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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



The plight and tragedy of more than four million stranded Muslim civilians in Syria continues. In a recent attack at least 72 people have been killed (including 20 children) in northern Syria after being exposed to a toxic gas that survivors said was dropped from warplanes, an attack that sparked comparisons to the most infamous act of the country's six-year war. At least another 100 people were being treated in hospitals in Idlib province where the strike took place at dawn on Tuesday. Several dozen others were transferred to Turkey, some in critical condition.

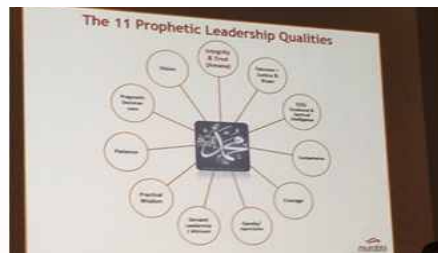
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BRITISH IMA (BIMA) HOLD ITS NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MARCH 18-19TH IN LONDON

A very well attended and representative conference of Muslim medics working in the United Kingdom was held on March 18-19th in the prestigious King's College, London. The objective was to inspire Muslim healthcare professionals to unite in the service of each other and the public and to aim for ihsan in their careers and faith.

The theme of the conference was #WHATSYOURLEGACY. The meeting started on March 18th 2017 with the recitation of Holy Quran.

Faisal Alam, the chair of BIMA London, welcomed the delegates and said that the conference was aimed at exploring the challenging issues relating



Examples of leadership qualities from the Prophet Muhammad's life as a role model for Muslim Clinicians



A view of participants of the BIMA National conference on 18th March 2017



Professor Maureen Baker speaking about patient safety in the NHS



Mr. Nabeel Azami addressing the BIMA scientific meeting.

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to medical ethics and professional development, and that he hope that such a healthy activity will inspire the participants to aspire for excellence in their careers. The first session was dedicated to the panel discussion on “Ethic, Medicine and Faith”. The speakers navigated the maze of ethical challenges of the temporal extremes of life. The Islamic principles governing the empathic provision of healthcare in such challenging situations were explained. Mr. Sharif al Ghazal, a consultant plastic surgeon from Bradford, chaired the session. The panel comprised of Professor Saad Amer, Arzoo Ahmad and Rehanah Sadiq. The BIMA bare below the elbows and theatre Hijab project was presented by Dr. Emma Wiley from London.

The afternoon session was dedicated to professional development leadership and advocacy, chaired by Dr. Faizan Ahmed. The first examined why some doctors make mistakes at work and what the consequences are from the perspective of the General Medical Council, the regulatory body of doctors in the UK. The panelists were Professor Clare Gerada, Medical Director of the NHS Practitioner Health Program, Anna Rowland assistant Director of the GMC, Dr Reem Alhimdani who spoke very bravely about her personal experiences with the GMC. It was followed by introduction of BIMA Ramadan education project and a thematic lecture on the teachings of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)

about clinical leadership by Nabeel Azami. Prof Maureen Baker, the past chair of Royal College of General Practitioners, delivered a thought provoking talk on patient safety. Prof. Musa Nordin, the past president of FIMA introduced the history, ended the day by extolling the achievements of FIMA in the last 36 years.

The BIMA Awards ceremony was held in a local restaurant with a sumptuous dinner, and awards were given by Dr Tanveer Zubairi, President of FIMA.

The second day was also very busy and started with a session on public health and community service chaired by Dr Wajid Akhtar from London. A very



BIMA award distribution ceremony in Zaza restaurant London.



The poster exhibition also attracted a large number of delegates and visitors.



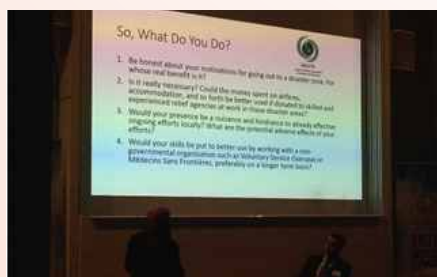
Lunch break and visit to the exhibit area, where attendees submitted academic posters on the theme “Promoting Health Living” and where BIMA exhibited its original work on the History of Islam and Medicine



Dr. Hammad receiving an award



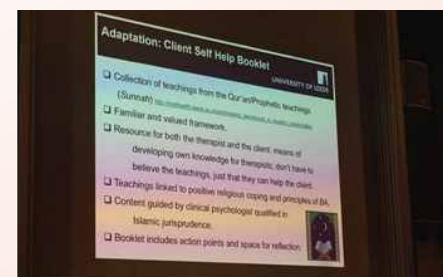
Lunch break during the BIMA meeting



Important advice for those interested in disaster relief



Dr Atallah Ruhaily visiting a stall in the exhibition area



Great impact of Dr Ghazala Mir's culturally adapted self-help booklet

motivating and prolific debate was conducted on a motion “This house believes that non-emergency medical aid to the developing world hinders more than its helps. The debate was between Prof Ihsan Karaman from Turkey and Dr Siti Asiya from IMA Indonesia. The outcome was tied. Prof Aziz Sheikh from University of Edinburgh highlighted the strategies to reduce the health inequalities in Muslim communities, and a presentation from Islamic Relief UK addressed innovative solutions to the Medical Relief. Another session was dedicated to address the myths and misunderstandings related to the mental health in Muslim communities. Professor Ghazala Mir who has developed 'Islamic

Cognitive Behavioral Therapy' and psychiatrist Dr. Shaykh Asim Yusuf were the panelists. Dr. Tamina Khalil then showcased the BIMA Life savers project.

The afternoon session was dedicated to the Islamic Medical history chaired by Dr Hafsa Qureshi where Prof Salim Al Hassani made a presentation on “Standing on the Shoulders of Giants” thereby reflecting the achievements of scientists from the Muslim world in the middle ages, who provided inspiration to the bases of modern medicine and pure sciences.

The last session was reserved for presentations on spirituality. Dr Mehrunnisa Suleman from University of Cambridge talked

about the moral universe of the Muslim clinician and Professor Dr. Shaykh Abdul Hakim Murad, Dean of Cambridge Muslim College delivered a great reminder on the importance of laying down a good foundation so that we make a good ending.

The meeting concluded with the closing remarks by Dr Hammad Lodhi, President of BIMA and a dua by Rehanah Sadiq.



The meeting gave a great opportunity to Muslim physicians to interact and improve networking.



A feedback was invited from all the participants so as to improve the working of BIMA.



Dr Ihsan and Dr Parvaiz Malik giving interview to Islam Channel



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The stall of MAA attracted a large number of delegates.



Happy organizers after so many sleepless nights.



Lunch break on day 1.



Dr Eka Ginangar (IMANI) and Mr Harun Khan Secretary General of Muslim Council of Britain in a happy mood.



A colorful exhibition attracted a large number of participants.

FIMA SEMI ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN LONDON, UK

FIMA Semi Annual EXCO meeting was held on 17th and 18th March 2017 at Kings College, London. The meeting was attended by Dr. Tanveer Zubairi, FIMA president, Dr Aly Mishal, Dr Parvaiz Malik, Dr Abdul Rashid Abdul Rahman, Dr Ihsan Karaman, Dr Musa Nordin, Dr. Ekaginanger, Dr Siti Asiyah, Dr. Misbah ul Aziz, Dr. Iwang Yusup, Dr Ashraf Jedaar, Dr Muhammad Khan and Dr Ishak Masud. It started with the recitation of the Holy Quran and Tazkirah by Dr. Aly Mishal. Dr. Tanveer Zubairi thanked the ExCo members for sparing their valuable time and relentless commitment to such an honourable cause. He said that

revival of IMA in Britain was his dream which came true. He was hopeful that BIMA will excel in the areas of improving skills and expertise of her members in the light of spirituality and improving healthcare facilities for general public in UK. Minutes of the last EXCO meeting were read by FIMA secretary Dr. Abdul Rashid followed by discussion on matters arising from minutes of last EXCO meeting held in Abuja, Nigeria.

Report from President Dr. Tanveer Zubairi for ExCo activities for 2016-17 was presented. Dr Aly Mishal presented the Executive director's report. Dr Parvaiz Malik presented the report for FIMA Save Smile. Report from FIMA Save Vision was presented by Dr. Misbah ul Aziz. Dr Ismail Mehr presented the report of FIMA Relief. Whereas Dr. Atallah Ruhaily presented the report of FIMASAC. Report from FIMA Addiction Group was presented by Dr. Ihsan Karaman. Report from IHC by Dr. Ishak Mas'ud and report from CIMCO by Dr. Iwang Yusup. Reports from Treasurer was presented by Dr. Ashraf Jedaar. Dr Musa Nordin presented the report of FIMA Advisory

Council, website and the new project of FIMA save water. An update on the arrangements of 34th FIMA council meeting and FIMA-Hayat 2017 scientific conference was presented by Dr. Ihsan Karaman. The house also discussed membership Status, long term planning, fund raising, FIMA medical journal and relationship with other medical bodies. President of FIMA Dr. Tanveer Zubairi and house proposed and seconded Dr Musa Nordin (past President and chair of FAC) for FIMA lifetime achievement award for 2017.

The meeting ended with dua made by Dr. Aly Mishal.



Dr Ishak Masud making his presentation on IHC.



PIMA SAVE SYRIA DELEGATION VISITS TURKEY

Three member PIMA delegation headed by Prof Dr Muhammad Iqbal Khan has returned from Istanbul. During their stay they visited hataya/kirikhan, inspected general and medical relief facility, organized by HAYAD FOUNDATION, the team discussed medical relief requirements with about 22 Syrian

doctors working in Centre. They also visited orphan care center and adjacent general relief activities. Met with executive council of DWW and. signed an MOU. An amount of 30000 US dollars was given for immediate needs of the above mentioned centre at Kirkham. The PIMA team also met with Met with Prof. Ihsan

Karaman, rector of Istanbul medeniyet university.



FIMA ADDICTION GROUP PLANNING TO ORGANIZE CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMS FOR MEMBERS GCS

FIMA Addiction group was created to raise awareness against the growing menace of addiction in our societies and to effectively curb its growing incidence using the FIMAs strength in the area of healthcare globally.

societies has now exceed 30 in number. Dr Ihsan recently visited Uganda to inaugurate the branch of Uganda green crescent and met with office bears of IMA Uganda under the leadership of Prof Magid Kagimu.

addiction, project writing, advocacy and fund raising training.

Dr Ihsan Karman vice president of FIMA is the current chair of this group. The number of countries who have joined hands in formation of green crescent

A capacity building workshop is being conducted in Istanbul in May 2017 with focus on Date: May 2017 Tobacco addiction, Alcohol addiction, substance



IMARET-MALAYSIA SENDS OUTREACH PROGRAM TEAMS IN THE REMOTE AREAS OF JOHOR

IMARET & FIMA medical outreach program was conducted for Orang Asli from 17-19 March 2017.

At Kg Lubuk Muman, Pos Senderut, Pahang. The following IMARET & FIMA Medical clinics were conducted in Kg Lubuk (91 patients), Kg Bukit Long (130 patients), Kg Sawih (50 patients) and Kg Tigol (30 patients). A dental clinic by Islamic Dental Association Malaysia IDAM, where 64 patients were screened, filling was done for 11 patients and scaling was done on 31 patients. A dental and oral health education program

for children including de-lousing Saloon and fun games conducted in Sukaneka. Distribution of relief pack to > 200 families was also carried out during this program.

Our 2nd field water treatment system installation in Kampung Pasir Salam, an orang asli (indigenous people) village in Johor. An excellent collaboration between IMARET, FIMA, Malaysian Armed Forces, Ministry of Health & UiTM. A 100% custom built, self-designed and high tech field water treatment system.

100% solar powered, energy efficient & fully automated. The treated, clean & safe water will augment the Orang Asli food program to combat water borne diseases & malnutrition. The system will be on test run for the next few weeks. This program will outreached elsewhere in the world via FIMA/IMARET global network.



Dr Abu Bakr Shahid a senior member of PIMA given the Presidential pride of performance award for rendering meritorious services in the field of Oncology and Radiation therapy.



FIMA executive director Dr. Aly Mishal, Dr Abdul Rashid Abdul Rahman and Prof. Abu Kholdun attended UNISSULA Scientific Meeting and also attended CIMCO/ FOKI Round table discussion.

PIMA PAKISTAN ISLAMIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (SINDH)

Indeed, Good Deeds Do Away With Misdeeds

16th Biennial PIMA Sindh Convention

ISRA University Hospital, Hyderabad 22nd & 23rd March 2017

- Inaugural Sessions • Dawati Sessions
- Thematic Sessions • Workshops
- Scientific Exhibition • CME Hours
- Career Guidance Seminar

Workshops/Scientific Sessions:
 Communication Skills | Pulmonology | Gastroenterology and liver Diseases
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2ND INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON HUMAN HEALTH & AGING SCIENCES HELD IN INDONESIA

FIMA Executive Director Dr Aly Mishal, Secretary Dr Abdul Rashid Abdul Rahman attended the 2nd International Symposium on human health and aging sciences with a theme on the role of hormone and hormonal disorders and their management for healthy human kind in aging population.



FIMA SECRETARY DR ABDUL RASHID ABDUL RAHMAN VISITS BANGLADESH

Dr Abdul Rashid Abdul Rahman visited Bangladesh on 17-18th December 2017. He gave a lecture at the Bangladesh Society of Medicine seminar and another lecture at the IbnSina Medical College. He also attended and gave a talk at NDF Meeting in Dhaka and also visited a Post graduate tuition Center organized by an NDF outfit.



A Seminar was held in QE Hospital, Birmingham on 14th March 2017.

Dr Ishak Masud Chair of IHC (Islamic Hospital Consortium) Was the key note speaker.

LAUNCHING CEREMONY OF THE MASTERS COURSE IN OPHTHALMOLOGY HELD IN SOMALILAND

The Launching ceremony of the Masters course in Ophthalmology held in Manhal Hospital, Burao in Somaliland. Dr Misbah ul Aziz, director of FIMA Save Vision chaired the ceremony. The occasion was well very attended

and participants included the university faculty and students of the diploma and masters course. It is a joint venture of Manhal university, Hargeisa, Somaliland, FIMA, WHO, Riphah International university Islamabad

and Peshawar Medical college.

Dr Misbah ul Aziz conducted training sessions and hands on clinical sessions. So far six students have graduated and second batch is nearing its session.



OBITUARY

IMASA'S SENIOR MEMBER DR. EBRAHIM AKOJEE PASSED AWAY



Dr. Ebrahim Akojee a senior family physician and a devout Muslim passed away last week, he hailed from white river in Mpumlanga. Dr Akojee personified the qualities of a good Muslim doctor with his compassion and dedication for the well being of countless families in his care over the past four decades. Dr Akojee's commitment to the just cause of Palestinians was also exemplary. He selflessly facilitated the transfer of numerous humanitarian relief missions and exchange of various dignitaries between Palestine and he rest of the world. He was instrumental in establishment of Al Quds foundation in South Africa. FIMA President Dr Tanveer Zubairi, Dr Aly Mishal, Dr Parvaiz Malik, Dr Abdul Rashid, Dr Ihsan Karman, Dr Ashraf Jeddar and Dr. Mohammed Khan sent a condolence message to the bereaved family.



In Memoriam

Professor Muhammad Azhar Ali Khan: Dedication to FIMA Is Key to Association's Accomplishments

Professor Muhammad Azhar Ali Khan served FIMA (Federation of Islamic Medical Associations) with passion and dedication since its inception in 1981. He held the following positions while on the executive committee:

- 1983: secretary-treasurer
- 1985: reelected to secretary-treasurer
- 1987-1995: executive member
- 1997: president
- 1999: reelected president
- 2001-2007: executive director

Professor Khan either established or initiated the following projects, now central to the function of FIMA:

1. FIMA Accreditation Council for Certification of Continuing Medical Education (ACCCME), which was established to enrich, organize, and standardize continuing medical education programs of various Islamic medical associations and hospitals to ensure that the conventions and scientific meetings of these associations meet a minimum standard as forums for high-quality education.

2. FIMA Health Policy, which coordinates the principles and policies of health practices in countries where there are IMA memberships.

3. FIMA Special Consultation Status on the United Nations Committee of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)/Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

4. FIMA Consortium of Islamic Medical Colleges (CIMCO), which has goals and objectives as follow:

- Incorporating Islam into the existing medical education system in member institutions to prepare Muslim health professionals; and
- Promoting health-related research to serve humanity in the light of Qur'an and Sunnah;

and

- Fostering collaboration in the field of Islamic medical education, training, and health service.

Professor Khan's work was exemplary and served as an inspiration to all. He demanded service and excellence and encouraged those he encountered to meet these objectives.

He continuously emphasized the value of effective communication, which is critical to the successful functioning of an organization, as is evident by him simply acknowledging receipt of an email. He recognized the value of cyber communication and especially the effective use of the FIMA website as a communication tool to facilitate discussion between the members and distribute critical information about the FIMA projects and other functions of the association.

He served as a mentor and role model to many of us in FIMA with his quiet, unassuming manner, yet large presence.

I leave you with his final words before his departure to Madinah and Makkah exemplifying the man's humility:

I will pray in *haram* (the sanctuary in Makkah) and (give) thanks to Allah, the things we did together for the benefit of mankind. Our mission will continue and we will continue to seek His Rahma.

Submitted by

**Musa bin Mohammad Nordin, FRCP, FAMM
President, FIMA**

REMAINING MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT

Hours after the attack, a hospital treating the injured was also hit. Images taken inside the clinic appeared to depict the blast as it happened. Photographs and videos taken at the scene and in evacuation areas nearby showed rows of small, lifeless children, some with foam visible near their mouths. Millions of Muslims in Syria had been compelled to leave their homes. As innocent civilians continue to be slaughtered within the besieged northern Syria and other previously safer hideouts for the civilians opposed to the tyrant regime of Assad. The recent Sarin gas attacks have refocused attention on the failure of the international community to prevent the worst abuses in Syria's war

Basharul Assad's regime is playing all the dirty tricks to hold power of the region. Critics of the stance have said that the absence of a credible threat has given the regime license to commit war crimes with impunity as its backers steadily claw back years of battlefield losses.

The greatest present-day humanitarian catastrophe can be largely attributed to the fact that the Muslim world has failed the people of Syria. Even though many nations and organizations (especially the United States and the United Nations through inaction, and Russia through direct aggression) rightfully bear the majority of collective blame for their woeful treatment of Syria, it is important to acknowledge that 1.7 billion Muslims have also let the people of Syria down in several ways.

And yet, despite the reckless destruction of so many Muslim lives, the divided Muslim world is using Syria as the latest staging ground in their proxy war for regional power. The fight is about political power without much of a religious base.

Meanwhile, international Muslim organizations like the Arab League and Organization for Islamic Cooperation have also completely failed in mobilizing 57 Muslim-majority nations in adequately addressing the humanitarian crisis in Syria.

“As a Muslim Physician, I am shocked and appalled at

the complete abandonment by the Muslim world of the plight of their brothers and sisters in Syria,” This was the reaction of a young Muslim British doctor. “We always see massive protests [in the Muslim world] if an offensive cartoon is drawn against our prophet. ... But we have seen silence as genocidal massacres take place against Muslim women and children in Syria.”

Keeping aside the political scenario, FIMA and its members and partners have been actively engaged in provision of humanitarian and medical relief mainly operating in Lebanon, Jordan and Turkey. IMANA and PIMA recently sent a delegation of doctors and medical camps are conducted periodically. DWW is the major partner through which IMAs are operating. But still there is a lot of need to generate funds and medical help for the marginalized Syrian refugees and civilians.



All the IMAs are urged to form local Save Syria committees and evaluate their capacity to plan a strategy for helping the destitute.

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