



PGIM Oration and Titular award Ceremony—2010

The PGIM Oration and Titular award ceremony organized with the help of PGIM Alumni Association was held on 14th of October 2010 at 3.00 p.m. at PGIM Auditorium. The occasion was graced by the presence of Honorable Minister of Higher Education S. B. Dissanayake as the Chief Guest, Professor Kshanika Hirimburegama, Vice Chancellor of the University of Colombo as the Guest of Honor and many medical luminaries.

By the initiative and foresight of the Director, Professor Rezvi Sheriff, Titles were awarded to those who have rendered services to the PGIM as trainers, examiners and in numerous other capacities.

It is also important to notice that for the very first time the title Honorary Senior Fellow of the PGIM Award went to a non medical person — Mr. M. D. D. Pieris, former Secretary, of Higher Education; for his enormous contribution to the PGIM.

Dr. Lukshmy Menik Hettihewa delivered the prestigious 4th PGIM Oration titled “Development of a Realistic Protocol for the Assessment of Insulin Resistance in Diabetes Mellitus and Cardiovascular Diseases; Sri Lankan Perspective” which added color to the evening.

Guest Lecture on Medical Education



Medical Education Resource Center of PGIM organized a guest lecture titled "Transforming Medical specialty training in Singapore to US style residency format: Step in the right direction?".

It was delivered by Dr Dujeepa Samarasekera The Deputy Head, Medical Education Unit, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National

University of Singapore. It was held on 26th July 2010 at PGIM auditorium with the participation of a number of trainees and trainers of the PGIM and a lengthy stimulating discussion followed.



“PGIM GOLD/ SILVER MEDALS” FOR BEST POSTGRAD TRAINEE AT PGIM IN 2010

Vidyajyothi Professor Rezvi Sheriff & family have made an endowment to set up the above prize from 2010. The details have been worked out, and the University Senate and Council has approved it.

It will be in 2 categories (MD Category—Gold medal for MD/MS and Non-MD Category—Silver Medal for Dip, MSc).

All first timers with the highest marks at MD/Dip/MSc will be invited to sit a MCQ General Paper which will contribute 25% of the marks, while the rest will come from the standardized mark of their final marks at MD/Dip/MSc. The paper will consist of 40 MCQs comprising of 4 components namely; history of Medicine (local & global), postgraduate training in general, current affairs (global) and miscellaneous subjects (Art, Sports, Music, Ethics, Literature, computing etc.)

The examination will be held in May 2011 & the prize will be given at the Convocation 2011. The Prize will be called “Vidyajyothi Professor Rezvi Sheriff Gold Medal for Best Postgraduate Trainee at PGIM for the year” after the Professor completes his term at the PGIM.

International Advisors Meeting

The Director of PGIM, Prof. Rezvi Sheriff was invited to the International advisors meeting at the Royal College of Physicians, London on 8th and 9th June 2010; His presentation focused on the partnership between the Royal College of Physicians and the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine.



Research Methodology Workshop

The Medical Education Resource centre (MERC) of the PGIM organized a 5 day workshop on Research Methodology, titled “**How to get your research Published,**” from the 9th to 13th August 2010. The workshop began with welcome address by the Director. The main aim of the workshop is to improve the knowledge and skills of the postgraduate trainees in research, and to motivate and create an interest in doing scientific research. The workshop included a series of lectures delivered by professionals in the Field, group work and hands on activities. Practical



sessions on literature search, data entry and statistics were held at the MERC computer lab using the latest software. Lunch, refreshments and resource materials were provided to all. A certificate of participation worth **20 CPD points** (Continuous Professional Development) was awarded to those with 80% attendance. Although there was a huge demand, only a maximum of 40 participants were recruited on a first-come-first-serve basis due to the limited resources available. The feedback of the participants were very



positive, with requests to have the workshop more frequently. Therefore the workshop will be held thrice a year.

The next workshop is scheduled on March

2011. Registration of participants will begin in February

2011. For more details, please contact us on **0112689266** during office hours.

Two day workshop on Medical Toxicology



The MSc in Medical Toxicology course Conducted by the Distance Education program of the PGIM conducted a two day workshop to the trainees on 09th and 10th of July 2010.

During this workshop, the main theory topics were discussed with the trainers, along with discussions that targeted the final exam of the course. During this workshop the Problems faced by the trainees with regard to the Moodle software were also discussed with an engineer from the Distance Education Program of the Ministry of Higher Education.

Module Coordinator Meeting in Clinical Pharmacology

The 4th Module Coordinator meeting in Clinical Pharmacology was held on 27th of August 2010, along with the 11th Specialty board meeting in Clinical Pharmacology. The module on Clinical trials and other modules were discussed during the meeting. This meeting was one of the series of meetings held for the development of the curriculum of the Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics course.

NUMBER OF BOARD CERTIFIED MEDICAL SPECIALISTS 1980 TO 2009

Specialty	Period 1980- 2008	Year 2009	Total
Anaesthesiology	132	05	137
Community Medicine	122	17	139
Community Dentistry	07	02	09
Dental Surgery	27	-	27
Oral Surgery	10	-	10
Orthodontics	17	03	20
Restorative Dentistry	09	-	09
Dermatology	32	09	41
Family Medicine	18	-	18
Forensic Medicine	54	02	56
General Medicine	222	33	255
Cardiology	37	02	39
Cardiac Electro Physiology	03	-	03
Neurology	23	02	25
Nephrology	06	02	08
Neurophysiology	02	-	02
Respiratory Medicine	15	03	18
Rheumatology & Rehabilitation	16	05	21
Gastroenterology	03	-	03
Endocrinology	04	01	05
Medical Administration	01	-	01
Medical Microbiology	55	04	59
Medical Parasitology	03	01	04
Obstetrics & Gynaecology	178	13	191
Gynaecological Oncology	02	01	03
Ophthalmology	72	03	75
Otorhinolaryngology	32	02	34
Paediatrics	182	14	196
Paediatrics Cardiology	01	-	01
Paediatrics Neurology	02	-	02
Paediatrics Nephrology	-	01	01
Pathology			
Histopathology	72	05	77
Haematology	33	02	35
Chemical Pathology	06	02	08
Transfusion Medicine	-	04	04
Venereology	-	01	01
Psychiatry	43	05	48
Radiology	84	13	97
Clinical Oncology	24	01	25
General Surgery	125	14	139
Cardiothoracic Surgery	16	01	17
Cancer Surgery	07	-	07
Genito Urinary Surgery	16	02	18
Gastroenterological Surgery	08	01	09
Neuro Surgery	12	-	12
Orthopaedic Surgery	32	01	33
Paediatric Surgery	13	-	13
Plastic Surgery	07	-	07
Vascular & Transplant Surgery	02	01	03
Thoracic Surgery	01	-	01
TOTAL	1788	178	1966

Diploma in Family Medicine—Online Course

It gives me great pleasure to write this article as a student who is doing the online Diploma in Family Medicine course. The advantages and the exposure I have received after entering this course is enormous, I have no hesitation in recommending this course to anyone who is interested in continuing postgraduate studies in family Medicine.

I am in my fourth semester and I can confidently say that the online course has enabled me to continue with my job which happens to be in a high busy intensive care and coronary care unit in the private sector while giving me the opportunity to postgraduate.

The lectures being online gives the convenience of attending to the course material at any location with no travel involved. The most beneficial features are the exposure to the latest medical developments and the weekly discussions which helped peer learning; where ideas and opinions were contributed from around the island including Jaffna.

The weekly assignment and the regular quizzes are very challenging and educative. The tutor feed back on assignments helps in the learning process where our weaknesses were highlighted. A practical approach to clinical learning where the student is given the freedom of realizing the knowledge deficits and developing on it is praiseworthy.

I would like to conclude by saying that the DFM online course is no doubt an advanced step in the current day learning methods. While I have been actively involved in this course I have maintained a regular job, and had an active family and social life. For the current day busy doctor who has family commitments and where post graduation seem farfetched, this course is no doubt your ideal opportunity. I would like to thank all those who were instrumental in developing this course.

By- Dr. Shiranthi Atapattu.

WORKSHOP TO REVIEW MD IN FAMILY MEDICINE TRAINING PROGRAMME



The workshop to review MD in Family Medicine Training programme was held on 3rd August 2010 at PGIM with participation of trainers.



The workshop was inaugurated by Prof. Rezvi Sheriff the Director, PGIM. Board members and trainers described the current criteria and program schedule and according to that they identified Strengths, main weaknesses, opportunities and threats of the training program.

They concluded the workshop by suggesting recommendations to the Board of Study to Improve the training Programme.

Diploma in Critical Care

The Board of Management decided to form the new speciality board of Critical Care Medicine under the Board of Study in Anesthesiology. The previous board was dissolved and new members were appointed for the board. The chairperson and secretary remained the same as Prof. Chula Gunasekara and Dr. Aruna Munasighe respectively. Other members of the Board are; Dr. Shiranie Hapuarachchi, Dr. Kumudu Mendis, Dr. Kumudini Ranahunga, Dr. Krishantha Jayasekara, Dr. A. S. K. Banagala, Dr. Hemantha Perera, Dr. Srilal de Silva and Dr. Philomena Chandrasiri. The 1st meeting was held successfully on 30th August 2010. The board decided to conduct the Screening Examination for the next batch on 4th of November 2010 and the new batch will start in the 2nd week of January 2011.

FOSME

The Forum of Sri Lankan Medical Educationalists was first established in the year 2007, following which the FOSME went into a lull-phase. Therefore the members met on the 20th of August 2010 at the PGIM to review its actions and to accelerate its pace. Professor Nilanthi De Silva who was elected at the first meeting as the next president of the FOSME, assumed the office. Likewise, Dr Indika Karunathilake assumed duties as the secretary. The FOSME is looking forward to do many activities related to Medical Education.



MD Obstetrics & Gynaecology

MD in Obstetrics and Gynaecology awarded by the PGIM Sri Lanka has been approved as an acceptable Postgraduate Qualification (PGQ) by the General Medical Council. This qualification therefore provides sufficient evidence of a doctor's knowledge and skill for the purpose of full registration with a license to practice subject to registration being granted within three years of the pass date of the qualification.

Staff News.....

Transfers (University of Moratuwa to PGIM)

Designation Staff Assistant (Clerical Services)

Name : Mrs. M. M. M. P. Peiris

Date : 01st July 2010

Promotion (PGIM to University of Ruhuna)

Designation : Assistant Bursar

Name : Mrs. G. W. L. Priyanthika

Date : 15th July 2010

Recruitments

Designation : Senior Assistant Librarian

Name : Mrs. T. Sritharan

Appointment Date : 27th July 2010



Lighting of the oil lamp by the Chief Guest, Hon. Minister S. B. Dissanayake



Lighting of the oil lamp by the Guest of Honor, Prof.Kshanika Hirimburegama



Welcome address by the Director, Professor Rezvi Sheriff



Address by the Chief Guest, Hon. Minister S. B. Dissanayake



Head table of the PGIM Oration & Titular Awards 2010



Prof.Kshanika Hirimburegama awarding the Title Hon.Senior Fellow of the PGIM to Mr. M. D. D. Pieris



Hon Minister S. B. Dissanayake awarding the title Visiting Professor of the PGIM to Dr R L Satarasinghe.



Hon Minister S. B. Dissanayake awarding the title Visiting Professor of the PGIM to Prof. Jayantha Weerasinghe



Hon Minister S. B. Dissanayake awarding the title Visiting Professor of the PGIM to Dr. Ranjanie Gamage



Prof.Lalitha Mendis awarding the title Senior fellow of the PGIM to Dr. Varuni de Silva



Prof.Lalitha Mendis awarding the title Senior fellow of the PGIM to Dr. Raveen Hanwella



Prof.Jayantha Jayawardena awarding the title fellow of the PGIM to Dr. K. A. M. Ariyaratne



Director presenting the medal to Dr Menik Hettihewa , The Orator



The Orator, Dr Lukshmy Menik Hettihewa delivering the 4th PGIM Oration



Dr.Sarath Gamini de Silva the President PGIMAA delivering the Vote of Thanks

TITULAR AWARDS 2010

Fellow of the PGIM

1. Dr KAM Ariyaratne
2. Dr Lilani Rajapaksha
3. Dr NJ Abeygunawardena
4. Dr D Asoka Jayasena
5. Dr KLR Jayatissa

Senior Fellow of the PGIM

1. Dr Raveen Hanwella
2. Dr Waruni de Silva

Visiting Professor of the PGIM

1. Dr RL Satarasinghe
2. Prof Jayantha Weerasinghe
3. Dr Ranjanie Gamage

Honorary Senior Fellow of the PGIM

Mr MDD Pieris

4th PGIM ORATION

Orator

Dr. Lukshmy Menik Hettihewa



2010 Titular Awardees with Vice Chancellor and Director

Consultant Lounge (4th Floor) and Learning room (3rd Floor)



The Consultant Lounge with a number of facilities is now Open. It was opened by the Honorable Minister of Higher Education, S. B. Dissanayake during his visit to PGIM as the Chief Guest of Titular Awards and Oration 2010. Any consultant can use it as a rest room or use its facilities such as television, computer with internet facility when required and it will be very useful for foreign Examiners. Photos show Hon Minister and the Director at the Consultant Lounge during the opening.



1st Notice

30th Anniversary

PGIM ACADEMIC SESSIONS

27th - 29th April 2011

At the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine

Don't miss this golden opportunity.....
Get ready with abstracts of scientific research

Important dates

Abstract closing deadline : 31st January 2011

Early bird registration deadline : 15th March 2011

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Singapore delegates at PGIM

Delegates from Singapore visit PGIM and met Prof. Rezvi Sheriff Director PGIM on 13.08.2010 to explore post-graduate trainee placements. The GMOA was involve in these discussions



E Health 2010

E Health 2010 Conference organized by Health Informatics Society of Sri Lanka in collaboration with PGIM was held on 15th and 16th September 2010 at Waters Edge. The Inauguration held on 15th September was graced by Hon Minister of Health Maithripala Sirisena and Hon Minister of Science and Technology, Tissa Witharana. There were several symposia on e Health Policy, IT for Health Administration, eHealth in the Private Sector, Clinical Informatics, Public Health Informatics, Medical Education and Special Topics with participation of Experts in relevant fields.

New Books on Critical Care Medicine



A ceremonial book launching took place at the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, 30th September 2010. At this ceremony Dr Aruna Munasinghe, a Consultant Physician in General Hospital Matara, launched his two new books, on Mechanical Ventilation and Oxygen Therapy. He presented first copies to Dr H R R Samarasinghe and Prof Rezvi Sheriff, The Director.

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Annual Staff Trip

Annual Staff Trip organized by the PGIM welfare Society was a fun filled excursion to Udawalawa National park on 18th and 19th September with an Overnight stay.

Food for thought with Dennis:

- "Treat Everyone With Politeness Even Those Who Are Rude To You Not Because They Are Not Nice But Because You Are Nice."
- Everyone thinks of changing the world but no one thinks of changing himself"

- Lord Buddha

- Leo Tolstoy

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