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1000

50

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700

30

Online Participation

500

25



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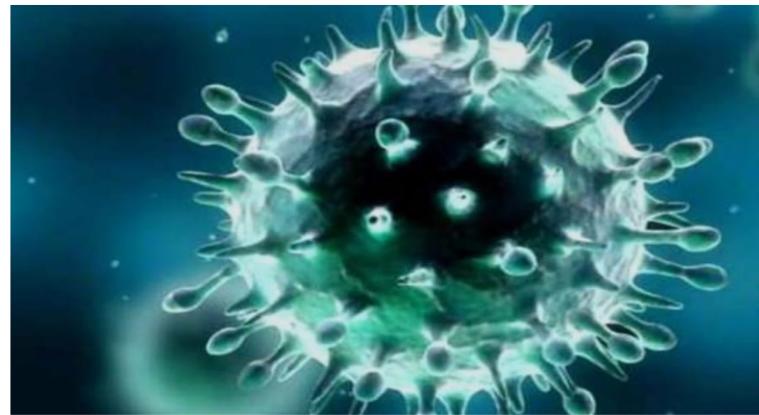


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INTERNATIONAL

SYMPORIUM ON INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND VIROLOGY

SiDV-2026



Date: 16th February 2026

Mode: Hybrid

Time: 9:30am - 5:30pm

Venue: MAHER Auditorium, No.12, Vembuliamman Koil Street, West K.K. Nagar, Chennai - 78.

ABOUT MAHER

Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education and Research (MAHER), a Deemed-to-be-University located in Chennai, is a premier institution for multidisciplinary education, research, and healthcare. Since its inception, MAHER has been committed to transforming society through value-based education, pioneering research, and compassionate clinical service. Accredited with an A+ Grade by NAAC, the institution continues to set benchmarks in academic excellence and healthcare innovation.

MAHER is consistently ranked among India's leading institutions. In the NIRF 2025 Rankings, its Dental College secured the 16th position nationally reflecting excellence in higher education. Research forms the core of MAHER's identity, which is reflected in terms of rising institutional H - index, high impact publications, extra mural research projects, granted patents, and a vibrant Innovation and Incubation Centre. MAHER nurtures socially responsible professionals and global citizens.

ABOUT THE SYMPOSIUM

Emerging microbial infections, antimicrobial resistance, and virus-associated cancers represent some of the most pressing challenges in modern medicine. As pathogens continue to evolve and cross species barriers, healthcare systems must respond to an increasingly complex global threat shaped by urbanization, climate change, and unprecedented human mobility. Infectious diseases and virology occupy a critical space between clinical practice and molecular science. Beyond acute infections, viruses are now recognized as key contributors to chronic disease and oncogenesis, highlighting the importance of integrating viral oncology into contemporary medical care.

SiDV-2026 brings together leading national and international experts to explore the evolving landscape of microbial infections, focusing on pathogenesis, emerging variants, and evidence-based clinical protocols. The symposium provides a comprehensive forum for clinicians, researchers, and health professionals to translate innovation into effective patient care.

INTERNATIONAL SPEAKERS



Dr. Guido Silvestri

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Associate Professor
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Emory University School of Medicine,
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NATIONAL SPEAKERS



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Professor of Virology,
Christian Medical College Vellore
Former Director, ICMR-NIV,
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