The sixth Dr. Ida S. Scudder Humanitarian Oration was delivered by Dr. Roger Glass, Director of the Fogarty International Center and Associate Director for International Research at the National Institutes of Health, on the 12th of October, at Cornell Medical College, New York. This is the first time in the six years of its history that the oration was held outside India.

Dr. Glass narrated the history of the development of the Rotavirus vaccine and the role it would play in the eradication of diarrhoeal diseases in the tropics, mainly India.

CMC Vellore was represented at the event by its former Director Dr. Sunil Chandy, who highlighted the history of CMC, its historical connection with Cornell through Aunt Ida, as well as the history of the oration and its significance.

The oration, attended by the staff and students of Cornell, apart from invited guests and members of the Vellore Christian Medical College Foundation which hosted the event, was well received and appreciated.

The fellowship dinner after the oration was attended by various members of the Scudder family.