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As the father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. John 15:9

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The 13th Annual Research Day, hosted by the Office of Research at Christian Medical College Vellore, took place on October 12th and 13th, 2023, in the Bagayam Campus. It was a platform to celebrate and showcase the incredible depth and breadth of research endeavors carried out by both faculty and students across various fields, including Medical Specialties, Surgical Specialties, Nursing, Allied Health Sciences, Field and Epidemiology, Bioengineering, and several Ph.D. programmes.

There were 354 poster presentations and 257 podium presentations over the span of two days. The oration and award ceremony on 13th October evening was graced by the presence of a distinguished retired faculty member, and Professor of Bioengineering, Dr. Suresh Devasahayam, who gave an inspiring Special Oration, sharing insights from his research journey. He was presented the citation and medal by the departments.

Dr. Suceena Alexander (Addl. Vice Principal Research) welcomed the audience and emceed the ceremony.

The Chief Guests, including Dr. Jachin Velavan, Associate Director (Mission), Dr. Solomon Sathishkumar, the Principal, Dr. I. Rajesh, the Medical Superintendent and Dr. Vinitha Ravindran (Dean, CON) gave their respective felicitations.

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A total of 171 prizes were distributed in various categories. We thank our chief guests, Vice Principals and Senior faculty members who have participated for poster and podium judging and in distribution of prizes.

The Shubanker Mitra Memorial Award recognized the outstanding undergraduate papers in Medical (Ankita Elizabeth Abraham), Nursing (Sherlyn Joseph), and Allied Health Sciences (Giya Sara Reji).

The Vellore CMC Foundation (VCMCF) Research Grant was presented to two faculty members: Dr. Jeethu Joseph Eapen, an Associate Professor in the Nephrology Unit II and Dr. Josna Joseph, who holds the position of Reader III in the Department of Clinical Immunology & Rheumatology.

A highlight of the year was the ResQuiz 2023, a competition for undergraduate, postgraduate, and fellowship students, where Amin Pratima Winfred, Priyanka Sabu, and Srikanth E R secured the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes, respectively.

We also inaugurated the 'Online Grant Submission Portal' and 'Research Website'. Mr. Arun Zachariah and Mr. Venketesh presented the highlights of these portals.

A significant achievement this year was for the Department of Neuroscience, which emerged as the overall winner and received the Rolling Trophy from our Chief Guests, Prof. Suresh R. Devasahayam, Dr. Solomon Sathishkumar, and Dr. I. Rajesh.

The event came to an end with a Vote of Thanks from Dr. Suceena Alexander. This occasion truly showcased the remarkable commitment and talent within our institution, setting a strong benchmark for future research initiatives.

The prize winners list will be published in the upcoming Newslines.



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Special Training conducted by In-service Training Centre Vellore Range and Department of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Centre

A special training on sensitization of police officers about road accident survivors was jointly conducted by In-service Training Centre, Vellore Range with Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Christian Medical College, Vellore from 1st to 17th August, 2023.

Road Traffic Injuries (RTI) are identified as the most common cause of mortality, disability, and morbidity in India. As per the 2021 statistics released by Government of India Road Transport and Highways, Tamil Nadu stands in the first place for road accidents in India.

The main thrust of accident prevention and control across the world has been on the 4 E's i.e. (i) Education; (ii) Engineering; (iii) Enforcement; and (iv) Emergency care of road accident victims.

Hence, a training program was organised for traffic police officers from Vellore, Ranipet, Tirupattur and Tiruvannamalai Districts under the guidance of Dr. M. S. Muthusamy, IPS, DIG of Vellore Region and Mr. Raveendran, DSP and his team of police officers. Four sessions were conducted in which 77 police officers actively participated. Dr. S. Guru Nagarajan, Road Safety Coach (certified by the WHO MENTOR-VIP) was the resource person and a team of social workers led by Mr. Elango at the Rehabilitation Institute organized an interactive session with survivors. Dr. Jacob George, Prof & Head, Dept of PMR, Dr. Judy Ann John, Professor and Head, Department of PMR Unit-I, CMC, Vellore felicitated the dignitaries and participants on this unique initiative.

The training sessions focused on analyzing the data and trend on RTI and providing opportunities to listen to the stories of persons with disabilities who have survived from road accidents. Several case studies were shared with them about educative role played by survivors and police officers. The police officers were given a conducted tour to orient them about problems faced by the survivors following road accidents at the Rehabilitation Institute, Christian Medical College Vellore. This institute has been offering comprehensive rehabilitation services to persons with spinal cord and brain injury for 5 decades.

At the end of each training sessions, a post test was conducted through a quiz using digital platform (Kahoot). It was encouraging to see some of the following resolutions made by the participants.

Resolutions

- 'I will wear helmet now onwards while using a two wheeler'
- 'I will ride two wheeler at a controlled speed from today'
- 'I will engage a road accident survivor for awareness sessions with public/schools/colleges'
- 'I will take strict legal action for those children under 18 who violate safety rules '.



Department of Trauma Surgery organised "Advances in Chest Trauma Management - ACTraM 2023"

The Department of Trauma Surgery successfully organised its inaugural annual CME programme titled **"Advances in Chest Trauma Management - ACTraM 2023"** on 13th-14th October, 2023. This two-day event commenced with a symposium on chest trauma management on the 13th, hosted at the Ranipet Campus, followed by a hands-on cadaveric workshop in collaboration with the Department of Anatomy at the Anatomy Dissection Hall in CMC Bagayam Campus.

The CME programme received its official inauguration from Dr. Vikram Mathews, Director, who emphasized the significance of conducting more such trauma-related CMEs to underscore the importance of trauma services in our region. The symposium witnessed the active participation of approximately 35 attendees in person, along with an additional 40 participants who joined the event online. The programme featured distinguished faculty members from across India, including senior consultants from renowned institutions such as AIIMS, New Delhi, PGI Chandigarh, and AIIMS, Jodhpur. Notably, the symposium included a stimulating debate on the advantages, drawbacks, and current empirical evidence regarding surgical rib fixation. It also had a focus on imaging, non-operative management, latest surgical approaches and critical care management of chest trauma patients.

On the second day of the programme, 11 eager participants engaged in a hands-on cadaveric workshop, where they gained practical knowledge about the fundamental approaches, instrumentation, and principles of surgical rib fixation.



Workshop on Data analysis using SPSS



The Clinical Epidemiology Unit and Cochrane CMC Vellore affiliate conducted a workshop on “Data analysis using SPSS – a rapid refresher” for faculty in the department of general medicine. The workshop was conducted as two sessions on 14th and 17th October, 2023. Dr. Bijesh Yadav from the department of Biostatistics was the resource person and Dr. Thambu David, Professor and Head, Clinical Epidemiology Unit and Director, Cochrane CMC Vellore affiliate coordinated the workshop. This interactive workshop provided practical demonstration on the use of this statistical software for data analysis and as well received by the participants.

October 22 - 28, 2023

Special Prayers This Week

Psychiatry :

Dr. Suja Kurian and Staff
Dr. Thangadurai P. and Staff
Dr. Donae Elizabeth George and Staff
Dr. Arun R. and Staff
Dr. Satya Raj and Staff
Dr. Manoranjitham Sathiyaseelan and Staff

Radiation Therapy :

Dr. Thomas Samuel Ram and Staff
Dr. Rajesh I. and Staff
Dr. Rajesh B. and Staff
Mrs. Roseline Rhenius and Staff

Nuclear Medicine :

Dr. Julie Hephzibah and Staff

Head & Neck Surgery :

Dr. Amit Jiwan Tirkey and Staff

Palliative Care :

Dr. Jenifer Jeba S. and Staff
Mrs. Shakila Murali and Staff

Marthoma Syrian Church of Malabar

Council Members : Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios Episcopa
Rev. Shibu Samuel

Hospitals : Fellowship Mission Hospital, Kumbanad
Marthoma Mission Hospital, Chungathara and others.



Welcome

Dr. Reeta Vijayaselvi, Professor, OG Unit-IV, on her return from sabbatical leave.

Laurels and Recognitions

- **Dr. Vartika Singh**, Post-doctoral fellow in Dermatopathology was awarded the 1st prize for the poster presentation under the category medical specialty PG group C "Spectrum of Infections in Patients with Cutaneous Graft-Versus-Host Disease: A Case Series" in the 13th Annual Research Day held on 12th & 13th October, 2023 at Christian Medical College.
- **Dr. Abarna R**, Lecturer (NM) Gr.II was awarded the 2nd prize for the poster presentation under the category Basic sciences faculty group B "Serial Monitoring Of MicroRna-371A-3P in Blood Among Patients With Germ Cell" in the 13th Annual Research Day Programme held on 12th & 13th October, 2023 at Christian Medical College.
- The following faculty and postgraduates won awards at TOXOCON-18, the Annual National Conference of the Indian Society of Toxicology held from 14th to 15th October 2023 in Bengaluru.
- **Dr. Lino L.S**, PG Resident ,Department of Medicine was awarded Dr Andre Best Oral Paper Presentation Award In Post-Graduate Category.
- **Dr. Nikil Krishnan Jayaprakash**, Junior Research Officer, Clinical Toxicology Unit and Poisons Information Center, Department of Medicine Unit-I was awarded the 1st Best Poster Presentation Award in Faculty Category.
- **Dr. Amith Balachandran**, Assistant Professor, Clinical Toxicology Unit and Poisons Information Center, Department of Medicine Unit-1 was awarded the Dr. Andre Best Oral Paper Presentation Award in Faculty Category.
- The following staff won awards at the 24th Annual conference of the Indian Association of Endocrine Surgery, IAESCON 2023 organised by the Guwahati Chapter of Indian Association of Endocrine surgeons held at the City Hotel, Guwahati from 12th to 14th October, 2023
- **Dr. Shreya Surendra**, Asst. Professor, Endocrine Surgery won the Best Poster award.
- **Dr. Pushkar Sharma**, M.Ch. Registrar, Endocrine Surgery won the Best Oral Paper presentation award .He also won a Quiz Award in the conference.
- **Mr. Nieshanth Parthiban** (Pre-Final Year) MBBS batch of 2020, participated in a Research paper presentation (Oral-Podium/Poster presentation) and won 3rd Prize at the Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University, Chennai University Research Day 2023 conducted for MBBS students on 26th September, 2023 at the University.

Obituaries

- **Mr. Jayakumar.C** father of Mrs.J. Cinthiya Rachel Grace, Charge Nurse, K-Ward and father-in-law of Mr. Suresh Kumar .K, Medical Record Officer, MRD Department, passed away on 19th October, 2023.

Let us uphold all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.

- **Mr. Bright**, father of Rev. Edwin Sam, Chaplain, RUHSA Department, passed away on 16th October, 2023.

Let us uphold all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.

Upcoming Events

Medical Undergraduate College Day	:11 th November 2023
Medical Undergraduate Baccalaureate Service	:12 th November 2023
Medical Undergraduate Graduation	:13 th November 2023
Medical Postgraduate Baccalaureate Service	:19 th November 2023
Medical Postgraduate Graduation	:20 th November 2023
Superspecialty and Fellowship Graduation	:18 th March 2024

Situations Vacant

1. **Project Assistant** for Community Health / Distance Education

Qualification: Any postgraduate

Job involves management of online/onsite support for project activities that include development of blending learning courses, faculty and student support, replying to queries through email/phone calls, liaising with the departments course faculty / other department medical faculty and overseeing workshop arrangements, effective organising and team interaction skills with project management team, good written and verbal communication skills in English, needs to travel within country, familiarity with OneDrive / GoogleDrive maintenance of Excel/Google sheets.

Preference will be given to candidates with prior knowledge of hosting online meetings using platforms such as Teams, Zoom, Google Meet etc.,

Salary: As per Institutional Rules **Mode of appointment :** Project Mode

Accommodation: not provided

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

Link : General -“Vacancies”. *Note : Only online applications will be accepted; Hard copies will not be accepted.* Applications will close on **October 31, 2023** for Item 1.

2. **Staff III Anaesthesia Technician in the Department of Anaesthesia (Main Campus / CMC Vellore Ranipet Campus)**

Qualifications: B.Sc., (Operation Theatre and Anaesthesia Technology 3 year course + 1 year Internship) (Or) Diploma in Anaesthesia Technology (2 year course + 1 year Internship) and those who have completed 4 years of experience as Jr. Anaesthesia Technician (Term Appointment) or equivalent only need to apply.

Note:- Only regular mode will be accepted, private or correspondence studies will be not accepted

Salary Scale: - 12762 - 510 – 25512 + DA & HRA as per rules

Age Limit :35 years

3. **Jr. Anaesthesia Technician (Term Appointment) in the Department of Anaesthesia (CMC Vellore Ranipet Campus)**

Qualifications: B.Sc., (Operation Theatre and Anaesthesia Technology 3 year course + 1 year Internship compulsory) (Or) Diploma in Anaesthesia Technology (2 year course + 1 year Internship compulsory)

Note:- Only regular mode will be accepted, Private or correspondence studies will be not accepted

Consolidated Pay:- Rs.22,130/-

Age Limit: 35 years

Applications to be done only through online application system. Please login 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 **November 06, 2023** for Item 2 and 3.

Situations Vacant

4. Assistant Professor with DM(Clinical Haematology) for the Department of Haematology

Salary Scale: As per Institutional rules

Accommodation provided: (partly furnished, depending on availability)

5. Assistant Professor/ Senior Resident with MD/(Paediatric) with minimum two year experience in Paediatric Critical Care for the Department of Paediatrics(Paediatric ICU)

Experience : Candidates applying for Assistant Professor should have at least one year teaching exp as (Asst. Professor) in any NMC recognized teaching institution.

Salary : As per institutional rules

Accommodation: Provided (Subject to Availability)

6. Senior Resident with MS(General Surgery) for the Department of General Surgery

Salary : As per institutional rules

Accommodation: partly furnished (Subject to Availability)

Applications are to be done only through the online application system. Please log on to <https://www.cmchvellore.edu/JobVacancy.aspx?jtype=ALL> Link: "Vacancies". Hard Copies and emails will not be accepted. Applications will close by **October 28, 2023** for Item 4 and 5 and **October 31, 2023** Item 6

7. Demonstrator (NM) (Term Post) for the Department of Radiodiagnosis

Job Description : Perform quality assurance tests of radiological equipment, radiation safety advisory, radiation dose auditing and academic teaching of medical imaging physics at graduate and post-graduate levels.

Essential Requirements: PhD in Radiological Physics in a recognised university/ Master's degree in Medical Physics (AERB recognised university)/Master's in Physics with Dip. Radiological Physics (BARC).

Licensure/Certification: Candidates should have an e-LORA Radiation Professional registration number and be qualified to execute duties as a level I or III RSO.

Clinical Experience: Candidates must have demonstrated expertise in clinical scenarios, preferably in diagnostic radiology, under the supervision of a certified medical physicist. Candidates with experience in medical physics in radiotherapy/nuclear medicine can also apply.

Computing/software skills: Computer and electronics proficiency is essential. Programming knowledge is desirable.

Ethics: Demonstrate professionalism and good communication skills and be able to work with a team within the department and institution.

Salary Scale : As per Institutional Rules

Accommodation : Not Provided

Applications are to be done only through the online application system. Please log on to <https://www.cmchvellore.edu/JobVacancy.aspx?jtype=ALL> Link: "Vacancies". Hard Copies and emails will not be accepted. Applications will close by **November 4, 2023** for Item 7

8. Jr. Lecturer with Ph.D. for the Department of Bioengineering

Qualification:

-Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering, Bioengineering, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Computer Science & Engineering, Information Technology, or related disciplines with research focused on biomedical problems.

-Expertise in Biomedical Instrumentation, Rehabilitation Engineering, and AI/ML in healthcare.

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Age Requirement: Below 35 years

Job Description: The candidate will develop research and teaching expertise in the department in one of the following areas: neurorehabilitation engineering, instrumentation, or machine learning/artificial intelligence in healthcare. For detailed information about the position, please contact Prof. Sivakumar Balasubramanian at siva82kb@cmcvellore.ac.in.

Application Details: You will need to submit the following documents:

- Up-to-date CV
- Research statement (past, current, and future research plans - not exceeding three pages)
- Teaching statement (past teaching experience and courses you wish to teach - not exceeding two pages)
- Copies of two best publications
- Contact details of three references

Salary: As per institutional Rules

Accommodation : Provided (Partly Furnished, Depending on Availability).

Applications are to be done only through the online application system. Please log on to <https://www.cmch-vellore.edu/JobVacancy.aspx?jtype=ALL> Link: "Vacancies". Hard Copies and emails will not be accepted. Applications will close by **November 30, 2023** for Item 8.

9. **Junior Assistant Warden** to work in the staff nurses' hostel, CMC Vellore Town Campus.

Salary Scale: As per institutional Rules

Qualification: any graduate with experience in computer application(10+2+3)

Status: Female - single/divorcee/widow candidate need to apply

Others: candidates shall be required to reside in he hostel

Apply to the nursing superintendent CMC Vellore-632004 with biodate copies of certificates and testimonials on or before November 22,2023 for item 9.