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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Polio is a crippling and potentially fatal infectious disease. There is no cure, but there are safe and effective vaccines. The strategy to eradicate polio is therefore based on preventing infection by immunizing every child until transmission stops and the world is polio-free.

Majority of the world, including the Islamic world, is polio-free, with cases of polio down 99% worldwide since 1988. However, this preventable disease continues to afflict children in a few predominantly Muslim majority

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IMARET MALAYSIA

The IMARET team recently completed an outreach mission, jointly organized with JKOA, Memerang Tracker team & Amal Team with a total number of 34 volunteers & 11 pilots from Memerang Tracker. They organized relief activities in the Orang Asli community in Kg Regang, Pos Sinderut which included medical screening, hygiene education and many others.

The flag-off and pre launch of the IMARET mobile medical unit was successfully held at ISN, Bukit Jalil by Dato' Dr Abdul Rahim, President of Islamic Medical Association Malaysia, and advisor of IMARET as the guest of honor, who gave a short speech to the media & participants of the mission. IMARET also issued a press statement to announce the 17th Annual Scientific Conference of Islamic Medical Association of Malaysia (IMAM) 2015 with a theme "Emergency Response & Disaster



Young Imam Doctors Excels in Providing Medical Relief.

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Preparedness: Challenges & Prospects” which will be held on 30th Sept-2nd October 2015 at Ixora Hotel, Seberang Perai, Pulau Pinang.



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IMAM Response & Relief Team



IMANA HOLDS ITS 48th ANNUAL MEETING IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

IMANA 48th Annual meeting and scientific conference was held in Dominican Republic from August 1st-8th 2015. The meeting was attended by a large number of IMANA members and their families. Dr. Asif Malik was sworn in as the President of IMANA for the next session. Dr. Ismail Mehr, the IMR chair, was the outgoing President.

Dominican Republic is the second largest and most diverse Caribbean country; it overflows with fascinating history, featuring astounding nature, and rich culture. Dominican Republic is an environment to capture your imagination and refresh your soul. It is surrounded by the Atlantic

Ocean on the north and the Caribbean Sea on the south, the lush tropical island paradise boasts nearly 1,000 miles (1,609 km) of coastline, including the world's top beaches.

IMANA meeting was held in Santo Domingo, the capital and largest city in the Dominican Republic. It is the most animated, cosmopolitan and people-friendly city in the Caribbean.

The delegates showed keen interest in the scientific meeting and their participation was commendable. The event was followed by sightseeing tours to the beach of Punta Cana and nearby areas and tourist

attractions.

IMANA delegated toured the Colonial City, recognized by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. The Colonial City is a very walk able grid of 16 short streets with jewels of 16th to early 20th century architecture. Cobblestone lanes and iron street lamps lead to the many small museums, shops, and restaurants that are tucked away on every street.

The next destination was Punta Cana, where IMANA family stayed for 4 days. It is indeed the land of rest and relaxation with the best photographic memories against a backdrop of silky-fine white sand and beaches with



A view of scientific session



Beach side splendid Gala dinner.



Oath taking ceremony



Families thoroughly enjoyed the beach and surfing.



A visit to a cavern.



Dr. Khalique Zahir addressing the scientific meeting.



Dr. Ismail Mehr delivering his speech.



Salat and spiritual fortifying session.

coconut palms. IMANA delegates stayed at the Grand Palladium Bávaro Suites Resort & Spa. The

IMANA delegates and families had a memorable and cherished time together. The delegates

returned to their destination on 8th and 9th August.



Dr. Asif Malik and family, at beach, some joyful moments.



A serene view of beautiful Caribbean beach



Scientific session was well attended and carries CME credits.



The female doctors, spouses and families also enjoyed the sessions and gala dinner.



Organizers planning for the next session, Dr Imran Qureshi could be seen in the background.



The registration counter.



The venue of IMANA meeting, Santo Domingo Hilton.



Coffee break: chatting with old pals.



Cute pies in the classical Caribbean attire.



The registration stall of IMANA and IMR; Dr Ismail and Mr. Rasheed.



Palladium resort: a blend of natural beauty and Caribbean delicacies.



The colonial city, a UNESCO heritage, worth seeing journey through history.



Punta Cana: worth remembering and breath-taking scenes of natural beauty



IMANA meeting is a family affair, lots of new entrants and veterans together...



Lunch break: waiting for the supper.

THE ARABIC & ENGLISH VERSIONS OF THE GREEN CRESCENT MAGAZINE ARE OUT (15 AUGUST 2015)

Being the first and only magazine in Turkey in the field of public health and addictions, Green Crescent Society magazine has been published since 1925. The latest issue of the Turkish Green Crescent “Yeşilay” is now available in English and Arabic languages. This issue covers behavioral and psychological aspects of addictions, family factors on addiction prevention programs and cultural life in Turkey as well as interviews with specialists.

“We opened up Turkey's deepest rooted health and life magazine Green Crescent Magazine, which has been continuously published by the Green Crescent since 1925, to the international arena. Our magazine, which gives places to views, articles

and interviews of addiction experts, includes informative articles about health as well as movies, travel and gastronomy

under the title of culture and arts. It also gives a place to interviews of famous people who serve as models with their lifestyles. As of this issue, our magazine will be published in English and Arabic once every three months” Prof. M. Ihsan Karaman, Ex-President of the Turkish Green Crescent Society stated in his editorial.

The English and Arabic Green Crescent magazines will be published quarterly and accessible online.

http://www.yesilay.org.tr/green_crescent_magazine/en/01/index.html

http://www.yesilay.org.tr/green_crescent_magazine/ar/01/index.html



PAPERS & VIDEOS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON DRUG POLICY AND PUBLIC HEALTH ARE ONLINE (22 MAY 2015)

The International Symposium on Drug Policy and Public Health has been held in Istanbul on September 29th - October 1st, 2014. The Symposium was organized by the Turkish Green Crescent Society and has been supported by the World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the Pompidou Group of the Council of Europe, the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA), the Turkish Ministry of Health, the Turkish Ministry of Family and Social Policies, the Turkish Ministry of Youth and Sport, the Turkish Monitoring Center for

Drugs and Drug Addiction TUBİM. The President of the

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Republic of Turkey H.E. Recep Tayyip Erdogan and 5 honorable ministers from Turkey with many national and international heads of foundations have honored the symposium.

The videos of all sessions of the Symposium have been released on 20th May. Final papers of the speakers have also been published in the Final Book of the Symposium. Members of Addiction Working Group within the Federation of Islamic Medical Association FIMA had attended to the Symposium, held in Istanbul. During the Symposium a workshop for the FIMA Addiction Working Group delegates was organized.

Please click to see the official website of the International Symposium on Drug Policy and Public Health <http://www.ids-istanbul.com/>

PROF. KARAMAN ATTENDS TO TIMA ANNUAL MEETING (30 MAY 2015)

Vice President of the Federation of Islamic Medical Association, Prof. Dr. M. İhsan Karaman attended to the Thailand Islamic Medical Association Annual Meeting in YalaRajabhat University, Thailand on 30th May 2015. Prof. Dr. M. İhsan Karaman made opening speech in Thailand Islamic Medical Association TIMA annual meeting held in YalaRajabhat University.

During his visit to Patani, Prof. Karaman met with members of Thailand Islamic Medical Association TIMA. The strategic plans and nation-wide projects of TIMA are discussed in the evaluation meeting.

In his visit to Thailand, Prof Karaman met with Thailand Crescent Executive Member, Dr. Lutfee Hajimat. Dr Hajimat explained Green Crescent activities and future plans of the Green Crescent in Thailand.

Thailand is in a great danger of drug trafficking due to its critical position like its neighbor, cross border regions of Malaysia. Unfortunately, there have been inadequate source of knowledge about the statistics on drug abuse that is presumed to have higher numbers. Dr. Hajimat said, "We will have other NGO's collaborate to be actively involved in the process of standing against addictions through opening new

branches in different regions of Thailand and Bangkok".

During his visit Prof Karaman visited Fatoni University with TIMA executive members and Yeşilay representatives. In this meeting, Prof. Dr. M. İhsan Karaman stated his appreciation for Fatoni University which has great contributions to Muslim community in Thailand.



IMA CAMBODIA STUDENTS CHAPTER MAKES QUICK PROGRESS....

Our young fellows in Cambodia under the auspices of IMA Cambodia Students chapter arranged 7 mobile clinic programs during last one year. On an average about 800 patients were examined in each camp. The activities of the camp included: consultation and treatment for general disease, pediatric, Obs & Gynae, eyes consultation and treatment, health education, cleaning up to the public place: Masjids, toilets, schools and interactive sporting activities with the children in the village.

Another regular feature of IMAC is holding circumcision programs, where in last one year around 1500 young boys from different provinces in whole of the country were circumcised. The activities includes, circumcision program, dawah lecture to the parent and teaching basic /Islamic and hygienic principles to the children.

Another regular feature of working of IMAC is to bring

improvement in hygiene and sanitation status of community by providing the small tube wells to the poor families in rural area and providing and helping them to build toilets and teach them basic hygienic principles.

IMAC utilize the social network to connect the Muslim medical student from different universities and medical schools in the country thus uniting and organizing them to work for the cause of continued and Islamic education and morality, this network has 220 medical student as members.

Extra-class programs are also arranged for medical students to give them support and help in learning new concepts by senior colleagues.

Monthly Round table programs are also arranged on a regular basis where students review and discuss scientific research related to Medical field.

Another quarterly workshop program is arranged after every 3 months jointly with Islamic medical student camps: the salient feature of the camps include, lectures and roundtable discussions, debates/Forum, spiritual session, outdoor activities and sports, educational tours, community health service and cultural programs.

Dr Roly Yakop (Dr Gazali Yakop) is the President of IMA Cambodia-Students chapter. He also works for Emaan Foundation, a Muslim NGO based in Singapore.



A view of scientific meeting.



A quarterly Islamic Students Camp.



A round table conference held periodically under IMAC



A meeting held in collaboration with EF.



Another view of circumcision camp



Circumcision camp in progress.



A view of scientific meeting.



A view of scientific meeting.



A seminar on Islamic micro-finance arranged in Phnom penh.



Dr Roly yakop works in this hospital and it is the centre of many scientific and academic activities.



A view of seminar



FIMA SAVE VISION HOLDS EYE CAMP IN MALDIVES

Maldives is made up of a large number of tiny islands. This geographical distribution of the islands contributes to the restriction of development to the capital city and its vicinity. Other islands apart from major population centers have a relatively basic health care establishment. The cost of providing standard health care services to such small pockets of population is extremely high. According to the last census held, the total population of Maldives amounts to 328,536 people; two

thirds of the population resides in islands. A significant number of the population of Maldives does not have access to advanced healthcare services.

Every year during the school holidays from November to January many flock to the capital city for school supplies, health care and various other needs. Based on this factor, Mahaldheeb Foundation and FIMA Save Vision decided to conduct a 5 day eye camp in the island city of Hulhumale' during the year-end

holiday.

The camp was held from the 4th to the 8th of January 2015. A total of 9 doctors were involved in consultation and surgeries, where 888 patients consulted in the camp OPD while 36 patients underwent surgery. Our target was to treat 600 patients within four days. Yet due to the immense support and efficiency of the hospital staff, we were able to see 888 registered patients. 640 of whom were seen at Hulhumale Hospital, 248 at IGMH.



TV interviews of the local hosts were held and coverage of the event was given in print media as well.



A view of billboards and media campaign to publicize the eye camp at Hulhumale Hospital.



Female doctors attended the camp with great interest and devotion.



The inaugural ceremony sponsored by the ministry of Health, Government of Maldives.

The camp was held with a mammoth support from the Ministry of Health Maldives,

International Islamic Relief Organisation Saudi Arabia, M7 prints, Eye Care, Hulhumale'

Hospital and IGM Hospital.



Briefing regarding camp arrangements.



Dr Ghulam Hussain Arif in the post operative session examining the patients after surgery.



Female surgeons with a spirit of volunteerism



OPD registration and screening of the patients at Hulhumale hospital



Three operating room were simultaneously utilized for surgical procedures.



Level II eye examination by consultants.

REMAINING MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT

countries. As of September 2015, only two countries harbor the residual disease, - i.e. Pakistan and Afghanistan still pose a challenge and accounts for more than 80% of cases globally. In the past year, political and religious leaders in the Muslim world have made significant commitments to eradication. We now have a historic opportunity to build on this leadership to end polio and ensure all children receive life-saving vaccines. The concerted efforts made by WHO, Governments, Health workers and Muslim NGOs and bodies there has been a drastic reduction in the spread of this deadly disease. No new case has been reported in Pakistan since last 65 days and almost same is true with Afghanistan.

As believers of Islamic rulings, it is our sacred duty to take care of our children and guarantee their right to lead healthy, full lives. Allah reminds us that, "Indeed lost are they who have killed their children, from folly, without knowledge, and have forbidden that which Allah has provided for them. (Sūrat l-anām: verse 140)"

As Muslim physicians, it is our responsibility to both provide lifesaving care on the frontlines and advocate for the rights of our communities to have access to quality healthcare. We commit to educating families on the importance and safety of vaccines and to providing unwavering support to polio eradication efforts, which are integral to broader child health improvement. We call on our leaders and the entire Muslim community to join us in the quest to end preventable child diseases and deaths.

As Muslim physicians and healthcare workers, we urge our Muslim brothers and sisters to support vaccination against polio and commit to protecting our children against all vaccine-preventable diseases. We call on:

- The governments of all polio-affected countries

and their neighbors in the region to strengthen political and financial commitment to ending polio.

- Muslim communities to stand together as a unified front to recognize polio eradication as a priority and sustain support at all levels until eradication is achieved.
- Local leaders, media, educational institutions, and civil society to work to dispel myths and rumors about polio vaccines, disseminate research-based information on the safety of the vaccines to the public and encourage families to seek vaccination services.
- Governments to ensure the safety of polio health workers and provide them security and community support in dispensing their duties to protect all children.
- National and global programs to continue to bridge the delivery of polio vaccines and broader health services to ensure a lasting impact on child health initiatives even after eradication.

The time is now for the entire Muslim community to unite for children's health and seize the urgent opportunity to end polio. We are now very close to ending the Polio from the face of this world, Inshallah we shall witness it very soon.

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In the next issue of November 2015: Reports from FIMA Save Vision, Maldives Free Eye Camp, Report of Activities of British IMA, Bangsamoro Medical Society, Philippines.