

Dr. Nihal Thomas, Professor and Head of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism and Vice-Principal (Research) has been awarded the prestigious: Prof. U Mohammed Oration at the Diabetes Association of India, at Chennai, India on January 24, 2016 on *“Pathogenesis of Diabetes in the Young in India- insights from Vellore”*

- **Dr. Debashish Danda**, Professor and Head of Rheumatology has been recognized as International Fellow of American College of Rheumatology and the college has entitled him with the designate FACR (Fellow of American College of Rheumatology).

- **Dr. Ashish Goel**, Professor of Hepatology has been awarded Dr. Dharamvir Datta Memorial Oration Award by Indian Council of Medical Research for the year 2012 for research into Liver Diseases. The award was presented by Sh. J.P Nadda, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Government of India at New Delhi, on January 19, 2016.

Dr. George Koshy Chiramel, Associate Professor of Radiodiagnosis, presented "Outcomes in Budd Chiari Syndrome therapy results of a prospective study" during the annual conference of the Indian Radiology and Imaging Society last week in Bhubaneswar and won the Dr. Ashok Mukherjee medal for best paper.

Dr. Vikas K. Yadav, Assistant Professor of Radiodiagnosis has won the first prize in weekly online quiz of Barnard Institute Radiology, Chennai (July 2015 - January 2016 session).

Dr. Reena A. Pal, Postgraduate Registrar, Department of Anaesthesia has won the 1st prize in Podium presentation in 8th National Conference of Paediatric Anaesthesia 2016 held at Scudder Auditorium, CMC, Bagayam from January 29 to 30, 2016.

Dr. Radhakrishna V.N., PG Tutor III, Paediatric Orthopaedics Unit, has won the best paper prize at 22nd Annual conference of Paediatric Orthopaedics society of India held at Bangalore from January 7th to 10th 2016.

Dr. Bibhu Dutta Sahoo, Post doctoral fellow in Paediatric Orthopaedics has won the 1st prize in poster presentation at 22nd Annual conference of Paediatric Orthopaedics society of India held at Bangalore from January 7th to 10th 2016.

Mr. Sundaram, Hospital Housekeeping Attendant, 'A' Block participated in 42.8 km “Chennai Marathon” organized by WIPRO and The Hindu. Out of 16,255 who participated in the run Mr.Sundaram finished 28th and was selected among the best 45 who finished the race.

- **Dr. Vimalin Samuel**, Assistant Professor, Vascular Surgery won the 3rd prize for his paper titled **“Does venous insufficiency co-exist with lymphedema in India?”** at the 9th Venous Association of India Conference, held in Jaipur.

- **Dr. Rajasekar A.**, Assistant Professor, **Dr. Varsha A.V. and Dr. Suresh Kumaran**, Senior Registrar in Post-doctoral fellowship in Cardiac Anaesthesia, Department of Anaesthesia made podium presentations at the 12th to 14th February IACTACON 2016 held at Radisson Blu Resort Temple Bay, Chennai and won best paper awards.

• **Dr. Asem Rangita Chanu**, Assistant Professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation has been awarded “Dr. Ansiya Vasanth Award for Best Research Paper titled “Role of Rehabilitation in Hypoxic Ischemic Encephalopathy patient”.

• **Dr. Aneez Joesph**, 2nd year Medicine Postgraduate, Department of Medicine Unit-3, has won the 1st prize in her platform presentation on “Haemolytic uremic syndrome among snake bite patients” in APICON 2016 at Hyderabad held in January 2016.

• **Medical Physics Student’s Guinness Record Attempt** :On Republic Day, a first year Medical Physics student, Mr. Winfred Michael Raj of Christian Medical College, Vellore, took an attempt to enter the Guinness Book of World Records by solving 111 Rubik’s cubes while cycling in a little over than two hours surpassing the minimum of 30 cubes set by the Records committee. He started the attempt by half past 11 o’clock in front of the Gault Library and took a circuit of 100 meters. Two witnesses from the World Cubers’ Association have witnessed the event to the Guinness World Records which was also captured uninterrupted on video cameras. He is already a National Record holder for solving 66 cubes in 60 mins while cycling.

Dr. Ronald Albert Benton Carey, Associate Professor, General Medicine won the first prize for his oral presentation- ‘Varicella Encephalitis - a case series’ in APICON 2016 held in Hyderabad on 27th - 31st January 2016.

• **Dr. Nitha J.**, Final year PG Registrar in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation has been awarded "*Dr. P. Hanumantha Rao Medal for 2nd best PG paper presentation*" for presenting topic "*Comparative evaluation of ischial containment socket and quadrilateral socket for functional ability in persons with transfemoral amputation*".

• **Mr. T. Suresh Raj**, Medical Gas Section, Mechanical Engineering Department has received the best blood donor award "*KuruthiKodaiVallal*" in Vellore District. The award was presented by Dr. G. Viswanathan, Chairman, VIT on February 20, 2016.

Dr. Chellam P. Kirubakaran, former Professor and Head, Department of Paediatrics for winning the "*International Health Care Award - 2016*". The selection for this prestigious award was made by an “International juries group” comprising of eminent scientists from all over the world for her outstanding contribution in the field of medical science.

Dr. Chellam received the award at the “International conference of the International Society of Paediatric Gastroenterology Hepatology Transplant and Nutrition” on the 14th February 2016 at Jaipur.

• **Dr. Debasis Das Adhikary**, Associate Professor, Paediatric Emergency Medicine who has been appointed as “National Secretary” of Academic Council: “Society for Trauma and Emergency Paediatrics”.

• **Dr. Saumya Sara Sunny**, PG Registrar, Nuclear Medicine was awarded the "*Best Paper in Nuclear Medicine- Thyroidology*" at the Society of Nuclear Medicine-India Conference 2015, held at JIPMER, Pondicherry on 26th –28th February 2016.

• **Dr. Vandana Pande**, PG registrar, Paediatrics won the 3rd prize for the podium presentation at the 8th National Assembly of Paediatric Emergency Medicine held at JIPMER, Puduchery for the study titled “Paediatric Acute Care Score - an early warning score to detect clinical deterioration in sick children” done by the PICU team - **Drs. Vandana, Jolly, Pragathesh, Debasis and Ebor Jacob**.

• **Dr. John K. Mathew** and **Dr. Mythraeyee**, PG Demonstrators won the 2nd prize in the Intercollegiate Anatomy Quiz Programme held at MMC, Chennai on 27th February 2016.

Dr Nihal Thomas, Professor and Head, Department of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism was honoured with **Dr. Subhashini and Dr. Kamalakar Reddy** Endowment Oration for the year 2016 on March 19th, 2016 in Sri Venkateswara Institute of Medical Sciences (SVIMS), Tirupathi.

•**Dr. Riddhi Das Gupta**, Assistant Professor of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism has won the best thesis award in Endocrinology, at the AV Gandhi national competition.

•**Dr. Naveen Kumar D.R.**, Senior Research Officer, Clinical Microbiology and **Ms. Agilakumari P.**, Microbiologist, Clinical Microbiology have been awarded with travel grant from Bill and Melinda Gates foundation for “Young Investigator from India and Southeast Asia” at the 17th International congress on Infectious Diseases conducted at Hyderabad on March 2nd to 5th, 2016.

The work titled ‘Non-typhoidal Salmonella urinary tract infection: molecular resistance and clinical correlation - A four year study from a tertiary care centre’ by **Rani Diana Sahni, BeulaSubashini, V. Balaji, DivyaPrabha, Yamuna Devi, Antony Devasia, Thambu David Sudarsanam-** Departments of Clinical Microbiology, Urology and Medicine which was presented by **Dr. Beula Subhashini** at the 17th International Congress of Infectious Diseases in Hyderabad, India, March 2016 was awarded the Wellcome trust / DBT India Alliance Award.

•**Dr. Victoria Job**, Professor and Head, Clinical Biochemistry, attended the 10th International Conference of Clinical Laboratory Automation (CBS 2016) at Seoul, Korea. She was awarded the Best Poster Award titled 'Reference Interval Verification by Data Mining'.

Dr. Balukrishna Sasidharan, Associate Professor of Radiation Oncology Unit-I, has been awarded the Best Clinical Poster by a Radiation Oncologist at the 35th Annual meeting of the European Society of Radiotherapy and Oncology (ESRTO) for his research work titled 'Does daily intake of resistant starch reduce the acute bowel symptoms in pelvic radiotherapy?' held in Turin, Italy from 29th April to 3rd May, 2016.

Dr. Anoop George Alex and Dr. Sirish Chandra Srinath for having won the first prize in a high level cardiac electrophysiology quiz conducted by the Tamil Nadu Electrophysiology Council on the 29th May, 2016. They received their prizes from Dr. Sam Asirvatham our alumnus who is a world leader in the field.

Dr. Nanthini V., MS, and Dr. Carolin Solomi V., MS (OG - PG registrars-II year), attended the postgraduate revision course conducted by The Obstetric & Gynaecological Society of Southern India

(OGSSI) from 20th to 24th June, 2016 and won First Prize for Quiz (One team) conducted during the revision course.

Dr. Sam Pon Raj, Sr. Registrar (2nd Year M.Ch.Vascular Surgery) won the second prize for best overall academic performance at the Mid Term Vascular Society of India Postgraduate meeting held between 1st and 2nd July 2016 at Kerala.

• **Dr. Rohith Srinivas**, Sr.Registrar pursuing his M.Ch in Paediatric Surgery, won the TPPS Annamalai Medal prize Paper at the TPPSCON 16 State Paediatric Surgery Conference held in Madurai between 15th-17th July, 2016 for his paper entitled “Testicular volume in a cohort of Prepubertal Indian Children”.

The following teams from CMC were honoured duly for excellence in their research paper presentations in Cognition 2016:

Oral paper presentation: • First prize: **Harshdeep Acharya and Jivansha Dua** for their study on 'Oxygen use in Emergency Department'. • Second prize: **Sujith Mathew John, SheebaSagar, Aparna and Sharon Joy** (Batch of 2014) for their study on 'Risk factors for Hypercalcemia in patients with Tuberculosis'.

Poster presentation: • Second prize: **Dan Anna Teddy and Vedavati Bandyopadhyay** for their study on 'Babinski sign versus finger and foot tapping tests in Clinical Detection of CorticospinalTract(CST) lesions'.

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).

• **Ms. B. Manimegalai**, Lecturer Gr.I (NM), Department of Dietetics, won the 2nd Prize in a Case Presentation Competition titled An Adoloscent 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 Tamil Nadu 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.