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NEWSLETTER

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President's Message:

Dear DOGANA Members

Assalamualaikum,

As I assumed the Presidency of DOGANA last year; I thought it would be very difficult for me to surpass the achievements, energetic roles, and dedication of previous leadership. I hope during our past year I have served the best interests and expectations of our members and will continue to do so in the future occupying a different role.

I hope you are enjoying the Spring season, and particularly in the Midwest and on the East Coast where we all are coming out of the winter depression. The best thing about Spring is that it always comes when needed. And now we are revived and energetic to start planning for summer vacation and different ventures. I hope you all are planning to join us at our annual meeting in New York. Please make your travel arrangements now if, you have not done so yet. As you all are aware our attendance during annual meetings has been very static. All of us from the executive committee are trying our best to surpass our expectations for this coming annual meeting.

Our last executive committee meeting was held in Las Vegas, Nevada on March 28th. Multiple issues were discussed in detail, however one particular issue was to raise funds for the Dow Medical College Learning Center. Our aim and objectives is to raise enough funds to donate CD-Roms for all major textbooks and all important journals to keep Dow students up to date with Modern Medicine. Please try to assist us in this worth while project and to send your donations now or write out a generous check at the Annual meeting in New York City.

Once again we need every one of you to help us in our membership drive, particularly those who have been in leadership roles in the past, please bring your colleagues and friends to the annual meeting.

In addition we are urging all Dow graduates of 1972 for their Silver Jubilee Reunion this year in New York. Please start calling your classmates now to make travel arrangements, and make this reunion a most memorable one.

In the end we are proud of what we have accomplished in the past as an Association but we must try our best to make this organization, one of the largest organizations of APPNA.

Yours Sincerely,
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Secretary Report

My tenure of the DOGANA marked two important events. The first being the 50th anniversary of the founding of Dow Medical College. Details of the ceremonies have been detailed in previous newsletters.

The second being the introduction of this association to the information superhighway. DOGANA is the first APPNA alumni association to host a web site. At present the site serves as a hyperlink to numerous sites of great value especially to those who have come to the U.S. and need details regarding the visa requirements and qualifying examination issues. Some sites which post positions in the underserved areas of the U.S. are also listed. The address of the DOGANA web page is: <http://members.aol.com/appnawalla/dow/default.htm>

Attempts to increase membership were made by mailing out letters to over 200 who are listed in the directory but not known to be members. The response so far has been poor and not possible to gauge since the annual meeting usually provide much of the new memberships. No new membership applications were received as a result of the random 200 mailings.

Fax-back facility is in place and documents of interest can be retrieved. This includes past two newsletters of the DOGANA. So far as can be gauged, the awareness of these methods to retrieve documents is not evident. Only one request for a past newsletter has been received.

The electronic Dow Alumni community is very vibrant and at least 5 other alumni of the Dow have their own web pages and can be linked through DOGANA web page. Attempts are continuing to be made to publicize the DOGANA web site so that future physician immigrants from Pakistan will have a ready resource which they can access even before they set foot in this country. As documents become available they will be posted as a notice and retrievable through an e-mail request. In this regard APPNA is establishing a resource center and Dr. Shabbir Safdar, APPNA Secretary is undertaking the project.

Numerous inquires continue to be received from those Pakistani origin physicians who have not been able to get residency positions. This is the most poignant part of functioning in an official capacity. Funding cutbacks and reduction of residency slots has rendered even the most qualified candidate jobless. This is one area where organized efforts need to be made to assist those in need.

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D.M.C. NEWS BRIEFS

Professor Shafi Qureshey has become the Secretary of Health Sindh Government. He will continue to be the Professor of Medicine and Gastroenterology at DMC.

Professor Ilahi Baksh Soomro has assumed the charge of Principal of DMC.

Professor Tipu Sultan is now the Medical Director of Civil Hospital, Karachi.

DATES TO REMEMBER

July 4, 1997 Annual DOGANA Meeting
Hilton Hotel, Manhattan, N.Y.

July 3 to 6, 1997 Annual APPNA Meeting
Hilton Hotel, Manhattan, N.Y.

October 4, 1997 Executive Committee Meeting
DOGANA, Atlanta, Georgia

Oct, 3 to 5, 1997 Executive Committee Meeting
APPNA, Atlanta, Georgia

Mid Dec. '97 APPNA - Winter Meeting
Lahore, Pakistan

DOGANA FASHION SHOW

Raaz Boutique will hold fashion show on July 4, 1997, immediately after DOGANA Annual Meeting in Hilton Hotel, Manhattan, New York.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee has proposed following candidates for the year 1997-98.

President Elect Arif Azam, M.D., Oakbrook, IL
Secretary / Treasurer M. Kaleem Arshad, M.D.,
Kenner, Louisiana

According to constitution other nominations for the office of President Elect, Secretary/Treasurer shall be accepted from general body members provided:

1. Nomination is received, duly proposed and seconded from eligible members at least one week prior to annual meeting.
2. The proposed officer accepts the nomination.
3. The nominee and member proposing, seconding the nominee shall be present at the annual meeting.

SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION of Class 1972 - D.M.C.

We plan to reserve separate tables for 1972 class at our annual meeting. Please join us and make this event successful. We recognize that most of you are at zenith of your career and some of you are aggressively pursuing your profession to get there. However, it is nice to get break from perpetual busy schedule and meet your old friends to bring back joyful memories and reminiscences laid hidden in the depths of mind to refresh your soul.

Hope you all from class of 1972 will join us in New York

Future Shocks or Present Predicaments
by Mushtaq A. Khan, M.D.

Dr. Sultan Ahmad graduated from DOW Medical College in 1963. After completing Internship and Residency in Medicine at different institutions, he joined University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) - New Jersey Medical School in 1969 as Cardiology Fellow. Since then, he has stayed there rising through various ranks to become tenured faculty member as Professor of Medicine. He is Fellow of several professional organizations. He received Sitare-Quid-e-Azam for his distinguished services in Pakistan, where Professor Sultan is a Consultant to several medical institutions. He has published about one hundred and twenty papers, written eight chapters and one book. He has made over two hundred presentations at National and International Organizations.

So, with all these distinguished achievements, what worries him the most? Believe it or not, his own University (UMDNJ), where he has spent the best and most productive years of his life.

He is fighting for his reputation after the University curtailed his privileges for Interventional Cardiology on flimsy grounds. In fact, he is among several senior physicians fighting the University's effort to limit their ability to practice medicine. These doctors say that UMDNJ, a state funded institution, is trying to replace some long time physicians with younger doctors, who have managed Care contracts and have a base of well insured suburban patients. The University is putting tremendous pressure on older and foreign born faculty to retire.

Professor Sultan has successfully fought his way through the External Review Panel, University Hospital's Medical Executive Committee and eventually the New Jersey Superior Court. All have given verdict in his favor. However, the University continues to fight court orders through State Attorney General at great expense to the New Jersey taxpayers. He has now filed formal charges with the New Jersey Division of Civil Rights. The case has now been referred to Equal Opportunity Employment Commission of the State of New Jersey.

Professor Sultan Ahmad is a dedicated life member of DOGANA and APPNA. He has written Constitution and By-laws for both organizations and has organized their CME programs.

Ordeal of this man is not an isolated instance. It is just tip of the iceberg. In fact, the U.S. Congress GAO office study had concluded several years ago that IMGs are treated differently than their counterparts, It should serve as a wake-up call for all of us as we plan for a unified and concerted IMG strategy.

Annual DOGANA Meeting

Friday, July 4th, 1997

The New York Hilton

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New York, NY

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MEMBERSHIP and REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____

Office Address _____

Fax No. _____ Office Phone: _____

Year of Graduation _____ Specialty _____

Name of Spouse _____

D.O.B. of Children _____

Number of persons attending _____
(last date for registration - June 20th, 1997)

For hotel reservations, babysitting, etc. call hotel directly

Please make hotel reservations early.

AMOUNT ENCLOSED

Banquet
\$55.00 x No. of persons \$ _____

Music & Entertainment-\$15.00 \$ _____

Annual Membership Dues \$50.00 \$ _____

Life Time Membership Dues \$500 \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Registration for banquet after
June 20th, 1997 will be \$65.00
per person.

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