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### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



The 31<sup>st</sup> FIMA council meeting concluded successfully in Arusha, Tanzania with very productive and interactive business sessions. The working of FIMA, its various projects including FIMA relief, FIMA Save-vision, FIMA Save-smile, FIMA Save vision etc were discussed at large. The reports of IMAs were presented and exchange of experiences and newer avenue were also explored and shared with sister IMAs.

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# 31ST FIMA COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN ARUSHA-TANZANIA ON 7-8TH AUGUST 2014

The 31<sup>st</sup> FIMA council meeting was held in Arusha-Tanzania on August 7-8<sup>th</sup> 2014. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Tanveer Zubairi, President FIMA. A large number of delegates from more than 19 members and affiliate IMAs attended. The council meeting started with the recitation from Holy Quran by Imam Adam from Mozambique. Dr. Juma Mwimbe, the host and secretary General of Sunshine Muslim Volunteers-Tanzania welcomed the delegate and said that Tanzania is a charming place with ancient

towns, archeological sites and geological wonders. He expressed his joy and gratitude on behalf of his organization to be the host of FIMA council and its delegates and thanked all those who accepted their invitation to join the FIMA and IMANA activity. He briefed the delegates of arrangements of meeting and Safari tour which was arranged following the council and IMANA scientific session. President FIMA Dr. Tanveer Zubairi also warmly greeted the delegates. He said that it was difficult for IMAs to send



A group photo of delegates of 31<sup>st</sup> FIMA Council meeting Arusha-Tanzania.

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delegates immediately after Ramadan and a few delegates had to travel a long distance. appreciated the enthusiasm and interest of the participants. He also presented the report of exco for 2013-14 followed by the report of FIMA executive Director, Dr Aly Mishal. The reports of IMAs, FIMA projects including CIMCO, IHC, FIMA relief, Gaza relief, FIMA save smile and FIMA save dignity were presented. Dr. Intzar Hussain presented an elaborate report of FIMA Save Vision which has successfully achieved the milestone of rendering eye-care services to one million patients and cataract surgery performed on 100,000 patients. The delegates

lauded the services of FIMA save vision team and FIMA eve surgeons who did a marvel. A detailed discussion was also made on FIMA financial report, Year Books 2013 and 2014. A new project under the title of FIMA Save hearing was also approved. IMA Egypt will take charge of the project and a preliminary feasibility report will be presented n the next council meeting 2015. The tax exemption status of FIMA in USA and overseas was also discussed. President FIMA highlighted the efforts of FIMA for being a part of global initiative and campaign for the eradication of Polio and to improve child health care situation including

vaccinating against deadly infectious disease in endemic Muslim countries. He also presented his report on involvement of FIMA in the OIC health strategic partnership plan and SESRIC workshop in Ankara-Turkey.

The next FIMA council meeting is scheduled in Makassar, Indonesia in October 2015. Dr. Eka Ginager President IIMA also presented the report of forthcoming 16<sup>th</sup> FIMA Students Camp in January 2015. He requested all the IMAs to nominate the medical students from their respective countries to attend the students' camp.



Dr. Abd Rashid Abdul Rahman , Secretary General of FIMA



Dr. Mwimbe Juma, the local host and secretary General of SMV, Tanzania



Leisure time during the coffee break.
Dr Munawar Hatta with
Dr. ashraf Jedaar and Dr. Sufiyan.



Female delegates ready to leave for excursion to Mount Meru.



Delegates of 31<sup>st</sup> FIMA Council meeting.



Members of FIMA advisory council. (Dr. Jurnalisuddin, Dr Parvaiz Malik, Dr Mubeen Akhtar And Dr. Aly Mishal)



President FIMA Dr. Tanveer Zubairi, visiting Sunshine Muslim Volunteers office in Darussalam with Mr. Almas, manger and patron of SMV.



Dr. Tanveer Zubairi, President FIMA presiding over the FIMA Council meeting.

A resolution was drafted and approved unanimously by the FIMA council stating its deep concern over the grave situation of healthcare in Gaza and deprivation of medical and life saving services for the injured during the onslaught. FIMA urged the

international community, Governments and Organizations to come forward and intervene on emergent basis to allow the provision of medicine and medical supplies in the damaged and war torn hospitals inside the Gaza territory and to allow an access to the healthcare professionals from other countries to volunteer their services in managing the severely injured and destitute.

The meeting ended with dua and thanks to the chair and hosts.



Dr Ihsan Karaman presenting the report of Turkish Green Crescent Society.



Prof Maged Kagimu presenting his report on FIMA HIV-AIDS resource centre.



31st FIMA Council meeting. A view of the lunch break on 6th August 2014.





### NATIONAL DOCTOR'S FORUM BANGLADESH HOLD IFTAR MEHFIL AND SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

National doctors forum Bangladesh held Iftar Mehfil to commemorate the holy month of Ramadaan and these meeting were held in various cities of Bangladesh including Dhaka, Baresal, Rajshahi and Chittagong. NDF leadership including Dr. Md. Shafiq ur Rehman, Dr Abdul Wahab and others delivered talks on blessings of this holy month. Scientific lectures were also coupled with these mehfils at places.















(A free medical camp arranged by NDF, Dr Wahab delivering a public awareness speech)

## DR. INTZAR HUSSAIN BUTT, DIRECTOR FIMA SAVE-VISION VISITS ZIMBABWE FOR ARRANGEMENT OF THE EYE CAMP

Dr Intzar Hussain Director of FIMA Save Vision visited Zimbabwe on 17th of July for a pre eye camp visit. FIMA Save Vision in collaboration with IMA Zimbabwe and IIRO is going to conduct free Eye Camp at Richard Morris Hospital in Bulawayo Zimbabwe on 11th to 17th August 2014. It is expected that 1000 patient with cataract will be operated upon.

Dr Intzar visited the hospital and had meeting with Dr. Sarkiss, Dr.

Jana and Dr Zhou( HOD). He also met Dr. Dzvang, the clinical director and discussed the arrangement of the upcoming Camp in detail and few issues regarding registration and other details of the eye camp were finalized.

Dr Intzar also visited Council of the blind and had meeting with Mr Nyathi, the director of the council, Mr. Nyathi appreciated the activity of FIMA Save Vision to help the needy and deserving blind Zimbabwean people. He promised to extend his cooperation and support for the upcoming camp.

Dr Intzar also visited Al Shifa clinic in Bulawayo and had meeting with some community members. All The above mentioned meetings were organized and attended by Dr Hassan Ashmawy, President of IMAZimbabwe.









### IMA ZIMBABWE CONDUCTS A MEDICAL OUTREACH PROGRAM

I M A Z i m b a b w e t e a m comprising of Dr Amer, Dr Sarkiss, Dr Sururu, Dr Batty, Mr. M Lunat (pharmacist) and lead by Dr H Ashmawy with the

support of two GPs and three nurses managed to hold a one day medical outreach camp at Lobengula Masjid in Bulawayo on the 20th of July 2014.

A total of 350 patients were screened and treated for various illnesses. 15 of these were referred to various specialists for further treatment.

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## INTERNATIONAL ULEMA CONFERENCE HELD IN ISLAMABAD TO SEEK COOPERATION OF RELIGIOUS SCHOLARS FOR VACCINATION

A two-day International Ulema Conference on Polio Eradication to overcome the barriers to vaccination in the endemic countries; especially Pakistan was held on 15-16th June Monday. Prominent Ulema and religious scholars from the country and abroad participated in the conference to make a strategy for having effective polio immunization mechanism.

The purpose of the conference was to bring together the religious leaders and apprise them about the challenges of polio eradication in Pakistan, particularly with respect of misinformation in the name of religion, which has resulted fears in certain communities.

The participants in the conference discussed in detail the role of Ulema in reaching children in the inaccessible areas with focus on North and South Waziristan. They also discussed the root-causes of the barrier between vaccinators and children with focus on Karachi besides discussion on current situation of polio eradication and why and where are children un-reached.

The participants also discussed how to eliminate the concerns of Ulema

President FIMA and Dr Atta ur Rehman in the NIAG meeting in Islamic international university meeting Islamabad



A group ohoto of participants

and ensure them that polio vaccine is not harmful for health and no element of harram is in its ingredient.

The conference also discussed guidance on strategies that can effectively overcome current situation and political challenges to polio eradication in Pakistan.

Addressing the participants, Minister of State for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, Saira Afzal Tarar said that polio eradication campaign can be made result oriented with the support and guidance of Ulema. She said that Ulema's role is very important in making public opinion and creating awareness in masses.

One day prior to this International conference, the meeting of National Advisory group on Polio eradication was held in Iqbal Academy, International Islamic University Islamabad. Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar, Federal Health Minister was the chief Guest. She stated that provision of health facilities is top most priority of present government and it is focusing on protection of citizens from lethal diseases and solution of various health problems including eradication of polio. She said, "In



Federal Minister of health presiding over the meeting



Members of parliament and religious scholars attended the conference

order to make Pakistan a developed country we must emerge as a healthy nation." She underscored for administration of polio vaccine drops to children for becoming a healthy nations. She said, "Safeguarding the health of our children is not only our social responsibility but a moral and religious obligation as well. Islamic scholars can play a leading role in educating the parents and society.

During the two-day conference, an indepth discussion was held with focus on specific issues to eradication and immunization of polio from Central, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, FATA and some areas of Karachi and Quetta. A joint statement was issued at the end of the conference. Those Ulema who

attended the conference including Maulana Hanif Jalandhari and Allama Tahir Ashrafi. President Islamic Development Bank, representatives of Islamic Fiqh Academy, Al Azhar, World Health Organization (WHO), representatives from Federation of Islamic Medical Associations, Pakistan Pediatrics Association and Focal Person of Prime Minister's Polio Eradication Cell Ayesha Raza Faroog attended the conference.



International conference of religious scholars on polio eradication



The meeting was attended by medical experts and Ulema from all over the world

#### FIMA GAZZA RELIEF CONTINUES

The medical relief group organized by FIMA under the auspices of its relief wing has been actively engaged in facilitating medical supplies to the war torn health infrastructure inside Gazza. Recently another consignment of 5 trucks entered Gazza under the auspices of FIMA and its partners.

FIMA further pledges to support the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the health services in Gaza with the following interventions:

- 1. Coordinating medical missions of specialists assisting the MOH Gaza with patient care and training
- 2. Delivering 20 equipped ambulances for transportation of patients
- 3. Supply of essential medicines, medical equipments, surgical consumables and

equipments as requested by the MOH Gaza.

- 4. Securing the release and transfer of the 5 Interagency Emergency Health Kits (IEHK)
- 5. Convening an international conference of service providers to address the long-term rehabilitation of the population on both humanitarian and medical grounds.

















### 16<sup>th</sup> Fima Student Camp January 2015 Bandung-Indonesia

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# TANZANIA - SPECTACULAR AND BREATHTAKING MOMENTS IN SERENGETI AND NGORONGORO GAME RESERVES

The IMANA and FIMA delegates remained busy during the FIMA council meeting and FIMA-IMANA scientific meetings in academics and reporting sessions during 6-10<sup>th</sup> August 2014. It was followed by an exciting visual masterpiece to explore the natural beauty of Indeed it was a Tanzania. lifetime travel experience. The Tanzania safari tour was both intriguing and exciting; it was a fascinating balance between the wildlife, the stunning landscapes and the friendly Tanzanian people. Tanzania has natural abundance of wildlife, along with the annual migration of millions of animals across its

northern plains, which make up a flourishing eco-system.

Africa's highest mountain, Mount Kilimanjaro, rises from lush, grassy plains and towers over the land. Its snow-capped peak is a sight to behold. The delegates visited Serengeti National Park, it was extremely scenic and had breathtaking views and sight of wild animals, the movement of animals and bird watching was spectacular amidst sunset and night taking over the shades of the mountains. The ideal bush and hilly destination, the delegates witnessed mighty herds of the Great Migration thundering across the Serengeti plains and ended their unforgettable safari after visiting Lake Manyara National Park which offered a wilderness experience in diverse habitats, from its Rift Valley soda lake to woodlands and steep mountainsides. The Ngorongoro Crater was the last stop-over in Northern Tanzania, once a gigantic volcano, is the largest intact caldera in the world. The delegates also visited Masai village and had an insight into the traditions and culture of one of the oldest African wild tribe. Tanzania indeed was a visit to charming ancient towns, archaeological sites and geological wonders.















for green pastures.







Ngorongoro lodge, where the delegates stayed overnight.



Jeepable raod to Serengeti, 4 hours drive from Ngornogro park



An Ariel view of peaks of Mount Meru.



Airstrip of Serengeti, landing of the private jet carrying the IMANA delegates



Grand migration of animals and live stock around the park.



Airstrip of Arusha, landing of the private jet carrying the IMANA delegates



A lion relaxing in the largest crater in the world.



Grand migration of animals and live stock around the park.



Road to Serengeti, the convoy on its move.



The golden crayons strolling in the fields.



A view of Serengeti airport.



Lions on a move in the Serengeti park



A view of leopard hunt in Serengeti



Evening view of mount Kilimanjaro base camp.



Visiting the Masai Mara village

### REMAINING MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT

The 2<sup>nd</sup> IMANA-FIMA scientific convention (IMANA'S 47<sup>th</sup> Annual and 12<sup>th</sup> International event) was another successful event which was held on 9-10<sup>th</sup> August 2014. Very high standard par excellence lecture on original research, review and case studies were delivered by a luminous faculty from USA and overseas. The session was chaired and organized by Dr. Ayaz Samdani, past president of IMANA and currently a member of its board of regents. Subsequently the thrilling African Safari was started from Arusha to Serengeti Park, the delegates enjoyed an unforgettable week in the lush green jungles of East Africa and witnessed wildlife and huge migration of hundreds of thousands of wild animals in a huge natural park to preserve the eco-system. The delegates also visited Ngorongoro park which has the world's largest volcanic crater and house flocks of animals of all kind. The scene was spectacular and amazing.

The 32<sup>nd</sup> FIMA council meeting will be held in Makkasar,

Indonesia in October 2015 on invitation of Indonesian Islamic Medial Association. FIMA fraternity look forward to see you there. Inshallah.

The FIMA Gazza relief group focused on delivery of medicine and medical supplies to the already destroyed healthcare facilities inside Gazza. Last week another consignment of 6 trucks worth USD 200 k was delivered. FIMA Gazza relief is working hard on dispatch of ambulances for which permission is in the process of finalization. FIMA relief Chair Dr. Ashraf Jedaar has appealed all the IMAs to send a database of volunteers who can offer their professional services in Gazza hospitals. specialists presently required are Plastic surgeons, orthopedic surgeons, anesthesiologists and vascular surgeons.

FIMA also reiterates its commitment to Kuala Lumpur declaration 2012 to play its vital role in improving the preventive healthcare facilities in the Muslim world keeping in view our commitment to MDG.

The Polio eradication initiative has been strongly supported by FIMA and its affiliates and meetings are held in the endemic countries to improve the perception of Muslim physicians in combating the rising incidence of non compliance for vaccinating the children. FIMA is also partnering with WHO and other agencies and is actively engaged to achieve the targets.

The 16<sup>th</sup> FIMA Students camp will be held in Bandung, Indonesia in January 2015. The details will follow soon, all the IMAs are requested to nominate their delegates well ahead of time so as to avoid any inconvenience, as the international travelling is becoming cumbersome and arrangements are time consuming.

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