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To: The Office Bearers, AMBKC (Karnataka Chapter) / AMBI

## **Final Report – AMBKCCON 2026, 11th Annual State Conference**

AMBKCCON 2026 – “Driving Quality & Competence Through Systems Thinking” – was successfully conducted by the Department of Biochemistry, VIMS & RC, Bengaluru, comprising a hands-on Pre-Conference Workshop (25th June) and a two-day Main Scientific Conference (26–27th June), centred on ISO 15189:2022 implementation.

The conference was very well received. Structured feedback from 469 session-level responses showed an average rating of 4.7 out of 5, with 96.6% of delegates willing to recommend the programme to colleagues. This was matched by an outpouring of unprompted appreciation from delegates and faculty, a few examples of which are shared below.

### **Feedback at a Glance**

- Total session-level responses: 469
- Average content-quality rating: 4.7 out of 5
- Rated Excellent or Very Good: 94% of all ratings
- Would recommend to colleagues: 96.6%
- Met or exceeded expectations: approximately 85% of responses

### **What Worked Well**

- Strong practical, hands-on orientation – pre-analytical quality assurance, stock management, and equipment qualification workshops were consistently cited as directly useful.
- Clear, consistent framing of ISO 15189:2022 across both the workshop and the conference.
- The Dr. JayaPrakash Murthy Memorial Oration by Dr. Vital B G was the single most appreciated session of the conference.
- High-calibre, hand-picked resource faculty throughout both days.
- The panel discussion on the ISO 15189:2022 accreditation journey was very well received.
- Excellent hospitality and warmth, repeatedly highlighted by delegates and faculty alike.

### **Areas Noted for Improvement**

- Session duration: the most frequent suggestion across nearly every workshop and concept briefing was for more time.
- The Quality Control concept briefing session showed a comparatively lower rating than the rest of the programme and may benefit from review.
- Catering received a small number of lower scores and is worth a follow-up with the vendor.

### **Organiser's Note on the Concept Briefings**

The six concept briefings were originally planned at 10 minutes each. In practice, several extended to 25–30 minutes, as delegates – accustomed to more traditional, in-depth lecture formats – sought a fuller grounding in each topic before moving into the hands-on sessions. This had a cascading effect on the day's schedule, and hands-on workshop time had to be compressed as a result, which is reflected in the “more time needed” feedback received across almost every session.

In hindsight, restricting the day to two or three topics covered in greater depth, rather than all six covered more briefly, would have aligned more closely with what delegates asked for. This was, however, a deliberate trade-off rather than an oversight: the intention behind covering all six domains in one day was not to deliver full mastery of any single hands-on skill, but to give every delegate a working orientation across the breadth of laboratory operations – pre-analytical quality, equipment qualification, quality control, stock management, safety, and ISO 15189 implementation. The day was designed as an introduction to each domain rather than the complete training itself, so that every delegate would, at minimum, know what each area involves and where to build on it further, even where true hands-on mastery would require dedicated follow-up training.

### **Voices from the Conference**

Beyond the structured feedback forms, the conference drew a remarkable volume of spontaneous appreciation from delegates and faculty. A few examples:

*“Meticulously planned – madam's personal touch was felt in all aspects. Unwavering focus on ISO 15189 implementation was the heart and soul of the event. Hand-picked resource persons – excellent. Dr. Vital's oration gave the greatest impact at the highest level.”*

*“The conference was meticulously planned and flawlessly executed under the able leadership of Dr. Shailaja madam, and brilliantly supported by Dr. Mangala madam and the entire staff. The event featured exceptionally knowledgeable resource faculty and proved to be an absolute academic treat, providing invaluable exposure for postgraduates.”*

*“Your meticulous and systematic monitoring of every detail really needs appreciation. Your unwavering commitment and outstanding coordination were evident in every aspect of the event.”*

*“Heartfelt gratitude to the organizing committee for conducting such a well-organized and academically enriching conference. Every session was thoughtfully planned, providing an excellent platform to learn, share ideas, network with colleagues, and stay updated with the latest advances in clinical biochemistry.”*

*“Thank you for giving an opportunity to participate in the conference. Huge gratitude for the patience, support, and personal attention. Huge congratulations to you and your team for all the efforts towards the successful conduct of the conference.”*

### **Topics Requested for Future Programmes**

Delegates most frequently asked for future sessions on: Chromatography & Mass Spectrometry, Genetics, NABL Accreditation process workshops, Research Methodology in Biochemistry, Six Sigma, Cancer Biology, and Molecular Diagnostics/POCT/EQAS.

### **Conclusion**

AMBKCCON 2026 was a well-organised, academically rich, and warmly received conference that fulfilled its goal of advancing ISO 15189:2022 understanding among laboratory professionals across Karnataka.

The Department of Biochemistry, VIMS & RC, is grateful to AMBKC and AMBI for the opportunity to host this conference, and looks forward to applying the learnings from this feedback, particularly around session timing and depth versus breadth, to future editions.

This experience also points to a larger responsibility within our profession. Biochemists and laboratory professionals have an ongoing duty to empower the next generation of laboratory operators – the technologists, technicians, and junior staff who run the day-to-day systems on which patient care actually depends. As doctors, our teaching responsibility cannot be limited to training only medical students and postgraduates; it must extend to building competence across the entire laboratory workforce, since the quality of patient diagnosis and care is inseparable from the quality of laboratory operations behind it. Conferences such as this one are an important step in that direction, and AMBKC/AMBI's continued support for this kind of practitioner-level training is warmly appreciated.

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