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IAMM CHAPTER MEETING AND CME

The Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry Chapter held its chapter meeting and a Continuing Medical Education on respiratory infections hosted by the academic Microbiology Department of CMC, on September 20, in the Dr. Grace Koshy lecture hall on the fifth floor of the ASHA Educational Block. All the office bearers of the IAMM Chapter were present on the occasion, which was organized in honour of Dr. K. N. Brahmadathan, Professor of Microbiology, who will be attaining superannuation next month.

Dr. Mary S. Mathews, Head of the Department of Microbiology extended a warm welcome to the 50 odd delegates and participants from the department. Dr. Gagandeep Kang, Professor of Microbiology and Vice Principal (Research) and co-ordinator for this programme felicitated Dr. Brahmadathan, the quintessential gentleman and meticulous scientist for his contribution to research and diagnostics in Medical Microbiology, especially in the field of streptococcal research.

Dr. Lionel Gnanaraj, Medical Superintendent honoured him by draping a ponnada.



The scientific session that followed was devoted to various aspects of the infections of the lungs and the respiratory tract. Dr. Brahmadathan presented an overview of the streptococcal research done in CMC. Dr. John A. Jude, the Organizing Secretary proposed the vote of thanks.

No-one is like you, O Lord; you are great, and your name is mighty in power.

Jeremiah 10:6

Special prayers: September 28 - October 4, 2008
Transfusion Medicine and Immunohaematology

: Dr. Dolly Daniel, staff and students

CHIPS

: Dr. Ninan Chacko

: Mr. Ebenezer and staff

Assemblies of God in North India

Council members : Mr. Sanjay Prasad C.C. Wu

Hospital : Assembly of God Hospital and Research Centre

Christian Assemblies in India

Council members : Dr. P.C. Cherian

: Mr. Thomas Rajan

Hospital : Women's Hospital, Ambajipeta and others

Sunday services : October 05

06.00 pm : **College Chapel**

: Rev. Dr. T. Arul Dhas

06.30 pm : **Hospital Chapel**

: Ms. Raja Christi Bai

Days to remember:

World Blood Donation Day and

International Day for Older Person - October 1

World Habitat Day - October 3

We are happy to welcome Mrs. Mary Anbarasi Johnson, College of Nursing after study leave.

Upcoming events:

October 2 and 3 - Indo - European CME in Clinical Genetics

October 3 -5 - Shiloh Workshop - 08

November 8 - College Day

November 9 - Baccalaureate Service

November 10 - Medical Graduation

'COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSES BACKBONE OF THE HEALTH SYSTEM'

The National Community Health Nursing Conference 2008 focusing on nursing leadership in community health was held here from September 18 – 20. The conference brought together more than 500 community health nurses from 15 states. This was organized with the objective to analyze the trends and developments in healthcare in the country, to understand the emerging roles of community health nurses and to recognize the increasing demands made on the leadership of community health nurses in nursing education, practice, health management and research. It provided excellent opportunity for sharing of knowledge, ideas and expertise so as to prepare the participants to meet the demands of the profession at varying levels of leadership.



The scientific sessions covered evidence based nursing practice, current research scenario in community health and future directions of the profession among others. There were panel discussions on innovative models in community health nursing, community partnership and nursing leadership in community health.

At the open forum it was resolved to form a community health nursing association to provide a platform to air the views of the nurses working in the field.

Ms. Apoorva, IAS, Special Secretary in the Department of Health and Family Welfare, who was the chief guest at the valedictory function of the conference stressed the need for health personnel to keep pace with the changing trends in the health sector. She added that community health nurses are the backbone of the health care system and their participation is important for any social cause. Dr. S. Rajasekharan, Deputy Director of Health Sciences, Vellore, speaking on the occasion, mentioned that Vellore Health Unit District was able to develop the primary health centres in the district as a model for the whole country.

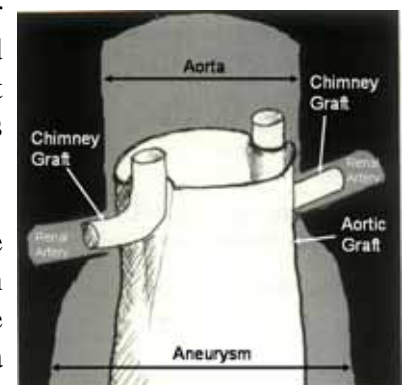
Dr. Chellarani Vijayakumar was the second among the best community health nurses chosen for the award for their exemplary service in the field

Congratulations to Dr. Chellarani Vijayakumar, Organizing Secretary of the conference and her team.

CUTTING EDGE TECHNIQUE IN ENDO-VASCULAR REPAIR OF ANEURYSM

The Department of Cardiology has performed India's first endo-vascular repair of aortic aneurysm using chimney grafts. On September 15, a team of cardiologists, headed by Dr. George Joseph, vascular surgeons and anaesthetists, supported by critical care specialists and radiologists carried out the procedure on a 72-year-old patient from West Bengal, who came with heart disease and an 8cm bulge of the aortic vessel in the abdomen. Three chimney grafts were used, for the first time in the world, to repair his aneurysm.

Aortic aneurysm is the focal dilation of the main blood vessel, causing progressive enlargement and rupture, leading to internal bleeding. For the past 50 years or so, open surgery was the only way to treat this condition. Less invasive procedures like endovascular repair came into practice about 15 years ago. This involves insertion of a





tube-like device called stent graft into the aorta starting above the aneurysm and ending below it. The stent allows blood flow down its lumen and the aneurysm is excluded from circulation and thus the risk of rupture is stalled. Though this procedure is superior to open surgery, it is not feasible if there are important branches of the aorta arising close to the aneurysm. However, recent reports from Sweden and USA have shown the use of small stent grafts called 'chimney grafts' in the aortic branches with their upper ends pointing upwards like a chimney. So far only a few such cases have been performed world-wide and not more than two chimney grafts have been used electively in any patient. The limitation is that these grafts have to be introduced from the patient's arm, so far, one from each arm. But in the case of this patient two stent grafts were introduced from the same arm by a modification of the existing technique and another from the other arm. The patient is recovering well.

Congratulations to the team on this innovative procedure.

OBITUARY

We regret to announce the demise of

Mr. M.N. Nambiar, father of Dr. Rupa Vedantam, Head of ENT on September 22, 2008.

Mr. A.S. Mohammed Ali, retired staff, PM Office and father of Mr. Fazalur Rahman and Mr. Abdul Kadar, working in PRO and SICU respectively.

Our condolences and prayers for the bereaved families.

CONGRATULATIONS

Dr. Kalpana R., Anatomy Department was selected for the Dr. M.M. Cooper Memorial Award for the best paper. The best faculty presentation award was given to **Ms. Meenakshi**, Spinal Cord Regeneration laboratory, Department of PMR and Anatomy, in the 31st Annual Conference of the Association of Anatomists, Tamil Nadu in September 2008.

The following awards and scholarships were won by the Haematology staff in Indian Society of Haematology and Transfusion Medicine 2008 (ISHTM) conference held in JIPMER, Pondicherry from September 19 -21.

Ms. Anu Moses, Mrs. Ezhilarasi and Dr. Neeraj	- Travel scholarship for the best abstract
Mrs. Sankari Devi	- Best poster presentation award
Ms. Preetha Markose and Dr. Rayaz Ahmed	- Best paper presentation award
Mrs. Reena Merlin	- JC Patel best paper award

The following staff from College of Nursing won prizes at the National Community Health Nursing Conference - 2008

Poster competition	First prize	: Mrs. Vatsala Sadan, Mrs. Greeda Alexander and Ms. Irene Dorathy
	Second prize	: Mrs. Beulah Premkumar
Best logo for the conference		: Dr. Chellarani Vijayakumar and Mr. Stalin (RUHSA)

SPORTS

'Spandan 2008' Intercollegiate Sports Festival was held at JIPMER, Pondicherry from September 2 - 6. 44 students from our college participated in sports and various events. 15 students participated in cultural events.

Sports

Women's Basket ball team was the Runner's up in this tournament

Cultural events

<i>Creative writing</i>	First prize	: Mr. Abhinav Chichra, batch of 2006 and Mr. Rahul Krishnan, batch of 2004.
<i>What's the Good Word</i>	First prize	: Ms. Amita Jacob, batch of 2008
	Third prize	: Mr. Abhinav and Mr. Pranav, batch of 2006

Congratulations to the prize winners and the participants.

WANTED

1. Lecturer (AH) Gr. III with M.A. Psychology plus two year M. Phil. in Clinical Psychology for the Department of Psychiatry Unit II

Salary: Rs.5700-195-10575/-. Accommodation provided.

2. Assistant Professor Gr. II with M.D. / DNB (DVL)

Salary: Rs.18600-720-36600/-. Accommodation provided.

3. Tutor with M.D./ DD

Salary: Rs.20,000/- consolidated. Accommodation provided

4. Registrar (Non PG) with MBBS

Salary: Rs.10,000/- consolidated. Accommodation provided

Apply to the Principal, CMC, Vellore 632 002 with bio-data, copies of certificates and testimonials on or before **October 15, 2008** for items 1 to 4.



Rehab Chapel