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Hands-on Workshop on Physiotherapy and "Kineso Taping"

"Hands-on Workshop on Physiotherapy and "Kineso Taping" in collaboration with Azad Foundation Society (AFS) was organized at Ibn Sina Academy successfully on 01.01.2017 (Sunday).

The resource persons of the workshop were Dr. Izhar Khan (Senior Sports Physiotherapist, Indian Spinal Injuries Centre, New Delhi) and Dr. Amir Ateeq (Senior Physiotherapist, J.N. Medical College Hospital, AMU, Aligarh). They demonstrated and informed that the taping is very effective and helpful in most of the musculoskeletal injuries during the on-field sports events including acute and chronic conditions. It would increase quality of life during work in different walks of life especially in conditions like sprain (ligament injuries) of knee and ankle, mechanical back pain and corrective orthopaedic problems like Genu Verum (bowleg deformity) in case of osteoarthritis of the knee and scoliosis of spine.

It was attended by many guests and delegates including Prof. S. Zillur Rahman, Prof. S. M. Razaullah Ansari, Prof. S. Ziaur Rahman, Dr. Vipin Goel, Dr. Nadeem Ahmad, Dr. Firdos Jahan, Dr. Sehar, Dr. Rubia, Dr. Saud and AFS Team Members Mr. Juned Alam, Mr. Danish Khan, Mr. Nadeem Khan and Ms. Ambareen Rehman.

Book Releasing Ceremony

Book releasing ceremony was held under the aegis of Ghalib Study Centre, Ibn Sina Academy, in honour of noted Urdu Poet and an Engineer Mohd. Wasi Baig's Poetic Collection, "*Piyasa Dariya*" on 4.3.2017. After the event of book releasing, *Mushaira* was also organised in which many famous poets recited their poems, and was applauded by a big gathering present there. Engineer Khalid

Faridi was the convener of this gala event which came to conclusion successfully at 12:30 midnight.

Seminar-cum-Interactive session on Individual Social Responsibilities: Challenges and Solutions

MEDICS, an NGO based in Aligarh but working at national level, organized a Seminar-cum-Interactive session on the theme "Individual Social Responsibilities: Challenges and Solutions" for their young and new volunteers, who joined the MEDICS Society, in recent times, at Ibn Sina Academy on 25.3.2017.

Large number of students from Aligarh Muslim University participated in this seminar and discussed their challenges and its solutions with social experts. Program was graced by the eminent personalities from all over India. Professor Syed Ziaur Rahman, Founder Trustee, Ibn Sina Academy, explained how academy is providing realms for further research on topics related to traditional medicines. He further stated how academy has proved its capability in previous years, in field of their collection of books, rare antique items, etc. related to medical field.

Dr. Abdul Moiz Shams, Founder member of MECCA Eye Hospital, Aligarh, discussed challenges of his throughout life campaign against blindness by choice. "I cannot explain the joy of seeing someone getting back his sight when I perform surgery. My joy becomes even greater if the patient is poor and helpless", he said while describing his campaign. Each member of the society is responsible to give something back to the society, one should use his/her profession and skills to help others, he elucidated.

Dr. Anshuman Kumar, President MEDICS and Director Dharamshila Cancer Institute, suggested students, "When it

comes to time management, students should plan their day in each morning, and then manage it by excluding all unnecessary works such as movies, mall roaming, bar visiting, etc. Students should dispose-off unnecessary tensions, hatred, jealousy, etc. each evening and try to minimise these bad attitudes day by day”.

Dr Anshuman Kumar, also answered the questions of Mr. Saood, a student of B.Com., AMU. Mr. Kumar emphasized on the tactical solution to social problems and shared his overall life experience as a social worker and as a fighter against rackets of pharmaceutical industries. He elucidated, “the key factors are, first the fearlessness of social worker, a well framed policy to work upon, and a balanced approach of neither to be too harsh and nor to be too weak”. In reply to the argument of diverseness in society and its problem, mooted by Buddha Prakash, a student of sociology, Dr Kumar said, “first listen carefully to respondent and try to speak less there, a good listener is a good speaker”.

“Participating in social works creates little bit disturbances within family of social worker but by the means of steadfastness and firm desire to achieve the goal one can easily manage both arenas, explained by Mrs. Shaheen Saquib. Some other eminent personalities including Prof. L. M. Bariaar, Dr. Naseem Ahmad Khan, Dr. Farooq Dar, Dr. Qurrat Ain Ali, Dr. Pallav Vishnu too participated and shared their views. Dr. Farooq Dar especially appreciated the seminar by saying it, “a wonderful event. It was a unique opportunity to hear to such great personalities”.

Program was managed by Dr. M. Saquib Rehman, Senior Resident, Dept. of Ophthalmology, JNMC, AMU, Aligarh. The three hour seminar became a source of inspiration for some young social workers. The whole seminar cleared much confusion from the minds of students

ranging from the policy framing to the family management, while engaging in social works.

VISIT OF DIGNITARIES/DELEGATION

1. Agha Hujatul-Islam Mahdi Mahdaviipur, Representative of Iran’s Supreme Leader Ayatollah Syed Ali Khamenei in India, and his team, 5.3.2017
2. Hon’ble Justice Dr. Muhammad Al-Ghazali, Supreme Court of Pakistan and Member, Shariat Appellate Bench, Pakistan, 13.3.2017
3. Dr. Zafarul Islam Khan, Editor Milli Gazette, New Delhi, 13.3.2017
4. Delegates, Subject Refresher Course on Women Studies (Batch B), UGC Human Resource Development Centre, AMU, Aligarh, 28.2.2017.
5. Delegates, Subject Refresher Course on Women Studies (Batch A), UGC Human Resource Development Centre, AMU, Aligarh, 1.3.2017.
6. Delegates, Orientation Programme (145), UGC Human Resource Development Centre, AMU, Aligarh, 2.3.2017.
7. Delegates, Teachers Reorientation Program, Dept. Of Ilaj bit Tadbir, AK Tibbiya College, 9.3.2017.
8. Delegates, Foundation for Evidence Based Development in India (FEDI), including Amy Putman (UK), Jessica Singh (Delhi), M. Mathur (Delhi), Dr. R.C. Chaudhari (Gorakhpur), Dr. Daud Farooqui (Aligarh), 12.1.2017.
9. Delegates, Subject Refresher Course on Liberal Arts, UGC Human Resource Development Centre, AMU, Aligarh, 31.3.2017.

MEMBERS’ ACTIVITIES

Prof. Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman, Founder President, Ibn Sina Academy, Aligarh, has been invited to attend the following events:

1. Chief Guest, Concluding Session, Short Term Course on Language, Literature and Culture, UGC Human

- Resource Development Centre, AMU, Aligarh, 16.2.2017.
2. Presided, IV TSTWS Workshop on Publication of Scientific Writings, Department of Tahaffuzi wa Samaji Tibb (PSM), Faculty of Unani Medicine, AMU in association with ADR Publications, New Delhi.
 3. Attended Meeting, Anjuman Tarraqi Urdu Hind, New Delhi, on 30.3.2017
 4. Released, the book "*Roohani Taqreeren*" along with Ramsewakdas Maharaj of Gangadas Ki Shala. The book was composed by Janab Rashid Khanooni, Gwalior.
 5. Chief Guest, Inaugural Ceremony of the 97th Birth Anniversary of Hakim Mohammad Said Food Fair, Hamdard Public School, Bilawal Stadium, Karachi, Pakistan, 12.1.2017. Prof. Rahman inaugurated the food fair and received the 'guard of honour'.
 6. Attended, Executive Committee Meeting of International Association of Unani Medicine, Karachi, Pakistan.
 7. Honored during a grand reception thrown by the management of Khyber Tibbia College Peshawar. The function was arranged in a hotel of distinction. Hakeem Muhammad Bashir, Chief Executive Khyber Tibbia College Peshawar Pakistan and other scholars delivered speeches..
 8. Honored by the Pakistan Association of Eastern Medicine (PAEM), Hamdard Centre, Lahore, on 19.1.2017. Hakim Hamid Nizami presided the function while Hakim Rahat Nasim, Hakim Shafiq Ahmad Pasruri, Mansha Qazi, Hakim Sikandar Wasti, Hakim Rizwan Arshad, Prof. Mian Saeed Ahmad attended and gave speeches. Hakim Shafiq Ahmad Pasruri, later on also took interview of Prof. Rahman for Paigham TV.
 9. Honored at Riphah International University Islamabad, and met eminent scholars of the university including Vice Principal, Medical Department, while Mr. Zafar Iqbal recorded an extensive interview at RIMS Riphah University, on 18.1.2017
 10. A welcome ceremony in honour of Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman was organized at Sir Syed University of Engineering and Technology, Karachi, Pakistan. On behalf of the AMU Old Boys' Association of Pakistan, Karachi, Dr. Naushaba Siddiqi gave welcome speech and the program was presided over by Janab Javed Anwar, Chancellor of the University. He also presented a University Memento.
 11. Visited, Bazm-e Iqbal, Majlis Tarraqi Adab, Oriental College, Punjab University, Iqbal Academy, Lahore.
 12. Visited, Peshawar University and Islamia College University. In these universities, he met Vice-Chancellor, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Registrar, Librarian, Head Dept. of Urdu, Head Dept. of Pashto and other faculty members, 16.1.2017
 13. Honored, during a reception by the family of Sathian at dinner, Green Live Hotel, Peshawar, on 16.1.2017 (Courtesy: Dr. Abdul Haseeb and Hakim Abdul Waheed).
 14. Called on, Governor of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), Engineer Iqbal Zaffar Jhagra, 17.1.2017 and visited Peshawar Museum on the same day.
 15. Visited Sarhad Tibbia College, Takhtbahi, on 17.1.2017. A reception was given in which Principal Hakim Abdul Wahid and Hakim Abdul Waheed threw light on the works and contribution of Prof. Rahman.
 16. Attended Awards Ceremony for Academic Excellence 2016, Block Nagina, Nuh, Mewat, Haryana. Children of Al-Falah Model School got awards from Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman while he himself was awarded with "Mewat Ratan Award". (Qari) Sirajuddin (Convenor) and Dr. A. R. Nakadar (USA) were significantly present in the program

17. Presided, National Seminar on Mirza Ghalib - Fikr-o-Fun ke Hazaar Rang, Mathura, 26.2.2017.
18. Attended Meeting, Executive Committee, Nadwatul Ulama, Lucknow, on 26.3.2017.
19. Delivered Invited Talk at American Institute of Indian Studies (AIIS), Lucknow, on 27.3.2017.
20. Presided, Seminar on Different Facts of Sir Syed's Personality, Mohammad Habib Hall, AMU, Aligarh, on 29.3.2017. Mr. S. C. Sharma (IAS), Commissioner Aligarh Division and Mrs. Hrishikesh Bhakar Yashod, District Magistrate, were chief guests and Guest of Honour, respectively, on this occasion. Prof. Suhail Sabir, Executive Member of IAMMS and Provost of the Hall, arranged this Seminar.

Prof. S. M. R. Ansari, Secretary, Ibn Sina Academy, was invited to the International Conference on "History of World Calendars and Calendar Making", which was held during 28 Nov. - 2 Dec. 2016 in Yeongju and Seoul (South Korea). The title of Prof. Ansari's paper was "Description of World Calendars in Zijes compiled in Medieval India"; see the abstract in the Documentation section in this issue.

The Conference was organized by Korea Institute for Advanced Study and hosted by Korea Science and Culture Foundation - City of Yeongju Branch. In fact, the main aim of this conference was to commemorate the 600th Anniversary of the birth of KIM Dam (1416 - 1464), a leading Korean astronomer and calendar maker during the celebrated reign of King Sejong (r. 1418 - 1450). Kim Dam is particularly noted for his joint book on the Korea calendar with another scholar, Yi Soonji. This work is entitled "Calendrical Book on the positions of the Sun, Moon and five planets by traditional and Islamic methods". The book had the honour to be included as a supplement to the *Sejong*

Sillok, the official chronicle of the reign of King Sejong.

Prof. Ansari was also invited to be a member of the Scientific Organising Committee (SOC) of the Conference by its chairman and organiser Prof. Il-Seong Nha (Seoul), the leading historian of Korean Astronomy. The SOS comprised 15 members, i.e., leading historians of astronomy of the international community. Prof. Ansari was the only one representing India. The Conference was well represented, internationally, viz., out of 40 participants 8 were from Asia, 7 from Europe and USA, the remaining were from Korea. Whereas Prof. Ansari was from India, Prof. Bagheri was from Tehran. It may be noted that this conference was sponsored by KIM Dam's 600th Birthday Commemorative Association. It is very disappointing to remark that we in India have never celebrated any anniversary of Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh, whose efforts to promote world class astronomy in 18th century India are well known and also documented.

Prof. Abdul Latif, Joint Secretary, Ibn Sina Academy, received following awards:

1. Hakeem Ajmal Khan Award, on contributions in Research from Prof. Radhey Shyam Sharma (Vice Chancellor, Dr. S. R. R. Ayurved University, Jodhpur) on World Unani Day, Jaipur in Hotel ARCO Palace on 12 Feb 2017 on the eve of birthday celebration of Maseehul Mulk Hakim Ajmal Khan
2. Mohammad Ilyas Dehlvi Nishan e Tibb Award, during 1st World Unani Congress. 6.3.2017, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi organised by World Unani Foundation

Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman, Honorary Treasurer, Ibn Sina Academy, has been invited to attend the following events.

1. Eighth National conference of Indian Society of Rational Pharmacotherapeutics (ISRPTCON), Late Shri

- Lakhiram Agrawal Government Medical College (LSLAGMC), Raigarh (Chattisgarh) during 9-11 February 2017. He was also entrusted by the Executive and General Body Meetings to organise the next ISRPTCON at JNMC, AMU, Aligarh (see details in the section, "Forthcoming Events")
2. Visited Saraswathi Institute of Medical Sciences and GS Medical College, Hapur (Uttar Pradesh) and interacted with many teachers associated with these colleges.
 3. Guest Speaker, Seminar-cum-Interactive session on the theme "Individual Social Responsibilities: Challenges and Solutions", MEDICS Society, on 25.3.2017, 25.3.2017.
 4. Guest of Honour, Inter-Hall Volley Ball Final Tournament between NRSC and Aftab Hall Team. Distributed prizes to all members of winning and runner up teams. The tournament was organized by the NGO, Wings of Desire, on 26.3.2017.

Seminars / Conferences Held

4th Hamdard International Conference 2017 – A Report

The fourth Hamdard International Conference on 'Unani Medicine' was held during 9-11 January 2017 at Madinat al-Hikma Karachi, Pakistan. The theme of the three-day moot was 'Medicine: Past, Present and Future'.

The Conference was jointly organized by Hamdard Foundation Pakistan, Higher Education Commission of Pakistan, International Association for Unani Medicine (IAUM), Pakistan Association for Eastern Medicine (PAEM) and Faculty of Eastern Medicine, Hamdard University.

Professor Liu Xinmin, WHO Adviser on Traditional Medicines, has said that Traditional Chinese Medicines (TCMs) have been developed and refined over the course of thousands of years for the prevention and treatment of diseases,

while the traditional Unani Medicines (TUM) are used commonly by Pakistani, Indian and Bangladeshi people.

Speaking as a chief guest at 4th Hamdard International Conference on Unani Medicine 2017 Prof Liu Xinmin said both TCMs and TUMs played an important role in the maintenance of human health. He said the Chinese government was working hard to modernise and globalize the traditional Chinese medicines in general and there was one successful model to integrate the traditional medicine with conventional medicine in national health care delivery system in China, which is fully recognised by WHO. In China, he said, both TCMs and conventional (Western) medicines shared the same position in all fields, education, research, practices etc. "Both of them are used routinely, the cost of TCM has been covered by national medical insurance," he said, and added, "With the gradual increase of investment in R&D of TCM, internationally influential achievements are being recognized." He said Prof Tuyouyou had won the Lasker Award in 2011 and Nobel Prize in 2015 for extracting a novel and important anti-malaria compound, artemisinin, from a Chinese herb. Liu Xinmin said he was fully aware of the contributions made by Hakim Muhammad Saeed, the Founding Chancellor of Hamdard University, to the promotion of Unani medicines in Pakistan, and that globally, too, his contributions were highly appreciated. "Hakim Saeed had led a six-member medical delegation to China in Nov, 1963 and was inspired by TCM and penned down a book, entitled 'Medicine in China'," he recalled.

Hamdard University Chancellor and Hamdard Foundation Pakistan President Sadia Rashid, in her presidential address, underlined the need for cooperation between a hakim, doctor and pharmacist and said today most major bodies, including WHO, had come to subscribe to this view. She said sharing and hence

pooling of knowledge and experience was essential to improve the health prospects for not just the lucky few but the masses in general, and to hold out high hope not only for the well-to-do, but also for the poor or otherwise disadvantaged people.

Renowned scientist, Prof. (Dr.) Atta-ur-Rahman, Patron-in-Chief, International Centre for Chemical and Biological Sciences, University of Karachi, delivered the key-note address.

Chairman Department of Biotechnology, Quaid-i-Azam University, Prof. Dr. Zabta Khan Shinwari and Pakistan Council for Science and Technology Chairman Prof. Dr. Anwarul Hassan Gilani also shared their experiences.

Vice Chancellor, Hamdard University Prof Dr Hakim Abdul Hanan, in his welcome address, paid rich tributes to Hakim Muhammad Saeed for promoting Unani Medicine in Pakistan and across the globe, and said that the Faculty of Eastern Medicine, Hamdard University was keeping his tradition alive, and the 4th Hamdard International Conference on Unani Medicine reflected the same spirit. Around 100 medical delegates from all over the country and 38 foreign delegates are attending the conference.

Convener of the conference Prof. Dr. Ghazala Hafees Riawani dwelt at length on the importance of the conference.

After inaugural session, the second session of the conference was held on the subject of "Shaheed Hakim Mohammed Said: Vision and Mission" with reference to Hakim Said's birthday - 9th January--children day in Pakistan. Besides young speakers, Prof. Dr. Rashid Bhikha, President, Ibn Sina Institute of Tibb, South Africa and Prof. Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman, President, Ibn Sina Academy of Medieval Medicine & Sciences, Aligarh, India also spoke.

Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman, President, Ibn Sina Academy, Aligarh, India, delivered keynote address, which was distributed among delegates. He said that Tibb-i-Unani is a part and parcel of Muslim civilization and culture and that is the only Muslim science, which still has survived. He urged the physicians of Tibb-i-Unani to join International Association for Unani Medicine in order to promote their system of medicine on international level as physicians of Ayurvedic and Sidhha were joining their associations on mass scale to promote their system of medicine in the world.

Rashid Bhikha, from the Institute of Tibb, Roodepoort, Johannesburg, South Africa, while tracing the history, said that over a thousand years ago Ibn Sina produced the Canon on Medicine (Al-Qanun fi al-Tibb) which encompassed all medical knowledge prevalent at the time as it covered all aspects from pathology, to diagnosis and treatment.

Former Senator Abdul Haseeb Khan said that practices of Clinical trials be raised in Unani Medicines to boost exports of medicines which could be increased than allopathic medicines. Dr. Navaid ul Zafar was of the view that Tibb-i-Unani should stick to its basic philosophy. Prof. Dr. Baquer Razai from Iran said that he has specifically attended this conference to judge the potential of the conference and he found very useful in promoting the cause of Traditional Medicine.

Other guest speakers such as Hakim Rahat Naseem Sohdrvi (Pakistan), Prof. Anis A. Ansari (India), Hakim Naseem Ahmad Qasmi (Member NCT Islamabad), Tabiba Saima Asif (Pakistan), Hakim Ehsan Azim Qazi (Pakistan), Hakim Ikram Ullah (Pakistan), Hakim Fazal Ameen (Pakistan), Hakim Faizan Azim (Pakistan) and Prof. Tajuddin (India) at the concluding session and in scientific sessions stressed on research and more research on medicinal herbs and plants to

meet the challenges globalization of Tibbi-Unani.

Dr. Ghazala Rizwani, Convener of the conference submitted the recommendations in the concluding session and the participants of the session gave their approval to the following recommendations.

CME at Dept of Ilaj-bit-Tadbeer

The Department of Ilaj-bit-Tadbeer, Ajmal Khan Tibbiya College (AKTC) with the sponsorship of Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India started the Continuing Medical Education (CME) programme on Ilaj-bit-Tadbeer for Teachers at the Seminar Hall, Department of Ilmul Saidia, AKTC.

The Chief Guest, Mr Siraj Husain (IAS), former Vice Chancellor of the Jamia Hamdard University, New Delhi pointed out that since there is a big rise in the life-style related diseases in India and the world; there is a bigger need for alternative medicines to come in main stream. He added, 'without any doubt, Unani medicine will emerge as the leading system of medicine to cure life-style related diseases.' He further urged teachers of Unani medicine to write research papers in the best of scientific publications in the world. "Unani medicine will come in mainstream, when research done in Unani medicine reaches in the best centres of learning all over the world," said Mr Husain.

While presiding over the Inaugural Function, AMU Pro Vice Chancellor, Brigadier S Ahmad Ali (Veteran) said that it is important for Unani medicine and other alternative medicine systems to catch up with the advancements in the modern medicine system. He urged AMU's Tibbiya College students to be excellent in soft skills and communication so that their work and achievements can reach all corners of the world. Adding that a university is known for the quality of

academic research, the Pro Vice Chancellor urged the scholars attending AMU's Tibbiya College to do best of researches. "If your research and citations are followed all over the country and world, the university will reach new heights," said Brigadier Ali.

Dr. Mushtaq Ahmad from the Central Research Institute, Hyderabad, who attended the function as a Guest of Honour said that with the aggressive advent of modern medicine, it was thought that traditional systems of medicines will no longer have relevance. "However, over time, people have developed faith in the traditional medicines, particularly in context of drugless and regimental therapies," said Dr. Mushtaq.

Professor Mohd Anwar, Chairperson, Department of Ilaj-bit-Tadbeer welcomed the guests to the CME, while Prof M M H Siddiqui and Prof M M Wamiq Amin gave the introductory remarks. Prof Asia Sultana conducted the programme and also proposed the vote of thanks.

The delegates of the CME program also paid a visit to Ibn Sina Academy on 9.3.2017.

4th Workshop on 'Publication of Scientific Writings' at Dept of Tahaffuzi wa Samaji Tib

Department of Tahaffuzi wa Samaji Tib, Faculty of Unani Medicine, Aligarh Muslim University in collaboration with ADR Publications organised the 4th Workshop on 'Publication of Scientific Writings.'

Professor Syed M. Safdar Ashraf, Chairperson, Department of Tahaffuzi wa Samaji Tib said that the workshop will benefit post-graduate students, scholars and teachers of medicine and allied subjects. He added that the objective of the workshop was to provide hands-on-training on writing good quality scientific papers for journals of international and national repute.

While presiding over the function, Padma Shri Professor Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman, President, Ibn Sina Academy emphasized upon the importance of research on primary sources; while Chief Guest, Prof Anis A Ansari talked about the role of continuous research on the development of traditional medicine.

Ms. Shalini Tripathi, Director, ADR Publications, who delivered a talk on online submission of papers, assured that the ADR Publications will sign a MOU for online publication of the Department of Tahaffuzi wa Samaji Tib's journal.

Prof. M. M. Wamiq Amin, Dean, Faculty of Unani Medicine appreciated the academic work of the department. Prof Jugal Kishore, Dr. Ali Jafar Abidi, Director, Red Ribbon was also present on this occasion.

Students of SAARC nations visit AMU

Students from various SAARC nations recently visited the Residential Coaching Academy, Aligarh Muslim University as a part of educational tour for further learning and interaction with teachers and students at AMU. The visiting students are doing MA classes under the UNESCO Madanjeet Singh Institute of South Asian Studies.

Dr. Muslim Jaan, Associate Professor with the UNESCO Madanjeet Singh Institute of South Asian Studies, who is also the course co-ordinator said that the UNESCO Madanjeet Singh Institute of South Asian Studies was established under a Memorandum of Understanding between South Asian Foundation (SAF) and the University of Kashmir.

"In addition to group scholarships, UNESCO Madanjeet Singh Institute of South Asian Studies offers fellowships to academics and professionals to undertake research," said Dr Jaan.

The chief guest of the program, Professor S. M. Jawed Akhtar, Finance Officer, AMU, said that SAARC was started with seven South Asian countries with the goal to maintain social justice and mutual cooperation and the trade within the SAARC block is essential for the development of our neighbouring countries.

Meanwhile, Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman, Deputy Director, RCA delivered the welcome address during the programme. He laid stress on challenges in the field of public health, prevention of diseases and providing better quality of life for the citizens of SAARC countries. He further stated that there is a need of another institution of excellence under SAF which can exhilarate the activities signed by Health Ministers of SAARC countries under the 2015 Delhi Declaration on Public Health Challenges.

Prof. Md Kalimuddin Ahmad, Director RCA, interacted students and encouraged them to prepare for competitive examinations like civil services. He explained how to improve the living and economic conditions of people from SAARC. He said that there must be a positive force within ourselves otherwise we cannot achieve our goal. Prof. Ahmad also led a tour to show classical buildings of AMU. Dr. Arina Khan, Assistant Professor with RCA conducted the programme. Dr. Asif Khan, Assistant Director, RCA; Dr. Syed Tehseen Raza, Assistant Director, RCA and Dr. Shoeb Ahmad, Assistant Professor, RCA were also present on the occasion.

Release of AMU Calendar and Diary for the year 2017

The Aligarh Muslim University Vice Chancellor, Lt General Zameer Uddin Shah (Veteran) released the University Calendar and the University Diary for the year 2017 on January 4, 2017.

The Calendar carrying twelve leaves with historical information about AMU founder Sir Syed Ahmad Khan and the historical evolution of Aligarh Muslim University is dedicated to the bi-centenary celebrations of Sir Syed's birth anniversary. The Calendar also has rare and relevant pictures of Aligarh movement and various quotes on monthly basis by eminent historians.

On the occasion, AMU Pro Vice-Chancellor, Brigadier S Ahmad Ali with Prof. A. R. Kidwai, Prof. S. M. Javed Akhtar, Prof. Yusuf uz Zaman Khan, Prof. Shafey Kidwai, Prof. F. S. Sheerani, Dr. Faiza Abbasi, Dr. Badr Jahan, Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman, Dr. M. Sajjad and AMU PRO, Mr Omar Saleem Peerzada were also present. The Calendar has been designed by Mr. Saleem Uddin, Graphic Designer, AMU Public Relations Office.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

World Health Day Celebrations 2017 at IAMMS

Ibn Sina Academy of Medieval Medicine & Sciences, Aligarh, was established in 2000, primarily for promotion of research and publications on medieval physicians and scientists. In this direction, the Academy also organizes guest lectures for the benefit of researchers and scholars. Every year on World Health Day (7th April), "Prof. Nasim Ansari Oration" and World Health Day (WHD) Theme Lecture are delivered by many eminent scholars.

This year, the Academy has decided to hold the "11th Prof. Nasim Ansari Oration" in the area of History of Pharmacology by Prof. Vandana Roy (Director Professor & Head Department of Pharmacology, Maulana Azad Medical College, University of Delhi, New Delhi) and WHD theme Lecture on "Depression – Let's Talk" by Dr. Mohammad Amir Usmani (Asst. Professor, Dept. of Psychiatry, JNMC, AMU, Aligarh) on 7.4.2017 at 5 pm.

"History of Science in India"

The seminar, entitled History of Science in India, will take place from April 19 to 20, 2017 at University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand.

The streams in this two-day event will include (but are not limited to) history of mathematics, astronomy, medicine, and technology with three keynote speakers from India: Prof. Ramasubramanian (IIT Bombay; history of mathematics), Prof. Sriram (University of Madras; history of astronomy), and Prof Rama Jayasundar (All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi; history of Ayurvedic medicine).

Following the symposium, a 5-day workshop is planned which will mix emerging and experienced researchers to reflect on methodology in the History of Science in Sanskrit Sources, including manuscriptology, paleography, critical editing, translation issues, technical commentary writing, and digital humanities resources. This symposium is supported by a generous grant from the New Zealand India Research Institute.

Registration is free but essential. To register, or to send a title and abstract for consideration, please email to: clemency.montelle@canterbury.ac.nz. Interested candidates may also get further details from the following website: <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/events/active/uc-events/history-of-science-in-india-international-symposium.html>

Ninth National Conference of Indian Society of Rational Pharmacotherapeutics (ISRPTCON 2017)

The Ninth National Conference of Indian Society of Rational Pharmacotherapeutics (ISRPTCON 2017) will be held during November 19-21, 2017 at Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, AMU, Aligarh. Nearly 200 delegates from India and abroad are expected to attend this conference, informed by the organizing secretary, Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman. He

further stated that the Society was founded in New Delhi in 2007 by a group dedicated pharmacologists of India. The chairman of the organizing committee is Professor Mohammad Nasiruddin.

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Everberating Echoes: Contemporary Art Inspired by Traditional Islamic Art Curated by Carol Bier

The Spring 2017 exhibition at the Graduate Theological Union's Doug Adams Gallery, "Reverberating Echoes: Contemporary Art Inspired by Traditional Islamic Art," highlights the work of seven American artists of diverse interests, backgrounds, and training. Inspired by traditional Islamic art, their works echo historic aesthetic concerns, often advancing human knowledge and understanding by experimentation with new technologies. Traditional concerns focused on the spatial dimension and the effects of light on form, the association of Arabic language and script with revelation, and patterns in the plane, exploring the nature of two-dimensional space.

Drawing upon a shared Islamic visual heritage of calligraphy, floral ornament, geometric pattern, architectural forms and figural imagery, contemporary works selected for this exhibition include both traditional media (such as glazed ceramics, woven textiles, works on paper, and carved wood) and new technologies (dye sublimation and 3D-printing, digital imagery, computerized design, and LED projection).

Just as in the past, each of these artists seeks to make meaning through art, exploring forms and relationships through craft and technology to inspire awe and wonder. We are privileged to view the results of their efforts to which each of us brings our own interpretive lens.

The opening reception, 31 January 2017 (5-7pm), will feature music by Dror Sinai and the whole exhibition will last until 26 May 2017. The Doug Adams Gallery is located at 2465 LeConte Avenue. For more information, visit care-gtu.org.

About the Doug Adams Gallery: The Doug Adams Gallery, part of the Center for the Arts & Religion (CARE) at the Graduate Theological Union, presents exhibitions that examine themes of religion and spirituality, broadly defined. The exhibitions and related programming are open, free of charge, to the public as well as to members of the GTU community.

About the exhibition and events: "Reverberating Echoes: Contemporary Art Inspired by Traditional Islamic Art," January 31 to May 26, 2017. Opening reception: Tuesday, January 31, 5-7pm

About the Artists:

1. Hooman Koliji is the author of "In-Between: Architectural Drawing and Imaginative Knowledge in Islamic and Western Traditions" (2015), Hooman uses his architectural eye to explore possibilities playing with light, shadow, and geometry.

2. Nazanin Hedayat Munroe is an expert in textile design and art history, particularly in the Persian tradition; her work in "Reverberating Echoes" includes textile installations that connect with the 14th-c. poet, Hafez.
(see more)

3. Chris Palmer has traveled the world studying geometry and pattern from

different artistic and cultural traditions. The inspiration of traditional Islamic art is clearly seen in his folded and pleated silk panels as well as his own "muqarnas" made from laser-cut plywood.

4. Manzar Rassouli draws on the rich Persian visual heritage; some works referencing daily life, while others meditate on the power of "silence."

5. Mamoun Sakkal is a graphic designer who has designed numerous fonts using Arabic script and developed on-line products that reflect utilitarian aspects of the arts in a globalized world.

6. Nathan Voirol was inspired by a chance discovery of books depicting Islamic patterns; since then, his beautiful work in textile design has been influenced by the Islamic visual heritage.

7. Phil Webster's training in math and cognitive science is evident in his interest in fractal dimension and its relationship to Islamic tilings. For "Reverberating Echoes," Phil shares with us digital prints on aluminum and 3D printed works.

About the Curator: Carol Bier is an historian of Islamic Art; she is Visiting Scholar with the Center for Islamic Studies at the Graduate Theological Union and Research Associate with The Textile Museum in Washington, D.C. where she served as Curator for Eastern Hemisphere Collections from 1984-2001.

About the Graduate Theological Union: Founded in 1962, the Graduate Theological Union (GTU) in Berkeley is home to the largest PhD program in religious studies in North America. As a consortium of independent theological schools, the GTU includes eight seminaries—two Roman Catholic, five Protestant, and one Unitarian Universalist—as well as a variety of academic centers and affiliates, including

the Center for Jewish Studies, the Center for Islamic Studies, the Center for Dharma Studies, the Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences, and the Center for the Arts & Religion.

DOCUMENTATION

Impression by Ms. Madiha Akhtar on Ibn Sina Academy

"I am a Ph.D. student at Stanford University in California, USA. My research interests include modern South Asia history, gender and political theory. I am writing my doctoral dissertation on Sultan Jahan Begum of Bhopal (r. 1901-1926). I am interested in the co-evolution of sovereignty through princely/imperial contestants and mutual dependencies, particularly how Sultan Jahan Begum utilized particular discourses of gender and sovereignty to express control over Bhopal in interactions with the British Crown.

While in Aligarh for research, I was awed by the vast collections at the Ibn Sina Academy of Medieval Medicine and Sciences. It has one of the finest private collections in India. I referenced the two large and well-kept bookshelves dedicated to Bhopal, which contained a number of Sultan Jahan Begum's original works, such as *Iffat al-Muslimaat*, *Akhter Iqbal* and *Jauhar Iqbal*. The environment at Ibn Sina Academy is peaceful and conducive to learning and Professor Syed Zillur Rahman Sahab is unpretentiously the holder of vast knowledge, reference and otherwise. The dying art of collecting and maintaining valuable artefacts and manuscripts has been rejuvenated with Rahman Sahab's work. The Ibn Sina Academy's library and museum contributes to the preservation of culture and revive the promise of knowledge production, which will benefit many generations to come. In particular, the open and welcoming nature of everyone at Ibn Sina Academy, especially to foreign scholars such as myself, ensures that

education of the deep and rich history of the Indian subcontinent will not be lost to the annals of time.

I was so happy to see the wonderful library and museum you've put together. I will surely tell friends researchers and travellers to drop in to see you and your work. Your work is very important and I know many students and scholars will benefit by your constant effort and collection. Insha' Allah next time I will plan to be in Aligarh much longer than one day to spend more time with you and in your wonderfully peaceful library. I was only able to look at a small part of your Bhopal collection, but I can tell it is extensive and carefully crafted.

I hope others will join me in supporting Ibn Sina Academy, where Zillur Rahman Sahab is one of the few people doing very important work in preserving manuscripts and books. The diverse and well-preserved collections at the IAcademy make it a must-visit-destination for scholars, travellers and students alike. Thank you Rahman Sahab and everyone at the Ibn Sina Academy for your hard work and dedication.”

Madiah Akhter, Ph.D. Candidate in History, Stanford University, Stanford, California, USA.

English Translation of Kitâb Al-Hâwî fî al-Tibb

Kitâb Al-Hâwî fî al-Tibb is the most comprehensive book on medicine in Arabic. The author of this famous treatise was Abû Bakr Muhammad ibn Yahya ibn Zakariya Al-Râzî, who lived more than 1000 years ago. It is now available in English. One of the greatest names in medieval medicine, Razi's *Encyclopaedia of Medicine*, has now been restored and translated into English by Dâ'iratul Ma'ârifal-Osmânia, Hyderabad.

Appointment at Arakkal Museum

Aboobacker Amani has been appointed as the executive director of Research and Development of the Arakkal Museum under the Arakkal Royal Trust, a team of Arakkal King family, the Muslim rulers of old Malabar based in Kannur. The appointment would help the Museum authorities and the royal family to revive its glory. The Museum is highly noted for preserving many ancient and historical monuments of Arakkal dynasty. Mr Amani currently holds some notable positions, for instance, Chairman of the Quba Educational Trust and Chief Librarian of the Quba Library. Previously he has led several donor-funded major touristic activities, urban development and infrastructure programs under different organisations including the Mehroli Historical Research Commission. Mr. Amani holds a Master degree and is a graduate from the Jamia al-Maqar and Markazu Saqafathi Sunniyya.

Description of World Calendars in Zīj Compiled in Medieval India

By S. M. Razaulah Ansari¹

ABSTRACT

A specific feature of the Islamic astronomy was the emphasis particularly on the observational astronomy. Even in the early Abbasid period (750–850), astronomical observatories were established, in which practical astronomy was carried out quite diligently, e.g., Naṣīruddīn Ṭūsī's Observatory at Maragha (1270), and Ulugh Beg's Observatory at Samarqand (1420), to name just the most famous ones.

An important task at those observatories (*Raṣad Gāh/Khāne*) was the compilation of a *Zīj* (plural *Zījāt*), which are astronomical-mathematical tables or

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handbooks of sort to be used for determining the position of Sun, Moon, and various planets. All Zījes, in Arabic, Persian, Hebrew and Turkish, contain tables for functions of spherical astronomy and of trigonometrical functions as well. The compilers deal briefly also with the following topics: solar and lunar parallax and their eclipses, lunar visibility, gazetteers, star catalogues and tables of ascendants for astrological purpose. Besides these, an important chapter is also on *chronology*, i.e. on a number of calendars used for reckoning time and date, method of converting one calendar date into another. In this paper we are concerned only with world calendars dealt in the *Zījes* compiled in India during the Medieval period (12th -19th centuries).

First, we deal briefly with the most important Indian Zījes : *Zīj-i Nāṣirī* by Maḥmūd bin 'Umar (13th c.), *Zīj-i Jāmī* Maḥmūd Shāh Khiljī (15th c.), *Zīj-i Raḥīmī* and *Zīj-i Shāhjahānī* by Mullā Farīduddīn Mas'ūd (17th c.), *Zīj-i Muḥammad Shāhī* by Raja Sawā'i Jai Singh (18th c.), and *Zīj-i Bahādurkhānī* by Ghulām Husain Jawnpūrī (1838).

Second, we present the details of the following World Calendars in these Zījes. They are: Byzantine (*Rūmī / Islāmī*); Calendars of China (*Qatā and Uighur*); Coptic (*Bukhtanaṣar / Nabonassar*); European (Christian); *Hubūfī*; Hindu (*Hunūd*) Calendars of India (*Samvat and Śāka Sālbāhin*); Ilāhī Calendar of Akbar; Islamic Hijrī; Jewish Calendar; Persian Yazdigird and Malikī (*Jalālī*) Calendars; Roman eras (*Anṣīnash, Aghasṭas, Dhulqarnayn, Faylqūs and Philip*); *Tārikh-i 'Ālam*; *Tūfān* (Flood) and *Tughyānī* Calendars. We intend to deal with the above-mentioned in sufficient details.

OBITUARY

Dr. Tajuddin Taj Shamsi, formerly Professor at Ajmal Khan Tibbiya College,

AMU, Aligarh, passed away at the residence of his son in Dubai (UAE). He was suffering from Carcinoma Prostate. He laid to rest in Dubai cemetery.

He was a surgeon at Ajmal Khan Tibbiya College, AMU, Aligarh and was the only teacher who taught MBBS students at JNMC all the initial 5 years of the college. He also worked as Demonstrator in the Dept. of Anatomy for the initial 1st and 2nd year MBBS student. He became registrar in surgery when students moved to 3rd year. He was very pleasant and nice person with strict principles in life.

Ibn Sina Academy offers sincere condolences to his family members including his brothers Mr. Imad and Mr. Fakhrudin, three sons and one daughter. He was a very good friend of Prof. Syed Zillur Rahman, President, Ibn Sina Academy for the last 50 years. They worked together at A. K. Tibbiya College, AMU, Aligarh.

Professor Sir Peter Mansfield, whose invention of the MRI scanner revolutionised medicine

Peter Mansfield, who has died at the age of 83 on February 8, 2017, revolutionised medicine by inventing MRI scanner.

He was elected as Fellow of the Royal Society, and was knighted for his services to science in 1993 and retired from the University of Nottingham in 1994, but continued working as an emeritus professor. His work on MRI was recognised in 2003 with the Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine, shared with Professor Paul Lauterbur. His first MRI scanner is on display at the London Science Museum and his portrait hangs in the National Portrait Gallery.

The development of MRI revolutionised diagnostic medicine by revealing for the first time images of the internal structure of the body's soft tissues and organs in exquisite detail.

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