

Friends of Vellore

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Greetings Friends

It is good to be able to inform you that this year we will be honoured with a visit of the Director of CMC Vellore Dr Sunil Chandy. He will address our dinner on Thursday night August 20th, see back page for details. At this dinner we will also launch the new CMC DVD. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to hear first hand what is happening at Vellore.

The committee are grateful for the increased interest from the Vellore Alumni members, but are still looking for input from other people interested in supporting our work at CMC Vellore.

Snippets from Vellore

The Academy of Prisons and Correctional Administration invited CMC to conduct a series of workshops for its staff on "Common Medical emergencies encountered in Prison setups and in Basic Life Support" Senior jailors and probation officers from the southern states attended. Feedback was positive and the workshops have resulted in the Prisons putting a number of reforms in place to improve their health emergency response systems.

For Medical Officers working in the National Cement Company a similar workshop was held having a focus on occupational health and safety, common industrial medical illnesses and emergencies, infectious diseases, trauma care and ergonomics.

Diarrhoea is a common problem in poorer parts of India and other nations and is the major cause of death in young children. One important program run by CMC is "Oral Rehydration Solutions" this program includes sessions on hygiene and sanitation practices as well as the importance of maintaining good hydration. This program is frequently taken into rural districts to improve practices and procedures affecting the health of the population.

Research and Development is an important aspect of health care in order to improve outcomes for the patient. The Department of Bioengineering is active in this field, undertaking in-house projects in collaboration with other tertiary institutions to develop affordable practical technology for healthcare across India, and to address clinical problems in their own institution. One achievement was the installation of a clinical services network in the Rural Health area to streamline and upgrade services.

CMC recently released a new quarterly journal entitled “Current Medical Issues”. The aim of this journal is to provide relevant and reliable information for doctors, nurses and other health professionals across India, it is of special importance to those working in mission hospitals and peripheral centres and is part of the Continuing Medical Education Service of CMC.

The Indian Association of Cardiothoracic Surgeons recently awarded CMC the honour of conducting its annual education symposium. Doctors from all over India attended to learn from CMC staff, eminent thoracic surgeons and associated health professionals. This is yet another recognition of the regard in which CMC is held.

Such is the esteem in which CMC is held, that staff are asked to provide education and training in many different fields.

In February this year 217 undergraduates and 28 post graduates completed their nursing studies. It is wonderful to reflect on the fact that these young people take not only a highly regarded degree into their work in the community but also a strong christian ethic of service and care.

In the same month 50 nurses from CMC and surrounding hospitals attended an intensive workshop in perioperative nursing which gained points toward their post graduate specialist qualifications.

Other courses/seminars recently held include:-

- Advanced life support for nurses
- Critical care for doctors, nurses and other therapists
- Hospital infection control
- Enteral nutrition
- Nursing management of women with gynaecological disorders
- Transoesophageal echocardiography
- Liver pathology

This demonstrates the breadth of education programs provided to keep staff up to date with current trends in health care and maintain high standards within the hospital

Many of these seminars are run in conjunction with world wide organisations and confirm the standing of CMC’s work and education programs internationally.

We continue to be proud to support this valuable Christian work.

For further news check the websites

www.australianfov.net.au

www.vellorecmc.org

CURRY BANQUET

THURSDAY 20TH AUGUST

ANNA PURNA RESTAURANT

SALAMANCA PLACE

6:30 PM

TICKETS \$40 PER PERSON

BOOKINGS CAN BE MADE WITH

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GUEST SPEAKER
DR SUNIL CHANDRY
DIRECTOR OF CMC VELLORE

LAUNCHING OF NEW CMC DVD

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