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Report of the 26th BMANA Convention:

The 26th annual convention of BMANA was held on August 3 to 5, 2006 at Detroit Marriot in Michigan. The program started on Thursday night August 3rd with **Member's and Family Cultural Program**. The program was started by the welcoming speech by Dr. Ehsanur Rahman president of BMANA and Sunil Das, M.D the convener of the convention. Coordinator Ahmadul Hasan Rushu, M.D. introduced Tanjeen Chowdhury, M.D as MC of the program. Michigan chapter presented an excellent event by a large number of participants. Kiron Debnath, M.D played guitar with excellent visual effect. Drs. Syed Shawkat Hussain, Sultana Guznabi, Rawnok Hasan, Ruksana Polly and others singer performed A short documentary on folk poet *Hason Raja* by Ziauddin Ahmed, M.D. The children program was conducted by Ruksana Ahmed Polly. The Children's Music and dance performance was extraordinary.

Friday August 4th, after the registration and continental breakfast the **scientific seminar** was started at 8 AM with the welcoming speech by Dr. Ehsanur Rahman president BMANA. Dr. Ziauddin Ahmed then dedicated the seminar to the memory of Shaheed Dr. Ayesha Bidoura Choudhury a Martyred woman physician of Bangladesh liberation war in 1971. Dr. Najmul Haq, the director of CME committee introduced Dr. Amit Karmaker the moderator of the seminar. The lectures were divided into many sessions. **Neurology session:** Debashish Mrida, M.D. on an update on *Multiple Sclerosis*, Mahbubul Haq, M.D, PhD on updates on *Autism*. **Pain management session:** Lutful Aziz, FCPS, PhD *Present state of pain management in Bangladesh*, S. Chakroborty, M.D. PhD on *Pain management in Ambulatory practice in USA*, Shefi Khalid, M.D on *Management of facial pain and headaches: Interventional techniques*. **GI and Liver:** Safiul Hasan, M.D. FACP on *Durable endoscopic treatment of GERD: Introducing the plicator*, A.H.M. Shamsuddoha, M.D. on *Emerging treatment of Hepatitis B & C*. **Infectious disease:** Mohammad M. Alam, M.D on *Emerging hospital acquired infection*, Muhammad M. Zaman, M.D. on *Avian Flu*. **Miscellaneous:** Jamal Akbar ,M.D. on *Advances in Radiology*, Dr. Selim Shakur, MRCP, PhD on *State of nutrition in Bangladeshi children*, Lutfur Rahman, M.B.B.S on *Sate of CV surgery in Bangladesh*.

The Science Business and Technology Seminar was held at 2 PM. The seminar was organized and chaired by Dr. Safiul Hasan. The topics of the first half were on Health care delivery system in Bangladesh were

.Introduction to Lab aid Hospital of Bangladesh by Dr. Atiaur Rahman (in the absence of its president Dr. Shamim). *Square Hospital Bangladesh* by its president Mr. Tapon Chowdhury, *.BIRDEM perspectives* by Prof. Azad Khan, *Apollo Hospital presentation* by CEO and President and *American Hospital Consortium on Kuwait Bangladesh Hospital* by CFO Mr. Rashed Hasan. A lecture *Medicine and law: implication of Stark laws* was given by a health care attorney Keith Soltis esq. Under the Technology Transfer to Bangladesh heading the lectures were *Cleft Palate Surgery Mission to Bangladesh* by Shahid Aziz, M.D.DMD FACS of UMDNJ, *IMPACT Foundation activities in Bangladesh* by Ms. Cristina Rozario, *Developing Cardiac Electrophysiology Service in Bangladesh* by Rafique Ahmed, M.D. The program was vary stimulating and

The very exciting evening started with a 5 hour cruise on the Detroit river. The Ship ***Detroit princess*** was filled with intermingling, sight seeing, elaborate buffet dinner and continuous musicals. Jazz band, Bengali Musics and Children's music and magic were extraordinary. The wonderful Bengali music was performed by visiting famous artist Mr. Topon Chowdhury. The cruise was coordinated by Nurul Amin, M.D.

The live concert with western music also was very entertaining for all ages. The comedy by many physicians including Dr. Ziaur Rahman, of NY was very entertaining The cruise and the music event lasted until midnight but the class mates and small groups gatherings continued well beyond.

Saturday August 5th the second day Seminar again started with introduction by Dr. Ehsanur Rahman. President of BMANA. Dr. Najmul Haq the chairman of CME introduced Aysha Sikder, M.D. and Rafiq Ahmed, M.D as moderators of the seminar. **Endocrinology session:** Mohammed Jabbar, M.D. (On behalf of Dr. Nasirul Hoque) on *Growth hormone deficiency syndrome*, George Grunberger, M.D. on *Advances on Diabetic management: 2006 and beyond*, Nandolal Bagchi, M.D. on *Subclinical thyroid disease in ambulatory practice*, Dilip Sarkar, M.D.FACS on *Dyslipidemia and Metabolic Syndrome: Management of coronary artery disease in patients from Indian subcontinent*, Azad Khan, FCPS, DPhil, FRCP on *Fifty years of Diabetic care in Bangladesh*. **Cardiology:** William O' Neil, M.D.FACC on *Advances in Angioplasty and management in coronary artery disease*. Subramaniam Krishnan, M.D. on Atrial Fibrillation and Flutter. Appropriate referral for EP study and Ernie Yodar on Evidence based Medicine.

A plaque was presented in honor of late Krishnan an Indian air force pilot (father of the speaker Dr. Subramaniam Krsihnan) who had participated in the war of Bangladesh liberation in 1971. The family of Major Krishnan was very overwhelmed by the honor by BMANA.

A Research presentation was held between 1 to 2 PM. The speakers were Dr. Abul Kashem, M.D. PhD on *Telemedicine Monitoring for management of heat failure patients*, Ali S. Arbab M.D.PhD on *Stem cells in Neurological disease*, Atiar Rahman, M.D on *Connection between cancer and heart disease* and K.N.Anwar on *Interaction of HIV-I and Mycobacteria*.

The 12 hour CME credit was the highest number provided by any BMANA convention. **The CME director** and the main organizer was Nazmul Haque ,M.D, The other members were Shafi Ahmed, M.D., Abul Shamsuddoha, M.D., Debashish Mridha, M.D. and Mohammed Waheduzzaman, M.D.

Poster presentations:

27 posters were presented in the meeting. Mahbulul Haque M.D.PhD (Wayne State University, Detroit MI) presented 10, Abul Kashem, M.D.PhD (Temple University, Philadelphia) presented

10, Sarmina Hasan, M.D. PhD (Temple University, Philadelphia) 7, Mohammed Khan, M.D. PhD (Temple University, Philadelphia) 3, Syed Arbab Ali, M.D, PhD, (Henry Ford Health System , Michigan) 3, AHM, Rezwan Islam, M.D. Minnesota 1, and Monwar Hussain MS(University of Texas ,Houston) presented 2 posters.

BMANA Alliance (Spouses) activities during the Convention includes tour of Henry Ford Museum on Friday. Saturday BMANA Alliance had an excellent program including a session on **Personal Finance**, session on **Hair and Makeover** and a **health forum**. The Women's health forum had two speakers including Fatema Ahmed, M.D. on "**an Overview on Women's health**" and Ayesha Sikder, M.D on "**Coronary artery disease in women and South East Asian Context**". Both the lectures were very much appreciated. They also had their business meeting, and a session on **Cooking demonstration**. The BMANA Alliance activities was organized by Mrs. Nargis Islam president of the Alliance, Mrs. Ruqsana Ahmed Polly, Mrs. Anisa Rahman and other members.

President Of American Medical Association William G. Plested III, M.D. sent a greetings for the successful convention and urged the BMANA members to become active in AMA to fight pending cut in medicare payment, to cover uninsured and improve medical liability climate for all American physicians. He also requested to visit www.ama-assn.org/go/remote to see how one can participate in the AMA advocacy effort.

Governor of Michigan state Jennifer M. Granholm sent a greeting and hoped that cooperation in health care between USA and Bangladesh will develop due to the effort and leadership of BMANA. She said members of BMANA should be truly proud to count themselves among those who are working for our citizen both locally and globally.

The **Business meeting** was presided by Dr. Ehsanur Rahman. Dr. Nazmul Khan , secretary of BMANA conducted the meeting. Dr. Maksud Chowdhury gave his treasurer's report. Other reports were presented by Dr. Abul Islam, M.D., Dr. Waled Chowdhury (Organizational activities), Dr. Ziauddin Ahmed (Bangladesh program). The Chapter's presidents and representatives presented their reports on their activities and plan. Maksud Chowdhury, M.D (NY), Sunil Das, M.D. (Michigan), Rafiq Ahmed , M.D (Mid Atlantic), Bahar Hussain, M.D (Carolina), Abul Kashem, M.d Phd (Philadelphia), Moazzem Hussain, M.D (California), Farhad Karim, M.D (Kentucky), A Razzak, M.D (Chicago), ABM Salahuddin , M.D (Alabama) Goalm Kabir Chowdhury, M.D. (Florida), M. Hakim, M.D. (Boston), Sambit Barua, M.D (Ohio). Representative of College alumni (Chittagong, Sylhet, Rajshahi) also presented their reports. Other discussants included Dr. Hamiduzzaman, Dr. Mujib Mojumdar, Dr. Rafique Ahmed,

During the break, the physicians and family members were busy in visiting and shopping in the stalls which were set up in the lobby. The stalls of many drug companies , Jewelries, Saries and traditional clothings , books and musics were very attractive . Mrs. Shibani Das was coordinator for the stalls.

The Dinner and Cultural event in the Saturday evening was very exciting. More than 400 guests enjoyed the excellent program organized the host committee. Dr. Ehsanur Rahman president of BMANA introduced the executive committee and Sunil Das convener of the convention introduced the Michigan chapter and member of the host committee. He gave special thanks to Dr. Nazmul Haq for his extraordinary support in the event. The guest speakers were Dr. Rao, IMG president of AMA and Dr. Hetsko an AMA trustee.

This year's **BMANA Award** recipients are National Professor Brig(rtd) Abdul Malik, FCPS, MRCP, for his contribution in developing state of art cardiac care in Bangladesh, Late Professor Syeda Firoza Begum, FRCOG for her role in advancing women's health in Bangladesh and also serving as first Women president of BMA Bangladesh, Dr. Sitara Rahman *Bir Protik*, for her

valiant services as freedom fighter during Bangladesh's liberation war in 1971, and Dr. Saabry Osmany for his selfless contribution to BMANA Web page and maintenance of electronic networking.

The award was presented during the dinner by Dr. Ehasnur Rahman, president of BMANA. He was assisted by Abul F. Islam, M.D. President elect and Nazmul Khan Secretary of BMANA. Brig (rtd) Abdul Malik had sent a message accepting the award and thanking BMANA for this gesture. He expressed an ongoing collaboration with BMANA in the promoting medical care in Bangladesh. D. Jabin Jalil daughter of late Prof. Syeda Firoza Begum described the struggle of her mother during the early days to change the discrimination and prejudice against women in the health care in our region. She also shared many academic, research and humanitarian activities of Prof. Firoza Begum which will continuously inspire especially the women physician in our country. Dr. Sitara Rahman *Bir Protik* introduced her husband Dr. Abid Rahman a vascular surgeon of Michigan also a freedom fighter. She also remembered her brother late Colonel Haider *Bir Bikram* a valiant freedom fighter who had successfully conducted all the commando operations in Dhaka during the war of liberation in 1971.

The Cultural event started with extensive performance by visiting **Creation dance group** of Kolkata, India. Legendary singer **Anup Ghosal**, Tapan Chowdhury and Samina Chowdhury's performance were superb and spell bounding. The instruments by Ashim Sen Gupta and Shaukat Ali Emon were extraordinary. The MC of the program were Nausheen Hasan, D.O, Jakir Ahmed, M.D, and Ruksana Ahmed Polly. Dilip Sarkar, M.D cultural secretary of BMANA presented the excellent narration for the Creation group.

At the end Dr. Waled Chowdhury, convener of the next meeting (which will be held on last weekend of July 2007 in NY) invited every one to big Apple for the exciting time.

Member's news

Dr. Chowdhury Hafiz Ahsan secretary of BMANA California chapter and director of Cardiac Catheter lab and an Associate Professor of University of California Irvine went to Bangladesh twice this year. He performed many interventional procedures and trained few cardiologists at BIRDEM, Bangladesh. During his second visit he also took a vascular surgeon and a nurse from the University. The team's performance was excellent in building a landmark collaboration in technology transfer. Dr. Chowdhury also sponsored a senior cardiologist who spent time at University of California Irvine as a visiting scholar under this program.

Prof. Mohammed Sadduzzaman Chowdhury, M.D, Chief of Urology at NY medical College offered few weeks of training in advanced Urology at NY to 3 visiting Urologists from Bangladesh.

Dr. Abidur Rahman, A vascular surgeon of Michigan has arranged training for a visiting Bangladeshi cardiovascular surgeon from NICVD, an anesthesiologist and a nurse. Dr. Rahman is involved in ongoing effort to train visiting Bangladeshi surgeons.

Dr. Rafique Ahmed of Baltimore who had established cardiac Electrophysiology center at NICVD, Bangladesh, recently also arranged and hosted few weeks training of NICVD staff (an anesthesiologists, a charge nurse and a cardiologist) in Baltimore. Now he has another group receiving training in Baltimore. His ongoing effort to establish cardiac electrophysiology service

in Bangladesh is a mile stone He is also arranging a seminar on Cardiology for general practitioners in Bangladesh.

Dr. Ziauddin Ahmed successfully arranged the second international infection control seminar in Bangladesh in July 2006. The program was sponsored by Dr.Korzenewski memorial grant from Drexel University College Of Medicine. Other member of the team were Dr. Mohammed Malekuzzaman (Program Coordinator) of NY, Dr. Mashiul Chowdhury of Drexel University Philadelphia, Dr. Mohammed Alam of NY and Dr. Reza Chowdhury of NY. The 3 day seminar was participated by more than two hundred physicians and nurses. Increased awareness in Infection control practices and management of infection in clinical practices was very encouraging. Ministry and DG of health and WHO office in Bangladesh offered excellent support and expressed great satisfaction at the out come of the seminar. The visiting team also organizing HIV management and other collaboration in the field.

Dr. Nazmul Haq of Michigan is organizing an international seminar in Bangladesh. The seminar will be sponsored by Apollo Hospital. The 2 day seminar will be focusing on many subspecialties and will be participated by many US physicians.

Dr. Bimalengshu Dey, a Harvard Oncologist will be organizing a 3 days International Cancer Seminar in Bangladesh on May 2007. The team will consists of few faculty from Harvard Medical School (MGH), Tata Memorial, India and Budapest Medical University , Hungary. He is planning to initiate a cancer care project in Bangladesh. BMANA oncology members are invited to organize the activities in the cancer care program.

Dr. A. Ehsanul Hoque (Executive Director, DCI) of Connecticut has visited Bangladesh in the middle of December 2006 and had set up the infrastructure to initiate a **Childhood Blindness Prevention Program** in joint collaboration of DCI, Yale University and Diabetic Association of Bangladesh (DAB). In April 2007, Dr. Ehsan Hoque will again visit to Bangladesh with a Yale University Eye Surgeon team (headed by Dr. Brian DeBroff, a renowned Yale Eye surgeon) to organize several eye surgeries and training camps in Bangladesh. During the camps, the team will teach their modern pediatric eye surgery technique and will train a group of Bangladeshi eye surgeons. DCI would like to set up a continuous eye surgery facility in conjunction with DAB, Lion's Eye Hospital and other eye hospitals. Eventually, they would also like to start collaborative research projects into new methods of prevention and treatment of congenital and developmental cataracts, including pediatric IOL implant technologies.

Shahid Aziz,M.D., an ENT faculty of New Jersey Medical School and Dentistry with his team is going back to Bangladesh to work with Impact Foundation Bangladesh. His team consists of 14 people, including Surgeons, Surgery residents, Anesthesiologists, and nurses. They plan to do 70 cases of cleft lip/palate during these two weeks of trip. They will perform surgery week in rural medical center in Chuadanga and second week in their hospital ship **Jibon Tri**.

Reaz Chowdhury,M.D. a gastroenterologist gave talks to BSSMU (PG) and Dhaka medical during his visit in December 2006. His talk was highly appreciated and CME effort of BMANA was applauded. He is planning to organize a hands on training workshop on therapeutic endoscopy in Bangladesh in 2007. GI specialists are invited to participate in the program

Mahfuzur Rahman,M.D. Chief of gastroenterology of Eastern North Carolina University has procured few endoscopy instruments for donation to BongoBndhu SK Mujib Medical University for training. The University is seeking support in donation of equipment and training.

Nazneen Ahmed, M.D. a gastroenterologist from Chicago visited Bangladesh on December 2006 and gave lectures in DMC, Appolo Hospital, ICDDR, and

Chicago Chapter president **Dr. Zahirul Haq** and secretary **Dr. Abdur Razzak** had arranged a reception for Dr. Parveen Kumar and Dr. Miler two Professor of Royal College of London who are authors of main Medicine text book and also go to Bangladesh as FCPS examiners.

Mohammed Badruddoza, M.D a retired surgeon from Chicago and Past president of BMANA was a invited speaker at Canadian Human Right Commission, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. On the topic "HUMAN RIGHT AND DEMOCRACY IN BANGLADESH". Dr. Badruddoza now is very active with human right issue.

Mohammed Badruzaman, M.D. a renown pathologist in USA, a faculty of NY medical College and past president of BMANA will be doing his sixth hands on pathology conference in May, 2007 in Bangladesh. He will be accompanied by two of his former residents **Dr. Humayun Islam** of NY medical college and **Dr. Monwar Hussain** of Nova Scotia, Canada. The 4 days seminar will be held at Dhaka Medical College. It is sponsored by Bangladesh Society of Pathology and Pathology department of Dhaka Medical College. Dr. Badruzzaman's continuous and sustained effort over the years to improve the standard of pathology in Bangladesh became an excellent model and earned enormous appreciation.

Dr. Nazmul Khan, Secretary of BMANA was invited along with President of American Bangladeshi Engineers in a forum organized by Sylhet Sadar Somity fair in NY in September 2006. The activities and future agenda of BMANA and Engineers Association were presented in the presence of about 5 thousands audiences.

BMANA NY chapter sponsored and participated in organizing the grand reception given to **Dr. Mohammed Yunus,** the Noble peace prize recipient in New York on November 2006.

American Bangladeshi Engineers had invited some leaders of BMANA to their convention in NY in November 2006. A discussion was held to initiate joint projects in Bangladesh. Few years ago BMANA had initiated an effort to organize Dentists, Pharmacists and Engineers of Bangladeshi origin for joint ventures. The effort had encouraged Dental and Engineers association to exchange ideas and representation to the meetings.

Editorial

BMANA needs your participation to grow into a strong platform where it can represent your agenda and turn your dream into a reality. The members can support in organizing the meeting, & supporting BMANA activities in Bangladesh and in USA. We need support in fundraising, new physician's quest in getting residency, visa issue, job placement, research and clinical training and many more important agenda of BMANA. Please write to us about your activities or ideas so we can share your inspiring efforts with others.

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