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Take delight in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:4

Winter Symposium 2019



The Winter Symposium 2019 was conducted by the Department of Nephrology from 10th to 12th January 2019 with the theme “Renal Medicine – Pushing the Boundaries”. The international faculty present at the symposium were Dr.Sundaram Hariharan, USA, Dr. Jeremy Chapman, Australia, Dr. Christie Thomas, USA, Dr. Christopher Chan, Canada, Dr.Dominic Raj, USA, Dr. Prasad Devarajan, USA, Dr. Kashani K, USA, Dr. Rajiv Khanna, Australia, Dr.Andrew Bentall, USA, Dr. George T. John ,Australia, Dr. Mariam Priya Alexander, USA and Dr. Andrew Kassianos,Australia.

The resource persons from India were Dr.Vivekanand Jha, Dr. Georgi Abraham and Dr. Lloyd Vincent. At the inaugural function, the Chief Guest, Dr. Cherian Varghese, co-ordinator, management of

non-communicable diseases at the World Health Organisation and post-graduate alumnus of CMC made a lively presentation on ‘WHO's strategy for tackling non-communicable diseases epidemic’. The guest of honour was Rev. Fr. Davis Chiramel who through his foundation, the 'Kidney Federation of India', has inspired thousands to engage in altruistic donation of kidneys and to pledge their organs for donation. He exhorted the audience to serve others and to enjoy the happiness and self-respect that arises out of such service each day.

The pioneers of kidney transplantation in India, Nephrologist Dr. K. V. Johny and urologist, Dr. Mohan Rao, who did the first successful live kidney transplantation in India, at CMC Vellore, in the year 1971 were honoured. Dr. Vivekanand Jha, President Elect of the International Society of Nephrology spoke about ‘chronic kidney disease

Special Prayers: January 27 - February 02, 2019

Ida Scudder School: Dr. G. Daniel and Staff

Balavihar School:
Mrs. Manju Christopher and Staff

Campus Kids Corner :
Mrs. Ann Arul Dhas and Staff

College Hill Nursery School:
Mrs. Susheela and Staff

CSI Karnataka Diocese
Hospitals: CSI Hospital, Bangalore, CSI Bethel Mission Hospital, Gadag.
CSI Holdsworth Memorial Hospital, Mysore and others

CSI Krishna - Godavari Diocese

Hospital: CSI Vathsalya Hospital, Vijayawada and others

Friends of Vellore, Sweden
Council Member : Dr. Sven Andreasson

Sunday Services : February 03, 2019

6.00 pm : **Scudder Auditorium**
Mr. Samson Varghese

6.30 pm : **Hospital Chapel**
Rev. Dr. T. Arul Dhas

5.00 pm : **Friendship Chapel, KPTR Campus**
Mr. Lipoktemshi

and renal research milieu in India’ while former Head of the Department of Nephrology, Dr. Chakko Korula Jacob, patron of the Winter Symposium, gave a fascinating overview of 'celebrating five decades of renal transplantation at CMC'.

A time-capsule was also instituted during the inauguration where memories of Dr. K.V. Johny, Dr. Mohan Rao, Dr. Meschach

Kirubakaran and Dr.Chakko Korula Jacob and choice photographs of yesteryears were kept in the time capsule for the perusal of future generations. Other attractions of the Winter Symposium included quizzes for the nephrology post-graduates and medical students, poster and oral presentations.

An important added attraction of the Winter Symposium was the CMC Nephrology alumni reunion on the evening of 11th January, which brought back fond memories and was an absolute delight to behold.



Course in Postgraduate Diploma in Medical Law and Ethics



CMC has been engaging with the Faculty of the National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bengaluru over past several months to conduct a Post Graduate Diploma in Medical Law and Ethics (PGDMLE) course for its Faculty and Staff. On 14th January, 2019, a facilitated PGDMLE course conducted by NLSIU was inaugurated at the Jacob Chandy Hall, Paul Brand Building.

This PGDMLE is conducted by the Distance Education Department of NLSIU whereby enrolled scholars attend three rounds of contact classes here in CMC along with a dissertation and an examination

(comprising 4 papers) at the end of the course.

At the inaugural programme, the Vice Chancellor of NLSIU, Professor R Venkata Rao offered felicitations and remembered with immense gratitude how CMC successfully treated his father in the seventies for a malignancy. Dr. Arpitha HC, Assistant Professor, NLSIU gave an outline of the course. Dr. Alexander Thomas, PG alumnus of CMC and present Executive Director of Accredited Healthcare Providers of India, himself a PGDMLE scholar, addressed the gathering highlighting the need for awareness of legal issues among the medical fraternity. Mr. Nitin Kadam the Business Head of Edchemy Solutions initiated the scholars into the use of the NLSIU distance learning website. Dr. Priya Abraham Associate Director (Medical) welcomed the gathering and Dr. Vikram Mathews Associate Director (Admin) and Acting Director emphasized the need for CMC to have trained faculty in this field.

The coming together of CMC and this premier Law School for this facilitated course is the first of its kind in India. It is hoped that more Faculty and Staff will enrol for the PGDMLE in the next couple of years.

A milestone from the Department of Gastroenterology

A landmark was achieved on 19th November 2018 when the Department of Gastroenterology successfully performed an endoscopic ultrasound guided gastro-enterostomy for the first time in South India. The procedure was carried out on a patient who had an inoperable pancreatic cancer with duodenal obstruction. A special lumen apposing metal stent (Hot-AXIOS™) was used to create the anastomosis between stomach and jejunum bypassing the area of narrowing. This was done under general anesthesia and the patient could be initiated on oral feeds within 48 hours of the procedure. As of date, the patient has been doing well. The procedure was performed by the team led by Dr. Sudipta Dhar Chowdhury (Professor, Gastroenterology) with anaesthesia support provided by Dr.Anand Babu M (Senior Resident, Anaesthesia). The team is grateful to the Departments of Radiology, Medical Oncology and Haematology for their valuable input towards the management of this case. This procedure is expected to benefit similar patients for whom surgery may not be an option.

Events from the MCI Nodal centre



The MCI Nodal centre for National Faculty Development, conducted the 13th MCI Revised Basic Course workshop from 7th – 9th January 2019 followed by the 10th One Day Sensitization Programme for Attitude, Ethics and Communication Module (AETCOM) on 10th January 2019.

The objectives of the programme were to sensitize the participants to the implementation of the competency based Attitude, Ethics and Communication AETCOM Module which is to be implemented as per MCI Directives. The programme aimed to train the trainers to capacitate medical educators of the 23 affiliated medical colleges under the MCI –Nodal Centre.



This programme is credited with CME Credit hours from Tamil Nadu Medical Council.

Exemplary Service Awards 2018

The following Exemplary Awards were given during the Founder's Day celebration which was held on 10th December, 2018. The awards were given as a token of appreciation for their exemplary dedication and unique service which are qualities that adhere to the ethos of the institution.



**Mr. Davith Sathananda and
Mr. Sampath Kumar**
Hospital Attendants
Trauma Ward



Mrs. Clara Christina J.
House Keeping Attendant Gr.IV
MTS IV Ward



Mr. Collin Sathia Selvakumar
Hospital Attendant Gr.II
P.M Office Relief Pool

To be continued....

Obituaries



• **Dr. Jeyalakshmi R. Adiga** (nee Govinda Rao) (MBBS batch of 1963) on 12th January, 2019 in USA. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Ramesh Adiga, daughter Ms. Mala, sons Mr. Shekar and Mr. Sridhar and their families.

• **Mrs. Grace Rebacca**, wife of Mr. O. Abraham, Hospital Attendant, Department of Pharmacy and mother of Ms. Hepzi Jeba Kiruba and Ms. Sheeba Sharon on 20th January, 2019.

• **Mr. James Jeyakumar**, retired Teacher of Voorhees School, husband of Mrs. Anba Arasi James, father of Mr. Samuel Prasanna Vinoth Kumar, Senior Occupational Therapist in CHAD and father-in-law of Mrs. Grace Rebecca, Lecturer in Biostatistics on 20th January, 2019.

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- **Mr. S. Jacob**, retired staff, Electrical Department, father of Mr. J. Anbarasu, Senior Anaesthesia Technician, Main OR and father-in-law of Mrs. Kanchana Anbarasu, MCTT on 21st January, 2019.
- **Mrs. D. Devanesam**, mother of Dr. D. Devakumar, Associate Professor, Nuclear Medicine, mother-in-law of Dr. J.B. Jeeva and grand mother of Mr. Jeshu and Ms. Jisha on 22nd January, 2019.

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

Situations Vacant

1. Senior Resident with MD Pathology from a recognized University for the CMC Vellore Chittoor Campus
Salary Scale: As per institutional rules. Accommodation provided (Partly furnished, depending on availability).

The CMC Vellore Chittoor laboratory is in need of consultants who will be responsible for the laboratory operations functioning under the department of Transfusion Medicine, CMC Vellore. The lab functions as a core lab providing 24x7 services to the patients at CMC Vellore Chittoor hospital and performs a wide variety of clinical pathology, haematology and basic microbiological and virology tests. There is also a Technician Training program being offered from this laboratory.

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 **February 09, 2019** for Item 1.

2. One year “Clinical Occupational Therapist post” for the Department of PMR (OT)

Eligibility : BOT Graduate from a recognized College / University. Should have completed six months of rotatory internship.

Experience : Less than 4 years after internship completion.

Age limit : Less than 30 years.

Monthly stipend : Rs.9620/-

Accommodation not provided.

Last date for submission of applications is **February 12, 2019** for Item 2.

Apply with resume, including dates of work experience, contact numbers, postal address and email ID and Photocopies of work experience and other relevant certificates to the Principal, Christian Medical College, Bagayam Vellore - 632 002.

3. Post-doctoral fellow for the Department of Haematology

Job Code :1281

Qualification : Ph.D. with Life Sciences. Mode of appointment : Project mode.

Salary : As per institutional rules.

Accommodation not provided.

Job description : To work in the Clinical Haematology Lab, under project mode for one year.

Download applications from www.cmchaematology.org/careers.php and send the soft copy to haemedu@cmcvellore.ac.in or hard copy to the Principal, Christian Medical College, Bagayam Vellore - 632 002, on or before **February 08, 2019** for Item 3.

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

4. Staff II Neuro Technician for the Department of Neurological Sciences

Qualifications : B.Sc. in Neuro Electrophysiology with one year Internship or B.Sc. with two year Diploma in Neuro Electrophysiology.

Stipend : As per institutional rules.

Age limit : 35 years.

Job description : To work in Neuro Electrophysiology Lab. in rotation through Electroencephalography, Nerve conduction studies, Evoked potentials, and also when required in Autonomic function tests, Polysomnography and Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation.

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 **February 11, 2019** for Item 4.