

APPEAL FOR IMSA BUILDING FUND

Dear Colleagues,

International Medical Sciences Academy (IMSA) is a global organization established as a registered society on 28th March 1981 with world headquarters at New Delhi. It is the only international body which encompasses all disciplines of medicine. It has regions in America, Australia, Europe, Africa, rest of Asia and India. There are 28 chapters world over. IMSA is run by Board of Trustees apart from other executive committees. IMSA is an associate member of Council for International Organizations of Medical Sciences (CIOMS). It has about 3300 members world over and the membership is expanding. Many Nobel Laureates are its fellows.

The main objectives of IMSA is to bring together national and international medical scientists, medical educationists, medical and public health administrators and research workers in medical and health sciences on a world wide basis for advancement of health of all the people in the world. The academy also arranges courses, training programs, CME programs and Rural CME programs. IMSA publishes quarterly journal, JIMSA in which original articles, updates, symposia, special issues on topics of current interest are published.

An annual conference - IMSACON is a regular feature; being an International organization every alternate year, the annual conference is held outside India. This year's IMSACON was held at Royal Society of Medicine, London, UK between 10th and 11th September 2010 and was an extremely successful event.

Though IMSA has been in service of medical profession and has been encouraging development of medical sciences by bringing information technology into the profession thus improving the health of nations, yet we do not have our own building to work more effectively. Our organization is committed to the medical profession for promoting Continuing Medical Education and also hold educational programmes on topics of National and public health importance. We need to conduct seminars, organise lectures by National and International experts and hold regular workshops and group discussions. For arranging such activities we are badly in need of our own building with adequate infrastructure and facilities like an Auditorium, projection room, library, committee rooms for interactive sessions etc. So far we have been operating from small rented space which can hardly accommodate our office.

Friends, we have been fortunate to get a piece of land about one acre allotted to us by the Lt. Governor of Delhi for developing the IMSA World Head Quarters at Delhi. I am approaching all Fellows and Members to donate at least Rs. 5000/- each to meet the cost of the land as well as construction of our own building. The donations are exempted from tax under 80G; the cheque may please be made in the name of "IMSA - Building Fund" payable at New Delhi, and sent to the Headquarters.

Thanking you in anticipation and warm regards,

Yours Sincerely,

Dr. K.Jagadeesan, President, IMSA,WHQ

IMSA Chapter Activities/ CME Programmes

Karnataka Chapter

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| 02.11.2011 | Dr. Murali Duggirala: | Analysis of Survival Curves. |
| 02.11.2011 | Dr Gerard Kamath: | Physician -Assisted Suicide. |
| 02.11.2011 | Dr Nisha Manek: | Recent Advances in Pathogenesis & Management of Osteoarthritis. |
| 02.11.2011 | Dr Paola Sandorini: | Autonomic Disorders. |
| 02.11.2011 | Dr Gurinder Vasdev: | Anaesthesia Concerns of Robotic Surgery. |

Election of Fellows and Members

Fellows

Dr Harpreet Singh
Dr K J Vedavathi
Dr Mary Prem Jayarajan
Dr T Kesavan
Dr Sunil Goel

Dr Sudhaa Sharma
Dr Annil Mahajan
Dr Vishal R Tandon
Dr Chinmayee Ratha
Dr Najeeba Riyaz
Dr A Riyazudheen
Dr Meera

Dr E Sivakumar
Dr Girija Prasad Rath
Dr Chandler Shekhar Gautam
Dr Mumtaz Begum
Dr Birender Kr. Pawar
Dr D Radhika Chaudhary
Dr Anil Kr. Bilolikar

Dr Velagala Satti Reddy
Dr Raman Boddula
Dr Kanugula Shivaraju
Dr Thammineni P Reddy
Dr I Satish Rao
Dr Thammineni P Reddy
Dr.M S Senthil Kumar

Dr V Sucharita
Dr S Zahir Hussain
Dr Sajjan Kr Agarwal

Members

Dr Mohit Kr. Patralekha
Dr Sachin Sinha

Dr Faiz Riyaz Arakkal
Dr Ajith Kumar VS
Dr Arun Kumar VS
Dr Sumeet Bhargava
Dr Navin H K
Dr Anish Ahmed M K
Dr K Poongodi

IMSACON 2012

IMSACON 2012 Conference will be held on Friday, 12th October, 2012 at Gulf Medical University, Ajman, United Arab Emirates.

Dr. R.K. Thukral, Secretary General, IMSA, WHQ, New Delhi

Obituary



Professor K B Sharma, MBBS, PhD (Paris), FAMS, FRCPATH (London), FIMSA, FISC. After graduating in Medicine in 1954, Professor K B Sharma obtained Ph.D in Medical Microbiology from Pasteur Institute, Paris in 1961. In his forty years of professional career, more than thirty years were spent in teaching and research. He started his teaching career in Microbiology in Lady Hardinge Medical College, New Delhi where he worked till 1981, having taken the Chair in 1967. In 1981, he moved as Dean, Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi, a post he held for five years. After a brief stint as Deputy director general Health Services of India, he joined WHO as Regional Advisor in Health Laboratory Services in 1988 from where he retired in 1995. His main research contributions have been in epidemiology of streptococcal infections and their sequelae; Rheumatic fever and acute glomerulonephritis, epidemiology of Salmonella infections in India and South East Asia Region and epidemiology of plasmid mediated drug-resistance and virulence factors in bacteria. He authored 150 publications in national and international journals and has written and edited several books including Hindi translations of Microbiology by Cruickshank, Health Laboratories in support of Primary Health Care in Developing Countries (WHO), monographs on Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Laboratory Medicine, Organization and Management of National Blood Transfusion Service. He was awarded F.R.C. Path. (London) and fellowships of National Academy of Medical Sciences and International Medical Science Academy as well as several national awards for his contributions to development of microbiology in India. He has lectured extensively on issues of infectious diseases eg. Emerging infections, antibiotic resistance trends, hospital infection control, vaccinology, quality assurance in laboratory medicine, global warming etc., in many Institutions all over the world. He joined as Trustee of IMSA 1997 and has been actively associated with its various activities. He was the organizing trustee of IMSACON 2002 in Cambridge, UK. Recently he received lifetime achievement awards of the Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists and Academy of Clinical Microbiology & IMSA NDB. *Scientific Contributions include:* (1.) Reference programme for epidemiology of streptococcal infections and their sequels - Rheumatic fever and acute glomerulonephritis. (2.) Epidemiology of Salmonella infections in India and South East Asia Region. (3.) Epidemiology of plasmid mediated drug-resistance in Salmonellae. (4.) Plasmid mediated virulence factors in bacteria. (5.) Annual national workshops on laboratory investigations of streptococcal infections, 1973-1990. (6.) National workshops on epidemiological investigations of salmonellosis, hospital acquired infections, monitoring of antimicrobial resistance, 1974-1988. Prof.. Sharma has been the recipients of several awards such as, (1.) *Dr. Y S Narayana Rao* (Indian Council of Medical research) for epidemiology of streptococcal and salmonella infections 1981. (2.) *Dr. B C Roy Award* (Medical Council of India) for development of specialities (Microbiology), 1982 (3.) *Dr. S C Agarwal Oration* (Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists) for Eidemiology of Multi-drug resistant salmonellae, 1982 (4.) *Dr. Om Parkash Oration* (All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi), 1984 (5.) *Dr. H I Jhala award* (Indian association of Medical Microbiology in India, 1991. Edited and Prepared South East Asia Regional Publication No 24, entitled "Health Laboratory services in Support of Primary Health Care", in 1994. Which incorporated three elements eg.: Policy guidelines for health laboratory services, appropriate technology for Primary Health Centres and quality assessment of laboratory techniques; Second edition of the same publication has been published in 1999, monographs on Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Laboratory Medicine, Organization and Management of National Blood Transfusion service. As capacity building of laboratories, he has conducted Group Educational Activities in the fields of cost effective HIV testing, blood transfusion services, distance learning materials for blood safety, vaccine quality control, appropriate diagnostic technology, quality assurance in laboratory medicine and health laboratory service networks. Dr K.B. Sharma left for his heavenly abode on 28-10-11, we at IMSA will miss him; but certainly he has left impeccable impressions of his valuable advice and pleasing personality on all of us to remember him always in times to come.

President, BOT Members, Fellows/Members of IMSA