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The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul.

Psalm 23:1-3



The Undergraduate Medical Graduation Celebrated



The undergraduate Medical Graduation celebration starting with the Baccalaureate Service, held on November 12th, 2017 was a time for the graduating batch of 2012 to express their gratitude to God for His faithfulness and blessings over the past five years. Dr. M.J. Paul, Professor of Endocrine Surgery was the speaker for this occasion.

The graduation ceremony was held on 13th of November 2017 with grandeur, pomp and solemnity. This year's celebration was special as it witnessed the graduation of the 1st batch of 100 students. The ceremony began with the much awaited beautiful jasmine chain procession which was elegantly carried by the final year medical students, followed by the graduates and faculty. The invocation song was led by the choir followed by prayer by Rev. Ananthi Mary. The Director Dr. J.V. Peter welcomed the gathering and introduced the chief guest Professor P.J. Kurien, Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha. The graduates were presented to the Principal Dr. Anna B. Pulimood

by the Registrar Dr. Renu Tharion. The prize winners were presented to the chief guest by Dr. Solomon Sathishkumar, Vice Principal (UG).

Dr. Anna Pulimood in her charge to the graduates congratulated and challenged them to do what was right regardless of the cost. She reminded them of their responsibility to God, to the people of our country, to fellow colleagues, to the surrounding community and to the college. Professor P.J. Kurien in his address congratulated the graduates and mentioned that they were fortunate to receive their education from Christian Medical College Vellore, a premier institution not only in India but across the world which enables them to serve humanity with competence, humility, care and compassion. He emphasized that though the country has made significant strides in the health sector, the outreach and service for the urban and rural poor have been inadequate. He thus challenged the graduates to have a deep commitment to serve society and contribute to nation building.

The 'Mrs. Mariaviakulam David Memorial Medal' for the best outgoing student was awarded to Hallel Reba. She won 36 prizes which included medals, prizes and certificates of honour for her outstanding academic performance throughout her MBBS course. Dr. Chandra Singh J, Professor of Urology was honoured with the *Drs. Molly and Thomas Bhanu Best Teacher Award*.

The prestigious *Paul Harrison Award* was presented to Dr. Fam Siow Leong. This award which is CMC's highest honour, is presented to an alumnus for significant, steadfast and selfless service, thus living out the motto of the institution, 'Not to be ministered unto but to minister'. Dr. Fam from Malaysia, joined the Christian Medical College Vellore for the MBBS course in the year 1980. After completion, he returned to Malaysia, where he worked for four years in the SDA Hospitals and later trained in surgery in the UK, obtaining the Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons (Glasgow).



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Following a request from a missionary doctor in Nepal, Dr. Fam decided to go to Nepal to help, and 'taste the life of a missionary.' That decision was his epiphany, setting him off on the road less travelled, to many places that include Nepal, Andhra Pradesh, twice to Malawi, Zambia, Nigeria and, currently Western Uganda - no place has been too inhospitable, or too isolated for him to lay at the Master's feet, his surgical skills and a willingness to serve. He has tirelessly raised funds for these hospitals that has transformed lives and communities. He has given his services to areas of poverty, low agricultural productivity, areas which are inaccessible, rampant with malaria, tuberculosis, parasitic infections, HIV/AIDS and malnutrition.

Mr. Paul Timothy Prabhu, President of the Student's Association, felicitated the graduating Batch of 2012. Dr. Tara John and Dr. Sam David responded on behalf of the graduating class, thanking the parents, family members, faculty, friends and the student community for their untiring support and encouragement. The graduation ceremony concluded with the singing of the *Alma Mater* and National Anthem.

Medical College Day celebrated

Celebration took place on November 11th 2017. It started with the Thanksgiving Service conducted by the final year medical students (Batch of 2013) in the College Chapel. Dr. Chandra Singh, Professor of Urology was the speaker for this service. This was followed by the Flag Hoisting for which Dr. Binila Chacko, Professor, Medical Intensive Care Unit, was the guest of honour. Dr. Philip Joseph, Professor of Hepatobiliary Surgery was the guest of honour for the tree planting ceremony. Dr. Molly Jacob, Professor and Head of Biochemistry, was the guest of honour for the crest pinning ceremony. The college day prize distribution programme was held in the evening during which certificates of Honour were presented to the medical students; the 25 years meritorious service award was presented to Dr. Latha Paul; and the Emmanuel Sundar Raj memorial award for service in needy areas by a postgraduate surgery alumni was presented to Dr. Katumalla Sudheer Kumar. This was followed by an entertaining and outstanding College Day Play titled 'Fiddler on the roof,' directed by Dr. Paul M. J. and produced by Mr. Kevingulie Savino.

CME on "Laboratory methods in Medical Mycology"



A CME on "Laboratory methods in Medical Mycology" for Post Graduates was conducted by the Department of Microbiology from 23rd to 26th October, 2017. A total of 27 MD Post graduate students as well as junior faculty from different Medical colleges across India took part in the CME. The chief guest for the event was Dr. Ruth Ashbee, Adjunct faculty and Vice President ISHAM from United Kingdom. The Inauguration programme was on the 23rd where Dr. Anna Pulimood,

Principal felicitated the gathering and Dr. Joy Sarojini Michael, the organizing Chairperson of the course welcomed the gathering and gave an overview of the CME.

The Clinical faculty from the Departments of Dermatology, Infectious diseases, Haematology, ENT, Ophthalmology and Spinal Surgery presented cases and discussed the challenges and the role of a Mycology laboratory for accurate diagnosis of common as well as rare fungal infections. The participants also had extensive hands on laboratory sessions, where the faculty and technologist from the Department of Clinical Microbiology taught and demonstrated conventional microscopic and culture methods, serological and molecular methods of diagnosis of fungi.

CME in Dermatopathology



The Department of Dermatology, Venereology and Leprosy along with the Department of Pathology organized a CME in Dermatopathology on 21st October, 2017 in association with IADVL Tamil Nadu branch and SIG Dermatopathology (IADVL Academy). The CME was inaugurated by Dr. Deepak Abraham, Associate Director HR, Dr. Anna Pulimood, Principal, Dr. N. Balasubramaniam, President, IADVL Tamil Nadu Branch, Dr. Vivi Srivastava, Head of the Department, Pathology) and Dr. Mary Jacob, Former Head, Department of Dermatology. Dr. Kaleeswaran, Secretary, IADVL, Tamil

Nadu Branch graced the occasion with his presence.

The highlights of the event were guest lectures by eminent members, Dr. Ramam President DSI, Dr. Sujay Khandpur Secretary DSI, Dr. Rajalakshmi Vice President DSI, Dr. G. Nandakumar Professor Trivandrum Medical College, Dr. Leena Dennis Joseph Consultant, SRMC, Chennai and in-house speakers including Dr. Susanne Pulimood, Dr. Meera Thomas and Dr. Dincy Peter. The clinico-pathological case discussions on various topics by consultants and PG registrars were well appreciated by the 160 participants. The CME concluded with a quiz conducted by Dr. Anand Nott, Senior consultant dermatologist, Kauvery Hospital, Chennai. The programme was also telecasted live to Christian Fellowship Hospital (Oddanchatram), Bangalore Baptist Hospital and Herbertpur Christian Hospital. The CME was awarded 10 credit points by The Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University.

Campus event: Keep the Banner Flying High- Graham Kendrick's visit



The CMC community was very privileged to have Christian songwriter/singer/worship leader Graham Kendrick for the third time in the last week of October 2017. He gave two well-attended concerts in the College of Nursing Students' Hostel garden and in the Scudder Auditorium and accompanied by the Sishya team from Chennai led a retreat for young people (of all ages) on 28th October. He also visited Scudder Memorial Hospital, Ranipet and the Ida Scudder School during his time in Vellore.

Along with his well known songs such as Shine Jesus Shine, The Servant King and Holy Overshadowing he taught several new songs, including "Keep the Banner Flying High". As ever he delighted the audience with his 'ukelele' to sing "Jesus put this song into our hearts." Apart from the fun and excitement of worshipping together in a large group, Graham has the gift of encouraging, inspiring and challenging both with his words and his songs. The Sishya team had the Auditorium full of laughter and singing, but with a clear message, and Mr. Ashok Vedhanayagam's talk challenged many to take their relationship with God into a deeper level. Graham Kendrick also performed in Chennai and at the Believers' Church in Kerala during his visit to India.

Dr. Ida B. Scudder Essay Competition

Dr. Ida Belle Scudder, affectionately known as Ida B. was the niece of Dr. Ida S. Scudder the founder of Christian Medical College. Ida B. was on the faculty of CMC for 36 years, serving as both Radiologist and Radiotherapist. She was known for her empathy for those in pain and her deep concern for the suffering. The Ida B. Scudder essay competition was instituted to perpetuate her ideals. A prize of Rs.2000/- will be awarded for the best essay on any subject related to the care of the sick that illustrates that the fullest possible identification with the patient is the best way to serve him / her and meet his / her needs.

Rules of Competition:

1. The competition is open to all CMC staff and students, except the panel of judges and their families.
2. The essay should be in English and limited to a total of 2000 words.
3. The decision of the judges will be final.
4. Material taken from books and journals, which are quoted, should be acknowledged by showing it as a quotation or by adding a bibliography.
5. If the contestant has won this prize in an earlier year, the title and date of the prize winning essay should be quoted.
6. The last date of submission is **November 25, 2017**, entries should be sent to "The Director, C.M.C., Vellore" or to director@cmcvellore.ac.in The prize will be awarded during the Founder's Day celebrations.

Congratulations!

• The following staff and students of Department of Transfusion Medicine were awarded prizes during the 6th National Conference of Indian Society of Transfusion Medicine TRANSMEDCON 2017 held from 3rd – 5th November, 2017 at King George's Medical University, Lucknow.

1. **Dr. Siddharth Mittal**, Senior Resident, won the Dr. J.G. Jolly award for the best original Research Paper submitted on the topic "Enhancing Quality: Is Cooler Better? A Clinical trial to test the efficacy of Pre-storage leukoreduction of red cells at two different temperatures."

2. **Mr. Sam Arul Doss R**, Senior Demonstrator, TMIH (HLA Lab), won the Second prize for free Research Paper (Oral presentation) on "What makes sensitivity tick? A comparison of the Flow Cytometric Crossmatch & Luminex Single Antigen Bead Assay in Live Donor Transplantation".

3. **Dr. Antonio Paul**, PG Registrar, won the Post Graduate Student Award (Travel Fellowship) 2017 for the Thesis topic titled "Effect of smoking on quality of red blood cells collected from donors who are smokers and stored for a period of 35 days in the blood bank".

• **Dr. Pragya Kafley**, (PG Registrar, TMIH), **Dr. Jayastu Senapati** and **Dr. Rachana Shenoy**, (PG Registrars, General Medicine) won the First place for the 7th ISHBT National Haematology Quiz for Post Graduates held in Guwahati, Assam from 3rd to 5th November 2017 as part of the Annual National Conference of the Indian Society of Haematology & Blood Transfusion HAEMATOCON 2017.

• **Dr. Madhavi Maddali**, Post Doctoral Fellow in Molecular Haematology received the first prize for the best oral presentation in Molecular Benign Haematology for the topic of "Molecular spectrum of Hemochromatosis in India" in the 58th Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Haematology and Blood Transfusion (ISHBT) held in Guwahati on 2nd to 5th November, 2017.

• **Dr. Bhavithra Bharathi**, final year postgraduate, Department of Physiology won the first prize for post-graduate oral presentation during the 11th Annual conference of the Association of Physiologists of Tamil Nadu (APTCON 2017) held at Stanley Medical College, Chennai on 29th October, 2017.

• **Dr. Aditya Vijaykrishnan Nair**, DM Neurology Resident has been awarded III prize in the Poster Presentation at the "6th Asian-Oceanian Congress of Clinical Neurophysiology" Conference held at Bengaluru on November 9-12, 2017.

Retirement



Mr. Ashok Kumar, Sr. Sel. Gr. Biochemist, Department of Clinical Biochemistry retired on 27th October 2017 after 34 years of dedicated service to the institution. His wife, Mrs. Vijayalakshmi is also working in the Department of Clinical Biochemistry. They are blessed with two sons, Mr. A. Aravindan and Mr. A. Prasanna. CMC community is grateful for his selfless service and wishes him the very best in his retired life.

Notification

The 'A' ward family conveys their sincere appreciation to patients, staff, students and the community for having contributed generously and making the 'A' ward sale a grand success. The sale has made a profit of Rs. 10,00,000/- (Ten lakhs only) which will be donated towards P.T.P fund for patients who are in need.

Situations Vacant

1. Associate Professor with MD (Anaesthesia), should have 5 years experience as Assistant Professor in any teaching institution for the **Department of Anaesthesiology**
Salary: As per institutional rules. Accommodation provided (Subject to availability).

2. Lecturer Gr.III (NM) for the **Department of Radiology**

Qualification : M.Sc. Medical Physics with minimum 2 Years of clinical experience (or) M.Sc. Physics with minimum 5 years experience in diagnostic imaging Physics. Candidate should have eligibility /qualification to apply for Radiation Safety Officer (RSO). Adequate teaching skills, quality assurance and role in institutional radiation safety would be appreciated.

Salary scale : As per institutional rules. Accommodation not provided.

3. Senior Demonstrator (NM) with **M.Sc. in Biostatistics / M.Sc. Statistics** for the **Department of Biostatistics** (Minimum 5 Years experience in teaching and research).

Salary scale : As per institutional rules. Accommodation not provided.

Apply with bio-data, certificates and testimonial copies, contact phone number, email ID and address to the Principal, Christian Medical College, Bagayam, Vellore - 632 002, email: princi@cmcvellore.ac.in on or before **November 25, 2017** for Item 1 and **December 02, 2017** for Items 2 and 3.

4. Senior Research Fellow for the **Department of Clinical Immunology & Rheumatology** **Job Code: 1216**

Qualification: M.Sc. in Microbiology / Biochemistry / Life Sciences with 2 years experience in research and in molecular biology and immunological techniques. Salary: As per institutional rules. Mode of appointment: Project mode. Accommodation not provided.

5. Assistant Medical Officer Gr.I for the **Department of Distance Education Unit**

Qualification: MBBS and minimum of 5 years of work experience. Preference will be given to doctors with additional qualification in Family Medicine and Research, with a keen interest in teaching and curriculum development and clinical research. Mode of appointment: Project mode. Salary: As per institutional rules. Accommodation not provided.

Download application from this link: <http://www.cmch-vellore.edu/> → General → Vacancies → Application Form for Project Staff. The print out of the application with certificates and testimonial copies should be sent to the Principal, Christian Medical College, Bagayam, Vellore - 632 002 on or before **December 02, 2017** for Items 4 and 5.

Note: Please mention the job Code in the application form. The application without Job code will not be accepted.

6. Staff III Graduate Technician (Project) for the **Department of Clinical Microbiology**

Qualifications: B.Sc. Life Sciences with one year experience in Quality assessment of Medical Microbiology. (Female candidates only). Salary: As per institutional rules. Age limit: 30 years. Job description: To work in Microbiology Laboratory in EQAS Programme.

7. Sr. Pharmacist Gr.IV (Project) for the **Department of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism**

Qualifications: B.Pharm with Tamil Nadu Pharmacy Council Number. Salary: As per institutional rules. Age limit: 35 years. Job description: To work in Clinical Trials as a Non-Medical Co-ordinator.

Applications to be done only through online application system. Please log in 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 **December 04, 2017** for Items 6 and 7.

8. Schieffelin Institute of Health - Research and Leprosy Centre, Karigiri – 632 106 for the post of **Warden**

Qualifications: Degree or +2 passed (Female candidates only). Age : Above 40 years preferred. Candidate need to stay in the Nursing Hostel. Preference will be given for unmarried / widowed candidates. Apply with 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, SIH-R & LC., Karigiri - 632 106.

Last date for receipt of applications is **November 25, 2017** for Item 8.

Special Prayers : November 19 - 25, 2017

Division of Surgery:

Dr. Sukria Nayak and Staff
Dr. Pranay Gaikwad and Staff
Dr. Mark Ranjan Jesudason and Staff
Dr. Inian S. and Staff
Dr. Philip Joseph and Staff
Dr. Rajinikanth J. and Staff
Dr. Edwin Stephen and Staff
Dr. Deepak Thomas Abraham and Staff
Dr. Premila Lee and Staff

Service Association of the Christian Church

United Church Board of World Ministries

Council Member : Dr. Anil Henry

Sunday Services : November 26, 2017

6.00 pm : **Scudder Auditorium**

Dr. Rabin Chacko

6.30 pm : **Centenary Building Foyer**

Multilingual Carol Service

7.30 am : **Centenary Chapel**

Oriya Carol Service

November 27, 28 & 29, 2017

6.30 pm : **Hospital Campus**

Ward Carol Rounds

Memoranda :

Dr. Ebby George Simon, Professor is appointed as Head of Medical Gastroenterology Unit-I, for a four year term with effect from 16th November, 2017.

Dr. Subramani K., Professor, Head of the Department of Critical Care & Surgical Intensive Care Unit will continue as the Head of the Department for a period of four years from 8th November, 2017.

Dr. Rajesh I., Professor of Radiotherapy is appointed as Deputy Medical Superintendent with effect from 14th November, 2017 for a four year term.

Job Code: 1217