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CENTRAL COUNCIL FOR RESEARCH IN UNANI MEDICINE

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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. The CCRUM was established on 30 March 1978. However, it started functioning in January 1979, and since then the Council 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 of research in Unani Medicine.

THE NETWORK

The CCRUM has 23 Research Centers functioning in different parts of the country, besides its headquarters New Delhi.

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 of the significant achievements of the Council are as follows:

Clinical Research

- Has developed 27 Unani drugs, which are purely natural, standardized and without any side-effects, for successful treatment of leucoderma, sinusitis, viral hepatitis, eczema, malaria, rheumatoid arthritis, bronchial asthma and some other common ailments.
- Has obtained patents on seven Unani drugs. Applications for Patents on 35 drugs are under active consideration of the concerned authority.

Drug Standardization

- Has developed pharmacopoeial standards for 298 single and 100 compound drugs. Besides, Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for manufacture of 100 compound drugs have also been developed.
- Has published six volumes of National Formulary of Unani Medicine, six volumes of Unani Pharmacopoeia of India (UPI), Part I (on single drugs), and two volumes of the UPI, Part 2 (on compound drugs).

Survey and Cultivation of Medicinal Plants

- Has collected over 7 2,000 specimens of medicinal plants belonging to 1 800 species from the wild.
- Undertaking successful cultivation of 15 important medicinal species.
- Has gathered and documented over 1 1,500 folk medicinal claims.

Publications

- Has produced over 1800 research papers and brought out 250 publications, besides regular publication of a bimonthly bulletin CCRUM Newsletter, quarterly Urdu Journal Jahan-e-Tib, quarterly English Journal Hippocratic Journal of Unani Medicine and Annual Report.

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Ninth Ibn Sina Memorial Lecture by Dr. Moulana Kalbe Sadiq

Before requesting Moulana Kalbe Sadiq to deliver one of the most prestigious lecture of Ibn Sina Academy, Prof. S. Zillur Rahman, President Ibn Sina Academy, welcomed the guests and formally introduced Maulana Kalbe Sadiq. He said, Maulana is an internationally renowned Islamic scholar, thinker, reformer, educationist and preacher. He is known for his inclusive and broadminded interpretation of Islam. He was born in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, India in a highly respected Shia family, The *Khanwadah-e-Ijtihad*.

Maulana in his speech, stressed on literacy and education. He said, our survival depends critically on excellence in modern education. At the same time, he laid stress on the importance of religious knowledge. Through science and technology you can control the world, but true religion means control over oneself, one's soul. And so you find big scientists spending their lives inventing machines to destroy human beings because they have no faith in God. So, I keep stressing, what we need is both 'modern' as well as religious education.

He further said that the Sachar Commission report has brought out the fact that Muslims are behind even Dalits in terms of education and in many other fields. Hence, my appeal to Muslims is, for God's sake, open your eyes. This time is not for building palatial mosques, but, instead, for using our resources for setting up schools, colleges, polytechnics and research institutes. I also say that much of what is being taught in the name of religion has

nothing unless it is true religion or spirituality. True religion inheres in values, not just rituals. Unfortunately, much of what is imparted in the name of religious education is ritualism, without the foundational values of true religion.

While presiding over the function, Prof. Masoodul Hasan, former Chairman Department of English, AMU, Aligarh, also talked about the tolerance and unity in religion. He appreciated the efforts of the Ibn Sina Academy, to hold such type of lectures for the benefit of the community. In the end, vote of thanks was moved by Prof. Fasih Ahmad Siddiqui. The lecture was well attended by both Sunni and Shia scholars in large number including Prof. S. M. Razaullah Ansari, Prof. Abdul Bari, Prof. S. H. Hashmi, Prof. Wamig Amin, Dr. Abdul Latif, Mr. Ameen Abedi, Prof. Saeed Siddiqui, Prof. M. Ashraf Malik, Janab Murtaza Bilgrami, etc.

Ninth Prof Nasim Ansari memorial lecture on World Health Day

Delivering Ninth Professor Nasim Ansari Memorial Oration on the occasion of World Health Day, Prof. Mohd Zaheer (Former Chairman, Department of Community Medicine and Principal, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, AMU) shared many aspects of the personality of Prof. Ansari.

He briefed that both of them joined the college in 1964 and since then, maintained cordial relationship. "Prof. Ansari belonged to a very respected family of "Firangi Mahal" in Lucknow, which is famous for both religious and political activities and was visited by Gandhi Ji," said Prof. Zaheer. "Prof. Ansari as a teacher and administrator,

worked hard not only for the progress of the J.N. Medical College but also for the University itself," said Prof. Zaheer who later shared some personal anecdotes in relation to Prof Ansari. His lecture was very well appreciated by all the participants.

Welcoming guests and speakers, Prof. Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman, Founder President, Ibn Sina Academy, said that the Academy has been celebrating 'World Health Day' for many years. He further stated that since 2007, Professor Nasim Ansari Memorial Oration has been organized every year on 'World Health Day' along with other activities commemorating the establishment of World Health Organization. Prof. Ansari is remembered as an eminent founder, Faculty of the Medical College at Aligarh Muslim University. He commanded great respect in the Medical College community as well as the university at large. The Academy organizes this annual event to cherish his memories.

Prof. Zulfia Khan (Former Chairman, Department of Community Medicine) spoke on the significance of World Health Day. The Theme for this year's 'World Health Day' was 'Food Safety'. She covered all facets of food safety right from 'farm to plate'. She highlighted that food safety is a shared responsibility and taking safe food is our moral right! She discussed some common food-borne diseases and areas where misuse of chemicals, preservatives and antibiotics are being carried out.

Prof. Anis Ismail, Dean Students Welfare, AMU, on behalf of MEDICS, shared his views and threw light on the activities and objectives of MEDICS.

Dr. Uma Shankar Varshney, President Elect, Indian Medical Association,

Aligarh Branch, presided over the function and gave valuable remarks about both lectures. Dr. S Ziaur Rahman, Associate Professor, Pharmacology Department conducted the programme, while Dr. S. Mohsin Raza moved for vote of thanks on behalf of Ibn Sina Academy and MEDICS.

The programme was jointly organized by Ibn Sina Academy and MEDICS. Large number of teachers including Prof. Saeeduzzafar Chaghtai, Prof. Fasih Ahmad Siddiqui, Prof. Wazahat Husain, Prof. Anis Ahmad Ansari, Prof. Abdul Mobin Khan, Prof. Saud Ali Khan, Mr. Zahoor Mohammad, Dr. Abdul Latif, Prof. M Shoaib Zaheer, Prof. M Athar Ansari, Dr. Safdar Ashraf, Dr. Piyush Singh, Dr. Salman Shah, Dr. Saira Mehnaz, Dr. Abdur Rauf, Dr. Abdul Aziz, Dr. Jameel Ahmad and other staff members of AMU, attended the event. An exhibition of WHO kits on past and present themes of World Health Day were also arranged. The Theme for this year's 'World Health Day' was 'Food Safety'.

Fulbright Fellowship of USA assigned to work at Ibn Sina Academy

A very senior scholar from USA Dr. Kathleen Holloway has been awarded "Fulbright Fellowship" under USIEF scheme to conduct doctoral research at Ibn Sina Academy under the supervision of Prof. Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman, president Ibn Sina Academy.

The Chotu project launched from Ibn Sina Academy

"Wings of Desire" an Aligarh based NGO is undertaking several grass-roots projects for the welfare of children, women, and on health sector. The Chotu is primarily a project for the protection of children from child labour for education. It is launched in presence of chief guest, Haji Zameerullah Khan,

MLA Aligarh, on 26.4.2015 at Ibn Sina Academy.

Mr. Sameer Sherwani, president "Wings of Desire", briefed the audience that the NGO Wings of Desire has already undertaken several grass-roots projects for the welfare of children, women, and on health sector. The Chotu is another project basically to empower children through education. Ms. Rumana Khanum, Jt Coordinator of the Project threw light in detail about the Chotu project.

During the programme, Mr. Sameer Sherwani welcomed the chief guest Haji Zameerullah Khan with a bouquet, while Mr Mohd Azim Khan, Coordinator of the Project welcomed Dr. S. Ziaur Rahman and Ms. Rumana Khanum, Jt Coordinator of the Project welcomed patron Prof. Zakia Athar Siddiqi, Former Principal Abdullah Women's College, AMU, Aligarh .

Children adopted by "Wings of Desire" showed their talent by singing and dancing. Haji Zameerullah Khan gave away prizes and certificates to these children. Several guests and volunteers such as Prof. Zakia Ather Siddiqi, Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman, Mr. Sameer Sherwani, Ms. Swati Dixit were present during the launching ceremony. Mr. Mohd Azim Khan (Project Coordinator) presented vote of thanks.

AMU City School retired teachers association

AMU city school retired teachers association organized a function on 10 May 2015 at Ibn Sina Academy, Aligarh. Prof. Akhtaul Wasay, (An alumnus of City high school) Commissioner, Linguistic Minorities, Govt. of India was the Chief guest, Prof. Farhatullah Khan (formerly with English Dept.) was the Guest of honour, whereas Prof. (Hakim)

Syed Zillur Rahman, President Ibn Sina Academy, presided over the function.

On this memorable occasion a commemorative volume of the association entitled *Yaad-e-Maazi* was released by the Chief Guest. While addressing the gathering Prof. Akhtarul Wasay shared some of his fond memories attached to his school days. He said that role of school teachers is more important than the role of college or university teachers, since school teachers offer lot of affection, personal touch and care besides providing the knowledge base for our higher education. He paid rich tributes to the teachers of the school who taught him and are no more.

Prof. Farhatullah Khan spoke of his brief stint as Manager of the school and lauded the efforts of the association to compile and publish the volume *Yaad-e-Maazi*.

Prof. (Hakim) Syed Zillur Rahman in his presidential remarks congratulated the association in keeping the spirit of Aligarh alive. He threw some light on the historical perspective of City High school. He further suggested that all retired citizens should utilise their time in productive work and invited them to use the facilities available in Ibn Sina Academy.

A collection of poetry titled *Ehsâs ke Jugnu* composed by one of the members of the association Mr. Mujahid Lakhimpuri was also released by the guests.

Mr. Sarfaraz Ali Zaidi, Secretary of the Association, presented a detailed report of the activities of the association, which was formed about four years ago and has been organising regular meetings at the residences of the members. Mr.

Abdul Mannan conducted the programme, whereas Mr. Abdul Wajid Khan proposed the vote of thanks, and became emotional while recalling his school days with his colleagues.

Those present on this memorable occasion included Dr. Badarul Islam, Mr. Abdul Wajid Khan, Mr. Ghayasuddin, Mr. Waheed Ashraf, Mr. Rashid Akbar, Mr. Jamal Rizvi, Mr. Noor Mohammed, Mr. Nizam K M, Mr. Naim Akhtar, Dr. Mohd. Shabbir Khan, Dr. Shujauddin Farooqui apart from several alumni of the school.

Marathon and Seminar on Cancer Awareness

A marathon race and seminar on cancer awareness for school children was arranged on 23.5.2015 by "Wings of Desire", which is an NGO working on many social causes in Aligarh and adjoining areas. The program was held with the support of prominent citizens of Aligarh and in collaboration with the Department of Radiotherapy, JN Medical College, AMU, Aligarh.

The marathon for both boys and girls was started from Ghanta Ghar (city clock tower) and Aligarh Public School, respectively. It was flagged off by former Olympian Mr. Syed Shahid Hakeem. Students with different chest-sticker numbers had to collect a token from the mid-point of the race. The race ended at the University Convention Centre, where several senior and prominent citizens of Aligarh welcomed them. During the seminar, Prof. Shahid Siddiqui, Chairman Department of Radiotherapy, JN Medical College, Dr. S. Mohsin Raza, senior consultant surgeon and Dr. Md. Kashif Razi briefed the audience about cancer and its consequences. During the felicitation ceremony, Prof. Zakia Ather Siddiqui, patron of the NGO, honoured Padma Shri Prof. Syed Zillur

Rahman, Former Olympian Mr. Syed Shahid Hakeem, Prof. Shahid Siddiqui, Dr. Mohsin Raza, Dr. Kashif Razi and all winners of the marathon, while Prof. S. Zillur Rahman and Mr. Sameer Sherwani, president NGO, honoured Ms. Poonam Bajaj, a local social worker and Prof. Zakia Siddiqui, respectively. Mr. Ziaul Hasan, Editor, Sir Ziauddin Hall Magazine compered the programme. Several advisors and volunteers of NGO such as Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman, Mr. Sahil Usmani, Ms. Sakit Gautam, Mr. Azim Khan, Mr. Arbab Husain, Ms. Madhuri Vashisht and Ms. Swati Dixit were present during the function.

Visit of Dignitaries

1. **Dr. Anurag Srivastava** (Professor and Head, Department of Surgery, All India Institute of Medical Sciences) visited on 18.4.2015 and had a long discussion with Professor Syed Zillur Rahman (President, Ibn Sina Academy) on history of cancer...and its intervention in traditional medicine.
2. **Mr. Zartab Haider Jafri**, Managing Director at Maksus Mimer, Sweden, 2.5.2015. He wrote, "Hakim Zillur Rahman Sahib invited me to visit his "Ibn Sina Academy of Medieval Medicine and Sciences". So I visited him the next day and it was a memorable visit...the academy was his brain child and I was amazed to see his dedication and inspiration behind it. According to him "An animal goes out and bring food for its family and that is its life and if a man also just live for his family then how is he different from an animal, the difference a man can create by giving back to the society what he has achieved from it, by nurturing the traditions and cultures he inherited and preserving them" ...Academy contains more than 22000 thousand books on

various subjects...More than 1200 books on Ghalib alone, which I am pretty sure that no other institution got. Apart from books, the academy also houses a museum which contains textiles, coins, metals, clocks, letters and many other things which reminds us of our past. There are more than 600 rare manuscripts too. It is certainly a place to visit in Aligarh and I can guarantee that one cannot leave without appreciating the effort, dedication and hard work put up by Hakim Sahib.

Obituary

Ibn Sina Academy is saddened to have lost its dear and sincere founder life member and executive board member Prof. Hakim Jamil Ahmad (d. 2.6.2015). He started his career from Jamia Tibbiya that merged with Jamia Hamdard (Delhi) in 1989. He became the first professor and joined the Faculty of Medicine as first Dean at Jamia Hamdard. Prof. Hakim Jamil Ahmad was the first provost, proctor and served the University since the very first day under the direction of Hakeem Abdul Hameed. He remained in various Unani committees on different capacity and served the pathy very silently. Unani fraternity has lost one great personality. We pray for his soul and for the bereaved family in this hour of grief, said the President of Ibn Sina Academy, Prof. Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman.

MEMBERS ACTIVITIES

Prof. Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman, former Dean, Faculty of Unani Medicine, Aligarh Muslim University and Founder President, Ibn Sina Academy, Aligarh, visited Hong Kong from June 6-10, 2015 and Thailand from June 10-14, 2015. In Hong Kong, he attended World Glaucoma Congress-2015, and in Bangkok, he was received and

welcomed by the staff members of Islamic Foundation of Thailand.

He has been invited to participate in the following conferences / seminars / meetings as:

1. Chief Guest, National Seminar on Nawab Shahjahan Begum - Life and Literary Contribution, Rotary Club Hall Ban Ganga, Bhopal, 25-26 April 2015 and presented a paper on "Mathawi Tausifât Shāhjahāni" by Hakim Francis De Silva Fitrat.

A seminar on the life and literary contribution of Shahjahan Begum – the ruler of erstwhile princely state of Bhopal was held in Bhopal. The seminar was organized by Delhi based National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language and Ilma Education Society (Bhopal). Prof. Syed Zillur Rahman said, Shahjahan Begum stood out in the sea of women poets in Bhopal. She was an accomplished poet who composed under the pen name, *Shirin*, and promoted arts and poetry. The construction in Bhopal either the Taj Palace Bhopal or Tajal Masajid, show her interest in grand constructions just like her namesake emperor Shahjahan. Shahjahan Begum (1838-1901) was the ruler of Bhopal state from 1868 to 1901. She wrote poems in Persian and Urdu. Noted writers including Iqbal Majeed, Arif Aziz, Anees Sultana, Razia Hamid, and Farooq Ansari were amongst those who read out their papers on Shahjahan Begum's life and her poetry.

Excerpts from Hindustan Times, Bhopal, April 27, 2015

2. Executive Body Meeting, All India Muslim Educational Conference, 17 May 2015 at Habib Manzil, Aligarh.

The meeting was held to discuss various issues under the president-ship of Prof. Syed Zillur Rahman. It was attended by Dr. Shahid Qamar Qazi, Mr. Ahmad Shewan, Mr. Fawaz Qazi, Mr. Ahmadur Rahman Khan Sherwani, Mr. Asad Yar Khan, Mr. Khursheed Ahmad Khan, Prof. Asif Naeem Siddiqui, Mr. Mir Mohammad Ali and Prof. Riazur Rahman Khan Sherwani (Honorary General Secretary).

3. Symposium on Re-designing of dosage forms & Hands-on training on *Hijama* (Cupping Procedure), 9 May 2015, AYUSH Auditorium, CCRUM Headquarters, New Delhi.

The symposium had discussion on sugar free dosage forms for diabetics, paediatric dosage of Unani drugs, decreasing the dose from 5-10 gm to a more manageable dosage volume, convenient form of drug delivery for long term treatment like Munzij Mushil Therapy, consumer compatible, easy to assimilate even during journey, shelf life studies, storage of raw and finished drugs, stability of formulations and package of drugs considering photo effect, humidity and moisture.

The matters of modification of dosage form of various Unani formulations have been discussed from various platforms. The formulations available in Unani System of Medicine are in the form of Majoon, Khamira, Lauq, Safoof, Jawarish, etc. All these formulations contain sugar or honey as base mostly for preservative purpose. The increasing number of patients of Diabetes Mellitus in India often feel difficulty in intake of sugar based products. It is the need of the time to modify these products so that their palatability and acceptability may be increased.

4. Pharmacopoeia Committee Meeting at CCRUM Headquarters, New Delhi, March 23, 2015

5. General Body Meeting, Anjuman Taraqqi Urdu (Hind), 23 March 2015 at Urdu Ghar, New Delhi.

The meeting was presided over by Prof. Sadiqur Rahman Kidwai. Dr. Athar Farooqui, General Secretary of Anjuman, convened the meeting.

6. Annual Hall Function, Mohammad Habib Hall, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, 4.5.2015

The annual Hall Function of Mohammad Habib Hall, Aligarh Muslim University was organized with full gaiety and fervor. Noted scientist and AMU alumnus, Dr. Shahid Jamil graced the occasion as chief guest while eminent historian Padma Bhushan Professor Emeritus Irfan Habib was the special guest. Padma Shri Professor Hakeem Syed Zillur Rahman presided over the function.

Mr. Khalid Masood, Managing Director, Shalimar Corp, Lucknow and Member AMU Court and Executive Council, Mr. Nadeem Javed Khan, MLA Jaunpur and Mr. Zartab Haider Jafri, Managing Director Maksus Minier Energy Solutions India Pvt. Ltd., Gurgaon attended the function as guests of honour.

Sharing memories of his student days at AMU, chief guest, Dr. Shahid Jamil said that his illustrious father Prof. Abdul Majid Siddiqui was the first Provost of the Mohammad Habib Hall. He also gifted a rare group photograph of the first hall function to the Provost of the Hall.

Dr. Suhail Sabir, Provost of the Hall welcomed the guests while Mr. Babar Khan, Senior Hall presented the Annual Report. Mr. Abdul Hameed conducted the programme.

7. Felicitations Ceremony by Mahanagar Congress Committee, Aligarh

Mr. Vivek Bansal, MLC and Secretary, All India Congress Committee, Aligarh, organized a felicitations ceremony to felicitate students of Medhavi and prominent citizens of Aligarh at Dharampur Courtyard, Marris Road, Aligarh on 17 May 2015. The programme was conducted by Poet Ashok Anjum. During the function, Mr. Vivek Bansal shared his happiness to organize such type of function in honour of those who brought laurels to city of Aligarh. Prof. Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman, Dr. Nadeem Khalil, Mr. Subodh Nandan Sharma, Prof. S. Alim Hussain Naqvi, Naqiba Nuski, Irinka Yagnik, Athlete Dharmendra Sharma, Khushbu Gupta, Anushka and Swapna Agarwal were felicitated. They shared their views and their achievements. During this ceremony, Prof. Chandras, Prof. Nikhat Firoz, Prof. Shahabuddin Iraqi, Prof. Khwaja Shamim, Prof. SH Israili, Prof. Salahuddin Qureshi, Dr. Sunita, Prof. Zahid, and others were present.

Dr. Mohammed Iqtedar Husain Farooqi acknowledges

Dr. Mohammed Iqtedar Husain Farooqi, Scientist and former Deputy Director, National Botanical Research Institute Lucknow, has been acknowledged by a noted journalist Nicholas Leech for his book "Plants of Quran and Medicinal Plants in the traditions of Prophet Muhammad". The review is published in a leading English daily newspaper of UAE, *The National*. Earlier, many renowned authors and scientists have

already reviewed his book extensively in India and abroad.

Prof. S.M. Razaullah Ansari (General Secretary of Ibn Sina Academy) has been invited by Mr. Maciej Nalecz, (Director of the Division of Science Policy and Capacity Building, and Executive Secretary of the International Basic Sciences Programme (IBSP) of UNESCO), to the UNESCO sponsored Conference "*Islamic Golden Age of Science for an Actual Knowledge-based Society: The Ibn al-Haytham Example*", to be held on Sept. 14–16, 2015 at UNESCO Headquarter, Paris. This Conference is in fact in connection with the celebration of the 2015 United Nations International Year of Light and Light-based Technologies (IY 2015). Mr. Nalecz stresses the importance of this conference, by stating that "the year 2015 marks the millennium that has passed since the publication of the great work on optics by Ibn al-Haytham. By organizing this conference UNESCO is paying tribute to him and to the period of an incredible blossoming of creativity and innovation, known as the Islamic Golden Age (8th–15th c.)". According to the tentative programme about 400 participants may be attending this Conference. Among them are eminent scientists, industrialist and high-level officials and promised young researchers. Prof. Ansari is apparently the only one Indian historian of science to participate. He is also a member of the International Working Group: Ibn al-Haytham. Ibn Sina Academy (Aligarh) congratulates him for this honorific invitation.

Prof. Ansari has been invited also to contribute two chapters for an international publication: *Indian Astronomical Tradition*. His topics are, "Tradition of Astronomical Science in

Medieval India”, “Modern Astronomy in Indo–Persian Sources”.

Dr. S. Ziaur Rahman, Hony Treasurer, IAMMS and Associate Professor, Department of Pharmacology, JNMC, AMU, Aligarh, has been invited in the following programmes.

1. Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman was invited as keynote speaker during the ICMR sponsored National Symposium on “Pharmacovigilance in India: Perspectives and Prospects” held at Sir Madanlal Institute of Pharmacy, Etawa.

His topic of presentation was all about the innumerable publications on Pharmacovigilance. He discussed the significant contribution of individual researchers, WHO Collaborating Centre for International Drug Monitoring (UMC), various NGOs, National Coordination Centre for Pharmacovigilance Programme of India (PvPI), national and international societies working on Pharmacovigilance, and large number of publishers publishing literature on Pharmacovigilance. In addition, he threw light on veterinary Pharmacovigilance and the impact of Pharmaceuticals and Personal Care Products (PPCPs) on environment. Dr. Rahman is very well known in the field of Pharmacovigilance. He gave the concept of environmental pharmacology and coined the term “Pharmacoenvironmentology” for the study of therapeutic drugs and its effect on aquatic and terrestrial environment.

He is closely associated since the inception with Society of Pharmacovigilance India (SoPI) and started as editor its official *Journal of Pharmacovigilance & Drug Safety*. He held various key posts of the society and presently representing as national secretary.

2. Dr. S. Ziaur Rahman was invited as guest speaker during the National Symposium/Workshop on ‘Drug Safety Monitoring for Health care Providers’ was held at Shaheed Hasan Khan Mewati Government Medical College, Nalhar (Mewat) on 22.4.2015. Faculty from across the India were also invited to deliver lectures. 115 participants attend the programme.

Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College’s Department of Pharmacology Chairperson, Professor Farida Ahmad and Associate Professor Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman delivered guest lectures at National Academy of Medical Sciences (NAMS) sponsored National Symposium / Workshop on ‘Drug Safety Monitoring for Health care Providers’ held at Shaheed Hasan Khan Mewati Government Medical College, Nalhar (Mewat) Haryana.

While speaking on evolving concepts of toxicovigilance and haemovigilance during her lecture Prof. Farida explained the toxic effects of household products, agricultural products, industrial chemicals and toxic plants along with the role of Poison Information Centers in Toxicovigilance.

She also spoke on safety of blood products and transfusion under the National Haemovigilance Programme.

Dr. Rahman spoke on the various sources of literature on Pharmacovigilance and discussed the significant contributions of individual researchers. He also discussed WHO Collaborating Centre for International Drug Monitoring (IMC), various NGOs, National Coordination Centre for Pharmacovigilance Programme of India (PvPI), national and international societies working on Pharmacovigilance,

and large number of publishers publishing literature on this topic.

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JNMC's Department of Pharmacology's Dr. Jameel Ahmad, Dr. Md Azmat Rana, Dr. Irfan Ahmad Khan, Dr. Zafar Masood, Dr. Mohd Sajid Alam and Dr. Asif Husain also attended the Symposium / Workshop.

3. Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman was invited to deliver a guest lecture at World Health Organization sponsored CME on Drug Safety and Pharmacovigilance, held at Saraswathi Institute of Medical Sciences (SIMS), Hapur.

During the guest lecture, Dr. Rahman spoke on the increasing use and harmful effects of pharmaceutical prescription, over-the-counter therapeutic drugs, agricultural and veterinary drugs. He informed that presence of pharmaceuticals even at very low concentrations in our food and drinking water is a major concern.

He further discussed a number of critical issues regarding the occurrence, human health effects and treatment; disposal options for pharmaceuticals and personal care products in the environment; food; drinking water and wastewater treatment systems.

The CME was organized by Professor Anand Shukla, Head Department of Pharmacology, SIMS, Hapur. Other speakers were scientists working under the Pharmacovigilance Program of India (PvPI) in collaboration with the global ADR monitoring centre (WHO-UMC), Sweden. A Large number of students and faculty members of SIMS attended

the program. Dr. Imran Zaheer, Department of Pharmacology, JNMC also attended the program.

4. Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman was invited to deliver guest lecture on Computer Simulated Animal Experiments on 27.5.2015 at Department of Ilmu Advia, AK Tibbiya College, AMU, Aligarh. The title of his lecture was "Animal Simulators: A tool for experimental teaching in absence of laboratory animals". Prof. Yusuf Amin of Pharmacology Section of the Department presided over the lecture. Almost all the faculty members and PG students of the Department attended the lecture.

5. Dr. S Ziaur Rahman visited Kolkata, Moradabad and Pauri Garhwal for various examination as Assistant Superintendent of Examination for B.Tech Entrance Test of AMU from 16-18 May 2015 and as Examiner for Pharmacy and MBBS examination, respectively. He is also appointed as Tabulator to tabulate results of MD/MS Examination 2015 at JNMC, AMU, Aligarh.

During the stay at Kolkata, he was invited by Mr Usman Ghani, In-charge, Oriental Collection, to visit National Library of India on the Belvedere Estate in Alipore. It is the largest library in India by volume and India's library of public record. It is under the Department of Culture, Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Government of India. The Library is designated by Act of Parliament to collect, disseminate and preserve printed material produced in India. The Library is situated on the scenic 30 acre (12 ha) Belvedere Estate. It is the largest with a collection in excess of 2.2 million books. Before independence, it was the official residence of Lt. Governor of Bengal.

He also visited Birla Industrial and Technological Museum, which is situated at Gurusaday Road and is maintained by National Council of Science Museums, Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India.

Message for "Plexus 2015"

Good to learn that JNMC Students' Society is going to celebrate the College Festival from 19th May to 22nd May 2015. Every year, students wait when the college society would organize College Festival! It is basically a function for all students but sometime even teachers enjoy most of the events. I wish this year too, all events be organized in a befitting and attractive way for all our stakeholders. I congratulate the Principal Prof. Tariq Mansoor, Editor Fatima Khan and all office bearers of the College Society for taking initiative once again as last year.

With best wishes,
S. Ziaur Rahman, Teacher In-charge,
College Magazine, "Plexus 2015".

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE

National Seminar on Life & Contribution of Ibn al-Haytham Ibn Sina Academy is planning to hold a "National Seminar on Life & Contribution of Ibn Haytham (Alhazen in Latin)" during 14-15 October 2015, to commemorate the 1000th Anniversary of the Compilation of Ibn al-Haytham's remarkable seven-volume treatise on optics: *Kitâb al-Manâzir* in Arabic and as a part of UNESCO's declaration of International year of Light 2015 (IYL 2015).

The idea is actually to review Ibn al-Haytham's multidimensional personality and to span his contributions in the field of science, vision, optics and light. The forthcoming seminar will bring together

expert scholars to discuss topics on various themes. The programme will comprise of invited lectures, besides oral and posters' presentations.

In addition, a unique exhibition of books/treatises written by Ibn Al-Haytham, various memoirs in the form of postal stamps, currency notes, and posters issued on his honour from various parts of the world and extant at Ibn Sina Academy, will also be arranged.

Participants are requested to present a paper in any area of their expertise. Please inform us the title of your talk as early as possible. We shall appreciate, if you send your abstract of not more than 300 words until 31st August 2015 (email: ibnsinaacademy@gmail.com).

Looking forward to active participation in making this event a grand success, and waiting for a prompt response, Syed Zillur Rahman (Organising Secretary).

International Complementary and Alternative Medicine

International Congress of Complementary and Alternative Medicine on the theme, "Health Improvement by the Integration of Classic and Complementary Medicine" is being organized by Mashhad University of Medical Sciences, Mashhad, Iran from 7-9 October 2015. The chairman of the organizing committee is Dr. Abdollah Bahrami. For details: <http://cong-cam.mums.ac.ir/en/>

Submitted by, Dr. Hossein Rezaei, Mashhad

VIII Avicenna Readings

VIII Avicenna Readings - International scientific conference on the theme "Medical Heritage of Ibn Sina and actual problems of modern medicine" will be

held from November 20-21, 2015 in Bukhara. This International Event will be dedicated to the celebration of 1035-Year Anniversary of birth of Ibn Sina. It will be jointly organized by Avicenna Public Foundation together with National Commission of Uzbekistan for UNESCO and Ministry of Health of the Republic of Uzbekistan. For details, please write to: Avicenna Public Foundation, 51“a”, Parkent str., Tashkent, 100007, Uzbekistan.

The IX International Conference on Oriental Astronomy

The IX International Conference on Oriental Astronomy will take place on 14-19 November 2016 at Pune (formerly known as Poona). Pune is a great centre of learning; Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute and is home to a very important collection of Sanskrit houses a very important collection of Sanskrit manuscripts. Hope many of you attend the conference.

International Conference on Oriental Astronomy (ICOA) is a series of conferences held once every three years to bring together researchers in the field of history of astronomy in the Asia Pacific region from prehistoric period to recent times. The IX International Conference on Oriental Astronomy is the first ICOA to be held in India. The purpose of organising the meeting in India is to invite Indian scholars to understand the international trends in the study of history of astronomy and to expose international scholars to the Indian research on history of astronomy.

In order to orient young researchers to the subject, a 3 day preparatory workshop will be held prior to the conference. For further information, please contact, Professor Mayank Vahia vahia@tifr.res.in or icoa2016@gmail.com

FELLOWSHIPS / SCHOLARSHIPS

2015-16 Consortium Fellowships

The Consortium for History of Science, Technology and Medicine invites applications for fellowships in the history of science, technology and medicine, broadly construed. Opportunities include: -short-term Research Fellowships for use of member institutions' collections -nine-month Dissertation Writing Fellowships -a nine-month NEH Postdoctoral Fellowship. Applications for 2015-2016 must be submitted by February 4, 2015. Letters of support are due by February 11, 2015. For application instructions, and a list of past fellows, visit www.chstm.org.

Postdoctoral Fellowship (History of Ancient Science) TOPOI Humboldt University Berlin

A postdoctoral fellowship in research group (D-1) Space of Nature: The Exact Sciences of the Cosmos of the Excellence Cluster 264 Topoi, starting October 1, 2015, is now open to applicants who have obtained exemplary results in their doctoral studies in History of Science, Classics, Assyriology, Egyptology, or another branch of Ancient Eastern Mediterranean philology.

Pursuant to DFG guidelines, the fellowship will be awarded for two years and will include a stipend of 1853 euros per month (including research allowance). A child allowance will be made available in accordance with DFG guidelines. The successful recipient will pursue an original research project on the history of ancient science (e.g. astronomy, astrology, divination, medicine, mathematics) or its social or institutional context. The research will be conducted as a member of the research group D-1, which focusses on the history of the exact sciences in the

Eastern Mediterranean (e.g. Babylonia, Greece, Greco-Roman world, Ptolemaic Egypt) between 500 BCE and 200 CE.

Project advisor will be Prof. Dr. Mathieu Ossendrijver (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Institut für Philosophie). Applications, together with the documents listed below, should be emailed to ruti.ungar@topoi.org by August 25, 2015. For more information, visit www.topoi.org/news/announcement/

DOCUMENTATION

A consultative meeting regarding the forthcoming conference of SoPI (SOPICON 2015) was held at Hotel Jameson Inn Shiraz, Kolkata on 19th May 2015. Following persons attended the meeting: Prof. Santanu K. Tripathi (Kolkata), Dr. S Ziaur Rahman (Aligarh), Dr. M. Nasiruddin (Aligarh), Dr. S M Nasir (Kolkata) and Dr. Parveen Banu (Kolkata).

The main agenda of the meeting was to discuss and deliberate about the forthcoming conference of SoPI (SOPICON 2015). During the meeting, it was noticed that following steps have already been taken by the organizing secretary. Dates and time for SOPICON 2015 finalized as October 31 to November 1-2, 2015, Preconference Workshop from 9 am to 4 pm at School of Tropical Medicine on 31st October 2015, Inaugural Function from 5 pm to 6 pm at B. M. Birla Heart Research Centre, Kolkata on 31st October 2015, Technical/Scientific Sessions on 1-2 November 2015, Draft for First Information Brochure, Topics of the various symposiums have been drafted, Blog name to update conference activities (sopicon-2015.blogspot.in)

Following are important points and need to be done as early as possible: Blog to

be updated by Dr. S Ziaur Rahman, when he gets updates from the organizing secretary, Bank account has to be opened for online transmission especially for registration, First Information Brochure has to be printed as soon as possible and then its distribution to all SoPI members either by email or by post, List of country representatives participating Annual Meeting of WHO Collaborating Centre for Intl. Drug Monitoring at New Delhi (This has to be taken from Dr. Shanti Pal and Dr. Kalaiselvan by Prof. S K Tripathi), Invitation has to be sent to all foreign representatives, Selection and Finalization of speakers for SOPI Orations, Selection and Finalization of speakers for various symposiums, Application to raise funds from various government agencies and First Information Brochure can be sent to all possible participants / members of SoPI, coordinators of NPvPI and ASU Drugs through email, FB, twitter or post by anyone.

Nazariyat Journal for the History of Islamic Philosophy and Sciences

English version of the second issue of Nazariyat (2015) is now available at: <http://nazariyat.org/index.php/Nazariyat/index>

Nazariyat Journal for the History of Islamic Philosophy and Sciences issued twice a year in English and Turkish (Nazariyat, Islam Felsefe ve Bilim Tarihi Araştırmaları Dergisi), is a refereed international journal. It publishes original studies, critical editions of classical texts and book reviews on Islamic philosophy, kalâm, theoretical aspects of Sufism and the history of sciences. The goal of Nazariyat is to contribute to the discovery, examination and reinterpretation of theoretical traditions in the history of Islamic thought with giving special attention to the post-classical period of it.

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