



# Christian Medical College Vellore NEWSLINE

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*Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Ephesians 6:10*

## Remembering the Scudders



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In the year 1866, on March 17, Dr. Silas Scudder began the outpatient work of the Arcot Mission's first hospital. On January 17, 2024 in CMC Vellore's Ranipet Chapel, Dr. James Hamilton Taylor, the great-great grandson of Silas Scudder unveiled a plaque commemorating the Scudders who had served in the Scudder Memorial Hospital, Ranipet. At the beginning of the dedication service Dr Reena George, Professor, Department of Continuing Medical Education, gave a brief introduction about the work started by Silas Scudder even before his niece, our founder Ida Scudder, was born.

Dr. Silas Scudder was a successful physician in New York, when his clergymen brothers called him to start a hospital for the Arcot Mission. He gave up his post in a well-known hospital and with his wife, Marianna, sailed for India. Forty years later when Dr Ida Scudder came to India, she came with the money to build a brand new Schell Hospital. Most pioneers are not as fortunate—they struggle for resources and staff and not everyone understands the value of what they feel called to do. After he reached India, Silas had to train and work as clergyman for five years before resources began to become available for a dispensary and hospital. The original building was leased by the colonial government.

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The hospital became well known for the quality of care and patient numbers increased, but success without matching human resources can extract a heavy price from the person at the grassroots. Silas tried to train local boys as physician assistants, managing to find medical handbooks in the Tamil medium. He pleaded unsuccessfully for a qualified nurse from Madras to train women to be safe birth attendants. The vision was very worthwhile, but its time had not come.



After eleven years in India, broken in health, Silas and his family returned to the United States. His brother, the Revd Dr. John Scudder took over his work. John Scudder, the father of Ida Scudder, had to manage two full time responsibilities—a growing church and its many village churches, a hospital and its many patients. Soon the inpatient work stopped.

Back in the United States, Silas remained an invalid with tropical illnesses, and died at the age of forty-four, leaving a widow and five young children. The Ranipet hospital had closed down, its founder had died, but the seeds planted by Dr Silas Scudder grew again through the work of his nephews Dr. Harry Scudder and the Revd Dr. Lewis Scudder, his grand-nephews Dr. Galen Scudder and Dr. John Scudder IV, their spouses and their Indian successors in Ranipet and through the institution started by his niece, Ida.

At the dedication service on January 17, 2024, Dr. Susan Pepper Taylor lit the traditional lamp and Dr. James Hamilton Taylor unveiled the memorial plaque with the names of the five Scudder couples who served in the Scudder Memorial Hospital between 1866 and 1954. Health care education in this region has come a long way from the days when Silas Scudder struggled to find training resources for his students. As a symbol of our gratitude, CMC Vellore gave the Taylors four books written by alumni and staff of the institution. Dr. Anbu Suresh, Medical Superintendent of the Scudder Memorial Hospital, Ranipet, Dr. Chandra Singh, Professor of Urology, Revd Finney Alexander, Senior Chaplain, and Mr Nagraj of the CME Department presented Cunningham's Manual of Anatomy by Dr. Rachel Koshy, Essentials of Obstetrics by Dr. Lakshmi Seshadri, and English and Tamil copies of CMC's Maitri Bible study manual. The service ended with the final verse of the hymn 'Will you come and follow me if I but call your name' sung by the choir led by Dr. Jesu Krupa.



As we enter this Holy Week, we remember that when Jesus died a cruel and untimely death, there was so little to show for his ministry of faith—a handful of frightened disciples, some quietly grateful patients, but two thousand years on, God's work flourishes, God's work grows. Two centuries on, the sacrificial work of the medical missionary Scudders continues to touch lives.

Dr. Reena George

## CMC Hosted the First Healthcare Engineers Annual Conference – HEALCON 2024

The 1<sup>st</sup> Healthcare Engineers Annual Conference - HEALCON 2024 organised by Engineering Services of CMC Vellore was held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024, at Scudder Auditorium, Bagayam Campus, Vellore, based on the theme “Sustainable Healthcare Engineering – Design, Build, Operate and Way Forward”. The conference started with a pre-conference workshop with expert national speakers which was held on 29th February 2024 at Ranipet Campus and attended by CMC Engineers and delegates from Mission Hospitals.



To uphold the tradition, the HEALCON 2024 was inaugurated with an opening prayer by Rev. Reinhard Pearson, followed by the Thamizh Thaa Vaazthu, a special prayer song and a lamp-lighting ceremony led by the Chief Guest Tmt. V.R. Subbulaxmi, District Collector Vellore, followed by Director, Associate Directors, Medical Superintendent, Principal, General Superintendent, and Associate General superintendents of CMC Vellore. The Chief guest addressed the gathering on the importance of Healthcare Engineering and the Director highlighted the support provided by CMC Engineering Services.

The main conference had lectures and discussions led by National and in-house speakers who are experts in the field of Sustainability, Healthcare Operations & Maintenance Engineering. The conference saw the convergence of 19 faculty and over 700 delegates from across the country. The delegates included administrators, healthcare engineers, maintenance engineers, technologists, students from medical colleges, hospitals and universities, mission hospital networks, and other higher educational institutions. The conference also allowed delegates to participate in the poster competition with over 17 posters displayed for evaluation. The conference also had participation from manufacturers and companies to showcase their product portfolio with cutting-edge technologies.

The recognitions and laurels awarded to CMC Engineering Services by various International & National bodies were distributed as part of the HEALCON during its inauguration namely; The Hall of Fame Excellence award for CMC Ranipet Campus ACMV Engineering awarded in ACREX 2024, under Green Buildings, Great Comfort Hospital Category. The Department of Biomedical Engineering received the NABL Accreditation certificate on Calibration and Testing of Medical Equipment and the winner’s award at CAHOTECH 2023 on the Hospital Innovation and Early Adoption category for Fully Automated In-house Calibration Lab.



# CMC Hosted the First Healthcare Engineers Annual Conference – HEALCON 2024



## The Winter Symposium



The Winter Symposium and the South Zone MicroCon 2024 were conducted from 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2024 on “AMR, VBDs & Zoonoses by the Departments of Clinical Microbiology, Virology, and Wellcome Trust Research Laboratory. The theme of this academic event was “One Health One World: Connecting the Dots.” The symposium was organised by Professor John Antony Jude Prakash, Head of Clinical Microbiology. The Organising Co-chairs were Prof. V. Balaji, Prof. Shobha Mammen, Prof. Sitara SR Ajjampur, and Prof. Binesh Lal, also the Treasurer. The Scientific Committee was chaired by Prof. Priya Abraham, and the members of the committee were Prof. Joy S. Michael, Prof. Rani Diana Sahni Prof. Asha Mary Abraham, Prof. Rajesh Kannangai, Prof. Mahesh Moorthy, and Prof. John Fletcher.

The inaugural ceremony featured Dr. Kamini Walia, Head of Descriptive Research at ICMR Delhi, as the esteemed Chief Guest, who emphasised the importance of inter-sectoral collaboration. Dr. Vikram Mathews, Director, and Dr. Solomon Sathishkumar, Principal presided over the event. The ceremony was conducted by Prof. Rani Diana Sahni, and during this event, the Director honoured Prof. Mary V. Jesudasan and Prof. M.K. Lalitha. The inauguration concluded with the lighting of the lamp and a vote of thanks by the organising chair, Prof. John A. Jude Prakash.

The scientific session began with a keynote address delivered by Professor Vivek Kapur, Associate Director of the Huck Institute of Life Sciences at Penn State University, USA. The topic of the address was "Operationalisation and Sustainability of One Health". This was followed by a panel discussion on the inter-sectoral cooperation that led to the successful control of the Nipah virus outbreak in Kerala. The panel members were Prof. Priya Abraham (Chair), Dr. Nivedita Gupta (ICMR), Dr. Rajan Khobragade (Govt. of Kerala) and Dr. Monil Singhai (NCDC).

The Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) session was chaired by Prof V Balaji and Dr. Kamini Walia, who also shared their experience along with the guest faculty from CDC Atlanta, Dr. Ulzii-Orshikh Luvsansharav, Dr. Lesley McGee, and Dr. Jennifer Verani. The panel discussion on “Way Forward: Mitigation of AMR threat in India” saw enthusiastic participation from the speakers and delegates.

Day 2 of the symposium started with a session on Vector-borne Zoonotic Diseases chaired by Prof. Shobha Mammen and Prof. Asha Mary Abraham. The speakers were Prof. Stephen Higgs, and Prof. Dana Vanlandingham, both from Kansas State University USA. Prof. Aranzazu Portillo San Pedro University Hospital-CIBIR, Spain, spoke on the role of One Health on Tick-borne diseases, new tick-borne organisms, and their potential impact from a One Health perspective.

The second session focussed on One Health: Parasitology with speaker Prof. Abhay Satoskar, The Ohio State University, Columbus, USA who spoke on prevention of leishmaniasis. Prof. Joanne P Webster and Prof. Fiona Tomley, Royal Veterinary College, UK, provided useful insights for the elimination of schistosomiasis and zoonotic risk associated with poultry production systems respectively.

Day 2 concluded with a panel discussion titled "The Indian Covid-19 experience," which was highly insightful, interactive, and educational. The session was chaired by Dr Manoj Murhekar, NIE, Chennai, and the panel members were Prof. V Ravi, NIMHANS Bangalore, Prof. J V Peter CMC Vellore, Dr. Selvavinayagam, Director of Public Health, Tamil Nadu. The panellists highlighted the importance of an integrated approach, especially the formation of a rapid response team for addressing outbreaks.

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On the final day of the Winter Symposium, the session on Zoonoses was chaired by Prof. Mahesh Moorthy, CMC Vellore. The session started with the lecture on “The ecology and evolution of pandemic influenza A viruses (IAV)” by Prof. Gavin JD Smith, Duke NUS Medical School, Singapore. This was followed by the speaker Prof. Kanta Subbarao, University of Melbourne, Australia, focussing on the current status of avian flu vaccines.

Day 3 ended with the session “Zoonotic TB Symposium”, chaired by Prof. Joy S. Michael CMC Vellore, and the speakers for the session were Dr. Soumya Swaminathan, Former Chief Scientist, WHO, Prof. Vivek Kapur, Penn State University, USA, Dr. Premanshu Dandapat IVRI, Bareilly, Dr. Lakshmi Rajagopalan, Central TB Division, and Dr. Sriram Selvaraju, NIRT, Chennai. The session focussed on Human TB and Zoonotic TB, epidemiology, and its importance.

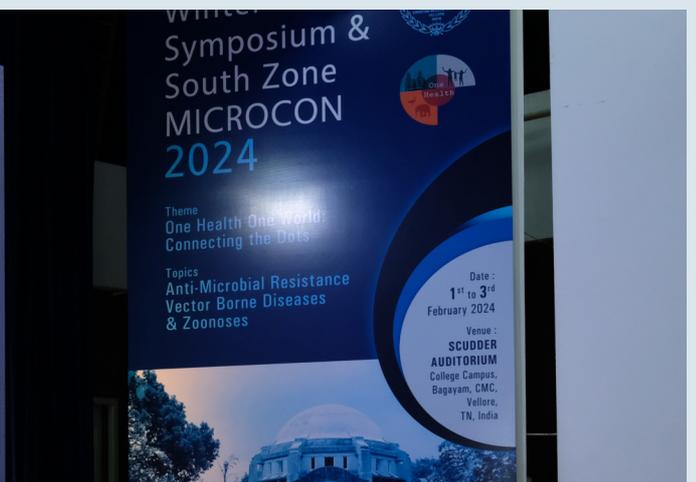
A total of 800 participants were present. Throughout the three-day event, 131 posters were displayed, which served as a valuable platform for sharing scientific knowledge and facilitated the exchange of ideas among participants.

Poster prizes were awarded in 7 different categories (One Health, AMR, Mycobacterium and Mycology, Molecular and Bioinformatics, Epidemiology and Diagnosis, Parasitology and Virology) to encourage the young researchers. Following the Winter Symposium, the Department of Clinical Microbiology conducted an Alumni meeting with 58 attendees from across the country. Prof. T. Jacob John was honoured during the meeting. Prof. Jasper Daniel and Dr. Mercy John were the other alumni honoured. The alumni meet concluded with a visit to the Ranipet campus followed by dinner.



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## Special Prayers This Week

CMC Ranipet Campus : Dr. Dheepak Selvaraj A. and Staff



## Person to Person (PTP) Donation

Thank you, MCTT staff for their donation of Rs.10,000/- through voluntary contributions on the occasion of International Women's Day Celebration.

## Summer Badminton Coaching Camp for Staff Children

The Badminton Club (Oval Ground, CMC, Bagayam campus) announces the summer badminton coaching camp for staff children aged 6 – 15 years at the Badminton Club from the 1<sup>st</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2024.

Please use the following Google Form link to register:

<https://forms.gle/WNGRtpYLtHZLiayH7>



For further details, contact the managing committee members (Dr. Latif: 9488484161; Dr. Balu Krishna: 9626262296; Dr. Joe Varghese: 9843243682).

## Welcome

**Dr. Birla Roy D. Ganamuthu**, Professor, Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery, on his return from sabbatical leave.

## Laurels and Recognitions

- **Dr. Annadurai**, Professor, Department of Pharmacy was awarded the 'IPA Recognition award -Hospital division' by the Indian Pharmaceutical Association [IPA] Tamil Nadu State, Chennai, on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2024 during the IPA Award Function.
- **Dr. Aparna Williams**, Professor, Department of Anaesthesia won second prize in e-poster presentation in IAPA 2024, 15<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference of Indian Association of Paediatric Anesthesiologists organised by PGICH, Noida in New Delhi.
- The following **Emergency Medicine Registrars** won prizes at the Association of Emergency Medicine Educators Conference (AEMECON2024) held at PGIMER - Chandigarh on 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2024.

1<sup>st</sup> Prize for Poster Presentation : **Dr. Ebie Simpson**, PG Registrar

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize for Oral Presentation : **Dr. Renie Garcia**, PG Registrar.

## Obituaries

• **Dr. Reuben Sampathkumar Jesudas**, (MBBS batch of 1967), passed away on 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2024. Dr. Reuben had served in the RUHSA department at CMC and was the Medical Superintendent at Scudder Memorial Hospital Ranipet for a term.

He leaves behind his wife Mrs. Ruth Jesudas (retired teacher, Ida Scudder School), daughter Dr. Rashmi Jesudas (MBBS batch of 1995) and son Dr. Rohith Jesudas (MBBS batch of 1997)..

A service will be held on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 3.00 pm (IST) at St. John's Church, Fort Vellore followed by the Burial at CSI Katpadi Church Cemetery, Bernicepuram.

The link for the funeral service is given below: <https://youtube.com/live/b9gy6ZsE9uc?feature=share>

For those who would like to get in touch with his family, the family contact details are given below:

Dr. Rohith Jesudas (son) Email : [rohithjesudas@gmail.com](mailto:rohithjesudas@gmail.com)

Our thoughts and prayers are with the bereaved members of the family at this time.

• **Ms. Priya T**, MRT Gr.I, working in Medical Records Department, passed away on 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2024. Let us uphold her husband Mr. Naresh Karthik, children, Joel Immanuel and Melani Faithy and all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.

• **Mrs. Vasantha**, mother of Mr. Don Bonco, Hospital Attendant III, Wellcome Trust Research Laboratory, Division of Gastrointestinal Sciences, and Mrs. Jancy Jayamary, Receptionist, OPD services, Christian Medical College Vellore, passed away on 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2024.

Let us uphold all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.

## Upcoming Event

The Mechanical Ventilation Workshop for Doctors is scheduled for the 18<sup>th</sup> of April 2024 at Jacob Chandy Hall, Paul Brand Building, CMC Vellore Campus. Entry is restricted to a maximum of 30 candidates on a first-come-first-serve basis. The registration fee is Rs.3,000/-.

For further details contact. Mr. Senthil Kumar, Secretary, Department of Emergency Medicine - Phone No. 2225.

Note : The last date for registration is **10<sup>th</sup> April, 2024**.

## Admission Notice

Online applications for admission for Junior and Senior children in the **College Hill Kindergarten (CHKG), College Campus, Bagayam, Vellore - 632 002** will open on 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.

**Start Date : 26.02.2024**

**Last Date : 27.03.2024**

### Admission Policy

Minimum age for Admission.

Junior – Completed 2 Years on or before 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2024.

Senior – Completed 3 Years and not more than 3 ½ years on or before 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2024.

Required documents details are available in CMC Intranet page <http://172.16.11.221/home/default.html>

## Situations Vacant

### 1. Senior Resident / Assistant Professor with MD (Paediatrics) for the CMC Vellore, Chittoor Campus (Paediatrics)

**Experience :** Should have at least one year teaching experience as (Asst. Professor) in any NMC recognised teaching institution for applying Assistant Professor post.

**Salary Scale :** As per institutional rules.

**Accommodation :** Provided (Partly Furnished, Depending on availability).

Applications are to be done only through the online application system.

Please log on to <https://www.cmch-vellore.edu/JobVacancy.aspx?jtype=ALL> Link : “Vacancies”.

*Hard Copies and emails will not be accepted.*

Applications will close by **March 30, 2024** for **Item 1**.

### 2. Staff II Respiratory Therapist for the Department of Respiratory Medicine

**Qualifications :** B.Sc. Respiratory Therapy / B.Sc. with PG Diploma in advanced Respiratory Therapy (CMC) and those who have four years experience as Asst. Respiratory Therapist (Term Appointment) or equivalent only need to apply.

*Note : Only Regular mode will be accepted, Private or correspondence will be not accepted.*

**Salary Scale :** Rs.15318 - 613 – 30643 + DA & HRA as per rules.

**Age Limit :** 35 years.

### 3. Staff III Medical Lab Technician for the Department of Dermatology

**Qualifications :** H.Sc., with Diploma in Medical Lab. Technician recognized by the CMAI and those who have completed 4 years of experience as Medical Lab Technician (Term Appointment) preferably in Dermatology Lab. or equivalent only need to apply.

**Salary Scale :** Rs.12762 - 510 - 25512 + DA & HRA as per rules.

**Age Limit :** 35 years.

*Note : Only Regular mode will be accepted, Private or correspondence will be not accepted.*

### 4. Medical Lab Technician (External - Project) for the Department of Clinical Biochemistry

**Qualifications :** H.Sc. with 2 Year DMLT course from recognized University.

*Note : Only Regular mode will be accepted, Private or correspondence will be not accepted.*

**Age Limit :** 35 years. **Consolidated Salary :** Rs.22,130 /-

Applications to be done only through online application system. Please log on to <https://www.cmch-vellore.edu>  
Link : General - “Vacancies”.

*Note : Only online applications will be accepted; Hard copies will not be accepted.*

Applications will close by **April 01, 2024** for **Items 2, 3** and **April 08, 2024** for **Item 4**.

### 5. Schieffelin Institute of Health - Research & Leprosy Centre, Karigiri invites applications for the following post :

**Medical Officers - MBBS.**

Apply with bio-data along with scanned copies of certificates and send to the [director@karigiri.org](mailto:director@karigiri.org) and [personnel@karigiri.org](mailto:personnel@karigiri.org)

**Last date for receipt of applications: March 30, 2024.**