

WIMA ACTIVITIES - MARCH

Medical Camps : 3.3.2011 -

Dr. Chandrika, Dr. Lalithambal and Dr. Sheela Babu attended the mega medical camp at Malippuram conducted by General Hospital, Ekm and BPCL. **8.3.2011** - Dr. Mariamma Sebastian, Dr. Soje Kurian, Dr. Annie Joy, Dr. Teena and Dr. Valsala Kumari participated in the medical camp conducted by WIMA at St. Raphael Church, Thycudam. **26.3.2011** - Bone densitometry camp at Saraf Hospital - Dr. Soje Kurian. **27.3.2011** - Medical Camp at St. Mary's Church, Thengode - Dr. Chandrika. **Health Talks:** **6.3.2011** - Dr. Girija Gurudas and Dr. Maria actively participated in the programme "Domestic violence and its impact on the health of women and children" jointly organised by KELS and IMA. **9.3.2011** - Talk and Demo on BLS to employees of Binani Zinc Factory - Dr. Chandrika. **5.3.2011** - Premarital counseling class at Ashirbhavan and Renewal Centre was conducted by Dr. Dereena. **27.03.2011** - Dr. Lissamma delivered a talk on "Life Style Diseases" at YMCA State Women's Assembly. **Social Service : 10.3.2011** - Dr. Santha George visited Govt. Home for 'differently abled' at Thevara and distributed clothes and provisions.

General Body meeting was conducted on 27.3.2011 at IMA House following which there was a talk on BLS by Dr. Chandrika which was well appreciated by the members.

CONGRATULATIONS !

Joanna Philip, student of Christian Medical College (CMC), Vellore has been awarded the Paul Sori Gold Medal, the coveted CMC prize medal in I MBBS; she was also bestowed the Isaac Nathaniel Award - in Anatomy. She was the Kerala topper in CBSE Class XII Board Examination held in 2009. Joanna is the daughter of Dr. Philip John, Psychiatrist and Mrs. Baisha Philip.

OUR COLUMN

Dear member,

You may be aware that Physiotherapists are trying to be known as doctors and some of them has already started to prefix 'Dr' to their names. This is against law of the land. MCI and Patna High Court, Madras High Court and even Supreme Court of India have made it clear that they are not doctors and cannot prefix 'Dr' - which is misleading patients and confusing the society. There is a conspiracy going on State and National level against this. We should not allow such practices. Physiotherapists are paramedicals - medically directed technicians. They are not competent to start independent clinics of any nature. They should carry out physiotherapy under medical supervision only. If any medical emergencies occur during the course of physiotherapy what can they do? Who is responsible?

If any physiotherapist is using the prefix 'Dr' to their name we shouldn't cooperate with him and if he is working in any one of our hospitals, we should tell the hospital authorities to rectify his action/ if not terminate his services.

If any complications arise during the course of physiotherapy which is done not under medical supervision, and if legal action is initiated against the referral doctor - the PPScheme will not support, since the by-law does not permit quackery.

This message should reach each and every members of IMA.

Yours in IMA,



Dr. S.S. Kamath
President

Dr. M. Narayanan
Secretary



WORLD HEALTH DAY 2011

IMA Cochin conducted an awareness programme for pharmacists at IMA House, Cochin on 7th April 2011. Dr. M. Narayanan, Secretary, IMA Cochin, welcomed the delegates and guests. Presidential Address and inauguration was done by Dr.

S. Sachidananda Kamath, President, IMA Cochin. Shri. Hariharaputhran N.R., District President, AKCDA and Shri. O. M. Abdul Jaleel, District Secretary, AKCDA offered felicitations.



Talk on World Health Day Theme : Antimicrobial Resistance "No Action Today, No Cure Tomorrow" was done by Dr. Jeison C. Unni, Senior Consultant Pediatrician and Editor of IAP Drug Formulary. Dr. Varghese Cherian, Treasurer, IMA Cochin, proposed vote of thanks.

Another awareness programme and blood donation camp was inaugurated by Dr. S.S. Kamath at Perumbavoor.



Dr. Abraham K. Paul, Dr. Tonny Mampilly and Dr. Johny V.F. at monthly meeting of March 2011

MEDICAL CAMPS



IMA Medicine Bank, Cochin in association with Resident Association of North Kalamassery organises a mega medical camp on Sunday **1st May 2011** at Jyothir Bhavan, Near Premier junction.

The camp starts at 9.00 am. Blood sugar detection, eye check up and routine medical check up have been arranged.

Another medical camp is also scheduled on **8th May** at St. Augustine High School, near Judges Avenue, Kaloore in association with Lions Club of Cochin. Timing : 9.00am - 1.00 pm. Kindly participate in the camp and donate medicines.

For details contact : **Dr. Subhash** (98463 01141), Chairman, IMA Medicine Bank.

Oursincere thanks to the following members who had donated medicine many times during the last six months. Dr. P. Ramakrishnan, Dr. Sujith Vasudevan, Dr. Sreenivasa Kamath, Dr. K.K.R. Wariyar, Dr. Pramod Wariyar, Dr. Prasad, Dr. Krishna Iyer, Dr. Varghese Cherian, Dr. Preethi Peter, Dr. H. Ramesh, Dr. M. Venugopal, Dr. M. Narayanan, Dr. M.M. Hassan, Dr. S.S. Kamath.

We also thank all the members who participated in the camps.

MINIMALLY INVASIVE ROBOTIC SURGERY



4th May, 2011 ■ IMA House ■ 7.30 pm

Speaker :

Dr. Tan Arulampalam MBBS, MD, FRCS
Consultant General Surgeon with an interest in Gastrointestinal and Laparoscopic Surgery
Colchester Hospital University

Meeting organised by **Cochin Gut Club**
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RECEPTION TO

4th Global Voyage for a Nuclear-Free World: Peace Boat Hibakusha Project
Global Hibakusha Creating a Nuclear-Free World
by IMA COCHIN & Y'S MEN'S CLUB OF KALOOR CENTRAL

Overview : NGO Peace Boat has been conducting the "Global Voyage for a Nuclear-Free World: Peace Boat Hibakusha Project" since 2008. To date, 123 Hibakusha (atomic bomb survivors) have joined this project to travel the world and appeal for a nuclear-free world. This voyage marks the fourth time for this project to be held. 8 Hibakusha (5 from Hiroshima, 3 from Nagasaki) and one second generation Hibakusha (Nagasaki) will participate. During the journey, they will give their testimonies and call for nuclear abolition in places including Tahiti, Auschwitz and the Middle East.

Participants: 9 persons (including one second generation Hibakusha)

Hibakusha: Tsuboi Susumu, Hirai Shoso, Fukahori Akira, Takahashi Setsuko, Yamanaka Emiko, Suenaga Hiroshi, Nishida Goro, Tasaki Noboru. Second generation Hibakusha: Sakaguchi Hiroko. Each of these nine participants have been officially appointed as "Special Communicators for a World without Nuclear Weapons" by the Government of Japan. This is the first time for a second generation Hibakusha to be appointed to this position.

Supported by the City of Hiroshima, City of Nagasaki, Japan Confederation of A- and H-Bomb Sufferers Organization (Nihon Hidankyo), Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation, Nagasaki Foundation for the Promotion of Peace, et al.

Onboard Activities : Onboard the ship, the Hibakusha will work together with young Peace Boat participants in what is known in Japanese as the "Orizuru Project." Orizuru is the name for folded paper cranes, a symbol of peace. They will conduct the following activities: Listening to testimonies, Joint workshops with Hibakusha and youth, linking the atomic bombs and other global issues.

They will also lead the "Orizuru Banner Project," gathering messages for nuclear abolition from around the world on a large banner to create a patchwork. This banner will be presented to the chair of the conference once negotiations for a Nuclear Weapons Convention begin.

Reception at IMA House : IMA Cochin & Y's Men's Club, Kaloore jointly organised a reception to Hibakusha on 3rd April 2010. Mr. Arun K. Panicker, Vice President, Y's Men's Club, Kaloore, welcomed the gathering. Mr. Anto Francis, President, Y's Men's Club, Kaloore presided. Dr. V.P. Kuriyipe inaugurated the function. The survivors of the nuclear bomb disaster narrated their experiences. Mr. Tsuboi Susumu, Mr. Tsuboi Susumu, Mr. Fukahori Akira, Ms. Takahashi Setsuko, Ms. Yamanaka Emiko, Mr. Suenaga Hiroshi, Mr. Nishida Goro, Mr. Tasaki Noboru, Ms. Sakaguchi Hiroko (2nd generation Hibakusha) and Ms. Uma Haimavati, social activist from Pondichery spoke on the occasion. Dr. Babu John Mathews, Dr. M. Narayanan, Adv. George Tharakan and Dr. Kuriachan Thomas offered felicitations. Mr. Latheesh Sebastian Secretary, Y's Men's Club, Kaloore proposed vote of thanks. Members of IMA, Y's Men's Club, Mrs. Susan Varghese, Pricipal, Rajagiri School with her students were present on the occasion.

WORLD WATER DAY

IMA Cochin Branch, District Health Services and National Rural Health Mission jointly observed World Water Day at the Govt. Nursing School, Ernakulam premises on 22nd March 2011. Mr. P.I. Sheik Parith, IAS, District Collector inaugurated the celebration. District Medical Officer Dr. Mayma presided over the function. Artist Manarkad Sasikumar presented his poem about the environment. Dr. K.V. Beena, DPM, NRHM, Dr. S. Sachidananda Kamath, President, IMA Cochin, Dr. Dalia, District Leprosy Officer, Dr. M.V. Joseph, CEO, Cochin Child Foundation spoke on the occasion. Lalitha Kala Academy Chairman C.N. Karunakaran, Artist M.K. Sasikumar, Artist Asanthan Edappally, Artist Sunil Vallarpadam, Artist Prince, Artist D. Ratheesh, Artist Sivadas Edakkattuvayal, Artist Sasikumar Sleeba, Artist Anoop Oommen, Artist Sudhamsu were present on the occasion.

ONGOING CHARITY WORK BY OUR MEMBERS

Dr. Chandrika T.N.

Conducts free clinic on every 4th Sunday at St. Mary's Church Medical Centre, Thengode, Kakkanaad

Dr. Abraham K. Paul

Conducts free clinic on every 3rd Sunday at St. Mary's Church Medical Centre, Thengode, Kakkanaad.

Also conducts free clinic once in a month at Nirmala Sishu Bhavan, SRM Road.

Dr. Tonny Mampilly

Conducts free medical check up once in a month at Day Care Centre for Slum children at YWCA, Chittoor Road.

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