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Rooftop.....

The construction of the PGIM rooftop building is nearing completion. The opening ceremony is planned to be held in combination with the Inauguration of the 27th Anniversary Academic Sessions on



Thursday the 18th of October 2007. It will be the venue for the

Fellowship Night, an oriental flavoured get together and dinner party for the PGIM trainers and trainees, at the conclusion of the sessions on 20th October 2007.

The rooftop building will fulfill a marked shortcoming of the PGIM, by providing a student area, consultants' lounge and a dining area in addition to the WiFi enabled e-learning facilities and MCQ rooms. A Distance Education Facility is also planned.



Discipline in the PGIM

From time to time in the last 27 years indiscipline occasionally raises its ugly head at examinations, during courses and even as professional misbehaviors. PGIM has taken a serious view of this and taken many decisions in line with the University of Colombo Disciplinary Procedures. A compendium of such rules & regulations used in the PGIM has now been formulated and available for use by the PGIM. In several instances students can have their studentship terminated, even those with a good academic record but a proven atrocious behaviour problem and or indiscipline.

PGIM works closely with the SLMC and the Employer in these extreme cases. Fortunately for us these situations are rare.

Research on the IT knowledge of PG students

A dissertation, on utilization of Information Technology by Postgraduate Medical trainees in Sri Lanka, by Ms. Vindya Jayesena the former AR/ Academic/PGIM, is now available in the PGIM library.

For this interesting research, a sample of 500 Postgraduate students who follow various courses in different disciplines in year 2004 were chosen with an equal gender distribution.

Distance Education at the PGIM

The Asian Development Bank has accepted project proposal submitted by PGIM to develop Distance Education in its courses recently. A matching grant of US\$ 50 000 is likely to be available.

The DFM which is currently a face to face course is likely to have another pathway as an online course. Materials have already been developed. This will be our first output. Dr. Joel Fernando is being appointed to coordinate Distance Education activities to the PGIM and take it to completion. Professor Nandani De Silva was the prime mover of the Phase 1.

Professor Rezvi Sheriff has a strong interest in promoting IT based education as the President Elect of the Health Informatics Society of Sri Lanka (HISSL). Moves are afoot to consider favourably and MSc Course in Health Informatics (face to face and online) in collaboration with University of Oslo, Norway, the HISSL and PGIM.

Diploma in Psychiatry

Orientation Programme to initiate a Diploma Course in Psychiatry which was organized by the BOS in Psychiatry was held on 1st of June 2007 at the PGIM Auditorium.



Prof. Harsha Senevirathne, Acting Director/PGIM welcomed the participants. Hon. Minister Nimal Siripala De Silva was the Chief Guest for the occasion. Prof. Nalaka Mendis, Dr. Jayan Mendis, Dr. H. Gambheera (Secretary/ BOS in Psychiatry), Dr. I. Karandawala (Coordinator/ Diploma in Psychiatry) also addressed the gathering. 44 trainees have been selected for the first batch.



BOS in Multi Disciplinary Study Courses

Preliminary meeting of the BOS in Multi Disciplinary Study Courses was held on 10th of April 2007 at the PGIM Board room. This is a new BOS formed to facilitate development of new study courses. The decision to form such a BOS was taken at the meeting of BOM held on 3rd February 2007. At present there are several Curriculum Development Sub Committees (CDSC) functioning under the BOS in Multi Disciplinary Study Courses. They are CDSC for Critical Care, Sports Medicine, Molecular Medicine, Medical Education and Clinical Toxicology. Professor Rezvi Sheriff Director/PGIM is the Chairperson of this BOS.

Felicitation Ceremony for Prof. Rezvi Sheriff

A ceremony was organized jointly by the PGIM Welfare Society and the Staff of the PGIM to felicitate Director, Prof. Rezvi Sheriff. He has been appointed as a Council Member (2007-2013) of the International Society of Nephrology (ISN). This is the first time that a Sri Lankan Medical Specialist has been voted in as a Council Member of an elite International Medical



Body which is dominated by leading specialists from the West.

Many distinguish dignitaries were in attendance including members of the Prof. Sheriff's family, staff Unit of NHSL, to grace the

of Professorial Medical occasion in addition to PGIM Staff.

Mr. Shiran Perera, President Welfare Society, PGIM delivered the welcome address. Mr. B.G Chandradasa, Deputy Registrar, PGIM, Mr.H.A Saththar, Senior Assistant Registrar/Examinations, addressed the gathering.



A memento was presented to Prof. Sheriff in recognition of this rare achievement by a Sri Lankan.

POSTGRADUATE TRAINEES LEFT FOR OVERSEAS TRAINING AND RETURNED AFTER THE TRAINING (2004 - 2007 JUNE)

DISCIPLINE	LEFT	RETURNED
Anaesthesiology	34	10
Community Medicine	31	15
Community Dentistry	2	2
Dental Surgery	13	5
Forensic Medicine	16	10
Medicine	121	42
Dermatology	16	8
Microbiology	8	3
Obstetrics & Gynaecology	36	11
Ophthalmology	20	9
Otolaryngology	6	2
Paediatrics	60	23
Pathology	49	19
Psychiatry	22	6
Radiology	33	11
Surgery	47	15
Clinical Oncology	3	1
Med. Administration	2	1

New Year Festivities at the PGIM



On 28th of April 2007 the staff of the PGIM gathered at the PGIM premises to celebrate the Sinhala and Tamil New Year. This event was organized by the PGIM Welfare Society. Mr. Shiran Perera, President of the PGIM Welfare Society did welcome all. The ceremony started with the lighting of the traditional oil lamp by the Chief Guest Professor Rezvi Sheriff, the Director/PGIM. Then, Mr. B. G. Chandradasa, Deputy Registrar/PGIM was also invited to address the gathering.

Many events were on the programme for adults, youth and a special focus was on the children. Among the most popular items were the Bun eating races, Balloon blowing contests, musical chairs and running events. Prices were awarded to the winners.

In addition to the traditional Sri Lankan sweetmeats including, Kewum, Kokis, and Kiribath, an excellent lunch was arranged for the participants. The PGIM Welfare Society planned this for the first time in 27 years and it was a great success and would help to bring all staff together. The Organizing Committee wishes to extend their gratitude to the Medical Consultants and all others who generously contributed in making this event a success.

About PGIM Staff.....

- Dr. Gayan Adikariwattage assumed duty as a Demonstrator attached to MERC on 09th of May 2007.

EXAMINATIONS RESULTS (15TH OF MARCH 2007-15TH OF JUNE 2007)

Examination	Exam Date	No. Sat	No. Passed	% Passed
Certificate				
Competence in Computer Applications	26-Mar-07	11	9	81.80%
Competence in Anaesthesiology	4-Jun-07	41	22	53.70%
Diploma				
Diploma in Legal Medicine	14-May-07	5	0	0%
Diploma in Tuberculosis & Chest Diseases	18-Jun-07	29	28	96.60%
MD/MS Final				
MD Transfusion Medicine	19-Mar-07	8	3	37.50%
MD Venerology	21-May-07	8	4	50%
MS Otorhinolaryngology	11-Jun-07	3	3	100%

27th Anniversary Academic Sessions of PGIM

PGIM is in the process of planning its 27th Anniversary Academic Sessions which will be held on 18th, 19th, and 20th of October 2007 at the PGIM premises. The opening of the newly constructed rooftop area of the PGIM & Inauguration of the Academic Sessions will be held in the evening of 18th of October. Programme of the Sessions on 19th and 20th will consist of symposia, plenary lectures and free paper presentations. In parallel to that there is a Poster Competition as well. Academic session is open for postgraduate trainees and trainees. They can submit their Abstracts to the Medical Education Resource Centre (MERC) of the PGIM. Instructions for authors, format for Abstracts, Abstract submission form are available in the PGIM library, MERC, PGIM branch libraries in Peradeniya, Galle and Kandy Hospital Postgraduate Centre. It can be downloaded from PGIM web site (cmb.ac.lk/pgim) as well. Deadline for submission of Abstracts is 20th of August 2007. Selection of Abstracts for oral presentations will be done by the respective Board of Study. For further information you can contact MERC of the PGIM.

Specifications for Poster PGIM Academic Sessions

- Size: 1.5*1m
- Place to put up the poster will be provided at the PGIM.
- PG trainees and trainers can submit their abstracts for Poster to MERC till **20th of August 2007** (Same Abstract format as for oral presentations can be used to submission of Abstracts).
- There is Poster Competition. Few abstracts will be selected.

PGIM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FOUNDERS
MEETING IS PLANNED DURING THE SESSIONS.

For PGIM Academic Sessions 2007

- **Registration:** Rs:1000/= per person (including 2 lunches & 4 teas)
 - **Abstract/Poster:** No extra charge
 - **Fellowship Night:**Rs:500/= per person
- For Registration, please contact MERC
Tel: 0602168545
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Preliminary meeting of 27th Anniversary Academic Sessions of the PGIM

Preliminary meeting to appoint chairpersons and members for the Organizing Committee and various other sub committees was held in PGIM New Board Room on 21st of May 2007. Professor Rezvi Sheriff, Director/ PGIM chaired the meeting and emphasized the importance of organizing such an event. Professor Lalitha Mendis, former Director of the PGIM gave an overview of previous Academic Sessions which was held in 2005. Afterwards chairpersons and members were appointed to the Organizing Committee and other sub committees. Members of the committees are as follows.

Organizing Committee of PGIM Academic Sessions 2007

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(Chairperson/Director,PGIM)

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Feedback.....

This is the fourth Newsletter released by MERC, PGIM. We would be grateful if you could let us know what you think about the articles you have read in this Newsletter, what other articles would you be interested in seeing covered in future Newsletters. Finally any other useful suggestions to improve our future issues are also welcome.

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Correction: Dr. Aruna Munasinghe's name should also be added as a member of the e-committee of CDSC-Critical Care, in the 3rd Newsletter.

“Medical Education” as a speciality

Initial meeting of the Curriculum Development Sub-Committee for “Medical Education” was held on 10th of April 2007 at the PGIM Board Room. This is planned to function as a sub-committee of BOS in Multi Disciplinary Study Courses (MDSC). Prof. Lalitha Mendis is the Chairperson of the Committee and Dr. Indika Karunathilake is the Secretary. They intend to develop a curriculum for a Certificate Course leading to Diploma and MSc. This will be a great boon to local faculties and the region.



27th ANNIVERSARY



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- Kandy Hospital Postgraduate Centre
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