

Vellore News

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Vellore Clinical Presentations Evening



7pm, Friday 7th May, 2010
 Rosefield Uniting Church
 2 Carlton St, Highgate



Speakers include:

- * Dr Pradeep Poonnoose
 Dept of Orthopaedics, Flinders Medical Centre
 Dr Poonnoose is an Orthopaedic Surgeon who trained in Vellore and is currently on leave from CMC
- * Dr Sam Ebenezer
 Dept of Perinatal Medicine, Women's & Children's Hospital
 Dr Ebenezer is a Paediatrician trained in Vellore who worked in a peripheral Mission Hospital setup in Andhra Pradesh.
- * Ellen Horner
 Final Year Medical Student
 Ellen will be talking about her recent elective at CMCH, Vellore

All welcome! Don't be put off by the "clinical presentation" tag! These are always very informative and enjoyable presentations. If you've not attended before why not come along! As always, supper is provided.

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SA FOV Annual Dinner 2010 Preliminary Details

Sat, 7th August, 2010
Fogolar Furlan Hall, Felixstow

Speaker: Dr Issac Jeberaj, Associate Director CMCH

Keep that evening free!

More information and ticket purchasing details will be available soon

March 2010

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 Fogolar Furlan Hall, Felixstow

Sun, 28th November, 2010

SA FOV Annual General Meeting
 Rosefield Uniting Church, Highgate

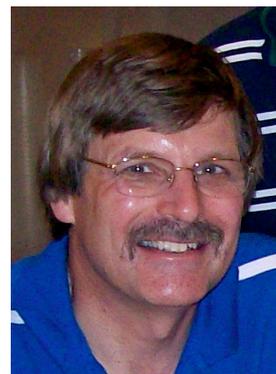
From the SA FOV President, Dr. Lawrie Palmer:

The new committee has met for the first time this year. We welcomed two new committee members, Marion Croser (as secretary) and Dr Chris Clohesy, and delighted that Dr Anil Roy will be vice president. We are looking forward to the Clinical Meeting with two Vellore faculty/alumni and one, or more, students talking about their recent medical elective experience in Vellore.

The Annual FOV Dinner is 7th August and planning is well under way. We are looking forward to the proposed visit of Dr Issac Jeberaj, Associate Director, to be the keynote speaker. It promises to be a great night.

We want to acknowledge a further generous donation from the Hacket Foundation of \$10,000 for the work of CMC Vellore. As we all know this money will be very well used to bring medical care to those most in need AND is a great encouragement to our work.

I am very grateful to the committee for their great work and for all who support the work of CMC&H Vellore. We hope to see you at forthcoming events.



News from the SA FOV committee

We are delighted to announce some additions to the SA FOV Committee:

Vice-President: Dr. Anil Roy
Secretary: Marion Croser

Marion takes over from Eve Marsh who gave amazing service but recently resigned from the position and committee to take up an important role with her church. On behalf of all Friends in SA, thank you Eve!

We cannot think of anyone who could better take on the position of the Vice-President than Anil (who, in many ways, has been vice-president in all but name for some time).

We also welcome Dr. Chris Clohesy to the committee.

➤ Dr Anil Roy is an alumnus of Christian Medical College, Vellore (MBBS batch of 1986). After postgraduate studies at Vellore, he joined the faculty as a Consultant in General Medicine and later in Respiratory Medicine. He came to Adelaide in 2003 and is currently a Staff Specialist in Respiratory and Sleep Medicine at The Queen Elizabeth Hospital and Lyell McEwin Hospital. As a member of the Friends of Vellore Committee since 2007, he has been actively involved in its activities, ably supported by his wife Smitha, daughter Sowmya and son Vineeth.

➤ Marion Croser has been supporting the Friends of Vellore and the Rural Unit for Health and Social Affairs (RUHSA) since a Social Work Placement at RUHSA in 1999. She has been President of the Supporters of RUHSA Association (SORA), a UniSA club formed to share experiences and raise funds for RUHSA. Since that time SORA have supported the SA Branch of the FOV by attending their Annual Fundraising Dinners, AGM's and Clinical Presentation Sessions. Marion still has contact with many from RUHSA and CMCH, and those staff members who visited Adelaide as part of their incredible journeys to undertake short study tours.

CMCH Alumni Meeting

The Alumni of the Christian Medical College & Hospital, Vellore will be meeting in Adelaide, October 1st - 3rd 2010. The alumni cherish these meetings as memories are relived and it provides a fertile ground for touching base, renewing old contacts and making new ones.

The meeting encompasses a scientific session and opportunity for plenty of social interaction. Soaking into local tradition includes a trip to Glenelg for a Dolphin cruise and a visit to the winery. (Shhh don't tell the principal!!!)

This interesting group comprises a wide age spectrum, but has a common thread of their Alma Mater linking each one of them. Their association with CMC&H Vellore is something they are very proud of and carry with them in their daily lives.

The meetings will be held at the Hilton, in the Adelaide CBD. For further information and updates please visit:

<http://cmcadelaide2010.blogspot.com/>

RADIOLOGY DEPARTMENT DEDICATES TWO NEW MACHINES

Two new machines in the Radiology Department- the Definium 8000 and OEC C-Arm Flurostar- were dedicated on February 26, 2010. The former, only the second unit in the country, is a high end digital radiography unit, while the latter is the latest Carm capable of providing imaging in multiple applications and clinical environments.

Dr. Sridhar Gibikote, Head of Radiology, gave an overview of the facilities, while Dr. Lionel Gnanaraj, Medical Superintendent, offered his felicitations on the occasion.



Rev. Dr. Malhia Joshua, Head of Chaplaincy said the prayer of dedication. Dr. Suranjan Bhattacharji, Director, ex-

pressed gratitude to God for the new technology and modern equipment that permits us to offer better and more efficient services to the patients.



Source: CMC Newslines March 01, 2010



Sasikumar with his instructor at the Community College

Sasikumar

Sasikumar is one of the teenage boys studying at the Community College, situated at the Rural Unit for Health and Social Action (RUHSA), which is part of the Christian Medical College (CMC), Vellore. Every one of the fourteen students in the present batch comes from the tsunami hit region of Tamil Nadu. CMC is one of the organisations which responded to the disaster and is helping with rescue and reconstruction of the devastated area.

Sasikumar comes from a fishing family. His father, Poovali, works for daily wages with the crew of a fishing boat. His mother was killed in the tsunami, washed away as she watched, mesmerised by the swirling waves. Sasikumar was very upset when he failed his school leaving exams.

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One of the ways in which CMC is helping in the tsunami affected district is by providing educational support for the young boys in tsunami affected families, both by giving educational grants to enable the children to attend school and college, and also by offering training at the Community College at RUHSA. The fees charged for the courses at the Community College are heavily subsidised. If the students cannot afford even this, scholarships are given so that the boys are in effect given free training. Their food, lodging, uniform, tools and even travel expenses are all met by the CMC tsunami fund. It is the job of the Vocational Training Co-ordinator from RUHSA to visit the tsunami affected villages and to identify boys who would be suitable for one of the training courses offered at the Community College.

When the Vocational Training Co-ordinator came to his village, Sasikumar sought him out and pleaded with him to give him a second chance, to allow him to attend the Community College. The Vocational Training Co-ordinator made the necessary enquiries. He spoke to the village leaders. He interviewed Sasikumar's school principal and his family. After thorough investigation, the co-ordinator felt that Sasikumar deserved a second chance. He recommended the lad to the Head of RUHSA as a suitable candidate for admission to the air conditioning and refrigeration course at the Community College. In July 2008 he came to the College, along with the other new entrants. For the final month of his training he will be given a work placement. There are a great demand for airconditioning and refrigeration mechanics. He has every chance of success in his chosen career. Thanks to the Co-ordinator who has given him a second chance and to CMC which has given him the opportunity to complete his studies, he will be able to help to support his family and to improve their life further.

FIRST PERIACETABULAR OSTEOTOMY IN INDIA

The first periacetabular osteotomy in India was done by the Paediatric Orthopaedic Unit at the Christian Medical College, Vellore on January 21, 2010. The team included Dr. Vrisha Madhuri, Professor and Head, Paediatric Orthopaedic Unit, Dr. Michael B. Millis, and Dr. Young Jo-Kim from Harvard Medical School, Boston.

Periacetabular osteotomy (PAO) is a procedure that was developed and first performed in 1984 in Bern, Switzerland by Professor Reinhold Ganz. It is a surgical treatment for acetabular dysplasia due to congenital and neuromuscular disorders in adolescents and young adults, that preserve and enhance the patient's own hip joint. The goal is to alleviate the patient's pain, restore function and avoid a replacement surgery.



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