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## Governor's Message



H.A.M. Nazmul Ahasan, MBBS, FCPS, FRCP (Edin and Glasg), MACP, ACP Governor

Hello everyone,

I am quite delighted as ACP-Bangladesh Chapter got total 8 new Fellows, 89 new members and 703 new students' member. This is highest member recruitment within a six months period. My heartfelt thanks to all new members. I will request everyone to remain engaged with our chapter's activities. We have planned three skill development programs for students' members, two skill development programs for residents' members and two CME for members and fellows.

## Delegates of ACP Bangladesh Chapter and Bangladesh Society of Medicine (BSM) Attends 4th ACP Congress in India.

Senior officials and members of ACP Bangladesh Chapter and Bangladesh Society of Medicine (BSM) joined the 4th ACP Congress, Kolkata, India. This year it was held at Hyatt, Kolkata from August 29th to September 1st, 2019. The governor of ACP Bangladesh Chapter, H.A.M Nazmul Ahasan Khan, led the team. This is the second time delegates from Bangladesh joins ACP Congress in India. In 2018, it was held in Lucknow. On 29<sup>th</sup> evening, at the inaugural session, delegates were introduced with delegates from other countries by Professor B A Muruganathan,

Governor, ACP Chapter, India. Bangladesh was the country with highest number of participants this year and was highly appreciated. Participants were Professor Quazi Tarikul Islam, past Governor, Prof. AKM Aminul Hoque, Chairman, Finance Committee, Prof. Enamul Karim, former Professor and Head, Dhaka Medical College, Prof. Khan Abul Kalan Azad, Principal Dhaka Medical College and Dean, Medicine Faculty, Dhaka University, Prof. Md. Julhash Uddin, Professor of Medicine, MARS Medical College. Their spouses also attended the Inaugural and cultural night. Dr. Nadia Majumder, Assistant Professor, participated at the e- poster presentation Competition. Prof. Q. Tarikul Islam and Prof. HAM Nazmul Ahasan were invited as keynote speakers at the Congress. Prof. Khan Abul Kalam Azad, Prof. Aminul Hoque and Prof. Md. Julhasuddin Chaired different sessions. The Conference was a successful one and many participants urged the need to arrange a regional ACP Congress in Asia.



Governor, ACP-Bangladesh Chapter, HAM Nazmul Ahasan with other attendees in Kolkata, India.

## Skill Development Program for Student's Member of ACP-Bangladesh Chapter

In last six months, ACP Bangladesh chapter arranged three skill development programs for student's members. The first program was arranged at Dhaka Medical College on the 26<sup>th</sup> of August, 2019. More than 200 student members were present in the program. Prof. Quazi Tarikul Islam, Prof. Khan Abul Kalam Azad and Prof. Iffat Ara shamsad showed objective structured practical examination (OSPE) material on different topic of internal medicine and pediatrics. Second skill development program was arranged in Sir Salimullah Medical College on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2019. More than 180 student members were present on the occasion. Dr. Dura Halder, Prof. Ahmed Hossain and Prof. Sharifun Nahar discussed OSPE material essential for final professional examination of MBBS. The third skill development was arranged at Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2019. Prof. AHM Feroz, Prof. Titu Miah and Prof. Md. Al-Amin Mridha discussed OSPE material with 4<sup>th</sup> year and 5<sup>th</sup> year MBBS students. All three-program had three segments. First speaker discussed about case scenario of different problem and how to solve the problems. Second speaker discussed OSPE on X-Ray and ECG. Third speaker discussed pediatric OSPE material.







Students' skill development program at different medical colleges.

## Governor Attends BOG Fall 2019

BOG fall 2019 meeting was held in Tucson, Arizona, USA from 26-28 September 2019. On the first day, during class breakfast of Class 2022, Governors discussed the successes and challenges of different chapters. Bangladesh Chapter has considerable number of successes to mention. The Chapter arranged 3 CME, 4 educational programs for students, 1 skill development program. The total number of members has increased by more than 400, mostly due to increase in student members. Chapter received the "Bronze Chapter Excellence award 2019". This is 3rd consecutive year Bangladesh Chapter receives this prestigious award. This is declared at the Governors Luncheon.

Governor, Bangladesh Chapter was asked to give a presentation on "Educational program mobilizing students and residents" Bangladesh Chapter doing at the "International Chapters breakout" session organized by Global engagement Committee of ACP. It was well received.

Governor had a session with Chapter Liaison, Ms. Wendy Rivera regarding different issues, specially dues payment and "drop out", Chapter strategic plan, problems with fund transfer, sending ambassador to the upcoming International and Annual Scientific Conference of Bangladesh Society of Medicine and possibility of arranging "ACP Regional conference".

Governor discussed with Professor Kenji Maeda, Governor ACP Chapter, Japan and Professor Allan, Governor ACP Chapter SE Asia regarding arranging a Regional Conference in Asia as early as possible.

Since the Governor of ACP India Chapter didn't attend, the decision was taken that it will be processed after discussing with Professor B.A. Muruganathan. The BOG meeting was a very successful one.



BOG Fall 2019

## Advisory Council Meeting

A meeting of the advisory council of ACP, Bangladesh Chapter was held on the 29<sup>th</sup> of October 2019. A total of 19 members including the Governor were present there. The honorable Governor, ACP Bangladesh Chapter looked over the meeting. At the beginning Governor informed the council members about the achievement of Chapter Excellence Award 2019. He also informed that this year ACP Bangladesh Chapter organized 2 advisory council meetings, 2 CME on different important medical issues, 5 educational for resident and Medical students and also going to participate as an active member in upcoming 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Bangladesh Society of Medicine in November, 2019. He also informed about the regular publishing of the newsletters and booklets of the presentations in different CMEs and educational programs in hard copy. He informed that ACP Bangladesh Chapter actively participated in ACP IMM'19 in Philadelphia and 4<sup>th</sup> ACP Congress Kolkata, India. In

Philadelphia there were 2 poster presentations from Bangladesh. In Kolkata, there were 2 speakers, 4 chairpersons and 1 poster presentation.

After Governor's speech, discussion was done on various agendas to decide the strategies for the upcoming years. Members actively participated in the discussion and following points came out:

1. A five-year-plan is necessary.
2. Besides the educational programs in different institutions, community-based programs should be planned. Community programs like survey, educational programs in the community on NCDs can be arranged. Resident students will participate in the program.
3. ACP Chapter can take steps to formulate manuals on different medical issues like Medical Ethics, manual on Clinical signs and symptoms.
4. Steps can be taken to provide scholarship or sponsorship for training in different medical institutions in USA.
5. Steps should also be taken to increase the fund from ACP.
6. A digital card with photograph can be provided for the members of Advisory Council and also for the fellows of ACP, Bangladesh Chapter.
7. Measures should be taken to increase the regional co-operation with other Asian Chapter e.g. - India, Japan, Saudi Arabia etc.
8. Measures should also be taken to increase the number of papers in the regional and central conferences of ACP.
9. A grant for research or scholarship can be arranged from ACP, Bangladesh Chapter.
10. A team can be formed to evaluate the existing BMDC Ethics manual for further updating.
11. Steps should be taken not to write MACP as a degree by the members of ACP, Bangladesh Chapter.
12. A conference can be arranged by ACP, Bangladesh Chapter in the upcoming days in collaboration with BSM.

Finally, Mr. Governor, ACP Bangladesh Chapter thanked all the participants for attending the meeting and request to attend the upcoming meetings.





Advisory council meeting

## 20<sup>th</sup> International Congress and Conference

Bangladesh Society of Medicine in collaboration with ACP-Bangladesh Chapter, arranged the largest gathering of internists and specialists of allied branches of Medicine. With all newest research findings and clinical experiences from the emerging legends and the living legends from all over the globe. Total local speakers were 48 and foreign speakers were 12. Prof. Hans-Peter Kohler, MACP, Secretary General of ISIM attended as an ambassador of ACP in this scientific program.

Total Symposia 18

Grand round 2

Mock OSPE 1

Key note speech 4

Free paper session-23

Multiple Small feeding- 30

Poster- 12.





Attendees of annual meeting.

## Laureate Award

The Laureate Award honors ACP Fellows and Masters who have demonstrated their commitment to excellence in medical care, education, research and service to their community, their Chapter and the College.

In the year 2019, ACP-Bangladesh chapter advisory council decided to honor Prof. AKM Aminul Hoque with prestigious Laureate award for his excellent academic career and contribution to ACP.



Prof. AKM Aminul Hoque receiving Laureate Award from Governor, Prof. HAM Nazmul Ahasan.

## ACP Stall in Conference Venue

Like every year ACP-Bangladesh Chapter had a stall in the conference premises. Prof. Hans-Peter Kohler, ACP ambassador, Prof. HAM Nazmul Ahasan, Governor, ACP-Bangladesh Chapter and Prof. Md. Billal Alam, President, Bangladesh Society of Medicine visited the stall. Forty two new postgraduate physicians became members of ACP in the stall. We also supported renewal of membership.





Prof. Hans-Peter Kohler, Prof. HAM Nazmul Ahasan, Prof. Ahmedul Kabir and other dignitaries.

## Annual Dinner

ACP-Bangladesh Chapter arranged an annual dinner for the first time since its birth. All Masters, Fellows, advisory council members and their spouse were invitee in the program. A short CME was associated with dinner. Prof. Ahmedul Kabir spoke on ‘Therapeutic Endoscopy’ on the occasion. A family environment was all around. HAM Nazmul Ahasan, Governor, ACP-Bangladesh Chapter introduced all the new fellows with attendees.





Dignitaries enjoying dinner.

## New Fellow in the Last Six Months

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## Conclusion

Our total member number reached 1407 which is all time high. It indicates your confidence on ACP-Bangladesh Chapter. I will encourage everyone to communicate with me so that I can incorporate your positive views. I will request everyone to pay dues regularly to avoid drop out.

Regards,

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