

A team of Srilankan youth visited India as part of the India-Srilanka Youth Exchange (ISYE) Programme hosted jointly by Auxilium College, Vellore and Audacious Dreams Foundation – India, in association with National Youth Services Council (NYSC), Ministry of Youth Affairs, Govt. of Srilanka from 22nd to 30th July, 2016. The team was facilitated with a tour of the hospital by the Department of Hospital Management Studies & Staff Training, when they visited CMC on 27th July, 2016.

In continuation of this visit, Dr. Samuel N. J. David, Sr. Manager and Head, Hospital Management Studies & Staff Training, was invited to receive the Humanitarian Service Excellence Award, an honour for promoting health and wellbeing among rural people by Global Understanding for Sustainable Development (GUSD) along with ISYE 2016 Secretariat and Audacious Dreams Foundation on 28th July, 2016.

Dr. Naina Emmanuel, Associate Professor of ENT-II has been awarded the Best Consultant Paper Award at the 3rd National Conference of IAOHNS 2016, held at Kolkata (26th - 28th August, 2016).

Dr. Mark Ranjan Jesudason, Professor & Head, Surgery Unit-II (Colorectal), has been awarded the Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.

Dr. Jacob K.S., Professor, Psychiatry Unit-I, has been conferred the Fellowship of the Royal College of Psychiatrists (FRCPsych).

- Dr. Nihal Thomas, Professor and Head, Endocrinology, has been awarded the Ph.D. degree by the University of Copenhagen.

- Ms. B. Manimegalai, Lecturer Gr.I (NM), Department of Dietetics, won the 2nd Prize in a Case Presentation Competition titled An Adolescent girl with Retroperitoneal Ganglioneuroblastoma at the Regional Symposium and Workshop on Optimizing Nutrition on 20th August, 2016, organised by the Department of Clinical Nutrition, Sri Ramachandra University, Chennai.

- Ms. K. Jayalakshmi, Lecturer Gr.II (NM), Department of Dietetics, won the 1st Prize in the Cookery Competition at the National Nutrition Week Celebration and 3rd CNE by Tamilnadu Government Multispeciality Hospital Chennai and Indian Dietetic Association - Chennai Chapter, held on 6th September, 2016 at Chennai.

Dr. Supriya Sen, M.Ch. Registrar, Endocrine Surgery, has been awarded the Prof. R.Jothiramalingam Best Paper Award for the paper “Focused parathyroidectomy under local anaesthesia” at the 17th Annual Conference of IAES, held at Meerut from 17th to 18th September, 2016.

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

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 ureterectric 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 analysis with NWT'S 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 devolvulation in non obstructed volvulus'. • 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. To be continued next week.

• 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.

Dr. Sreekanth. R, Associate Professor, Department of Hand Surgery, won the Bronze medal for the paper presentation titled "Effectiveness of multiple stab incision in contrast extravasation of the hand and forearm" in the National Conference of Indian Society of the Hand, held in Ranchi in September 2016. •

Ms. Ansu Sara Mani, Medical Physics Inter, Department of Radiotherapy, won the Best Paper Award - First Prize for an oral presentation titled "Micro-MOSFET and In-water Calibration of HDR Ir192 Brachytherapy Source" at the 21st Annual Conference of Association of Medical Physicists of India (TN & PY Chapter) - 2016, held on 1st and 2nd October, 2016 at Madurai, organized by Madurai Medical College and Government Rajaji Hospital. •

Dr. Jacob Peedicayil, Professor, Pharmacology, has co-edited a book on 'Neuropsychiatric Disorders and Epigenetics', to be published by Elsevier, USA, which will be released in November 2016.

Dr. D.J. Christopher, Professor and Head, Pulmonary Medicine has been re-elected as Southern Zonal Chairman of the Indian Chest Society, for a further period of 2 years.

Dr. Smitha Jasper, Associate Professor, Ophthalmology Department, won the "Eye Know" quiz competition held at the 10th International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness Conference at Durban, South Africa, on 28th October, 2016.

Dr. Ankush Gupta, M.Ch. Neurosurgery (5th year Registrar) won the best paper award for the presentation titled "Fatty filum terminale as a secondary tethering element in spinal dysraphism" at the 27th annual meeting of Indian Society for Paediatric Neurosurgery held from 1st to 3rd October, 2016, at Bangalore.

Mrs. Bala Seetharaman, Professor & Additional Deputy Dean, received her Ph.D. award from the National Consortium for Ph.D in Nursing of Indian Nursing Council, New Delhi & Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Karnataka.

Dr. Abinaya, Assistant Professor, Department of General Surgery-IV, won the first prize in Poster Presentation - "Indications of Splenectomy - Diagnostic vs Therapeutic" at the IASG Conference 2016, held in Coimbatore.

Dr. Manisha Madhai Beck, Associate Professor and Acting Head, Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology Unit-IV was accredited by the Fetal Medicine Foundation, UK for Fetal imaging, and has been added to the list of 50 FMF certified clinicians, including both Obstetricians and Radiologists from all over India.

At the 31st State Conference of AROI (TN & PY) held between 4th and 6th November, 2016 at Chennai, Dr. Jeba Karunya Rami Reddy, Assistant Professor, Department of Radiotherapy received the 'Dr. Bhoopal E-poster presentation Award' and Dr. Shiny Mathew, 1st year DMRT Registrar, Department of Radiotherapy won the 2nd prize for Oral Presentation.

Drs. Anil Satyaraddi and Nitin Kapoor won the first and second prize for their poster presentations titled 'Oncogenic Osteomalacia: A 10 year single centre experience' and 'Bone health and impact of Tenofovir treatment in men with Hepatitis B related chronic liver disease' respectively, at the 46th Annual Conference of Endocrine Society of India, 2016 held between 20th and 22nd October, 2016 at New Delhi.

Dr. Nihal Thomas, Professor & Head, Department of Endocrinology was honoured with the Prof. M. Vishwanathan Oration on 19th November, 2016 at the 44th RSSDI (Research Society for the Study in Diabetes) annual meeting at Hyderabad. The 57th Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Haematology and Blood Transfusion (ISHBT) was held from 10th to 13th November, 2016 at Jaipur. The following awards were won by our faculty and students: •

Dr. Malti Sathe Oration award was given to Dr. Alok Srivastava for the topic Cure for Major Hemoglobin Disorders in India - The Journey so Far and The Way Forward. • Dr. Arunkumar, Dr. Jayastu Senapati and Ms. G. Sankari Devi, Sr. Sel. Grade Molecular Genetics Technician Grade-II received the first prize for the best oral presentation in their respective categories. •

The CMC team represented by Dr. Anupama Janaki Krishnamoorthi (3rd Year in Transfusion Medicine and Immunohaematology), Dr. Georgie Mathew (3rd Year in Paediatrics), Dr. Akhil Rajendra (2nd Year in General Medicine) received the second prize at the All India Quiz Programme. Dr. Shreyas Hanmantgad, 2nd year DM in Haematology.

Dr. Anna Simon, Professor, Child Health Unit-I was awarded the FRCP degree by the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburg.

Dr. Anjali Lepcha, Professor, ENT-IV, won the silver medal and second prize for Consultant's Surgical Video Presentation at the 25th Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Otolaryngology held from 18th to 20th November, 2016 at Kozhikode, Kerala.

Mr. Mohammed Azharuddin KO, Associate Research Officer, Neurochemistry Laboratory, Department of Neurological Sciences, was awarded the Best Poster Award at the 85th Annual

Meeting of the Society of Biological Chemists (India) and the Symposium Theme - Innovations in Biological Research on Health and Diseases held at the Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysore (21st – 24th November, 2016). The poster presentation was titled 'Common Parasite Antigens Induce a Cancerous Milieu in Cells of the Brain'. This study has been carried out under the guidance of Dr. Prabhakaran V.

The following candidates were successful in the Postgraduate Diploma Examination held in October 2016: D.A.: Dr. Chitra Padmanabhan; Dr. Snigdha Reddy K.; Dr. Joe H. Paulson; Dr. Roshan K. Kurien and Dr. Anandan Samuel. D.O.: Dr. Akshya P.; D.G.O.: Dr. Sarin Varghese; D.C.H.: Dr. Shwetha Ann Philip. •

The following candidates were successful in the Postgraduate MD / MS Examination held in October 2016: MD MS - April 2016 session (Passed out candidates) 55th National Pharmacy Week Observed The Department of Pharmacy organised the 55th National Pharmacy Week from 20th to 26th November, 2016. The theme for this year was Pharmacists for a Healthy India: Role in Prevention and Management Of Diabetes. This brought to the fore the importance of Pharmacy in health and disease, safe and proper use of drugs, especially anti-diabetic drugs, proper storage and so on. Various competitions pertaining to the theme were organised through the week, that included poster design, slogan writing (Tamil and English), Essay writing (Tamil and English) and a quiz programme for healthcare professionals, patients and the public. Approximately 300 persons participated in these events. An exhibition was held for the benefit of the public and patients, to create awareness about the safe and proper use of drugs. The exhibition was inaugurated by Mr. Karthikeyan, Assistant Director, Drugs Control Office, Vellore Zone. Drugs Inspectors Mrs. Mahalakshmi, Ms. Saranya and Mrs. Manimegalai graced the occasion. Associate Director, Dr. Anil Kuruvilla and the Nursing Superintendent, Dr. Premila Lee offered their felicitation on the occasion. The Pharmacy Week was concluded with a valedictory function, during which prize winners of competitions were awarded. M.D. General Medicine Dr. Joseph S. and Dr. Sheba Meriam Thomas M.D. Paediatrics Dr. Priyanka Vandana Sukesh Pande M.D. Pathology Dr. Preethi Morais M.D. Respiratory Medicine Dr. Sapan Kumar M.D. Transfusion Medicine Dr. Parmatma Prasad Tripathi M.S. Obstetrics & Gynaecology Dr. Tobey Ann Marcus M.S. Ophthalmology Dr. Bindu Thomas M.S. Orthopaedics Dr. Anand A. and Dr. Elvis Benjamin

- Dr. Rohit Ninan Benjamin, Assistant Professor, Department of Neurological Sciences, was awarded a medal by the Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R Medical University on the 28th Annual Convocation under DM (Neurology Branch-I). •

In commemoration of World Diabetes Day 2016, the Department of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism conducted a Medi Quiz on Diabetes and Endocrine Disorders for medical students on 22nd November, 2016. Dr. Deepak Abraham, Professor and Head, Endocrine Surgery, was the chief guest for the day. A total of 17 teams participated in this quiz, out of which 4 teams qualified

to the final round. The results were as follows: First Prize – Ruhel Chacko, Jebashini Angelin, Pragnita C. Second Prize – Ahikam Devadason, Soubhik Kumar Saha, Felix Samuel E.D. Third Prize – Karun Saathverg Sam, Anmol Jindal, Desai Sudhamsh Reddy.

Dr. Gagandeep Kang, Professor, Wellcome Trust Research Laboratory, Division of Gastrointestinal Sciences was awarded the Infosys Prize in life sciences for the year 2016, for her pioneering contributions to understanding the natural history of rotavirus and other infectious diseases that are important both globally and in India. •

Dr. D.J. Christopher, Professor and Head of Pulmonary Medicine, was nominated as member of the India TB consortium, under the aegis of ICMR, by the Director General of Health Services. •
Dr. Edwin Stephen, Professor and Head, Vascular Surgery, was awarded the FRCS Degree by the Royal College of Surgeons, Glasgow. •

At the National Conference of Indian Rheumatology Association 2016, held in Kerala from 24th to 27th November, 2016: Dr. Ruchika Goel, Associate Professor, Department of Clinical Immunology & Rheumatology, was honoured with the Zydus Oration. Dr. Avanish Jha and Dr. Jayastu, Postgraduates, Medicine, were runners-up in the Dr. S.D. Deodhar, Postgraduate Intercollegiate Rheumatology Quiz.

Trainees and faculty of CMC won the following prizes at the National Conference, NAPCON 2016, held in Mumbai between 24th and 27th November: Poster: Respiratory Infections - 1st prize - Dr. Rohit K.O. (final year MD) Poster: Miscellaneous - 1st prize - Dr. Shahir Afshan (final year Post Doctoral Fellow) Paper: Interstitial Lung Diseases - 2nd prize - Dr. Avinash A. Nair (final year MD) Paper: Critical Care - 2nd prize - Dr. Dinesh Prabhu (Asst. Prof).

Mr. Joseph Dian Bondu, Lecturer, Clinical Biochemistry, won the 1st prize for oral presentation and Mr. Yesudas Sudhakar, Lecturer won the 2nd prize for poster presentation in the 7th Annual Research Day held on 10th October, 2016, at the Scudder Auditorium, CMC. Mr. Bondu also won the 1st prize for oral presentation in the 2016 Endocrine Society of India Conference.

Mrs. Janani Iswarya, Lecturer, Clinical Biochemistry, won the Best Poster Award at the 43rd Annual Conference of the Association of Clinical Biochemists of India (ACBICON 2016) held in Mangalore from 12th to 15th December, 2016.

Dr. Padmanaban V., final year post-graduate registrar, Department of Biochemistry, received the Best Poster Award for his research work titled "Serum hepcidin levels in diabetes mellitus". This piece of work, done under the guidance of Drs. Molly Jacob and Joe Varghese (Department of Biochemistry), in collaboration with Dr. Jasmin Prasad (Department of Community Medicine), was presented at ACBICON 2016

Dr. Amit Kumar Dutta, Professor, Department of Gastroenterology was awarded the ISG-Om Prakash Memorial Award for the year 2016, for research work in Gastroenterology, by the Indian Society of Gastroenterology. The award was presented during the annual conference of Indian Society of Gastroenterology on the 15th of December, 2016 in New Delhi.

National Annual Conference of "Society of Indian Neuroscience Nurses" was held along with Neurological Society of India in Chennai between 14th and 18th of December, 2016. Ten members from the Nursing Department participated and won the following prizes: Mrs. Mythili, Charge Nurse N2 Ward : 2nd prize in E-Poster; 2nd prize in Elocution; 1st prize in Neuro Quiz and 1st prize in Essay Writing. Ms. Maria Robert, S/N, N1 Ward: 3rd prize in Elocution and 3rd prize in Model. Ms. Shija Joseph, S/N, N2 Ward: 1st prize in E-Poster and 2nd prize in Essay Writing. Mrs. Saluja Baskar, S/N, Neuro ICU: 3rd prize in Scientific Paper Presentation and 1st prize in Model. Mrs. Jeyaseeli Sophia, S/N, Neuro Trauma ICU: 2nd prize in Model. •

Mr. Manigandan and Mr. Saravanan won the Best Poster Award in the 6th CMC for Medical Laboratory Technologists held at Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai on 23rd & 24th December, 2016.

Ms. Chandni Chandramouli, MBBS student, won the following University Medals at the Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R Medical University convocation which was held on 3rd December, 2016:

Dr. Ambika Shanmugam Endowment Gold Medal - Biochemistry of I MBBS The Horlicks Gold Medal - Final MBBS Part I & II.

Ms. Malini George, MBBS batch of 2015, won the first place at the zonal level of the Elsevier Basic Sciences Olympiad 2016-17, held in Bangalore on 5th January, 2017. She has qualified for the national level final round to be held in Delhi.

- Dr. Achamma Chandy, Reproductive Medicine, completed her Masters in Bioethics from Trinity International University, Chicago.

- At the Annual Urological Society of India Conference held from 18th to 21st January, 2017 in Mumbai: Dr. Nitin Kekre was elected Council Member (South India) of the Urological Society of India. Drs. Sudhindra J., Rohan Nautiyal and Kapil Chaudhary won the IPCA National Intercollegiate Urology Quiz. The Brij Kishore Patna prize for the Best Paper was received by Dr. Sudhindra J., for the work titled "Does Mannitol affect short term allograft function in living donor renal transplantation?" Dr. Sudhindrawas also awarded the USI travelling fellowship, 'EUREP 2017.'

- Pulmonary Medicine registrars have won the following prizes in the Indian Chest Society South Zone Talent Search competition held from 14th to 15th January, 2017. Case presentation - 3rd

prize - Rohit K.O. Image contest - 3rd prize - Sujith Chandy Quiz - 3rd prize - Jefferson Daniel Quiz - 4th prize - Avinash Nair and Rohit K.O.

- Dr. Jasmin Johney, Tutor, Forensic Medicine, was awarded Second Prize for her presentation titled "Poisoning Profile in the Community: A Study from Rural Tamil Nadu" at the 10th Annual National Conference of the Indian Society of Toxicology held from 28th to 29th December, 2016 in Kerala.
- Dr. George Koshy Chiramel, Associate Professor, Department of Radio Diagnosis has been selected as Distinguished Reviewer for 2016 by the Journal of Vascular and Interventional Radiology JVIR.
- The Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, CMC, Vellore won the Dr. Jamaal Memorial rolling shield and the Dr.C.R. Sundaraj Gold Medal for Best Paper at the recently conducted state-level Plastic Surgery Conference held in Madurai (TANPAPS 2017). The paper titled "Effectiveness of capillary lactate levels in monitoring of flaps" was presented by Dr. Shweta Patil, Final Year Registrar. The 2nd prize in Best Paper was also bagged by CMC, Vellore for the paper titled "Simple Self Adjustable Aeroplane Splint for Axillary Contractures" presented by Dr. Rahul Gorka, Final Year Registrar. Dr. Shweta Patil also received 2nd prize in the Best e-Poster category.

At the Indian Association for Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Conference (IAPMRCON) 2017 held in Kolkata: Dr. Samuel Barnabas Sikha, Final Year PG Registrar, PMR Department, was awarded the Dr. Bindeshwari Sudarshan Gold Medal for presenting the best PG paper titled "The Role of Ultrasonography in the Non-Invasive Assessment of Upper Airway for Decannulating Tracheostomy in Patients with Acquired Brain Injury – A Pilot Study."

Dr. Gourav Gomez, Final Year PG Registrar, PMR Department, was awarded the Dr. P. Hanumantha Rao Gold Medal for the 2nd Best PG Paper Presentation titled "Ambulation Augmentation in Low Level Paraplegics Using Resistance Bands – A Pilot Randomised Control Trial."

Dr. Gourav Sannyasi, 1st Year PG Registrar, PMR Department, won the Best Poster Presentation for his work titled "Post-Partum Paraplegia Following Spontaneous Spinal Epidural Hematoma with HELLP Syndrome."

Candidates who applied to the Senior Training Fellowship (STF) for the year 2017-18, together with the Heads of their Departments/Units, made their presentations before a committee of five senior faculties on 23rd January, 2017. Based on an inherent merit-based prioritisation, the following members of staff have been awarded STF for 2017-18: Dr. K. Subramani, Professor, Critical Care

Dr. Kala Ebenezer, Professor, PICU Dr. Jacob Peedicayil, Professor, Pharmacology Dr. Rajinikanth J, Associate Professor, Head & Neck Surgery Unit-II Dr. Vivek Mathew, Professor, Neurology

Dr. Prithviraj Bose, MBBS Batch of 2010, was awarded the Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R Medical University Gold Medal in Ophthalmology at the recently held university convocation.

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.

Dr. Ebor Jacob J, Professor, PICU, has been nominated the South Zonal co-ordinator of the Indian Academy of Paediatrics-Advance Life Support (IAP-PALS) courses.

Dr. T. Abiramalatha, DM Neonatology (Batch of 2013) won the Young Researcher Award at the National IAP Pedicon for her study done at CMC titled Neutrophil VCS parameters in Neonatal Sepsis.

Dr. Benjamin J Ross, Sr. PG Registrar (DM Neonatology) won the Best Poster Award for his poster titled Prevalence of Group B Streptococcal Colonisation among Pregnant Women and Neonates in a Tertiary Hospital in India at the CALNEOCON held in Calicut from 10th to 12th February, 2017.

Mrs. Mary Juliana, Charge Nurse, PICU, meritoriously passed the exit exam of 'Indian Diploma in Paediatric Critical Care Nursing' awarded by the College of Paediatric Critical Care, India.

Dr. Shajin T. PG registrar, Department of Paediatrics, was awarded the " Dr.V. Balagopal Raju Award for Best Paper in Child Health" at the National Conference of Paediatrics (PEDICON-2017) held in Bengaluru, for his MD dissertation "Comparison of PF Ratio and SF Ratio in Critically Ill Children Requiring Respiratory Support" done with support from the PICU team of Drs. Ebor Jacob, Pragathesh, Kala and Jolly.

Dr. Prajna Bhargavi Kota, Final Year M.S. General Surgery, won the Dr. CMK Reddy Gold Medal Prize Exam in Vascular surgery conducted by the Vascular Surgery Department of the Madras Medical College, Chennai on 14th February, 2017.

Dr. Ferzine Mohamed and Dr. Koushik Herle, 2nd year Paediatric Surgery registrars, were placed 1st in the Paediatric Surgery Update Quiz conducted on 24th February, 2017 at the Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi, as an educational update.

At the 17th Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Extra Corporeal technologists (ISECTCON 2017), held on 24th and 25th February, 2017 in Bangalore:

Ms. Dharini Srinivasan, Staff Perfusionist in the Department of Cardio Thoracic Surgery was awarded the Anandanathan Award for the Best Poster for her work titled “Anaesthesia during cardiopulmonary bypass – Does it matter to the patient or to the entire team?”

Ms. Dharini Srinivasan and Mr. Karthi Murugan, Staff Perfusionists also won the 4th prize in the ISECT Quiz.

Dr. Atif Shaikh I.A. and Dr. Gideon L. Rynjah won the first prize in the Neuro Quiz held during SHINE 2017- 7th Annual Conference of Clinical Neurology held in Chennai on 26th February, 2017.

Dr. Dheepak Selvaraj, Surgeon, Vascular Surgery has been elected as Treasurer of the Venous Association of India on his election held at Varanasi VAICON 2017 Conference.

Dr. Deepak George John, Sr. Resident, Vascular Surgery and Dr. Ludia John, Final Year M.S. General Surgery, received the 1st and 2nd prizes respectively, at the recently held Venous Associations of India Conference at Varanasi.

- At the 54th National Conference of Indian Academy of Paediatrics (PEDICON 2017) held from 18th to 22nd January, 2017 in Bangalore:

The paper titled “Assessment and Analysis of sensory processing disorders of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder” authored by Beena Koshy, Suman Bhattacharyya, Lincy Glory, Hannah Grace, Caroline Padankatti of Developmental Paediatrics, was presented as Free Paper (oral) and was placed first in the Free Paper - Neurodevelopment Category. The paper titled “Association of Microcephaly at two time periods (at birth and at 18 – 24 months) and Neurodevelopmental Outcomes in a cohort of Very Low Birth weight infants in India” authored by Samuel P. Oommen, Santhanam Sridhar, Atanu K. Jana, Reeba Roshan, Caroline Padankatti, Hannah Grace, Hima John, Niranjan Thomas, Manish Kumar and K. Anil Kuruvilla of Developmental Paediatrics and Neonatology, was presented as Free Paper (oral) and was awarded 1st prize in the Free Paper - Neonatology Category.

- Dr. Selva Titus Chacko, Dean, College of Nursing has been elected an Executive Committee member of Global Network of WHO Collaborative Centre for Nursing and Midwifery from the SEARO region, for a term of 4 years from 2016 - 2020.
- Dr. Sahana Shetty, Assistant Professor, Department of Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolism, participated in Endocrine Society of India - AV Gandhi Award 2016 and won the Best Thesis award under the Clinical Category for the study - Bone turnover markers in healthy postmenopausal women and their daughters from South India.
- Dr. Edmond Jonath Gendham, Assistant Professor of Neurosurgery, won the ISNO Best Poster Award at the 9th Annual Conference of Indian Society of Neuro Oncology (ISNOCON 2017) held in Bengaluru from 10th to 12th March, 2017.
- Dr. Anika Amritanand, Associate Surgeon, Department of Ophthalmology, won the Best Paper Award in the Non-communicable Diseases section for the presentation titled Incorporating Primary Eye Care into Primary Health Care: Modelling a Synergistic Partnership at the 61st Annual Conference of the Indian Public Health Association, held in February 2017 in Jodhpur.
- Dr. Rini Mary Thomas, 2nd year Postgraduate in Medicine, claimed the first prize at the SRMC MEDICLINICS 2017 conference held at Sri Ramachandra University, Chennai for her presentation titled Unusual presentation of Systemic Sarcoidosis – A case report.
- Dr. Joyson Soundrarajan, Senior Librarian, Head of Library Services was awarded the S J Kulkarni Award 2016 by the Medical Library Association of India, in recognition of his outstanding contributions at the National Convention of MLAI, held at Gaya, Bihar, from 19th to 21st March, 2017.
- Dr. Vrisha Madhuri and team from CMC and Dr. Dinish NS and Team from IISc, Bangalore have been awarded the NRDC (National Research Development Corporation) Meritorious Invention Award of the Year 2015 for Padma Pada – A Compliance Monitoring Club Foot Brace. The award ceremony will take place on 24th and 25th March, 2017, at the Indian National Science Academy, New Delhi.
- Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Pandey, Final Year Postgraduate Resident in Neurosurgery, won the Best Poster Award for his presentation titled Surgical Implications of Migrating Choroid Plexus papilloma, at the 28th Annual Meeting of Indian Society for Paediatric Neurosurgery and 2nd Annual Conference of Asian Australian Society for Paediatric Neurosurgery, held from 24th to 26th March, 2017 in Mumbai.
- Dr. Ruby Angeline Pricilla, Associate Professor, LCECU, and Ms. Anita Rebecca S, Tutor, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, have been awarded the Kansas University Medical Centre-

Modale Junior Faculty Research Fellowship-2017. They will proceed to the University of Kansas Medical Centre and undergo training for a whole semester in the areas of their interest.

- Mrs. Bala Seetharaman, Professor, College of Nursing, attended the convocation programme organised by the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Karnataka, on completion of her Ph.D.

- Dr. Mathew J Chandy, former Head of the Department of Neurological Sciences and Professor of Neurosurgery, received the Lifetime Achievement Award, for his contribution to Neurosurgery by the newly formed Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry Association of Neurosurgeons. A CMC Vellore Alumnus of the 1960 MBBS batch, he completed MS in General Surgery from Madras Medical College and then took the MCh Neurosurgery course at CMC Vellore in April 1974. He left CMC in 1975 and returned in 1980, after working abroad in the Montreal Neurological Institute. He was instrumental in the introduction of the microscope for neurosurgical operations and training of residents in microsurgical procedures. During his headship, he was instrumental in establishing neurointensive care, clinical neurophysiology (intraoperative monitoring), a separate division of neuropathology, and the extensive use of computers in the department. He encouraged the initiation of stereotactic surgical procedures and radiosurgery, and promoted clinical research and publications. He has mentored many generations of students in the field of Neurosurgery, especially from CMC Vellore, who now hold senior posts in departments nationally, as well as internationally.

Dr. Sunil J. Holla, Professor of Anatomy is the co-editor of Gray's Anatomy for Students - First South Asian Adaptation published by Elsevier and released by S.C. Parija, Director of JIPMER, Puducherry, on April 19, 2017.

- Dr. Gaurab Majumdar, PG Registrar, Department of Ophthalmology, won the 3rd prize in the AIOS PG Quiz (H K Tiwari Gold Medal Examination) at the Annual Conference of AIOS held in Jaipur on 15th February, 2017.

- Dr. Suceena Alexander, Professor, Department of Nephrology, was awarded the title of Fellow of American Society of Nephrology.

- Dr. Christina Marie Joseph, PG Registrar, Orthopaedics, was awarded the Best Paper Presentation at the 7th Annual Conference of AO Trauma India held in Chennai from 28th to 30th April, 2017.

The Cardiac Electrophysiology team comprising of Ms. Bharathi (Staff), Mr. Shiva and Mr. Monik (Technicians) and Dr. Anandaroop Lahiri for having done the first "Zero fluoroscopy" ablation in India on pregnant patient using 3D mapping.

- Dr. Sirish Chandra Srinath for receiving the second prize at the Heart Rhythm Bowl 2017 held in Chicago.

Dr. Sudipta Dhar Chowdhury, Professor, Department of Gastroenterology has been elected as Governing Council Member of Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy of India from May 2017 to May 2019.

B.Sc. Students Mr. Sohalkar Gaurav M. and Ms. Amy Fiona Suresh Kumar were the runner up in the quiz contest organised during the First National CME for Medical Radiology and Imaging Technology Students held on 27th and 28th May, 2017

Dr. F.S. Geethanjali, Professor and Head, Clinical Biochemistry attended the South Zone ACBI Conference, at Believers Church Medical College, Kerala and was awarded "Dr. Vijayakumar Memorial Eminent Scientist Award" by the Council for Clinical and Diagnostics Professionals (CCDP).

- Dr. Rosh Varghese Georgy, PG Registrar from Radiology Department won the 1st prize in Postgraduate case presentation during the West Zone CME on Fetal Medicine and State IRIA Monthly Meet held on 18th June, 2017 in Coimbatore.
- Dr. Jacqueline Jose, Junior Registrar was awarded the 1st prize for the paper titled 'Cutaneous lichen amyloidosis in multiple endocrine neoplasia type 2A - a common cutaneous manifestation in an common cancer syndrome' by Jacqueline Jose¹ , Renu George¹ , Venkat Raman¹ , Nitin Kapoor² , Nihal Thomas² , Rekha Pai³ , Reetu John⁴ (Departments of DVL Unit-I, Endocrinology, Molecular Pathology and Radiology) presented at the 4th Dermatology and Allied Specialties Summit in July 2017 at New Delhi.
- Dr. Mohan S. Kamath, Professor, Reproductive Medicine Unit, has been made the full time Editor for Cochrane Gynaecology and Fertility group, Cochrane collaboration, effective from the month of July

Prof. Dr. V. Tamilarasi, Professor and Head, Department of Nephrology received the FRCP on 6th July, 2017 from Royal College of Physician, London for recognizing significant contribution made to Medical Profession.