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EDITORIAL

Dear Colleagues,

The four months since my last report in the NPP has been busy with travel to at least 4 countries; in between these travels, it was filled up with skype meetings with the ICMDA executive and a Board meeting in Manila. Continuing attempt is being made to give birth to 3 projects that can help further our vision and mission.

What have I accomplished in these months? It is a very good question to ask oneself and try to answer it in the public forum even if it is only to make one accountable.

Visit to the Nigerian CMF annual meeting in Lagos was an eye opener to the huge capacity Nigeria has in terms of human resource. They have a very large body of Christian students- more than several thousands and are well organized as zones and chapters. How can we challenge them to reach out to the rest of Africa? I am making an attempt to send tent-makers to Nigeria from India and at the time of writing this, a couple of opportunities are taking shape.

Visited the CMF in Sudan – in Juba in August and was told that they may think of splitting the Sudan CMF into two- North and South Sudan. You may know that Sudan became officially two countries on the 9th of July 2011. Pray for their leadership. I was the Guest speaker for the Armenian CMF conference in Yerevan in Sep 22-25th; the Armenian Christian Medical Association or ACMA is a great organization and in spite of its small beginnings, now has not only a guest house cum training facility but also an office. They have great leadership in the form of Dr Jany Hadad and Dr Christina Ashrafyan. The HCFL Jubilee conference

was held in Manila, Philippines from the 4th to the 9th of September, 2011. It was a time of reflecting and studying God's faithfulness in Christian Medical Missions. There were participants from all over the globe.

Our Board meeting was also held in Manila from the 9th to the 11th September. Perhaps you may want to know who our Board members are; if you get to our web site, we have given their brief CV which you may wish to read.

Finally we want to launch 3 possible projects in the months to come namely:

- 1.The 2 year Msc.(Family Medicine) jointly launched by the University of Edinburgh/Christian Medical College, Vellore/ ICMDA (a tripartite agreement),
- 2.Training centre in BOR state in South Sudan
- 3.Global Directory of Medical Missions.

Brief descriptions can be found in this NPP about these. Please uphold them in your prayer.

In another week's time, all the regional secretaries will be meeting in the US for a time of strategic planning from the 17th of October to the 19th.

The next issue of NPP will only be in January and so would like to wish all of you a happy Xmas and Christ centered New Year.

Your servant in the Lord,

Vinod Shah



ICMDA Multi-regional Conference - Manila September 4th - 9th, 2011 in partnership with HCFI



The HCFI-ICMDA Multiregional Conference at Manila, September 2011 was really a part of the larger conference organized by HCFI. Though only 75 odd participants represented ICMDA (especially from the Asian region), there were about 600 delegates in all.

The World conference diamond anniversary of HCFI (Health Care Christian Fellowship International) was an unusual event (Date : 4-9 September, 2011, Venue : Crowne plaza/ Holiday inn hotel, Manila, Philippines) in that, it brought together all the Christian health related partners working in medical/nursing and allied health fields. The credit needs to go to Dr Chris Steyn who is working towards forging win-win partnerships for the Gospel.

Dr Arul Anketell brought the Bible readings on the theme which was: Jesus Christ, Lord of healthcare -celebrating 75 years of his faithfulness.

You may want to remember a quote from his preaching:

- ❖ *For Isaac? One lamb for one person.*
- ❖ *At Passover? One lamb for one family.*
- ❖ *On the Day of Atonement? One lamb for one nation.*
- ❖ *At the cross? One Lamb for the whole world!*



ICMDA was given the responsibility of organizing the training sessions for two of the 10 topics, namely- "Everyday ethics" and "Leadership in health care". Each training session was of 12 hour duration and therefore needed much preparation. Though I was mainly responsible to implement this, several others helped me; namely- Drs Santosh Mathew, Peter Saunders, Manoj Jacob, Barbara/Sue Allen of NCFI, Michael Burke and Jameela George. The sessions went very well and the training material could be modified and used by any other national CMF.





Dr. Vijay Aruldas, Treasurer-ICMDA and CEO-CMAI, India writes:

The CMAI (Christian Medical Association of India) 41st Biennial Conference to be held on the 3rd of November-5th Nov. in Chennai is the only one of its kinds in the world. It provides an opportunity for the entire Christian Healthcare network—individuals and institutions, members and others to meet as a united body, share concerns and successes, joys and inspirations, to enjoy the fellowship and be refreshed and energized.

Writes AP:

It is truly amazing that a team of 12 - docs and medical students from all over Central Asia went out to the South of Kyrgyzstan and saw more than 600 patients at the



polyclinic. The patients could have blood work and urine analysis done for free. They were also given free medications. We held 14 seminars for the medics and social workers. They need more financial support to continue this. Please pray for coming leadership conference for Central Asia region that is going to be in the end of September.



The theme “Our World, Our Health” which is so relevant and meaningful in our context today will be the main focus. Pray, as this conference takes place that Our Lord will lead and guide so that all the participants will be immensely.

Vikram Tirkey our ASR from South Asia writes

The Weekend retreat at Dhanbad, India was a really great time for many young men and women. It was a good time for them to learn and study the word. Other activities also helped them learn who they are and many were praying for clarity from God for their future.



The open house ministry at our home was a great blessing to many youngsters. It is always a time when they feel at home. The food and the other delights are always welcome. A time of singing, sharing and prayer followed by small group discussions keep them in attention. Games and food help all these young people to contribute and also communicate.



We would like everyone to continue to pray that God will transform these young soldiers and use them extensively in HIS kingdom. We specially pray that they will feel His call to do his work in different parts of the world.

Our friends from the Taiwan Christian Medical Association write,

Pray for

1. The Nehemiah Movement which is a long term commitment to the Tsou tribe churches at Mt. Ali after the Typhoon Moracco disaster in 2009. A mobile clinic and a telecommunication hub to facilitate telemedicine has been setup.
2. A TCMA "Ambassador" who visits Christian doctors in different ICMDA local chapters for bilateral interaction on their professional trips to other countries.
3. The short-term medical missions where a mobile clinic, along with pastors, social workers and medical students, visit several minority tribes in a mountainous area of Yunnan, southern China.
4. Student Members who are offered a short-term activity "Follow His Steps" to medical to shadow a Christian physician during the summer school vacation. Students have the opportunity observe how these senior Christian professionals respond and deal with patients, procedures, crises, and decision-making.

Armenia- September 2011

The 6th Annual conference of the Armenian Christian Medical Association was held from the 20-25th of September in a hotel near Yerevan.

The theme was "Let's Light up the world together".

Dr Giles Cattermole was the main speaker for the students pre-conference and



Dr Vinod Shah was the main speaker for the Graduate conference. Some 150 participants were present and included both students and graduates. Dr Jany Hadad, gave a wonderful talk on “Salt and Light” and is the founder pioneer of ACMA.



Dr Jany Hadad, 4th from the left, Drs Christina Ashrafiyan & Anri are to the extreme right.

James Tomlinson, Our Eurasia Regional Secretary writes

ICMDA's vision is to be a global movement bringing together National Christian Medical and Dental Organisations in fellowship, witness and service. The mission of the ICMDA in Eurasia is to encourage and equip Christian Medical and Dental Students and Graduates in every country of the Eurasia region to grow to Christian maturity and live out their faith within their clinical practice and beyond.

Following the decision for the next ICMDA world congress to be within the region in 2014 and therefore not to hold a large regional conference in the interim period a number of smaller sub-regional and leadership conferences have already taken place.

Most recently a student and junior graduate leaders training for the Nordic and Baltic countries took place from the 23 to 25 September 2011. Initiated by the Nordic and Baltic Area



Student Representative team and run alongside the KLF Denmark's annual conference participants from 7 countries considered topics including why work among students & junior graduates is important, Christian medical fellowship groups and the characteristics of a good leader.



A pilot “Thought Leaders Training” took place in Austria in June. Thought leaders provide intellectual and theological leadership by developing and communicating an understanding of the contemporary secular world by developing and communicating authentic and relevant Christian responses, and by engaging in defending and promoting Christian values with secular organisations, media and governments.

Delegates recommended by their national movements and from 9 countries received training in areas such as world views, developing a Christian mind and double listening from a faculty which included Prof John Wyatt, Dr Chris Steyn, Dr Alex Bunn and Dr Andrzej Turkanik (Quo Vadis Institute). Feedback from participants and speakers has been hugely positive.

One participant wrote “this event has been a response from God to my person”. Since the training delegates have continued to interact with one another and have taken the opportunity to pass on what they have learned back home with some organising discussion groups and presenting at their



national conferences. Consideration is being given as to how we will build on this pilot training.

The year ahead sees a continued emphasis on leadership training and sub-regional conferences alongside efforts to encourage both established and developing movements in the region.

Autumn 2011 will see a number of key conferences held by national movements in the region including the

- ✚ UK Junior Graduates conference (28 to 30 October)
- ✚ Finnish SKLS Annual Conference (28 to 30 October)
- ✚ Swiss Conference (5 to 6 November 2011)
- ✚ German ACM Student Conference (2 to 4 December 2011)
- ✚ A first Christian medical conference in Slovakia (25 to 27 November)

Do pray for the ICMDA team in the Eurasia region and these initiatives and conferences across the Eurasia region.



Our ASR from the Balkans, Dana, writes

There was Balkan Leadership conference in Romania on May 6-8...Please pray for around 90 students and junior doctors from the region to attend and pray for God's Spirit to impact on this training weekend. We also pray that the students and doctors from the places where there is no local group meeting, will catch the fire and the enthusiasm and will return to their homes ready to start something.

Medical missions are taking place all over

Romania. They have had a tremendous impact and many people came to know Christ through them. Pray for the protection of those involved, for knowledge in consultations, for wisdom and gentleness in presenting the Gospel to those who come.

And then students from all around the Balkans are entering the final exams period. Pray that the Lord is with them as they study and during the exams. May they be heads and not tails in their class and even through their studies, pray that they are a testimony to their colleagues.



Our ASR Geir-Anders for Scandinavia and Nordic writes

We all got the pleasure to attend another blessed summer camp in the Baltics in August. Praise God for many young doctors coming back to the camp and being active in the student work! Pray for the Student & Junior Graduate Leader Training in Denmark 23rd-25th of September that there will be also some attending students/junior doctors from Lithuania and Iceland, and pray for God's wisdom for us as ASRs as we prepare the training. Pray also for practical issues including transportation to be solved. We are glad to be gathering at least 20 people and really look forward to this meeting.



Writes Dr.Vinod Shah after his visit to Nigeria,

I was the theme speaker at the Nigerian CMDA conference from the 28th to the 31st of July 2011 in Sagamu, near Lagos. The theme was “The challenges of a passionate Christian doctor” and was attended by about 120 students and graduates. The



session I enjoyed the most was the one with the students where they posed very important questions about life's decisions; it showed that they were thinking hard about having the right priorities in the choice of their career.

Writes the newly appointed Executive Secretary Dr.Chima Onoka [MBBS, DLSHTM, msc, FWACP]

The Sagamu Conference has come and gone and the event was full of memorable experiences. It was indeed a time of rest.

1. Prof. Vinod Shah from India led us through passionate discussions on the Challenges that a passionate Christian Doctor faces.



2. We also had the opportunity to rejoice with Lagos State Chapter on the purchase of a brand new Toyota Bus, bought through the combined efforts of both students and doctors through one of the first examples of the excellent opportunities that await us following the harmonization of the two arms of the same vision - CARING FOR THE WHOLE MAN

3. Good news from BIDA -On the 13th of August, the wave of CMDA breakfast meetings spread to BIDA, NIGER State. In one single meeting 35 doctors attended. You can organize the next one in your locality and share in the blessedness of fellowship with people who understand all you are going through.

And if you are in Niger state, you can reach the coordinating group through DR OYELEYE @ tobosunoyeeye@yahoo.com 08033578046.

Our ASR from West Africa Courage writes

The student leadership in Nigeria will be having their national meeting from September 16 to 18th , please pray for a successful weekend, and my state chapter of the doctors fellowship will be examining the concept of “The Christian doctor” this weekend 10th September, pray also for a successful outing.

We have the following report from GCMDF Ghana about the 11th Annual conference held from the 7th to the 10th of July 2011. The venue was the Sasakawa centre at the SMS auditorium in the Cape Coast University.

The following is the script of their report:





We are most grateful to God for aiding the Cape Coast branch to have this conference successfully. This seemed like a dream but God has made it a reality.

The conference was planned initially by six members of the Cape Coast fellowship but since the participation of members was not encouraging the planning committee was expanded to include every member of the Cape Coast branch. Congratulations to all of them for helping to make the conference a success.

SPEAKERS

Prof. Stephen Adei was selected as main speaker because he combined leadership experience with financial management expertise and was a pensioner himself. Rev. Prof. Addow Obeng was also picked since he was best suited for that role as he had a lot of experience having served as VC of UCC.

Nana Yaw OffeiAwuku and Prof John Micah were the other speakers. They also blessed us greatly.

Funds were raised from the following sources:

- i) Conference Fees
- ii) Donations by Drug Companies/ Pharmacies – these companies were thus given the opportunity to give drug presentations, drug exhibition and advertisement in the conference brochure.
- iii) Contributions from various branches.

ANKAFUL (Prison) OUTREACH

This idea came up since prison visits had been part of our previous conferences. We thus solicited funds from various pharmacies delivered drugs to the prison at the Prison Commander's office.

PARTICIPATION OF MEDICAL STUDENTS

This conference was unique as medical students from all the medical schools participated. 5 students each from Kumasi (KATH + KNUST), Tamale (CMF-UDS) and Accra(UGMS) were fully sponsored to be part of the conference. We pray that this continues as this as this would foster a closer relationship with the Christian



Medical Fellowships. The students were really excited about the conference. They run on the beach, got the opportunity to preach Christ to prisoners and danced on Saturday night among other things. Their representative at the AGM promised that they would continue being a part of this fellowship when they finish school.

PRAISE & DRAMA NIGHT

This was included in the conference to provide our medical students the opportunity to play a role in the conference programs and to have a more relaxed evening for praise and glorification of God for taking the fellowship through another year successfully.

We congratulate the students from Cape Coast for a great performance. We are also grateful for the MC who came from UDS.

We want to thank the Lord who gave us newness in the fellowship and has used us to create a wonderful conference. We pray that all the lessons we have learnt would go a long way to enhance our walk with God and the effectiveness of our goal of reaching the world for Christ.

Dr. Afua Pebi Timpo ,Secretary, cape coast branch.

Dr. Peter Appiah-Thompson ,President, cape coast branch.

Dr. Mrs. Bertha Owusu, Vice president, cape coast branch.

Our Regional Secretary Dr Mesfin from East Africa reports,

Praise:

Last week (April 27 - May 1st, 2011), we conducted the most successful and inspirational regional students conference Eastern Africa ever seen in Bujumbura, Burundi. It was such a great joy in the

presence of the Lord. The theme of the conference was “Impacting the Medical field”, and there have been biblical expositions, seminars, and testimonies. We praise the Lord and want the ICMDA to join us in praising HIM.

Prayer:

Pray for the Christian Medical Fellowship in Sudan, and specially the one in the North for there are only few doctors who are Christians. We need to praise the Lord for the peaceful cessation of the South Sudan from the North which has subsequently resulted in the birth of two national Christian Medical Fellowships. We need to pray specially for the Fellowship in North Sudan for the Lord to give them strength and wisdom. Also pray for my planned visit to Khartoum, Sudan at the end of this month.



Steering committees from North and South Sudan with Dr.Mesfin Beyero, Regional Secretary for East Africa.

The future of Sudan Christian Medical Fellowship (SCMF) in North Sudan post South Sudan independence

The Sudan Christian Medical Fellowship (SCMF) since its birth in 1995 has existed as one body that brings together all the medical cadres and students in health



related institutions.

As the outcome of the South Sudan referendum indicated on January 9 voting that South Sudan was going to be become an independent state from the North, a plan was put forward to consider the future of the fellowship in the North.



Steering committee - South Sudan

The ICMDA regional office and secretary were notified of the political changes in the country and their effect on the fellowship especially the Fellowship in the North since majority of the members have been South Sudanese who will be relocating to the South. What will be the fate of the little remnants in the North? When this came to the attention of the ICMDA regional secretary for Eastern Africa, Dr. Mesfin Beyero, he decided to visit Sudan and eventually visited Khartoum from June 9 – 13, 2011.



A seminar was organized on June 10, 2011 which was begun with a meditation

from the word by Elder John Gabriel who stressed on the importance of faithfulness as a key to success in any ministry.

During this seminar Dr. Alex, chairman of the old executive committee, briefed the attendees on the background and the activities of the fellowship and the fact that South Sudan has become an independent state and that South Sudanese members of the fellowship are already leaving the North.

Dr. David Yengi spoke on behalf of the South Sudanese members and pinpointed the fact that the Separation of South Sudan is political but the fellowship will remain as one fellowship though there will be a branch in the North and in South Sudan.

He also assured the Brothers and Sisters in the North that they should not feel as abandoned. "We in the South Sudan CMF will continue to support you with our prayers, morally and practically when in it is in our ability to do so" he said.

Yousif Saeed spoke on behalf of the steering committee in the North and appreciated the role played by South Sudanese brethren during the years of their presence in the North.

"Our Brothers and Sisters from the South have done a big impact not only on SCMF in the North but on the Church in general. "The change and revival they brought to the Church in the North is visible and tangible everywhere" he said.

Dr Mesfin Beyero, the ICMDA East Africa Regional Secretary then spoke assuring the Fellowship in the North to continue. "It is not about numbers but commitment from a small number of faithful and dedicated people who have a heart for God's work that matters" he said.



Steering committee - North Sudan

He also encouraged the students to continue to be a witness for Christ in their respective universities.

The stamp, heading papers, a copy of SCMF constitution and a copy of SCMF's registration certificate with ICMMA were all handed over by the old executive committee to the North steering committee. Let's continue to pray for the fellowships especially for North Sudan for the Lord to give them strength and understanding as they continue to run the fellowship.

Writes Dr. Alicia Carratú – President, ACAPS – Argentinian Association of Christian Health Professionals

Please continue to pray for the work in

- a) Buenos Aires which is coordinated by Dr. Mario Echevarría & his team that involves several specialties including Dentists, Psychologists, Optics and Technicians

Dates and locations of the outreach is given below

- 17 April: City Gen. Luis Guillon
- 15 May: Gregorio Laferrere City
- 21 June: Derqui / Pilar, Barrio "El Toro"
- 25 September: Paranasito
- 30 October: La Matanza Adullam

- b) Yet another team Coordinated by Dr. Alicia Salillas Puente will go into the interior áreas.

Dates and locations of this outreach is given below

- 21 To 25 May: Province of Chaco.
- A profesional training program has been developed about "Alcoholism Prevention".

Pray that there will be fruit as they venture into the various áreas to do Mission work.

Gene Rudd writes from the US,

In April 2011, along with the meetings of the Board of trustees and the House of Representatives, the CMDA-US National Convention was held at Mount Hermon in the beautiful Redwood forests of California.

In addition to being blessed by the wonders of God's creation, the participants were blessed by excellent speakers who delivered God-inspired messages.

Dr. James Tour shared in the opening address. Though Dr. Tour has been described by Time magazine as one of the top ten scientists in the world, the focus of his message was his faith in God and devotion to His Word.

In addition to many workshops, other featured speakers included well-known author and futurist, Dr. Richard Swenson, pastor and apologists Dr. James Garlow, Foundation CEO Ms Cherie Harder, and CMDA's own Dr. David Stevens.



PROJECTS

Sudan -22nd August to 27th August 2011 - A report from the CEO

The ICMDA team that visited South Sudan consisted of 5 people.

- Dr Anil Cherian, a consultant pediatrician and a public health specialist
- Dr Sara Bhattacharji, Professor of Community Medicine
- Dr Dana Groza and Adrian Groza, both Romanians and
- Dr Vinod Shah



All of us met in Nairobi on the morning of the 22nd and got our visas kindly obtained from the Embassy of South Sudan by Dr Vinay Samuel. He also joined us in Nairobi.

As soon as we landed Dr Alex Bolek, the Secretary of CMF Sudan (joint Sudan) met us and ushered our papers through the immigration. Our accommodation was arranged at the Hotel Shalom, very close to the airport and not far from the ministry of health.

We met with the following people in the course of the next 4 days:

- ✂ The Director for Human resource for health Dr Margaret and her team of 3 others.
- ✂ The Director of Coordination, Ministry of Health
- ✂ The His Excellency the Health Minister on two occasions- before starting and then on the final day.
- ✂ His Grace, the Archbishop of Sudan of the Anglican Church.
- ✂ The Health Minister of Jonglien State



We visited the following:

- Juba teaching facility
- Bor State hospital- 200 kms away. (Chartered plane arranged by the Health minister)
- Church run dispensary which had closed



The outcome was the following:



ICMDA has been offered and invited to train 50 Clinical Officers each year that would have the capability to address the S Sudanese health problems effectively; however since the change in the health ministry, we have to still pursue this to make sure the offer still stands.

Vinod Shah

GLOBAL DIRECTORY OF MEDICAL MISSIONS

Even though the world is better connected than it has ever been before, no single written book or a website exists that can give comprehensive information about medical mission worldwide. A resource called “Operation world” provides data about church planting worldwide but not much about medical missions. The book Operation world has become very popular and is found in all the Christian libraries. A similar outcome can be expected for this work. The availability of such a resource can greatly enhance fostering of medical missions, an important aim of ICMDA.

This project is an attempt by ICMDA to collate information from around the world concerning medical mission and will serve the following objectives:

Provide a comprehensive tool to manage human resource needs in medical mission; doctors, nurses and other health professionals can get clear and specific ideas about opportunities for mission.

The Directory will also highlight training opportunities, formal and non-formal, professional and spiritual that is provided in the medical mission center which many health professionals can take advantage of.

Since the Directory will showcase public health or community health activities in the facility, donor agencies would be helped in acquiring appropriate partners.

The global directory will also be available in a soft form that would be susceptible for advertisements from the administrators of the Christian medical mission facility for their human resource needs.

The volume of facts made available in the Directory can aid in research regarding medical mission.

Finally, the publication of this in the form of a volume and in the form of a CD can help the income of ICMDA in a modest way.

MSC. (FAMILY MEDICINE)

The University of Edinburgh, ICMDA and the Christian Medical College, Vellore could come together to launch an Msc in family medicine for all the GP's in Asia and Africa. This is envisaged as a 2 year program with a 3 month period as an internship where skills could be honed.

This is categorized as “blended learning” program and includes both distance learning as well as contact sessions. Several mission hospitals have been identified for this purpose and it is hoped that this would give the ICMDA related national associations an opportunity for missions.

Though the University of Edinburgh has given a green signal, we are yet to get approval from the Christian Medical College, Senate. The annual costs for a candidate would be 2000£ and unless we get part scholarship, it will be difficult for many GP's to pay for this program.

Please pray for both the items mentioned.



WORK A DAY FOR ICMDA

Those participating in 'Work a Day for ICMDA' are invited to support the work of ICMDA with a focus on the regions through prayer and by giving the equivalent of one day's salary for the work of the ICMDA. Those not receiving a salary including students are also encouraged to participate in giving what they feel able to.

The closest working day before St Luke's day, (Healthcare Sunday in some countries) has been chosen as 'Work a day for ICMDA – Day' which this year is on 16th October 2011! Those unable to participate on this day may select another day to 'Work a Day for ICMDA'. Healthcare Sunday is held on the Sunday closest to the 18th October, the day traditionally known as St Luke's Day and is an initiative ICMDA strongly support.

In adopting 'Work a day for ICMDA' as a means of supporting the work of ICMDA in the regions we recognise this encourages the same proportion of giving from all those who choose to support the work of ICMDA around the world. Monies given through this initiative will be directed to the valuable work of the ICMDA undertaken within the regions.



This includes the ongoing encouragement and support given by our team of Regional Secretaries and Area Student Representatives alongside the support of regional activities such as student leadership training and regional conferences. The past years have seen growth across the regions of ICMDA with increased regional activity and expenditure. Support of the ICMDA Development Fund which supports the regional work of ICMDA depends upon the freewill giving of member movements and individuals.



Those who plan to participate with others around the world in this initiative are invited to sign-up using the form provided online <http://www.icmdaeurasia.net/work-a-day/index.php> which will then ensure that relevant prayer and giving information can be sent to you.

Gifts for ICMDA made as part of the Work a Day initiative may be given through the following means:

The ICMDA (UK) Trust in the UK is able to accept financial donations for any aspect of ICMDA's work. If you are making a gift as part of Work a Day for a specific region please specify this when sending your gift.

Gifts to the ICMDA (UK) trust can be: made online via the charity choice site, www.charitychoice.co.uk/donation.asp?ref=159185; sent by cheque to the financial administrator, Liz Mander (address available on request); or transferred through online banking using the UK trust's account details. When using the first and last option please also inform Mrs Mander liz.mander@icmda-online.org and mark a copy to office@icmda.net



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Healthcare Sunday

Sunday 16th October 2011, traditionally known as St Luke's Day is designated as Healthcare Sunday in a number of countries.

On this day churches are encouraged to particularly pray for healthcare and healthcare professionals. The theme of Healthcare Sunday in the UK this year is 'Mental Health For All'.

The following UK website has a number of resources, www.healthcaresunday.org.uk

If Healthcare Sunday is not already celebrated in some way in your country consider taking this initiative up with your National Christian Medical & Dental Association in partnership with other likeminded organisations.

At a local level consider asking your church leaders if there is an opportunity to mark Healthcare Sunday in some way during church services on the 17th October this could be through interviewing 1 or 2 people who work in healthcare in the service and/ or by praying for those working in healthcare.

Through associating the date of 'Work a day for ICMDA - Day' with that of the Friday before Healthcare Sunday ICMDA seeks to encourage prayer for the work of ICMDA and indeed all Christian Healthcare Associations worldwide.



CONFERENCES CALENDER

2011

NATIONAL CONFERENCES

28 - 30 Oct
3 - 5 Nov

SKLS-Finnish Annual Conference
CMAI-41st Biennial Conference, Chennai, India

2011/2012

REGIONAL CONFERENCES

25 - 28 July

17 19 Oct

Pan African Congress 2012
International Conf. Center, Abuja, Nigeria
Regional Secretaries Meet, Bristol

2014

WORLD CONGRESS

July 2014

Rotterdam, Netherlands

THE ICMDA BOARD AT MANILA



[1st Row-Left to Right] Kristian Kristensen, Vijay Aruldas, Alan Gjisbers, Cobie van Bruchem (Invitee), Kevin Vaughan, Jorge Patpatian, Peter Saunders

[2nd Row-Left to Right] Kim Mitchel, Vinod Shah, Debra Muhonde, Elmer Thiessen, Ralph Zarazir, Jean Kagia

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