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CENTRAL COUNCIL FOR RESEARCH IN UNANI MEDICINE

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India

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THE COUNCIL

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.

THE NETWORK

20 research Centres of the Council are functioning in different parts of the Country.

THE AREAS OF ACTIVITY

The Research Programme of the Council has four major components:

* Clinical Research * Drug Standardization * Literary Research * Survey and Cultivation of Medicinal Plants

THE MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

Some significant achievements of the Council are as follows:

Developing Research In Unani Medicine

CLINICAL RESEARCH

- Has developed 24 Unani Drugs which are purely natural, standardized and without any side-effects, for successful treatment of leucoderma, sinusitis, viral hepatitis, eczema, malaria, rheumatoid, arthritis and bronchial asthma.
- Has filed patents on seven of these drugs.

DRUG STANDARDIZATION

- Has evolved standards for 222 single and 385 compound Unani drugs.
- Has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) for taking up advanced research in the field of drug development

LITERARY RESEARCH

- Has translated from Arabic and Persian into Urdu language 25 Unani Medical Classics mostly manuscripts. And has edited and published these works.

SURVEY & CULTIVATION OF MEDICINAL PLANTS

- Has collected 59462 specimens of 1730 medicinal plants from the wild
- Undertaking successful cultivation of four important medicinal species
- Has gathered and documented 6650 folk medicinal claims

PUBLICATIONS

- 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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IAMMS ACTIVITIES

EVENTS AT IBN SINA ACADEMY

(From January to March 2009)

Neighbourhood Network in Palliative Care - A Social Approach

A program on palliative care was organized under the aegis of MEDICS, a medico-social organizatio[redacted]

conferences on the aforementioned studies. On behalf of Ibn Sînâ Academy, Prof. Syed Zillur Rahman, presented a set of recent publications of the Academy on Arabic & Persian Manuscripts. On this occasion, Janab Ibn Saeed Khan of Chattari, Dr Abdul Latif, Er Mohd Azhar, Dr Syed Ziaur Rahman, Mr SH Zahid Jamal, Mr Nafees Ahmad, Mr Mohd Ayub, etc. were also present.

Mr. Harish Betab (PRO, Ibn Sînâ Academy & Secretary General, Ganesh Shankar Journalist Press Club, Aligarh) conducted the whole programme.

IDB/MET Weekly Meetings at Ibn Sînâ Academy

Scholars supported by Muslim Educational Trust (MET) & Islamic Development Bank (IDB) met at Ibn Sînâ Academy to listen talks of many intellectuals. Dr. Shahid Malik, Honorary Students Counselor (North Zone) convened these meetings on every Friday from January to March 2009. IDB, Jeddah scholarship programme is basically a programme to improve the educational standards of the Muslim Community in India and in 46 other countries. The Bank aims to develop the potentialities of the Muslim Students by awarding Loan Scholarship to those who are meritorious and enthusiastic, but are unable to pursue higher studies due to financial difficulties.

Visit of Personalities / Delegates

Following dignitaries visited the Academy:

1. Delegates, Re-orientation Programmes, UGC Academic Staff College, AMU, Aligarh, 4th October 2008
2. Team, The Rotary Foundation Group Study Exchange Programme, District 5230 (USA) visited the Academy on 24th January 2009. The team comprising of Doug Brown (GSE Team Leader), Eduber Bonilla, Veronica Flores, Johnny Gray, Jr., Kohn Klein and Trish Pena, collaborated with few members of Ibn Sînâ Academy. The team was led by Local Rotarian Atul Agarwal (Secretary, Rotary Lock City, Aligarh).
3. Delegates, Subject Refresher Courses, UGC Academic Staff College, AMU, Aligarh, 8th October 2008. On this occasion, a lecture on cultural history was delivered by Prof. Syed Zillur Rahman.

IAMMS MEMBERS ACTIVITIES

Prof. Syed Zillur Rahman, President, Ibn Sînâ Academy, has been awarded with:

1. "Ibn Sina Award" for literary and historical work in the field of Unani Medicine by the All India Unani Tibbi Congress during the annual session at Bhiwandi (Maharashtra) on February 8, 2009.
2. "Maulana Azad National Award" in the field of Unani Medicine, Milli Educational Foundation & All India Urdu Educational Committee, Moradabad, February 24, 2009.
3. Membership, Academic Council, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, for a period of two years (2009-2010).

He has also been invited in the following meetings, conferences and seminars:

1. Meeting, Proposal of Federation of American Aligarh Alumni Association to digitalise books written by Sir Syed, Office of the Vice Chancellor, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, January 9, 2009.
2. Presided, Award Letter Distribution Ceremony, AMU Alumni Association Scholarship Committee, Michigan, USA, Aligarh, January 12, 2009.
3. Guest Lecture on "Ilaj Bil Ghiza mein Tibbi Zakhair Ka Jaiza", Workshop on Dieto-Therapy in Unani Medicine, India Islamic Cultural Centre, New Delhi, under the aegis of CCRUM, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India, January 13, 2009. Also presided over the valedictory session.
4. Guest Lecture, Reorientation of Teaching Programme (RoTP), Department of Saidla, Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi, January 15, 2009.
5. Meeting, Working Committee (Majlis-e-Amla), All India Muslim Majlis-e-

Mushawarat (UP State), January 18, 2009, Aligarh.

6. Chief Guest, Concluding Session of 3 Courses, UGC Academic Staff College, AMU, Aligarh, January 21, 2009.
7. Chief Guest, Republic Day Celebrations, Aligarh Public School, Aligarh, January 26, 2009.
8. Scientific Advisory Committee Meeting, National Institute of Unani Medicine, Bangalore, January 28, 2009.
9. Meeting, Unani Pharmacopoeia Committee, CCRUM, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India, Hyderabad, February 7, 2009.
10. Welcome Address, Conference on Effective Health, Education & Journalism, UP Rabita Committee, Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition, Aligarh, February 14, 2009.
11. Guest of Honour, Valedictory Function, National Conference on Reconstruction of Past: Scope & Limitations, Department of Museology, AMU, Aligarh, February 15, 2009.
12. Meeting, Expert Group for Compilation of Encyclopedia, survey of manuscripts, publication of rare books and dictionary, CCRUM, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India, February 18, 2009.
13. Chief Guest, Valedictory Function, First National Conference on "Futuristic Shape of Teaching and Training of Jarahat (Surgery) at UG & PG Education of Indian System of Medicine", Department of Jarahat, AK Tibbiya College, AMU, Aligarh, February 22, 2009.
14. Guest of Honour, Yaad-e Aazar & Hindi Urdu Seminar, Aazar Academy, Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition, Aligarh, February 23, 2009.
15. Presided, Inaugural Session, Re-Orientation of Teaching Programme, Department of Kulliyat, AK Tibbiya College, AMU, Aligarh, February 24, 2009.
16. 10th Governing Body Meeting, National Institute of Unani Medicine, Bangalore, March 2, 2009.
17. Meeting, Working Committee (Markazi Majlis-e-Amla), All India Muslim Majlis-e-Mushawarat, March 14, 2009, New Delhi.
18. Meeting, Unani Pharmacopoeia Sub-committee, CCRUM, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India, New Delhi, March 18, 2009.
19. Guest Lecture as Resource Person on "Research: My Experiences", Special Interaction Programme for PhD students, UGC Academic Staff College, AMU, Aligarh, March 25, 2009.

Prof. Rahman is invited to deliver a guest lecture during the "2nd Amphictyony of Societies of History of Medicine & Ethics in Medicine" that will be held from 30th April and 3rd May, 2009 under the aegis of the International Hippocratic Foundation of Kos, Kos island, Greece. It is told that the main topic of the Congress will be the "***Asclepieia***" all around the world including Hippocratic Medicine: Yesterday-Today-Tomorrow (Pre-Hippocratic, Hippocratic, Hellenistic, Byzantine, Contemporary Medicine), Asclepieia from the point of view of Medicine and Archaeology, Ethics and Deontology, Hippocratic Plants, Medical Votives, Sainted Physicians, Early Hippocratic Printings, Medical Philately, Medical Publicity, Medical & Surgical Instruments and History of Medicaments. For more details and information, visit the website: www.amphictyony2009.gr/en/

Prof. S. M. Razaullah Ansari (Secretary, Ibn Sīnā Academy) has been invited, in his capacity as a member of the Indian National Commission of History of Science, by Indian National Science Academy (INSA), to attend the Commission's

meeting to be held during April 13-15, in Jadavpur University (Kolkata). This is part of the celebration of 75th year of INSA and 50 years of its history of science programme. On this occasion The Asiatic Society (Kolkata) has planned a Special Lecture programme in the Vidyasar Hall of the Society on 14th April, 2009 on 'History of Science' for the delegates of the History of Science Meeting. This year is also the 225th year of The Asiatic Society in which Indian National Institute of Science (presently INSA) was founded 75 years back at the Society Building. Prof. Ansari has been invited by The Asiatic Society to deliver the Special Lecture on April 14, 2009 for all the delegates of INSA Meeting and other distinguished scholars of Kolkata.

To utilise this opportunity, Mr. Gautam Ghosh, an internationally known film maker and who is making a documentary on The Asiatic Society, has invited. Prof. Ansari for an Interview on 12/13 April concerning Society's contribution to the early history of science activities in India. The Academy congratulates Prof. Ansari for the recognition of his expertise as one of the foremost historians of science in India presently.

Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman, Treasurer, Ibn Sînâ Academy and lecturer, Department of Pharmacology, JNMC, AMU, Aligarh, has been invited as:

1. Extension lecture, Pharmacovigilance of Unani Drugs, Re-Orientation of Teaching Programme (RoTP), Department of Ilmul Advia, AK Tibbiya College, AMU, Aligarh, January 5, 2009.
2. Guest Lecture, "Communications in Pharmacovigilance", 8th Annual Conference of Society of Pharmacovigilance, India (SoPI), Kolkatta, January 10-11, 2009.
3. Resource Person, CME on Pharmacovigilance for Ayurveda Teachers of 3 states (Madhya Pradesh, Chattisgarh & Jharkhand), Pt. Khushilal Sharma Ayurvedic College, Bhopal, Under the aegis of National Pharmacovigilance Resource Centre for ASU Drugs, Dept. of AYUSH, Ministry of Health & FW, IPGT & RA, Gujarat Ayurved University, Jamnagar, March 19, 2008.
4. Special Guest, Hadi Hasan Hall Annual Function, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh. Also adjudged, poster making competition (theme: Foeticide – A curse to nation).
5. President & Censor, Souvenir, *Sehraab-09*, Non-Resident Students' Centre, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, March 30 – April 2, 2009.

He also attended the following conferences and seminars

1. District Training, IMA-GFATM-RNTCP-PPM-Project, IMA Aligarh, March 22, 2009.
2. CME on Breast Cancer, Department of Surgery, JNMC, AMU, Aligarh, March 22, 2009.
3. Workshop on Project/Report Writing & Publication Ethics, CCRUM, Department of AYUSH, M/o Health & FW, Govt. of India, New Delhi, March 18, 2009.

Dr. Rahman is visiting Iran to attend the 10th Iranian Congress of Toxicology and Poisoning (ICTP10), which will be held on 18-20 May 2009 in Tehran, Iran. The congress will be hosted by Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences in cooperation with Iranian Society of Toxicology (IST). He is also invited to deliver a lecture at the Department of Pharmacology, Babol University of Medical Sciences by Prof. Ali A. Moghadamnia.

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FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

International Candlelight Memorial Function

Like the last 3 years, AIDS Cell of the Ibn Sînâ Academy, wishes to organize an International Candlelight Memorial on 17th May 2009 with the technical support of Global Health Council (USA). Every third Sunday in May, communities around the world gather to light candles honouring those affected by the HIV pandemic. This year, the twenty-sixth since it first began; the Candlelight Memorial is on 17 May. Several agencies, governments, civil society partners, positive networks, and self help groups observe the Candlelight Memorial. The main aim of Candlelight Memorial here in Aligarh is to raise issues of prevention, treatment, policies on positive living and overall advocacy for Universal Access need to be considered at the local level. We encourage the participants to come up with their own drawing or creative work in their understanding that relate to HIV during the awareness programme or training. Let us modify and adapt such community generated creative work into official IEC for that community. This enhances ownership of the program and creates opportunities for community members to stand up for leadership and be able to teach fellow community members. Even where we cannot convert the drawn pictures to pronounced IEC, it is necessary to encourage availing drawing boards for the communities to transform many wordings into drawing. When the understanding intersects the whole participants, the level of knowledge is increased.

World Health Day 2009 Celebrations

The members and executive committee of Ibn Sina Academy cordially invite you to attend the following programs on the occasion of World Health Day 2009.

1. Prof. M. Nasim Ansari Memorial Lecture By Dr. D. P. Singh Toor (A noted surgeon of Delhi)
2. Guest Lecture on World Health Day Theme (Save lives. Make hospitals safe in emergencies By Dr. M. Ather Ansari (A noted consultant of community & social medicine)
3. Thematic Stamps Exhibition on WHO World Health Days

Prof. Y.V. S. Gahlaut (Former Chairman, Department of Surgery, JNMC, AMU, Aligarh) and Prof. Tariq Mansoor (Chairman Department of Surgery, JNMC, AMU, Aligarh) have kindly consented to preside over the function

Date, Time & Venue: 7th April 2009 from 3:00 PM onwards at Library Hall of Ibn Sina Academy, Dodhpur, Aligarh.

RSVP: President, Ibn Sina Academy. Tel. # +91-571-3290275

FELLOWSHIPS / GRANTS

PACHS Fellowships for 2009 – 2010

The Philadelphia Area Center for History of Science (PACHS) invites applications for one or two month Dissertation Research Fellowships and nine-month dissertation writing fellowships for doctoral students in the history of science, technology, and medicine.

Research Fellowships are intended specifically for students who wish to use the collections of two or more institutions in the PACHS consortium. Writing Fellowships are for dissertations in the history of science, technology, or medicine, broadly construed.

The PACHS consortium includes 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.

The deadline for applications is February 11, 2009. For information and to apply online, go to www.pachs.net/fellowships. For more descriptions and links to consortium members' collections, see www.pachs.net/members.

Submitted by Babak Ashrafi, Philadelphia Area Center for History of Science 431 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, US (www.pachs.net)

Roy Rosenzweig Fellowship

In 2009, George Mason University and the American Historical Association will offer the first Roy Rosenzweig Fellowship for Innovation in Digital History. This award was developed by friends and colleagues of Roy Rosenzweig (1950–2007), Mark and Barbara Fried Professor of History and New Media at George Mason University, to honor his life and work as a pioneer in the field of digital history.

This nonresidential fellowship will be awarded annually to honor and support work on an innovative and freely available new media project, and in particular for work that reflects thoughtful, critical, and ngorous engagement with technology and the practice of history. The fellowship will be conferred on a project that is either in a late stage of development or which has been launched in the past year but is still in need of further improvements. The fellow(s) will be expected to apply awarded funds toward the advancement of the project goals during the fellowship year.

In a 1-2 page narrative, entries should provide a method of access to the project (e.g., web site address, software download), indicate the institutions and individuals involved with the project, and describe the project's goals, functionality, intended audience, and significance. A short budget statement on how the fellowship funds will be used should be attached. Projects may only be submitted once for the Rosenzweig Fellowship.

The entry should be submitted by e-mail to rosenzweigprize@historians.org. Questions about prize and application process should be directed to rtownsend@historians.org. The deadline for submission of entries is May 15, 2009. Recipients will be announced at the 2010 AHA Annual Meeting in San Diego.

Postdoctoral Research Scholar Position in the Behavior Genetics of Cognition, Aging, and Health

The Clinical Neuroscience and Psychopharmacology Research Unit at the University of Chicago is pleased to invite applications for a postdoctoral research scholar position in the behavior genetics of cognition, aging and health under the direction of Kristen Jacobson, PhD. The position focuses on training in the application of sophisticated psychometric techniques—particularly twin analyses—to data from the NIH/NIA funded Vietnam Era Twin Study of Aging (VETSA), in collaboration with investigators at the University of California, San Diego, Boston University, Virginia Commonwealth University, and Massachusetts General Hospital. VETSA is a longitudinal study, currently in its second wave of data collection, of over 600 middle-aged male twin pairs that focuses on understanding cognitive and brain aging, risk and preventive factors, and the relationships

among human stress responses. Measures include lab-based neurocognitive assessments, standard personality, psychosocial, and psychiatric instruments, hormonal assays (e.g., cortisol), physical health indices, genetic information, and MRI (structural, diffusion tensor imaging) data. Applications from many disciplines (e.g., psychology, aging and human development, statistics, genetics, neuroscience) may be considered. This position is open to qualified international applicants.

Requirements for the position are: 1) completion of relevant PhD research activities within the past five years; 2) advanced writing and statistical skills, and 3) an interest in biopsychosocial research. Experience with multilevel data analysis (e.g., HLM, SAS, MPlus) and/or experience with twin modeling (e.g., Mx) is desirable. The postdoctoral candidate will be encouraged to develop his or her own research projects that fit within the overall scope of the project.

This advertisement is for a one year appointment with a possibility of re-appointment for a second year. Salary will be consistent with the NIH/NRSA levels in accordance with the University of Chicago Guidelines for Post Doctoral Trainees. Compensation includes full staff benefits, including health insurance, and vacation time. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. To apply, please send a copy of your CV, a brief statement of research interests and goals, and any selected reprints to the address below. Letters of reference will be required before final approval of hiring. Informal inquiries concerning this position are encouraged. Please e-mail kjacobso@bsd.uchicago.edu for more details.

Submitted by Dr. Kristen Jacobson, The University of Chicago, Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Neuroscience, Chicago, IL 60637, US

Grants: Congressional Research Awards

The Dirksen Congressional Center invites applications for grants to fund research on congressional leadership and the U.S. Congress. A total of up to $30,000 will be available in 2009. Awards range from a few hundred dollars to $3,500.

The competition is open to individuals with a serious interest in studying Congress. Political scientists, historians, biographers, scholars of public administration or American studies, and journalists are among those eligible. The Center encourages graduate students who have successfully defended their dissertation prospectus to apply and awards a significant portion of the funds for dissertation research. Applicants must be U.S. citizens who reside in the United States.

The awards program does not fund undergraduate or pre-PhD. study. Organizations are not eligible. Research teams of two or more individuals are eligible. No institutional overhead or indirect costs may be claimed against a Congressional Research Award.

There is no standard application form. Applicants are responsible for showing the relationship between their work and the awards program guidelines. Applications are accepted at any time. Applications that exceed the page limit and incomplete applications will not be forwarded to the screening committee for consideration.

All application materials must be received on or before February 1, 2009. Awards will

be announced in March 2009. Complete information about eligibility and application procedures may be found at The Center's Web site: http://www.dirksencenter.org/print_grants_CRAs.htm. Please read thoroughly. Frank Mackaman is the program officer (fmackaman@dirksencenter.org)

The Center, named for the late Senate Minority Leader Everett M. Dirksen, is a private, nonpartisan, nonprofit research and educational organization devoted to the study of Congress and its leaders. Since 1978, the Congressional Research Awards (formerly the Congressional Research Grants) program has paid out $747,465 to support 369 projects. For more information, contact: Cindy Koeppel at ckoeppel@dirksencenter.org or the Dirksen Congressional Center, 2815 Broadway, Pekin (www.dirksencongressionalcenter.or)

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES / SEMINARS

International Congress: The Galileo Affair - A Historical, Philosophical and Theological Re-Examination

The United Nations 62nd General Assembly, welcoming resolution 33 C/25 presented in 2003 by Italian Government and adopted by UNESCO (the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) on 19th October 2005, has declared 2009 the International Year of Astronomy.

The year 2009 marks the 400th anniversary of the first use of the telescope for astronomical observation by the Italian scientist Galileo Galilei (1564 -1642) in 1609, that led to the expansion of the boundaries of the "known universe" and triggered a scientific revolution, which profoundly affected our worldview. Italy is at the forefront in promoting this event and Florence, together with Pisa and Padua, - will be the world capital of this celebration.

INTERNATION YEAR OF ASTRONOMY 2009

(This Conference is being held in the context of the International Year of Astronomy (IYA2009) which aims to *help the citizens of the world rediscover their place in the Universe through the day- and night time sky, and thereby engage a personal sense of wonder and discovery. All humans should realize the impact of astronomy and basic sciences on our daily lives, and understand better how scientific knowledge can contribute to a more equitable and peaceful society.*)

The Niels Stensen Foundation of Florence, Italy, has organized a world congress for spring 2009, inviting world experts to make a historical, philosophical and theological re-examination of the Galileo case in the light of the most recent scientific and historical research. The congress will take place in Venice-San Servolo Isle, Florence, Italy during 28th September to 3rd October, 2009.

This conference aims to highlight mankind's path towards an improved knowledge of the sky using mathematical and mechanical tools as well as monuments and buildings, giving rise, in so doing, to scientific astronomy.

It will analyze similarities and differences among cultures and countries in exploiting the shared resource that the sky represents, and will examine the historical-political and scientific background favouring the progress of scientific astronomy in different epochs and countries, progress that led to a crucial turning-point for observational astronomy when Galileo

turned the telescope to the night sky and initiated the New Astronomy.

A major aim of the meeting is to help move forward the process of ensuring the recognition and protection of cultural properties around the globe that bear powerful witness to the development of astronomy in diverse cultural contexts.

For the first time after 400 years, members of the Vatican Observatory, the Pontifical Council for Culture, The Sciences Academy and many other Institutions, that were historically involved in the Galileo affair, are among the experts invited to the congress with a view to showing how "recent scientific and historical research" might alleviate the "tension and conflict" still clouding the relationship between the church and science.

Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science

4S conference from October 28 – November 1, 2009 at Washington, DC, welcomes contributions on topics from the range of fields found within science and technology studies. This year's conference will not have a predetermined theme. Consequently, proposals for sessions and papers should emphasize how they will make innovative and timely contributions to any theme relevant to science and technology studies (STS).

Our new abstract submission system is now online. All submitters and authors will need to create a new user account in this system. Aside from this small inconvenience, we are confident the new system will enable more efficient conference management and improved communication with participants.

Submit abstracts and session proposals here. Deadline is March 1.

Program practices

Given the growing size of the 4S conferences and the desire to be as inclusive as possible, the program committee will need to make full use of the available time slots. Therefore, individuals may be listed for a paper presentation and one other role (such as session chair or discussant but not a second paper) for a maximum of two appearances.

Paper abstracts may be submitted individually or by a session organizer. Submissions are in the form of abstracts of 500 words or less, and must include a summary of the paper's main arguments and methodology, as well as a brief statement on the contribution to the STS literature.

Session proposals should be limited to 500 words total, and should contain a summary and rationale for the session, as well as a brief discussion of its contribution to STS. Session proposals should list names of all session organizers and panelists, including institutional affiliations and (electronic) addresses. Session proposals should be based on the assumption of two-hour time slots with twenty minutes per presentation. A typical session may have five papers, one discussant, and a ten-minute open discussion slot. You must have a minimum of three complete paper abstracts in order to submit a session proposal. The program committee may assign additional papers to proposed sessions.

Proposals for double and triple sessions on a single topic may receive a request to consolidate the topic into one panel or to break the multiple sessions into different topics.

The meeting welcomes papers, sessions and events that are innovative in their delivery, organization, range of topics, type

of public and which bring new resources to the STS community to explore these new relations and themes. Apart from traditional research papers, the conference will also welcome proposals for sessions and papers using 'new media' or other forms of innovative presentation.

This year, for the first time, the 4S is including a new "workshop" format. This is an opportunity for informal presentations, with presenters and other attendees seated around tables. This format is ideal for a more interactive presentation of preliminary ideas and work in progress. Authors and session organizers should indicate if they would like to be part of a workshop table. Submissions for "workshop" presentations are included under the one first-authored submission limit, stated above. It is also possible for sessions to be proposed as workshop tables.

For more information, visit the 4S website at http://www.4sonline.org/meeting.htm. Or contact, Barbara Allen and Daniel Breslau, Program co-chairs, meeting@4sonline.org

International Workshop on Nuclear Science and Education at Ibn Sina Conference Hall

Assessing the needs and the rational for creating a university based Educational Nuclear Science Center in Egypt, an international workshop on nuclear science and education will be held on 17-18-19 March 2009 at Ibn Sina Conference Hall, Faculty of Science, Cairo University in collaboration with the Egyptian Atomic Energy agency EAEA, ICTP, Trieste, Italy, Embassy of France, Embassy of Italy, Academy of Science and Cairo University

27th Annual Meeting of Indian Academy of Neurosciences

Indian Academy of Neurosciences (IAN) is organizing an International Conference on Advances in Neuroscience & XXVII Annual Meeting of Indian Academy of Neurosciences at NIMS University, Jaipur (India) from 18th to 20th December 2009.

More information, contact: Dr. Anurag Tomar, Organizing Secretary, IAN 2009
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DOCUMENTATION

Ibn Sina National College for Medical Studies

Ibn Sina College is the first private medical college of higher education under the supervision of the Ministry of higher Education, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Ibn Sina National College for Medical Studies is being promoted by Al-Jedani Group of Hospitals, KSA. It is located in the southern part of the historic city Jeddah, on the red sea coast. This college aims to:

- Establish an appropriate scientific atmosphere for teaching and learning medicine, dentistry and pharmacy.
- Keep up with international standards of education programs utilizing the most up-to-date curricula for medicine, dentistry and pharmacy.
- Play a major role in providing society with highly qualified physicians and pharmacists.
- To avoid the potential risk of studying aboard.

Kuwait's Ibn Sina Hospital conducts 300 pediatric surgeries a month Health

The Pediatrics Division of Kuwait's Ibn Sina Hospital conducts an average of 300 pediatric surgeries per month. This is the only division, which specialized in the surgeries involving fetuses, infants, children, adolescents, and young adults in

Kuwait. The surgeries treat congenital abnormalities in the digestive system, bladder, the urinary tact, the reproductive system and chest. Some of such surgeries are highly-complicated and involve laparoscopes and pneoscopes. The aim of the Ibn Sînâ Hospital is to update the pediatric surgery in Kuwait and improve the medical cadres with a view to offering better medical service to citizens and expatriates alike.

The Ibn Sina Foundation - A Historical background

Ibn Sina Foundation was created in 2001 with a vision of bringing affordable, high-quality preventive healthcare to the immigrant and underprivileged communities in Houston, Texas, US. Rapid growth of Houston's immigrant population, combined with simultaneous surges healthcare costs, and increased poverty levels has made it imperative for creation of an institution that can bridge this growing chasm.

Ibn Sina's mission is to ensure the health of the community by providing integrated preventive and primary care in a clinical setting through dissemination and application of health related knowledge, thereby enhancing the quality of life of future generations.

In order to fulfill its mission, Ibn Sina Foundation seeks to:

- Develop a model grass-roots preventive healthcare facility that is instrumental in identifying and reducing health-related complications early in their inception.
- Develop community, government, and service partnerships (such as pharmaceutical firms) to complement and sustain the Ibn Sina initiative.
- Build a reliable service delivery process that is effective, sustainable, and adapting through state of the art facility, best practices in medicine and community health, tight operational and financial controls and data capture and mining for community health initiatives and impact
- Lay groundwork and competencies to build scale and scope for presence in communities that lack high-quality affordable healthcare services across the State of Texas and the USA.

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