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The Editorial Committee wishes you a happy and prosperous New Year...

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PGIM Oration and Titular award Ceremony

The PGIM Oration and Titular award ceremony organized by the PGIM Alumni Association was held on 9th of October 2008 at 5.30 p.m. at PGIM Auditorium. The occasion was graced by the presence of Professor Kshanika Hirimburegama, the Vice Chancellor of University of Colombo and by the presence of many medical luminaries.

By the initiative and foresight of the Director, Professor Rezvi Sheriff, Titles were awarded to those who have rendered services to the PGIM as trainers, examiners and in numerous other capacities. Dr. Prasad Katulanda delivered the 2nd PGIM Oration titled "Spectrum of Diabetes among Young Adults in Sri Lanka – Aetiology and Implications" which added colour to the evening. To view more on PGIM Oration and Titular Award Ceremony, see overleaf.

Placement of Postgraduates taken up at RCP London

Director attended International Advisers meeting at the RCP London to discuss issues of placements of postgraduates. He held discussions with those concerned with placements in UK viz RCPL, RCSL, RC OBGYN and GMC Councilors Dr. Ariyanayagam. The main conference was held at RCPL at St Andrews Place., London and attended by a large group of Senior Physicians from all continents.

New ships ready to sail..

MSc Bioinfo...MSc Toxi...Dip Criti...MSc Mol Med...Med Ed...DFM(Online)
PGIM is launching MSC Biomedical Informatics, PG Diploma in Critical Care Medicine, MSc/Diploma in Molecular Medicine, PG Certificate in Medicial Education/Certificate in Health Professions Education, MSc in Medical Toxicology(Online) under the Board of Study in Multi Disciplinary Study Courses together with Diploma in Family Medicine (Online).

The Inauguration Ceremony of new postgraduate courses 2008/2009 was held on 22nd December 2008 with the presence of Acting Vice Chancellor, Mr.N.Selvakkumaran and DEMP Manager Mr.Lalith Liyanage along with the trainers and trainees of the new courses. The events of the day started with the welcome address by the Director, PGIM Prof.Rezvi Sheriff. It was followed by the introduction of courses by the Chairpersons of the Curriculum Development Sub Committee of respective courses. The Orientation of the courses followed the event.



Professor Rezvi Sheriff was invited by the Royal College of Physicians to be an Examiner for MRCP-PACES held at Chennai. Picture shows the Director with the group of British and Indian Examiners.

Director PGIM now SLMA President 2009

Professor Rezvi Sheriff was elected President SLMA for 2009 at the AGM held on 20.12.2008 at Wijerama House.



Orientation-MSc in Biomedical Informatics



Orientation-PG Dip in Critical Care Medicine



Orientation- Diploma in Family Medicine (Online)



Orientation- MSc in Medical Toxicology

Glimpses from PGIM Oration and Titular Award Ceremony....



Director welcoming the Chief Guest



Professor Lalitha Mendis lighting the oil lamp



Professor Carlo Fonseka lighting the oil lamp



Welcome address by the Director, Professor Rezvi Sheriff



Address by the Chief Guest, Professor Kshanika Hirimburegama



Dr.Sarath Gamini de Silva ,President, PGIMAA introducing the Orator



Director presenting the Medal to Dr.Pradad Katulanda, the Orator



The Orator, Dr.Prasad Katulanda delivering the 2nd PGIM Oration



Dr.A.Gnanathan the Secretary, PGIMAA delivering the Vote of Thanks



Chief Guest awarding the title Visiting Professor of the PGIM to Dr. U,K Jayantha



Chief Guest awarding the title Visiting Professor of the PGIM to Vidyajyothi Prof.Janaka de Silva



Prof. Rezvi Sheriff awarding the title Honorary Senior Fellow of the PGIM to Dr.Placidus Lucian Bruno Jayasuriya

TITULAR AWARDS 2007**Fellow of the PGIM-**

Dr.Sampath Ravindra Nanayakkara

Senior Fellow of the PGIM-

Dr.Nilukshi Lasanthi Abeysinghe
 Dr.Rabindra Romauld Abeysinghe
 Dr.Asoka Bandara Seneviratne
 Dr.Hettiyakandage Jean Marita Perera

TITULAR AWARDS 2008**Fellow of the PGIM-**

Dr.D.Gamage Nishadya Niranjani Ranasingha
 Dr.Yaddehi Anil Priyalal de Silva
 Mr. Appu Henneidge Dilip Kumara

Senior Fellow of the PGIM-

Dr.Kumudumi Chandra Kumari Wasala-arachchi
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 Dr.Innocent Nimala Angeline Gooneratne
 Dr.Indra Nalinie Lekamge

Visiting Professor of the PGIM-

Dr.Udupiti Kanakage Jayantha
 Vidyajyothi Professor Hithanadura Janaka de Silva

Honorary Senior Fellow of the PGIM-

Dr.Placidus Lucian Bruno Jayasuriya

**Diploma in Family Medicine by DE
2nd End Semester Workshop**

The DFM by DE trainees completed their 1st year in the 2 year Course and participated at the End Semester 2 workshop which was conducted on the 15th and 16th of November 2008 at the Learning Room of the PGIM Roof top.

At this workshop a total of 17 trainees and 12 trainers participated over the 2 days. During these 2 days, group discussions were encouraged with many community building activities. A special feature seen in this workshop was that the trainees were allocated time to evaluate the work done during the 2nd semester and to identify the strengths and weaknesses of the study sessions and the areas that need to be improved were identified.

The co-ordinator of the DFM by DE also made arrangements for the trainees to have an interactive session with some of the most senior and experienced examiners in the DFM resource team to discuss about the DFM exam and how to prepare for and to face the exam.

NOMA Project Coordinators Meeting in Dhaka, Bangladesh

Dr. Vajira H. W. Dissanayake (Course Coordinator) and Dr. Roshan Hewapathirana (Project Manager) of the MSc Biomedical Informatics course which is funded by a NOMA grant from Norad, managed by the Norwegian Centre for International Cooperation in Higher Education, attended the meeting of Coordinators of NOMA projects in Dhaka, Bangladesh on 4th and 5th November 2008. The meeting was attended by over 120 participants from 16 countries representing 36 NOMA funded MSc courses in Asia and Africa conducted in collaboration with Norwegian Universities. The picture shows the PGIM representatives with their Collaborators from the Department of Informatics of the University Of Oslo, Norway and representatives of MSc Informatics Courses in the University of Malawi in Malawi and the University of Darussalam in Tansania.

**New Course Launched....**

One of the new courses started by the PGIM – Postgraduate Certificate in Medical Education / Certificate in Health Professions Education was inaugurated on the 6th of December 2008. The opening ceremony was held at the PGIM. The Director, Vidyajyothi Professor Rezvi Sheriff was the chief guest of the event. Professor Lalitha Mendis (Chairperson – CDSC in Medical Education), CDSC members on Medical Education, representatives from the other Boards of Study, PGIM staff and the course participants were also present.

This course is designed as a part time course where doctors, non medical lecturers in medical faculties and a few full time paramedical tutors participated. It was designed for participants to gain expertise in knowledge, skills and attitudes required of a medical teacher. The programme will enable participants to design, deliver and evaluate effective educational programmes.

**Workshop for Training Trainers in Diploma in Critical Care Medicine**

A one day workshop was held on 27th of November 2008 at the PGIM premises for the CDSC members in Critical Care and for the module coordinators in Post-graduate Diploma in Critical Care Medicine. The day started at 8.30 a.m. with lighting of the oil lamp followed by the opening address by the Director, Professor Rezvi Sheriff. The Chairperson CDSC in Critical Care, Professor Chula Gunasekara gave the introduction. Dr.Indika Karunathilake, resource person for the workshop gave lectures on 'Outcome based approach in course development' and on 'Assessment Planning'. This was followed by the scrutiny of course contents prepared by module coordinators. With the conclusion by Prof.Chula Gunasekara the workshop ended at 3.30 p.m. The aim of the workshop was to introduce the trainers to the basics in course planning and examination and to organize module content delivery in an acceptable method to PGIM.

Staff news....

Annual PGIM staff trip organized by the PGIM Welfare Society was a fun filled excursion to the ancient ruins of Polonnaruwa and Dambulla on 25th October with an overnight stay.



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Nescafe dispenser was installed in PGIM rooftop for the benefit of postgraduate trainees and trainers.

Exemption from double taxation

Trainees going on foreign training now are exempted from having to be double taxed from both the countries and can be relieved of being taxed from the host country according to the following extract. *conditions apply.

Extract: DT17718-DT: Sri Lanka: double taxation agreement, Article 19: Students

(2) An individual who is or was a resident of one of the Contracting States immediately before making a visit to the other Contracting State and is temporarily present in that other Contracting State for the purposes of study, research or training solely as a recipient of a grant, allowance or award from the Government of either of the Contracting States or from Scientific, educational, religious or charitable organization or under technical assistance programme entered into by the Government of either of the Contracting States for a period not exceeding two years from the date of his first arrival in that other Contracting State in connection with that visit shall be exempt from tax in that other Contracting State on:

- (a) the amount of such grant, allowance or award; and
- (b) any income derived from that other Contracting State in respect of services in that other Contracting State if the services are performed in connection with his study, research, training or are incidental thereto.

NOMA delegates with Vice Chancellor

A delegation from the Department of Informatics and the International Office of the University Of Oslo, Norway visited the PGIM to inspect the MSc Biomedical Informatics Programme on 30th October 2008. The picture shows the delegation together with the Prof. Kshanika Hiriburegama, Vice Chancellor, University of Colombo. Also in the picture are: Pubudu Samarakoon (Tutor MSc (BMI)), Dr. Roshan Hewapathirana (Project Manager, MSc (BMI)), Dr. Pandula Siribaddana (Lecturer, PGIM), and Dr. Vajira H. W. Dissanayake (Co-ordinator MSc(BMI)).



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