By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches and honor and life.  

Proverbs 22:4

Hepatology hosts
4th Annual Scientific Conference of SAASL

The Department of Hepatology conducted the 4th Annual Scientific Conference of the South Asian Association for Study of Liver (SAASL) on 16th and 17th September, 2016. This conference saw participation by delegates and faculty from Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nepal and Bhutan, in addition to eminent national and local faculty.

The sessions included interactive talks on Viral Hepatitis, Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease, Hepatocellular carcinoma and Vascular liver diseases. Dr. Prathap Tharyan, Director, South Asian Cochrane Collaboration, highlighted the role of the Cochrane Collaboration in enhancing South Asian cooperation. The highlight of the conference was the ‘Last Lecture’ by Prof. Subrat Acharya, Head, Department of Gastroenterology and Applied Nutrition, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi. The programme closed with a banquet, where each representative of the participating South Asian countries regaled the audience with national vignettes.

The next SAASL Conference will be held in Colombo, Sri Lanka, from 21 to 22nd July, 2017.

Dietetics puts together 1st Hospital Dietetics Workshop

The first Hospital Dietetics Workshop was conducted by the Department of Dietetics on 17th September, 2016. The workshop, conducted under the leadership of Ms. Mahendri N.V., Head, Dietetics, aimed to expose M.Sc. Nutrition students to the field of Hospital Dietetics. Hospital Dietetics is a medical specialty which focuses on establishment and encouragement of good nutritional practice and standards as an integral part of healthcare served by the hospital.

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Dietitians are the only healthcare professionals licensed to assess, diagnose, treat nutritional problems and offer nutritional care. The qualified hospital dietitians translate science of nutrition in health and disease and apply the same to promote wellbeing and prevent nutrition-related problems and design specific dietary treatment for the disease. Nutritional intervention forms the core of nutritional care and calls for a dietitian's thorough knowledge are patient's complex medical condition, disease graphics and available evidence-based dietary guidelines, meal-planning skills, as well as counselling skill. Evaluation and monitoring is the final step in delivering wholesome nutrition care, that confirms the efficacy of implemented outcome-based nutrition intervention.

25 postgraduate nutrition students participated and responded with encouraging feedback, making the workshop a success.

**World Pharmacists Day observed**

The Department of Pharmacy celebrated World Pharmacists Day on 26th September, 2016, to encourage activities that promote and advocate the role of Pharmacists in health care. The theme this year was *Pharmacists: Caring for You*.

The department organised a thanksgiving programme in the Pharmacy classroom. Dr. J.V. Peter, Head, Pharmacy Services, welcomed the gathering with a brief on various vital roles performed by pharmacists. Dr. S. Annadurai, Professor, Pharmacy Services, delivered a talk on the meaning behind World Pharmacists Day. He stated that approximately one million Pharmacists and Pharmaceutical Scientists in India are partners in providing quality health care. He also emphasised that this year’s theme was chosen to reflect the important role of Pharmacists in providing care to the patients. The programme, attended by 75 staff, concluded with prayer and benediction by Chaplain, Mr. Raja.

**Post Card**

It was to be my first mission trip to North India; I had the opportunity to use my summer holiday to visit three mission hospitals - one in Odisha and the two others in Uttarakhand. The first stop, Asha Kiran Hospital in Lamtaput, Odisha, was initiated by a group of alumni of CMC. The hospital supports and helps work among remote tribal communities and also aids other NGOs in that region. During my first week there, I was able to help with pharmacy. By the second week, surgical camps conducted by visiting ENT and Ortho Surgeons began, where I was glad to be of use in the OT with all that I had learnt as an OT & Anaesthetic technician student at CMC. Even with inadequate electricity, technology and equipment, I experienced the presence of God at all times, guiding the surgical team.

I was privileged to meet during my stay, a cross-cultural worker, who cares for the sick in a village away from Lamtaput; I also learned that a team from Asha Kiran is based there, which teaches children using MLE system, equipping them to handle all medical emergencies.

The second visit was to the Lehman Hospital/Herbertpur Christian Hospital, Herbertpur, Dehradun and the third to Landour Community Hospital in Mussoorie.

**Sam Karunakaran, B.Sc. Final Year  
(OT & Anaesthesia Tech)**

Going in, I was not sure of how much assistance I could be, considering I am not a medical doctor. Yet, God enabled me to be an instrument of help in that remote village, to anaesthetise an elderly Bondo man who had an impacted arrow shot by his own son. The man was in agony for four days without much help. The arrow was removed without damage to any vital organs.

I only expected to catch a glimpse of life at a mission hospital, but warm gestures of friendship and fellowship extended by the teams, coupled with my general experience there encouraged me to think of missions positively.

Note: There are many lending their services at various mission fields. Please share with us your experience at the Missions Office (email: missionsoffice@cmcvellore.ac.in) or at the Promotions Office (email:cmc.promotionsoffice@cmcvellore.ac.in). We will be happy to keep in touch with you and also pray for you.
**Memorandum**

Dr. Chandrasingh J., Professor of Urology, is appointed Deputy Director (Finance) with effect from 26th September, 2016 for a four-year term.

**Congratulations!**

- **Dr. Binu P. Thomas, Dr. Sreekanth Raveendran** and **Dr. Samuel R. Pallapati**’s article titled *Open proximal phalangeal shaft fractures of the hand treated by theta fixation*, published in Indian Journal of Orthopaedics in 2015, Volume No.49, Issue No.3 from the Department of Hand Surgery, has been adjudged the best article in Clinical Research Category for the year 2015.

- **Dr. Sajal Clarence Singh**, final year Physiology post-graduate, won the first prize for post-graduate oral presentation during the 10th annual conference of the Association of Physiologists of Tamil Nadu (Envoccon 2016) held at Sree Balaji Medical College, Chrompet, Chennai, on 10th September, 2016.

- **Harshdeep Acharya** (MBBS batch of 2013) secured the 2nd place in the Intercollegiate Clinical Case Presentation held at Madras Medical College on 27th August, as part of ‘Genesis’ 2016. The case presented was that of a medullary stroke syndrome, worked up in the Department of Neurology, under the guidance of Dr. A.T. Prabhakar.

- The following candidates were successful in the **Postgraduate Higher Specialty Examination** held in August 2016:

**Upcoming Events**

- In commemoration of World Diabetes Day 2016, the Department of Diabetes, Metabolism & Endocrinology will be organising a **Nursing Quiz for Nursing Students on 11th October, 2016** between 4.45 pm and 6.30 pm at the College of Nursing, CMC Vellore (First Round) and the Final Round between 7.20 pm and 8.30 pm, at Recreation Hall (1st Floor), Student Nurses Hostel.

  Registration open for Diploma, B.Sc, P.B.B.Sc. and M.Sc. Nursing Students. For details, please contact: Mrs. Bharathi: 98943 17506 / Mr. Vinod: 0416-228-3109 / Mrs. Flory: 0416-228-3156.

- The 7th **Annual Research Day** is scheduled for **10th October, 2016** at the Scudder Auditorium, Bagayam, starting at **9.00 am**.  
  e-mail: researchothers@cmcvellore.ac.in

**Retirements**

Mrs. R. Ruckmani, Hospital Attendant Gr.I, Maternity Ward, on completion of 34 years of service since joining CMC in 1982, retired on 5th September, 2016. Her husband, Mr. Rajan is a retired Hospital Attendant from Neuro-Ward. They have two daughters and a son. Their elder daughter, Ms. Sarala Bakiyaraj is a student of P.B.B.Sc. Nursing at the institution and their son, Mr. Justin Jeyaraj is a Radiographer in Radiology Department.

Following 34 years of service, Mr. Muralidharan K., Senior Medical Records Technician, Gr.I, retired on 9th September, 2016. He worked in RUHSA for 12 years, and was subsequently transferred to the Medical Records Department, where he worked in almost all the areas during his remaining 22 years of service.

His wife, Mrs. Hemalatha is a homemaker and they are blessed with two sons: their elder son, Mr. Praveenraj is an Engineering Graduate, presently working in Chennai and their younger son, Mr. Prithviraj has completed Diploma in Nursing at CMC and currently interns at Medical ICU.

Their services to the institution are remembered by the CMC Community as they enter a blessed retirement.

To be continued next week.
Situations Vacant

1. Senior Resident with MD (General Medicine / Paediatrics) / M.S. (Obst. & Gynae) for the Clinical Genetics Unit
   Salary scale: As per institutional rules. Accommodation provided (Partly furnished, depending on availability).
   Apply with bio-data, certificates and testimonial copies, contact phone number, email ID and address with pincode to the Principal, Christian Medical College, Bagayam, Vellore - 632 002. email: princicmcvellore.ac.in on or before **October 15, 2016** for Item 1.

2. Junior Research Fellow for the Department of General Pathology  
   **Job code: 1161**  
   Qualification: GATE / NET qualified junior research fellow with M.Sc. in life sciences (preferably Biotechnology) to work at the Department of General Pathology, on a three-year project funded by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT).
   Salary: As per DBT norms. Mode of appointment: Project mode.
   Age limit: Below 40 years. Accommodation not provided.
   Interested candidates should send their application on a plain paper together with their bio-data, certificates and testimonial copies, contact phone number, e-mail ID and address with pincode, either by soft copy Email to: princihr@cmcvellore.ac.in or by hard copy to The Principal, Christian Medical College, Bagayam, Vellore - 632 002, on or before **October 08, 2016** for Item 2.  
   **Note:** Please mention the Job Code in the application form/email. The application / email without Job Code will not be accepted.

3. Staff III Dietitian for the Dietary Department
   Qualifications: PG Diploma in Dietetics / Clinical Nutrition & Dietetics / Food Science & Nutrition / Food Service Management & Dietetics. The candidates should have Dietetics / Food Science and Nutrition or Home Science degree at undergraduate level.
   Salary scale: As per institutional rules.
   Age limit: 35 years. Job description: To provide Nutritional care for patients.

4. Social Worker Gr.V (Project) for the Department of Endocrinology
   Qualifications: M.S.W (Sociology).
   Salary scale: As per institutional rules.
   Age limit: 35 years. Job description: To work in Clinical Trials as a Social Worker.
   Applications to be done only through online application system. Please log on to [http://www.cmch-vellore.edu](http://www.cmch-vellore.edu) Link: “Vacancies”.  
   **Note:** Only online applications will be accepted; Hard copies will not be accepted. Applications will close on **October 17, 2016** for Items 3 and 4.

5. The following advertisement supersedes the previously published vacancy of the same designation (in CMC Newsline dated 26th September, 2016 Volume No.54, Issue No.13):  
   **Web Content Editor / Writer**
   Qualification: Full time Graduate / Postgraduate degree in Arts, Communication or Journalism. 
   Candidates should have knowledge and experience in creating and managing web content, suitable interpersonal skills and good written and verbal English skills.
   Salary scale: As per institutional rules. Mode of appointment: Project mode.
   Applications to be done only through online application system under General Superintendent. Please log on to [http://www.cmch-vellore.edu](http://www.cmch-vellore.edu) Link: “Vacancies”.  
   **Note:** Only online applications will be accepted; Hard copies will not be accepted. Applications will close on **October 07, 2016** for Item 5.

6. Schieffelin Institute of Health - Research and Leprosy Centre, Karigiri – 632 106 invites applications for the post of Graduate Laboratory Technician
   Qualifications: B.Sc. Medical Laboratory Technology (full time course) with teaching ability.
   Apply with detailed bio-data along with photocopies of certificates and a demand draft for Rs.50/- in favour of “SIH - R & LC, Karigiri” addressed to the Director, S.I.H - R & LC., Karigiri – 632 106. (Please refer website: www.karigiri.org) The last date for receipt of applications is **October 08, 2016** for Item 6.