



Ethics in Postgraduate Medical Education

The Sri Lanka Medical Council conducted a network meeting of Medical Councils of South East Asia on the 4th and 5th June 2010 at the Ceylon Continental Hotel. Delegates included representatives of medical councils in India, Bangladesh and Nepal, along with participants from the Ministry of Health, WHO, Universities as well as representatives from public and private health sector. Topics under discussion included the teaching of ethics, continuing professional development, licensing examination for medical and dental practitioners and professionalism.

Director, PGIM, Prof. Rezvi Sherrif made a presentation on “Ethics in Postgraduate Medical Education”. He highlighted that postgraduates are frequently exposed to real life ethical dilemmas in all settings including clinical work, laboratory work, community activities and in Health Management.

Prof. Sherrif went on to describe that although there is no specific source or module on ethics offered by the PGIM, ethical issues are covered in several PGIM courses. A survey on ethics teaching, done among the Boards of Study revealed that time allocation for ethics teaching ranges from 30 minutes to 24 hours and a number of methods including lectures, clinical teaching and workshops are used. 21 courses assess ethics in the final examination vivas and short essays, with between 5 - 20% of total marks being allocated for these components.

Prof. Sherrif brought forth several important suggestions for promoting the teaching of medical ethics at PGIM. The suggestions to introduce guidelines for Boards of Study to strengthen inputs in ethics



and to include a short report on “ethical considerations in the Practice of the Speciality” in the portfolios were particularly important. Other suggestions included the strengthening of lecture discussions in diploma and certificate courses, training of trainers and promoting books on essential ethics with local authorship.



ALLEGED MEDICINE MD PART II THEORY LEAK — A HOAX!

After the last MD medicine Exam and results were announced, a strange E-mail was circulating amongst the Peradeniya SRs that there had been a “leak” in the MD part II Theory exam. There was an annexure of Data interpretations and another file of “spots”- Digital pictures.

This had reached the Dept of Medicine University of Peradeniya who immediately informed the Director/PGIM who set up a meeting of those reporting, the Chief Examiner, BOS Chairman and Exam staff. They compared the circulating material with actuals given to candidates. It was a clear Hoax. A fairly clever imitation of Data questions with some errors in content, text, font etc. The spots- some from internet pictures and other replacement pictures were noted.

Could it have been done by PGIM MD part II failed candidates in 2010- motive was probably to cancel exam! Was this to bring PGIM to disrepute? This is considered a cybercrime.

This newsletter article is to educate those who may still be not sure whether leak was real. It was a Hoax and a cheap thing to do.

Maldivian DGHS visit PGIM

Dr Ibrabin Yasir Ahmed Director General of Health Services Republic of Maldives & Ms Marlyam Rasbeeda, Dean Faculty of Health Science Maldives visited PGIM and met Prof. Rezvi Sheriff, Director PGIM on 20.4.2010 to explore Post-graduate Medical education to Maldivian students at the PGIM.



Certificate of Competence in Computer Applications (CCCA) - 22nd Batch

The 7 week (Saturdays) course which is open to all doctors registered with SLMC, will commence on 21st August 2010 at PGIM. Course content includes; Introduction to Hardware, Ms Office, Internet & email, Online Learning, using SPSS, Medline Search. ect. Course fee is Rs 8000/=. For more details visit our website (www.cmb.ac.lk/pgim).

Travel Grant Award to PGIM Trainee

PGIM trainee Dr Eranga Wijewickrama won the APCN 2010 Travel Grant Award for outstanding presentation and active participation in the 12th Asian Pacific Congress of Nephrology which was held in Seoul, Korea on 5th—8th June 2010. We wish him all the best for his future career. Photo shows the winner with the PGIM Director.



Publication of Annotated Bibliography of Research Report, Dissertations, Theses, and Case Reports presented to PGIM by Postgraduate Trainees 1982-2008



This compilation is an attempt to Bring together bibliographic details of dissertations, theses, research reports, and case reports presented to Postgraduate Institute of Medicine (PGIM) by Postgraduate students during the period 2004 — 2008 in hard copy and 1982 — 2008 in a CD version. This Bibliography compiled by Mrs. Dilhani Munasighe Assistant Librarian and was assisted by Mrs. L.K. Weragala. It is hoped

that this bibliography while functioning as a bibliographic record of the areas of research engaged in by the PGIM students, it will also serve as an indicator of the subject interests and priorities from the point of view of the profession.

The bibliography comprises four sections namely:

1. The main file
2. Title Index
3. Examination Index
4. Subject Index

Bibliographic data pertaining to documents including the annotations are given in the main section which is arranged alphabetically under the name of the author. Therefore this file functions as an author index as well. Each entry is assigned a sequence number which functions as the unique identifier of the entry. The Title, Examinations, and the subject Index refer to the main file through this sequence number where detailed information could be found. Annotations in the main file are mainly based on summaries or abstracts given by respective authors but with necessary modifications and abridgements.

Pharmacology Module Coordinator Meeting

The 3rd Module Coordinator Meeting for the development of the curriculum in Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics Course was held on 13th of May 2010 at the Learning room, MERC, PGIM.



Members of the Specialty Board and lecturers from the medical faculties attached to the Department of Clinical Medicine and Pharmacology were present at the Meeting. The

Specialty Board in Clinical Pharmacology, under the Board of Study in Multi Disciplinary Study Courses (MDSC) is responsible for the development of the course.

Nepal delegates visit to PGIM

Prof. Bhadra Man Tladar, Registrar, Kathmandu University, and Prof. Vikram Singh Chowhan Principal, Lumbini Medical College, along with other dignitaries visited the PGIM on 22nd of April 2010 in view of conducting PGIM entry exams in Nepal.

They met with the Director and Deputy Registrar, PGIM and then visited the rooftop facility and expressed their overwhelming satisfaction about PGIM infrastructure and services.



DFM DE Online—First End Semester Workshop

The PGIM organized a workshop for the DFM online trainees of the batch 2009/2011 at the end of their 1st semester on 09th of May 2010. Dr. A.L.P. de S. Seneviratne conducted a lecture/demonstration on clinical and practical skills. An interactive session/demonstration on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) was done by Dr. Dennis Aloysius. Administration of CPR was practiced by the students on a mannequin. There was also a session of discussion among the 1st semester tutors and the students. The lectures



done during the semester were discussed by the relevant tutor mentors, and the students were able to clarify doubts they had during the lesson.

SACTRC stake holder meeting

A stake holder meeting for the prevention of suicides occurring due to commonly-used pesticides and weedicides in Sri Lanka, was held at the PGIM auditorium on 22nd of May 2010. This was organized by the South Asian Clinical Toxicological Research Collaboration (SACTRC). This was a one day workshop which consisted of lectures and group discussions. Professor Andrew Swann from the University of New South Wales, and Dr. Melissa Pearson from SACTRC conducted the lectures.



The Director PGIM a Founder member of SACTRC



and representatives from both government and private sector were among the participants, along with field officers from Agricultural department and the SACTRC.

Strategies to prevent suicides in Sri Lanka due to the ingestion of agricultural solutions were discussed in detail.

Tutor Mentor Workshop

The 2nd and 3rd workshops of the Online Tutor Mentoring Workshop Series were held on the 04th of April and 23rd of May 2010. The new lessons that were developed by the newly trained tutor mentors and their progress was discussed at these workshops. The lessons were further improved and evaluated.

Prof. Nandi de Silva was the Resource person for the 2nd Workshop while Dr. K. Chandrasekher and Dr. D. Sumanasekara participated as resource person for the 3rd. Prof Nandani de Silva shared her experiences on tutoring an online lesson whilst Dr. K Chandrasekher shared his views on “How to mark an assignment of an online lesson”, with the new tutors.

Dr. Deepama Sumanasekera explained to the new tutor mentors the technical process involved in assessing the clinical portfolio online.

This Tutor Mentor Workshop series was recognized by the NCCPDIM as a designated activity for CPD certification and all the participants were awarded a certificate.



Certificate course in Medical Education

There is a saying that 'Small drops make an ocean' and I would like to adjust this phrase as 'Small drops are the beginning of the ocean' when looking at this certificate course or indeed any other post graduate certificate courses. Post graduate education is no walk in the park and for some of us thinking about a MD in Medical Education or any other MD/MS seems like a distant dream.

The availability of a PG Certificate in Medical Education is the perfect catalyst for the hesitant student to launch a career leading up to the prestigious MD level. At the same time it can be said that certain professionals want to add to their repertoire and a PG Certificate in Medical Education is must have for the busy consultant to add value to his classes of nurses, medical students & registrars. Indeed I feel doing a PG Certificate in Medical Education will improve the efficiency and impact of the teaching of any medical professional.

In this course we are being taught the very basics a medical professional needs to know about Medical Education and it is very heartening to hear the teaching methods we use have some science behind it. It is also quite amazing to me the amount of teaching & assessment techniques students would benefit from if most educators (Consultants others than Medical Educationists) followed a short course like this one. This course is being taught by professionals in Medical Education as well the doyens of Medical Education who are professionals in other fields but with a keen interest in this important subject.

In addition the course also introduces us to the modern methods of teaching by inviting us to use online resources made available via the Moodle platform which is hosted by the PGIM. Students are also given a chance to role play as lecturers, examiners, candidates to expand our imagination.

All in all I would say that this course has opened my eyes to the fact that being a Medical Educationists can be a fulfilling career and it is my hope that all students think likewise!

Dr Rikaz Sheriff
Student
PG Certificate in Medical Education



SLMA Sessions 2010

The 123rd annual scientific sessions of the Sri Lanka Medical Association was held at the Cinnamon Grand, Colombo on 31st May - 4th of June 2010. There was a special symposium on "New frontiers of E-learning in Medicine", which was chaired by Dr. Vajira Dissanayake.

The topics on discussion were related to current online teaching practices in Medical Education, myths related to distance learning and Novel online learning technologies. Dr. Pandula Siribaddana demonstrated a virtual Reality Learning platform, The Sloodle as a possible technology for future Medical Education.



Diploma in Critical Care.

The 1st batch of the Diploma in Critical Care Medicine successfully completed the course and they were recruited back to the Ministry of Health. We wish them all the best. Applications are called for the second batch and there were nearly 100 applicants and 25 will be selected for the next batch by a selection exam. Meanwhile the Board of Management has decided to Place the Specialty Board in Critical Care under the purview of BOS Anesthesiology which was earlier under the BOS in MDSC. They also decided to create a Specialty Board in Emergency Medicine under MDSC in order to carry out the curriculum development of the MD in Emergency Medicine Course. Applications will be called again once dates are finalized.

DFM Online 3rd End Semester workshop

A workshop was held for the DFM online trainees of the batch 2008/2010 at the end of their 3rd semester on 25th of April 2010. The activities were oriented towards the final DFM examination and were helpful to the students as they will be sitting the final exam in November 2010. Dr. A.L.P. de S. Seneviratne conducted a lecture / demonstration on clinical and practical skills. There was also a session on "Answering MEQs" conducted by Dr. Shyamalee Samaranayaka. A mock OSCE was conducted by 5 examiners - Dr. Eugene Corea, Dr. Dushyanthi Weerasekara, Dr. Shyamalee Samaranayake, Dr. Dinusha de Silva and Dr. Erandie Ediriweera. A Mock OSPE was also held and the answers of which were discussed by Dr. Dinusha de Silva.



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The MERC recruited Dr. Dilinika Wanniachchi, Dr. Fathima Raihana Hashim, Dr. Udeshini Somasiri, Dr. Madhawa

Jeewantha and Dr. Tamishka Arapola as Pre-intern demonstrators on 1st April 2010.

Dr. Sanlakshi Liyanagama, Dr. Naleen Dharmarathne, Dr. Dhananjan Rubasinghe and Dr. Savan De Silva who were working at MERC left for their internships in May, after one year of service at MERC. We wish them good luck.



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5 day Course on Research Methodology

The much awaited and highly demanded **5 day Course on "How to get your research published"** will be held for the 4th time during the month of August/September 2010. The aim is to develop the skills and interest of the PG trainees in research; and it consists of a series of lectures conducted by professionals, in addition to hands-on activities. The 3rd workshop held in March 2010 was a huge success. This workshop is working on being more successful by incorporating the feedback suggestions of the participants at the last workshop.

For further details, please visit the website (www.cmb.ac.lk/pgim) or contact Medical Education Resource Centre (MERC) on 0113168545 during office hours.

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