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## 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of BMANA

will be held from Thursday August 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday August 6<sup>th</sup> 2006 at the Detroit Marriott, Renaissance Center, and East Jefferson @ brush, Detroit MI 48243. Reservations can be made by individual attendee by directly calling Marriott reservations at: (800)228 9290 and ask for BMANA. Room rates \$109 ( Single, Double, Triple and Quads) , \$177 Junior suits, \$356 Deluxe suits, \$25 for Additional person. Applicable state and local taxes (currently 15%).

**Please reserve your rooms today. The Reservation cut-off date for the group rate is Thursday July 13<sup>th</sup> 2006.**

**Car parking:** Self Park 15.00 per day, Valet parking 20.00 per day, Valet parking rates allow you in and out privileges.

Registration fees: \$ 100.00, Membership: \$ 50.00, Associate member (Resident and fellows): \$25.00. Dinner and Cultural function: Adult: \$75.00 per person. Children: \$20.00 per person (Served in a different room). **River boat cruise:** Adult: \$ 70.00, Children (2 yrs to 15 yrs): \$35.00, less than 2 yrs are free. You may visit the website of the "Detroit Princess" riverboat at [www.detroitprincess.com](http://www.detroitprincess.com)

Please purchase your **dinner and cruise tickets by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2006**. Due to limited seating capacity any request for annual dinner and/or cruise ticket after June 30<sup>th</sup> depend on availability of seat. . Please note that **refunds cannot be made**.

### Program:

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August:** 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm: Registration, 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm: Snacks /Buffet dinner, finger foods available till midnight. 7: to 10PM: Stores open 8:00 pm to 12:00 am: Member's Night, Cultural Program by members and their family members.

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August:** 7am: Continental breakfast for the registrants  
8:00 am - 12:00 pm: Registration, 8:00 am – 12:30 pm : Scientific Session with 4.5 hrs of CME, 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm : Lunch break, 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm : Business, Science and technology Forum, 6:00 pm – 12:00 pm: River boat cruise with dinner and live entertainment with live Jazz and Blues, Magic show and Live Rock band for youth.

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August :** 7:30 to 8am: Continental break fast for registrants only.  
8:00 am – 12:30 pm Scientific Session with 4.5 hours CME and poster presentation.  
12: 30 pm – 1:30 pm research forum (Lunch served) , 1:30 -2:30 pm: Panel discussion: Update by the physicians who have served in Bangladesh recently.  
3:00pm - 5:00 pm Business meeting and presentation of special projects undertaken by BMANA members in Bangladesh. 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm: Annual Dinner  
8:00pm-9:00 pm: Presentations by invited guests. 9:00 pm – 1:00 am: Cultural Program

PROGRAMS FOR BMANA ALLIANCE and YOUTH To be announced

**College Alumni and Class reunions:** Large room of 200 capacity is available on Sunday from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm, If space is desired please contact the convener Dr. Sunil Das at (248) 475 9476 by July 13, 2006.

**Please mail your registration, membership, cruise and annual dinner payments** payable to BMANA and sent to: Maksud Chowdhury, MD, Treasurer, BMANA, 4250 Hempstead Turnpike, Suite 17, Bethpage, NY 11714-5707  
Tel.: 516 796 4245, Fax: 516 731 1683, E mail: [mchowdhury55@yahoo.com](mailto:mchowdhury55@yahoo.com)

Please note that Detroit River is international water, to board the cruise ship everyone need **passport or photo ID**. Please visit [www.detroitprincess.com](http://www.detroitprincess.com)

## **CME PROGRAM**

This year's 9 hour CME program promises to be bigger than in the past. Dr. Nazmul Haque from Michigan and the members of the organizing committee from the Michigan Chapter are working tirelessly to present elaborate sessions. Please contact Dr. Haque if you wish to be a speaker or have any suggestions. The number of slots are few and the CME committee will have the final say in selecting speakers. Last date for submitting a request for CME speaker is February 20,2006 and is subject to availability of time and selection.

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## **FORUM ON HEALTHCARE IN BANGLADESH – SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, BUSINESS**

We are hoping to get a better understanding of the scenario in Bangladesh and how Bangladeshi – American healthcare professionals can become meaningfully involved in participating in that system. Dr.Safiul Hasan is setting up that program. Please contact him with any suggestions. **Safiul Hasan, MD**,Chairman, Business, Science and Technology committee,1208 Hidden Lake Drive, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302,Tel: (248)433 9600. E mail: [shasan@comcast.net](mailto:shasan@comcast.net)

### **Please send your request for participation at the member's cultural program to:**

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**Children's Program** to Ruqsana Polly Ahmed at [sjakirahmed@hotmail.com](mailto:sjakirahmed@hotmail.com)

**Exhibition and Stalls** request to Shibani Das at [das48306@comcast.net](mailto:das48306@comcast.net)

## **Message**

The convention committee of 26<sup>th</sup> Annual convention of BMANA invites you and your family to historic Detroit, Michigan. We are working to make this convention a very successful one with nine hours of CME program by world class speakers, very entertaining cultural events by renowned entertainers and a very special river boat cruise on the historic luxury River boat "Detroit Princess". You may visit the web site of this river boat at [www.detroitprincess.com](http://www.detroitprincess.com). We have reserved the top two floors of this four story ship for our convention. The cruise will have a 5 course dinner, live jazz music and Bengali entertainment. We also have special program with magician and live band for the children and teenagers on the top floor. Please visit our Michigan chapter web site for more information at [www.bmanami.com](http://www.bmanami.com). We promise you a very educational and entertaining convention for you and your family.

## **COMMITTEE FOR BMANA ANNUAL CONVENTION 2006**

**President BMANA:** Dr. Ehsanur Rahman **Convener and President Michigan Chapter:** Dr. Sunil Das.

**Secretary:** Nazmul Khan, M,D., **Treasurer:** Maksud Chowdhury, M.D.

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**Chairman, Publication and Media:** Dr Syed Showkat Hossain

**Coordinator Exhibition /Stalls:** Shibani Das

**Coordinator Children's program :** Ruqsana Polly Ahmed

## **The 25<sup>th</sup> meeting of BMANA**

The 25<sup>th</sup> BMANA meeting was held on July 7<sup>th</sup> to July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at Hyatt Regency hotel in Reston, VA. The **Silver Jubilee** meeting had extended 3 day program starting on July 7<sup>th</sup>, Thursday night with Members

Cultural program. The Convener Dr. Muhiuddin Muzammel welcomed every one. Members and spouses participated spontaneously with excellent spirit and beautiful nostalgia. Songs, recitations and jokes were very entertaining. A documentary on Tagore was shown by Dr. Ziauddin Ahmed. Two guest artists from Maryland performed extraordinary songs. Labid Aziz a young film director from Boston showed clips from his two independent but related short films, of 7 minutes and 5 minutes in length. One of the pieces deals with racism, racial profiling, and Jihad. The other is a fun piece highlighting a typical Bengali dinner with all the drama and gossip we are accustomed to. The Member's program was coordinated by Dr. M.W. Muhiuddin **Friday Morning July 8<sup>th</sup>**, A unique Seminar first of its kind was organized titled **Business, Science and Technology**. A lecture on **Medical Tourism** was given by Mohammed Aktharuz Zaman, M.D. of North Carolina. He explained how and why health care facility can be developed in Bangladesh and in addition to improving medical care can attract foreign patients to Bangladesh.

Video Presentation of their ongoing different humanitarian by Fazlur Rahman, M.D. of **Voluntary Association of Bangladesh** (A NY based NGO): Ehsanul Haq MD.PhD gave a presentation on his project of supporting the **education to poor children** in Bangladesh. Rashed Hasan CFO of **Kuwait Bangladesh Hospital**: which is recently acquired by American Health Consortium in Uttora, Dhaka? Along with US ex Senator Sutton and others described the joint US Bangladesh ventures in health care in Bangladesh. CEO of **Apollo hospital** Mr. Richard Larson Presented the detail plan of the hospital. He focused on excellent care, quality assurance and job opportunity in the new hospital. **Bangladesh Advocacy group USA** presents an excellent panel discussions organized by Mr. Shabbir Ahmed on many issue on US Bangladesh relations. The following participants did an excellent panel discussions: Stephen Engelken, Director- South Asia, State Dept., David Merrill, former US Ambassador to Bangladesh, Nicole Collinson, Sandler, Travis & Rosenberg, PA (Lobbyist for Bangladesh), Shabbir Ahmed of The US-Bangladesh Advisory Council, Minister- Political, Bangladesh Embassy, Commercial Counselor, Bangladesh Embassy, Prof. Imtiaz Ahmed, The US-Bangladesh Advisory Council. They urged the members of BMANA to get more involved in the leadership in mainstream US politics to gain effectiveness in issue related to Bangladeshi Americans and Bangladesh.

After noon Children's **Cultural Show** at Hyatt Ball room was a filled with very talented performances of songs, dance, music, and comics. Dr. Mohammad Naqibuddin, and Dr. Runa Haque, very gracefully conducted the show. Evening to Midnight: **Potomac Fantasy cruise**, a 4 hour cruise on the Potomac River encircling Washington DC was a breath taking experience. Big buffet Indian dinner and songs by legendary Kaderi Kibria (Tagore and old Bengali songs) and sweet voice of Shimul Zaman were exhilarating addition to the evening. Bengali, Hindi, Western Music and Magic show for the children were great attraction.

**Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup> Scientific Seminar** titled "**Updates in Medicine**" a 5 hour CME Program started at 7:45 AM. During the welcome remark Dr. Ziauddin Ahmed, President of BMANA dedicated the seminar to all the **Martyred physicians of Bangladesh Liberation war**. The lectures were Jagat Narula, MD *Vulnerable Plaque and its Management*, Marvin Slepian, MD *Acute Coronary Syndrome*, Rafique Ahmed, M.D, PhD *Use of Electrophysiology in clinical practice.*, Mahboobur Rahman, MD PhD: *Inflammatory Arthritis*, Dilip Sarkar, MD *Integrative treatment of Dysmetabolic Syndrome*, Ayesha Mian, MD *Pediatric Hypertension*, Riaz Choudhury, MD *Use of Endoscopic Ultrasound in Cancer*, AKM Shamsuddin, MD *Updates on IP6: Research to bedside.* and Anand K. Pandurangi, MD *An Update on Treatment of Serious Mental Illness*.

Dr. Marvin Slepian who had visited NICVD Bangladesh showed a beautiful video on this visit. Mr. Fayed Ahmed (An engineer at Guidant) of California who had organized Dr. Slepian's visit was also attended the meeting. Dr. Narula and Dr. Slepian were gratefully acknowledged for their contribution towards Bangladesh by giving them plaque on behalf of BMANA. Program Director was Waled Chowdhury, M.D, Chairman was Rafiq Ahmed, M.D. PhD, and the Moderator was Choudhury H. Ahsan, M.D. PhD. CME was provided by NASSAU UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER, New York.

Afternoon **Research Seminar** was the first BMANA research conference. The presenters were Bimalangshu Dey, M.D PhD: *Recent Advances in Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation: Dissociation of Graft-versus- Host disease From Graft-versus-Tumor Effect*. Ibrul Chowdhury, M.D, PhD: *Osteolysis in hip joint involving TIMP*. Mohammed Abul Kashem, M.D.PhD: *Surgical research direction in assist devices* And Sharmina Hasan, M.D.PhD: *Pacing induced dilated cardiomyopathy canine heart failure model to test surgical device*. Coordinator and moderator was Mohammed Abul Kashem, M.D. PhD.

**Seminar by BMANA Alliance** was very enjoyable. A panel discussion on rearing children with values and culture was interesting. Lectures on basic stock and financial management by Reza Chowdhury and Mizan Rahman were also very educational. BMANA Alliance also had Election and Business meeting. New president elect is Nasreen Islam. **Exhibition Booths** for Sarees, Books, Music, Jewelries, were very crowded. Stalls for Drug companies, Software's, Guardian financial, Transcription services, and Apollo Hospital during Saturday were also well attended.

Afternoon **Business meeting** was presided by Dr. Ziauddin Ahmed. The reports were presented by Secretary Dr. Abul Islam, Treasurer Dr. Nazmul Khan CME and others matter by Dr. Waled Chowdhury.

Discussions on much issue including organizational policy, supporting new physicians, membership drive, CME in Bangladesh etc were participated by Dr. Hamiduzzaman, Dr. Mujib Mojumder, Dr. Rafique Ahmed, Dr. Moazzem, Dr. Bahar and Dr. M. Nazrul Islam. Reports by the presidents of the BMANA chapters were very encouraging. They were Dr. Momin Rahman New York, Dr. Mahbub Rahman (Philadelphia), Dr. Moazzem Hussain (California), Dr. Farhad Karim (Kentucky), Dr. ABM Salahuddin (Alabama), Dr. Sunil Das (Michigan), Dr. Jahangir Khan (Midatlantic)

Dr. Safiul Hasan conducted this year **BMANA election**. The new executive committee includes President: Ehsanur Rahman, M.D., Past-president: Ziauddin Ahmed, M.D., President-elect: Abul Islam, M.D, Secretary: Nazmul Khan, M.D., and Treasurer: Maksud Chowdhury, M.D, Cultural secretary: Dilip Sarkar, M.D., Young Physician secretary: Naushin Hasan, M.D., Members at large: Ayesha Sikder, M.D. Humayun Kabir, M.D. and Rafique Ahmed, M.D.

**Evening Reception** was followed by a very delicious **Dinner**. The convener of the meeting Dr. Muhiuddin Muzammel greeted every one and gave thanks to the members who had extended their support for the meeting. He specially thanked his wife Lilly Muzammel for her enduring assistance. The Silver Jubilee celebration was marked by the **Recognition Award**. This year all the past presidents of BMANA were honored for their contribution. They were Dr. Safiul Hasan, Dr. M.A. Siddiqui, Dr. Badruddoza, Dr. Abdul Hafiz, Dr. Quazi M. Ahmed, Dr. Dhiraj Shah, Dr. Badruzzaman, Dr. Syed Showkat Hossain, Dr. Waled Chowdhury and Dr. Ziauddin Ahmed. Awards also given for extraordinary contribution to BMANA activities to Dr. Alim Khondokar, Dr. Abul Islam, Dr. Muhiuddin Muzzammel, Dr. Ajmol, Sobhan, Dr. Ehsanur Rahman, Dr. Hamiduzzaman, Dr. Shafiq Rahman, Dr. Najmul Khan, and Dr. Maksud Chowdhury. The new committee was introduced by the new president Dr. Ehsanur Rahman. Dr. Ziauddin Ahmed in his speech described the experience at the last meeting of Pakistani Medical Association (AAPNA). Their leadership and the members had shown extreme sensitivity and respect towards Bangladesh with standing ovation despite his frank discussion and accusation of Pakistan's genocide during the Liberation war. He introduced Dr. Omar Atiq, the immediate past president of AAPNA. Dr. Atiq gave a very passionate speech and expressed his utmost regret and sincerely apology for the unspeakable atrocities and genocide in Bangladesh by the Pakistani army in 1971. He said this exchange can be very important for building a bridge. His very emotional speech was greeted by standing ovation. The new president of AAPNA Dr. Hussain Malik also gave a wonderful speech for future collaboration and again apologized for the genocide during war of liberation. The next guest was president of Indian Medical association (AAPI) Dr. Bijoy Koli. He was very moved by the heartfelt invitation of BMANA. He thanked Dr. Ziauddin Ahmed to initiate this collaboration among the groups during this difficult time in the subcontinent. He welcomed the efforts and hoped this bond will result in joint collaborations which will benefit the people in need and the deteriorating situation in the subcontinent. The guest of honor Bangladeshi Ambassador to USA Shamsheer Mubin Chowdhury Bir Bikrom also a valiant freedom fighter gave an excellent speech. He described his war experience and expressed his high hope on the mission of BMANA in helping Bangladesh and people in need.

**The Grand Cultural evening** was an invigorating event. The concert by the famous singer of the subcontinent Alamgir (Supported by Sajjad Islam, M.D) was elating. Presentation by visiting Bangladeshi famous Tagore and Modern singer Mahiuzzaman Chowdhury was spell bounding. A Musical drama by legendary Bengali actress Madhobi Mukherjee and singer Srabona Bhattacharjee was superb. The most entertaining performer a vocalist of modern and light classical from Kolikata, Mr. Alope Roy Choudhury was extraordinary. Simultaneous **Cultural program with a DJ was enjoyed by the Youth forum**. This was sponsored by Midatlantic chapter of BMANA). At the end Dr. Ziauddin Ahmed president of BMANA gave vote of thanks. He acknowledged Dr. Fatema Ahmed his wife for unconditional support during his presidency, Dr. Muzzammel for his extraordinary organizational skills. Dr. Waled Chowdhury for CME and for organizing speakers and financial support to Chowdhury H Ahsan, M.D. PhD (California Chapter), Rafiq Ahmed, M.D. PhD (Midatlantic Chapter), Riaz Chowdhury, M.D. (Carolina Chapter), and Aman Amnullah, M.D. (Philadelphia Chapter) and AKM Shamsuddin, M.D. PhD. ( Baltimore). Dr. Sunil Das invited every one to the next Michigan meeting.

### **Carolina chapter HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL FAIR 2005**

A day long Health and educational fair was held at Method Park Gym in Raleigh, NC, on October 1st, 2005. The fair was one of the largest of this kind in the town was organized by BMANA Carolina chapter and Bangladesh Association TBNC. There were over 30 physicians and 50 volunteers (of all ages) from BMANACC, TBNC and other community members. More than 200 people from all ethnic background that attended this event. Eleven guest speakers (6 local renowned physicians and 5 BMANACC) who provided health related lectures in the fair. Approximately 14 sponsors participated among them were Rex Healthcare, Carolina Medical Lab, Met Life insurance, Forest Pharmaceuticals, Glaxo, Smith Kline, Novartis, Pfizer, TrueCare Physical Therapy, Wake Forest Internal Medicine, and more. In addition to consultation and BP measurement, blood Cholesterol, blood sugar, hemoglobin, A1C c BMI measurement, CPR

demonstration, Echocardiogram, Pulmonary Function test, carotid Doppler test, abdominal ultrasound for AAA, lower extremities ultrasound, and ultrasound for peripheral vascular diseases were performed. All tests performed in the fair were worth more than \$50,000. At the Opening ceremony North Carolina Senator, Janet Cowell was the chief guest. The others speakers were Dr. Abu Salahuddin, Dr. Abul Imam, Mr. Mushtaque Rahman and Dr. Mohammad D. Hossain. Other Activities and Attraction at the fair were, Katrina Fundraising, Children's Magic Show and Talent show, Lottery for various prizes by MetLife insurance and Food and Refreshments. They have planned to continue the health fair annually during month of September/October. **Carolina Chapter's annual convention will be held in April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

**BMANA New York Chapter mid year meeting** was held on Saturday November 26th 2005 at the **Akbar restaurant** of Garden City, NY. The program started at 7-30 pm with the busy business meeting followed by dinner and an excellent cultural show. The family show was organized by Dr. Husna Siddique. Large attendance On behalf of the organizers the President Momin Rahman, M.D, Secretary Taufique Bhuiya, M.D and Treasurer Lutfa Khanam, M.D gave vote of thanks.

**BMANA Chicago chapter** had its meeting at **Viceroy of India** on December 18, 2005. President Zahirul Haq, M.D. and Secretary Mohammed A. Razzaque, M.D. organized the membership drive and discussed the important agenda of the upcoming year. Contact phone: 708 790 3268.

#### **NY Chapter 2006 Annual Convention**

BMANA New York Chapter, welcome you to the upcoming New York Chapter convention arranged for on Saturday, April 15, 2006 at the LaGuardia Marriott, 102-05 Ditmars Boulevard, East Elmhurst, New York 11369. Phone: 1-718-565-8900. The program will start at 10:00 am with the business meeting followed by the scientific session after lunch. Reception and dinner will start at 7:00 pm to be followed by a cultural show. Contacts: Dr. Tawfiq Bhuiya (516-484-6795), Dr. Lutfa Khanam (516-484-8737) Dr. Maksud Chowdhury 516-741-0402

**Sylhet Osmany Medical College Alumni** Association had their second convention in New York on November 2005. The organizational activities surpassed any expectation. Huge gathering from all over USA made it a very successful endeavor. They enjoyed intermingling, cultural evening, shared memories, and drew a plan of remarkable activities under the new leadership of president Dr. Mohammed N. Islam

**Third Chittagong Medical College Alumni Reunion** was held in Orlando, Florida on Dec 30 05 - January 01' 2006. A very successful gathering with excellent attendance marked the occasion with strong organizational skills and promised for future activities. The organizers were Bashar Atiqzaman, M.D., Ehsanul Karim, M.D. and others. The new committee includes Contact for CMC alumni: email: atiqzaman@pol.net and [ehsan2001@msn.com](mailto:ehsan2001@msn.com),

**Mymensing Medical College Alumni** had its first reunion in Missouri. They had contacted about 100 members of the alumni and planning to have a convention in New York and a meeting during next BMANA meeting.

#### **Member's News**

**Rafique Ahmed, M.D** a cardiologists from Baltimore and member of the executive committee of BMANA has organized his 3<sup>rd</sup> Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology workshop at NICVD, Bangladesh from December 10 to 15<sup>th</sup>. 2005. Dr. Rafique had initiated EP training in Bangladesh 2 years ago after donating 2 EP machines to NICVD. He has fully trained 4 cardiologists at NICVD. The 3<sup>rd</sup> conference was cosponsored by NICVD, Mid Atlantic Cardio Vascular Association of Baltimore, BMANA, and BMA Bangladesh. Five days seminar was well attended with active participation by 36 speakers. This exemplary endeavor became a mile stone of US Bangladesh collaboration in promoting health care and medical education in Bangladesh. Dr. Rafique again went in February 2006 for 11 days to continue his program. This time he is accompanied by David J. Shamp, M.D one of his colleague who also contributed in the EP training in Bangladesh. Dr. Rafique is planning to extend his training program to other medical institutions in Bangladesh.

**Maksud Chowdhury, M.D.** treasurer of BMANA and president elect of BMANA NY chapter visited Bangladesh in August 2005. He visited 8 hospitals and explored the possibilities of establishing a relationship with BMANA for educational and training purposes. He donated pediatric CPR instructor kits to each hospital. He gave medical presentation and donated two pediatric ventilators to Dhaka Shishu Hospital and Chittagong Medical College Hospital. He also spend time and donated one year physician's salary to his village hospital at Quepara, Raozan, which was established and run by his family with the partnership with the others. On behalf of BMANA he also arranged externship of US college students at BSSMU and Cholera research center to do research and voluntary works during the summer. He had received request to send

more medical instruments including intraosseous infusion needle, pulse oxymeters, defibrillators, incubators, dialysis machines and subscriptions to medical journals.

**Hamid Rabb, M.D.** Medical Director of Kidney and Pancreas Transplantation at Johns Hopkins Hospital and Associate Professor of Medicine at Johns Hopkins University, delivered lectures on advances in kidney transplantation at BIRDEM and the Post-graduate Medical Institute in Bangladesh in July 2005. On the same tour, he was an invited lecturer in Singapore at the International Society of Nephrology bi-annual meetings on acute renal failure, and in Malaysia lecturing on novel urine diagnostic biomarkers. Dr. Rabb toured the facilities and evaluated kidney transplant and dialysis patients at BIRDEM and BSMMU (PG institute). The paired kidney exchange program established at Johns Hopkins (*JAMA* 2005), as well as utilization of the non-related live kidney donor was viewed as adoptable in Bangladesh and would help many patients with kidney failure. A proposal to develop a liaison between Johns Hopkins Hospital Nephrology and Bangladesh academic nephrology programs was discussed, and the initial framework was established where talented nephrologists could come abroad for a year of nephrology research training with Dr. Rabb, with exposure to the clinical program as well. A major challenge was identified in funding the one year living stipends abroad. It was concluded that major advances have occurred in the diagnosis and treatment of kidney diseases in Bangladesh, and the initial infrastructure for a high quality system has begun at limited sites. The need for significant technology transfer and training of high quality future leaders was identified as viable paths to take the management of the increasing burden of kidney disease in Bangladesh to the next level. Dr. Rab has expressed interest in accepting an advisory role for young Bangladeshi American physicians in USA.

**Shahid Aziz, M.D** a young second generation Bangladeshi American plastic and maxillofacial surgeon, a faculty of New Jersey Medical College took a team to Bangladesh on January 2006 for cleft mission. He took an 8 person team including 2 surgeons, 2 surgical residents, 2 anesthesia, and 2 nurses. They did 30 cleft lip repairs in 4 days in patient's ages from 7 months to 17 years. They flew from Dhaka airport by a sea plane to Kishorgonj to a floating hospital named **Jibon Tori**.

This project is run by an NGO called Impact Foundation [www.impactfoundationbd.org](http://www.impactfoundationbd.org). Jibon Tori a beautiful modern ship traveled through out rural Bangladesh. On board are an eye clinic as well as two operating rooms, a three bed recovery room, and a 12 bed patient ward. In addition, the hospital has a full time staff of 3-4 physicians, and a support staff of 20 nurses, etc. There are also accommodations on board for visiting MD and guests. In addition the ORs are fully equipped – they just needed to bring their surgical instruments and sutures. Dr. Aziz is planning to go back next year with his team for a longer trip to continue his passionate project.

**Humayun Kabir, M.D.** a pulmonary critical care specialists from Tennessee, an executive committee member of BMANA and past president of Sylhet Osmany Medical College Alumni Association of USA visited Bangladesh in July 2005. He is also founder of Center for Advancement of Medicine in Bangladesh which he has created to improve medical education, patient care and research in Bangladesh. During his visit he did Workshop on Ventilator management. First of its kind in Bangladesh, the workshop was held in BIRDEM and attended by approximately 130 physicians and nurses, mostly from the ICUs of different medical institutions and hospitals in Dhaka. The Feedback from the participants was overwhelmingly positive. He also gave seminar on Chronic Cough - Uncommon Causes: at Suhrawardy Hospital. The meeting was cosponsored by the department of Allergy & Immunology and the Scientific Committee of Shaheed Suhrawardy Hospital. Also presented his own data. At the Institute of Chest Diseases he gave a lecture on Bronchoscopic findings in chronic cough. It was cosponsored by Asthma Center. He also presented his own data and cases. At BIRDEM, he gave lecture on Nosocomial Pneumonia. Cosponsored by Critical Care Unit, BIRDEM hospital. He presented his hospital data along with the topic. He also gave a Seminar on Advances in Bronchial Asthma at Sylhet Medical College. He was also featured in the national TV. He is also planning to visit Bangladesh in June 2006 to continue his work.

**ABM Salahuddin, M.D.** a neurologist and also president of BMANA Alabama chapter is visiting Bangladesh on February 2006. He will give 5 lectures on different aspect of Epilepsy and other neurological disorders at different major medical institutions in Bangladesh. He will explore the possibilities of establishing an Epilepsy clinic and Epilepsy surgery center in near future.

**Shafi Khaled, M.D,** Clinical assistant professor at International Pain Institute, Texas Tech University Lubbock, Texas and convener of Mymensing Medical College Alumni Association of USA visited Bangladesh on December 2006. He delivered lectures on: Interventional techniques in managing back pain and headache and Spinal cord and peripheral nerve stimulators for refractory pain at Holy family, BIRDEM and other hospitals.

**Abedur Rahman, M.D** a vascular surgeon from Michigan organized his second visit to National Institute of Cardiovascular Disease (NICVD) on November to December 2005. He was accompanied by **David Evans, M.D** a cardiovascular surgeon on behalf of an organization named **Physicians for Peace**. They performed many cardiac and vascular surgeries, consultations and seminars at NICVD. They trained young surgeons and explored ongoing medical education program in Bangladesh.

**Ziauddin Ahmed, M.D** of Philadelphia ( Past president of BMANA) and **Mohammed Malekuzzaman, M.D** of New York had initiated an Infection Control Project and a resource center in Bangladesh in 2005 with Dr. Korzenewski scholar grant from Infectious Disease Society of America . They have received another Dr. Korzenewski grant this year from Drexel University College of Medicine, Philadelphia to continue the project. The goal is to establish an Infection Control Center and disseminate information on hospital infection, antibiotic usage, control and management of infectious diseases.

**M.A. Jabbar, M.D.** a pediatrician from Michigan visited Bangladesh on July 2005 and gave lectures on Pediatric Endocrinology and primary care pediatrics in Bangladesh. He discussed growth, thyroid, adrenal and pubertal disorders, diabetes in children, and management of DKA. Case discussions were participated by many enthusiastic young physicians. He also donated the 5th edition of Pediatric Endocrinology Textbook by Fima Lifshitz, ( Marcel Dekker, publisher). He had written a chapter on Endocrine tumor in Children in that book. He met and discussed various items including enhancing communication and exchanging ideas with Dr. Khairul Amin, MRCP, the academic director and Dr. Selim Shakur, MRCP. Director of the Shishu Hospital. Both of these physicians are involved in the Post-Graduate Education and training of Bangladeshi pediatricians.

**Mohammed Khan Rumi, M.D** a pulmonary and critical care specialist from Wisconsin had spent 1 month at BIRDEM's ICU with Dr. Omar Faruq. He trained many young physicians and provided state of art patient care. Dr. Rumi also is very involved in organizing education for poor children and human right issue in Bangladesh. He is also coordinator of Bangladesh CPR project of BMANA.

**Maleka Ahmed, M.D** a Hematology Oncology specialist from University Of Iowa Community Medical services recently visited Bangladesh on December 2005. She had visited three Medical colleges including Sylhet Osmany Medical College, Holy family Red Crescent Medical College and International Medical College at Ashulia, Dhaka. She gave a presentation on **Medical Oncology and Palliative care Update** to a teacher's gathering at Sylhet Osmany Medical College and Holy family Hospital. She also explored the possibilities of improving cancer care. She met Radiation oncologist, Principal, Sylhet BMA president and other interested physicians and collected feed back on collaborative activities. They requested important journals (also online subscription), Cobalt-60 machines, immobilization set for head and neck during radiation, Chemotherapy and cancer information booklet, a library for BMA, visiting observership on different specialties, support and collaboration in research, Chemotherapy administration protocols from Institutions. Holy Family wishes CME conferences in video or online to be arranged and/or financed by BMANA. They have a busy breast clinic, and increasing use of routine pap smears in their hospital .Everybody was very interested in the self breast exam cards she brought. They will translate them in Bangla and make copies for distribution. All the colleges showed interest in routine communication for CME purpose and cancer education. International Medical College requested lectures and teaching rounds by visiting doctors, journals, education booklets etc. She gave them cancer related checkup booklet from ACS for primary care Physicians office; these were greatly appreciated in all the places. She also visited Mussabir cancer center at Dhaka which is a new philanthropic organization created to support cancer care in Bangladesh.

**Syed Showkat Hussain, M.D.** a vascular surgeon from Michigan and past president of BMANA has donated vascular grafts to NICVD and BSSMU. He is organizing CPR and Trauma training program in Bangladesh in collaboration with different US establishments.

**Maboob ur Rahman, M.D.** A Harvard trained Rheumatologist , research director of a pharmaceutical and adjunct faculty of University of Pennsylvania and president of BMANA Philadelphia chapter delivered lectures at Bongobondhu Sheik Mujib Medical University ( PG) and Orthopedic Hospital during his visit in December. He is exploring to set up CME program in a regular basis either on line or by DVD. He also participated in patient care during the visit.

**Ehsanul Haq, M.D. PhD** of Connecticut visited Bangladesh and continued his work in organizing an international project on improving education , blindness and health care of poor children in Bangladesh.

**Chowdhury H. Ahsan, M.D.** Director of cardiac cath. Lab at University of California , Irvine, also secretary of BMANA California chapter will spend 2 weeks at BIRDEM from February to March 2006. He will work and train cardiologists on interventional cardiology and work with a visiting cardiac surgery team from Norway. He will organize an international seminar on interventional cardiology late this year.

### **Young Volunteers for BMANA**

Recently participation by many children of our members in the activities of BMANA has created a hope for the future. Reza Chowdhury son of Dr. Waled Chowdhury of NY was very involved in past few annual meetings. He is also helping to update new BMANA webpage. Shez Islam a George Town undergraduate son of Dr. Sajjad and Nasreen from Odessa, Texas has raised \$18,00 to support the treatment of drug resistant TB for Chest disease hospital in Bangladesh

### **Bangladesh News**

**Selina Daisy, M.D** a US trained Neurologist now at Dhaka Medical College( DMC) bought new state of art EEG and EMG machines for the Neurology department after receiving a \$50,000 grant from Canadian

Development Agency CIDA. BMANA helped the process by committing a matching grant. Neurology Department of DMC is now giving an exemplary patient care by taking minimum payment (one fourth cost compared to private clinics) for EEG, NCS, EMG etc. (enough money for the maintenance only).

**Mohammad Omar Faruq, MD.** Professor of Critical Care Medicine, BIRDEM. Who is a US trained physician and ex. Secretary of BMANA. He has settled in Bangladesh and pioneered Critical care medicine in Bangladesh. He has successfully initiated large scale CPR training in Bangladesh. He thanked BMANA for donating CPR kits including the defibrillation-intubation manikin to the ICU. BMANA also donated 6 regular manikins for distribution to other medical colleges for training CPR. To continue mass training Dr.Faruq also needs endotracheal intubation practice mannequins one for each adult and infant.

### **Bangladesh Medical team visited USA**

US trade bureau had invited a Bangladeshi team in June, 2005. The team comprised of representatives from different aspects of Bangladesh health sector. President (Prof. A Hadi) and secretary of BMA (Prof. Zahid), past secretary of BMA (Dr. Mostafa Jalal), secretary of health, joint secretary of health (Hospital section), and other members toured few states and visited few University hospitals including Johns Hopkins to see the health care delivery system in USA. They also met leaders of BMANA in Washington, Michigan, Alabama, Chicago and NY. The whole trip was very helpful to develop and strengthen relationship with US health care system and BMANA. The trip was facilitated by American Health Consortium which has recently acquired the management of Kuwait Bangladesh Hospital in Dhaka.

### **Dialysis machines were sent to Bangladesh**

**Old Rajshahi Cadet Alumni (ORCA)** had sent 39 dialysis machines to initiate Renal care to North Bengal Bangladesh which is an under-serve area. They have received a large grant from a California trust established by a retired Bangladeshi US NASA Engineer. They have requested logistic support from BMANA to establish the project.

**Ziauddin Ahmed, M, D** has sent 6 dialysis machines this year to Bangladesh. The transportation cost was donated by **Mr. Shahan Chowdhury** of Dallas, Texas..

### **BE A PARTY TO 'GIFT OF SIGHT'**

**The FOUNDATION FOR EYE HEALTH** a non-profit, philanthropic, socio-cultural organization emerged to render eye services. There are an estimated 1.7 million blind and 2.6 million visually impaired people in Bangladesh. Cataract is responsible for 60% cases followed by glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, childhood blindness and uncorrected refractive errors. In addition, each year a large number of Bangladeshi expatriates that work in the scorching sun light in the desert area of the Middle East return home after being blind or near blind. To control and Prevent Blindness an estimated 5m people in rural areas will receive eye care through establishing/ rehabilitating of districts eye care facilities, 10,000 to 20,000 additional cataract surgeries will be performed, 50,000 school children will be screened for refractive errors and receive glasses for correction, and 10 new doctors will be trained in ophthalmology through an exchange program. Any support to the above initiative will be highly appreciated. One can be a Patron of this Initiative and can give them a gift of eye sight. Sponsor of one, two or more blind people are sought. Donation can be sent to: In USA: Foundation for Eye Health, 171 Union Street, Ashland, MA 01721 or In Bangladesh: Foundation for Eye Health, House no 42, Road no 12, Sector 4, Uttora Model Town, Dhaka

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