



FCGP Newsletter

From Presidents Desk: *Dr. Dharendra Lal Seth*

Dear FCGP Family,

We have taken the challenges to bring about changes in College's aims and objectives and support high quality general practice care. We need to work together in the best interests of our patients and practices. Within the last few months of presidency, I feel that there is a lot of work ahead of us. We need to work nationally and internationally.

Working with senior executives of the college who have served in various positions are still eager to assist me in the small transition and work as a team. FCGP indemnity scheme was forged under the leadership of John Fatiaki. The FCGP indemnity trust fund is managed by a board of trustees that includes Rosemary Mitchell, John Fatiaki and Rajeshwar Maharaj. The future direction of this fund needs to be deliberated by members in the near future. We need wider consultation within the members and as discussed in the last AGM the funds withdrawn from this trust fund is to be reimbursed. Other queries raised at the AGM will be dealt accordingly.

I feel that we should have a legal advisor for the college. An expression of interest EOI, will be called.

The first ECM was convened at Novotel resort on 11th of August 2024. The official handover of documents to the incoming President and EC members was completed. Keshwan Nadan is now the Vice President, Rayneel Singh honorary Secretary and Shanita Sen as honorary Treasurer. Ashank Naidu was elected CIC. Ahmed Shakeel Shariff along with Ram Raju are members of the board of Censors.

Apotheosis Medical Journal under guidance of editor-in-chief Neil Sharma. He gave an update on Journal release of the third issue of the journal electronic and hardcopies. He's inviting members to submit articles for publication. All hard copies of the Journal will be distributed by PSH. If anyone is not receiving the hardcopies, to get in touch with our Secretary Sanjeeta.

Locum doctors and FMDC laws the censor in chief wishes to remind members to comply with the rules and regulations governing employment. We can assist any member who is in doubt.



October 2024

WELLINGTON

GP24

50th anniversary
at awards night with
ACRRM President
Dr. Dan Halliday
& RACGP President
Dr. Nicole Higgins



Dr Api Talemotoga
Pacifika Conference
convenor.
FCGP will receive
invites to attend
Pacifika events.

All government doctors engaging GP work must become an FCGP member, with indemnity cover, APL with place of practice and approval from PS Health this follows meeting with FMDC, PS Health, EC members with CIC raised serious breaches in practices.

Treatment Guidelines: Members are urged to read Ministry of Health and Medical Services Standard of Guideline for treatment; app can be downloaded "Fiji Guidelines" as for now.

Workshop: Mentee and Mentor Workshop will be organized in near future for mentees and mentors. Members will be informed in due course. Will be seeking assistance from international partners such as WONCA, RACGP and RNZCGP for the speakers for these workshops.

FCGP Admin: We wish to strengthen secretarial staff, review of salary structure and office equipment upgrade to be looked at.

FCGP Annual Conference/AGM 2025 (GP25) confirmed 30th May to 1st June 2025 -Ratu Sir Lala Sukuna weekend Friday – Sunday. The venue has been narrowed down to Crowne Plaza Resort, Wailoaloa, Nadi. Ahmed Shakeel Shariff is the conference director. Seminar Series: Faculty Seminars: FCGP Western faculty seminar was well organized at the Tanoa International Hotel.

The Central Faculty Seminar is on 20th of October. The venue is Yatulau Hotels and Conference from 8:30am till 2:00pm. Theme is GP Update.

International Conference and Collaboration

Conference Subsidization: Members are welcome to apply for funding to attend overseas conferences. EC will formulate a guideline for overseas conference subsidization.

International Conference: GP24 NZ 50th year anniversary attended by President and Shanita Sen.

WONCA " is an acronym comprising the first five initials of the World Organization of National Colleges, Academies and Academic Associations of General Practitioners/-Family Physicians. The short name is the World Organization of Family Doctors.

WONCA was established by 18 members in 1972. The World Organization of Family Doctors (WONCA) is a not-for-profit organization and was founded in 1972 by member organizations in 18 countries. WONCA now has 133 Member Organizations in 111 countries and territories with membership of about 500,000 family doctors and more than 90 per cent of the world's population. This includes eight organizations in collaborative relations with WONCA. There are some 35 members in the Academic membership category, which consists of Academic Departments of Family Medicine. Over 800 individual general practitioners and family physicians have chosen to join WONCA in their own right. Membership of WONCA.

FCGP is affiliated to WONCA and Keshwan Nadan is our long time rep & is now appointed a member of Rural Wonca Council during the Singapore APR Conference. Congratulations.

Asia Pacific Conference (APR) 2024 in Singapore was attended by Keshwan Nadan and Nahina Naaz. B. P. Ram also attended as an observer.

Upcoming: Pacifika Conference 26th to 27th November 2024 in Christchurch members urged to attend. Rayneel Singh and Krupali Tappoo confirmed to attend. Dr. Api Talemaitoga is the conference convenor and Chairman of Pacifika GP network. Pacifika Medical Association is a network of Pacific health Professionals working Collaboratory to strengthen Pacific health workforce.

ACRRM - Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine President: Dr Dan Halliday Introductory meeting among President on international collaborations. Members welcome to use online material and future invites to attend ACRRM conferences.

RACGP Conference at Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre from Thursday 21 – Saturday 23 November. President and CIC are on official invites. Members are urged to attend these as well. We will seek assistance for speakers from RACGP at our Mentee/ Mentor workshop planned early 2025.

RACGP President Dr Nicole Higgins Guest in our last FCGP Shangri-La will end her term in November 24. President Elect Dr Michael Wright will officially take over presidency. Future thoughts for FCGP to have a President Elect for smooth transition of administration.

IMPORTANT

Payments: Gentle reminder for members for up to date payments ref. to FCGP Membership. FMDC Registration fee and Indemnity.

Annual budget to prepared for transparency and accountability and all transection well documented for audits and compliant to ISA standards.

Annual conference: account was presented stating that profit shares will be allocated to FCGP and Central Faculty. We will explore options to see how Faculty can use funds for the members. Option to reduce conference registration fee, Members intending to join conference organizing team are welcome to bring sponsors on board.

President's visit to FCGP: there are urgent needs Office Equipment and Assets/Upgrades EC to look in budget and quotes, Official College Mob phone.

PPP Medical scheme, Chair Rosemay Mitchell has resigned and accepted. Zen Min Low had agreed to carry on work in this area. I had privilege to meetup the DPM Prof Prasad some discussion on PPP was on agenda. And briefed GP services supplementing Govt Services as well.

WEBSITE: Upgrade of our web site and more reading materials, EC will see how this can be better utilized. Members welcome to visit John Mutargh editions. Future thoughts of rolling out Up To Date on line reference resources.

The College is sad to lose our two senior Consultants **Dr Prakash Gore** and **Dr Sitiveni Vudiniabola**. Please look after yours and your colleague's health.

Vinaka and have a blessed day

Dr Dharendra Lal Seth on behalf of the College.



Dinner and meeting with NZ and Aussie College Executives in Wellington.