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PGIM was born in the Physiology department of the Faculty of Medicine, Kynsey road, Colombo 8 and the first Director was Dr. K.N.Seneviratne, Professor of Physiology. In due course, the institute shifted to an old building at 160, Norris Canal road, which belonged to the Ministry of Health. Later the old building at 160, Norris Canal road was repaired and refurbished and it became the official location of the PGIM. An impressive building which constitutes the present PGIM was a very recent construction in addition to the old building. Last year a Roof Top extension capped this new building to the left of the grand old building. A MERC building has been planned to the right of the old building as well. The pictures above depict the changing face of the PGIM's old building.

Director visits IDP Camps

Director PGIM visited the IDP Camps on the request of the DGHS and reported back to him. He is satisfied with the improved arrangements for the PGIM Registrars respect to accommodation, meals and working conditions. He encourages all BOS to give short rotations to help the MOH. A possible 'Postgraduate Diploma in Disaster Preparedness and Health care management' is being planned. DGHS has given his blessings.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Professor Lalitha Mendis, former PGIM Director and present PGIM Board of Management chairperson was appointed as the President of Sri Lanka Medical Council.



The new building with Roof Top - MERC

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Ranaviru Upahara at PGIM

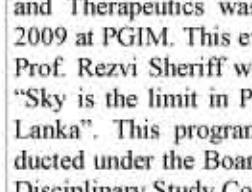
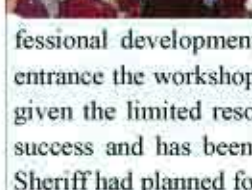
Staff members of PGIM paid their tribute to war heroes by hoisting the national flag and holding a ceremony at PGIM premises on 21.05.09.



Professor Harshalal Seneviratne, acting director was the chief guest at the ceremony and PGIM staff agreed to contribute "Api wenuwen api" fund for war heroes.

Research Methodology Workshop

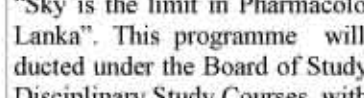
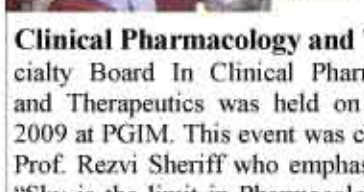
The Medical Education Resource Centre (MERC) of the PGIM organized a 5 day workshop on Research Methodology, titled "How to Get Your Research Published", which commenced on the 25th May 2009 and concluded on the 29th May 2009. An inauguration was conducted on the first day and the acting director PGIM, Prof. Harshalal Seneviratne, was invited as the chief guest. It was mainly aimed at improving the knowledge and skills of the post-graduate trainees who were interested in research, which plays an important role in modern medicine, and to guide them more towards it. The workshop included a series of lectures delivered by professionals in the field and also group work and hands on activities. Practical sessions on literature search, data entry and statistics were held at the MERC computer lab using the latest software. All participants were provided with lunch and refreshments and awarded with certificates of participation and CPD (Continuing professional development) points. Though there was a huge demand for entrance the workshop could only recruit a maximum of 40 participants given the limited resources we had. The event was considered a huge success and has been planned to be held biannually. Professor Rezvi Sheriff had planned for 2 workshops per year and to make it an essential generic skill for every MD.



Inauguration Ceremony of Msc Biomedical Informatics

The long awaited NOMA Project funded MSc in Biomedical Informatics was kicked off by Director PGIM on 1st June 2009. Dr. Vajira Dissanayake the coordinator briefed the participants and the face to face initial part of the course was started off after tea.

The course is expected to be completed in 18 months. A state of the art computer laboratory has been set up in the PGIM's new Roof Top facility to accommodate the training programme.



Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics

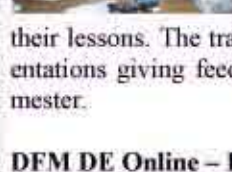
1st meeting of the Specialty Board In Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics was held on 25th June 2009 at PGIM. This event was chaired by Prof. Rezvi Sheriff who emphasized that "Sky is the limit in Pharmacology in Sri Lanka". This programme will be conducted under the Board of Study in Multi

Disciplinary Study Courses with assistance from a group of clinical pharmacologists led by Prof. Lal Jayakody.



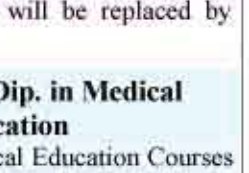
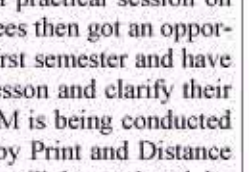
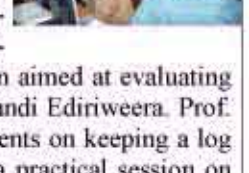
DFM DE by Print – Third End Semester Workshop

The PGIM organized a two day workshop for the DFM DE trainees (Printed medium) on the 16th and 17th of May 2009. At this workshop, Prof. Nandani de Silva did a session on Communication and Counselling using case discussions, role plays and videos. Dr. Dinusha de Silva conducted a Mock OSPE for the trainees. Prof. Leela Karunratne talked to the trainees about Home Visits and Dr. Dennis Aloysius did a session on CPR. The tutors for the third semester also joined in for a discussion with the trainees about their lessons. The trainees worked in groups and did presentations giving feedback on each lesson of the third semester.



DFM DE Online – First End Semester Workshop

The PGIM organized a two day workshop for the DFM Online trainees on the 6th and 7th of June 2009. At this workshop, Dr. A.L.P. Seneviratne talked to the trainees on the Assessment of the Portfolio. Next, a case discussion was conducted as an online group activity at the MERC Computer lab. The facilitators for this session were Prof. Mark Lamontagne and Dr. Dinusha de Silva. This was a novel experience for the trainees and they were introduced to doing a Wiki. A focus group discussion aimed at evaluating the course was conducted by Dr. Erandi Ediriweera. Prof. Leela Karunaratne talked to the students on keeping a log diary and Dr. Dennis Aloysius did a practical session on the administration of CPR. The trainees then got an opportunity to meet their tutors from the first semester and have a discussion with them about each lesson and clarify their doubts and problems. At present DFM is being conducted as face to face, Distance Education by Print and Distance Education Online. The print mode will be replaced by online mode from next intake.



Yet Another New Course - PG Dip. in Medical Education

The second level course in the Medical Education Courses at the PGIM – Postgraduate Diploma in Medical Education, will commence its first batch in July 2009.

The Postgraduate Diploma in Medical Education aims to equip health professionals with expertise in knowledge, skills and attitudes required of a medical teacher. The course is designed to further develop participants' skills, competencies and attitudes that were gained at the Postgraduate Certificate in Medical Education.

Online Medical Education

Mr. N.S. Abeyawardena, Director DEMP

Prof. Mark Lamontagne



Thanks to the Distance Education Modernisation Project (DEMP) and many committed Medical Practitioners and Support Persons from the PGIM, Medical Education outside of Colombo is becoming a reality. In the past, aspiring Practitioners of Family Medicine as well as current doctors seeking professional development were required to travel to

Colombo to follow their studies. The PGIM, together with the DEMP are making this education more accessible through online learning. The Director of the DEMP, Mr. N.S. Abeyawardena explains the importance of this ground-breaking shift.

It has been often said that the economy, crime, and health care are the most often listed concerns in communities and states throughout the world – and education is the answer to all of these concerns. This is particularly true in the case of Medical Education. Online medical education contributes to the country in several important ways. Let me explain couple of the benefits.

Continued Contribution to the Local Community

Since doctors can obtain professional development in their own communities, there is no need to travel to obtain this education. As a result, doctors spend more time with their families, their patients, and being productive members of their local communities.

More Competent Professionals

With the constraints of time and space, many doctors may elect simply not to pursue further academic opportunities. With Online Medical Education, these doctors now have the ability to pursue professional development that is cutting-edge in their fields of study, without the same personal sacrifices.

So, how does all of this happen? Prof. Mark Lamontagne, the International Team Leader for the Distance Education Partnership Programme of the DEMP explains a couple of the unique features of the online learning system that make this a reality.

MOODLE - Your online Classroom



The Online Classroom is made possible through a Learning Management System called Moodle. Moodle is a full-featured online classroom, providing such capabilities as online discussions, interactive videos, animations, electronic books, current news and research resources, interactive quizzes,

and even online assignment drop boxes. The online classroom brings together the features of a face-to-face class, and even adds additional features to help support the learners as they move through their programme of study. In order to ensure access to education via the Internet, the DEMP has created a series of online access centres throughout the island. By the end of this year, there will be more than 25 access points in over 20 communities in Sri Lanka. These are high-speed, state-of-the-art facilities, staffed by trained operators who are there to assist the learners.

Msc Toxicology workshops for trainers and trainees

Two workshops were held at the PGIM, prior to the inauguration of the Msc Medical Toxicology online course, to improve the knowledge and abilities of both the tutors and the trainees. Another was held at Peradeniya for the convenience of tutors based in Peradeniya.



Inauguration of the Msc Medical Toxicology Online Course

Msc Medical Toxicology online course was launched on 29th June 2009 by Prof. Rezvi Sheriff, Director PGIM, Prof. Ravindra Fernando, Prof. Mark Lamontagne (DEPP), Mrs. Visaka Dissanayake (DEMP) were present at the inauguration and addressed the gathering. In addition a

CD containing course material were distributed among trainees at the ceremony.



Critical Care Medicine....Commences.....

PGIM is happy to announce that, Postgraduate Diploma in Critical Care Medicine commenced on 1st of June 2009 with clinical rotations in selected hospitals.

Pre-interns at MERC - PGIM

The MERC recruited Dr.Sanlakshi Liyanagama, Dr.Naleen Dharmarathne, Dr.Dhananjan Rubasinghe and Dr.Savan De Silva as Pre-Intern demonstrators on 4th May 2009.



Dr.Chathura Rathnayake, Dr.Asanka Shrima, Dr.Dhanushka Algama, Dr.Deepama Sumanasekara and Dr.Silmiya Shareef, who were working at MERC will be leaving for their internships on July, after 1 year of service at MERC. We wish them good luck and are grateful for their enormous contribution especially to the consolidation of the new courses.

Miss. Irosha Handapangoda joined MERC PGIM as the Course Facilitator in Msc Medical Toxicology online, on 2nd of May 2009. Mr.Roshan Dikkumbura, also joined recently as the Distance Learning Technical Assistant at MERC PGIM.

Farewell to Nilantha and Janaka



Farewell party for Mr.Nilantha Mendis and Mr.Janaka Nanda Kumara was held at the pinnacle. This was organized by PGIM staff in appreciation of their service to the Administration branch.

Write to us.....

The Editors invite letters to the Editor. Letters with useful suggestions will be featured. Anonymous and inappropriate correspondence will be ignored.

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PGIM Alumni Association - Membership Drive

PGIM calls for applications for PGIM Alumni Association. Please contact MERC PGIM for further information. E-mail -merc.pgim@yahoo.com

THE PGIM ORATION 2009

The Postgraduate Institute of Medicine cordially invites the Academics/Professionals who have excelled in various disciplines to submit their applications to the Director/PGIM on or before **31.08.2009** for the award of the prestigious PGIM Oration that will be held in October/November 2009.

Applicants should hand over three hard copies of the oration and a soft copy with a covering letter to the Secretary to the Director on or before the closing date.

Titular Recognition Awards of PGIM Trainers / Examiners - 2009

Titular recognition as

- Fellow of the PGIM
- Senior Fellow of the PGIM
- Visiting Professor of the PGIM

The Trainers/ Examiners attached to the PGIM may apply for the titular recognition using the application forms now available at the office of the Director/PGIM, 160 Norris Canal Road, Colombo 07. Phone: 0112688649 / 0112697758 Fax: 0112 697757 email: dirsecretary@pgim.cmb.ac.lk 'e' applications forms can be requested.

Applications close on **31.07.2009** and should be submitted under registered cover in duplicate to reach the Director PGIM, 160 Norris Canal Road, Colombo 07 on or before this date. Applications will be acknowledged. Awardees will be informed on or before 1st October 2008.

Doctors from Ministry of Health/University / Private Sector /Other Sectors may apply.

Board Recognition of an interest area within a speciality

PGIM is planning to introduce a new scheme of Accreditation "Board Recognition of an interest area within a speciality". This will serve as a method of Dual Accreditation and only for the purpose of recognition of expertise additional to the Board Certification. It will not have the usual benefits of formal Board Certification or Board eligibility.

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