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The LORD is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. *Psalm 34:18*



Government of Kerala recognises CMC's guidance in procurement of NABL Accreditation for its State HIV Reference Laboratories



The National HIV Reference Laboratory (NRL) at the Department of Clinical Virology, CMC Vellore, mentored and guided all five State HIV Reference Laboratories (SRLs) of Kerala towards their NABL accreditation in a short span of time.

Kerala is the second state in India to achieve this esteemed status. To celebrate this national achievement, Kerala State AIDS Control Society

(KSACS) hosted a ceremony on 27th January, 2017 in Thiruvananthapuram, which was presided over by the honorable minister for Health and Family Welfare of Kerala Smt. K.K. Shylaja.

A certificate of appreciation and a memento were given away by the minister to the NRL team comprising Mr. Prasanna Kumar, Mr. John Paul Demosthenes, Dr. John Fletcher and Dr. Rajesh Kannangai.



Special Prayers: February 19 - 25, 2017

Chaplaincy :

Rev. Ananthi Arputha Mary and Staff

CNI Synod-The Synodical Board of Health Services

Council Members: Dr. Sudhir Joseph
Mr. Alwan Masih

Hospital: St. Stephen's Hospital,
New Delhi and others

Lady Willingdon Hospital,
Manali and others

Christian Services Society of Bengal, Orissa and Bihar

Christian Mission Service, Germany

Council Member: Dr. S.R. Banerjee Jesudason

Christian Medical Association of India (CMAI)

Council Member: Dr. Bimal Charles

We welcome :

Dr. Rita Caroline Isaac, Professor & Head of RUHSA Department and Deputy Director (Promotions & Publicity) on her return from sabbatical leave.

Dr. Satya Raj, Associate Professor, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, on her return from study leave.

Sunday Services: February 26, 2017

6.00 pm : **Scudder Auditorium**
Dr. Santhosh Verghese

6.30 pm : **Hospital Chapel**
Dr. Gladwin D Khanapur



Continuing Nursing Education for Staff and Students offers expertise in Surgical Nursing



The Departments of Surgical Nursing and Continuing Nursing Education (CNE) & Research came together to organise an update workshop in General Surgical Nursing on 3rd February, 2017. The theme for the workshop was conceived with the notion of strengthening the foundational knowledge and skills associated with Surgical Nursing. Chaired by Dr. John C Muthusami, Head of the Department of General Surgery and chief

guest, the inaugural ceremony to the programme featured felicitous addresses delivered by Dr. Vinitha Ravindran, Deputy Dean and Mrs. Florence Segaran, Deputy Nursing Superintendent.

The workshop aimed to equip Nurses through hands-on training, in addition to lecture sessions led by faculty from the Medical and Nursing bodies. It commenced with a pre-assessment of the knowledge of participants.

The discussion periods that followed, pivoted largely around preoperative assessment, psychosocial issues, postoperative assessment, fluid management, pain, wound management and prevention of complications. Skill stations were also set up to enhance practical learning on various modes of postoperative nutrition, intravenous fluid management, surgical dressing and suture removal. A role play on the subject of Postoperative Home Care was then performed, which was received appreciatively by the participants.

The agenda for the day was enlivened through interactive discussions between faculty and participants, ice-breaker activities and quizzes in the interim between sessions, fostering a relaxed learning environment.

The lineup of activities concluded with a report composed of graphically represented pre- and post-test results and a slideshow of photographs from the day's proceedings.

With a diverse group of 50 participants – Nurse Managers, Charge Nurses and Staff Nurses from Vellore, Chennai and Bangalore – in attendance, the programme served its purpose well and received the approval of the observer from the Tamil Nadu Nurses and Midwives Council.

Applied learning in Diagnostic Procedures enabled for Postgraduates



The Department of Clinical Virology organised the second editions of their *Hands-on Workshop in Viral Diagnostics* and *Hands-on Workshop in Molecular Viral Diagnostics* from 9th to 12th January and from 6th to 9th February, 2017 respectively. Both workshops were aimed at imparting the latest information as well as providing practical instruction to candidates, in the different diagnostic techniques of Virology, to help monitor a range of viral infections.

Faculty from the Department of Microbiology and postgraduates from 13 different medical colleges besides those of CMC, participated and were

facilitated with hands-on training in different serological techniques, cell culture, nucleic acid extraction, conventional Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR), Restriction Fragment Length Polymorphism (RFLP), real time PCR and sequencing. Participants were upskilled in managing trouble-shooting of different assays with importance given to quality assurance in the laboratory; this was further enhanced with clinico-virological case discussions.

These workshops were accorded 30 credit points each by the Continuing Education Programme Accreditation Committee of The Tamil Nadu Dr. MGR Medical University, Chennai.



Short course coaches Student Nurses in Research Methodology



A brief course in Research Methodology was conducted by the CNE and Research Department, College of Nursing from 6th to 10th February, 2017 for the benefit of postgraduate student nurses.

The course aimed to review the basics of Nursing Research and prepare students towards writing a research proposal. Modules of rigorous sessions on Quantitative, Qualitative Research Methods and Biostatistics. Students were engaged in interactive group sessions and were coached

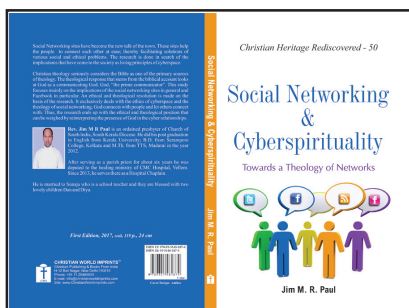
on data entering and analysis; such aptitude is expected to be particularly functional while expressing areas of study.

The course was attended by 20 postgraduate student nurses from various institutions. The resource faculty of the course included research experts from both Nursing and Medical contingents of CMC Vellore.

Congratulations!

- **Mr. Richard Samuel**, B.Sc. Critical Care, bond candidate, received a memento at the valedictory ceremony of *Riviera 2017*, a cultural event conducted by Vellore Institute of Technology, on 5th February, 2017 for organising a Cyclothon to raise awareness of air pollution.
- **Mr. Karthikeyan R.**, Senior Research Fellow, Paediatric Orthopaedic Unit/Centre for Stem Cell Research was awarded the Best Poster Prize at the 23rd Meeting of Paediatric Orthopaedic Society of India from 26th to 28th January, 2017 held in Nagpur for his poster presentation titled *Role of Hydroxyapatite and Pamidronate on Osteogenic Differentiation of Mesenchymal Stem Cells derived from Fibrous Hamartoma of Congenital Pseudarthrosis of Tibia*.
- **Dr. George Srampakil**, Postgraduate student from Orthopaedics Unit-II, won the 2017 Arthroplasty Gold Medal at the Tamil Nadu Orthopaedic State Conference on 10th February, 2017 for his presentation titled *Pain relief in hip replacement*.

Book Release: Social Networking & Cyberspirituality - Towards a Theology of Networks



Having engendered a culture of its own, the cyberspace today has established itself as the social arena for most. Rev. Jim M R Paul, Chaplain at CMC Vellore, in this publication, explores the implications of social media, drawing upon the ethical and theological response to it. The perspective is based heavily on the Biblical account that looks to God as the prime communicator, with the ethics of the cyberworld and the theology of social networking also in context.

This book is available both at the Chaplaincy Department as well as at ELS Book Store.

Upcoming Event

The Department of Child Health will be conducted the **5th Practical Paediatric Nephrology Training Course and Dialysis Workshop** on **10th & 11th March, 2017** at the Paul Brand Building. This includes a half-day of hands-on training on Peritoneal Dialysis, Hemodialysis, Acid Base and and Vascular Access workshop. The audience includes Trainees in Paediatrics, Paediatric Nephrology, Adult Nephrology, Critical Care, Medical and Nursing Staff and Students.

20 CME Credit points have been given by the Dr. MGR University for this event.

Those who would like to register may contact Dr. Indira Agarwal, Organising Secretary or Mrs. Srividhya, CH-II Secretary – 3348.

Retirement



Mr. T Sampath Kumar, Sr. Gr.II Artisan, RUHSA Department, retired from service spanning 32 years from 19th September, 1984 to 10th February, 2017. He has three children: both his sons, Mr. Paul Christopher and Mr. Paul Manirathinam have completed B.C.A and his daughter, Jessie Paulina is a B.Com graduate.

The CMC Community remembers his commitment to the institution and wishes him a blessed time as he enters retirement.

Obituaries

Dr. Viola Sukumar (nee Sudarsanam) (Batch of 1951) on 6th February, 2017.

Mr. T.P. Kathirvelu, Dy. Collector Retired, father of Mr. T.K. Baskaran, Sr. MCTT, OPD, Shalom Family Medicine on 12th February, 2017.

Mrs. Mary Mathew (formerly worked in the Rural Hospital, Bagayam), wife of Late Mr. K. V. Mathew, retired Lecturer in Nursing, Mental Health Centre, and mother of Dr. George Mathew, former Principal and Professor of Surgery and Dr. Shobha Moses (MBBS batch of 1975) on 17th January, 2017.

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

Admission Notice

Prospectus and application forms seeking admission to **College Hill Montessori, New Sunset avenue, College Campus, Bagayam** will be available at the school premises **from 20th February to 3rd March, 2017** (Monday to Friday) **between 12 and 3 pm** on payment of Rs.150/-.

Children of CMC staff, who have completed 2½ years by 31st May, 2017 (not more than 4 years) are eligible to apply. For further details, contact: 4797 / 7708716111.

Situations Vacant

1. Senior Research Fellow for the Department of Cardiology

Job code: 1176

Qualification: Any Post Graduate in Life Sciences (with research experience).

Mode of appointment: Project mode. Salary: As per institutional rules. Accommodation not provided.

Apply with bio-data, certificates and testimonial copies, contact phone number, email ID & address with pincode to the Principal, Christian Medical College, Bagayam, Vellore - 632 002. email : princi.hr@cmcvellore.ac.in on or before **March 04, 2017** for Item 1. *Note: Please mention the Job Code in the application form / email. The application / email without Job Code will not be accepted.*

2. Staff III Pharmacist (Project) for the Pharmacy Services

Qualifications: D. Pharm / B. Pharm (Candidates with typing and computer skills will be preferred).

Appointment will be given only for Pharmacists who have registered in the State Pharmacy Council and who have completed 1 year traineeship in the Pharmacy Services. **Those who applied in the last one year need not apply.**

Salary scale: As per institutional rules. Age limit: 35 years.

Job description: Dispensing of drugs, Charging the prescription and receiving cash.

Applications to be done only through online application system. Please log on to <http://www.cmch-vellore.edu>

Link: "Vacancies". *Note: Only online applications will be accepted; Hard copies will not be accepted.*

Applications will close on **March 06, 2017** for Item 2.

3. Instrument Mechanic Grade IV

Qualifications: SSLC + 2 years ITI Instrument Mechanic.

Salary: As per institutional rules.

4. Project Coordinator 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 **Transfusion Medicine & Immunohaematology Department**. The name of the project is "CDC CMAI BBQMS".

Qualifications: Master's Degree +1 year experience in Office Records Management.

Consolidated salary:Rs.19,238/- p.m.

Preference will be given to those who have M.Sc. degree with training in Project Management and good working knowledge of Computers & Project Management.

Applications to be done only through online application system. Please login to <http://www.cmch-vellore.edu>

Link: "Vacancies". *Note : Only online applications will be accepted; Hard copies will not be accepted.*

Applications will close on **February 28, 2017** for Item 3 and **March 06, 2017** for Item 4.

5. College Hill Montessori invites applications for the post of **Teachers**, who love working with children, have good communication skills in English, are open, enthusiastic and responsible. Apply with bio-data and contact number to the Principal, College Hill Montessori, 113, Sunset Avenue, C.M.C Bagayam Campus, on or before **March 03, 2017**. Phone: **7708716111**.

Qualification: Any bachelor degree (B.Sc. B.Com. etc)-preference will be given to those with B.Ed or Montessori training.