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When times are good, be happy; but when times are bad, consider: God has made the one as well as the other .
Ecclesiastes 7:14

**Padma Shri Mr. Romulus Whitaker and
Ms. Janaki Lenin deliver**

The Second Luminary Lecture



To commemorate the Centenary of Medical Education, the Institution has invited eminent personalities from different walks of life under the **Luminary Lecture Series**. The aim of this series of Lectures is to listen and imbibe from people, who by their work and life, have empowered and transformed societies, have contributed to our national life or are role models for the youth.

Padma Shri Mr. Romulus Whitaker and Ms. Janaki Lenin delivered the Second Luminary Lecture on April 4, 2018 in the Scudder Auditorium. Mr. Whitaker is India's leading herpetologist and the Founder of the

Madras Crocodile Bank and the Madras Snake Park. He has won several honours and awards for his outstanding work particularly with regard to conservation of reptiles and research in the Western Ghats; but his humility is striking as is his sense of humour and wit. His talk, titled, *'The Irula Snake Catchers- Best in the World'*, focused on the Irula community that depended on snake hunting till the Government imposed a ban in the 1970s.

Mr. Whitaker worked with this community and empowered them to catch snakes for their venom. He initiated the Irula Cooperative that now produces over 80% of the anti-snake venom in the country and

Special Prayers : April 15 - 21, 2018

Medical Superintendent's Office:

Dr. Prasad Mathews K. and Staff

Private Consultation Office

(Alpha Clinic):

Dr. Prasad Mathews K. and Staff

Main Hospital Extension

Clinics (MAHE):

Dr. Prasad Mathews K. and Staff

CSI Jaffna Diocese

Council Members:

Rt. Rev. Dr. Daniel S. Thiagarajah

Dr. D.S. Rajasingham

Hospital: Green Memorial Hospital, Manipay

CSI Tirunelveli Diocese

Council Members :

Rt. Rev. J.J. Christdoss

Dr. I. Paul Robinson

Hospital: CSI Jeyaraj Annapackiam Hospital, CSI Bellpins Indrani Chelladurai Mission Hospital, Palayamkottai and others

Sunday Services : April 22, 2018

6.00 pm : **Scudder Auditorium**

Dr. Santosh Varughese

6.30 pm : **Hospital Chapel**

Rev. P. Rainard Pearson

5.00 pm : **Friendship Chapel, KPTR Campus**

Dr. Christhunesa Soundararajan

Days to remember:

World Heritage Day - April 18

Secretaries Day - April 21

Earth Day - April 22

Welcome :

Dr. Koyeli Mary Mahata, Assistant Professor, Department of Radiology on her return from sabbatical leave.

thus is instrumental in saving millions of lives.

Ms. Janaki Lenin is a wildlife filmmaker and writer, her best-selling book being *'My husband and other animals'*. She spoke on the 'human-wildlife conflict' with

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specific reference to leopards, elephants and man. Citing examples from the field, she said it was possible for man to live in harmony with these wild animals.

Following their talks, Mr. Whitaker and Ms. Lenin engaged with the audience in a question-answer session that was moderated by Professor Prathap Tharyan, former faculty, Department of Psychiatry.

Earlier in the programme, the Vice Principal (UG), Dr. Solomon Sathishkumar spoke about the hundred years of medical education in CMC and the Associate Director, Dr. Vikram Mathews welcomed and introduced Mr. Whitaker and Ms. Lenin. Dr. Deepa Braganza, Professor and Head of Psychiatry Unit 2 and Dr. Anand Zachariah, Professor of Medicine honoured the Guests with the traditional *ponnadai*.

They were presented with a memento by the Director, Dr. J.V. Peter, and a citation by the Principal, Dr. Anna B. Pulimood. The Lecture was well attended by faculty, staff and students of CMC, as well as students from local colleges and schools and friends and well-wishers of CMC from the city.

The Third Luminary Lecture will be delivered on July 4, 2018 by the well-known journalist, rural researcher and *Ramon Magsaysay* recipient, Mr. P. Sainath. Author of the best-selling book '*Everybody Loves a Good Drought: Stories from India's Poorest Districts*', Mr. Sainath has carried out extensive research in rural India and is an expert on farmer's issues, drought, and famines.



Workshop on "Cardiopulmonary Exercise Testing", organised



The Workshop on "Cardiopulmonary Exercise Testing" (CPET) was held on 3rd March, 2018 by the Department of Pulmonary Medicine. CPET is an useful tool particularly in the evaluation of shortness of breath and in pre-operative assessment for fitness for surgery.

The focus of this workshop was to educate pulmonologists, anaesthetists, surgeons and general physicians on the importance of this investigation tool. Thirty four registered delegates from different parts of the country and few intramural staff attended the workshop. The inauguration began with prayer by Rev. Raja following which Dr. Prince James, Professor of Pulmonary Medicine, delivered the welcome address. Dr. Prasad Mathews, the Medical Superintendent and Dr. Deepak Abraham, Associate Director offered their felicitations. Dr. Barney Isaac T.J. was the programme coordinator.

Workshop on "Cardiopulmonary Exercise Testing", organised

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The external faculty were Dr. RM.P.L.Ramanathan, Head Of the Department , Pulmonary Medicine from PSG Hospitals, Coimbatore and Dr. Johnson T Samuel, Consultant Respiratory physician from Basildon and Thurrock University Hospital, Basildon, UK. The participants were taught about the basics of CPET, its role in practice, how to perform and to interpret the results. The CME ended with discussion on interesting practical case-scenarios which was much appreciated.

The day concluded with a valedictory function in which Dr. Roy Gnanamuthu, Professor of Thoracic Surgery was the Chief Guest. He acknowledged the initiative and reemphasized the need for CPET. The CPET workshop was a great success and has potential to be conducted regularly in the future. It also provided the opportunity for creation of awareness about clinical cardiopulmonary exercise testing service, which is among the few active ones in the country.

Seminar on Leadership organised



Yet another chapter of 'Lead like Jesus' was conducted on 23rd and 24th March 2018 at the New Examination Hall, College Campus. This two day seminar is an intensive exercise which directs

participation to the right path of leadership.

Sports News : 3rd Inter Para Medical Sports

The Para Medical Sports 2018 organized by Sri Ramachandra University, Chennai among Para Medical Students was held from 14th to 17th February, 2018. Forty of the Allied Health Sciences students from CMC participated and brought laurels to our college. Dr. Anna B. Pulimood appreciated the winners and the participants. The results are as follows:

- Cricket - Second Runner- up
- Futsal - Second Runner- up



Memoranda

- **Dr. Jagadish Ebenezer**, Professor of Dental Surgery and Head of Dental and Oral Surgery Unit-II is appointed as Head of the Department of Dental and Oral Surgery with effect from 8th April, 2018 for a four year term.
- **Dr. Asish Singh**, Associate Physician/Assistant Professor of Medical Oncology is appointed as Acting Head of the Department of Medical Oncology with effect from 14th April, 2018 during the period when Dr.Raju Titus Chacko is on sabbatical leave.
- **Dr. Binu Susan Mathew**, Professor of Pharmacology is appointed as Head of the Department of Pharmacology with effect from 15th April, 2018 for a four year term.

Retirement



Mr. S. Sowrirayan, Sr. Gr.I Driver, CHAD retired on 31st March, 2018 after 35 years of dedicated service to the institution. He has two sons and a daughter. Older son, Mr. Samuel Pradeepkumar is an Optometrist in Kuwait, youngest son, Mr. Justin Arunkumar is a Nurse in Surgical ICU and daughter, Mrs. Rachel Kirubakaran is pursuing M.Phil.

CMC thanks him for his many years of dedicated service to the institution and wishes him a blessed retired life.

Obituaries

• **Mrs. L. Arthi**, Clerk Typist Gr.IV, Distance Education Unit, passed away on 4th April, 2018. She joined CMC in the year 2013. She has left behind her father Mr. V.C. Loganathan and her sister Mrs. Lalitha Kumari who is working as a Pharmacist in the Department of Pharmacy.



• **Mrs. J. Anthoniammal**, mother of Mrs. Gnanaselvi, Lab Technician in Blood Bank and Mr. J. Gnanaraj Kumar, Lab Auxillary in OPD on 5th April, 2018.

• **Mr. Mandhiram**, father of Mrs. Kalaivani, Staff Nurse, RUHSA Department on 6th April, 2018.

• **Mr. A. Manoharan**, retired staff, Sr.Sel.Gr.Chair Side Assistant, Dental Department on 11th April, 2018.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the bereaved members of the families at this time of grief and loss.

Situations Vacant

1. Tutor Gr.IV with BPT Graduate IAP recognized College / University for the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PMR)

Should have completed 6 months of compulsory internship on or before 31.03.2018.

Age limit : Below 30 years.

Salary scale : Approximately gross salary : Rs.31,000/- per month.

Accommodation not provided.

Applications should be sent by post to the Principal, Christian Medical College, Bagayam, Vellore - 632 002 or e-mail: princi@cmcvellore.ac.in with bio-data, certificates and testimonial copies with contact phone number, e-mail ID and full address on or before **April 23, 2018** for Item 1.

2. Campus Kids Corner, Bagayam, Vellore - 632 002, Tamil Nadu (A Unit of Ida Scudder School Association)

The school invites applications for the post of **Kindergarten Teacher**.

Applicants should be graduates with Montessori Training or B.Ed. with relevant experience.

Note : All applicants should be proficient in English.

Apply to the Correspondent, Campus Kids Corner, CMC College Campus, Bagayam, Vellore - 632 002, Tamil Nadu, or email to campuskidscorner@gmail.com on or before **April 23, 2018** furnishing the CV, latest passport size photograph, copies of all the necessary certificates and other related documents and contact details.