The College of Nursing Alumni Reunion was held on 6th July, 2018 and the theme for this year was ‘Bonding Beyond Boundaries’. The inaugural function began with the welcome address by the Dean, Dr. Selva Titus Chacko and felicitations by the Nursing Superintendent, Dr. Premila Lee. The Director, Dr.J.V. Peter, spoke about the various achievements of the institution in terms of student admissions, patient care and infrastructure. He provided a glimpse into the various campuses and the future plans for the institution. He also expressed his gratitude for the generous contributions of the alumni.

The alumni visited the old and new campuses and expressed the fact that the nostalgia remained despite the several changes. The reunion was a good opportunity for the students to interact with the alumni, to learn valuable lessons from their experiences and to understand the rich legacy of this institution.

On 7th July, 2018, the Alumni workshop on 'Quality and Safety in Patient Care: The Essence of Nursing', was held. It was attended by over fifty alumni. The workshop was a good learning experience for the students and the participants.

Truly, the reunion was a great time of bonding between teachers, friends and classmates. Fond memories of classrooms, hostel, patients, wards and of CMC were rekindled which strengthened the bond beyond borders.

Three cheers for the Silver and Blue!
The dedication of the 'MinION', a state of the art Whole Genome Sequencer was organised by the Department of Clinical Microbiology on 9th July, 2018.

The programme began with a prayer of dedication by Rev. Pearson and the equipment was inaugurated by Dr. Joy S Michael, Professor and Head, Department of Clinical Microbiology. Dr. John Anthony Jude Prakash, Professor, welcomed the gathering followed by a note on the advantages of the 'MinION' by Dr. V. Balaji, Professor and a walk through about the functions of the equipment by Dr. Naveen, PhD.

'MinION' is a portable real-time device for DNA and RNA sequencing with each consumable flow cell generating 10–20 Gb of DNA sequence data. This can sequence up to 50,000 bp length on average, however the maximum recorded length is over 90,000 bp. The MinION streams data in real time which enables analysis to be performed during the experiment and workflows are fully versatile allowing rapid point of care diagnostics.

It weighs under 100 g and plugs into a PC or laptop using a high-speed USB 3.0 cable and is being used for a number of biological analysis techniques including de novo sequencing, targeted sequencing, metagenomics, epigenetics and more.

The Department of Medical Education conducted two contact courses in Postgraduate Diploma (in) Family Medicine (PGDFM) for the recent MBBS graduates. Contact course I was held from 25th to 30th June 2018 for the students who graduated in the year 2018, currently serving as medical officers at various Indian mission hospitals and secondary hospitals. The course provided hands on training and skills in various sessions pertaining to secondary level health care.

Contact course III was for the students who graduated in the year 2017. They underwent two days of assessment (10th & 11th July 2018) in theory and practical exams and were given training in undergoing online MCQ exam, final project presentations and Objectively Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE).

The second batch implemented and presented projects pertaining to the needs in their secondary hospitals. Some of the notable topics were: • “To study common orthopaedic complaints among serving soldiers in the Indian Army and application of common preventive measures to reduce the incidence” • “Prevalence of hypothyroidism in pregnant women in secondary care hospital in Robertsgunj, UP” • “Incorporation of foot care as an integral part of diabetes management” • “Prevalence of menstrual irregularities among nursing students in a South Indian town - A descriptive study” • “Hair dye poisoning in a rural mission hospital in North India” • “A study of epidemiology and trends of intentional poisonings in Christian Hospital Chhatarpur” • “Substance abuse KAP among school going adolescents” • “A 10 year follow up study on quality of life in children diagnosed with idiopathic chronic childhood pancreatitis” • “Hand washing in school children - A knowledge attitude and practice study” • “To study outcomes of patients presenting with burns and factors contributing to the same” • “Management and outcome of stroke in a secondary hospital in Assam” • “Menstrual health and hygiene: Knowledge and practices among adolescent girls” • “Second Hand Smoke (SHS) exposure amongst pregnant women in Southern Tamil Nadu - A study” and • “Study among snake bite patients to find the prevalence of envenomated cases and causes for the same in Kachhwa Christian Hospital”.

A total of forty faculty members from different departments in CMC were involved in the diverse teaching sessions and assessments of the participants.
Congratulations!

• Dr. V. Rajshekhar, Professor of Neurosurgery delivered the following 3 Orations and 1 keynote address over the past year: 5th Cherukuri Narasimham and Subhadra Devi Chair Oration, SVIMS, Tirupati - 8th March, 2017; Keynote address - Third JIPMER Research Day, Puducherry - 11th September, 2017; Dr. John S. Carman Oration, CMC, Vellore -30th November, 2017; 2nd Mrs.I.Satyavathi Oration-Andhra Medical College, Visakhapatnam-29th June, 2017.

• The following MD DVL postgraduate students, won prizes at the 9th State Conference of Tamil Nadu Branch of Indian Association of Dermatologists, Venerologists and Leprologists, Cuticon, Tamil Nadu 2018:

  - Dr. Anu Sara Philip, was awarded 1st prize for her poster entitled 'A case of lax skin' and Dr. Megha Mariam George, was awarded 3rd prize for her poster entitled 'A rare cause of recurrent oral and genital ulcer'.

  - Dr. Rosh Varghese Georgy, PG Registrar, Radiology, got 3rd place in a quiz competition at the 17th Hyderabad Annual Radiologic Physics course held at Hyderabad on 20th - 22nd July, 2018.

  - The following candidate was successful in the Postgraduate M.Sc. Examination held in May 2018 (University Results published on 07.07.2018). M.Sc. Medical Physics: Part I - Mr. Pranjal Srivastava.

Upcoming Event

The Seventh Ida S. Scudder Humanitarian Oration has been awarded (posthumously) to Dr. Ida Belle Scudder, niece of Aunt Ida, and pioneer of of Radiography and Radiotherapy at the Christian Medical College Vellore.
The Oration will be delivered by Dr. Robert Fish, the closest living relative of Ida S. Scudder and nephew of Ida B. Scudder, on Thursday 9th August 2018, starting at 6 pm in the Scudder Auditorium. Dr. Rob Fish is a dentist and has visited CMC three times before, having a great commitment to the efforts of the LCECU and the Dental Department to serve the most disadvantaged and marginalised people of Vellore. He is also a good friend and benefactor of the Scudder Memorial Hospital, Ranipet. He was president of the Scudder Association from 2010 to 2017. He was selected to represent the Scudder family this year to celebrate the centenary of the fulfillment of Ida Scudder’s dream to establish medical education for women in Vellore. Everyone is warmly invited to attend this important annual event which celebrates the vision, values and committed service of our Founder, and honours individuals who through their lives and service have exemplified her spirit and dedication. Please invite friends and family to come to hear Rob Fish speak about his beloved aunt and his passion for extending dental care to those on the margins. Please be seated by 5.45 pm to allow a prompt start.

Situations Vacant

1. Assistant Professor with MD (General Medicine) with two years experience in Infectious Diseases for the Department of Infectious Diseases
   Salary scale: As per institutional rules. Accommodation provided (Partly furnished, depending on availability).

2. Senior Resident with MD (Paediatrics) with two years experience in Paediatric Nephrology for the Department of Paediatrics Unit-II (Paediatric Nephrology)
   Salary scale: As per institutional rules. Accommodation provided (Partly furnished, depending on availability).

3. Senior Resident Gr.III with MD / DNB (General Medicine) for the Department of Nephrology
   Salary scale: As per institutional rules. Accommodation provided (Partly furnished, depending on availability).

4. Senior Resident with MD (Microbiology) for the Department of Clinical Virology
   Preference will be given to those who have one year experience in Virology.
   Salary scale: As per institutional rules. Accommodation provided (Partly furnished, depending on availability).
   Apply with bio-data, certificates and testimonial copies with contact phone number, e-mail ID and address to the Principal, Christian Medical College, Bagayam, Vellore – 632 002, email: princi@cmcvellore.ac.in on or before August 04, 2018 for Items 1, 2 and August 11, 2018 for Items 3 and 4.

5. Senior Resident for the Department of Haematology
   Qualification: Post MD with Post Doctoral Fellowship.
   Mode of appointment: Project mode. Salary: As per institutional rules. Accommodation not provided.
   Job Code: 1259
   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 August 04, 2018 for Item 5.
   Note: Please mention the Job Code in the application form. Applications without Job Code will not be accepted.

6. Staff II Medical Lab. Technician (Project) for the Department of Clinical Haematology
   Job description: To work in Haematology Department in project mode.
   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 August 06, 2018 for Item 6.

7(a). Health Centre Auxiliary to work in RUHSA Hospital. Only female candidates need to apply.
   Qualification: 12th Std with Diploma in Health Assistance. Preferably married.

7(b). Assistant Warden to work in Nursing Students Hostel. Qualification: Graduate (Only female candidates need to apply, preferably unmarried / widowed. Candidate need to stay in the hostel.
   Apply with biodata, photograph, certificates and testimonials to the Dean, College of Nursing, Christian Medical College, Vellore-632 004, on or before August 11, 2018 for Items 7(a) and 7(b).

8. Coordinator (Project Mode) for the Community Health Department
   Qualification: Master’s in Public Health / Social work with one year experience in the field and good computer skills.
   Salary: As per institutional rules.
   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 August 04, 2018 for Item 8.