



# Dow Graduate Association of North America

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**President's Message:**

Dear DOGANA Members

Assalamualaikum,

As I assume this office, I am humbled by the challenges ahead. With less than 750 days before close of the century, it is imperative that we take appropriate measures to poise ourselves for a smooth and promising transition into the coming Millennium.

It is my desire to make every effort to increase our membership with the aim that by the year 2000, every Dowite in North America be a member of DOGANA. This is all the more crucial today, since the number of new Dowites arriving in North America is steadily declining. With increased membership and a strong financial footing, we can do more for our alma mater and our members. I would also like to see us involve more and more of our younger colleagues in the affairs of the organization and groom them for future leadership roles in DOGANA and APPNA. I make this personal appeal now though this message and intend to mail in the near future a letter requesting all Dowites to join DOGANA as life members, or at least for the balance of this century (1998 and 1999) in order to accomplish this goal.

The dissemination of timely and useful information is vital to the success of any organization. To this end, it is crucial to compile E-mail addresses of all our members and make full use of Internet services. With the efforts of our Past Secretary-Treasurer Dr. Shahid Yousuf and others, this is being done. We have a web page (<http://members.aol.com/appnawalla/dow/default.htm>) and I encourage you to visit it frequently to stay current on DOGANA events. I would like to see our newsletter improved in appearance and in content, with regular news items from current Dow students and alumni in Karachi. For some of us, it has been a long time since graduation and staying abreast of current events at Dow might indeed prove refreshing.

I hope for your continued support and input as we face the tasks ahead. I look forward to meeting with you in Atlanta, at the fall APPNA Executive Council session.

Yours Sincerely,  
Abdul Rehman, M.D. - President

## Secretary-Treasurer's Report

It was heart-warming to see Dow graduates and several classmates during APPNA summer meeting from July 3 to July 6, 1997 in the Big Apple.

As usual, we had our annual dinner and meeting for the Dow alumni on Friday, July 4, 1997. The meeting was well attended. Dr. Mushtaq A. Khan, our new Executive Director, introduced the new Executive Council. Please join me in welcoming Dr. Khan in his position as Executive Director of DOGANA. We are fortunate to have such an experienced, polished and dedicated individual assisting us in running the association. Dr. Khan has been president of APPNA and is well respected in the association for his devotion, tireless work, and organizational skills. I am sure we will benefit from his energy and creativity, and he will ensure both continuity and change which are so vital to our organization.

During the annual meeting and dinner, outgoing Executive Director, Dr. Iltifat A. Alavi was given a plaque in appreciation of his hard work, dedication and years of selfless service to DOGANA. I would like to thank him, on behalf of the Executive Council and membership, for the able leadership he provided over the years.

New life members of the DOGANA were awarded plaques in recognition of their commitment to association. These members included, Prof. Sultan Ahmad- NJ, Shahla Durrani- WI, Mohammed Husain- IN, Aftab Naz- CA, Munira Zafar- FL, Athar Siddiqui- MI. Speakers and philanthropists from Pakistan talked about social and human issues in the country and encouraged the physicians to get more involved to affect change and progress. These speakers included Dr. (Mrs.) Saira Khan of Rahatkadah, Karachi & Mr. Furrukh Captain of Clayton-Rahmatullah Eye Trust, Karachi.

Dr. Abdul Rehman, DOGANA president, entertained audience at the meeting with his beautiful urdu poems. He warmed and touched everybody and had several attendees breaking into laughter and had others in tears. For several of us, he provided a leisurely stroll down memory lane. The meeting ended with a fashion show presented by Raaz Boutique. The show was a great hit and was attended, in addition to Dow graduates, by graduates and their families from other alumni associations, with standing room only.

On Saturday, July 5, 1997, we had our executive council meeting. The members soul-searched and came up with various ideas to increase the membership and ignite more interest in our graduates to join the association and participate in activities, goals and mission of DOGANA. The need to reach out to the young graduates was emphasized. These are the physicians who would ultimately represent the future of DOGANA and APPNA.

I would like to personally thank Dr. and Mrs. Abdul Rehman for working so hard to make this meeting a real success. I look forward to working with the DOGANA president, executive council and members to make the DOGANA truly a dynamic organization. I encourage you to attend APPNA executive meeting on October 10-12 in Atlanta, Georgia.

Submitted by  
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### DATES TO REMEMBER

- October 11, 1997 DOGANA Executive Council Meeting  
Hyatt Regency Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia
- Oct 10 - 12, 1997 APPNA Executive Council Meeting  
Hyatt Regency Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia
- Dec. 16 - 18, 1997 APPNA Winter Meeting  
King Edward Medical College,  
Lahore, Pakistan

### DMC NEWS

Professor Shafi Quraishy, Sind Health Secretary and former Principal of DOW Medical College, was shot by unknown driveby snipers on August 4, 1997. The incident happened late in the evening while Professor Quraishy was returning home in his chauffeur-driven official car. Initially, Professor Quraishy was taken to the Civil Hospital where he was operated upon for bilateral hemothoraces requiring blood transfusion, ventilatory support and chest tube insertion. Later, he was transferred to Agaha Kahn Medical Center on August 7 for a spinal decompression and stabilization of cervical dorsal vertebral fracture and cord compression. By the Grace of God he is making slow but a progressive recovery.

اِنَّا لِلّٰهِ وَاِنَّا اِلَيْهِ رٰجِعُونَ - ہمارے لیے ہیں اور کسی کو لوٹ کر رہنا

It is with deep sorrow and great sadness that we announce the death of mother of our president Dr. Abdul Rahman. May Allah rest her soul in Paradise.

## The AMA Establishes an International Medical Graduates Section

By Busharat Ahmad, MD, Chair, AMA-IMG Section

The AMA took a big step forward this year in their efforts to better represent the interests of international medical graduates, testament to the commitment of the IMG community within organized medicine. For over eight years, the AMA has had an IMG Advisory Committee that served as a sounding board for the AMA Board of Trustees on IMG issues. The Advisory Committee two years ago was charged with developing a long-term platform that would address the concerns of IMG physicians and enhances AMA membership among this critical segment of American physicians. Last December, at the 1996 Interim Meeting, the IMG delegates to the AMA House of Delegates (HOD) were able to galvanize support for the formation of the AMA's IMG Section. And this past June, at the AMA's Annual Meeting, the HOD adopted the bylaws language providing for the Section's governance structure and mission. The IMG Section will introduce resolutions directly to the HOD and for the first time secures an open mechanism for IMGs (who represent 23% of all US physicians) to influence the policy and initiatives of the AMA.

This access has generated much of the excitement and support for the IMG Section. The Section will embrace the full participation of IMG/ethnic medical associations such as yours. We recognize that you are our constituency and will seek to address the key issues for all IMG physicians: access to residencies, workforce planning, and discrimination within the practice environment (licensure, credentialing, managed care.)

The BOT appointed the IMG Section's first Governing Council last June. I was honored to be among them and we will serve until next June, when we will be succeeded by an elected Council. The election process will begin with the selection of a nominating committee by those attending the 1997 Interim Meeting this December in Dallas. A mail ballot will go out in the spring to all the IMG Section's members, who will each vote for their seven candidates. The seven candidates receiving the most votes will form the Governing Council slate, and from this group the IMG Section assembly will select the various officers for the 1998-1999 Governing Council.

The IMG Section membership process is somewhat unusual. All 40,000 member physicians who are IMGs do not automatically become IMG Section members. The Section is open to any interested AMA member, but they must choose to be part of the Section. Non AMA members may also join the Section provisionally for one year, but must then join the AMA in order to remain IMG Section members.

As with all the other AMA sections, the IMG Section will meet prior to HOD. For the 1997 Interim meeting (I-97) our dates are Friday and Saturday, December 4-5. The tentative schedule includes a reference committee hearing on Friday evening and an Assembly meeting of the IMG Section on Saturday evening, where Section members who are able to attend the meeting will vote on the reports and resolutions before them. We expect that most IMG Section members will not be able to attend our Assembly meetings, therefore all the reports and resolutions, as well as their disposition, will be posted before and after the meeting to the IMG Section webpage on the AMA website, <http://www.ama.assn.org>. Section members wishing to introduce resolutions for the Assembly to consider at I-97 may fax these to the attention of the AMA Department of IMG Services (DIMGS) at 312/464-5845.

Your interest and participation is critical to our humble endeavor, and I encourage you to join the Section by calling the DIMGS at 312/464-5728 or copying the membership form from our webpage. Please feel free to call me at 313/242-2727 with questions you may have.

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### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Office Address \_\_\_\_\_

Fax No. \_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_ Specialty \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children \_\_\_\_\_

D.O.B. of Children \_\_\_\_\_

### AMOUNT ENCLOSED

Annual Membership Dues \$50.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Life Time Membership Dues \$500.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_