



Citizens' / Clients' Charter
for
National Institute of Immunology

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National Institute of Immunology (NII) was conceived in the early eighties to address health care needs of the country. The idea was to conduct research to study the body's defenses and use that knowledge to provide solutions for prevention and treatment of diseases. Over the years NII has established itself as a premier center in modern biology in general and basic immunology, infection and immunity, host-pathogen interactions, development, structural and chemical biology in particular. These research programmes have been built based on the unique blend of expertise at the Institute. Currently, the research focuses on four major themes, namely Immunity and Infection, Molecular Design, Gene Regulation, and Reproduction and Development.

VISION

To undertake fundamental research of the highest standard in the area of immunology and related areas with a view to develop modalities for combating various diseases.

MISSION

- To undertake, aid, promote, guide and coordinate research of a high caliber in basic and applied immunology.
- To carry out research for development of new vaccines, immunodiagnostic kits, immunological reagents.
- To interact with industry for transfer of technology for the leads developed from research.
- To provide and promote linkages between various scientific research agencies/laboratories in the field of immunology, vaccine development and related areas.

COMMITMENT

The institute is committed for the following:

- Investigating the mechanisms used by the immune system in responding to infectious pathogens and molecular characterization of the strategies used by a variety of pathogens to create infection.
- Dissection of the fundamental rules of molecular design and recognition, by cutting-edge research in the post-genomic field of proteomics.
- To address questions on control of reproduction and development and understanding genetic as well as environmental defects especially involving studies with the human immune system.
- Continue to strengthen its IPRs and transfer the developed technologies to industry/society.
- To expand NII's scientific manpower resource base and its research capabilities through expansion of space and infrastructural facilities.
- Continue to carry out, state-of-the-art teaching and training facilities in advanced biological sciences to inculcate the highest level of aptitude and ability in the country's skilled manpower pool through seminars and workshops.
- Continue to carry out Ph.D programme.
- Dissemination of scientific information both through professional journals and through symposia, conference and public lectures to the community at large.
- Continue to invite thought leaders as visiting faculty and adjunct faculty members.

- Start new initiatives in the area of Immunology pertaining to disease biology.

VALUES

The institute believes in human values, scientific integrity, transparency and responsibility towards society.

STANDARDS

As a frontline national laboratory, NII is intensely aware of and sensitive to its societal role. Thus, the Institute is committed to the creation of a world-class competitive knowledge base that can help the nation participate with dignity and profit in the global village enterprise where knowledge and information translate into economic power. The Institute is also aware that spin-off health care technologies from its work on this knowledge base need to be brought within the reach of those sections of the national community too underprivileged to be able to participate in the marketplace. The Institute is pursuing a wide variety of options, some traditional and some radically innovative, for contributing to this project of societal justice. NII is confident that together these approaches will bring even greater yields in the new century than they have brought so far and will justify the enduring national investment in integrated people's science.

ENQUIRIES

We are open for queries regarding scientific curiosity and questions. Scientific staff can be approached directly for such queries. Other questions can be addressed to Controller of Administration, NII.

MODALITIES OF IMPLEMENTATION

The institute is committed to provide all possible assistance to public. Information related to publications, patents, products, RTI, infrastructure, jobs etc. can be found on our website (www.nii.res.in).