Dear Delegates,

Let me take this opportunity to wish you all and welcome you to the historic city of Ludhiana, Punjab for 69th APICON, 2014.

Eight pre-conference workshops are planned for skill development and hands on training, considering the needs of delegates. The aim remains universal for such interactions in the region, to foster scientific knowledge and tailor practice into Indian needs. A well planned C.M.E. will be held to cater to the needs of the postgraduates and delegates attending the conference.

The scientific feast is organized by our young dynamic President Elect Padmashree Dr. Shashank Joshi. His theme of this conference is “Generating Indian Evidence – Matching Bench Side Cutting Edge Science with Bed Side Medicine”. I am sure the delegates will benefit immensely from the CPC, theme based symposia and controversies in clinical medicine arranged by him. He has also organized unusual topics for the delegates like Impact of IT, cell phone hazards, molecular medicine, clinical immunology and genetics made easier to understand by experts along with communicable and non communicable diseases. These I am sure will, not undermine the need of the delegates for topics like Cardiology, Pulmonology, Metabolic and Life style disease, Neurology, Nephrology, Transplant Medicine and Pregnancy Medicine to name a few.

I gather, that various pioneers from their respective specialities and scientific fields of expertise have been generous in accepting this incredible conference schedule and I believe, it is they who have blazed the trails in their own way and continue to act as role models to us and future generations of scholars and I, on behalf of all participants is indebted to witness them. Specially, it is hoped that this aura of academia and science in the region would inspire the youngsters for healthy interactions, and towards embarking on a life in science and to be driven by inquiring minds.

The conference will set the trend for showcasing the cultural heritage of Punjab. Team Ludhiana is all geared up to make your stay comfortable. I am sure the delegates will carry back memories of rich tradition and hospitality of financial hub of Punjab. Dr. G.S. Wander and Dr. Rajinder K. Bansal and his team have made excellent arrangements for all the members attending the conference. We all look forward to an exciting cultural and scientific feast at Ludhiana.

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