I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Psalm 16:8

Advanced Training Workshop on Audiological & Vestibular Tests for Faculty & Postgraduates

The Department of Ear, Nose & Throat Unit-IV (Neurotology, Otology and Cochlear implantation) successfully conducted the 5th Guided Hands-on Audiovestibular Workshop on 23rd and 24th September, 2016.

The workshop was opened with prayer by Mr. Paul Ravikumar, Chaplaincy, and the inauguration was attended by Dr. Nihal Thomas representing the Director, Vice Principal, Dr. Solomon Satishkumar and Dr. Rita Ruby Anbuselvi Albert, Head, Department of ENT. The external faculty were Dr. Achamma Balraj, former Head, ENT and Dr. Tejaswini Patel from Bangalore.

This extensive hands-on programme was aimed at training ENT surgeons and PG students in performing various basic and advanced Audiological and Vestibular tests like Pure Tone Audiometry, Impedance audiometry, BERA, OAE, ECochG, VEMP, SVV, ENG and others, which would then translate into their effective care of patients with such disorders.

Shiloh 2016

Shiloh is an annual event where students in healthcare-related fields come together to get a vision of the breadth of Christian medical work happening across India, and be challenged to respond to God’s call as it comes to each individual.

Shiloh 2016, themed after the primary call of Jesus, ‘Come, follow me’, was conducted from 29th September to 1st October, 2016. There were a total of 1,035 registered participants, which included 454 medical students from all over the country and a few from Sri Lanka and Nepal as well.

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Mr. Rajkumar Ramachandran of Logos Ministries and Dr. Sam Siddharth, Scudder Memorial Hospital, Ranipet, unpacked the theme of Shiloh 2016, while Dr. Vinod Shah presented the history of medical missions in India and challenged young students to consider a life in missions. Mr. Duke Jeyaraj touched upon issues facing the youth today. Dr. Deepak Abraham and Dr. Thomas Ram Samuel introduced the delegates to opportunities available for study and work in CMC. There were break-out sessions which explored various topics - possibilities of missions in a rural set up, urban missions, how to read the scriptures and allied health and so on.

The highlight of this conference was the John Scudder Oration, in honour of individuals who have committed their lives to missions. The oration this year was delivered by Dr. Iris Paul, who pioneered work in remote tribal regions of Odisha and has been transforming lives for over 40 years. In her address, she brought up the harsh realities of poverty and disease in rural India, appealing to the delegates to respond to this challenge. A climb up College Hill followed by a visit to CMC Hospital, furtherenlivened the programme.

Behind the success of Shiloh 2016 were the efforts of volunteers – both staff and students. It is hoped that this movement will continue to touch lives in the years to come and contribute to the building of God’s kingdom.

Continuing Nursing Education in Liver Transplantation

The Departments of Medical & Surgical Nursing – Specialty VI, Continuing Nursing Education & Research, College of Nursing organised a workshop titled ‘Liver Transplantation-an Update’ on 23rd September, 2016.

In his address at the CNE, Dr. C.E. Eapen, Medical Superintendent, and Head, Clinical Gastro Enterology & Hepatology, traced the evolution of liver transplantation in CMC. Dr. Premila Lee, Nursing Superintendent and Dr. Selva Titus Chacko, Dean, College of Nursing, and Professor & Head, Speciality Nursing VI, commended the efforts of the organisers of the event and the nursing team of AICU & A6 ward for providing quality care to patients undergoing liver transplantation.

Eminent speakers including Dr. C.E. Eapen, Dr. Uday Zachariah, Professor, Gastrointestinal Sciences, Dr. Mathew Joseph, Professor & Head, Neurological Sciences, Dr. Mouzumi Sen, Associate Professor, Forensic Medicine, Dr. Subramani, Professor & Head, Critical Care Unit, Mrs. Florence Segaran, Professor & Head, OR Nursing, Ms. Mahendri, Head, Dietetics, delivered effective talks on various aspects of liver transplantation and its challenges for the health care team.
Congratulations!

• At the 42nd IAPSCON National Conference 2016 held at Agra, between 28th September and 2nd October, 2016, the following from the Department of Paediatric Surgery won prizes:

Sr. Post Graduate Registrars:

Dr. Ferzine Mohamed - 1st prize - Best Paper award in Urology session on 'Clinical Outcomes Post ureteretic reimplantation primary VUR in a tertiary hospital'.

Dr. Koushik - 1st prize - Best Paper award in Urology session on 'Management of paediatric urethral strictures - our experience'.

Consultants:

Dr. Jujju Jacob Kurian - 2nd prize - paper presentation in Oncology session on 'Clinical profile and long time follow-up of children with Wilm's tumour treated by the modified SIOP protocol from 2004 to 2014 and a comparative anaylsis with NWTS protocol followed in 1985-1995'.

Dr. Susan Jehangir - 1st prize - best paper award in paper presentation in Oncology session on 'Validation of prognostic criteria in childhood adreno cortical tumours'.

Dr. Sundeep Kisku - 1st prize - scientific video presentation on 'The Orbit Technique: A novel technique of devolvolvement in non obstructed volvulus'.

• Dr. Saumya Sara Sunny, PG Registrar, Department of Nuclear Medicine, was awarded the Best Paper Presentation at the 14th Annual conference of ANMPI (Association of Nuclear Medicine Physicians of India) held at Aurangabad from 15th to 18th September, 2016.

• Drs. Abu Philip and Nivedita Sudheer, Postgraduates in Psychiatry, won the first and third prizes at the TANPSYCON, held on 6th and 7th August, 2016, at Coimbatore, for their posters titled ‘Methylenetetrahydrofolate Reductase (MTHFR) gene polymorphism associated depressive disorder and stroke’ and ‘Early onset neuropsychiatric manifestation of megencephalic leukoencephalopathy with subcortical cysts in an adolescent - a case report’ respectively.

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

M.Ch. Urology: Dr. Rajat Arora; Dr. Rana Birendra; Dr. Ranil Johann Boaz; Dr. Sakthivel M.S.and Dr. Sasi Kumar C.

M.Ch. Vascular Surgery: Dr. Prabhu Premkumar.

Sports News

The team of students that represented CMC at two different intercollegiate events held last month, returned with the following sporting accolades:

Men’s Basketball : Winners
This event was held during Revivals & Encierro, at Madras Medical College, Chennai, from 11th to 15th September, 2016.

Football : Runners-up
This was an event in the cultural and sports fest, Autumn Muse, held at St. John’s College, Bangalore, from 15th to 18th September, 2016.

Congratulations!
Retirements

Mrs. Jemima Selwyn, Instructor, Clinical Microbiology, retired on 20th September, 2016, after 40 years of service since joining the institution in 1976 as a trainee. She was actively involved in diagnostics, especially quality control of media and hospital environmental surveillance and was the Course Co-ordinator for the Postgraduate Diploma in Medical Microbiology (PGDMM).

Her husband, Mr. R. Selwyn, is a retired Branch Manager of a courier service and they have two daughters: their elder daughter, Dr. Tryphena Selwyn is an UG and PG alumnna of the institution and currently works as an anaesthesiologist at CIHSR, Dimapur. Their younger daughter, Ms. Susanna Selwyn works in the Promotions Office.

Completing 34 years of service, Mrs. P. H. Saraswathy Devi, Sr. Secretary, Transfusion Medicine & Immunohaematology, who became a part of the institution in 1982, retired on 20th September, 2016. Her husband, Mr. K. Balakrishnan is a retired Head Master of a Government school and they have three daughters.

The CMC Community is thankful for their dedication to the institution and bids them a blissful retirement.

Obituary

Mrs. Kanthi Dorairaj, mother of Dr. Anitha Thomas, Professor, Department of Gynae Oncology, mother-in-law of Dr. Thomas S. Ram, Professor, Department of Radiotherapy & Council Secretary, mother of Dr. Baskar Dorairaj, alumnus, Physiotherapy, grandmother of Angelina Sharon Thomas, MBBS student, on 2nd October, 2016.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the bereaved members of the family at this time.

Situations Vacant

1. **Physiotherapist** for the **CMC Vellore, Chittoor Campus**

   Eligibility: BPT Graduate from IAP recognised college / University & should have completed six months of compulsory internship on or before 30th June 2016.

   Age limit: Less than 30 years.

   Salary: Rs.16,705/- per month.

   Accommodation not provided.

   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, on or before **October 26, 2016** for Item 1.

2. **Engineer Gr.IV**

   Qualifications: B.Tech. (Chemical Engineering).

   Salary: As per institutional rules.

   Application form and job description are available at [www.home.cmcvellore.ac.in](http://www.home.cmcvellore.ac.in)

   Link : "Vacancies". Icon : "Engineer Gr.IV".

3. **Computer Terminal Operator** to work in a project on Term Appointment basis. The term of appointment is co-terminus with the duration of the project.

   The project will be implemented under **IDTRC**. The name of the project is "ACC-CMC Trust or Infectious Diseases (ACTFID)".

   Qualifications: Graduate (regular course) + English Typewriting lower + D.C.A.

   Consolidated salary: Rs.19,003/- p.m.

   Application form and job description are available at [www.home.cmcvellore.ac.in](http://www.home.cmcvellore.ac.in)

   Link : "Vacancies". Icon : "C.T.O".

   Apply with xerox copies of all your certificates to the Personnel Manager, Christian Medical College, Ida Scudder Road, Vellore - 632 004 on or before **October 12, 2016** for Items 2 and 3.