

Clinical Microbiology and SEARO jointly organise regional workshop on surveillance of antimicrobial resistance

The regional workshop on 'Laboratory Surveillance of Antimicrobial Resistance', jointly organised by the Department of Clinical Microbiology and the World Health Organization South East Asia Regional Office (SEARO), was held at the Christian Medical College, Vellore, from the 9th to the 12th of October 2017.



The workshop, inaugurated by the Director, Dr. J.V. Peter in the presence of WHO/SEARO Regional Adviser, Dr. Aparna Shah, included didactic lectures, practical demonstrations and hands-on training in the various methods of antimicrobial susceptibility testing and resistance detection.

Dr. Biju George, Additional Vice-Principal (Research), while addressing the gathering, reiterated the importance of having surveillance data on regional antimicrobial resistance patterns. Dr. V. Balaji, Head of Clinical Microbiology, along with Organizing Secretary Dr. Shah, released the laboratory manual on the detection of antimicrobial resistance.

The workshop was fruitful in formulating recommendations to the WHO in improving detection and surveillance in South-East Asia, where the Department of Clinical Microbiology, CMC Vellore, will serve as a centre for both technical and diagnostic support from India.