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And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

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## CMC Awarded the India Research Excellence Award



Christian Medical College, Vellore was honoured with the 'India Research Excellence' Award, coming first in the Professional College category. This award is from Clarivate Analytics, powered by Web of Science. The Principal, Dr. Anna B. Pulimood and the Vice Principal (AHS), Dr. Judy Ann John received this award on behalf of the Institution in New Delhi. Analysis for this Award relied on both research metrics as well as a qualitative review of the research

output of the institution. The three research metrics chosen were, firstly, the percentage of papers from the institution in the top 10% of the citation distribution for papers published this year in the same field; secondly, category normalized citation impact, that shows how the publications perform relative to other publications in the same category and year (to enable fair comparison between different disciplines) and the

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**Special Prayers : October 13 -19, 2019**

**Radiotherapy :** Dr. Selvamani B. and Staff  
Dr. Thomas Samuel Ram and Staff  
Dr. Simon Pradeep Pavamani and Staff  
Mrs. Jasmin Anand and Staff

**Nuclear Medicine :** Dr. Julie Hephzibah and Staff

**Palliative Care :**  
Dr. Reena Mary George and Staff  
Mrs. Jasmin Anand and Staff

**Marthoma Syrian Church of Malabar**

**Council Members :**

Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios Episcopa  
Rev. Varughese Philip

**Hospitals :** Fellowship Mission Hospital, Kumbanad

Marthoma Mission Hospital, Chungathara and Kattanam

**Sunday Services : October 20, 2019**

6.00 pm : **Scudder Auditorium**  
Dr. Mary John

6.30 pm : **Hospital Chapel**  
Dr. Vasanth Samuel Mark

5.00 pm : **Friendship Chapel, KPTR Campus**  
Dr. Samuel C. Raj

4.30 pm : **Chittoor Chapel**  
Rev. Vijaykumar

**Welcome :**

**Dr. Sundeeep M.C. Kisku**, Professor, Department of Paediatric Surgery, on his return from study leave.

## Dr. Paul Ravindran retires



**Dr. Paul Ravindran** began his journey with CMC way back in 1986 with the Department of Radiotherapy. Since then he has been an active member and solely responsible for the various developments within the department. His great passion for teaching and his interactive style of delivering lectures in Radiological Physics and Medical Physics to the UG and PG students of Radiation Oncology and Radiotherapy Technology, made him a professor much loved by his students. He took special interest in teaching Radiobiology, Brachytherapy and Physics of

Radiation therapy with emphasis on computation methods for treatment planning.

In the year 2001, Dr. Paul had worked with London Regional Cancer Programme, London. Following which on his return to CMC, started a two-year residency programme in Medical Physics similar to the one in Canada, which was the first of its kind in India. This residency programme also gained acceptance from the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

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number of highly cited papers (top 1%) produced by the institution. For the qualitative review, the global footprint of citations, the history of responsible conduct of research and national and international recognition were taken into account.

A special mention was made at the award ceremony that CMC Vellore has the highest number of highly cited papers amongst all professional colleges and the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest category normalized citation impact that was 1.5 times the world average for the period 2012 to 2018. The institution is thankful to all the faculty and students for their contribution towards excellence in research and is grateful to God for His blessings.

## Dr. Paul Ravindran retires

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In 2011, Dr. Paul Ravindran was responsible for starting the three-year Master's Programme (M.Sc.) in Medical Physics in affiliation with the Tamil Nadu Dr. MGR Medical University. In the same year, he also established a laboratory exclusively for students of Medical Physics equipped to perform basic science experiments, such as determination of half value layer, attenuation coefficient and gamma spectrum of radio isotopes. He also developed an imaging lab, with a bench top x-ray Cone Beam CT for imaging experiments and small computer lab for technical computing under a grant from the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India. The other lab he developed was for Gel dosimetry with facility for preparing FX and LCV gel and Optical cone beam CT for reading the radiation dose embedded in the Gel matrix.

Apart from being an inspiration within the department, he has been in various administrative positions in the institution. From 2008 to 2010, he was a member of the administrative committee and from 2010 to 2014 he headed the Department of Medical Records and was the Vice Principal (AHS) during the same time. From 2017, he has been serving as the Associate General Superintendent. Outside the institution, he is the Convener and Secretary of the Medical Radiation Technology Training Committee of the Christian Medical Association of India from 2005. He was also a member of the board and the executive committee of SIHR & TC, Hospital Karigiri. He has also held various honorary positions, such as, the Chief Examiner of College of Medical Physics of India, Member of Editorial Board, Journal of Medical Physics, member of project review committee in TDDP. He has tremendous experience in academic, clinical and research activities and has been involved in numerous projects as the principal investigator. Dr. Paul is well known for his expertise in teaching. He has been a mentor for many in their academic and personal lives. His wife, Dr. Vinitha Ravindran is the Professor & Head of Continuing Nursing Education and their daughter, Ms. Sharon Paul is a Psychologist working for an NGO at Bangalore.

CMC community is ever grateful to him for his sincerity in service and his dedication to God in life.

## ICS National Talent Search 2019-2020

The Department of Pulmonary Medicine and Respiratory Medicine organized Indian Chest Society National Talent Search contest on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2019. It was conducted as a national event this year. A total 70 Pulmonary Medicine trainees - DM, MD, DNB and Diploma from across the country and a set of eminent faculty in the field participated as Judges. The programme was coordinated by Dr. Avinash Nair, Assistant Professor of Respiratory Medicine. Dr. D.J. Christopher, Professor of Pulmonary Medicine and the organizing chairman of the programme, welcomed the audience and spoke about the evolution of the program from a regional event into a national event; during his tenure as zonal chair of the society. In addition to the Dr. Drupad memorial quiz, the interactive clinical case discussion and the radiology image contest, a research methodology workshop was also organized. Dr. Nihal Thomas, Associate Director and Dr. Vinay Timothy Oommen, Vice Principal UG offered their felicitation during the inaugural ceremony. After the final round, 7 competitors from interactive clinical case discussion group and 3 from the radiology image contest group were selected for full funding to attend the Grand Finale at NAPCON 2019 at Kochi, Kerala. The institution congratulated the following winners: **Dr. Anisha Mathew** for the Interactive Clinical Case Presentation, **Dr. Benjamin** and **Dr. Ancy** for the Radiology Image Contest.

## CME organised by the Department of Forensic Medicine

The Department of Forensic Medicine in association with the CME unit conducted a CME on "Challenges of Managing Cases Under POCSO (Protection Of Children from Sexual Offences) Act" on 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2019. The event was inaugurated by the Dr. J.V. Peter, Director, Dr. Mousumi Sen, Acting Head Department of Forensic Medicine and the resource persons. There were various sessions and lectures delivered by the

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dignitaries. Mrs. G. Vanitha, ADSP, Crime Against Women and Children, Tiruvannamalai, spoke about “Procedures and Protocols Followed by the Police for Handling the Cases Under the POCSO Act”. The second talk on “Medical Opinion Under the POCSO Act – A Legal Perspective” was delivered by Mrs. Lakshmi Priya, Senior Public Prosecutor, Fast Track Mahila Court, Vellore. The last session of the CME, “Pitfalls and Challenges for Health Care Professionals While Managing Cases Under the POCSO Act” was delivered by Dr. Jagadeesh, Head of the Department of Forensic Medicine, Vydehi Medical College, Bengaluru. He is a member of National committee on framing Guidelines on management of Child sexual Abuse of Indian Medical Association, National headquarters, New Delhi and UNICEF, New Delhi. The CME was highly informative and beneficial to all the participants.

**Memoranda**

- **Dr. Selvamani B**, Professor is appointed as Deputy Director (Housing) with effect from 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 for a four year term.
- **Mrs. Ebenezer Ellen Benjamin**, Professor of Maternity Nursing & Deputy Director (Nursing & Campus Development) is re-designated as Deputy Director (Hospitality and International Relations) with effect from 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 till her superannuation.
- **Dr. Mark Ranjan Jesudason**, Professor & Head of General Surgery Unit -II is appointed as Head of the Department of General Surgery and Division of Surgery with effect from 12<sup>th</sup> October 2019 for a four year term.
- **Dr. Suchita Chase**, Professor is appointed as Acting Head of General Surgery Unit-IV with effect from 12<sup>th</sup> October 2019 until further notice.

**Sports News**

The Staff games and sports will be starting from the month of November 2019. The following conveners will receive the team entries on or before 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2019. For more details regarding rules and regulations kindly contact : Dr. Balaganesan, Physical Director, Tel: 4478 / 9443628333.

S.No	Sports	Name	Department	Tel. No
1	Athletics	Mr. Naveena Krishnan Mr. Nixon Barnabas Mr. Prakash Mr. Wilson Mr. Chindhani Selvan	College of Nursing Radiology MCTT Electrical MCTT	7016 / 9994023416 2822 9944902637 9244316222 9600252499
2	Basket ball	Dr. Thomas Palocaren Dr. R. Balaganesan	Paediatric Ortho-II Physical Director	2172 / 9894464919 4478 / 9443628333
3	Cricket	Mr. Mainson Mr. Srinivasan Mr. Sathyamurthy Mr. Edin Decoster Lawrence Mr. Nioldoss	Haematology MHC Pharmacy P & O CRS Radiology	2892 4668 2720 3166 / 9597937010 9843310927
4	Chess	Mr. Bharathi Raja	ISSCC Pharmacy	3212 / 9943023204
5	Carrom	Mr. Lazarus	Dermatology	2756 / 9043900411
6	Foot ball	Mr. Sampath Paul Mr. Dhayalan	College Maintenance CHIPS	4244 2117 / 9787877943
7	Hockey	Dr. R. Balaganesan	Physical Director	4478 / 9443628333
8	Shuttle Badminton	Mr. Vinayagaram Mr. Balaji	MS Office (CBM) MRD	2790 2790 / 9043072546
9	T.T.	Mr. Selvakumar Mr. Naveena Krishnan	Electrical Department College of Nursing	9787456587 7016 / 9994023416
10	Tennis	Dr. John Roshan	Cardiology	3572 / 94422312680
11	Volley ball	Mr. Navena Krishnan Mr. Allan Jebaraj	College of Nursing P & O	7016 / 9994023416 2720

## Obituaries

• **Dr. Benedict Prabhu**, SHO in Neurotrauma ICU, passed away in a tragic accident on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2019. He was a young, cheerful, enthusiastic member of the healthcare community who left us too soon. In the short duration that he was with us he managed to leave a lasting impact of his spirit and zeal on all of us. May God grant peace to his soul and give his loved ones that he left behind, the strength to deal with his untimely demise.



• **Mrs. Meera Devi**, mother of Dr. Ravi Shankar, Associate Professor, Thoracic Surgery Unit-III and mother-in-law of Dr. Swati Rathore, Professor, Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology Unit-V on 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2019.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the bereaved members of the families at this time of grief and loss.

## Notices

### • American Heart Association – Basic Life Support Course (AHA-BLS) provider level course

American Heart Association -Basic Life Support (AHA-BLS) provider level course will be held on the **14<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 at the Paul Brand Building ,CMC, Vellore**. This one day course is designed for healthcare providers (doctors, nurses, paramedics) and the curriculum consists of video based, interactive lectures and skills training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), use of Automated External Defibrillator and relieve choking in a safe, timely and effective manner to all ages –Adult, Pediatric and Infants. . The number of participants is strictly restricted to **18** as per AHA guidelines. **The registration fee is Rs. 2,500/-** (cost of study materials included) and the last date for registration is **22<sup>nd</sup> October 2019**. For registrations, Please contact Ms. Nitha Cathuan, Paediatric ICU or Dr. Ebor Jacob, Paediatric ICU (Phone No.0416-228-3366).

### • American Heart Association –Pediatric Advanced Life Support (AHA PALS) course

The **AHA-PALS** course will be held on the **15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2019** at the Paul Brand Building, CMC. This well known Paediatric Advanced Life Support Course, accredited by the American Heart Association and American Academy of Paediatrics, is valid internationally. The number of participants is strictly restricted to 18 as per AHA guidelines. **The registration fee is Rs. 6,500/-** (cost of study materials included). The last date for registration is **22<sup>nd</sup> October 2019**. This two day course is designed for healthcare providers (doctors, nurses, paramedics) who initiate advanced life care in acutely ill children, beyond basic life support, through the stabilization or transport phases of a paediatric emergency. The course consists of lectures, videos, discussions and hands - on sessions based on simulated case scenarios and aims to train the participants in early recognition and emergency management of critically ill children with an emphasis on team concept. For enquiries and registration, please contact Ms. Nitha Cathuan or Dr. Ebor Jacob, Paediatric ICU (Phone No.0416-228-3366).

## Situations Vacant

### 1. Senior Resident Gr.III with MD (Microbiology) for the Department of Clinical Virology

Preference will be given to those who have one year experience in Virology.

Salary : As per institutional rules. Accommodation provided (Partly furnished, depending on availability).

### 2. Tutor Gr.IV with BPT Graduate IAP recognized College / University for the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PMR)

Should have completed 6 months of compulsory internship on or before 31.08.2019. Age limit : Below 30 years.

Salary scale : Approximately gross salary: Rs.28,000/- per month. Accommodation not provided.

Applications to be done only through online application system. Please log on to <http://www.cmch-vellore.edu>

Link: "Vacancies". **Note : Only online applications will be accepted; Hard copies will not be accepted.**

Applications will close on **October 19, 2019** for Item 1 and **October 28, 2019** for Item 2.

### 3. Senior Resident Gr.III to work in the Department of Haematology, under project mode for one year

Qualification : MD Pathology.

Mode of appointment : Project mode.

**Job Code : 1305**

Salary : As per institutional rules.

Accommodation not provided.

Download application from this link: <http://www.cmch-vellore.edu/> →General →Vacancies →Application Form for Project Staff. The print out of the application with certificates and testimonial copies should be sent to the Principal, Christian Medical College, Bagayam, Vellore - 632 002 on or before **October 28, 2019** for Item 3.