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*The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped.
My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song.*

Psalm 28:7

Dr. Noel M. Walter retires



Dr. Noel Walter, Professor and Head of the Department of Forensic Medicine retired on 27th December 2018 after twenty years of continuous service in CMC Vellore. An alumnus of the MBBS Batch of 1975, he spent most of his life in CMC (his parents, Dr. Adolf and Dr. Sylvia, his brother Dr. David Walter, and his wife Dr. Vrisha Madhuri are also alumni). His son Ajit is an engineer. In 1988 he obtained his postgraduate qualification in Pathology from CMC and was employed as Junior Lecturer in the Department of Pathology for three years. From 1991 to 1998, he worked in the UK and also completed his MRCPATH exam. Upon his return to India he rejoined the Pathology Department, where he served for four more years. In 2002, he moved to Forensic Medicine, fulfilling an institutional need for permanent Senior Faculty and remained there until his retirement.

Dr. Walter was instrumental in developing Forensic Medicine from a small teaching service into the fully independent and substantially larger department that it is today. During his tenure, faculty with postgraduate qualification in Forensic Medicine were inducted into the department for the first time. Apart from strengthening the teaching of the subject, this endeavour also added a much needed service component to the department's profile, specifically the medico-legal management of victims of sexual abuse and forensic autopsies on cadaver organ donors. On the academic side, Dr. Walter skillfully managed and expanded the department's E Learning Website for medical students.

Despite his commitment to Forensic Medicine, Dr. Walter continued to be active in diagnostic surgical pathology until his retirement, readily providing a consultation service on

Special Prayers: January 13 - 19, 2019

Anaesthesia :

Dr. Sajan Philip George and Staff
Dr. Tony Thomson Chandy and Staff
Dr. Ramamani M. and Staff
Dr. Raj Sahajanandan and Staff
Dr. Ekta Rai and Staff

Operation Theatre:

Dr. Gahukamble Abhay Deodas and Staff
Mrs. Florence Segaran and Staff

SICU & HDU : Dr. Subramani K. and Staff
Dr. Premila Lee and Staff

Christian Assemblies in India

Council Members: Adv. Raju M. Koshy
Dr. Samson K. Sam

Hospitals: Tiruvalla Medical Mission,
Sankeshwar Mission Hospital,
Women's Hospital, Ambajipeta,
Narsapur Christian Hospital and others

Sunday Services : January 20, 2019

6.00 pm : **Scudder Auditorium**

AHS Baccalaureate service

6.30 pm : **Hospital Chapel**

Dr. Babeesh Chacko

5.00 pm : **Friendship Chapel, KPTR Campus**

Dr. Gladwin Kanapur

4.30 pm : **Chittoor Chapel**

Rev. Mani Bhushan Das

Memorandum :

Dr. Indira Agarwal, Professor of Paediatrics, is appointed as Head of the Division of Child Health with effect from 10th January 2019 for a four year term.

an almost daily basis particularly in bone and soft tissue pathology, his area of special interest.

He is an excellent surgical pathologist with expertise in every area of pathology. Well-known for his fastidious attention to detail and meticulousness, his reports were perfect to the point of having not only morphological detail but references to justify his diagnosis. The years of extensive reading have made him a

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walking encyclopedia of pathology. Not only can he recall every possible morphological variant of a pathological entity, he can back up his claim by producing an article which describes the entity. His other contributions to the Department of Pathology include developing a fine needle aspiration cytology service (an outcome of his postgraduate thesis), supervising the introduction of genetic (PCR) tests for tumours, taking the lead in preparing various documents for NABH accreditation, reporting renal and neuropathological biopsies at times of departmental need, coordinating the teaching of laboratory technicians and helping to start integrated and problem based learning for medical students. For the last 10 years he has also been involved in several research projects in the Centre for Stem Cell Research.



Dr. Noel is a keen athlete and a talented violinist. He is extremely accommodating, approachable, humble and generous, with a great respect for his colleagues across all age groups. Dr. Noel is a person of integrity who has been a mentor and an example to many of his colleagues in the department. Christian Medical College is grateful to Dr. Walter for his years of dedicated service and wishes him all the very best as he starts a new phase of his life.

Founder's Day Celebration

On 10th December 2018, the 148th birth anniversary of Dr. Ida S. Scudder, the founder of CMC was celebrated. The commemoration began with a Thanksgiving Service in the Hospital Chapel. Professor Dr. Immanuel Sampath Karl, former Professor, Paediatric Surgery gave an inspiring message on the occasion. Later that day the Founder's Day programme was held at the New Examination Hall at 4.00 pm.

Seventy seven staff who retired during the year and eight staff who passed away in service were honoured for carrying on the vision of Dr. Ida and for their dedicated service to the institution. Seventy staff were also honoured with Exemplary Service Awards for their integrity, courage and service beyond the call of duty. Mr. Sunny Kuruvilla, Former Head of Purchase Department was the Chief Guest for the occasion and he emphasized on the uniqueness of our Institution in his address. Mr. Sunny Kuruvilla and Mrs. Jijiyamma presented the certificates to the retired staff and the following special awards.

Dr. Thomas Koshi Award went to Ms. Amsavalli D.N. (Radiology), Dr. K.M. Eapen award went to Mrs. Margaret Stella (Rehab. Institute), Best Hospital Attendant Award to Mr. Pushparaj (Medical Ward) and the Best Hospital Housekeeping Attendant Award to Mrs. Dhanalakshmi (Q1 West ward). Dr. Ida B. Scudder Essay Competition Award was bagged by Mr. R. Palani (Nephrology). The Founder's Day Sports Awards were also presented on the occasion by Dr. Balaganesan, Physical Director.

Mr. Arthur Sadhanandham, former staff from Medical ICU responded on behalf of the retired staff.



Ms. Amsavalli D.N. -
Dr. Thomas Koshi Award



Mrs. Margaret Stella -
Dr. K.M. Eapen Award



Mr. Pushparaj -
Best Hospital Attendant Award



Mrs. Dhanalakshmi -
Best Housekeeping
Attendant Award



Mr. R. Palani -
Dr. Ida.B.Scudder Essay
Competition Award

Workshop organised by the ReAct Asia Pacific in association with the Department of Infectious Diseases

ReAct Asia Pacific, in association with the Department of Infectious Diseases hosted a workshop titled 'Sensitization and Training on Antibiotic Use and Stewardship' from 17th to 19th December 2018. After the formal launch of the Kerala Antimicrobial Resistance Strategic Action Plan (KARSAP) on 25th October 2018, ReAct Asia Pacific was requested to sensitize and train pharmacologists on optimizing antibiotic use and antibiotic stewardship in human sector. In relation to this, this workshop was organised which was attended by thirteen pharmacologists representing eight government medical colleges in Kerala.

The workshop began with an introductory session on AMR by Dr. Sujith Chandy, Head ReAct Asia Pacific and Professor Department of Clinical Pharmacology. During the session he discussed about the Global, National and Kerala action plans for AMR. Dr. Priscilla Rupali, Head of the Infectious Disease Department, presented sessions on the concept of Antibiotic Stewardship Programme (ASP) and the various strategies under ASP with different case scenarios.

Following this were discussions on various topics such as drivers of AMR, Antibiotic use studies from India, Antimicrobial resistance-Global and Indian Scenario, creating antibiograms, framing institutional antibiotic policy, Hospital-Acquired Infections (HAI) and Infection Control, Hand hygiene and surgical prophylaxis, metrics in antibiotic use, Drug Utilization Research (DUR), Drug and Therapeutics Committee and antibiotic prescription audit.

In addition to this faculty from the department of Clinical Pharmacology explained the role of TDM (Therapeutic Drug Monitoring) and pharmaco-metrics in optimizing antibiotic use, PK-PD of antibiotics and quality control in laboratory. The workshop concluded with a brainstorming session on the type of projects that could be initiated for implementing KARSAP. The participants will be reporting to the Kerala government for further follow-up.

Obituaries

- **Dr. Shanta Noble** (*nee* Modak) (MBBS batch of 1954) wife of Dr. Jeyaseelan Noble (MBBS batch of 1954) on 21st December, 2018.



After graduating from CMC, Dr. Shanta worked in Mission Hospitals in R.K. Pet and Madurai. The family moved to the U.S. in 1965. Dr. Shanta specialized in Pediatrics at the University of Maryland. She also did a fellowship at the Women's medical college in Philadelphia. She practiced in New Jersey, most of her professional life was spent at the Trenton Psychiatric Hospital, where she practiced general medicine. After her retirement in the year 2000, Dr. Shanta volunteered her services at the Health Link Clinic in Pennsylvania. She was also a volunteer at the Red Cross Organization.

Dr. Shanta was a woman of strong Christian faith and led a disciplined spiritual life. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother. The family moved to California in 2018 to be close to their daughter. She had a prolonged illness which she bore with faith, hope & dignity. She passed away with all her family surrounding her. A Memorial service was held at the Aptos United Methodist Church on 27 December 2018 and a Celebration of Dr. Shanta's life was held on 4th January, 2019.

- **Mrs. Rajeswari Pandian**, retired Instructor, Department of Clinical Microbiology, wife of Mr. Paul Pandian and mother of Mr. Anandan and Ms. Ramya on 7th January, 2019.

- **Mr. G. Arunachalam**, retired Selection Grade Hospital Attendant, Wellcome Trust Research Laboratory. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Saroja and sons Mr. Sundaramoorthy, Clerk Typist in Principal's Office, Mr. Kothandamoorthy, Hospital Attendant - Q3, Mr. Narasimhan, Hospital Attendant - Operation Theatre and grand daughter, Mrs. A. Vaitheeswari, II Year, Ophthalmometry on 7th January, 2019.
- **Mrs. R. Kripaveni**, wife of Mr. R. Selwin Ramaraj, mother of Mr. R.S. Babu, Clerk-Typist, M.S. Office and Mother-in-law of Mrs. Helen Amilita Charge Nurse in KNICU on 10th January, 2019.
- **Mrs. Salomy Elizabeth**, mother of Mr. S. Nobel Kumar, Artisan, Environmental Engineering Department on 11th January, 2019.

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

Situations Vacant

1. Project Assistant for the Department of Paediatric Othopaedics

Job Code : 1279

Qualification : B.Sc. MLT / M.Sc. Biotechnology.

Mode of appointment : Project mode.

Salary : As per institutional rules.

Accommodation not provided.

2. Research Fellow for the Department of Wellcome Research

Job Code : 1280

Qualification : M.Sc. Medical Microbiology, Medical Biochemistry, Medical Lab Technology, Microbiology, Applied Microbiology.

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 **January 25, 2019** for Items 1 and 2.

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

3. Administrative Assistant Gr.V for the Department of Infectious Diseases

Qualification : Graduate + 1 year PGDHA (or) 5 years' experience in CMC.

Salary : As per institutional rules.

Preference will be given to Computer Science Graduate with working experience in Research Projects.

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 **January 18, 2019** for Item 3.