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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members: Assalam Alaikum!

This summer again has seen the celebration of Pakistan Independence Day in various cities of North America. The enthusiasm for this occasion has been contagious. The festivities have included parades, rallies and various functions in which many dignitaries took part. Concerted community efforts of several years bore fruits in Chicago where a portion of popular Devon Street was renamed Mohammad Ali Jinnah Way. Congratulations!

A delegation of APPNA met with a delegation of Pakistani dignitaries, headed by Mr. Ghulam Haider Wyne, Chief Minister of Punjab, on Friday, August 23, 1991 in Chicago. This was a great opportunity to introduce APPNA its aims and objectives and some of its current activities especially APPNA SEHAT. A presentation for Post-Graduate Medical Education in Pakistan was made. The need for development of a mechanism to facilitate APPNA donations to Pakistan was also stressed.

I am happy to report that newly appointed committees are busy working hard. A list of the various committee chairpersons was included in the July/August Newsletter. These committees are looking for new ideas. Your enthusiastic support and input will improve their performance. The next Executive Council meeting is scheduled to meet in Toronto, Canada, from October 4 to 6, 1991. As usual the meeting is open to all. The Local Chapter is working very hard to make the meeting a memorable

one. The APPNA "12th International Health Conference" will take place on December 17, 18, 19, 1991 in Rawalpindi/Islamabad, arrangements are progressing well. In the previous Newsletter registration form and a call for abstracts were mailed to the membership. If you have not responded yet, please take a moment to make arrangements as soon as possible.

The APPNA Central Office is equipped with a fax machine, APPNA membership is not fully utilizing this amazing technology. The Central Office is only open eight hours a day, sometimes the telephone lines are busy or hooked up to the answering machine. But, the fax can be used 24 hours a day! So next time instead of calling the Central Office by phone, just fax your message to: 708/968-8677.

Many APPNA Chapters are holding meetings, new chapters are in the formative stage. If you need any information the Central Office will be happy to provide it. Keep everyone informed. Please send the reports of your chapter/region activities to the Central Office.

Hope to see you soon. With best wishes.

Mushtaq A. Khan, M. D.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Some of us wore a Chador or even a Burqa, some of us totally dispensed with the Dupatta. Some of us wore topis, grew beards, had their shalwars or pajamas a careful one inch above the ankle, some of us sauntered out in skintight jeans with the shirt buttons open to the waist (some of us still do!!). Some of us dated, some of us did not even talk to the opposite sex. In our diversity, we all lived together, learned together, tolerating each other's idiosyncrasies. It was not as if Islam was in danger! - as we used to say it then, in the vernacular.

I do remember a particular time - it was perhaps in 1973-1974 - a contingent of students from Dow Medical College had visited K.E.M.C. A dinner was given, the entertainment programme ensued. Suddenly - and in Lahore it seemed shockingly some of the Dow students started dancing. We looked on bemused. Perhaps there were only three or four couples but that was more than enough! And then lo and behold some of the K.E. girls were approached - "Miss would you please do us the honor!" - and we sat glued to our chairs (the dancing became sporadic and then petered out). Sanity prevailed. Islam was never exposed to danger.

I think both groups of children that we were then, did

what was accepted in our society at that time. In Karachi perhaps mixed dancing was more acceptable than it was in Lahore. In either case tolerance was still exhibited, the people who were dancing were not booed off the floor. Lack of participation caused the dancing to gradually stop.

Let us accept that there will be some families in our milieu who will give permission to their children to dance and there will be some families who will not let their children dance. We are a democratic institution. The pervasive attitude should win. More importantly nobody should let it become personal. This is a healthy dialogue, it should continue. Let there be no bitterness. Dancing should not discourage the members to keep away from the meetings nor should the meetings become so straight laced that our younger generation will refuse to attend. A long time ago the Sufi-ai-ikram of the Indo-Pakistan subcontinent were faced with a comparable dilemma, in a similarly antagonistic environment. Like them we have to seek a happy medium. The ulema still deride Qawali, however this was the familiar form with which some of our forefathers found adherence to Islam easier.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Statements appearing here are those of the writers and do not represent the official position of APPNA or its committees. Comments on any topic are invited from all members. The editors reserve the right to publish replies and may solicit responses.

Letters must be signed and should be submitted in duplicate, double spaced with the name and address of the author (s) on the letter. Please send to Raana Akbar, M.D., Editor - APPNA Newsletter, 4701 Towne Center, Suite 303-304, Saginaw, MI 48604.

SUMMER MEETING - DISCO DANCING & CAPPNA

To the Editor:

For the last two years, APPNA has been organizing very active youth programs at our annual summer meetings. Unfortunately, some of the "happenings" at these youth gatherings have led to a lot of criticism and unhappiness amongst a significant number of our membership. While it is unquestioned that we need an attractive and inspiring program for the youth at our annual meetings, we must also be aware of and respect our Islamic faith and cultural heritage.

It is confirmed that at the Washington, DC meeting last year and again in Chicago this summer, the Youth Banquet was followed by a coed dance. Some members of the youth reported that there were "outside teenagers and young adults who infiltrated the APPNA meeting" and this was done at the request of some "interested" APPNA youth who invited these outsiders failing to get a strong support for this type of activity from within the APPNA youths. Whatever the case may be, it is the responsibility of the APPNA Executive Council and ultimately the general body to set guidelines for the

activities at all our meetings. If it is correct that the vast majority of parents do not allow their children to participate in coed dancing and other such activities, then it should be clearly established that it would also not be sanctioned by APPNA. The organization is nothing more than a representation of the collective voices of its members.

Nobody can legislate morality -- this is true! However, we do have a definite duty and responsibility to help the youth make their decisions. We cannot and should not officially sanction it nor can we unofficially allow it by looking the other way. I am sure you are all familiar with the saying of our Blessed Prophet, "if you see a wrong being committed, you should stop it with your hand. If you don't have the power to do so, then stop it with your tongue. The weakest acceptable Iman would be to denounce it in your heart and say it is wrong."

An argument has been put forth that it is hypocritical for the adults to prohibit mixed dancing for the youth while the adults themselves enjoy a musical program in which they will participate in an on-stage dance. I am not sure that the two situations are analogous. At the main banquet nobody dances with a member of the opposite sex. Also there is a big difference between eastern lyrics

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Summer Meeting (continued from page 2)
and some of the overt and subliminal messages in today's rock and roll.

I would like to ask the readers to share their views through these columns as well as write to the President of APPNA so that the Executive Council can deliberate on this very important subject at the next meeting to be held in Toronto on October 4, 1991.

Nasim Ashraf, M.D.

To the Editor:

With regard to the issue of dancing in Washington and in Chicago, the music arrangements were provided by APPNA and its host committee. If the dancing were not intended, the D.J. should have been instructed to play classical instead of rock music. The double message provided therein was also reinforced by the parents and adults dancing at their Pakistani musical program.

Do we only have to be good Pakistani Muslims while at the APPNA meeting? Do we condone double standards and hypocrisy? The members of APPNA are Pakistani-Americans who came to this country by their own choice. They learned their religion, ethics and morality in Pakistan. We, the youth, are first generation Muslim Pakistani-Americans. Even though coming to this country was not our decision, if you look at us, we have excelled in education and extra curricular activities; have gone to prestigious colleges and ethically and morally we are better Muslims than the youth of the same age and affluence in Pakistan. We can be excellent American Muslims without wearing shalwar or kurta CAPPNA has much higher aims for the youth than just dancing, give them a chance - you might be surprised.

Samra Ahmad

To the Editor:

The inception of CAPPNA marks the beginning of the new generation of "Pakistanis" on American soil. The growth of APPNA, Alhamdulillah, has been heart warming. CAPPNA, even more than APPNA can get down to serious business along with fun - the fun of

being together - not the non-Pakistani, non-Islamic type of fun such as the disco dancing (episode in Washington, 1990). One may Americanize, if desired, but one must continue to be a good Muslim.

My other concern is the need for CAPPNA to know more about Pakistan. For example, what had transpired during the late twenties and early thirties that turned Muhammad Ali Jinnah from a staunch supporter of a combined India (of Muslims and Hindus) to a pro-Partition torch bearer? Who were the pioneers of Pakistan? One of the most well known expressions of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah brought tears to my eyes when I read Dr. Anwar Chaudhry's letter (*APPNA Newsletter, Spring 1991*): "God has given us a grand opportunity to show our worth as architects of a new state, and let it not be said that we did not prove equal to the task." Nowadays, hardly anybody quotes Quaid-e-Azam.

Wahaj D. Ahmad, M.D.

In Reply:

I would like to thank Dr. Wahaj Ahmad for his confidence in us, in our dreams and in our actions. We want to learn more about our rich heritage. An integral part of CAPPNA is having an insight into our culture. We, the children, believe in Pakistan as much as our parents do.

There is so much more in this world than dancing. We are an organization of Pakistani young adults, which was formed to make a support group to share our ideas, our experiences, our hopes, and our fears. We want CAPPNA to bring us closer to our parents, not farther away.

At this time what CAPPNA really needs is a great deal of support and suggestions, not a constant barrage of criticism. We are not out to defy our Pakistani and Muslim values - or our parents. As soon as all concerned realize this, we can work together and move forward.

Umber Ahmad

President - CAPPNA

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

ANNUAL SUMMER MEETING REPORT

A) PARTICIPATION IN PAK-AMERICAN CONGRESS(PAC)

The Executive Council voted unanimously not to join PAK after a lengthy lively debate.

Sakhawat Hussain, M.D., Chairman, PAC introduced this organization as an umbrella organization for all Pakistani-American organizations. The formation of this organization according to him, would give a cohesive voice to advance the common interests of our community. He gave an outline of its history and distributed a list of participating organizations and other information.

A hot discussion ensued. The following are the main arguments that were given against APPNA's participation in PAC.

1) Though PAC claims to be an umbrella organization, its constitution and bylaws provide for individual membership, which would lead to a direct competition between this body and its component organizations. This would further split this community.

2) APPNA is registered as a not for profit charitable organization with the IRS. Its activities are strictly professional and/or charitable and it has large investments in some of its charitable activities (e.g. APPNA Sehat and KEPGE funds). PAC so far, has not been granted a not for profit charitable organization status. Furthermore some of the statements and activities of its leaders indicate some involvement and lobbying in the political process of USA. If PAC were not to be granted a charitable status it could jeopardize APPNA's not for profit status. This could in turn effect the tax exemption of the hundreds of donations of its members to its various charitable activities.

3) A similar organization by the name of PAK PAC already exists. This organization was formed by APPNA members and has been responsible for mobilization of both physicians and nonphysicians to lobby for Pakistani-American causes. It is officially registered as a lobbying organization and can legally carry out such activities. Other organizations with similar portfolios were also cited by Executive Council members. It was felt that the need of the day is to bring all of them together rather than cause more confusion by starting another organization.

4) The current leadership of PAC consists of active members of APPNA. This may hopefully ensure the direction of the organization to be commensurate

with APPNA's charter and IRS status. Later on however a nonphysician group may come to dominate the organization. Executive Council Members of APPNA didn't want to politicize APPNA or subjugate its autonomy to an interested nonphysician organization. The example of AMA was cited, which has existed independently for over a hundred years.

5) The leadership for Michigan Chapter lamented that their name had been used without permission as being a member organization.

After a detailed discussion the council voted unanimously that APPNA and its component organizations (chapter and alumni associations) should not join PAC.

B) BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Dr. Zaheer G. Ahmad, Chairman Board of Trustees, announced that his tenure as a member of Board of Trustees had expired. A new chairperson as well as member will be chosen by the Board of Trustees to replace him. Dr. Ahmad is one of the founders of the organization. Dr. Muslim expressed the gratitude of APPNA members to Dr. Ahmad for his profound commitment and exemplary service to the Association.

C) APPNA SEHAT

Dr. Nasim Ashraf gave a detailed report of the project. The village improvement model will be completed in September 1991. After it is completed members could adopt a village for \$6,000 year for 2-3 years. The same model will be reproduced in the village of their choice. This undertaking will be called the Village Improvement Project (VIP). Matching funds could be obtained from international donor agencies. Previously the government of NWFP, Canadian, British, Japanese organizations/high commissions have already made major contributions to the project. Interested members may contact Dr. Nasim Ashraf for further information.

D) MISCELLANEOUS

The constitution and bylaws of Children of APPNA's association were accepted. A committee/task force was appointed to address the concerns of single physicians in APPNA. The Education/Scientific Committee came up with some pertinent recommendations (APPNA Newsletter Volume 1 - Issue 1). Other details appear elsewhere in this Newsletter.

M. Khalid Riaz, M.D.
(708/931-4200)

TREASURER'S REPORT - APPNA GENERAL FUND SECOND QUARTER 1991 - REPORT & COMPARISON

M. M. Haque, M.D.
(708/323-5800)

<u>RECEIPTS:</u>	SIX MTHS. ENDED JUNE 30, 1990	SIX MTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 1991	1991 PROPOSED BUDGET
MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$61,800	\$51,175	\$88,000
LIFETIME DUES	24,900	18,650	
ALUMNI ASSOC. DUES	13,040	13,775	
CHAPTER DUES	-0-	667	
DONATIONS	7,049	4,682	
FMG/ASSESSMENT DUES	3,700	-0-	7,500
ADVERTISERS/EXHIBITORS	875	21,875	20,000
GEN.FUND INTEREST INCOME	512	762	
REIMB. FOR OFFICE SERVICES	2,909	293	1,600
RECPTS:MTGS,	39,835	61,445	100,000
BANK ADJUSTMENTS	-0-	13,275 (a)	
	\$154,620	\$186,599	
 <u>DISBURSEMENTS:</u>			
ALUMNI ASSOC. DUES	10,505	3,925	
ALLIANCE OF FMG'S	4,500	15,000 (b)	7,500
LIFETIME DUES INVEST.	53,050	24,500	
PAYBACK ON LT LOAN	-0-	25,000	
CHAPTER DUES	-0-	667	
PROFESSIONAL FEES	1,949	2,366	3,000
GEN.FUND BANK CHARGES	826	473	1,000
INSURANCE	21	33	2,500
POSTAGE/FREIGHT	4,836	7,529	11,000
PAYROLL/RELATED TAXES	23,547	19,419	40,000
OFFICE EQUIPMENT	12,619	-0-	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	3,820	4,172	13,000
RENT	3,000	3,000	6,000
PRINTING	7,393	6,373	18,000
DONATIONS	10,450	575	
EXPENSES:MTGS,CONFS.	5,567	24,788	100,000
PHONE	1,172	1,216	3,500
UTILITIES	266	294	
	\$143,521	\$139,330	
 EXCESS OF RECPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	11,099	47,269	
 FUND BALANCE AT BEGIN. OF PERIOD	2,631	11,435	
 FUND BALANCE AT END OF PERIOD	\$ 13,730	\$ 58,704	

a) Improper endorsement of checks, monies returned to APPNA general account.
b) First check sent to IAAP was incorrectly endorsed by signee, first check voided and new check issued in its place. Actual membership fees paid to I.A.A.P. were \$7,500.

MEDICARE CUTS IN PHYSICIAN PAYMENT

The Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) has proposed reducing the conversion factor used to transform the relative value of the services performed into payment amounts by 16%. As a result, Medicare payments will be initially reduced by 3% in 1992 and eventually by 16% in 1996. HCFA's reductions to the conversion factor violate expressed Congressional intent that The Resource Based Relative Value Scale be budget-neutral and in several areas actually violate specific directives in the federal legislation on how RBRVS was to be implemented. As proposed, implementation of RBRVS will not achieve Congress' goals of improving access to care for Medicare patients. Clearly this proposal would have a negative effect on physicians participating in the Medicare system since many would have to redirect or discontinue services to Medicare enrollees. In addition to this concern, the reduction is not budget neutral, it does not improve payments to primary care specialists, and it does not sufficiently meet the cost of physicians.

If we are to implement a new payment system, I believe it is essential that it is an improvement over the previous system and provides our nation's health care providers with fair and reasonable payments. To date, the new system does not meet these ends. Please write to your legislators and the HCFA regarding the proposed rules to implement Medicare physician payment reform.

Ayaz M. Samadani, M.D.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1991 WINTER CONFERENCE IN PAKISTAN

The 12th Annual Winter Conference will be held December 17, 18, 19, 1991 in conjunction with the Army Medical College at Rawalpindi. The abstract submittal and registration forms for the meetings are printed elsewhere in this Newsletter. With this announcement, the abstracts are being solicited, especially in the following subjects: 1) Orthopedics - joint replacement; 2) Trauma Management; 3) Reconstructive Surgery - especially of hand; 4) Breast surgery and oncology; 5) Burns and their management; 6) Advanced Life support system and advanced trauma life support system & emergency management; 7) Coronary angioplasty; 8) Vascular surgery; 9) Training of emergency paramedic; 10) Medical education; 11) Transplant immunology; 12) Chemical dependency and treatment; 13) Urological procedures including management of impotence; 14) Oncology ethics; 15) AIDS, its Problems and Management; 16) Management of pulmonary diseases; 17) Subjects on gastroenterology, peptic ulcer disease, colitis, etc.

Also invited would be ideas for workshops, which have been received very enthusiastically in the past. We intend to present quite a few workshops this year.

We are hoping for a very good Winter Conference in Pakistan.

Hassan I. Bukhari, M.D.
Chairperson, Scientific Program
Education/Scientific Committee

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

It is my pleasure to announce the following individuals who have been declared as winners of the raffle held at the Annual Summer Meeting in Chicago recently. APPNA wishes to acknowledge with thanks the contributions of many individuals who bought raffle tickets to make this fund raising event a success.

First prize: Lexus 400 Car - Paul Brown, M.D., 205 17th Avenue, N.W. Hickory, North Carolina; Second prize: Two airline economy class return tickets to and from Pakistan to New York - M. Haseeb, M.D., 312 Euclid Avenue, Paynesville, Kentucky 41240; Third prize: Camcorder - Arlene, Linda & Lynn, 4020 State Road, Suite #1, Newburgh, New York; Fourth prize: 17" color television - Eli Lerner, M.D., Sun City Center, Florida 33573; Fifth prize: VCR - Pervez Yusaf, M.D., 5296 Clydesdale, Saginaw, Michigan 48603

Hassan I. Bukhari, M.D.

Raffle - Coordinator

1991 Annual Summer Meeting

ATTENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Deadline for submission of articles to appear in the November/December 1991 Newsletter is October 15, 1991. Please mail or fax your report to: Dr. Raana Akbar, Editor - APPNA Newsletter, 4701 Towne Centre, Suite #303-304, Saginaw, MI 48603 or via fax number: 517/ 790-9200.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (CONTINUED)

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Presentations were made by this Committee to the various Alumni at their Dinner Meetings in Chicago. Dr. Zahra Yousaf and Miss Talat Shah were selected as new members for this Committee, as it was felt that the views of a woman and a youth representative would be important in formulating recommendations of the LRP Committee. The Committee decided to prepare a Roster of Mentors for interns and residents or medical students. Effectiveness of women's auxiliary, formation of a retirement community, and constitutional matters pertaining to the LRPC are the other issues under consideration.

If you have any questions please contact the Central Office or any one of the following:

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PHYSICIANS IN TRAINING

This committee was formed to assist and update the physicians in training on the various issues which currently affect this portion of the APPNA membership. One of the members of this Committee, Dr. Hina Chaudhry is currently a resident in training at Duke University, North Carolina and the key person to serve as a liaison between residents in training and APPNA.

According to the APPNA Constitution and Bylaws: Chapter 2 - Membership: Section 5 - Active Members Dues Exempt (Article C) Physicians in Training: The Association may admit to membership physicians still in training and who do not have permanent licenses to practice medicine, surgery or dentistry in their respective state, province or country. Such members shall have all the privileges of active membership except the right to hold office.

The Association must have a letter from the Chief of the residency program, on hospital letterhead, stating that the resident is a participant in that program and the expected date which the resident will be completing that program. This information should be directed to the APPNA Central Office at 4121 Fairview Avenue, Downers Grove, IL 60515-2236.

For additional information please contact:

Arain A. Waseem, M.D., Chairman
(301) 282-7788
Saeed A. Bajwa, Co-Chairman
(607) 729-4942.

SINGLE PHYSICIAN'S GROUP

Members have long felt the need to address an under-served group of members who are single. For them attending the Chapter Meetings and at the Annual Meetings of APPNA both in the U.S. and in Pakistan is not a very pleasant experience. Married members meet generally as couples and talk about their common concerns. Day long activities are planned for the children. Local tourist attractions are to be visited and family acquaintances are to be renewed. For the bachelor men and women, personal isolation can be compounded and felt acutely during this time. Some simply avoid attending APPNA meetings, which is a loss both to them and to this community.

Dr. Zeenat Anwar proposed the formation of a committee pertaining to the needs of this group of single physicians of APPNA at the Summer Executive Council Meeting 1991. She was appointed as Chairperson of this committee. Dr. Anwar has been associated with APPNA from its inception in 1976. She was Chairperson of the original APPNA Trust and has also served as a member of the Board of Trustees of APPNA. She was a founding member of the Fatima Jinnah Alumni Association of APPNA and has served as the President of FJ Alumni Association as well as the President of the Michigan Chapter of APPNA.

The first meeting which was attended by fourteen members was held on June 29, 1991. The group consisted of never married, divorced and widowed physicians. Owing to the brief duration of the meeting, substantial matters could not be addressed. Dr. Zeenat Anwar has prepared a registration form which would contain pertinent entries. Once the registry of the interested individuals has been prepared, business of organizing would begin in earnest. Confidentiality is of the first order. Interested singles contact Dr. Zeenat Anwar, 1201 Stone St., #3, Port Huron, MI 48060.

CAPPNA REPORT

CAPPNA is open to children of APPNA members, from 13 years of age to the completion of studies in graduate school.

Enclosed in this Newsletter is an insert for membership application to CAPPNA. Please share it with your children and encourage them to become members.

CAPPNA officers and elected representatives for 1991 are:

Umber Ahmad, President
Tehmina Haque, Pres. elect
Saera Arain, Secretary
Mona Karim, Treasurer
Adnan Arain, Midwest Rep.
Raihan Haque, Northeast Rep.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION REPORTS

DOW MEDICAL COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Approximately 175 Alumni and their families attended the Annual Dinner Banquet held on Friday, June 28, 1991 at the O'Hare Hyatt Regency Hotel in Rosemont, Illinois.

The following Alumni Members have been elected to office for 1991-92:

Azizur R. Arain, M.D., President (708/971-3323)
Mohammed Hanif Peracha, M.D., President-elect
Asif M. Sheikh, M.D., Sec/Treas.

Councilors at large: Afzal Ahmad, M.D., Shahid Ekbal, M.D., Younas Kiani, M.D., Aftab Naz, M.D., Jaseem Rasha, M.D.; Executive Director: Iltifat A. Alavi, M.D.

There will be an Executive Meeting on Saturday, October 5, 1991 (held in conjunction with APPNA Fall Executive Council meeting) in Toronto, Canada. Please refer to the APPNA announcement for the location and hotel rates, etc. A winter health conference for our Alumni is planned for December 1991. This information will be passed on to you about six weeks prior to this meeting.

I would like to encourage you to take Lifetime Membership with Dow Alumni Association (\$500) or at least Annual Membership (\$50). If you are a member, encourage your fellow classmates who may not be active members to take this time to join DGANA. For Additional information please call me at: (708) 971-3323 or Dr. Iltifat Alavi at: (708) 482-3600. Your questions may also be addressed to DGANA by mail: 133 Tomlin Cr., Burr Ridge, IL 60521.

I would like to take this time to personally thank you for the honor you have given me this year to serve DGANA as its President, I assure you of my total commitment, and welcome your comments and suggestions.

Azizur R. Arain, M.D., President

FATIMA JINNAH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

FJ Alumni had a well attended dinner on Friday, June 27, which was followed by a very successful fashion show. FJ members also participated actively in the council meetings. Congratulations to Dr. Shaista Syed for being elected as APPNA Councilor, Region 1 (Canada).

We have a very enthusiastic Executive Council and Inshallah, we will make FJ Alumni successful. We will also try to send medical equipment to our alma mater FJ Medical College in Pakistan. All ideas and suggestions are welcome. Please plan to attend the Fall Executive Council Meeting on October 4, 5, 6, 1991 in Toronto.

The following officers were elected for 199-91:

Bushra Qureshy, M.D., President (416/461-9471)
Batool Shaikh, M.D., President-Elect
Farhat Zubair, M.D., Vice-President
Attiya Salim, M.D., Secretary

Respectfully submitted:
Bushra Qureshy, M.D., President

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Wisconsin and Illinois Chapters held their joint meeting in Wisconsin on the Memorial Day weekend. Over 130 participants enjoyed educational and cultural program. The Illinois volleyball team against the hospitable but resistant hosts drew the game.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

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The Metro Detroit area residency programs have seen a substantial increase in the residents originating

from Pakistan. A recent effort by the Michigan Chapter to locate these doctors revealed at least 54 doctors of Pakistani origin. To encourage greater participation in organized medicine by Pakistani doctors in training, Dr. Busharat Ahmad has offered to sponsor all Michigan Chapter members in training for membership in the American Medical Association as well as the Michigan State Medical Society. He will pay their first year dues for these organizations also.

A donation of \$500 was given to the Muslim Youth of Greater Detroit by the Michigan Chapter.

LOUISIANA CHAPTER/APPNA

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An organizational meeting was held by this chapter in December, 1990, to formulate their Constitution and Bylaws.

A meeting for the General Membership of this Chapter is being planned in December, 1991, in New Orleans, Louisiana. For information please contact Dr. Chaudhry at: (318) 992-8467 or (318) 992-4133.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 17-20, 1991

The **Conference for Potential Foreign Investors** in Pakistan is scheduled to be held in Islamabad, under the auspices of Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA).

The Conference will aim at providing detailed information on the projects identified by the investors as well as help make arrangements for joint ventures with potential Pakistani investors. Please contact MIGA (Mr. Ken Kwaku, Regional Coordinator for Africa and Asia - telephone number (202) 473-6142 or Mr. Rasool Bakhsh Baloch, Counsellor, Pakistan Embassy so that an invitation could be arranged from the concerned ministry in Pakistan.

December 5-7, 1991

The **10th Biennial Cardiology Conference** is scheduled to be held in Peshawar. For additional information please call Shahid Mufti, M.D., phone (618) 382-4671 or Dr. M. Hafizullah, (092) 521-210041-9, ext. 313 and 376 or please write to: Dr. M. Hafizullah, Organizing Secretary, 10th Biennial Cardiology Conference, P.O. Box 1310, Peshawar.

December 17-19, 1991

APPNA's 12th Annual Winter Health Conference will be held in Rawalpindi, Pakistan.

December 20-21, 1991

The **7th Annual Meeting of the Medical Research Society of Pakistan** is scheduled to be held in Peshawar. Members of MRSP are invited to submit an abstract for presentation at this meeting. Papers for submission may cover any area of biomedical research, including basic medical sciences, clinical research, or medical education. Please note that the deadline date for submission of abstracts is October 15, 1991. Abstracts may be submitted to Maj. Gen. Iftikhar A. Malik in Pakistan or to Prof. N.K. Burki. For information regarding membership, elections or this meeting please contact Dr. N.K. Burki, Pulmonary Division, Department of Medicine, University of Kentucky Medical Center, 800 Rose Street, Room MN 578, Lexington, KY 40536-0084, U.S.A

December 21 -22, 1991

The **"12th Annual KEMCAANA Meeting"** will be held in Lahore, tentatively on these dates, at King Edward

Medical College. Anyone interested in presenting workshops or papers should contact : Dr. Hassan I. Bukhari at: office phone: 214/826-2114 or home phone: 214/827-4800.

February 4-7, 1992

The **XI International Biennial Pediatric Conference** will be held in Karachi, Pakistan. Speakers, state of art reviews are welcome. Interested delegates should contact the Scientific Committee Chairman:

Prof. M.A. Arif
National Institute of Child Health
Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Center
Karachi, Pakistan

GRIEF TO SHARE

Our members extend their sympathies on the death of Shahzad, son of Dr. & Mrs. A.W. Bhatti in Milwaukee. May Allah bless his parents and siblings with courage to face his loss and may peace be upon his soul.

CONGRATULATIONS

M. Javed Akhtar, M.D. was elected President of McKean County Medical Society and President of Medical Staff at Bradford Hospital, Bradford, PA for the year 1991-1992.

Haq N. Babur, M.D. was elected as Chairman of the Neurosurgery Division of the United States Section of the International College of Surgeons beginning 1992. At this time he is Clinical Associate Professor at the Department of Surgery of the University of New Mexico Medical School, Albuquerque, N.M.

Saeed A. Bajwa, M.D. was appointed Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Neurosurgery Health Science Center Syracuse, State University of New York effective February 15, 1991, through February 14, 1995.

Shahina M. Qazi, M.D. of Leesville, Louisiana, was recently elected to fellowship in the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Ayaz M. Samadani, M.D. was elected for a three-year term as a member of the Board of Directors of the State Medical Society of Wisconsin.

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