AMRITA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Achievements/Awards/Honours:

At the Foundation for Head & Neck Oncology (FHNO) held on 5-1-2009 at Bhubaneswar, our faculty achieved following:

1) Dr Amrita Suresh and Dr Surij Salih won the best paper and poster presentation awards. Dr Amrita presented the paper on “Identification and Validation of diagnostic/prognostic markers for Tongue Cancer” and Dr Surij Salih presented poster on “TFL flap in Orbitomaxillary reconstruction.”

2) Dr Surij Salih won gold medal for best paper Tensor fascia lata osseomusculocutaneous free flap for orbito-maxillary defects.

3) Dr Naveen won gold medal for best poster Lateral arm free flap for oral tongue defect reconstruction.

Dr Kamlesh Maurya from the Dept of Urology won the first prize for Uro Quiz Competition at the National Conference (USICON 2009) held at Indore between 22-25th January 2009. He also bagged the second prize for the poster presentation at the National Conference for the poster named “Acute page kidney- Unusual presentation of renal allograft biopsy.” The authors of the poster are Dr Ginil Kumar, Kamlesh Maurya, Dr Georgie Mathew, Dr Sanjay Bhat and Dr Appu Thomas.

Dr. Kiran R and Dr. Dnyanesh Girish Lad of the Orthopaedics department of AIMS have won the 3rd Prize in the Quiz Competition at the State Orthopaedics Conference (KOACON) held on 01st February 2009 at Perinthalmanna.

14-2-2009: Dr Sunil P V, Dept of Pathology, has bagged the “Best Case presentation award” in the 63rd IAPM Kerala chapter meeting held on 14th Feb 2009 at Health Science Campus, Kochi, in the neuropathology slide seminar session. He has presented a case of Giant Cell Ependymoma of the Filum Terminale.

14/15-2-2009: Dr Pravin Thomas bagged the best paper presentation award at the Neurological Society of India (NSI) -Kerala Chapter held at Trichur on 14th, 15th February 2009. The paper entitled "Neurogenic Dysphagia in acute ischemic stroke - incidence, severity and outcome - a clinical study" was awarded the best paper in Neurology. The co-authors of this paper are Dr Anandkumar, Dr Suresh kumar, Sreekala, Dr Siby, Dr Vinayan, Dr Bindu and Dr Arun Grace.
27-2-2009 : Dr Murali Jayaraman from the Department of GI Surgery has won the best poster award in the National Conference of the International Hepato Pancreatico Biliary Association (IHPBA) Indian Chapter held at Bangalore from 27th February to 1st March 2009. The poster was titled "Predictors of Mortality in Acute pancreatitis".

Moments of pride bestowed to Dr.V.A.Narayanan, by the Governing Board of the American Gastroenterological Association, on being inducted as an AGA Fellow. The Fellowship in the American Gastroenterological Association (AGAF) is an honor bestowed by the AGA for superior professional achievement in practice and/or research in the field of gastroenterology.

The Indian Society of Oncology had its Biennial National Meeting in Chennai one of the most important event in Oncology in India where Amrita Cancer Institute made a big presence in the meeting by putting up 3 oral presentation and 7 poster presentations from departments of Surgical, Medical and Radiation Oncology and Head and Neck Institute.

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Dr.Gaurav Pandey of Dept of Gastro Medicine, was awarded the second place in the free paper session for his presentation “Experience with living donor live transplantation” at the Annual Conference of Kerala Chapter of the Indian Society of Gastroenterology at Kovalam.

Dr. Supriya Sharma of Dept of Gastrointestinal Surgery bagged the second place for her poster “Rodenticide induced Fulminant Hepatic Failure – an unappreciated problem” at the Annual Conference of Kerala Chapter of the Indian Society of Gastroenterology at Kovalam.

2009 : Release of the Book by Dr.P.K.Rajiv, Dept. of Neonatology entitled “NEONATAL VENTILATION BED SIDE APPLICATION” Elaborate management guidelines, protocols and algorithms(600 pages). Only 8 Books are available in the world on Neonatal Ventilation. But none have addressed bedside management in detail. This a book is targeted on that specific area.

Dr Moni Abraham Kuriakose has been appointed as member of Scientific committee of Academy of Oral Oncology and Advanced Craniomaxillofacial Research Committee.
Dr Subramania Iyer has invited to be scientific Co-Chairman of the 1st Euro Asian Head and Neck cancer congress at Belarus in July 2009.

Dr George Paul HOD, Geriatrics has been conferred FRCP, Glasgow and he is also selected to the panel of examiners for MRCP General Medicine, a rare distinction to an Indian Doctor.

2009: A National Multicenter Study on early-onset diabetes led by Dr Unnikrishnan AG, Department of Endocrinology has published in the Immunology of Diabetes (Pub: Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences; Impact Factor= 1.731). Dr Harish Kumar, Dr RV Jayakumar, Dr Vasantha Nair, Dr Arun K and Dr V Kumaravel from the Department are authors of this paper. The paper also acknowledges the contributions of other doctors (Dr Usha, Dr Nisha and Dr Praveen) in the department.

USICON 2009: Dr. Ginil Kumar won the Second Prize in the Best Poster presentation.

International Visit: Dr. N. Passuti, Spine Surgeon, Nantes University Hospital, France visited the Department of Neuro Surgery on 29-2-2009.

Dr. Vinayan KP, Department of Pediatric Neurology, selected to represent India in the WHO-ILAE workshop on neonatal seizures to be held in Budapest, Hungary in 2009.

Dr Sashidhar, DNB in Dept of Anesthesia, won the gold medal in the DNB Anaesthesia exam.

Dr B Rajeev, Honorary Consultant- Holistic Medicine won best poster presentation award for his poster “Role of Ayurveda in Geriatric Health care” at the 2008 World Ayurveda Congress. His oral paper presentation on “Scope of Ayurveda in Geriatric Healthcare” won second prize in the parallel academic session. The Congress was attended by around 3400 delegates from 50 countries across the world. The focal theme of the Congress was “Mainstreaming Ayurveda”.

Dr L Srinivas, FNB fellow, Pediatric Cardiology has won the prestigious AV Gandhi Award for Excellence in Cardiology for his paper “Decline in arterial pO2 after exercise helps to stratify patients with atrial septal defect and severe Pulmonary hypertension”. This paper was voted the best by an independent panel of judges from a large number of abstracts in a national level competition. This award carries a gold medal and a cash prize to the winner as well as the parent department.
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Dr. Natasha Radhakrishnan from Vitreo Retinal Surgery got the Best Video award in the ALCON-DOS video festival held at Delhi for her video entitled "Mission Impossible” as a part of Golden Jubilee Annual Conference of Delhi Ophthalmic Society held between 20-22nd of March 2009.

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Dr Azhar, Fellow in Head & Neck Oncology got the best prize and gold medal for his paper on “Efficacy of Selective Neck Dissection in the Management of N1/N2 Oral Cavity Squamous Cell Carcinoma” at the The Indian Head and Neck Cancer Congress followed the CME programme at the IMA convention centre till 25th October 2009.

5-11-2009 TO 7-11-2009 : ACBICON - 2009, the National Conference of Association of Clinical Biochemists of India was conducted at the AIMS. More than 1200 delegates attended the scientific proceedings. There were 30 international speakers and more than 100 invited lectures and 400 poster presentations. Pre-conference professional course was conducted on 3rd November, 2009 with 100 delegates and per-conference workshops on 4th November, 2009 where about 300 delegates participated. The PhD / MSc students of the Dept of Biochemistry, Amrita School of Medicine got maximum awards in the national competitions. Mr Sukhes Mukherjee won the Sita Devi Award for best original paper, Ms. Minu Sara Thomas won the Pitabus Jamuna Award for best review paper.

Moreover, out of the total 15 poster awards, Amrita bagged 4 awards. Poster awards were won by Mr. Narayanan MP, Ms. Mrudula and Ms. Anuja of the Department of Biochemistry. In addition, Mr. Kannappan, MBBS student, Amrita School of Medicine also won best poster award.
Prof. Dr. V. Balakrishnan, Department of Gastroenterology: Honoured with the LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD by the Indian Society of Gastroenterology during the Annual meet at Kolkata, for his contribution to the growth and development of Gastroenterology in India and in particular, the Kerala State. The award was presented by Swami Atmasthandaji Maharaj, President of the Ramakrishna Math Mission who was also the Chief guest for the inaugural function of the conference.

Dr. K K Haridas, Professor and HOD, Dept. of Cardiology, have been nominated for Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland.

Dr. Dnyanesh Lad and Dr. Kiran have bagged the second prize at the National Orthopedic Quiz contest for post graduate students conducted during the recently concluded National orthopedic conference at Bhubaneswar.

Dr. Gopal S Pillai, won the first prize in the Posterior Segment Free Paper Award Session held at Kannur on 29-11-2009 as a part of Kerala Society of Ophthalmic Surgeons’ annual conference for his paper “Results of small results of small gauge vitrectomy for retinal diseases- A retrospective analysis of 586 cases”

Prof. Gangadharan: Compiled the data and prepared a cancer registry for the year 2004 - 2005. This will be useful for those doing research or dissertation in Cancer. This document is now available in the Central Library.

November 2009: CME in Reconstructive Surgery & 9th Annual meeting of Indian Head and Neck Cancer Congress – Head & Neck Dept. Dr. Azhar, fellow in head and neck oncology got the best prize and gold medal for his paper on “Efficacy of Selective Neck Dissection in the Management of N1/N2 Oral Cavity Squamous Cell Carcinoma”.