Metropolitan Cathedral and Basilica of Our Lady are located in this city. Sree Krishna Temple, Guruvayaoor, the abode of Lord Krishna and Punnathurkotta, the largest elephant park in the country is located 20 km away from Amala. The country’s first mosque, Choraman Juma Masjid is situated at Kodungallur which is 40 km away to south. Thrissur Pooram, the most colorful and spectacular temple festival in Kerala is held during April or May. The city is also a big centre for shopping for gold jewellery. The district offers a wide choice of natural places including Athirapally and Vazhachal waterfalls, Peechi and Chimmini dams, beaches, Chottuvu back waters etc.

Climate
The district has a tropical humid climate. The summer season (March to May) is followed by the South West Monsoon from June to September. The period from December to February is generally pleasant. The minimum and maximum temperature in day time is expected in the range between 25-32°C.

Reaching Venue
By Air - 60 km from Cochin International Airport
By Rail - 10 km from Thrissur Railway Station
By Road - Amala is located at Thrissur-Kunnukulam Road (11 km from KSRTC and Sakthan Thampuran bus stand)

Accommodation
Accommodation will be arranged in Thrissur city. Daily tariff of hotels will be as follows. Arrangements will be made to make cheaper accommodation for students on first-cum-first basis. The local transport will be arranged by the organizing committee.

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Conference Tour
One day tour on the back water boat cruise will be arranged on 12th February for delegates on payment of Rs. 1,000/-. The delegates should inform their participation and have to remit the payment in advance.

Dates to Remember

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We are very much happy to inform you that Amala Cancer Research Centre, Thrissur, Kerala is hosting 36th Annual Conference of Indian Association for Cancer Research (IACR) on February, 9-11, 2017. Theme of the conference is “The 21st Century – War on Cancer”. This conference comprehensively overviews the multi facets of cancer research in India, hopefully contributing new insights and is expected to widen the horizon. We have scheduled an exciting program which includes thought provoking scientific sessions, plenary lectures and invited talks by eminent scientists from India and abroad on various aspects of cancer. The event provides a platform for young researchers to share their innovative ideas and interact with scientific community. It is a matter of our great pleasure to invite scientists, clinicians, teachers, researchers and students to participate in the conference.

The Indian Association for Cancer Research (IACR) was founded in November 1980 at Mumbai to advance research in all aspects of cancer and promote interaction among scientists in this field from different parts of India. IACR has made significant achievements both in promoting cancer research, cancer education and awareness. This Association is a comprehensive platform to share the innovations in cancer research and coordinate the finding of scientists in India.

Amala Cancer Research Centre with its remarkable faculty and expertise in cancer research programs has shown its excellence since 1982. The Centre is recognized by DSIR, India and by University of Calicut, Mahatma Gandhi University and Kerala University of Health Sciences for Ph.D. studies. Nearly 100 students completed Ph.D. from this Centre and have published nearly 1000 original research articles.

**About the Conference**

Cancer is one of the major diseases of the mankind with no satisfactory treatment modality. It affects most of the parts of the body and its course of progression varies with the individual and the type of cancer. Most of the treatment modality presently available for cancer has severe side effects which may even be deadly to individual. Hence scientific community is trying to investigate new cancer treatment modalities which affect cancer cells without any effect on the body. Moreover, scientists are also trying to find out the molecular differences in cancer cells compared to normal.

This meeting will be held at Amala Cancer Research Centre and nearly 350 scientists including 20 scientists from outside the country are expected to participate. Meeting will have plenary lecture, invited talks, student presentation as well as student award oral and poster presentation.

**Focus Areas**

- Cancer etiology and epidemiology
- Cancer genetics, epigenetics and molecular carcinogenesis
- Cell signaling and cancer
- Diagnostic tools in cancer
- Drug discovery, development and targeted delivery
- Tumor cell biology, microenvironment, metastasis and angiogenesis
- Natural products in cancer therapy and prevention
- Alternative therapeutic approaches in cancer
- Stem cell research in cancer
- Cancer vaccines

**Confirmed Speakers**

1. Dr. Channing J Deo, University of North Carolina, USA
2. Dr. Chellapan Sreekumar, USA
3. Dr. Bhartendu Agarwal, MD Anderson Cancer Center, USA
4. Dr. Mukhopadhyay A, Myelonic College of Medicine, USA
5. Dr. Deepak Shaligram, Oklahoma City, USA
6. Dr. Pradeep Chauvanly Raghavans, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA
7. Dr. Sunilk Pradeep, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Texas, USA
8. Dr. Sachin Pathak, The University of Texas, USA
9. Dr. Gautam Sethi, National University of Singapore
10. Dr. Kapil Mehta UT MD Anderson Cancer Centre, Texas, USA
11. Dr. Sunila Pradeep, SGCCRI, Calcutta
12. Dr. Chinnam K Panda, CINI, Calcutta
13. Dr. Soma Banerjee, Institute of Postgraduate Medicine, Calcutta
14. Dr. Manoj K Ghosh, CSIR Institute of Chemical Biology
15. Dr. Neeta Singh, AIM, New Delhi
16. Dr. Nagarajan B, Cancer Institute, Adyar
17. Dr. Abhijit De, Cancer Institute, Chennai ACTREC, Mumbai
18. Dr. Priya Srinivas, RGCB, Trivandrum
19. Dr. Ketan Mehta, UT MD Anderson Cancer Centre, Texas, USA
20. Dr. Bhartendu P Solimath, University of Mysore, Karnataka
21. Dr. Chiplunkor SV, ACTREC, Mumbai
22. Dr. Anjali Shiris, ACTREC, Mumbai
23. Dr. Nagini S. Anandani University, Tamil Nadu
24. Dr. Karunakaran D, IIT, Chennai
25. Dr. Saroh Narain Daniel, ACTREC, Mumbai
26. Dr. Sukta Das, CINI, Calcutta
27. Dr. Mandavva V Basveswaren Rao, Krishna University, A P
28. Dr. Kannan S, Periyar University, Salem
29. Dr. Sakti Sekharan D, University of Madras Chennai
30. Dr. Alpan Prem Kumar, National University of Singapore
31. Dr. Bhudev Das, Amity University of MM & SCR, Noida, UP
32. Dr. Sudhir Krishna, TIFR, Bangalore
33. Dr. Ruby John Anto, RGCB, Trivandrum
34. Dr. Hemangini Vora, The GCR, Ahmedabad
35. Dr. Padma PR, Ameen-e-Ahlinia University for Women, Coimbatore
36. Dr. Kannan S, Regional Cancer Centre, Kerala
37. Dr. Harikumar KB, RGCB, Trivandrum
38. Dr. Prabuvadas Patel, GCR, Ahmedabad
39. Dr. Ajay Kumar, Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati
40. Dr. Krishnakumar IM, Ajoy Flavours & Aromatic, Kochi
41. Dr. Gopal Kundu, National Centre for Cell Science, Pune
42. Dr. Sudha Varriani, Manipal University, Bangalore
43. Dr. Devanand P Fulzele, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Mumbai

**Call for Papers**

Lecture for short duration and posters regarding conference topics are welcome. Abstract should be prepared not exceeding 300 words, subdivided to Background, Objective, Methods, Results and Conclusion. The completed abstracts may be submitted as word document or by post to amalacancerresearch@gmail.com or before December 31, 2016. The contributors are requested to provide their names, affiliation, mailing address and email along with the abstract. All abstracts will be reviewed by a scientific committee and the notification of acceptance will be informed. Incomplete applications or applications received after due date will be rejected without further communication.

**Awards**

The following awards have been instituted by IACR. Participants who wish to contest for this award should send their registration form along with two copies of the abstract. Selection of the candidate for the award presentation will be decided by the IACR Organizing Committee.

1. Dr. Virendra Balkrishna Katar Award & Rammuthiral Joju Award for the best oral presentation among mid-level scientists between the age group 30-40 years 2. Sitaram Jogekar Award & Mangala Banme Award for best oral presentation among young scientists below the age of 30 years 3. Rajeninath Shrivastad Baxi Award & Shri. Rambhau Kollokarni Award for best poster presentation for young scientist below the age of 30 years.

**Registration**

Registration form is available in the website (http://www.amalaisms.org). Duly filled registration form should be sent along with DD in favour of ‘Amala Cancer Research Centre Society’ Payable at Thrissur, Kerala on or before December 31, 2016. The payment can also be made by NEFT/RTGS transfer. After 31st December 2016, all the registration will be treated as spot registrations.

**Registration Fee**

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**Bank Details**

Bank Account No.: 402500100013769
Bank & Branch: Union Bank of India, Puzhakkal, IFSC Code : UBIN0540251, MICR No. : 68026003

**About Thrissur**

Thrissur, the “Cultural Capital of Kerala” is situated almost in the centre of the State and is bounded on the west by the Arabian Sea. It houses the Kerala Sangeetha Nadaka Akademy, Kerala Lalita Kala Akademi, Kerala Kalamandalam and Kerala Sahitya Akademy. Famous temples including the Thiruvambadi, Vadakkanthunan and Paramekkavu as well as churches like Lourdes.