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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



In the Name of Allah the Beneficent the Merciful

Peace and Blessing be Upon the Messenger

Dear Members of the FIMA Family,  
Esteemed Sisters and Brothers,  
Assalamu Alaikum

We praise and pray to Allah taala that this edition of the Newsletter meets our brothers and sisters from the global FIMA fraternity in the best of

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## AUSTRALIAN ISLAMIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOLDS ITS ANNUAL MEETING IN BANKSTOWN, NSW

More than 300 medical professionals joined the two-day inaugural conference of the Australian Islamic Medical Association (AIMA) in Sydney on Sat 13-Sun 14 May 2023 and while networking discussed a variety of topics intersecting modern medicine and Islamic ethics.

The gala dinner held on Saturday night at the Bankstown Sports Club attended by delegates, their spouses and community leaders was addressed by the newly elected Canterbury Bankstown Council Mayor Bilal El-Hayek and NSW Ministers, Sophie Cotsis and Jihad Dib.

The conference was fully booked out to capacity well before the closing date of the registrations and the full house of the conference hall during various sessions indicated the thirst amongst Muslim doctors to attend such forums and listen to a diverse range of speakers well versed in their professional field in relation with Islamic world view.

AIMA president Dr Muhammad Afzal Kahloon, during his welcome address, thanked the delegates for showing great enthusiasm in registering for the



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conference saying, “this event is not only history in the making but its you, who are making history.”

He further added, “you have traveled from near and far to attend this conference and it is so reassuring to see brothers and sisters coming from all states and towns of Australia as well as from New Zealand.”

The theme of the conference was “The Past, Present and Future of Healthcare where a number overseas and local speakers from various medical backgrounds presented on medicine and faith, history of

Islamic medicine and surgery, organ donation, digital health management and community health and wellbeing.

For details on speakers and their topics please read:

AIMA Conference was sponsored by:

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At the Gala dinner on Sat night, vice president of AIMA, Dr Habib Bhurawala introduced the young Mayor of Canterbury Bankstown Council, Bilal El Hayek who was elected just a couple of days before and was attending his first community event as a mayor.

While congratulating the organisers for attracting such a large number of delegates, Bilal said, “today we have the first Muslim doctors national conference. This is huge. This shows how much we have come a long way



from where we were five years ago. I mean, if you asked me five or ten years ago that I am going to address 300 Muslim doctors? There's no way in the world this was going to happen."

He further added, "so our community has come a long, long way. We're very, very proud of this conference. Thank you to the organising committee for putting in a great conference. Of course, and also I pay tribute to all the doctors especially the ones that helped us through COVID. Obviously was a very tough time. We honour all those unsung heroes of that period. So thank you for doing what he did at that time."

The NSW Minister for Industrial Relations, Sophie Cotsis said that she was honoured to be addressing the medical professionals at the inaugural national conference of AIMA.

"From the bottom of my heart I want to express a huge, huge gratitude to all of you because I know that every person that you spoke to, every person that you helped, made a huge difference within our community and the communities that you come from across Australia. Dr Habib was saying to me, many of you were from Tasmania, Western Australia, from across our great nation, you know, it must be the sense of pride, you know, for all of you to be able to come together and the work that you do with the Red Cross for blood donation and sharing of information," Ms Cotsis said.

She further added, "we need to bring down the number of injuries, particularly people who work in construction. And we need to get that message across that you as trusted health professionals, are able to convey that message. I'm going to put forward to your council that I'd like to organise a roundtable, whether it's at Parliament House or,

you know, maybe around that hear in Bankstown or further south west and seek your feedback."

"I am seeing a lot of our young people in entering the medical profession, young women coming through as well and seeing the young our young people who are third or fourth generation who speak other languages as well working as medical professionals is so important, particularly serving our non-English speaking migrant community. So you play a very, very important role. I'm very honoured to stand before you," she concluded.

Jihad Dib, Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice through a video message expressed his great joy in addressing Muslim doctors.

"I'm incredibly proud to be able to say there's an Islamic association



here of medical professionals, Muslim doctors and Australians, Mr Dib said.

He further added, "I'm sure that your parents are very, very proud of you as mine would have been if I had become a doctor. Thank you really for making sure that people are vaccinated and helpful and wise."

Before the conference dinner, three medical doctors Dr Suleman Qurashi, Dr Suhana Mohdm and Dr Sharif Al Ghazal recounted "My Journey", their life stories and experiences while practicing their

medical profession.

Dr Ghazal of Syrian origin residing and practicing in UK talked about his journey in becoming a plastic surgeon and helped found the British Islamic Medical Association. He is currently leading the history of Islamic medicine project for the Federation of Islamic Medical Associations (FIMA).

Dr Suhana Mohdm from Adelaide described with great passion her experiences with her 98 year old patient on whom she made impression as her doctor and a hijabi

women.

Dr Suleman Qurashi described his journey from violence prone Kashmir as a teenager to Australia and despite discouragement, showed great resilience in getting to study medicine and now practicing as an orthopaedic surgeon in Sydney.

The conference concluded with further sessions on Sunday with additional presentations and a description of AIMA's remarkable journey so far and further planning and programs in future.





## 21st International Camp for Medical Students 2023



# Muslim Medical Professionals: Contemporary Challenges and Solutions

Organized by:  
Islamic Medical Association Saudi Arabia **IMAKSA**/  
World Assembly of Muslim Youth **WAMY**  
In Collaboration with:  
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### Objectives

- Boost relationship among muslim medical students
- Exchange informations and Experiences
- Communication and networking among the student chapters
- Leadership training and organizational skills

### Program

- Thematic lectures
- Leadership presentations
- Interactive sessions
- Tourism, field trips & sports



### Target Audience

Students from registered IMA



Venue: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia



29 JUL - 3 AUG 2023



Arrival Friday - 28 JUL



Departure Friday - 4 AUG



Registration now open until 30 JUN 2023



Through student's chapter in each IMA

Registration



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29th July to 3rd August 2023

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MUSLIM MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS: CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS

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Friday 28th JULY 2023

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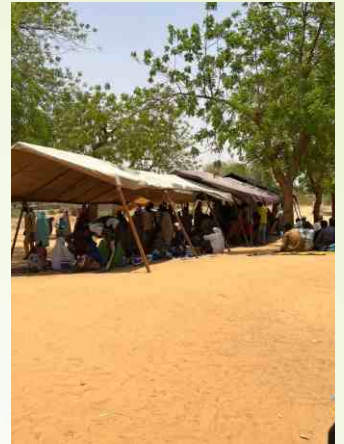


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# MEDICAL CARAVAN ORGANIZED BY AMIN (ISLAMIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OF NIGER) ON MAY 20, 2023 IN A VILLAGE 30 KM FROM NIAMEY





# 18TH BIENNIAL PIMA SINDH & PUNJAB PROVINCIAL CONVENTIONS 2023









## MAHFIL MUSHAIRA WAS ORGANIZED BY PIMA SINDH CONVENTION,

On the first day of PIMA Sindh Convention, Mahfil Mushaira was organized. Professor Sohail Akhtar and Waqar Ahmed Waqar performed the administrative duties. Ajmal Siraj was the special guest of the gathering. Various poets including Prof. Syed Razi Muhammad, Alauddin Khanzada, Aqiq Ahmad Jilani, Qamar Mushtaq, Younis Azim, Shujaat Ali Talib, Dr. Habib Mustafa, Prof. Iqbal Shah and others recited their speeches and received applause from the participants.



## INTERNATIONAL FISTULA AND SURGICAL CAMP IN MALAWI

Prof. Mohammad Iqbal Khan performing surgeries.

This camp is going on in The capital city of Malawi in collaboration with the Muslim Health Association of Malawian. A team from Pakistan led by Prof. Mohammad Iqbal Khan, comprising of surgeons and anesthetists with surgical supplies participating this full one-week camp. Alhamdulillah.



# FISTULA AND SURGICAL CAMP AT THE CAPITAL CITY OF MALAWI IN COLLABORATION WITH MUSLIM HEALTH ASSOCIATION

Alhamdulillah our team arrived for fistula and surgical camp will start on Monday at The capital city of Malawi in collaboration with Muslim Health Association of Malawian and team from Pakistan comprising of surgeons and anesthetists with surgical supplies to conduct full one week camp here IA.



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By:

The Pakistan Islamic Medical  
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**27th MAY 2023**

**| 4PM MAKKAH TIME**

# BIMA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Assalamo Alaikom

May Allah SWT accept our fasting and our efforts this Ramadan. Ameen

BIMA warmly invites you to the NEXT national conference!

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Etihad Stadium, Manchester M11 3FF

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## TURKIYE PRESIDENT CONFERRED STATE AWARD ON ALKHIDMAT FOUNDATION

The President of Al-Khidmat Foundation Pakistan, Dr. Hafeezur Rehman, congratulated the volunteers of Al-Khidmat Rescue and Search Operation Team for receiving the award from the government of Turkey. He added, "the award of performance is a source of pride for the entire nation."

<https://dunyaNews.tv/en/Pakistan/718960-Al-Khidmat-Pakistan's-humanitarian-efforts-shine-bright:-honored-with-'P#.ZEIJ2bKp-g.whatsapp>

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### **Turkiye President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan Conferred State Award on Alkhidmat Foundation for Earthquake Relief Efforts.**

In a prestigious ceremony in Ankara, Turkiye. President Recep Tayyip Erdogan bestowed State Medal of Supreme Sacrifice of the Republic of Türkiye upon Alkhidmat, in recognition of their indispensable contributions to rescue work and humanitarian efforts following powerful earthquake in Turkiye on February 6.

Ikram ul Haq Subhani, who led Alkhidmat's 47-member Search & Rescue (SAR) Team, received the prestigious award on behalf of Alkhidmat Foundation Pakistan.

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The last time I wrote an editorial we were about to enter the last 10 days of Ramadhan. Ramadhan had left us and we pray to Allah that we will be around for the next Ramadhan. We have returned to our fitrah of spiritual purity during the month of Shawwal and now Muslims are waiting eagerly for the month of Zuhijjah in a few days from now insha Allah

A lot has happened since the Ramadhan 'break' as far as activities are concerned. The Australian IMA had a highly successful Inaugural National Conference which was well attended including by doctors from neighboring New Zealand. I was given the opportunity to address the conference virtually on FIMAs contribution to global activism. I must congratulate AIMA for being able to invite and to engage the Mayor of Canterbury and two state ministers who were guests to the Conference. The conference was also well covered by the official media, a commendable feat indeed, Alhamdulillah. Next in line will be the Annual Conference of the British IMA, BIMA (UK) due to be held in July at the iconic Ettihad stadium, insha Allah. I will like remind all IMAs to update us on their next Annual National Conference and to send us a brief report to be highlighted by the Newsletter. Please also update us should there be any new office bearers elected at your national conference.

The various FIMA projects continue to be active post Ramadhan. The History of Islamic Medicine Project successfully held a webinar on 'R&D Lessons from Muslim Civilisation' by Emeritus Prof. Dr. Salim Hassani from Manchester. Despite being held across a diverse time zone, at

least 100 participants from Canada to Australia joined the webinar with an excellent discussion ensuing. On the medical relief front, I will like to congratulate IMA Republic of Niger (AMIN) and IMA Malawi (MHAM) for organising a medical caravan and Fistula / Surgical Camp in Niger and Malawi respectively. The surgical camp in Malawi was held with support from PIMA. On the topic of medical relief, I on behalf of the FIMA fraternity will like to congratulate Al Khidmat of Pakistan for being honoured by the President Recep Tayyib Erdogan for their excellent contribution to the Search and Rescue efforts in the aftermath of Turkey's devastating earthquake earlier this year.

Lastly I will like to remind all IMAs to submit names of their students and junior doctors for the upcoming 21st International Camp to be held in Malaysia at the end of August. IMA Malaysia (IMAM) will also be eagerly anticipating registrations from all IMAs to attend the 40th FIMA Council and Scientific Meeting at the end of October.

May Allah accept all our efforts and may FIMA continue to forge forward with His Blessings. Aameen



Walaikum Salam  
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