



FIMA Save Vision enters a new era of dynamism



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Message from the President



A massive rather “unimaginable” earthquake struck Haiti on January 12th 2010. The quake was the worst in the region in more than 200 years, and as many as 50,000 people are feared dead. The quake left the country in shambles, without electricity or phone service, tangling efforts to provide relief.

Most medical facilities had been severely damaged, if not leveled. Supplies of food and fresh water were dwindling.

FIMA has a track record of responding quickly to help the destitute in cases of such natural disasters and calamities. (The historic contribution of PIMA, IMANA and other IMAs was witnessed during the 2005 earthquake in Kashmir / North West Frontier Province of Pakistan. But unfortunately owing to logistic constraints we are still uncertain as

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by making a major break through in 2009-10

FIMA Save Vision achieved yet another mile stone by conducting a successful series of eye camps in Nigeria, where a record number of 12030 OPD patients were examined and 1403 eye surgeries with IOL implantation were performed by top eye surgeons from three FIMA member countries. The camp commenced on December 25th and ended on January 1st 2010. The camps were conducted simultaneously in the Jigwa, Kastina and Kaduna states of northern Nigeria. The unique feature of this camp was dedicated eye surgeries for children with congenital blindness. The team comprised of seven surgeons from Pakistan headed by Dr. Intzar Butt and Dr. Azhar Qazi, the Jordanian team comprised of three surgeons comprising of Dr. Muhanad, Dr. Mohtaz and Dr. Yahya. The Saudi team of ophthalmic surgeons from IMAKSA/WAMY headed by Dr. Hamid Peshawari and Dr.

Aziz Hoca (IIRO) also shared their valuable expertise.

Governor of Kaduna, the fist lady and Retired Air Marshal Hamza Abdullahi also visited the camp and held an official reception and award giving ceremony in the honor of the FIMA ophthalmic surgeons. The king of Dutche Jagawa state visited the camp and hosted a dinner in honor of the FIMA delegation. The camp was a great success with no complications recorded during the follow up sessions. On their way back Pakistan, the delegation stayed in Dubai for three days



An ophthalmic Nurse preparing a young patient with congenital cataract for surgery.

where a presentation was made before an august gathering of expatriate Pakistanis. Interviews with electronic media based in Gulf also took place.

the participants. This document will be included in the Vision 2020 program.

FIMA Save Vision signs an agreement with Al-Basar Foundation.

An official ceremony was conducted on 16th of December 2009 in the office of Regional Director of EM Region of WHO in Cairo-Egypt. Regional Director of WHO DR Hussain Al-Gezairi and Prof Dr Hafeez ur Rahman, Director, FIMA Save Vision on behalf of FIMA signed the document of "Project Collaboration Agreement". This agreement is for the period of five years extendable for future with mutual consent of two parties.



The team of Eye surgeons from Pakistan who participated in the recent camp held in Nigeria

The Regional Workshop on the development of public Health Control Strategies in Glaucoma.

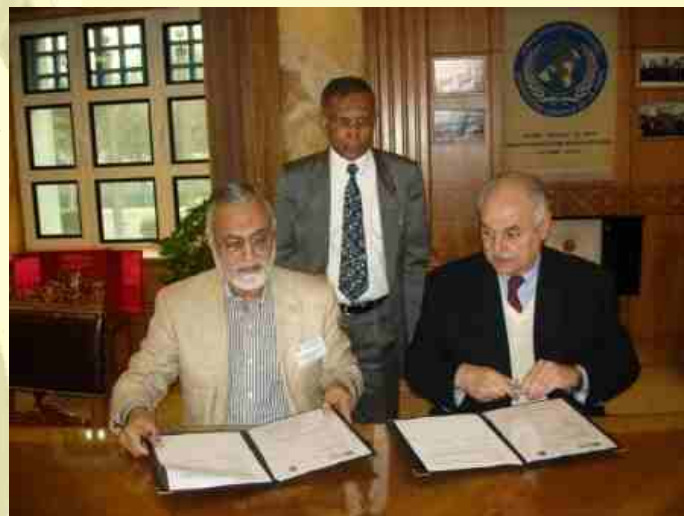
International Agency for Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) in collaboration with Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office (EMRO) of WHO conducted a workshop on the development of public health control strategies in Glaucoma. Country representatives for prevention of blindness of twenty two countries of EM region attended this workshop. Representatives of seven partner International NGOs including FIMA were also invited in this workshop. Twelve subject experts from all over the world specially participated for the guidance of stake holders. Following four areas were discussed in groups,

1. Effective clinical management of glaucoma.
2. Community to clinic management strategies for glaucoma: early detection of glaucoma.
3. Public health management of glaucoma: The HR and materials needed.
4. Quantitative and qualitative management of glaucoma services.

After three days of thorough discussions in various groups a preliminary strategic document was prepared and approved by all



The First Lady of Nigeria presenting a memento to a FIMA Doctor.



Prof Hafeez ur Rehman (FIMA) and Dr Hussain Al-Gezairi (WHO) signing the agreement.



Viva Palestina Humanitarian Aid Convoy makes history: It emerges as a ray of hope amidst darkness.



Jewish community in Turkey came out to express solidarity with the Palestinians



A solidarity march in Kuala Lumpur headed by Dr. Musa.



Viva Palestina - A life line from Britain to Gaza.

Lights glowed on the streets of Gaza on January 6th as hundreds of vehicles, mostly ambulances and trucks over loaded with piles of medicines, food items, life saving drugs and other medical ancillaries appeared. The wet eyed motorists were testifying their commitment to the cause of humanity by chanting slogans of friendship. They were overjoyed to break the siege of oppression and tyranny and on their accomplishment to help the victims of Gaza holocaust; spearheaded by the Briton MP George Galloway (Respect party from Bethnal, green and Bow). The third 'Viva Palestina' convoy departed London on 6th December in an effort to offer a 'lifeline' to the people of Gaza. 220 vehicles were part of this convoy. Viva Palestina (UK) is a registered charity with branches in many countries of world, its objective is twofold: to provide food, medicine, essential goods and services needed by the civilian of wars with a view to achieving peace and was a resultant response to the 2008-2009 Israeli invasion of Gaza.

Viva Palestina convoy was supposed to reach the Rafah Border Crossing to Gaza on the 27th of December, however this could not happen due to the callousness and apathy shown by the Egyptian autocratic rule. This date was symbolic as it marked the first anniversary of the Israeli attack on Gaza.

The 'Return to Gaza', as the convoy has been nicknamed, consisted of 550 volunteers from 17 countries, all of whom spared their December to ensure that emergency vehicles, medicine and other valuable resources reach

the Gazans, who are still living under a continuous Israeli blockade. The convoy participants were all ordinary members of society, with ages ranging from 18 to 70, and all of whom, "have donated their lives to deliver humanitarian aid for Gaza." When asked what the convoy would do, if denied entry to Gaza, the spokeswoman (a survivor of Nazi's holocaust in Germany in Second World War) said, "We will wait in the desert until we get through."

Malaysia collaborated with Viva Palestina on this convoy in a unique way. Malaysia's contributions were coordinated by VP-Malaysia. The funds largely came from Viva Palestina-Malaysia, Muslim Professionals Forum (MPF), PACE (Palestine Centre of Excellence), FIMA (Federation of Islamic Medical Associations) IMA Malaysia and numerous individual local contributors.



Christian & Jewish community leaders welcoming the Viva Palestina convoy in Turkey.



Malaysian participants raised funds for four ambulances filled with medical supplies. One ambulance cost eight thousand pound sterling and the medical supplies to fill the ambulances another three thousand pound sterling. The convoy included eight Malaysian volunteers. The main force behind the efforts of Malaysian medics was the dynamic leadership of Dr. Musa bin Mohd Nordin, the former President of FIMA (2005-9).

The march stirred the hearts of thousands and gave hope to millions around the world. The contributions made by the aforementioned organizations can help to change the destiny of those who are affected in one way or the other. This shows that it is never too late to seek a newer world and those who make history are ordinary people like us.



George Galloway, the legendary British MP greeted by the Palestinians in Gaza.



Dr. Musa bin Mohd. Nordin (Malaysia) talking to press.



An ambulance from Gloucestershire heading to Gaza.



Poster depicting Aid Convoy to Gaza.



A fleet of ambulances bound for Gaza.



One of the Trucks loaded with medical supplies.



Cleft Lip, Cleft Palate and Vesico-vaginal fistula (VVF) repair Surgery camp planned in Sudan.

FIMA cleft lip and v-v fistula repair surgery camp is scheduled for March 8-13th 2010 to be held in Khartoum, Sudan. Following the foot steps of FIMA Save-vision FIMA EXCO delegated Dr. Parvaiz Malik, President FIMA to initiate a cleft lip repair programme to be started in sub Saharan African countries in the first place.

Although the incidence of cleft lip in African population is considerably low as compared to north America where is highest in the world, yet due to non availability of qualified orofacial plastic surgeons the rate of complications is high. V-V fistula rate is however highest in Sudan and sub Saharan Africa in the world and is a social stigma for underprivileged female population of these areas.

The main objective of this programme is to encourage and support cleft lip repair projects in countries where its treatment is limited or unavailable especially in the African and Asian countries.

In collaboration with IMANA Dr. Parvaiz and three other plastic surgeons and one anesthesiologist have volunteered and offered their services to travel to Sudan. IMA Sudan will act as the local liaison and will make local arrangements.

An initial survey to assess prevalence, incidence and magnitude of V-V fistula was conducted in Sudan by Prof Iqbal Khan and Prof. Saeed akhtar both from PIMA and IIMC



last year and they have deposited a comprehensive report and a future action plan to be presented in the FIMA EXCO, which endeavors to invite dedicated and trained surgeons to combat this challenge. Prof. Iqbal Khan and Prof. Dr. Saeed Akhtar will be visiting Genaina, Darfur, Sudan



Final announcement:7th umrah program for medical students

**Saturday 17 to Thursday 22 April 2010
(3 to 8 Jumada I 1431 H)**

Islamic Medical Association of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (**IMAKSA**)/ World Assembly of Muslim Youth (**WAMY**) in collaboration with Federation of Islamic Medical Associations (**FIMA**) and its Members (**IMAs**) invite all the interested medical students to apply for our 7th Umrah program . The venue will be in the holy cities of Makkah and Al-Madinah.

OBJECTIVES

1. To foster brotherhood among Muslim students of various Islamic Medical Associations (IMAs) and countries.
2. To enhance mutual understanding and cooperation.
3. To exchange information and experiences.
4. To provide leadership training and organizational skills.
5. To strengthen the involvement of students in IMA activities.



6. To promote communication and networking among the student chapters of IMAs and other countries.
7. To promote the students' levels in the field of Islamic Culture and Education.
8. To enable the participants to perform Umrah and visit the Two Holy Cities, Makkah and Al-Madinah, within a group trip under a special supervision and guidance.



PROGRAMME OUTLINE

- Directed and guided Umrah and visit to the Holy mosques in Makkah and Al_madinah.
 - Visits to Islamic historic and famous relic places
 - Lectures, roundtable discussions, workshops & Seminars, Project presentation, Meetings and visits, Spiritual sessions, Cultural show, Outdoor activities, sports and Educational tours

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Students of Medical and Health Colleges who are affiliated to and/or nominated by Islamic Medical Associations members of FIMA. (Individual application is not allowed).
 - "Students" can be extended to include students from 3rd year in college until 3 years after graduation to allow for senior and postgraduate students.
 - ONLY "MALE" PARTICIPANTS are allowed in this activity at the current stage.
 - "Medical and Health Colleges" could be college of any health specialty such as medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, health sciences

or any other health-related college.

- Nominated participants have to be active in his student chapter with POTENTIAL LEADERSHIP CAPACITY as recommended by his IMA.
- Participant has to be good in English language
- Participants are expected to be reasonably versed and very committed from Islamic point of view.

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

- The total number of participants is 50 students.
- Each IMA has the chance to nominate 1 - 5 Students subject to the accreditation of the organizing committee.

LANGUAGE OF THE PROGRAM

- The field language is English. (Simultaneous Arabic/English translation is provided)

EXPENSES

- The IMAs and/or individual participants are responsible for the cost of their return tickets, as well as their visa fees.
 - There are NO registration fees for the program.
 - Accommodation, meals and local transportation will be provided FREE OF CHARGE by IMAKSA during the specified days of the program. The participants incur cost of days before or after this period.
 - Receiving of participants is only possible at KING ABDULAZIZ AIRPORT IN JEDDAH provided that full information about pre-registered participants and their



itinerary is received AT LEAST ONE WEEK BEFORE ARRIVAL DAY.

- All transportation during the program will be arranged for all participants who abide with program timing and regulations.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

- Visa for entry into Saudi Arabia (visit visa or Umrah visa) is the SOLE RESPONSIBILITY of the IMAs and/or the participants.

- IMAKSA or WAMY unfortunately CANNOT secure visas for the participants. However, an invitation letters can be issued from IMAKSA, WAMY only if it is requested at least 2 months earlier (**Deadline for requesting invitation letter from WAMY is 15 Feb 2010**).



Visiting Quran Printing Complex, Almadina

REGISTRATION

- The registration deadline is **28 February 2010**.

- Registration is mandatory for all participants. The applications must be submitted through the individual IMAs. Direct individual application will not be entertained. The IMAs are requested to contact the Supervisor General of Umrah Program (aruhaily@gmail.com) to receive the documents needed for registration. All the interested students and IMAs are requested to respond promptly as the time is running short.

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Umrah program, Fax: 0096612050011
(C/O Mohmmad Bedir)

Activities of The Azerbaijan Medical Association (AzMA)

In 2000, AzMA established its Ethics Committee as one of first permanent committees which is responsible for the preparation of the Association's ethical rules and regulations. In 2000, the committee adopted Code of Medical Ethics for its physician members. Code of Ethics has been revised twice, once in the year 2002, and again in 2008. The Ethics Committee is active in organizing seminars, conferences. In 2002, the committee published a book "Ethical principals in Medicine" education for Medical University students. In 2004, AzMA host and organized the International conference "Health Legislation in Human Rights Protection and Access to Medicines in Health Research in the NIS countries" with cooperation and support of National Parliament and FECCIS. On 17-21 June, AzMA organized International Workshop and Training "Improving Dialogues for Research Ethics Education", with the cooperation of EGCP, SIDGER.



International Workshop and Training "Improving Dialogues for Research Ethics Education", held by Azerbaijan Medical Association



HAITI EARTHQUAKE UPDATE



By The grace of Allah SWT, first IMANA team made it safe and sound to enter the soils of Haiti. We received communication as they were entering Haiti. A total of five physicians are offering their services. CDRS, had the base camp all set up prior to their arrival and has established a triage hospital. Contacts were made and a access to an operating room facility was also established. We do not have specific requirements regarding the OR at this point.

Additional IMANA volunteer doctors are arriving late tonight 1/18/10 at 10.30 pm. Mashallah one is coming all the way from Manchester UK. Second team is all set for 1/24/10 and will be a total of 8 physician and supporting para medics. I spoke in depth with Congressman Keith Ellison and he will be updating me on assistance we asked for very soon.

Partners in Health, a fairly large and prominent relief organization responded to a previous discussion we had had. Once they realized we were on the ground, they expressed interest in collaborating efforts. Will be having more talks tomorrow

It's late hope this helps and keeps you all posted, I am expecting a field report sometime today. All the IMAs are requested to announce fund



raising for Haiti earthquake help and contact Dr. Ashraf Jedaar for its safer transfer to the destitute through the courtesy of IMANA(IMA of North America)

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Thousands of shelter less affectees of earth quake in Haiti.

Remaining Message from the President

to what mechanism be evolved to extend our support to Haitians at this critical juncture.

We have already approached UN and WHO and offered the services of 200 trained doctors and Para medics to be moved to the ground zero at a notice of 24-48 hours. We are awaiting the response. According to available information, the greatest needs include shelter, non-perishable food supplements, water-purification tablets, drinking water, health kits, kitchen kits and various other emergency supplies. Medical relief has poured into Haiti with many field hospitals in Haiti or on route to the country. Their greatest difficulties include internal transport and communication. From what I gather, surgeons/orthopedic surgeons are always required but obstetricians /gynecologists and pediatricians are urgently needed in Haiti. Various agencies have advised using Dominican Republic as an entry point. Dr Irfan Galaria (IMANA) and our partners from DWW UK, Dr. Kanwal Chaudhry and Dr. Najeeb Rehman have also reached Haiti.

Dr. Ismail Mehar from IMANA relief is currently coordinating the over all relief activity on behalf of IMANA and FIMA. A group of doctors from Pakistan headed by FIMA Secretary Dr. Tanveer Zubairi is ready for departure to join the IMANA relief team II. IMANA is continuously in touch with other governmental bodies, NGOs including Islamic Relief USA and congress men for coordination and mutual cooperation so as to make best use of our available man power.

Dr Parvaiz Malik, President FIMA

FIMA Newsletter Feb-2010 issue:-In next issue articles on CIMCO, report on Relief Activities and Review of books will be included.

