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Ministry of External Affairs  
New Delhi

No. AA/162/01/2018-1582-I

November 30, 2018

To,  
Department of Rheumatology,  
[Kind Attn: Dr. Pradip Kumar Sarma]  
Excel Care Hospital,  
NH 37, Pachim Boragaon,  
Guwahati, Assam-781033

Subject: **Political clearance for organising 34<sup>th</sup> annual national conference of "Indian Rheumatology Association (IRACON 2018)" from December 05-09, 2018 at Guwahati.**

Sir,

Please refer to your communication dated November 02, 2018, on the subject mentioned above.

2. This Ministry has **no objection from political angle** for the proposed event with participants from countries (as per the list attached), as stated in your aforesaid communication, subject to clearance of Ministry of Home Affairs as applicable and the Nodal Ministry.

3. **It is further stated that, observations made in our separate communication No. AA/162/01/2018-1582-II dated 30/11/2018 may be complied with.**

4. The foreign participants may please be advised to enclose copies of letter of invitation from the organizer in India and this Ministry's political clearance as well as MHA's clearance as applicable while applying for visa with the Indian Mission/Post abroad.

(Anup Demta)

Under Secretary (Coordination)

Tel: 011-23017223

Copy to:

- i) Ministry of Home Affairs [Kind Attn: Shri R K Arya, SO (CC)], Foreigners Division, NDCC Building II, Jai Singh Road, New Delhi.
- ii) Bureau of Immigration, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi.  
Email: jdboi-mha@nic.in



## IRACON 2018 - Guwahati; International Delegates &amp; Faculty List

SL.	NAME	INSTITUTE	PLACE
1	Dr James T. Rosenbaum Dr William (Billy) Harnett	Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, Oregon.	USA
2	Dr Robert I Foxx	University of Strathclyde, Glasgow.	Glasgow
3	Dr Martin Aringer	Rheumatology Clinic, Scripps Memorial Hospital, Ximed University Medical Centre and Faculty of Medicine at the TU Dresden	USA Germany
4	Dr Dinesh Khanna	University of Michigan	USA
5	Dr Kevin Pile	Western Sydney University	Australia
6	Dr Jemima Albayda	Johns Hopkins University	USA
7	Dr Julie T. Li-Yu	University of Santo Tomas (UST), Manila	Philippines
8	Dr Syed Atiqul Haq	Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU).	Bangladesh
9	Dr Wen-Chan Tsai	Kaohsiung Medical University Hospital, Kaohsiung, Taiwan	Taiwan ✓
10	Dr Ira pande	Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust UK	UK
11	Dr Kaushik Chaudhuri	University Hospital C&W	UK
12	Dr Vinod Chandran	University of Toronto, Canada	CANADA
13	Dr Sumariyono sarmidi	Dr. Cipto Mangunkusumo Hospital, Jakarta	Indonesia
14	Dr Ajesh Maharaj	Westville Hospital, Durban	South Africa
15	Dr Anurag Bharadwaj	Basildon and Thurrock University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	UK
16	Dr S. Venkatachallam	THE ROYAL WOLVERHAMPTON NHS TRUST	UK
17	Dr PRAVEEN HISSARIA	Royal Adelaide Hospital, Adelaide SA	Australia
18	Dr SHARAD LAKHAMPAL	UT Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, TX	USA
19	Dr Charles King	Rheumatology & Osteoporosis Center, North Mississippi Health Services, Tupelo	USA

