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Dear Colleague,

Welcome you all from Bangladesh. Season greetings and happy new year to all the chapter members of American College of Physicians. 17th International Congress and Conference organized by Bangladesh Society of Medicine and endorsed by ACP was held from 16-18 December 2016 in the premises of Radisson Blu Water Garden, Dhaka. More than 100 national and 10 foreign speakers delivered their presentation on the conference. It's my pleasure to inform you that this year more than 40 participants from Bangladesh will join San Diego, California, meeting.

In Bangladesh, February 21 is the anniversary of a pivotal day in the country's history. The date represents the day in 1952 when students demonstrated for recognition of their mother language (Bangla). Every year people express their love and respect by laying flowers at *Shaheed Minar* (martyr's monument). The United Nations' (UN) declares "International Mother Language Day" which is annually held on February 21 since 2000 globally.



CME Organized by ACP Bangladesh Chapter:

ACP-Bangladesh chapter has started academic activities this year in collaboration with Bangladesh Society of Medicine.

First CME was held on 7th August 2016 in joint collaboration with Bangladesh society of Medicine. The topic of the CME was "Obesity and Healthy diet".

Second CME was solely organized by ACP-Bangladesh Chapter and endorsed by Bangladesh society of Medicine. The CME was held on 9th November 2016 in the premises of Dhaka club. Topic of the CME was "Vitamin D deficiency –an update". Two veteran speaker Prof. Khan Abul Kalam Azad and Dr. Robed Amin spoke on the occasion. The session was followed by a question answer session. Nearly 200 ACP –Bangladesh Chapter member attended the CME. (Pic 1)



Pic 1: CME on "Vitamin D deficiency in Adults."

17th International Congress and Scientific seminar 2016:

17th International Congress and Scientific seminar 2016 organized by Bangladesh Society of Medicine and endorsed by ACP-Bangladesh Chapter was held from 16-18 December 2016 in the premises of Radisson Blu Water Garden, Dhaka. ACP-Bangladesh Chapter is Part and parcel of the BSM.. Both the organizations share common goal and activities. As this conference time was held on 3rd week of December, ACP couldn't send official ambassador to this Conference but Nitin S. Damle, President, American College of Physicians sent 3.44 minute video message for the participant wishing the success of the conference. His speech was highly applauded by the audience. In this conference an half an hour session "State of the art lecture" was dedicated for ACP Bangladesh Chapter. Prof. Hans P. Kohler (Switzerland), Secretary of ISIM, delivered his lecture on "population aging and multi morbidity- The role of Internist". Prof. Quazi Tarikul Islam, Governor, ACP- Bangladesh Chapter was chaired session. (Pic 2).



Pic 2: State of the art lecture, Prof. Hans P. Kohler (Switzerland), Secretary of ISIM



Pic 3: Conference audience

Program overview of 16th International Congress and Scientific Seminar organized by Bangladesh Society of Medicine were as follows, (Pic 3)

- Two Grand rounds.
- Two State of art Lectures
- Four Key note speech
- Twelve symposiums covering 36 topics
- One medical debate.
- Free paper session containing eighteen presentations
- Multiple small feeding of mind session containing sixteen presentations.
- Poster paper presentation session containing seventeen posters.
- Cultural night and banquet.

ACP Stall in the Conference:

As before, there was a stall for ACP – Bangladesh chapter in the conference premises. Thirty six postgraduate physicians filled up the form of ACP for membership and paid their money to the secretary of the Chapter Governor for submitting during annual meeting at San Diego, California. In the ACP stall, we shared plenty of information regarding activities of ACP-Bangladesh Chapter as well as stall distributed flyers, booklets and different forms to the participants of the Conference for getting more information about American College of physicians. (Pic4)



Pic 4: ACP stall in Conference premises.

Fellowship award:

Its great news for Bangladesh chapter as well as Bangladesh society of Medicine that Dr. Chandra Shekhor Bala, member of ACP has been awarded fellowship at California. But unfortunately Visa was not issued to him so he could not avail the program.

ACP-Bangladesh chapter meeting:

Two chapter meeting held in last six month period.

1. First meeting was held on 1st November 2016 at Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Following agenda were discussed in the meeting

- Austin –Governors meeting.
- CME at Dhaka club on 9th November 2016
- Sharing information about fellowship that one of our chapter members won among four global fellowships.

2. Second chapter meeting was held on 17th of January 2017 at Santoor Restaurant, Dhamnondi, Dhaka. Bangladesh Chapter has reached over 200 dues paid Masters, Fellows, and Members, the benchmark for full chapter status eligibility and conducting a governor election. According to the direction of the American college of physicians, ACP –Bangladesh Chapter started procedure to elect new governor. In that meeting all the advisory council



Pic 5: ACP-Bangladesh Chapter advisory council members meeting.

members were present. Unanimously all the council members selected Prof. A K M Aminul Hoque, fellow of ACP, as CLNC. Dr. Rubina Yasmin and Dr. Mohammad Rafiqul Islam will work as LNC (Pic 5)

List of new Fellows and Members in last 6 months

Members

1. Abul Kalam Azad, MBBS
2. Quadrat Elahi, MBBS
3. Md. Mosarraf Hossain, MBBS
4. Md Islam, MBBS
5. MdSafiqul Islam, MBBS
6. Md. Merazul Islam
7. Mohammad Kamrul Islam, MBBS
8. Mohammad Shah Jahirul Hoque Chowdury, MBBS MD
9. HumayraJesmin, MBBS
10. Firoz Ahmed Quraishi
11. Aminur Rahman, MBBS,MD
12. MdMahfuzer Rahman, MD
13. Md. Matiur Rahman
14. Gobinda Roy

Fellows

1. MdArif Akbar Saibal, MD
2. Mohammed Masudur Rahman
3. Brigadier General Prof. Md. Azizul Islam.
4. FarukAhammad
5. Md. TowhidAlam
6. Md. Yousuf Ali
7. Mohammad Rafiqul Islam.
8. Gobinda Chandra Banik
9. Sarmistha Biswas
10. ParthaPratim Das
11. Syed Ghulam MogniMowla
12. Khan Fariduddin Mohammad Ayaz
13. Md. Toufiqur Rahman
14. AKM Monwarul Islam
15. Shah Md Sarwer Jahan
16. Mohammad Mahbubur Rahman Khan

17. Md. Shafayet Hasan Majumder
18. Md. Khalilur Rahman
19. Radheshyam Saha

Conclusion:

We received message from Nitin S. Damle, President, American College of Physicians regarding the recent ban on travel to America for some Muslim countries. We are also concern about this matter and we deeply regret on this travel ban issue. We hope visa process will be easier for ACP meeting participants as well as those who got fellowship worldwide from ACP. Bangladesh is one of the fastest growing ACP chapter nation. We hope ACP will help us providing training and educational material to our Chapter members which will make our physicians to international standard. We think that is the primary goal of both ACP and Bangladesh Chapter. Finally I would request our Members and to remind that some of the them mistakenly writing MACP after their name which is absolutely wrong and misconduct. Only the Masters can write MACP after their name. I shall request them not to do this unethical activities. A member can apply for Fellowship after two years of membership in good stand .