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President's Message:

Dear Dowites
Assalam-o-Alekum:

For every traveler in time, it is necessary every once in a while to pause, look around and fine-tune the travel strategy to meet the challenges of ever-changing environment. Sage advice is to look back to analyze your past, look around to see where you are at the present, and to look forward towards the destination, readjusting your direction and speed for future course. That time has come for DOGANA and we have taken necessary steps to heed to this advice.

Unquestionably we have come a long way since inception of DOGANA in 1979. Meeting the challenges of time, we have always come through for our membership and for our parent organization APPNA. This "overconfidence" in ourselves, however, has led to a certain apathy and tardiness which is not healthy for any membership driven organization. We want to see our Association continue to be a cradle for the future leadership of APPNA and a beacon of hope for Pakistani physicians in general and Dowites in particular. Towards that end, I have taken these two simple steps with the hope that every Dowite will lend his/her support.


1. **Membership** requests are going out to all Dow graduates listed in North America with a plea that everyone consider life membership (\$500.00), or 3 year membership (till the end of this millennium-\$150.00). Besides strengthening us financially, this will give us a real grassroots representation.

2. A **Dow Retreat** is being organized to be held at Los Angeles, CA in July 1998. I invite all of you to please make plans to participate in it so that all of us can benefit from your advice and talents. This brainstorming session will chart our future course and identify our future leadership.


We are preparing for our spring meeting in Ontario, Canada at the site of APPNA spring conference, where these steps will be further refined before we have our retreat. Our aim should be to start implementation of our plans at summer APPNA meeting in Los Angeles in July 1998 and to showcase our future leadership there, during that meeting.

The moment has come to grab the reigns of time and chart the course of our destiny.

Abdul Rehman, M.D. - President



Secretary-Treasurer's Report



1. APPNA/DOGANA MEETINGS: DOGANA Executive Council meeting was held on Sunday, October 12, 1997 during APPNA Fall Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. Various issues of vital interest were discussed in this meeting. The issues included: membership drive, newsletter, finances, retreat, and executive council. It was noted that Dow is generally under-represented in APPNA Executive Council. Therefore, we urge all of you to take active part in the affairs of DOGANA/APPNA.

There are four scheduled meetings of APPNA/DOGANA every year.

- A) Annual summer meeting in July or August
- B) Fall meeting in October
- C) Winter meeting which is held in Pakistan in December
- D) Spring meeting in March or April.

These meetings, especially annual summer meeting provide an excellent opportunity for members to socialize, share ideas, meet friends and participate in numerous educational, social and cultural activities for them and their families. I encourage you to attend these meetings. Once you attend, you will most likely be hooked on them forever.

2. MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: You will soon be receiving a letter from current DOGANA president, Dr. Abdul Rehman. This letter emphasizes the importance of joining APPNA and DOGANA. The members of DOGANA executive council, and Membership Drive Committee will also be calling you to invite you to join the association. Our goal is to have 500 members by 1999. The annual membership fee is \$50.00. Members in training can join the association free of any cost.



3. DOGANA RETREAT: We are currently working on organizing a retreat for Dow graduates in July 1998.

4. WHY JOIN APPNA/DOGANA: Joining APPNA/DOGANA gives us an excellent forum to establish our identity, stay connected to our roots, introduce our children to their culture and teach them to take a pride in their origin. Not only this, it may, now, also be a MATTER OF SURVIVAL. The forces of discrimination against International Medical Graduates are gathering momentum in this country. An organized effort is being made to isolate and discredit IMG's. We have to unite and work together to effectively dilute these forces in order to protect and preserve our rights as minority physicians.

Inshaa Allah, under current leadership and with hard work we will witness a quantum leap in growth of our association. The UNITY maybe the only way to succeed as we strive for a fresh breath of fairness in the foul fog of bigotry and injustice.

Submitted by,

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Secretary-Treasurer
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UPDATES:

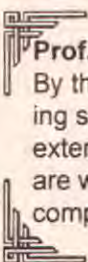
Prof. Sultan Ahmed vs. NJ Medical School

We are happy to inform that the office of NJ State Attorney General has offered to settle Professor Sultan's case out of court, which he has accepted.

As you recall in March 1995, Professor Sultan's Interventional Cardiology privileges were curtailed on a flimsy evidence of misrepresenting a clinical event in one patient. Professor Sultan who has been with NJ Medical School for more than three decades and is a tenure professor for 18 years with large number of publications and author of a book, Physical Diagnosis in Cardiology, sought relief through the Medical Executive Committee of the hospital who supported the reinstatement of the interventional privileges. However, the CEO, and the Medical Director refused to accept the decision of the governing body of the hospital. Leaving no choice, Professor Sultan sought legal help in NJ Superior Court where the judge reinstated his privileges and denied many Appeals of the University to vacate his order. Later, NJ Division of Civil Rights and Equal Opportunity Employment Commission referred to the US Department of Justice which issued a letter "Right To Sue" the University for discriminating practice.

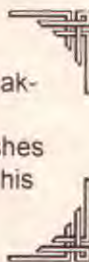
Professor Sultan is a very private person and it was not until the middle of 1997 when an investigative medical reporter published the details of this case in "Bergen Record" and then most of us knew about the travesty of this injustice. Several organizations including our own DOGANA, APPNA, AMERICAN MUSLIM COUNCIL, AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS, PAK PAC, AND IPAC, supported Professor Sultan and wrote rather strongly worded letters to the Governor of New Jersey with copies to the Attorney General.

Professor Sultan's interventional privileges have been reinstated and he feels vindicated after this long and expensive ordeal. Professor Sultan feels that this a great victory of our organizations and most importantly this will send message to all concerned that they cannot take arbitrary and unjust action any longer and that we are a force to reckon with.



Prof. Shafi Qureshy

By the grace of Allah Prof. Qureshy is making speedy progress and is undergoing extensive physical therapy. Our best wishes are with him and his family. We pray for his complete and early recovery.



1980-81 CLASS REUNION

Please join us for 1980-81 Dow Graduate Class Reunion at APPNA Annual Summer Meeting in Los Angeles, CA on July 10 & 11, 1998. For further information please call Dr. Farooq Abdullah at (702) 254-6335, Dr. Hasan Ali at (410) 583-2408, Dr. Kaleem Arshad at (504) 464-5871, Dr. Hussamul Haque Bawa at (306) 692-3881, Dr. Zahida Bhutto.

Dates To Remember

1. DOGANA Executive Council Meeting
Toronto Hilton (416) 869-3456
Toronto, Canada April 4, 1998
2. APPNA Executive Council Meeting
Toronto Hilton (416) 869-3456
Toronto, Canada April 2, 3, 4, & 5, 1998
3. DOGANA Annual Meeting
Four Seasons Hotel
Los Angeles, California July 10, 1998
4. APPNA Summer Meeting
Four Seasons Hotel
Los Angeles, California July 9 - 12, 1998

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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 \$ _____