temple:** Located at Basara, in Adilabad, 210 kms from Hyderabad. It is one of the two rare and famous Saraswathi temples in India, dedicated to the Goddess of Learning, the other being in Jammu & Kashmir.
- **Warangal:** The second largest city in Telangana state, also selected recently as one of the smart cities in India for further development. Served as the capital of the *Kakatiya* dynasty and is home to the famous 1000-Pillar temple, the Warangal fort with the *Kala Thoranam* (stone gateway) that features in the emblem of Telangana state and the Bhadrakali temple.

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