

## WIMA ACTIVITIES - JANUARY

On 1st Jan. Dr. Pushpa Isaac visited 'Mother Theresa Sisu Bhavan' and distributed clothes, cake and protein powder among the inmates.

Health Talks : 26th Jan. - Dr. Lissamma spoke about "Pregnancy induced hypertension" in the 'Doctor live' Programme of Asianet.

Medical Camp : 26th Jan. - Dr. Shirly John attended a medical camp.

25th Jan. - Dr. Chandrika & Dr. Nandini attended a combined meeting of 'KELSA' and IMA. Both of them are selected as co-ordinators for the forthcoming seminar on 'Domestic Violence' and its impact on women and children to be held on 6th March.

Article : Dr. Nandini's article on 'Ageing skin and solutions' was published in the magazine 'Silver line'

28th Jan. - Dr. Maria took part in the Dharna against BRHC.

General Body Meeting was held on 29th Jan. at IMA House. Rani Alex demonstrated variety of salads. Following this there was a talk on 'Stress Management' by Mr. Gireesh conducted by Brahmakumari Organisation.

Next meeting 26.2.2011 - Yoga Demonstration.



Prajapita Brahmakumaris Mr. Gireesh talks on Stress organised by WIMA

## OBITUARY



**Dr. Benjamin Pulimood**, former Principal of Christian Medical College, Vellore and former Director of Vellore Medical Institutions left

us on 5th February at the age of 77. He was a former member of IMA Cochin Branch. He was a Physician and Gastroenterologist of international reputation. Moreover, he was the goal keeper of Kerala Football Team which reached the finals of Santhosh Trophy in 1955.

He is survived by his wife Dr. Remani Pulimood, and three children, Dr. Ansu, Dr. Thomas Pulimood and Mani Pulimood. May his soul rest in peace.



Flag Hoisting on Republic Day at IMA House



Dr. Rajendra Babu receiving prize for his contribution to IMAFEST.



Dr. Sujith Vasudevan and Dr. P. Ramakrishnan, faculty, monthly scientific meeting receive mementos.



## OUR COLUMN

Dear Members,

Dr. Vinay Agarwal, National President of IMA and Dr. M. Bhaskaran, National Vice President visited our Branch on 5th February. We gave a warm reception to these leaders.

We join you in congratulating Padmasree Dr. Jose Chacko Periapuram and Padmasree Dr. A. Marthanda Pillai who have brought laurels to our profession.

During the month of January, our Branch had a number of activities. The most important one was the protest against the implementation of BRHC course in the country. Even now many of us are not aware of the consequences of implementation of this course. Modern medicine is a rapidly expanding system, with the arrival of specialities & super specialities and newer diagnostic & management procedures. Even the existing 4.5+1 year MBBS course offers limited time to master the basic knowledge of medicine. Then imagine the calibre of a BRHC graduate who spends only 3 years to study medicine. Please consider this issue seriously and participate in the agitations that are likely to happen in near future.

It is heartening to note that a good number of our members are coming forward to utilise the schemes of IMA - SSS, PPS and MBS.

IMA Lagoon membership campaign is slowly but steadily gaining momentum. We request you to put all your effort for expanding our Lagoon membership.

Yours in IMA,

**Dr. S.S. Kamath**  
President

**Dr. M. Narayanan**  
Secretary



## SOCIAL SECURITY SCHEME MEMBERSHIP AS ON 31.12.2010

	Kerala	Ernakulam District	Cochin Branch	Fraternity Contribution	Due date for defaulters
IMA Life Membership	22,568	2,493	1,268		
SSS - I	7,843	1,328	633	₹ 11,76,450	28.2.2011
SSS - II	3,678	423	162	₹ 11,03,400	30.9.2011

Compiled by Dr. M.M. Hassan, District Representative for various IMA schemes.

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## WORLD CANCER DAY

IMA Cochin Branch in association with Cochin Oncological Society and Welcare Hospital observed World Cancer Day on 4th February 2011. Public function was organised at Lions Community Hall, Girinagar. More than 60 lymphoma patients who successfully completed treatment shared their experiences at the get-together. The programme was inaugurated by Shri Tony Chammani, Worshipful Mayor of Cochin Corporation. Dr. V.P. Gangadharan, Dr. Sreedhar, Dr. S.S. Kamath, Dr. M. Narayanan, Dr. Maria Varghese also spoke. The programme was followed by variety entertainments led by popular singer Sangeetha Prabhu.



Shri Tony Chammani, Worshipful Mayor inaugurating World Cancer Day Programme



Dr. V.P. Gangadharan, Oncologist, speaks on the occasion



## AN APPEAL FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Dear friends,  
There have been requests from Doctors across Kerala and from

abroad, to include more members in IMA House. Project Committee of IMA House has decided to open up the membership to few more, in the ensuing months. I request you to utilise this offer and be a valued member of this prestigious venture.

**Grab this offer!! Rs.75,000/-**  
(Life membership - transferable)

**Dr. V.P. Kuriyipe**  
Chairman, Project Committee

## LAGOON NEWS

Only the Lagoon members are eligible for enjoying the facilities of the Lagoon. Lagoon members, their spouse or children are requested to produce the membership card at the Lagoon Reception, where a swiping machine has been recently installed. Members can bring their guests to restaurants, bar and home theatre on payment of guest charges. However, guests will not be entertained at swimming pool, shuttle badminton court, health club, carroms and billiards. To meet the maintenance and service expenses of Lagoon facilities, members utilising them are requested to pay service charges on monthly/daily basis. These decisions were taken by the IMA Cochin Executive Committee on 9.2.2011 and will be implemented from 1st March 2011.

## RENEWAL OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

All the Annual Members of IMA are requested to renew their membership as they will cease to be the members of IMA on 31st March 2011. This is mandatory for continuing membership in different schemes of IMA like PPS and SSS.

## CONGRATS!

**Dr. Maria Varghese** successfully completed MBA - Hospital Management conducted by Bharatiar University.



**Dr. Gracy Thomas** is appointed as the Medical Officer of ARSH (Adolescent Reproductive & Sexual Health) by NRHM.

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