



Third AGM of Jaffna Medical Faculty Overseas Alumni In United Kingdom

MEMBERS

President

T. Nandakumar, MD

Secretary

Ram Ravichandran, MD

Assistant Secretary

Norman Alfret, MD

Editor

Jeya Thayaparan, MD FRCPC

Treasurer

Rajaratnam Pathmarajah, MD

Assistant Treasurer

Anusha Steven, MD

Committee Members

Andy Somesan, MD

former President (2005-6)

V. Santhakumar, MD

Founder of JFMOA (2004)

Jasotha Shanmugarajah, MD

former Secretary (2005-6)

Gerard Francis, MD

former Editor (2005-6)

Malathy Varatharajah, MD

S. Selvaratnum, MD

Anusha Jeyakumar, MD

Jeganathan Rubini, MD

Our Mission

1. To frame a network to bring all the Jaffna Medical Faculty graduates from different parts of the world, under one umbrella and to move with the goal of support our mother faculty and to the members of our community who are in need of support.
2. Focusing on providing voluntary service to the needy members of our community living in the countries where we are practicing medicine.

Our Vision

We are here when you need our service - with expert and compassionate care to support your needs. We work as a team from all over the world expanding from North America to Europe and Asia with the one goal of supporting the mother faculty and junior colleagues thus enhancing the health care in Sri Lanka and also bring pride to our faculty by providing excellent service in the countries where are now.



Dear Friends and members of JMFOA

I am taking this opportunity to proudly announce that our Jaffna Medical Faculty Overseas Alumnus (JMFOA) has successfully reached its 3rd annual meeting. JMFOA was started with an inaugural meeting in Toronto 2004 and growing last 3 years and has made a major milestone in a short time with all of your hard work and dedicated volunteer service.

We have formed a strong foundation to help our faculty in various ways with approximately 50 medical graduates around the world. We successfully held our first annual meeting in New York, USA then, our 2nd annual meeting in Toronto, Canada; today we are here to celebrate our 3rd annual meeting with your presence.

Our JMFOA has been recognized as a nonprofit organization with charitable service and granted tax exemption. We have started to form a sponsorship program to support the current low-income medical students to complete their studies and successfully graduate as full-fledged physicians to serve our community. We have already funded many important projects, food program, hemo-dialysis unit, student scholarships, and funds for medical supplies. (See page 2).

I am requesting your support and to join us as a member and help us with our dream, we look forward for your continued support to your faculty, who has enabled you to be a physician and to live in this western world and support our needed projects financially.

Thank you for presence and support.

*Dr. Nandankumar, USA
JMFOA President*



Getting Residency in Canada as IMGs

Great news for International graduates
Special Announcement for 2007 by Canadian Medical Council, IMGs who are applying for residency in Canada are eligible to apply for 1st iteration of the 2007. To find out if you satisfy the criteria:
Tel: (613) 237-0075 or (877) CARMS-42 or Fax: (613) 563-2860
Email : help@carms.ca
Web: www.carms.ca

To be eligible to participate in the Canadian Resident Matching Service you must have written and passed the **Medical Council of Canada Evaluating Examination (MCCEE)** which is a really easy exam and can be completed out of Canada at your own resident country.

Information provided by
Dr. Jeya Thayaparan, MD FRCPC

Currents projects hosted by Jaffna Medical Faculty Overseas Alumni

1. Student Sponsorship for the students with limited income - student selection criteria are done by Medical Student Union, Dean, Student counselor and Senior treasurer.
The selection criteria include:
 - total monthly income of the family is below Rs.12,500.00 or
 - father or mother are both deceased, disabled, displaced or unemployed or
 - any family member is suffering from chronic illnesses or malignancies.
2. Conducting affordable meal programs for students at Faculty of Medicine, University of Jaffna.
3. Donated Emergency Funds for Jaffna Teaching Hospital Renal Dialysis Unit.
4. Donated Money for Medical Supplies for Jaffna Hospital. We will continue to support this project as need arise and financial support available from our resources.

Treasurer's Report: 2006-2007 by Dr. R. Pathamarajah

Donations made by JMFOA:

1. Donation made to Local Alumni	USD \$7,450.00
2. Donation made to Jaff-med-Faculty	CDN \$4,000.00
3. Donation made to Renal fund Jaf/Hospital	USD \$5,000.00
4. Donation made to Med students Food program	USD \$2,000.00
5. Donation made to Dean's fund	USD \$1,000.00
6. Donation made to purchase drugs to Jaf/Hosp	USD \$5,000.00
7. Med students sponsorship	USD \$7,500.00

Special Thanks to Sponsor Dr. Kiruba. Kiruabharan Associates / Family & Cosmetic Dentistry for sponsoring this newsletter for JMFOA.

Becoming a physician is a dream for a lot of people all over the world, but we became a physician in a war zone and with excellent foundation, which gave us the opportunity to work equally in the western world with dignity. All the praises should go to our mother faculty. Despite the fact we left the country without serving in needed time, we were able to form JMFOA and support the Medical faculty with enthusiasm, which is a reflection of our feelings. In the future we/ the Committee has to actively encourage other young graduates to join the JMFOA and take an active part and share in the responsibility. This is of paramount importance to continue the organization with great success into the future.

Dr. Jeya Thayaparan, MD FRCPC
Editor, JMFOA



Future Plans

Useful Websites for USMLE and Residency in USA

www.usmle.org
www.nbme.org
www.usmle.net
www.prep4usmle.com
www.usmleforum.com
www.scutwork.com
www.conntutorials.com
www.usmleworld.com
www.kaplan.com

Information provided by
Ravi Pathamarajah

- Maintain vital links with Faculty of Medicine/ Jaffna University in order to help students/staff's educational.
- Organize scientific and educational activities to benefit the members including conducting educational seminars, continuous medical activities, exam preparations etc in USA and Canada to help out the new comers to support to get into the Medical profession.
- Assist physicians who have qualified from Jaffna Medical School seeking their training in the field of Human Sciences.
- Make contributions to organizations with similar interests which have been approved by the JMFOA.
- Provide medical assistance for the needy population by conducting free voluntary clinics.
- Offer voluntary services during disaster situations such as Hurricanes or any other catastrophic events.

Dear Colleagues and friends,

It is my pleasure to write this message as a member of JMFOA. Our faculty over sea's Alumni was formed in 2004 and involved in various activities in helping our faculty students who will be our colleagues in the future.

One other objective of the JMFOA is to have a comradeship and ongoing communications among members and colleagues. From North America we are expanding to other continents as Europe and Australia. We want all of your and your friend's active participation to guide, carry on and achieve our goals. JMFOA has charitable status in USA.

We value your time and will see the ongoing support in the future. I thank all, who worked hard and contributed to make the JMFOA a success and specially the editor for her effort in making this newsletter. I plea our colleagues and friends to make this effort and our organization a success so that we all can be proud of our faculty.

With Best regards,

*R. Ravichandran, MD
JMFOA, secretary*



Third Annual Meeting of Jaffna Medical Faculty In UK on July 28th, 2007

Venue:

Holiday Inn, London-Elstre
Barnet By pass, Borehamwood, Hertfordshire
WD6 5PU
Tel: +44 (0) 8704431271
Holiday-inn.co.uk

Continuous Medical Education Session

28th July, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (please see attached sheet for details)

Agenda for AGM and Dinner (Registration from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)

- 7:00 p.m. - 7:05 p.m. Welcome Note by Dr. T. Nandakumar, President
- 7:05 p.m. - 7:10 p.m. Approval of the new committee
- 7:10 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. Secretary Report by Dr. Ram Ravichandran
- 7:15 p.m. - 7:25 p.m. Treasurer Report by Dr. R. Pathmarajah
- 7:25 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. UK edition JMFOA Organizing Committee by Dr. Navaneethan
- 7:30 p.m. - 7:35 p.m. Chief guest speech by Prof. M. Sivasuria
- 7:35 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Recognition chief guest and dedicated JMF staff
- 8:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Dinner & Dance / Live music
Fun activities for kids



Yes, I wish to support JMFOA

JMFOA is a charitable organization

I enclose my cheque made payable to **Jaffna Medical Faculty Overseas Alumini**

\$50 \$100 \$200 \$500 \$1000 Other \$ _____

I would like to use: VISA M/C Amex

Card # _____ Exp date: _____

Signature: _____

DR / MR / MRS / MS: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal code: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

I would like to pay ONLINE with my credit card via *PAYPAL* by visiting JMFOA.COM and click "Make a donation".

You could also mail your cheque to **Jaffna Medical Faculty Overseas Alumini**

c/o Dr. Nandakumar, 6 Tennis Court, Glen Head, NY 11545, USA

Email: JMFOA@yahoogroups.com

Registered Charity in USA / Tax ID No: 20-1986761

All donations are tax deductible and will be promptly receipted.



Third Annual Meeting of Jaffna Medical Faculty Overseas Alumni in UK
Continuous Medical Education Session

July 28, 2007

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Venue:

Holiday Inn, London-Elstre
Barnet By pass, Borehamwood, Hertfordshire
WD6 5PU
Tel: +44 (0) 8704431271
Moderator for CME Activity: Dr. Somesan

1. Management of acute coronary syndrome

- UK experience** Dr K Ranjadayan MD FRCP
Consultant Physician and Cardiologist
Newham University Hospital NHS trust
- USA perspective** Dr Selvaratnam Sinnapunayagam MD FACC
Consultant Cardiologist
Coney Island Hospital, Brooklyn, NY

2. Recent advances in the management of Diabetes.

Dr Mrs Yalini Balakumar MRCP
Consultant Physician and Endocrinologist
Newham University Hospital NHS trust

3. Initial management of paediatric trauma in the emergency department

Dr S Premachandran FRCS
Consultant in Emergency Medicine and Clinical Director
Frimley Park Hospital NHS foundation trust, Camberley

4. Fat in the liver: When is it important?

Dr R Mathialagan MD FRCP
Consultant Physician and Gastroenterologist
Queen Elizabeth Hospital, NHS Trust, Kings Lynn

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint sponsorship of the Medical Educational Council of Pensacola (MECOP) and Jaffna Medical Faculty Overseas Alumni. MECOP is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians and takes responsibility for the content, quality, and scientific integrity of this CME activity.

The Medical Educational Council of Pensacola designates this educational activity for a maximum of 4 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Third AGM of Jaffna Medical Faculty Overseas Alumni in UK July 28th 2007
JMFOA Values your opinion.....Let us know what you think.....

Your time and attendance has made us to succeed this mile stone. We need your comments and inputs please take time and complete before you leave.

1. Do you have any suggestion to Committee members of JMFOA to improve their commitment in the future?

2. What did our organization do well? How we could improve further to help our faculty?

3. How we could help out new comers in Europe and North America.

4. Do you need any assistance from JFMOA in respect of finding a residency or financial support to commence the residency search – Student Loan, will be consider with individual assessment and confidentially?

5. Are you member of JFMOA?
Do you wish to be member please fill out the information below Yes No
Do you want to be committee member – please indicate your interested area?
If yes -----
If not would like to be a member of JMFOA? Yes No
6. What is preventing you to be a member of JFMOA; we would be able to rectify the issue. Eg: Financial restraint, time or etc -----

7. Do you know any one from JFM living in your area not knowing this meeting please gives the detail for future contacts? -----

8. Do you have any complaint about the organization or individual please feel free to bring to your attention, will be treated full confidentially and professionally.

9. Where Do you wish to have a Fourth Annual meeting is planned in New Jercy will you be attending the meeting? Please circle it. yes No
10. Is this meeting has met your expectations Yes No
If answer is No please make comment and suggestion to improve next meeting.

What we care is your satisfaction is our success. Thank you for your time and attendance

Name: Dr. -----

Email Address _____

Signature: -----