

BMANA News Letter 2003 JUNE, 2003

**You are invited to The 23rd BMANA Annual Convention 2003
August 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 2003**

<p>Venue Marriott Eagle Crest Conference & Golf Resort 1275 South Huron Street Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197</p> <p>Reservation: 800 228 9290 or 734 487 2000 Fax: (734) 487 0773 Room rate: \$119/night. Please mention the group code "BAN"</p> <p>Please call now for reservation.</p> <p>Fees:</p> <p>Membership dues: Active member \$50, Associate Member \$35, Adjunct member \$0</p> <p>Registration fee: <u>Pre-registration</u> \$100, <u>Onsite registration:</u> \$125 Dinner per person: \$75, Children's dinner (Under 12 years old) \$25</p> <p>An accurate count of the dinner attendees must be given to the hotel one week prior to the event. Please note that it may be extremely difficult to purchase dinner tickets onsite. Prepaid dinner tickets will be distributed on site.</p> <p>Please send the fees payable to "BMANA" and send the check to Abul F Islam, M.D. at 4795 Cypress Point, Bay City, MI 48706. Phone: 517 686 8382</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Program <u>AUGUST 1st</u></p> <p>Registration: 4PM to 6:30PM Children's Program: 6:30PM to 9PM Coordinator: Ambreen Ahmed. Phone 810 385 3237 Member's Cultural Night: 9PM to Midnight Coordinator: Sultana Ghuznabi, M.D. Tel: 313 730 1143</p> <p>Meeting room will be available free of charge for any class reunion or alumni meetings. Please contact the convener.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>AUGUST 2nd</u></p> <p>Scientific Program 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM Program Director: AHM Shamsuddoha, M.D. phone: 248 626 0608 or 248 652 1095</p> <p>Annual Business meeting and BMANA election: 2 PM to 5 PM Presided by Waled Choudhury, M.D., President BMANA Election Commissioner: Syed Showkat Hussain, M.D. Phone: 810 985 8677</p> <p>Annual Banquet and Grand Cultural Program: 6:30PM to Midnight</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AUGUST 3rd Departure</p> <p>Agenda Summary The BMANA convention 2003 will be held at the gorgeous Eagle crest conference and Golf resort at picturesque Ypsilanti, Michigan. Ypsilanti, a small university town in Southeastern Michigan, minutes from the U of M and EMU, and 15 minute drive from the Detroit Metro-Wayne County International Airport, lies on the bank of breathing waters of the Ford lake. The lush green eighteen hole golf course is open to all the participants to the challenging Pecose river, or mounting climbing /biking on marvelous Niagara Falls at Toronto, Canada on the first day of the convention.</p>
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Poster session:

All interested physicians including the physicians in training are encouraged to participate in the poster session.

Please submit your abstract of the poster before July 15th, 2003.

Program Director: AHM Shamsuddoha, M.D.

phone: 248 626 0608 or 248 652 1095

Please participate in all the programs. Contact the coordinators of the specific program early.**Convener of The Meeting:**

Shafi J. Ahmed, M.D., Phone: 810 694 8501, e-mail: bmamichigan@yahoo.com

Special Arrangements:

The Organizing Committee strongly encourages groups to arrange class and college reunions during the convention. With adequate prior notice the organizing committee can arrange meeting venues.

Secretary's Message:

The annual convention of the Bangladesh Medical Association of North America will be held this year in Michigan. On behalf of your association I am inviting you to join us again. A preliminary program is accompanying this letter so you can make plans well in advance. Please fill out the registration form and send it in as soon as possible along with your check.

As in the past, we are always trying to encourage participation and increase our membership. This year we are offering a onetime incentive to certain medical and dental physicians. If you never attended one of the Conventions or if you did not attend in the last 10 years, BMANA welcomes you. Your membership and registration fees will be waived for the 2003 Convention (You will pay for the dinner only). I hope you will take the advantage of this opportunity to join our ranks and renew acquaintances.

Please feel free to call any one of the members of the Executive committee with any questions, comments, or suggestions.

Thank you and best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ehsanur Rahman, M.D.

Secretary

The Annual meeting of 2002 was a great success:

BMANA annual meeting of 2002 held in Reston, Virginia was a unique gathering. Since it was on the 4th of July weekend, the gathering was extended to 3 days with extra entertainment. Members started pouring in from Wednesday afternoon. The program started on the 4th of July with fireworks in Washington DC viewed from the Potomac river cruise. The once in a life time cruise was an extraordinary experience with live Bengali folk and Bhatiwali songs, Bangladeshi food, entertainment for the kids along with the spectacular view of the 4th of July fire works in the sky of the nation's capital. An out door picnic on Friday morning had been arranged by Mrs. Lily Muzammel in the Fairfax Park. This was equipped with a full range of fun from a water park to a cricket field. Registration started on the Friday evening followed by a light dinner. The children's

cultural program was an excellent event. The talented performances by the youngsters were overwhelming. Bengali and English songs, Indian Dances, Musical instruments (Piano, flute and violin) and comedy pieces made the evening a remarkable one. Ruksana Muzammel was extraordinary in conducting the Children program. The member's cultural evening was an outstanding event. Songs by Dr. Showkat Hussain, Guitar by Dr. Kiron Devanath, Recitation by Dr. Haq, comedy by Dr. Dabiruddin Firoz, made the evening a memorable one.

Saturday morning started with the scientific seminar. This year the seminar was dedicated jointly to one of the martyrs of Bangladesh war of liberation Prof. Alim Choudhury and the founder of BIRDEM, a legend, late Prof. Mohammed Ibrahim.

Dr. Ayesha Sikder conducted the scientific seminar. 3 of total 4 hours of CME were provided by Drexel University School of Medicine, Philadelphia. One hour of CME was provided by Beam Institute for CME of New York and sponsored by TAP pharmaceutical. Dr. Waled Choudhury, President of BMANA gave the introductory remarks and paid homage.

The scientific session "Recent Advances in Medicine"

Recent Advances in Urology: Professor Mohammed Saduzzaman Choudhury, M.D.FACS, Chairman, Department of Urology, New York Medical College.

Fire in the belly and beyond: Update on the management of GERD and Dyspepsia: Robert Guthrie, M.D. Professor Department of Medicine, Emergency Medicine and Pharmacology, Ohio State University.

Electron Beam Computerized Tomography (EBCT) of the Heart: Screening test for unsuspected coronary artery disease: Wendy Post, M.D. MS, FACC Assistant Professor of Of Medicine, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland.

Update on the management of Hepatitis C infection: Vinod Rustgi, M.D, Clinical Professor of Medicine and Surgery and Medical director of Liver Transplantation, Georgetown University School Of Medicine.

Tropical calcified Pancreatitis in Bangladesh: AK. Azad Khan, FCPS, PhD, Secretary General, Bangladesh Diabetic Association.

The poster session was presented by Dr. Shahbuddin Ahmed, Dr. Choudury Ahsanul Hafiz and Dr. Selina Parvin.

The program director of the CME meeting was Ziauddin Ahmed, M.D.FACP

Dr. Waled Choudhury presided over the business meeting in the afternoon. The Treasurer reports were given by Dr. Abul F Islam and secretary's report was given by Dr. Ehsanur Rahman. The chapter's report was presented by Dr. Muzzamel (Washington chapter), Dr. Abul K Azad (New York Chapter), Dr. Syed Showkat Hussain (Michigan chapter) and Mohammed Salahuddin (Carolina Chapter).

Visiting Professor AK Azad Khan gave a presentation on BIRDEM and its activities. He invited the members to create a partnership with BIRDEM's different projects including the medical School.

On behalf of the Washington based organization the Bangladesh American Friendship Institute (BAFI), Dr. Badrul Haq gave a presentation on activities and achievement of BAFI and the importance of participating in the main stream USA politics.

The Alumni of Sylhet Medical College met and created a committee to organize the Alumni association before the next BMANA meeting. The chair of the committee Dr. Humayun Kabir requested all the members to contact each other.

Dr. Ehsanul Karim and Dr. Yusuf gave an update of the Alumni of Chittagong Medical College's activities. They had sent books, computers with Internet support and Journals to Chittagong Medical College.

The evening dinner was a grand one. A representative of Bangladesh Embassy offered the support of the embassy on any issue regarding Bangladesh. He requested help in creating a list of Bangladeshi American professionals in USA.

Dr. Ehsanur Rahman and Dr. Abu F. Islam conducted the BMANA Award ceremony. Each time they described the contribution of each award recipient there was a the jubilant response from the audience followed by big applause. Dr. Waled Choudhury the president of BMANA presented the awards to Professor Dhiraj Shah. of Albany, NY, Dr. Quazi M. Ahmed of Pittsburgh, Dr. Abdul Hafiz of Ohio/Florida and Visiting Professor AK Azad Khan of Bangladesh.

The finale was a grand cultural Gala. Very talented local artists gave extra ordinary performances. A performance by Yasmin, a visiting Bangladeshi singer, was a stunning one.

The final long waited presentation was by the one and only Sabina Yasmeen and her new husband, a very talented artist and an activist, Sumon Chatterjee. The spell bound performance took everybody to a dream world. Romance, Peace and Humanity were in the lyrics and tunes and overwhelming nostalgia was heart breaking. Dr. Sajjad Khan of Lubbock, Texas sponsored the Sabina and Suman's program.

The Coordinator of the excellent program was Mohammed Muhiuddin Muzammel who gave tirelessly in an extraordinary effort to make the program a great success. Mrs. Lily Muzammel organized the Picnic, River cruise and cultural event.

2002 BMANA Award:

This year's BMANA award recipients are:

AK Azad Khan, FCPS, PhD. of BIRDEM, Bangladesh for his significant contribution to health cares and research in Bangladesh. For providing excellent leadership in promoting state of the art Diabetic care in Bangladesh.

Dhiraj Shah, M.D.FACS for his significant contribution to the field vascular surgery, research, teaching in USA and providing outstanding leadership to the Bangladesh Medical Association of North America.

Quazi Moslehuddin Ahmed, M.D. for his significant contribution in organizing the Bangladesh Medical Association of North America as well as providing leadership and outstanding service to the community.

Abdul Hafiz, M.D. for his significant contribution in organizing the Bangladesh Medical Association of North America and promoting Bengali art and culture.

The Executive Committee of BMANA: 2001 to 2003

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General Secretary: Shubra Debanath (Virginia Beach)

Members:

Nazma Amin,(Michigan),Nargis Islam,(Michigan) ,Lily Mozammel, (Virginia)

BMANA New York Chapter

News

Over the last year we made significant progress in furthering the interest of this organization and its members. A series of measures have been taken in order to improve communication to the members of the organization. We established a new website, www.bmananyc.org, an updated database of phone numbers, names and addresses of our members, though it is not 100% correct. Last year we took the initiative to send medical journals to different medical colleges in Bangladesh as well as to help junior doctors to get into residency programs. We urge all attending physicians and residents to make extra effort to help our young doctors. We had a successful picnic last year (pictures displayed in our website). We are in the process of arranging:

1. Scholarships to different medical colleges of Bangladesh
2. Research funds to the Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons

NY Chapter's Annual Convention

On behalf of Bangladesh Medical Association of North America, New York Chapter we are inviting the fellow physicians to our forth-coming annual convention of our chapter. As in the past years, this year also we are planning to have daylong Academic and cultural programs for all the physicians of New York. The program has been arranged at the Sheraton Hotel, 135-20, 39th Ave, Flushing, NY 11354 phone #718 460 6666 on **Saturday June 14th 2003**. The program will start at 10am with the scientific session to be followed by a business meeting after lunch. Reception and dinner will start at 6 pm to be followed by a cultural show. There will be a family show which will be organized by Dr. Nazmul Khan. Interested family members are requested to contact him by 31st May 2003 at 516 621 4327. Please mail all payments to BMANA, NY Chapter, 210 west 251 street, Apt # 6J, Riverdale, NY 10471 or Dr K. Rashid , 71-52 160 w Street Flushing, NY 11365. Visit our web site at www.bmananyc.org

Executive committee Of NY Chapter:

President: Kamal Ahmed, MD, **President Elect:** Momin Rahman, MD,

Past President: Abul Kalam Azad, MD, **Secretary:** Maksud Chowdhury, MD, MRCP

Treasure: Mohammad K Rashid, MD

Member- at large : Masudur R. Chowdhury, MD, Shaheen Rahman, MD,
B. M. Atiquzzaman, MD

BMANA Michigan chapter

President: Shafi J. Ahmed, M.D., **President -elect:** Sunil Das, M.D., **Past- president:** Syed Showkat Hossain, M.D., **Secretary:** Mohammad Shamsuddin, M.D.

Asstt. Secretary: Mohammad A. Jabbar, M.D., **Treasurer:** Sultana Guznabi, M.D.

Members-At-Large: Nazmul Haq, M.D., Dabiruddin Humayun, M.D. Debashis Mridha, M.D., Sabbir Ahmed, M.D., M. Abedur Rahman, M.D.

Advisors: Nasirul Haq, M.D., Safiul Hasan, M.D., Syed Showkat Hossain, M.D.

Auxillary committee of Michigan Chapter:

President: Nargis Ahmed, **President-Elect:** Ruksana Ahmed, **Past-president:** Leena Haque, **Secretary:** Ambreen ahmed, **Treasurer:** Shibani Das, **Members-At-Large:** Mahbuba Jabbar, Rekha Hymayun, and Deepa Mridha

The Michigan chapter is growing fast in size and activities. A strong band of energetic new physicians started taking part in the chapter activities. They had their successful annual meeting with a wonderful musical presentation by the Baul song maestro Purno Das Baul and his son. The auxiliary committee made donations to the abused women and children's fund, an orphanage and to a charitable clinic in Bangladesh. Many events including Baishaki Mela, Cultural events and Picnics are being organized for coming years.

The Bangladesh Medical Association of North America-Carolina Chapter (BMANA-CC) hosted their second annual conference on January 11, 2003. This year the conference was held in Fayetteville, North Carolina and was hosted by Dr. Abu Salahuddin (General Secretary) and Dr. Ashraf Hannan (Executive Member).

BMANA-CC completed its 3rd anniversary with great accomplishments. Dr. Salahuddin formally opened the conference at 12.30 p.m. by making his keynote speech and welcoming all the BMANA-CC members and its invited guests at the Ramada Inn. Dr. Abul Imam, who has been the President from 2000 to 2002, said in his inaugural speech "I take great pride in seeing the intensity with which our organization grew in just under three years. Believe it or not, when we first gathered at a small restaurant in Raleigh to make our debut it was an uphill task to have a conference of this magnitude. We had only seven members with us that day and today we have grown to a 25-member and still growing. Our passion and vehemence has enabled us to reach this goal and as I complete my three years with this organization I salute you all for working so diligently and fervidly"

After the inaugural speeches a delicious lunch was served which was followed by a series of scientific seminars. Since spouses and children attended the conference, special programs for the children were held concurrent to the seminar. A story telling session was organized by the famous storyteller Mr. Mitch Capel. The clinical seminar was presented by Dr. Becker (topic: New Therapeutic Approaches for Diabetes Mellitus), Dr. Azad (topic: Current Guidelines in Lipid Management), Dr. Ahmed (topic: Updates in Acute Coronary Syndrome), and Dr. Hossain (topic: Allergic Rhino sinusitis, an overview). The presentations were of professional caliber and were very much enjoyed by all the members.

After the clinical seminar, the annual election of the chapter was held. The election was conducted by the election commissioner Dr. Munshi Moyenuddin. The following members were elected for the 2003.

Dr. Abu Salahuddin—President, Dr. Mohammad Hossain—General Secretary
 Dr. Taslim Ahmed—Treasurer, Dr. Sagir Ahmed—Executive Member
 Dr. Waliur Rahman—Executive Member, Dr. Najmul Chowdhury—Executive Member

Dr. Abul Imam being the Ex-President will automatically continue to hold office as executive member. Following are the other two committees for the year 2003:

By-Law Committee: Drs. Abul Imam, Ashraf Hannan, Mohammed Khsaru

Auxiliary Committee: Mrs. Shaheen Hossain, Sufia Siddique, Faria Kabbaz

After the election a very colorful variety show was held which consisted of children's performance of music, dance, skits, songs, and situation comedy. The performances showed great talent amongst our children. Our children are very much enriched in the arts.

After dinner and Eisha prayer the adults Cultural Program was started with Bangladeshi Songs presented by local artists and a Band Group from Atlanta. Their songs were very entertaining and reminded us of how much we still love our cultural tunes. The 12-hour marathon conference and variety show ended at 12 midnight. The Fayetteville BMANA-CC members wrapped up the conference by hosting a BRUNCH the following day to all their guests and members who stayed overnight.

BMANA Midatlantic Chapter

BMANA Midatlantic chapter was created on April 6, 2002 in Reston, Virginia. The Mid Atlantic BMANA Chapter includes the state Of Virginia, Maryland, Delaware and Southwestern Pennsylvania.

Executive committee 2002- 2004

President: Mohiuddin Muzammel, M.D., **President-elect:** Bonafice Costa, M.D.

Secretary: Mohammad Asghar Khan, M.D. **Treasurer:** Mohammad Enamul H. Khan, M.D.

Member-at Large : Tareq Abedin, M.D., Madina Haq, M.D., M.W. Muhiuddin Ahmed, M.D., Badrul Choudhury, M.D. Ph.D., Mahboob Rahman, M.D. Ph.D., Habib Mahsin, M.D. Jahangir Khan, M.D.

Alumni of the Chittagong Medical College

The Alumni of the Chittagong Medical College had a very successful 2nd reunion on April 19th, in New York. A health fair for the local Bangladeshi public was held in the morning, followed by a cultural program in the evening. The organization donated a new computer with internet access to the Chittagong Medical College Library and established a website, www.cmcnorthamerica.com. They are currently raising money for a new Xerox machine for Chittagong Medical College Library.

Sir Salimullah Medical College and Mitford Hospital Alumni Association
 Web page: www.ssmcalumni.org

Dhaka Medical College Alumni Webpages

<http://groups.msn.com/DhakaMedicalCollege/>

http://www.alumni.net/Asia/Bangladesh/Dhaka_Medical_College/

Rajshahi Medical College Alumni Webpages

http://www.alumni.net/Asia/Bangladesh/Rajshahi_Medical_College/

BRAC and BMANA joint venture on CME in Bangladesh

BRAC and BMANA are considering jointly launching a nationwide CME activity for physicians in Bangladesh. Ziauddin Ahmed, M.D, coordinator of the project is requesting the interested physicians to contact at email: za28@drexel.edu

Telemedicine in Bangladesh:

There are few telemedicine centers opened in different commercial medical centers in Bangladesh. The BMANA will consider such a project if enough interest and participation from the members are exhibited. If any member of BMANA is interested in participating in the consulting activity please contact at email: za28@drexel.edu

Professor M.R. Choudhury is honored

Professor Muhibur Rahman Choudhury, MBBS, PhD, ex. Principal of DMC and Director general of health services was recently honored by the ex. Students of DMC in Bangladesh for his enormous contribution in post war rebuilding the Medical education and health care in Bangladesh.

Members' News:

Many members of the BMANA while visiting Bangladesh delivered lectures on many topics. Among them are **Syed Shafiqul Islam, M.D. PhD**, Associate Professor of Community Medicine, West Virginia University (BIRDEM, ICDDRDB) and **Safiq Ahmed, M.D** a practicing Hematology, Oncology, Charleston, WV (DMCH, Delta Clinic).

Dr. Khondokar Alamgir of New York is suffering from a malignancy. A very active and vigilant individual in the community, he has courageously participated in many national movements including the language movement of 1952. He also took a very active role in organizing support and raising funds on behalf of Bangladesh's Liberation war during 1971 in the USA. Among his many active roles in other humanitarian, social and cultural activities he is also the President of Tagore society of North America. We convey our best wishes, support and prayers for his comfort and recovery.

Dr. Ehsanul Karim Khan of Los Angeles, a practicing Anesthesiologist and a very loving father, husband and a great friend of the Community died recently due to a sudden CVA while visiting Bangladesh. We gratefully acknowledge his contribution to the community, pray for his soul and convey our deepest sympathy to the grieving family.

BMANA Election of 2003

A three member election commission is formed for the BMANA election for 2003 to 2005. Dr. Syed Showkat Hussain is chairman, members Drs. Quazi M Ahmed of Pittsburgh and Shafiqur Rahman of New York.

Please contact Dr. Hussain, if you have any suggestion, nomination or question. Phone (810) 985 8677

Proposal for Amendments:

Syed Showkat Hussain M.D. has proposed to extend the executive committee of BMANA to include the representatives from the different chapters of BMANA and the major Medical Colleges of Bangladesh.

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