The Department of Neurological Sciences organised a day-long programme on October 27, to celebrate the life and contributions of its founder, Padma Bhushan Dr. Jacob Chandy, who passed away on June 23 (Ref. CMC Newsline dated June 25 & Aug. 20).

Drs. K.V. Mathai, Jacob Abraham and Mathew Chandy, who trained under him and took the reins from him, many of his colleagues, friends, students, associates and contemporaries were present on the occasion. At the morning session held in Wheeler Hall, Professors K.V. Mathai, Jacob Abraham and P. Zachariah, spoke on different aspects of this pioneering and multi-dimensional neuro-surgeon and medical educationist. This was followed by reminiscences by his professional colleagues and students.

Dr. Jacob Chandy joined CMC in 1949 and by the time he retired in 1970 he had left lasting contributions in various fields. He was the architect of CMC's present constitution wherein its ownership was handed over to Indian churches. He trained 97 specialists in Neurosurgery who started departments in various parts of India and the world.

This remarkable leader and astute clinician, who was a legend in his own times, cared deeply for the individuals, like first year medical students and the institution which he served so well.

We salute the spirit of this pioneer, as we strive humbly to follow his example.

**RETIREMENT**

Mr. F. Charles Ignatius, Electrician Gr. I, Electrical Department retired on November 1. He joined CMC in 1985. He has a son and a daughter.

We wish him a happy and blessed retired life.
OBITUARY

We regret to announce the homecall of

**Dr. Susheela Ponniah** (nee Sathianathan), alumnus of the batch of 1945 and wife of late Rt. Rev. Sam Ponniah, former Bishop of CSI Vellore on October 30.

**Dr. Selvamoni Anderson** (nee G. Selvamoni) alumnus of the batch of 1966 and wife of Dr. G.A. Anderson, Prof. & Head, Dr.Paul Brand Centre for Hand Surgery & Leprosy Reconstructive Surgery on November 1.

Our condolences and prayers for the bereaved families.

DY. CHAIRMAN OF RAJYA SABHA INAUGURATES PNEUMATIC CONVEYOR SYSTEM

Shri K. Rahman Khan, Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha inaugurated the pneumatic conveyor system for transporting blood and body fluid samples to the laboratories, on Saturday October 27 (Ref. CMC Newsline dated July 2). This high-speed system was made possible by the generous support of ASHA (American Schools & Hospitals Abroad) of the United States Agency for International Development. Mr. N. Ramesh, Senior Project Development Specialist, Mr. Ted Gehr, Director, Office of Program Support from USAID and Mr. Asif Chida, International Advisor were present on the occasion. USAID has collaborated with CMC since 1983 in funding various projects and the officials expressed their satisfaction at the outcome of their partnership, benefitting many people.

Shri Rahman Khan, in his inaugural speech described CMC as a temple of service, known for its excellent medical care and exhorted the institution to adopt technology to serve humanity and to relieve pain. He saluted the donors and their spirit of service, reaching beyond the barriers of nationality in the global village.

NEXUS BIOCHEMIE 2007

From October 24 - 26, the department of Biochemistry celebrated 50 years of Biochemistry teaching, with a series of events called Nexus Biochimie 2007.

As part of this a workshop was conducted for postgraduates, on techniques in cellular and molecular biology, an inter-collegiate quiz for undergraduate students and a scientific session and alumni reunion. Archana M. and Georgie Mathew from CMC were the winners of the quiz, in which 35 colleges participated. Alumni from the department coming from India and abroad made presentations related to their work, at the scientific session. The reunion of the alumni and well-wishers was thoroughly enjoyable.

The department of Biochemistry started in CMC in the late 1940s with the arrival of Dr. S.C. Devadutta. Dr. Mary E. Dummm headed the department from 1963 - 1971. She was followed by Dr. T.N. Sekhara Varna and then Dr. G. Wilfred. Several new innovations have been introduced in the teaching programmes. New innovations include problem-based
learning and increased integrated teaching of the subject, both at the horizontal (with anatomy to physiology) and vertical levels (with medicine, cardiology and nephrology). The training of postgraduates has been raised to a higher standard. The department has collaborations and research partnerships with the National Centre for Biological Sciences, Bangalore, Indian Institute of Technology, Chennai and King's College, London.

FROM THE CSI BISHOP OF VELLORE

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Y. William, Bishop of Vellore, in his letter appreciated Dr. George Chandy, our former Director for his significant contribution to the life and growth of CMC and wished him God's richest blessings for the future. He acknowledged the grace of God which enables the institution to continue to serve people and minister to their health needs.

WORLD COPD DAY

To commemorate the World Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disorder (COPD) Day, the Department of Pulmonary Medicine has planned to organise various programmes on November 14.

1. Competitions on the theme: “Impact of smoking on Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disorder (COPD)”
   Slogan competition - word limit 12 words (English or Tamil)
   Essay competition - word limit 300 words (English only)
   Poster competition - Size 3x2 feet (English or Tamil)
   Quiz competition November 12, between 4.30 p.m. and 6.00 p.m.

   Venue: JC David Lecture Hall - MBBS students
   Grace Koshy Lecture Hall - Nursing students & staff

   Contact: Ms. Sudha, Secretary, Pulmonary Medicine department, 7th Floor, ISSCC Building. Phone No. 2859
   E-mail: resmed@cmcvellore.ac.in. Attractive prizes await winners!

2. Walkathon on November 15 (Starting from Town campus to Voorhees College and back)

3. CME on COPD for CMC staff and students and practitioners of Vellore town at 2.30 p.m. on November 17 at Wheeler Hall.
   Last date for sending entries is November 9.

AFTER LIFE SERVICE

The After Life Service (ALS) volunteers can be contacted through pager 319 in the main reception.
1. **Superintending Engineer (Civil)**
   Qualification: B.E. or equivalent (civil) with seventeen years experience after qualification.
   Salary: Rs.26000-800-42000/- with DA 11% and HRA Rs.700/-.

2. **Superintending Engineer (Mechanical)**
   Qualification: B.E. or equivalent (mechanical) with seventeen years experience after qualification.
   Salary: Rs.26000-800-42000/- with DA 11% and HRA Rs.700/-.

Applications can be downloaded from the internet.
   Our website is [www.cmcvellore.ac.in](http://www.cmcvellore.ac.in)  
   Click on the icon 'General Application Form'.

Apply with xerox copies of all your certificates to the Sr. Personnel Manager, Christian Medical College, Vellore – 632 004 on or before **November 19** for item no 1 & 2.

3. **Junior Research Fellow** for Centre for Stem Cell Research.
   Qualification: M.Sc (Life Sciences / Biotechnology). Selected candidates will have opportunity to work in laboratories involved in Stem Cell Research with possibility of registering for Ph.D.
   Apply to the Principal before **November 7**. Email: princ@cmcvellore.ac.in

4. **Pharmacist Gr. IV (project)** for the Department of Medical Oncology.
   Qualification: B. Pharm. with Tamil Nadu Pharmacy Council Number.
   Salary: Rs.3750-125-6250/- plus DA and HRA as per rules.

5. **Graduate Technician Trainee** for the Department of Neurological Sciences.
   Qualification: B. Sc. (Maths / Physics / Chemistry) with experience in Electronics or EEG or EMG.
   Stipend: Rs.3,300/- per month.
   Apply to the Medical Superintendent, CMC, Vellore 632 004 with bio-data, photograph, copies of certificates and testimonials on or before **November 19** for item no 4 & 5.

Applications are invited for the post of temporary teacher for a leave vacancy in Vidyalayam Nursery and Primary School. Candidates with experience in teaching primary school children with certified Montessori training or a B. Ed. degree may send their applications giving details of educational background and experience. Applications are to be addressed to The Principal, Vidyalayam, CMC Campus, Bagayam, Vellore-632 002 on or before **November 15**.