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# BMANA NEWS LETTER

## Bangladesh Medical Association Of North America

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**25<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Silver Jubilee** of BMANA will be held on **July 7<sup>th</sup>** (Thursday) to **July 10<sup>th</sup>** (Sunday) 2005 at **Hyatt Regency**, 1800 Presidents Street, **Reston, Va.** 20190. **Reservations:** Call 1.800.233.1234; ask for Reston Hyatt and the Group Rate for Bangladesh Medical Association. Rate: \$115.00 per night. Deadline for discount BMA rate: June 20, 2005. Parking is free. **Reserve your room today before the discount rate is expired.**

**Program:**

**Thursday July 7<sup>th</sup> -**

7 PM to midnight: **Member's Cultural Show** in the Hyatt Ballroom.

**Friday July 8<sup>th</sup> -**

9 AM to 12 PM: **Seminar on Bangladesh and Medicine.** For children: **Picnic at Fairfax Lake** Park and Water Park.

2 PM to 5 PM: **Children's Talent Show** at the Hyatt Ballroom.

7PM to midnight: The "**Potomac Fantasy Cruise**", a 5-hour cruise on the Potomac River, encircling Washington DC with a buffet Indian dinner. Entertainment includes children's and young adult programs with Bengali, Hindi, and Western music, dance and magic shows. Total capacity is 380 persons. **First come, first serve!**

**Coordinators: Members Program** - M.W.I. Muhiuddin, M.D., 703.437.6680 **Spouse's Program** - Lilly Muzammel, 703.709.6443, **Children's Program** - Dr. Mohammad Naqibuddin, M.D.MPH., 410.662.0983 or [mnaqibud@jhmi.edu](mailto:mnaqibud@jhmi.edu)

**Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup> -**

8 AM to 12PM: **Scientific Session** with 5 Hr. CME. **Coordinators:** Rafiq Ahmed, M.D. PhD, 410.252.2121 and Choudhury H. Ahsan, M.D. PhD., 714.745.8119.

12PM to 1PM: **Research** paper presentations. **Coordinators:** Mohammed Khan, M.D. PhD, 610.368.5904 and M.A. Kashem, M.D. PhD, 856.914.1545.

2PM to 5PM: **Business Meeting and Election.**

6PM to 8PM: **Dinner Program.**

8PM to 1AM: **Cultural Program** with the best national artists. **Sunday July 10<sup>th</sup>:** Open. Free rooms are available for **Chapter, Alumni and Class reunions** on Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, July 10 during the day. First come, first serve: Call the convener immediately for reservations.

**Please mail your check today** with fees payable to: **BMANA** to Nazmul H. Khan, M.D. at 157 Dogwood Road, Roslyn, NY 11576.

**Fees:**

Membership \$50

Registration \$100

Saturday Dinner and Cultural Show \$75, Children's pizza dinner (Ages 5 to 12 years) \$20

Friday evening Cruise with dinner and cultural show \$60 per adult, \$40 per child age 12 & under

**Host: Mid Atlantic Chapter of BMANA**

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## Message

This year the BMANA will celebrate its Silver Jubilee. Today according to the AMA directory more than 1100 Physicians from Bangladesh are in clinical practice in USA. There are more physicians in research and in public health. A significant numbers of young US graduates and graduates from other countries of Bangladeshi origin are also in clinical practice. Today the BMANA has 12 chapters, three College Alumni associations and numerous Class Alumni Associations. Our challenge is to reach out to all the members and formulate an effective platform to launch activities to improve health care in Bangladesh and jointly face the challenges in health care in USA.

Our recent meetings with the leaders of the BMA in Bangladesh and leaders of other medical institutions have created an opportunity for many joint ventures in Bangladesh. A connection with leaders of the BMA of the United Kingdom for collaboration in the projects has been established. Dialogue with BMA leaders from other part of the world is in progress. Recently a surge of improvement in medical care and the establishment of a few state-of-the-art health centers in Bangladesh are very encouraging. Our participation in medical and nursing education and technology transfer can boost this effort.

A large number of dedicated members of BMANA all over the USA are working tirelessly towards our goal. Please participate in this journey by adding your e-mail to our list server, signing the direct deposit slip for annual dues and providing valuable time and suggestions for the activities. Your assistance in procuring advertisement for the brochure of this meeting and directory will be very helpful.

Your active participation to assisting Bangladeshi Physicians throughout North America reach their full potential and to ensuring that all patients receive highest quality health care is commendable and greatly appreciated.

**Ziauddin Ahmed, M.D. FACP** President

**Abul F. Islam, M.D.FACP** Secretary

## Report on the 2004 BMANA meeting:

**The 24<sup>th</sup> annual convention** of the Bangladesh Medical Association of North America (BMANA) was held on July 30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>, 2004 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Times Square Manhattan, NY. Friday evening, July 30, began with registration and was followed with a **Children's Program** at the Hotel. BMANA members' children from all over USA participated in this program. Talented performances of Bengali and English songs, dances, drama, and instrumental music filled the evening program. Interest and enthusiasm in our cultural heritage was extremely encouraging. BMANA presented a short documentary on the devastation of floodwaters in Bangladesh. Dr. Najmul Khan conducted the children program and "**Manhattan in Moonlight**", a cruise around Manhattan topped the evening. A Bengali bonanza food feast, sharing memories with friends, and a **member's cultural** program on the boat was an extraordinary experience for the 500 participants. Songs by members and their spouses, reminiscence of the past and hilarious jokes by many members including Dr. Dabiruddin Firoz, Dr. Golam Gazi and others were overwhelming and carried on through midnight. Dr. Maksud Choudhury and Dr. Najmul Khan organized this superb cruise.

The scientific seminar Saturday morning, July 31, included an excellent combination of lectures of different specialties. Ziauddin Ahmed, M.D., President of BMANA, began the seminar by **paying homage to Physician Martyrs of the Bangladesh Liberation War**. This year's remembrance focused on the lives of three martyrs: Shaheed Lt. Col. Dr. Ziaur Rahman, Principal and Superintendent of Sylhet Medical College, Shaheed Dr. Ashraf Ali Talukdar, Chief Medical Officer of Police Hospital, Chittagong and Shaheed Dr. Abdun Nur a general practitioner of Borlekha, Sural Sylhet.

Dr. Shafiq Rahman conducted **The Scientific Seminar**. The speakers were Samin Sharma, M.D. (Update in International Cardiology 2004), Muhammed S. Choudhury, M.D. (Recent Developments in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Prostate Cancer), Warren M. Seigel M.D. (Psychosocial Issues in Adolescents - What puts them at risk?), Irwin M. Grosman, M.D. (Atypical Presentation of  $\beta$ -Thalassemia), Mahmood I. Sodum, M.D. (Cardiovascular Consequences of Obstructive Sleep Apnea), Hyder Ali, PhD (Relationship between Genetic, Asc Translational and Clinical Research), Kim Vander Linden, ND DTCM (Attitude/Perfect Diet - Inositol 0 Ca / Mag IP2), Mohammed Badruzzaman, M.D. (Evaluation of Histopathology and Cytopathology in Bangladesh), Yashpal Arya, M.D. (Hepatitis C - Advanced Management and Treatment), Bhola N. Bonik, M.D. (Update on dyslipidemia). A plaque was presented to Dr. Samin Sharma who is of Indian origin in recognition of his extraordinary assistance to cardiac patients of Bangladeshi origin at New York Mount Sinai Hospital. The Chairman of the program was Waled Choudhury, M.D. and Director was Maksud Choudhury, M.D.

This time **medical researchers of Bangladeshi origin presented 10 posters**. They were Mohammed M Khan, M.D. PhD (Role of Tissue factor in Activated Peripheral Mononuclear Cells Active Factors 5II and 6 in Cardiac Surgical Wounds), Mabel Kashem, M.D. PhD, (Enhanced Contractility with Passive Centric Reshaping in Experimental Heart Failure and Effect of 95 assist device on 95 performance in normal and failing heart), Sharmina Hasan, M.D. PhD (Antithrombotic activity of 3 : is mediated by inhibitory effects of Domain 3 on thrombin induced platelets activation in vivo), Sajjad Hassan, M.D. PhD (Angiotensin induces P-3 dependent activation leading to Prostate CA cell line), Mohammed Ashraf Islam, M.D. PhD (Surviving and its insight into neuroblastoma), Choudhury Hafiz Ahsan, M.D. PhD (Noninvasive in vivo ultrasound Imaging of apoptosis in Acute MI with Annexin V conjugated microspheres), and Choudhury Ibrahim Hasan, M.D. PhD (Regulation of Matrix Metalloproteinases in osteoarthritis). Two allied science members presenting their posters were Dr Golam Kibria, PhD, (A Critical Evaluation of The Screening Tests Used for Identifying Atrial Fibrillation and Development Delay in Children) and Najma Kibria. Joint coordinators, Dr. Mohammed Munir Khan, M.D. PhD. and M. Kashem, M.D. PhD also published an excellent **research souvenir** including the articles and abstracts of the papers.

The **BMANA Alliance committee** also had their meeting chaired by President Ruksana Ahmed and focused on the expanding role of the group which includes organizing the charitable activities of BMANA. They also opened the New York Chapter of which Dinu Islam is president.

**The numerous stalls** for saris, jewelry, books and music conducted much business during the BMANA meeting. Pharmaceutical company stalls were also very well attended. An excellent souvenir edited by Maksud Choudhury, M.D and designed by Reza and Ryan Choudhury was published for the occasion.

The afternoon **Business meeting** was led by Ziauddin Ahmed, M.D. president of BMANA. He thanked Dr. Waled Choudhury and the members of NY chapter for organizing the meeting. He expressed satisfaction in growing interest and the opening of at least 6 chapters in last 2 years with a total of 10 chapters along with three College alumni in USA. This year BMANA has procured the AMA list of Bangladeshi Physicians and will be able to reach all the 1100 Bangladeshi physicians in clinical practice for the first time. Medical researchers and Allied health group also participated with great interest. Multiple projects are being planned. The subcommittees are encouraged to proceed with their agendas. The younger physicians are showing interest, and increased connections and expanding joint ventures with health care facilities in Bangladesh are very encouraging.

Abul Islam, M.D, the secretary of BMANA gave his report followed by Najmul Khan, the treasurer gave his report. Presidents of the chapters presented their reports; they were Kamal Ahmed, M.D. (NY), Sunil Das, M.D (Michigan), Muhiuddin Muzammel, M.D (Mid Atlantic), Moazzem Hussain, M.D. (California), Mahbubur Rahman, M.D. PhD (Philadelphia), Abul Imam, M.D. on behalf of Salah Uddin, M.D. (Carolina).

Dr. Sirajul Islam, an orthopedic surgeon from Bangladesh who is a professor and former Director discussed medical education in Bangladesh. He shed some light on the differences between private and government medical colleges and post graduate education in Bangladesh. Dr. Khondekar Alamgir (died soon after) barely stood up due to severe weakness from pancreatic cancer, very eloquently shared some of his memories from the history of Bangladesh. He was very encouraged by the growth of BMANA. The discussions were participated by Drs. Hamiduzzaman, Safiul Hasan, Kamal Ahmed, Salman Kazmi, Ahmed Khan Rumi, Rafiq Ahmed and others. The suggestions to improve the activities of sub committee, fund raising, increase membership etc dominated the conversation. Fazlur Rahman Choudhury, M.D. showed a documentary on the activities of Voluntary Association of Bangladesh (VAB).

A PowerPoint presentation on the devastation of ongoing floods in Bangladesh was shown by 10 year old Tonmoy Ahsan of California which touched everyone.

**NY chapters** had their election after the business meeting. **Chittagong Medical College Alumni Association** and **Sylhet Osmani Medical Association Alumni** had their meeting. **Rajshahi Medical College Alumni** was formed headed by Husna Siddique, M.D. to organize the group. **BMANA Youth forum** comprises of Medical students and young physicians met and decided to initiate the networking. Two medical students: Nausheen Hasan, Syeda T. Hossain and Dr. Monica Zaman have spearheaded the effort.

At the **evening session** Ziauddin Ahmed, M.D. President of BMANA read the message from Tomy Thomson, the Secretary of Health and Human Services. He also introduced the members of the executive committee. They were Ehsanur Rahman, M.D President, Waled Choudhury, M.D. Past President, Abul Islam, M.D. Secretary, Najmul Khan, M.D. Treasurer, Abul Imam, M.D. Emeritus, Maksud Choudhury, M.D. Emeritus, and

Husna Siddique, M.D. I em\*er. Waled Choudhury, M.D. the convener of the meeting thanked Najmul Khan, M.D., Maksud Choudhury, M.D., Kaiser Rashid, M.D., Momin Rahman, M.D., Mrs. Waled Choudhury and Reza Choudhury for their tireless support in organizing the meeting. He also thanked Golam Gazi, M.D., Choudhury Hafiz Ahsan, M.D. and Bhola Nath Bonik, M.D. for assistance in fund raising. Director of Health of the State of NY addressed the gathering on behalf of Governor George Pataki (NY). Abul Kashem, DDS, President of Bangladesh Dental Association Of North America, thanked for inviting his group and greeted the vision of BMANA's joint projects. Momin Rahman, M.D. new president of NY Chapter introduced his executive committee. Ehsanur Rahman, M.D. after an appeal raised \$13000 for flood victims in Bangladesh. Dr. Sajjad Islam, Dr. Jawadul Ahsan had significant contribution..

This year **BMANA award** went to **Professor Mohammed Badruzzaman, M.D.** for his leadership and excellent contribution in education in USA and in Bangladesh and **Dilip Sarkar, M.D.** for his leadership and extraordinary contribution to the Bengali culture and heritage in USA. Both of them shared their feelings and emotions with the cheering audience. The dinner was an excellent Indian cuisine. At the beginning of the **cultural program** visiting artists from Bangladesh Bulbul Islam and Shathi Islam Moyna presented songs by Rabindranath Tagore and Kazi Najrul Islam. Visiting dance performer Promila and her group presented multiple dance sequences. Sitar and flute were played by two artists from India. Bangladesh Theater of NY presented an excellent drama named "Ichcha Mrittui". Dr. Faruq Azam introduced the team. The last attraction were the songs performed by Abida Sultana and Rafiqul Alam, the famous visiting singers of Bangladesh.

**BMANA has donated:** \$10,000 to the Prime Minister's relief fund, \$2000 to VAB (a NY-based Voluntary Organization) for a rural schooling project, 100000 Chlorine tablets to BMA Dhaka during flood, \$4300 for CPR training materials to BIRDEM (Dr. Omar Faruq of BIRDEM has significant contribution in CPR training) and 4 peripheral Medical Colleges. Coordinator: Ahmed Khan Rumi, M.D., \$4000 to Shondhai (Medical students organizations) of 8 Medical Colleges to encourage students in humanitarian activities. BMANA also committed \$2000 towards EEG machines for the newly renovated DMC neurology department..

## Chapter's News:

### California Chapter

BMANA, California chapter launched their program under the leadership of Dr. Moazzem Hossain and Dr Kamol Koli Hossain. Secretary Dr. Choudhury H. Ahsan described the agenda of the chapter to establish a network among doctors of Bangladeshi origin in CA. Arrange scientific sessions: CME credit hours. Community Health Care: Free Clinic services, Liaison with health care professional/institution in Bangladesh with expertise/equipment/financial assistance. Help trainee doctors for preparation of examinations/placement/residency positions. Wherever possible, to help each other with patient referral, patient care issues, to work with organizations of doctors of different ethnic origins. Activities: 1<sup>st</sup> CME meeting: 6<sup>th</sup> June Sunday, 11-12.30pm: Lunch, Social hour place: UCI campus/USC campus/ Holiday Inn, La Mirada CME Lecture: Pain management and Diabetes, Metabolic Syndrome and Lipid disorders in South Asians and the implications on long term health care. Activities: April 17<sup>th</sup> Health Care update: Stroke prevention, Early recognition and treatment Metabolic syndrome, DM and cardiovascular complications. Activities: Annual Meeting of the CA Chapter of BMANA around the time of Victory day of 16<sup>th</sup> Dec. The Chapter will be able to establish the North California Branch by then and this can be a bigger event. Contact secretary Dr. Ahsan at 714 745 8119 or [chahsan92@yahoo.com](mailto:chahsan92@yahoo.com) or Dr. Ruby Hossain at [DrRuby007@aol.com](mailto:DrRuby007@aol.com)

Carolina Chapter had their 3rd annual convention on March 26<sup>th</sup> along with the celebration of Independence day of Bangladesh at Sheraton Hotel in Greensboro, NC. The Business meeting was presided by Abu Salahuddin, M.D., President of BMANA Carolina Chapter. The discussions on future activities were participated by Dr. Muhammed Hossain, Dr. Tahmida Jahangir, Dr. Ashraf Hannan, Dr. Sagir Ahmed, Dr. Riaz Choudhury and others. The speakers in the Scientific seminar were Dr. Amir Khasru (Migraine update), Dr. Sha Alam (Management of Hypertension), Dr. Sagir Ahmed (Role of betablocker in Congestive Heart Failure), Dr. Riaz Choudhury (Role of Endoscopic ultrasound in GI malignancies). To make the seminar interesting before each lecture the children (Tanbina, Afshin, Samia and others), presented comics by role playing and highlighting the question on the topic. Dr. Bahar Hussain conducted this segment. The Children's cultural program was very beautiful. The program was organized by Mrs. Maria Haque Mimi conducted by Afshin Humayun and Maisha Haque. The Election was conducted by Dr. Dabiruddin Hymayun. The new elected members are: President: Dr. Bahar Hussain, Secretary: Dr. Sagir Ahmed, Treasurer: Dr. Azad Cultural Secretary: Dr. Sabrina Hannan, Members: Dr. Riaz Choudhury, Dr. Mamun Shahriar, and Dr. Waliur Rahman. The Independence day Celebration was conducted by Dr. Abul Imam. A program consists of recitation, songs and dances with a slide show about the history of Bangladesh was very emotional and extraordinary. The program was created and directed by Dr. Ashraf Hannan. The participants were Rosy

Islam, Sharmin Taslim, Dr. Sabina Hannan, Dr. Ashraful Hanna, Maisha Haq, and Maria Haq Mimi. Other participants were Dr. Nusrat Ahmed, Giti Rahman, Dr. Salahuddin and Dr. Mahfuzul Haq. The famous guest singer from NY was Tahmina Shahid. President of BMANA Dr. Ziauddin Ahmed from Philadelphia attended the meeting.

**Mid Atlantic Chapter's** new committee includes President Jahangir Khan, M.D., President-Elect: Dilip Sarkar, M.D. Past-President: Muhiuddin Muzammel, M.D. Rafiq Ahmed, M.D. Secretary, M.U. Muhiuddin, M.D., Members: Mohammed Khan, M.D. Madina Haq, M.D., Physicians in the area please contact Dr. Rafiq at [rafiqueahmed@comcast.net](mailto:rafiqueahmed@comcast.net) or at 410 252 2121.

**New York Chapter:** A very active group organized annual picnic and other gatherings. Annual convention will be on 25 June, 2005 with scientific seminar, CME and grand cultural function. They are arranging research fund for BSSMU, Scholarships to Medical colleges, helping in getting residencies. President Momin Rahman, M.D. and his committee have planned extensive activities for the year. [www.bmananyc.org](http://www.bmananyc.org)

**Philadelphia Chapter:** The meeting was held at Exton, PA chaired by Dr. Mahboob Rahman, president of the chapter. The chapter has launched the networking in the tri-state area. Short term agenda includes, arranging health fair, disbursing fund, sending journals to different medical colleges, publishing a research journal. Philadelphia, South Jersey and Delaware physicians, please contact Dr. Joy at [jjoy@prodigy.net](mailto:jjoy@prodigy.net) or Dr. Mahboob at 610.363.3023.

**Chicago Chapter** had their meeting on December, 2004 chaired by Dr. Zahirul Haq in a local Indian Restaurant. They have undertaken a membership drive and formulating the agenda. The committee includes President: M. Zahirul Haq, M.D. [Zahurulhuq@hotmail.com](mailto:Zahurulhuq@hotmail.com), Secretary: Mohammed Razzak, M.D., Treasurer: Adeebur Rahman, M.D., Members: Nazneen Ahmed, M.D., Shah Alam Choudhury, M.D. Nadim Mahmud, M.D. The next meeting will be in May 2005. All the physicians from Chicago and neighboring Indiana and Milwaukee are requested to contact the Secretary at [L52588@sbcglobal.net](mailto:L52588@sbcglobal.net) or call 708.790.3268.

**Missouri Chapter:** contact Dr. A Goni Khan at 314.434.4497

**Kentucky Chapter:** Contact Dr. Farhad Karim or Dr. Yusuf at 859.223.3267.

**Florida Chapter:** contact Dr. Golam Kabir Choudhury at 386 344 2800 or Dr. Mohammad S. Islam at 407 808 0227.

**Alabama Chapter:** Contact ABM Salahuddin, M.D. at [abmsalah@bellsouth.net](mailto:abmsalah@bellsouth.net) or 205 540 6735.

**Boston Chapter:** A. Hakim, M.D. Call (781) 863 1368.

**BMANA Youth Forum:** All the young physicians and medical students of Bangladeshi origin please contact Dr. Nausheen Hasan, M.D. at [nhasan@comcast.net](mailto:nhasan@comcast.net) or Syeda T. Hossain, M.D. at [syeda\\_hossain@nymc.edu](mailto:syeda_hossain@nymc.edu)

### Member's News:

**Sylhet Osmany Medical Alumni** has donated computers with Internet, LCD projector and Journals to the Sylhet Osmany Medical College. Visit: [www.sylmed.com](http://www.sylmed.com)

**Chittagong Medical College Alumni** has donated computers with Internet, fax machine, CPR materials & journals, to CMC. They had their second annual reunion in NY with health fair for local Bangladeshi and a cultural evening. Next reunion in Florida. Visit [www.cmcnorthamerica.com](http://www.cmcnorthamerica.com).

**Rajshahi Medical** Contact: [shantomoi@aol.com](mailto:shantomoi@aol.com).

**Salimullah Medical:** [obayedurkhan@pol.net](mailto:obayedurkhan@pol.net)

**Dr. Mohammad Badruzzaman**, Program director and Professor of Pathology of NY Medical College and past president of BMANA on January 2005, conducted a 6 days Post graduate course single handedly on Histopathology and Cytopathology at Bangobandhu SK. Mujib Medical university in January, 2005. Participation from all over the country and was overwhelming. Prof. Zaman has conducted many courses in the past in Bangladesh, pioneering this kind of continuous teaching model.

**Dr. Dhiraj Shah**, Past president of BMANA and chief of vascular surgery VA hospital, Albany Medical College gave a lecture on carotid endarterectomy in the Fourth International Convention of the Society of Neurologists of Bangladesh at BSMMU in Dec. 2004. He also did some Vascular Surgery both at BSMMU with Prof. Mahbubur Rahman and at National Heart Foundation with Prof. Nurul Agha, Farouq and Jahangir. Bangladesh now has two recognized Departments of Vascular Surgery at NICVD and BSSMU. He feels they need Vascular grafts, suture, books & journals, stents, angiographic catheters and instruments. He is a pioneer of exchange program. He is also helping a group who is trying to develop a state-of-the-art Cardiovascular Hospital in private sector. He is inviting interested investors for the project. Contact: [shahd@albanyvascular.com](mailto:shahd@albanyvascular.com)

**Dr. Rafique Ahmed**, a cardiologist from Maryland and the secretary of Mid Atlantic chapter has established two Electrophysiology laboratories for the first time in Bangladesh. Since 2003, each year he is training cardiologists for few weeks in Bangladesh. He also has donated many pacemakers, and catheters to NICVD. He was featured on national TV in Bangladesh for his excellent endeavor.

**Dr. Sitara and Dr. Abid Rahman** of Michigan took a cardiovascular team from USA and performed procedures at NICVD in Bangladesh on November, 2004 for a period of 3 weeks. Dr. Sitara also a **Bir Protik** was honored by BMA Bangladesh and was called on by Prime Minister Khaleda Zia. They have provided over 150 out patients consultation for cardiac and vascular patients. They have also arranged a series of educational lectures, informal discussions, and training to critical care nurses. They have performed 3 CABG, 2 MVR, 2 mitral valvuloplasty, 1 AAA resection, 2 peripheral bypass grafts, 2 carotid endarterectomy, 5 peripheral angioplasty and stents, 8 complex PTCA and stents, 2 renal PTA and stents, 2 caorctation Aorta PTA and stents. They have donated coronary, peripheral balloons and stent, grafts, prosthetic valves, valve repair device, pacemakers, patch grafts and sutures. The team comprised of Edward O'Leary M.D. Interventional Cardiologist, Mir Istiaque Ali MD. Cardiology Fellow Hormoz Azar, M.D. Cardiac surgeon, M. Abidur Rahman MD. Vascular Surgeon and Critical Care Nurse Andrea Hilger. The team was jointly sponsored by Physicians for Peace and BMA Bangladesh. They are planning to make the trip again at the end of this year. They invite other Bangladeshi cardiologist, cardiac and vascular surgeons to join them in the mission. Contact: M.Abidur Rahman.M.D. FACS .269.731.4637 or [mabidur@yahoo.com](mailto:mabidur@yahoo.com).

**Dr. Syed Showkat Hussain** a vascular surgeon from Michigan and past president of BMANA had visited Bangladesh in December 2004 for 7 weeks. He brought many vascular grafts, stents and catheters and performed Vascular surgery procedures in Bangladesh. He had visited and worked both in government and in private sectors in Bangladesh. He also delivered a lecture on stroke prevention by carotid endarterectomy at Dhaka Medical College. He saw significant improvement at NICVD over the last 3 years in cardiac angiography and interventions and cardiac by pass but peripheral vascular surgery needs improvement. However at BSSMU there is new well organized Institute of cardiac and vascular surgery with significant activities in the field. He performed some endo-vascular, angioplasty, and stenting at the BSSMU and also at NICVD Institute. Staff was very helpful and eager but the supplies were limited. He also visited Bagetpur Medical College, CMH, BIRDEM, Lab Aid at Al Helal Cardiac Institute and is happy with the advancement. However he observed inadequacy in nursing training, critical care, trauma management, basic, advance and trauma life support training. He said in Government Sector the cardiac catheterization can be performed anywhere from \$50 to \$200. The coronary artery bypass can be performed between \$1000 and \$1500. He said physicians who want to do clinical activities during visit also need to renew their registration of Bangladesh Medical license .This can be done in advance through BMANA and BMA Bangladesh agreement.

**Dr. Ziauddin Ahmed** of Drexel University of Philadelphia and President of BMANA and **Dr. Mohammad Malekuz Zaman** of State University of NY and Coney Island Hospital did a **3 day seminar** at Ibrahim Medical College/BIRDEM in Bangladesh on Infection control and prevention. They have trained 40 mid level physicians of multiple specialties from all major institutions. They had received a grant from Infectious Disease Society Of America (**Dr.Korzeniowsky visiting scholar**). They have also lectured at BSSMU, Bangladesh Medical College, Sylhet Osmany Medical College. They have established a National Infection Control Project and started an office and a library on Infection control to a space donated by **Professor Azad Khan** of Diabetic Association Of Bangladesh at Ibrahim Medical College/BIRDEM. They have donated 15 sets of TV/DVD to many institutions for CME and a fund for continuous education and training in infection control and collect data on infections from most major medical centers.

**Batch K-29** of Dhaka Medical College has donated two computers with Internet connection and support to Dhaka Medical College. **Dr. Saleh Sarwar** of Newburgh, NY has spearheaded the project.

**Dr. Ekramul Kabir** of KY has arranged vocational programs in rural Bangladesh and **Dr. Ehsan Haq** a researcher from Yale University CT has arranged cleft lip surgery camp and health care for some schools in Bangladesh. **Batch K-28** spearheaded by **Dr. Harunur Rashid** has donated fund to the DMC library.

**Dr. Maksud Choudhury** has collected 2 Pediatric ventilators for Children Hospital in Dhaka, Bangladesh. **Dr. Ziauddin Ahmed** has sent 12 dialysis machines for Bangladesh.

**Dr.Abul Azad** of Albany, NY has announced a prize (Laptop Computer amounting around \$1500) each year to a high school graduate, child of Bangladeshi doctor, for the best academic, moral, and ethical standing. The competing student will be judged by transcript, letters of recommendations and a self written essay of how he or she will serve the mankind by promoting tolerance and peace. For details Contact: [aazad@nycap.rr.com](mailto:aazad@nycap.rr.com)

### Obituary:

**Dr Khondaker Mohammed Alamgir** of New York died in January, 2005. He had significant contribution in Bangladesh language movement in 1952, Liberation war in 1971 and in art and culture during his more than 40 years stay in NY. He was buried in Bangladesh with full state honor.

## Meeting with BMA Bangladesh

During the recent visit to Bangladesh, Ziauddin Ahmed.M.D., President of the BMANA and Syed Shawkat Hussain, M.D Past president of BMANA had few meetings with the Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University, the Vice Chancellor and the Pro Vice Chancellor of Bangabondhu Sk. Mujib Medical University, Principal of Dhaka Medical College, the Head of the Vascular Surgery Department at NICVD & PG, and the President and Secretary General of BMA, Bangladesh. Detailed discussion regarding joint collaboration was very fruitful. BMANA and BMA Bangladesh will jointly undertake many ventures. **This year 6 seminars are planned. These will be on Emergency Medicine training, Oncology seminar, Cardiovascular diseases, BCLS, ACLS and ATLS course, Critical Care, Pulmonary diseases and Nursing training seminar.** Professor A. Hadi, Vice Chancellor of BSMMU and President of BMA and Professor A.Z.M.Zahid Hussain, secretary of BMA and Dean of Medicine both expressed very strong commitment for collaboration in all projects in Bangladesh. Please contact Ziauddin Ahmed, M.D. if you are interested to take part in the above seminars. **Dhaka University** has decided to donate a land within its campus to BMANA to encourage a permanent establishment to conduct its long range activities in Bangladesh.

## Meeting with BMA United Kingdom

Dr. Ziauddin Ahmed, M.D, president of BMANA met the members of BMA of UK at Bangladesh center in London in February 2005. The meeting was arranged by Colonel (rtd) A. Salaam, Minister Consular of Bangladesh High Commission. Among the members presents were Dr. M.A. Awal president of BMA UK, Dr. Shawkat Ali, past president and a consultant, Dr. H. A. Haq, (Ponu) Chairman of BMA London and South East section, Dr. Abdul Majid, past president and president of the largest voluntary organization, Dr. Natasha Rahman, a new generation physician of orthopedic and trauma specialties, Dr. Ashrafuddin Ahmed, Dr. Fazlur Rashid, Dr. Manjur Showkat and Dr. Halima Begum Alam. The discussions focused on networking between the group, sharing meeting and joint projects in Bangladesh. The meeting was an excellent beginning of the long awaited venture.

### **Pakistani Medical Association Invited Bangladesh and Indian Medical Associations**

The president of APPNA, Omar Atiq, M.D. had invited the President of Indian Medical Association and President of Bangladesh Medical Association of North America to their 2004 annual meeting at Washington DC in an effort to initiate a joint forum to develop understanding, peace and respect among the people of the subcontinent in USA and at home. The president of APPNA a visionary, beautifully articulated the painful events since 1947 how the conspiracy by the British were able to create hatred to divide the Hindus and Muslims in India and later Pakistani military government exploited the East Pakistanis and denied the democratically elected representatives and committed a horrific genocide in Bangladesh. He expressed his great sorrow about the genocide during Bangladesh Liberation War and sincerely expressed an apology for the crime committed by the Pakistani army in Bangladesh. The sentiment was echoed by many Pakistani physicians in the meeting. It was an excellent feeling and exchange of emotion in the group.

## Help the new Graduates

We need your assistance in supporting the new graduates from Bangladesh who are seeking training positions in USA. If you like to share materials for USMLE or like to be mentor of young graduates please contact us. If you know of any unexpected opening in Residency position or opportunity in PhD program, research or any post doc opening, please contact us at [bmana1980@yahoo.com](mailto:bmana1980@yahoo.com)

**Please join the BMANA projects** by sponsoring one or more of the following:

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**CME:** Drs. Dhiraj Shah, Waled Choudhury, M.B. Zaman, Ziauddin Ahmed, Rafiq Ahmed, C.H.Ahsan, Maksud Choudhury, Dilip Sarkar.

**Technology Transfer:** Drs. Sajjad Islam, Syed Showkat Hussain, Ahmed Khan Rumi, Saleh Sarwar

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**Social Welfare:** Mrs. Moni Akbar, Mrs Ruksana Ahmed, Mrs. Lilly Muzammel. Please join any subcommittee of your interest and be a part of the movement in improving health care in Bangladesh.

**Short training opportunity: EMG and EEG:** Dr. Jwadul Ahsan, (Galltin, Tennessee).

**Research:** Drs. Hyde Ali, (UPenn, Philadelphia) Modhu S. Malo (Harvard, Boston). Please join as a mentor in your field.

## **CME activities for Bangladeshi Physicians**

Please contact us if you want to give lectures during your visit to Bangladesh. **BMA Bangladesh** and other institutions (**BIRDEM, BSSMU, LAB Aid**) will be happy to arrange important lectures in Bangladesh. BMANA has considered publishing medical updates and case discussions in BMA Bangladesh bimonthly newsletter and also in a Bengali daily newspaper. **Fazle Hasan Abed**, Chairman of **BRAC**, the largest NGO of the world also has agreed to distribute the CME materials through out Bangladesh. Please collect the cases of interest from your families and friends in Bangladesh. Please participate in the project and in formation of this curriculum.

**BMANA Alliance:** BMANA alliance under the leadership of Mrs. Ruksana Ahmed is organizing the different welfare activities. Their agenda includes supporting free clinics, soup kitchens, and help women in shelters in the local community and in Bangladesh.

**Election commission:** BMANA election will be held during the upcoming annual convention at Reston, VA. The election commissioner is Saiful Hasan, M.D. Contact: [Shasan@comcast.net](mailto:Shasan@comcast.net)

**Donations** to the BMANA fund is much needed for many important projects in Bangladesh and in USA. Your tax deductible small but regular financial support will be a big help. Please authorize your Bank for direct deposit of at least \$20/month to the BMNA Account at Commerce Bank, Hicksville, NY, Account #7917349545 and routing number# 026013673. For membership and conference fees send check to BMANA.

**Share Your News:** We encourage you to share any involvement in Bangladesh or in USA. Send us the information at [bmana1980@yahoo.com](mailto:bmana1980@yahoo.com). Please inform your change of address, date of graduation, name of the Medical College, area of specialty and your topic of interest among the BMANA projects.

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