



President's Column

Dear Colleagues,



Greetings. The proudest moment for us, IMA Cochin members has arrived. The event we were eagerly waiting is close by - the inauguration of our new abode, our own IMA House is scheduled for 10th May, 2009 at 4 pm. Be there with your family by 3.30 pm and make it an eventful one. We are lucky to have Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bannurmath, Chief Justice, High Court of Kerala, as our chief guest. I, on behalf of the IMA executive and building committee thank all the members for your whole-hearted co-operation for the timely execution of this ambitious project.

Our special thanks are due to all the members who have sacrificed their valuable time for various negotiations, planning, discussions, fund raising, membership campaign (both within the country and abroad), supervision and related activities. The selfless service rendered by building committee chairman Dr. V.P. Kuriyipe and Convenor Dr. S. Sachidananda Kamath will always be remembered and without their commitment this project would not have materialised. IMA Cochin family is deeply indebted to them. Now, the need of the hour is your continued patronage. See to it that the halls are utilised to the maximum, see to it that all the scientific sessions, personal function, are conducted in our own halls.

Expecting your co-operation in a big way and hope to see you on 10th May.

Yours in IMA,

Dr. Abraham K. Paul

Secretary's Desk

Dear members,



Our everlasting dream of IMA House and Doctors Lagoon is going to be a reality within a month. The finishing touch of this great venture needs final joint input of all members of IMA Cochin. I request all members to come forward with all valuable contributions for the realisation of our dream on May 10th, 2009.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. N. Dinesh

RENEWAL OF T.C. MEDICAL COUNCIL REGISTRATION
All registered medical practitioners should undergo 30 hrs. of CME within every 5 years in order to renew their registration in T.C. Medical Council. (details attached)

MARCH CME ABSTRACT

The Association of Otolaryngologists of India (AOI), Kochi Chapter, under the stewardship of Dr. George Varghese, presented a 'Sepakathon' by 8 speakers.

Moderated by Dr. George Varghese, Cochin Hospital, the theme was on the speciality of Otolaryngology (ENT) as of today. This is one speciality which has progressed by leaps and bounds over the last two decades. The high powered microscope and the nasal endoscope have revolutionised the armamentarium of the young and diligent ENT surgeon of today. He/she has gone beyond the confines of Ear, Nose & Throat to the surrounding areas like the brain, the Orbit and the Neck. The ENT surgeon trained in plastic surgery can do many cosmetic procedures like the nasal cosmetic (Rhinoplasty) and facial surgeries. They have the extra advantage that the functional aspects can also be looked into, especially while doing rhinoplasty.

The speakers in addition to Dr. George Varghese (functional Endoscopic Sinus Surgery & Rhinoplasty) were, Dr. Madhumita Kumar (epistaxis management by sphenopalatine Artery ligation), Dr. Rajesh Raju George (Endoscopic approaches to the Orbit), Dr. Praveen Gopinath (Diagnosis & management of CSF leaks), Dr. Idiculla Mathews (Thyroplasty), Dr. Paul Abraham (Adenotonsillectomy - Facts & myths), Dr. V.D. Pradeep Kumar (Otosclerosis - an inherited hearing loss) and Dr. Mathew Dominic (Cochlear implant).

The speakers could throw light on some of the recent developments in their speciality.



The wait is over....
We, the members of IMA Cochin, have made it !!

Inauguration of IMA House Cochin
Behind Jawaharlal Nehru International Stadium, Kaloor
on Sunday, 10th May 2009 at 4.00 p.m.

by
Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bannurmath
Chief Justice, High Court of Kerala

Be there with family by 3.30 p.m.
to be part of this momentous occasion.

Detailed programme follows....

Direction from T.C. Medical Council to all registered medical practitioners to renew their registration... details inside

IMA MONTHLY MEETING

Venue :
The Mercy
Ravipuram, Ernakulam

Date :
22nd April, 2009

Time :
8.00 p.m.

SCIENTIFIC SESSION

CME on Laboratory Medicine

Chairpersons : **Dr. George K. Nainan, Dr. Ramesh Nair K.M., Dr. Ramakrishnan P.**

Conquering emerging mysteries - The seasonal bugs

Dr. Anitha Suryanarayanan MD (Path)

Chief Consultant Pathologist & Center Head, Lister Metropolis, Chennai

Diagnosing Tuberculosis: Chasing the elusive!!!

Dr. Indumathi MD (Micro), Chief Consultant Microbiologist & Center Head,

Gokula Metropolis, M.S.Ramaiah Speciality Hospital, Bangalore

Modern Laboratory Methods

Dr. K. Ramesh Kumar PhD, Director, El Lab Metropolis, Ernakulam

Meeting Sponsored by **El Lab Metropolis**



29th March 2006 - The foundation stone being laid by Dr. S. S. Kamath and Dr. E. Varghese Mathew to construct a bridge across canal in front of IMA Site.



Land development in progress. Project Committee Convenor Dr. S. Sachidananda Kamath, then President Dr. E. Varghese Mathew and Secretary Dr. Abraham Varghese supervise.



1st February 2007 - Bhoomi Pooja for 1st block. Dr. V.P. Kuriyipe & then President Dr. V. Benny Thomas laid the foundation stone. Secretary Dr. Augustine Mampilly also seen.



5th March 2008 - Bhoomi Pooja for 2nd block. Foundation stone laid by Dr. V.P. Kuriyipe & Dr. N.S.D. Raju

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11th May 2008 - The first CME in new IMA House is being inaugurated by Dr. N.S.D. Raju, the then President. Secretary Dr. Sunil Mathai also seen.



28th September 2008 - Conference Hall - 1 (200 pax capacity) inaugurated.



March 2009 - Conference Hall - 2 (400 pax capacity) inaugurated.



March 2009 - Dining Hall - 2 (800 pax capacity) inaugurated.