

V.P.M's B.N. Bandodkar College of Science, Thane

National Conference on "Microbiome – The story untold!"

Meeting of Advisory committee

Activity report

Departments of Biotechnology, Microbiology, Biochemistry, Botany, Human Science & Interdisciplinary Science in collaboration with Mycological Society of India, Mumbai Unit had organized a meeting of the advisory committee members of the national conference on 4th December 2021 at 3.30pm, online on google meet platform. Fifteen members in total attended the meeting.

Dr. Kalpita Mulye, organizing secretary presided over the meeting. She introduced the members of the advisory committee. This was followed by the introduction of members of the organizing committee. Dr. Jayashree Pawar, organizing secretary, through a power-point presentation gave a glimpse of the conference schedule and several activities associated with the conference. These activities included two preconference workshops, poster presentation competition and logo making competition.

The session was then open for suggestions and comments from the members of advisory committee

The suggestions received were as follows:

a) Dr. Varsha Kelkar Mane:

- i. Well-chosen topic
- ii. Explore more on COVID-19 and Skin and nasal microbiota
- iii. Share the lecture recordings on college website

b) Prof. Rekha Singhal:

- i. Very well thought out topic.
- ii. Try to include how depression can be linked to gut microbiota.
- iii. Explore more on FMT

c) Dr. Lolly Jain:

- i. Praised the topic of the conference and gave her best wishes.
- ii. Appreciated the concept of pre-conference workshop which helps in increasing participant interest.

d) Dr.Kamalrookh Marolia:

- i. The topic is well thought out and planning seems to be on schedule.

Vote of thanks: The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Jayashree Pawar.

