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The Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM) is an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, Department of AYUSH. Established in 1978, the CCRUM started functioning from 10 January, 1979, and ever since it has been busy researching into various fundamental and applied aspects of Unani Medicine. Over the years, the CCRUM has emerged as the world-leader in the field.

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- Has evolved standards for 222 single and 385 compound Unani drugs.
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- Has translated from Arabic and Persian into Urdu language 25 Unani Medical Classics mostly manuscripts. And has edited and published these works.

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- Has collected 59462 specimens of 1730 medicinal plants from the wild
- Undertaking successful cultivation of four important medicinal species
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- Has produced over 1000 research papers and brought out 116 research publications, besides regular publications of a bimonthly CCRUM Newsletter, Quarterly Urdu Journal Jahan-e-Tib and Annual Report.

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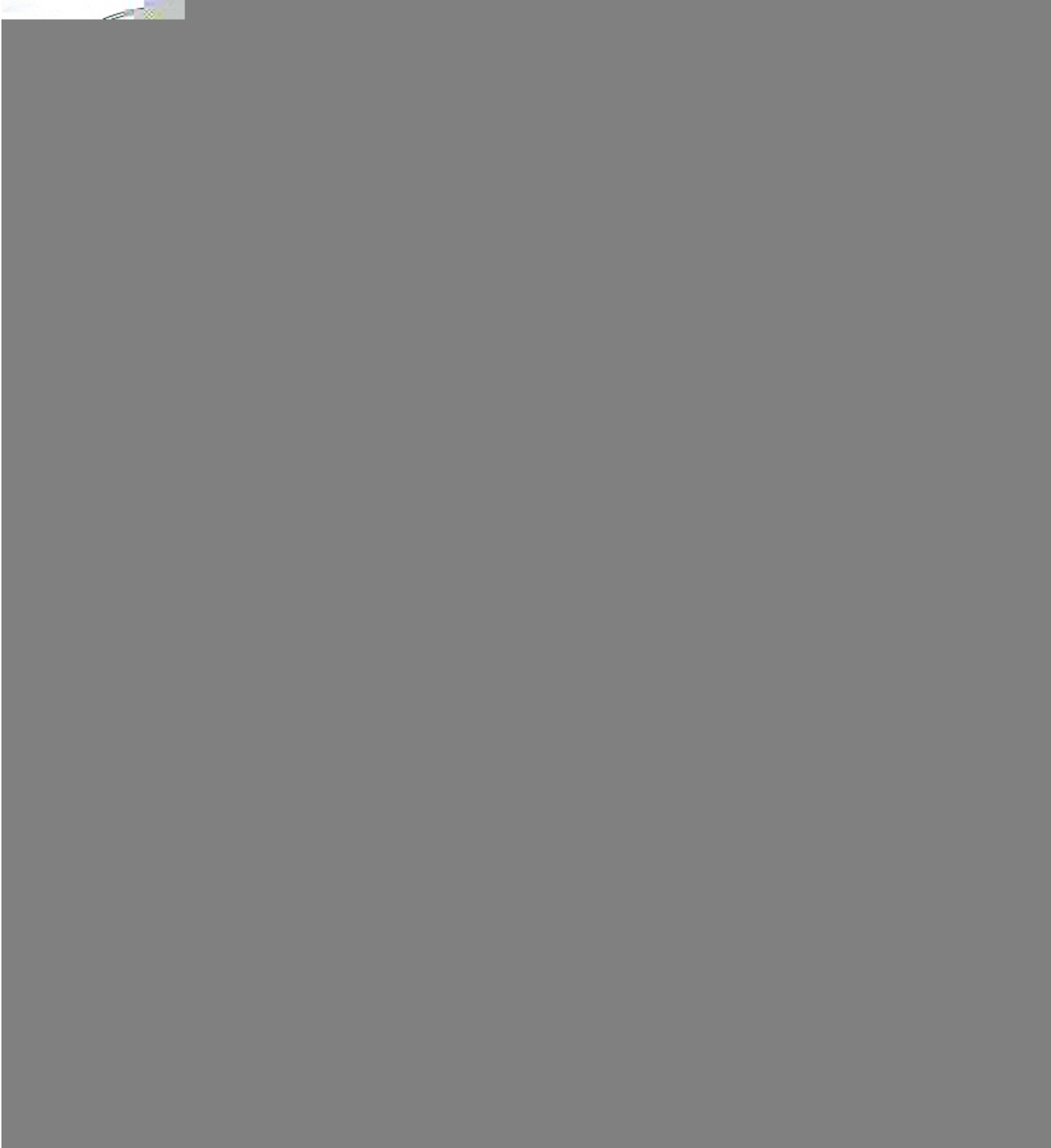
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Dr. Abdul Latif, Dr. Sohail Sabir, Dr. S. Amjad Ali Rizvi, Dr. Nawab Ali Khan, Dr. Tamkin Rabbani, Dr. Khalid Saifullah, Mr. Zeeshan Ahmad, Dr. Razi Ahmad, Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman, Dr. M. Shahid, Mr. Farhan Shikoh, Mr. S. H. Zahid Jamal, Mr. Tanveer Huda, Dr. Anees Ahmad, Dr. M. Tauheed Ahmad, Dr. Misbahuddin, Dr. Nasar Abdali, Dr. Md. Muquddar Ghani, Dr. Nishat Ashraf, Dr. Firdous Ahmad, etc.

GUEST LECTURE BY PROFESSOR MOINUDDIN AQEEL

Professor Moinuddin Aqeel delivered a lecture on "New Dimensions of Islamic Thoughts" at 6:30 PM on March 1, 2008 at the Library Hall of Ibn Sina Academy. Prof. H. S. Zillur Rahman, President of the Academy, after welcoming the guests, briefed about Prof. Aqeel as follows. "Prof. Moinuddin Aqeel possesses a remarkable prominence of being among the most eminent scholars and writers of Urdu Literature and South Asia Muslim Culture. He has a distinguished academic records and citations. Born in 1946, he secured his PhD (1975) and DLitt (2003) degrees from Karachi University (Pakistan). A prolific researcher, he traveled vastly, almost in 40 major countries, and visited important institutions and libraries. He authored, edited and compiled 37 books, hundreds of learned papers and articles in national and internationally renowned journals, encyclopaedias and scholarly compendia. He had been also a visiting professor at the universities of Naples and Tokyo".

In his lecture, Prof. Aqeel traced the efforts to 'reconstruct' the Islamic thought, particularly on the subcontinent. Starting from Shah Waliullah, down to Lutfullah, Sir Sayed, Dr. Mohammad Iqbal, Prof. Aqeel emphasized the efforts of many Indian *Ulemâ* in this connection, particularly the work of renowned jurist, A. A. A. Faizi. The quintessence of his thesis was that in the

modern socio-cultural milieu, a new exegesis of Islamic thought in general, and even that of the Prophetic traditions (the *Hadith*) in particular is imperative and decisively needed.

Prof. Abul Kalam Qasmi, Dean Faculty of Arts, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, presided over the function. Prof. Masoodul Hasan, Prof. Ishrat Farooqui, Prof. S. M. Razaullah Ansari, Prof. Iqtidar Hussain Siddiqui, Dr. Habib Raza also took part in the deliberations. A large number of University teachers and students attended the program.

BOOK RELEASING CEREMONY

A book releasing ceremony of Parvin Shere was organized on January 16, 2008. Prof. Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman, President, Ibn Sina Academy, welcomed the guests. While introducing Parvin Shere, he said Parvin Shere is from Winnipeg (Canada) and is a renowned artist, poet and musician. She formally developed her talent of paintings at the Fine Arts Program, University of Manitoba, Canada. Her extensive travel throughout Europe and particularly in developing countries triggered in her a need to enlighten about the dualistic nature of this world. The oppressed has a profound effect on her work. Her visual art has been shown extensively in Canada, USA, England, France and India. Her work is displayed in many prominent public and private collections internationally. She has received several awards for her paintings. She was one of the five nominees honoured during the prestigious "Women of Distinction Awards" for her contribution in Art, Culture and Heritage in Winnipeg, Canada. She has composed CD's of poetry and music for UNICEF to help raise funds for underprivileged children globally. In addition to the organ and banjo, she plays the sitar, one of the most ancient and

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difficult instruments. She currently serves on the Film Classification Board in Manitoba, Canada.

Her new edition of the collection of poems and paintings namely *Kircheeyan* (Fragments) was released by famous Urdu Novelist Prof Qazi Abdussatar. In his presidential address, he said Parvin's work demonstrates her love for humanity that leads to spiritual satisfaction and is brilliantly expressed in her paintings as well as in poetry. She combines her writing and paintings to reflect on our mortal lives and the world that surrounds us.

Parvin Shere then presented some parts of her *ghazals* and *nazms*. She also showed related paintings mentioned in her collection of poems "*Kircheeyan*". She also expressed her views about her relationship with Urdu language and literature and read out some other stanzas from her poetry. She informed, the profit from the sale of her book *Kircheeyan* will be donated to underprivileged children.

Prof. Zahida Zaidi, Prof. MSZ Chaghtai, Dr. Zoya Zaidi, Dr. Anjuman Ara Anjum and Mr. M. Abid Ali Abid also presented their selected poetry. In the end, Prof. S. Zillur Rahman thanked the audience. Both teachers and students of Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, attended the programme. Following dignitaries were significantly present: Prof Abul Kalam Qasmi, Prof Khursheed Ahmad, Prof Mirza Khalil Ahmad Beg, Prof Afzal Ahmad, Prof. Ather H Siddiqi, Prof Zakia Siddiqi, Prof Iftikhar Alam Khan, Prof. S. M. Hashim Rizvi, Prof. S. Imtiaz Hasnain, Dr. Abdul Latif, Mr. Zahoor Mohammad, Mr. Akbar Rasheed, Dr. Hina Rasheed, Dr. Mohd Khalid Saifullah, Dr. Q. H. Faridi, Dr. Rizwanur Raza Rizwan, Dr. A. R. Fatihi, Dr. Saghir Afrahim, Mr. R. K Awasthi, Mr. Meher Ilahi, Dr. Seema Saghir, Ms

Nastaran Fatihi, Mr. Asadyar Khan, Mr. Syed Waris Shere, Prof. Tariq Mansoor, Ms. Shehla Khalid, Mr. Faisal Haris, etc.

FUNCTION ON POEM RECITATION (MUSHAIRA)

Aik Shaam Janab Dr. Saifi Sironji ke Naam was organized on 9.3.2007 under the aegis of Aazar Academy (Aligarh) at the Library Hall of Ibn Sina Academy. Some eminent poets of Aligarh founded Aazar Academy recently after the name of Late Janab Aazar Siyanvi, who was a noted poet and journalist of Aligarh.

The evening, which was arranged in honour of Dr. Saifi Sironji, is an eminent poet, litterateur and journalist of Sironj (Madhya Pradesh). He also edits a very literary magazine namely "Intesab". The function was presided over by Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman. While the chief guest was Prof. Zahida Zaidi and the guest of honour was Dr. Moazzam Ali Khan Moazzam. Secretary and Joint Secretary of the Aazar Academy Musharraf H. Mehzar and M. Mubashshir Qamar respectively garlanded all the poets presented in the hall.

Following poets presented their ghazals: Prof. Zahida Zaidi, Dr. Saifi Sironji, Dr. Moazzam Ali Khan, Nematullah Khan Sherwani Nemat, Dr. Mahtab Haider Naqvi, Dr. Zoya Zaidi, Dr. Siraj Ajmali, Dr. Arshad Mansoor Ghazi, Dr. Rizwanurraza Rizwan, Dr. Zaheer Ahmad Sahil, Musharraf H. Mehzar, M. Mubashshir Qamar, Janab Siddiq Alam (Etah), Shariq Adeel (Mahrehra), Udaiveer Singh, Dr. Irfan Ansari, Anil Agarwal (Sironj), Owais Jamal Shamsi, Khalid Nadeem Farooqui, Rahat Hasan, Wasim Akhtar Khan, etc.

Owais Jamal Shamsi compered the programme while Musharraf H. Mehzar moved with vote of thanks. All poets got the

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certificates of appreciation by both Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman and Dr. Saifi Sironji.

STUDENTS' PROJECTS AT IBN SÎNÂ ACADEMY (IAMMS)

Mr. Nayeem Kauser Faridi and Mr. Shoeb Akhtar, students of M.Sc (Final year), Department of Museology, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, have been assigned a project in manuscript conservation and digitalization at Ibn Sînâ Academy for their partial fulfillment of M.Sc degree while Miss Warisha Khan, another student of M.Sc (Final year) of the same department has been assigned at the Academy with a project on building documentation for the partial fulfillment of her M.Sc degree.

UPDATES: NEW 2008 EDITION OF NLM'S DIRECTORY OF HISTORY OF MEDICINE COLLECTIONS

The online Directory of History of Medicine Collections, US Department of Health and Human Services, National Library of Medicine, NIH, USA has been updated: (<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/directory/index.html>)

The Library of Ibn Sînâ Academy of Medieval Medicine & Sciences is the single library from India, which is listed in the Directory of History of Medicine Collections, (<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/directory/151.html>).

VISIT OF DIGNITARIES

1. Professor Syed Shahid Mahdi, Ex-Vice Chancellor, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi and Vice President, Indian Council for Cultural Relations, Government of India, New Delhi, 5th February 2008. He described the Academy, as "it is national treasure, which deserves all support".
2. Dr. Abdolhamid Ziaei, Director, Iran Culture House, New Delhi, 5th February 2008.

3. Professor Rod Blackhirst (alias Dr. Abdu Razzak): Dr. Blackhirst is specialist in Ancient Greek Learning and is teaching at La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia, 31st January 2008.

OTHER PROGRAMS AT IAMMS

1. Rotary International Group Study Exchange Team from California (USA) visited the Academy on 24th January 2008. The team comprising of Ms. Linda Taylor (Contemporary Artist), Mr. Ben Greenaway (Radio Talk Host), Ms. Mary Dinh (Mechanical Engineering), Ms. Tiffani Chan (Academic Events Coordinator), Ms. Jackie Bennet (Human Resources Assistant), collaborated with few members of Ibn Sînâ Academy. Local Rotarian like Rtn Atul Agarwal (Secretary, Rotary Lock City, Aligarh) and Rtn Mohindra S. Gulati (President, Rotary Lock City, Aligarh) were present along the team.
2. Delegates of National Seminar on Recent Advances in Preventive Conservation of Museum Collection visited the Academy on 5th February 2008. The seminar was held under the aegis of Indian Association for the study of Conservation of Cultural Property (IASC) in collaboration with National Museum, Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India (New Delhi) at Department of Museology, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, in collaboration with National Museum, New Delhi.
3. Delegates of Reorientation Programme, UGC Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, India, visited on 26th January 2008.
4. School Children (Girls) from UGC Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, India, visited the Academy on February 9, 2008
5. Delegates of Reorientation Programme, UGC Academic Staff College, Aligarh

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- Muslim University, Aligarh, India, visited the Academy on 22nd February 2008.
6. School Children (Boys) from UGC Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, India, visited the Academy on February 23, 2008
 7. Scholarship Award Ceremony, AMU Alumni Association of Michigan (USA) on March 2, 2008. Dr. Suhail Sabir convened the meeting. Following teachers of AMU significantly attended the meeting: Dr. Mozaffarul Islam (USA), Prof. S. Zillur Rahman, Prof. Salahuddin Siddiqui, Dr. Akram Javed, etc.

AMU Alumni Association Michigan USA started a program to award scholarships to the needy and meritorious students of AMU from class XI up to postgraduate studies (first two years even up to PhD). In the first year it awarded scholarships to 48 students, next year to 109 students and this year it has awarded 124 students. Students apply in the month of August, interviews are conducted within three weeks, which continue for 20 days and final selection is made before SIR SYED DAY (17th October). This year it got delayed because of unfortunate happenings in the Campus during September 2007. Although it is Herculean task to find out who is really a needy student, however through a three hour grilling of not more than 20 students a day makes it easier to select almost 80% really deserving students. For all the last three years some one from Michigan has taken trouble to come to Aligarh during their visit to India and delivered the award letter to the awardees. Students receive money in the form of dining hall charges ranging 3-5 months and their dues are paid through Finance Office, AMU. Only NRSC students received award in cash (given by the respective provosts). A total amount of around \$9106 has been sanctioned for this year. Dr. Mozaffarul Islam in a function held

at Ibn Sinâ Academy on March 2, 2008 delivered the award letters this year. Dr. M. Islam is a Vice-President of AMU Alumni Association of Michigan, USA.

Submitted by:
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LETTER OF APPRECIATION

From: Prof. Humayun Murad, Ex-Professor, Department of Zoology, AMU, Aligarh, India (humayunmurad@gmail.com, March 11, 2008; Tuesday; 4:07 AM)

To: Prof. H. Syed Zillur Rahman, President, Ibn Sinâ Academy, Aligarh

"Dear Professor Syed Zillur Rahman

I have been watching with keen interest the various activities being held at the famous Ibn Sinâ Academy, and so immaculately posted at various e-forums by your able son, Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman. I am so overwhelmed, the way you have founded and nurtured the Academy, which has attained a well-reputed place not only in India but all over the Globe. With your solo efforts and of course with full support from your worthy son, the Academy is now well established and doing immense service to the mankind. As a well-wisher and great admirer, I must compliment you, Dr. S. Ziaur Rahman and your team. I pray to the Almighty Allah, the Ibn Sinâ Academy under your patronage to grow to new dimensions to serve the humanity.

You might be wondering, where I am lost. Me and Naushaba are here in USA for about a year now. Our son is in Washington DC, and 1st daughter is in California. So we keep traveling from east coast to west coast. Now our 2nd daughter has moved to Canada, so we are planning to visit her too. But we do miss you all. We will

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be returning to Aligarh towards the end of April. Naushaba conveys her regards to you.

With kind regards, Humayun Murad,
Washington DC (U.S.A.)”

(Professor Humayun Murad is a retired teacher of Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, India. He has been the elected member of Executive Council and President, AMU Teachers Association)

IAMMS MEMBERS ACTIVITIES

Prof. Syed Zillur Rahman (President, IAMMS) was invited as expert, Public Service Commission, Allahabad, 30th January – 2nd February 2008. He is also invited as chief guest on the occasion of National Science Day 2008 during final round of science quiz competition followed by the prize distribution ceremony. The Centre for Promotion of Science, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, organized 'On-the-spot Poster Making Competition' and 'Written Science Quiz Competition' on February 24, 2008. About 800 students from 15 schools participated in these events.

National Institute of Unani Medicine (NIUM) has a Scientific and Academic Committee to consider its various academic activities and also to give suggestions for its development. The Committee has recently been reconstituted by the Hon'ble Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India in his capacity as the President of the Governing Body of the Institute and the Hon'ble President of India has nominated Prof. Syed Zillur Rahman as one of the member of this committee. NIUM has been established by the Government of India, at Bangalore and it is affiliated to Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Karnataka.

Prof. Rahman also attended the following conferences / meetings

- Meeting of eminent Unani experts to undertake review of TKDL (Unani) project including review of work done by eminent experts so that future calendar of work could be finalized. The Meeting of experts engaged in peer review work of TKDL Project (Unani) was held on 29th January 2008 at Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM) Headquarter, New Delhi.
- Meeting of experts for translation work of BUMS Syllabus on History of Medicine from Urdu to English, Central Council of Indian Medicine (CCIM), New Delhi, February 4, 2008.
- Guest Lecture as Resource Person on Primary Sources of *Moalajat* and *Niswan wa Atfal*, Teachers Reorientation Program (ROTP), ROTP Scheme of Department of AYUSH, National Institute of Unani Medicine, Bangalore, March 20, 2008.

Prof. Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman (President, Ibn Sina Academy, Aligarh) and **Prof. Mehdi Mohaghegh** (Vice President, Ibn Sina Academy, Aligarh and Professor Emeritus, University of Tehran, Iran) participated at the International Conference on Islamic Medical Knowledge in Iran and India during the Modern Period, which was organised by the French Institute of Research in Iran (IFRI) and the University of Medical Sciences of Tehran at Ibn Sina Hall, University of Medical Sciences of Tehran (Danishgah-e 'Ulum-e Pezeshki-ye Tehran), Iran, during 12 - 14 February 2008. The topic of Prof. Rahman's paper was "Contribution of Azizi Family of Lucknow to Yunani Medicine" and that of Prof. Mehdi Mohaghegh was "The Qanun of Avicenna and some of its commentators". Dr. Fabrizio Speziale (IFRI) and Dr. Farid Ghassemilou (Encyclopaedia Islamica Foundation, Tehran) organized the conference successfully. 21 invited

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scholars of different countries participated at the conference including Prof. Seema Alavi and Dr. Nishat Qaiser from Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, India.

Prof. S.M. Razaullah Ansari (Secretary, Ibn Sīnā Academy) was offered a fellowship by Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Bonn (Germany) to work for three months (July-Sept.2007) at the Institute of History of Science, University of Frankfurt (Germany). Prof. Ansari has edited the Persian Text of *Zīj-i Muḥammad Shāhī*, the astronomical-mathematical Tables compiled under the supervision of maharaja Jai Singh II (d.1743). He finalized at Frankfurt the English translation of the Text, using resources extant at the Institute.

Prof. Ansari has participated also in the following Seminars and Symposia:

- India and Islam, Episodes from the History of Pre-Modern Astronomy, organized by B. van Dalen and Petra Schmidl, Frankfurt, July 16, 2007. The topic of Prof. Ansari's paper was "Jai Singh: His Efforts and Failure to assimilate Islamic Astronomy".
- National Workshop on Preserving Our Scientific Heritage, organised at the Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bangalore, Jan.21-22, 2008. The topic of the invited talk of Prof. Ansari was "History of Indian Astronomy in 19th Century — A Survey of Archival Sources". Prof. Ansari chaired also the 1st session: "Collection Policies and Organisation".
- As a consultant to the international project: *Islamic Scientific Manuscripts Initiative (ISMI)*, Prof. Ansari was invited to be a member of the international Delegation headed by Prof. Jamil Ragep (Montreal), who is one of the principal directors of ISMI. This Delegation visited a number of Indian manuscripts libraries, namely, M. A. Library (AMU), Khuda

Bakhsh Library (Patna), A.P. Govt. Manuscripts Library and Institute of Research (Hyderabad) and Osmania University Library (Hyderabad), during Dec. 10-18, 2007. The aim of the ISMI Delegation was to explore avenues of collaboration and cooperation in compiling a database of scientific manuscripts in Arabic and Persian extant in Indian Libraries. Prof. Ansari put at the disposal of the Delegation his own personal contacts and expertise, in order that Indian manuscripts are also drawn in the ambit of ISMI.

Prof. K. C. Singhal (Hony Member, CSRUISM, IAMMS) has been appointed as vice-chancellor of a newly created NIMS University at Jaipur. NIMS, which was established decade back stands for National Institute of Medical Science comprises now a large educational campus and runs many medical and paramedical courses along with those in engineering and management. After getting the status of deemed university, NIMS under the able guidance of Prof. Singhal, will further progress in near future. Prof. KC Singhal after graduation and post graduation from KGMC (Lucknow) started his career as an assistant research officer in a project of ICMR in 1968 at JNMC (Aligarh Muslim University). He was appointed lecturer on May 15, 1968 and subsequently reader and professor. He held also many administrative posts at Aligarh both in the university and outside in the Aligarh city life. He has made extensive and highly significant contributions in the field of pharmacology. He established new methods for screening Antifilarial agents using *Setaria cervi* as test organism. Being one of the foremost pioneers in the field of Indian pharmacovigilance, he founded the Society of Pharmacovigilance, India (SoPI). He has been a founding Fellow of Indian Pharmacological Society (IPS), Indian

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Academy of Neurosciences (IAN) and IMA Academy of Medical Specialties. He had been a member of the executive committee, treasurer, chief editor and president of IPS; treasurer, general secretary and president of IAN; editor (pharmacology) of APPI Journal; member editorial board of various journals including Annals of Neuroscience of IAN. He is a recipient of many awards including BC Sharma Memorial Research Award of IMA, SS Parmar Foundation Award of IAN, B Mukherjee Prize of IPS, Major General SL Bhatia Oration Award of APPI, Col. RN Chopra Oration Award of IPS, Platinum Jubilee Oration Award of ISCA, G. Achari Oration Award of IPS, John Autian Oration of SoPI, Life Time Achievement Award of APPI, etc. He was internationally recognized when he was invited as visiting professor at the University of Tennessee (Memphis, USA) and as an honorary consultant, WHO Collaborating Centre for International Drug Monitoring (Uppsala, Sweden).

The Executive Council of the Ibn Sina Academy congratulates Prof K. C. Singhal for being appointed as Vice-Chancellor and wishes all the best at his new office.

Dr. S. Mohsin Raza (LM, IAMMS & Head Department of General Surgery, Khoula Hospital, Muscat, Oman) represented Sultanate of Oman at the 4th International Trauma and Emergency Medicine Conference at Doha, Qatar, during February 24-27, 2008. The conference was organized under the auspices of National Health Authority of Qatar. Dr. Raza is a senior surgeon; he joined Ministry of Health in 1980 as a specialist in general surgery at Khoula Hospital, Muscat, Oman. He had a distinct privilege to present four of his best papers in the conference. The key amongst those papers was a presentation focusing

on new method wound irrigation in vacuum assisted dressings. His other papers were on the subjects like "abdominal injury management" and diagnostic dilemmas. These papers highlights the commendable strides made by Khoula Hospital in the area of non operative management in addition to Khoula's experience in damage control surgery in Obstetrics Gynecology and general Surgery practice.

(Source: Oman Daily Observer, 19.2.2008)

Dr. Abdul Latif (Joint Secretary, IAMMS and Chairman, Department of Ilmu Advia, A. K. Tibbiya College, AMU, Aligarh) was invited to attend the valedictory function along with Shri N. Balachandran, Special Health Secretary of Health and Family Welfare, Shri K. K. Jindal, Director, ISM and Health, Dr. Nand Kishore, Deputy Director, ISM and Health, Dr. K. K. Sijoria, Dean, Faculty of Ayurveda and Unani Medicine and Dr. Ahmad Yasin, Principal, Ayurvedic and Unani Tibbiya College and Hospital (Karolbagh, Govt. of NCT, New Delhi) on the occasion of National Conference on "Recent Advances In Ayurveda in the Management of Urinary Disorders" during February 13 - 15, 2008. In the valedictory session, proposal was moved that the Ayurveda & Unani Tibbiya College might be declared as Ayurvedic and Unani Medical University. This proposal is being processed in Govt. of NCT, New Delhi and may be accepted by the government soon. Dr. Abdul Latif was welcomed and received a memento at the function.

Dr. Latif was also invited as Guest Lecture and Resource Person on Use of Cosmetics in Unani Medicine, Teachers Reorientation Program (ROTP), ROTP Scheme of Department of AYUSH, National Institute of Unani Medicine, Bangalore, March 28, 2008.

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Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman (Treasurer, IAMMS and Lecturer, Department of Pharmacology, JN Medical College, AMU, Aligarh) has

- Attended, the First session of FAIMER Fellowship, CMCL-FAIMER Institute, CMC, Ludhiana, January 16-21, 2008.
- Attended, MCH 3rd Annual Forum, UN Solution Exchange, WHO India, Udaipur during March 17-19, 2008.
- Moderated, "Rational Use of Investigations for Diagnosis", Discussion Forum on NetRUM, January 26-31, 2008. (<http://health.ph.groups.yahoo.com/group/netrum/>)
- Acted as Guest Lecture and as Resource Person on Polypharmacy, Reorientation Program for Medical Teachers, UGC-AMU Academic Staff College, AMU, Aligarh, February 12, 2008
- Guest Lecture as Resource Person on Importance of Pharmacovigilance of Unani Medicine, Teachers Reorientation Program (ROTP), ROTP Scheme of Department of AYUSH, National Institute of Unani Medicine, Bangalore, March 28, 2008.
- Held an Invited Lecture on Environmental Pharmacology, at the All India Seminar on Advances in Environmental Science and Technology, ZH Engineering College, AMU, Aligarh, February 16, 2008
- Acted as Teacher-in-charge, Educational Tour, JLN Medical College. With students of 2004 Batch, he visited Jaipur, Ajmer, Pushkar, Mt. Abu, Chittorgarh and Udaipur during 4th – 11th February 2008.
- Been appointed as President, Non-Resident Students' Centre, AMU, Aligarh, on 19.2.2008. One day literary and cultural program was also organized viz *UMANG 2008* was organized on 1.3.2008 at the NRSC under his presidentship.
- The Research Council of National Institute of Science Communication and Information Resources (NISCAIR), Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), has appointed Dr. S. Ziaur Rahman as a member of the editorial board of the bimonthly journal, *Natural Product Radiance*, for the period of January 2008-December 2010. *Natural Product Radiance* is one of the respected journals among those published from India. It publishes research and review articles in traditional, complementary and alternative medicine including herbal drugs and ethno pharmacology. Dr. Rahman has also been chosen in the panel of experts 2007-2009 for "Dissemination of Information [Research Journals, Abstracting Journals, Popular Science Magazine/Books, Bharat ki Sampada, Herbarium, Wealth of India, etc.]
- Been inducted in the Advisory Panel of Aligarh-based NGO namely *MEDICS*, which stands for *Medicos Establishment for Development of Integrated Care Society*. The first meeting of *MEDICS* was held on 2nd March 2008. During the meeting, it was also decided to hold a grand free health camp and poster exhibitions on World TB Day (24.3.2008).
- Appointed co-chairman, Public Relation Committee, Surgery Update – 2008, Department of Surgery, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, AMU, Aligarh. The scientific programme included CME on 8th March, Workshop on 9th March and CME cum Anastomotic Workshop on 10th March 2008.

Mr. S. H. Zahid Jamal (Medico-social activist, IAMMS) while representing AIDS Cell, Ibn Sina Academy, Aligarh, attended the 4th National Consultation of Positive Networks, Individuals, Professionals and NGOs working in the area of HIV/AIDS at Vishwa Yuva Kendra, Teen Murti Marg, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi on 1.3. 2008.

Dr. M. Tauheed Ahmad (LM, IAMMS & Resident, Department of Community

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Medicine, JN Medical College, AMU, Aligarh) attended the MCH 3rd Annual Forum, UN Solution Exchange, WHO India, Udaipur during March 17-19, 2008. During the 'Forum', he interacted many important personalities of WHO, UNO, UNFD, UN-Solution Exchange, CHETNA, ARTH, Seva Mandir and PSK.

FORTHCOMING ACTIVITY AT IAMMS

WORLD HEALTH DAY 2008

The Ibn Sina Academy of Medieval Medicine & Sciences has been observing WORLD HEALTH DAY for the last many years. Like last year, the Academy intends to organize Prof. M. Nasim Ansari Memorial Lecture on 7th April 2008 by some eminent physician or surgeon apart from traditional list of items held at that occasion.

FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES ON HISTORY OF MEDIEVAL MEDICINE & SCIENCES ELSEWHERE

(1) Upcoming conferences on medieval medicine and sciences

There are several upcoming conferences on medieval medicine and sciences that may be of interest:

<http://islamsci.mcgill.ca/> (see conferences under "News of Profession")

(2) XXIII International Congress of History of Science and Technology - Ideas and Instruments in Social Context

The Hungarian National IUHPS Committee is pleased to invite you to attend and take an active part in the XXIII International Congress of History of Science and Technology in Budapest between 26 and 31 July, 2009.

For more information, please contact, Prof. Dr. Eva Vamos, Chairperson of the LOC / Dr. Gusztav Hencsey, Vice-chair for local

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(3) Modern Medicines: New Perspectives in Pharmaceutical History

The evolution of the modern pharmaceutical enterprise over the long twentieth century from its early intersection with the image and later the structure of scientific research, to its dramatic postwar expansion and late-century saturation of medical and marketing media has implications that stretch far beyond the traditional history of pharmacy and medicine to impact broader social, cultural, economic, business, legal, regulatory, and political developments. This conference seeks to foster and reflect on the growing body of pharmaceutical scholarship across historical disciplines and encourage novel theoretical & methodological developments by featuring newer scholars alongside more established figures in the field. Scholars are encouraged to submit a one-page proposal by 1 February 2008; some travel funds will be available for graduate students, and established scholars interested in using the resources of the American Institute of the History of Pharmacy may apply for travel funds through the Sonnedecker Visiting Scholar Program of the UW-Madison School of Pharmacy (see www.aihp.org for further information). AIHP Conference Planning Committee: Jeremy Greene, Dominique Tobbell, Arthur Daemrich, Michael Flannery, Elaine Stroud and Greg Higby.

Dates of the Conference: October 17-18, 2008 at American Institute of the History of Pharmacy, Madison, Wisconsin, USA

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(4) Inaugural Conference of the International Society for Cultural History

The study of culture – whether it be from a regional, a national or a more global perspective – has been central to the humanities for at least two decades now. In this period, we have seen the rise of several disciplinary movements within this ever-expanding domain of research. Cultural studies, cultural criticism, cultural analysis and cultural anthropology are some of the more persistent labels to have been put forward in an attempt to describe and reorganise the field. Given the fact that the study of cultural artifacts and practices nowadays often steers a distinct historical course, the label of cultural history could be proposed as a sort of umbrella-term, comprising the previous ones. But is it, really?

At this four-day event – the inaugural assembly of the International Society for Cultural History that was founded at a successful conference on cultural history in Aberdeen in July 2007 – we want to address a series of fundamental questions about the recent impact and the near future of diverse forms of cultural history. Taking its cue from the fundamental work of, among others, Catherine Belsey, Peter Burke, Lynn Hunt, and Philippe Poirrier, the conference will tackle the vexing question of the precise nature of cultural history. Which disciplinary models and/or critical paradigms can be brought together under this label? Do we actually need such a unifying label? If we do, then what exactly do we understand by it? Are there different, 'national' (British, French, German, Italian, Finnish...) forms of cultural history and what distinguishes them from one another? How does one teach cultural history and what does one teach when one teaches cultural history?

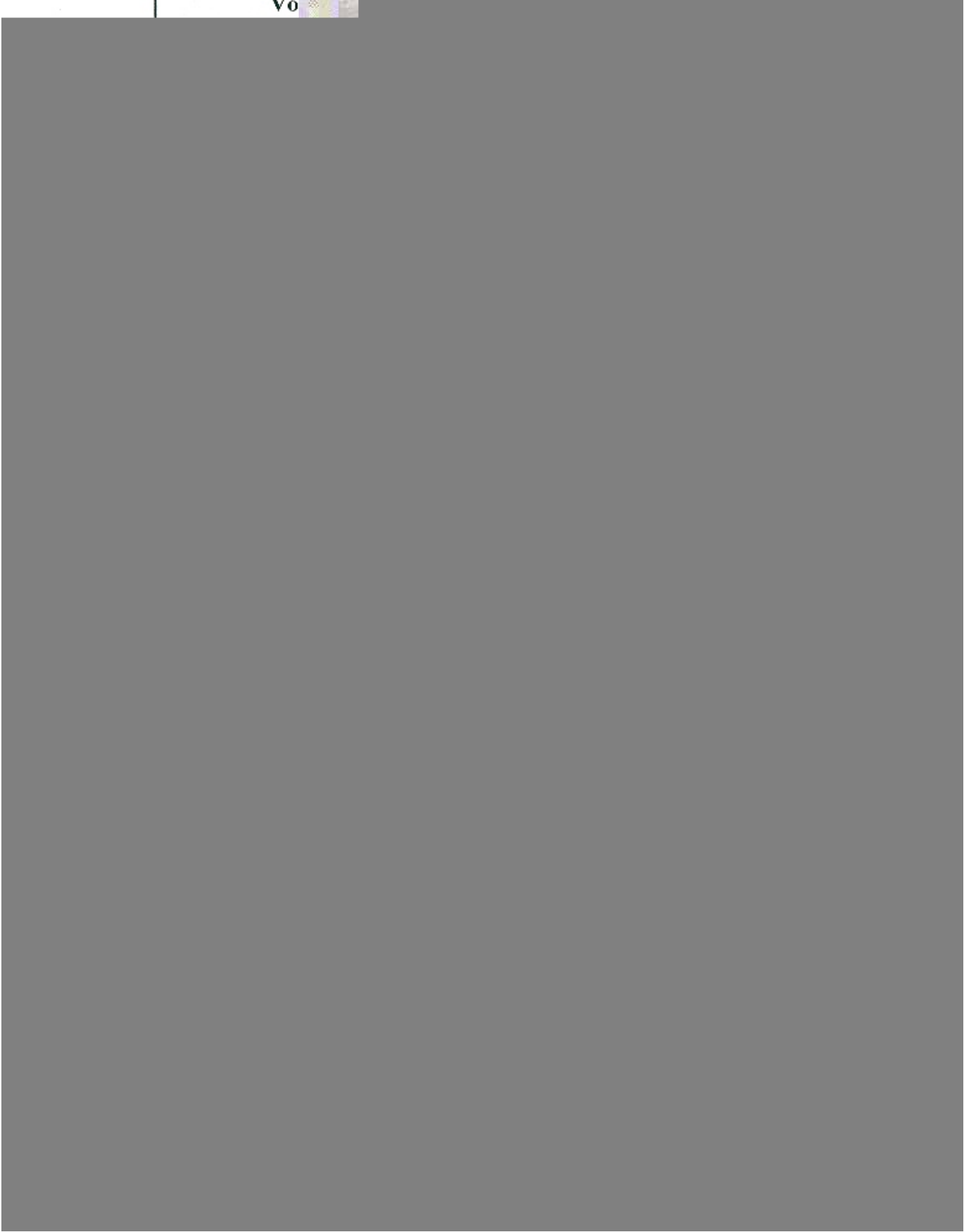
The organisers of this conference welcome papers (theoretical, practical or a combination

of both) that will enable us to formulate answers to the questions listed above, but also to other issues concerning future "orientations" of the field of cultural history. Where does the field stand, and where is it heading to? How does it relate to other academic disciplines both within and outside the humanities? The label of cultural history is a slippery one, consisting of two no less slippery concepts – culture and history. The past few decades have also witnessed fierce methodological debates concerning the latter term, debates about the theory and practice of historiography, about historicism and presentism, about the irretrievable loss of the past and its stubborn presence, about history and memory, about historical traumas and ways of overcoming them. Did these and other historiographical debates in any way alter the domain of cultural history? Is cultural history a specific brand of history, in terms of the topics that it studies or does it, rather, involve a distinct methodology that sets it apart from other historical disciplines? Should we take cultural history as something different from political history, religious history, the history of science, the history of medicine, the history of art and literature, or does it comprise all of the above? If it does, what are the professional expectations with which cultural historians find themselves confronted? Are they supposed to be true homines and feminae universales or, rather, amateurs, in the positive sense of that word? And what about the inter- or multidisciplinary nature of cultural history?

Apart from proposals tackling disciplinary issues like the above ones, the organisers also very much welcome papers that bring cultural history into practice. Alain Corbin's book on Louis-François Pinagot e.g. (The life of an unknown, Columbia UP, 2001), dealt both with the methodological difficulties of a cultural historian – how to

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of their residence, fellows will be asked to present an informal discussion of their work to an audience of local scholars and other PACHS fellows. Candidates who will use collections at multiple PACHS institutions will receive strong preference. Candidates who live 75 or more miles from Philadelphia will receive some preference.

PACHS is funded by the U.S. National Science Foundation and fellowships are available to Ph.D. candidates who are U.S. nationals or students at U.S. institutions. PACHS fellowships may be held sequentially with fellowships offered separately by PACHS member institutions but may not be held concurrently.

Applications must be submitted online at www.pachs.net/fellowships by March 2, 2008. Applicants will submit a Curriculum Vitae and a project proposal, limited to 1500 words, describing the research project and how it will advance scholarship in the history of science, technology or medicine. In addition, each applicant must ask two recognized scholars to submit letters of support through the same web site by the same deadline.

Applications for Visiting Dissertation Fellowships must list the specific PACHS members' collections that will be used and describe the relevance of these collections to their projects. A panel of independent distinguished scholars will evaluate the proposals.

PACHS is a consortium of eleven cultural and educational institutions: the Academy of Natural Sciences, the American Philosophical Society, the Chemical Heritage Foundation, the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, the Franklin Institute, the Hagley Museum and Library, the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, the Library Company of Philadelphia, Princeton University, the University of Pennsylvania,

and the Wagner Free Institute of Science. These institutions hold rich and deep collections with millions of manuscript items, printed volumes and artifacts of interest to historians of technology, medicine and science. Researchers can read more about consortium members' collections and search online catalogs by following links at <http://www.pachs.net>

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DOCUMENTATION

Revival of Scientific Society of AMU

The Aligarh Muslim University has decided to revive the Scientific Society by re-defining its objectives and goals taken into consideration contemporary challenges and a desire for inducting scientific thought in all field of knowledge. The decision for revival of the Scientific Society was taken at a consultative meeting with Deans of all the faculties under the Chairmanship of AMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. P K Abdul Azis.

Prof. Azis said that a Committee would shortly be formed to drafting the rules and regulations of the above body. Journals published by various departments of study brought under this Society.

The Scientific Society was established by Sir Syed Ahmad Khan in 1864 and served as the focal point of the Aligarh Movement. The Scientific Society was the main plank of Sir Syed's educational movement and rendered remarkable service in liberating the mind of the people from conservatism and inertia. The Scientific Society sought to broaden the horizon of the people of that era by inculcating a thirst for the modern knowledge especially among the Indian Muslims.

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