



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF SRI RAMACHANDRA INSTITUTE OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

DEPARTMENT OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

Annual Alumni Meet - 19th December 2019

The Department of Biomedical Sciences organised the annual alumni meet on the 19th December 2019. The event started with an inaugural session at 9 am which was presided by our Vice-Chancellor, Dr. P.V. Vijayaraghavan. Dignitaries of the University, Prof. S.P. Thyagarajan, Prof. K.V. Somasundaram and Dr. A. Ravikumar joined. Faculties, research scholars and about 300 students of the Department joined. Around fifteen alumni members attended the inauguration. Ms. Sradha Shrivani final year Biomedical Sciences undergraduate student was the master of ceremony. After the invocation, the event was well-hosted by a welcome address delivered by Prof. Solomon Paul, Principal, Faculty of Biomedical Sciences, Technology & Research, followed by lighting of Kuthuvilakku by the Chief Guest and the dignitaries symbolizing the traditional start. Prof. S.P. Thyagarajan, Professor of Eminence & Dean (Research) presented the inaugural address. Dr. Arunasalam Dharmarajan, Head of the Department of Biomedical Sciences, introduced the Chief Guest, Dr. Karunakaran, Professor, Indian Institute of Technology Madras, who inaugurated the event by welcoming the two guests of honour, Dr. Nagini Siddavaram, Professor, Annamalai University and Dr. Sudha Warriar, Professor, Manipal Institute of Regenerative Medicine. The guests of honor shared few words on the significance of alumni meet. Dr. A. Ravikumar, Dean Education presented the Presidential address and added messages to students on the importance of networking with alumni. The session's keynote address was presented by the Vice Chancellor Dr. P.V. Vijayaraghavan. Dr. K.V. Somasundaram, Professor of Eminence & Advisor (Academic) gave the felicitation address. The students of Biomedical Sciences were praised for their performance and conduct in the University by the Professor during his talk. One of the alumnus from 2009 batch, Mrs. Sowmya Raghupathy, a practicing counselling psychologist, was invited to share a few words during the inauguration. The inauguration session came to a pleasant conclusion with vote of thanks by Dr. A. Sumathy, Professor, and Department of Biomedical Sciences.

Post inauguration, the guests and the dignitaries watched a video made by alumni who, placed abroad for higher education and research, couldn't make it in person for the event. This video shared the highlights of the BMS curricular strength and what from BMS got them to that place. Also, the alumni had tips for the current students of the course. Followed by this was the lecture by the chief guest, Dr. Karunakaran who shared the recent advances and opportunities in the field of biomedical research. Dr. Nagini and Dr. Sudha discussed during their talks, the career opportunities for the current students and interacted with vibrant alumni too. A delicious lunch break followed the invited lectures.

Post lunch, Skype sessions were arranged for alumni from different places out of India to interact with the current students. Ms. Shrishti Ramanathan, Ms. Swetha Mohan, to name a couple of alumni had lively interactions and clarified doubts from the current students regarding applying to Universities abroad for higher education. These alumni also had best moments to interact with few of their classmates who were present with us in person for the event and made fun.

Following the skype interaction, the alumni who were in person introduced themselves and shared their experiences at BMS and tips to grab higher education, research and job opportunities after graduation. The current students were delighted to know the Dos and Don'ts during and after the graduation. Ms. Hamsa Latha, Ms. Jayanthi, Ms. Varshini, Mr. Rakesh, Ms. Sowmya, Mr. Vikash, Ms. Priyadharshini, Ms. Mahishagini, Ms. Shanmugapriya, Ms. Steffi Selvarani, Ms. Surya, Ms. Anjani, Mr. Chirag are a few alumni (from 2009 to 2015 batch in random) to name who could make it in person and interacted with the students. Ms. Hamsa Latha (2015 batch) shared a lot of brochures from various Universities that contained details on eligibility to be gained for entries there for higher education which was very helpful for the current students. Ms. Shanmugapriya (2014 batch), who is currently working as managing director in Whizbang Bioresearch Pvt Ltd, opened up opportunities for students to take up internship in her company, on animal handling, toxicity studies in Zebrafish and animal models, histology and immunohistochemistry, haematology and biochemistry. About five students from current batches have shown to be willing to join the internship programs and the alumni had promised to create job opportunities for the eligible creme of undergraduate students through her contacts. The current students enjoyed the alumni interactions and most of them developed contacts in the field of their interest.

Each module of the alumni event was well-planned and organised by the faculty team of the Department of Biomedical Sciences, Dr. A. Sumathy, Dr. K. Kaviarasan, Dr. Suresh Kannan, Dr. Gnanasambandan, Dr. Deepa Parvathi, Dr. Lakshmi Revathy, Ms. R. Sumitha and Ms. V. Lalitha (BMS Alumni Coordinator). The BMS Annual Alumni Meet 2019 was organised successfully under the guidance and support of Dr. Arunasalam Dharmarajan, Head of the Department.

On behalf of the Department, the students and the alumni, we extend a heartfelt gratitude towards the Management, SRIHER for all the support to conduct the program.



Dignitaries on the Dias



Glimpses of Inauguration



**Dr. Karunagaran, IIT Madras
addressing the gathering**



**Dr. Nagini Siddavaram, Annamalai
University addressing the gathering**



Dr. Sudha Warriar, Manipal Institute of Regenerative Medicine addressing the gathering



BMS Alumni with the dignitaries and organisers



On-Skype and in-person Alumni-Student interactions