

# NEWS LETTER

BANGLADESH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA  
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(Founded by Bangladeshi Physicians, Surgeons and Dentists of North America)

March, 1993

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED to the 13th BMANA annual meeting to be held at most famous hotel in Manhattan on August 6 to 8, 1993.

*The*  *NEW YORK Palace*

FUNCTION	TIME	ROOM
FRIDAY, August 6,		
Registration	3:30pm -- 6:00 pm	Drawing Room(Foyer)
Reception	6:00pm-- 8:00 pm	Drawing Room
CHILDREN'S TALENT SHOW	8:00 pm ---9:00pm	Drawing Room
SATURDAY AUGUST 7,		
Registration	7:30am--8:00 am	Renaissance A room
SCIENTIFIC SEMINAR	9:00am--12:00 am	Renaissance A theater
Pharmaceutical Exhibit	9:00am--4:30 pm	Renaissance B theater
General meeting	2:00pm--- 4:30pm	Renaissance A theater
Dinner followed by cultural program	7:00pm---1:00 am	

Please mark your calender and call for your hotel reservation today at (212) 303-6090. Please note that when calling , a first night's deposit or an american Express, Diners club, Master card or Visa card number will be required. Reservation received AFTER MAY 6 will not be guaranteed and will be confirmed on a space -available basis at their regular higher rates. BMANA successfully negotiated the best bargain. Single/Double: \$191.16 (This rate inculde 19.25% NYC sales tax,\$2 occupancy tax and one car onetime parking for each room) .Check-in time is after 3pm.Check-out time is 1pm.

Registration fees: \$75, onsite registration \$100. Annual Membership.fees: \$50, Associate member \$25 Dinner \$50 per person,Children \$15 per child. Please send your membership , registration fees and dinner fees to BMANA Treasurer Muzibul Ghani Chowdhury,M.D 215 Natchaug Drive,Glastonbury , CT. 06033. (203) 659--1058. before may 30. There will be no registration fees and discount for dinner will be offered to Physicians and Dentists in training,in research, retired, disabled and preparing for entry exams. For Children's talent show contact Abdul Ghani Khan, M.D.(314)434-4497 For Scientific Seminar contact Prof. Dhiraj Shah,M.D. RD.#1, Route #43,Rensselaer,NY.12144. (518) 286-3229 Last date of Abstract submission May 30, 1993. For Cultural show or any suggestions call Quzi M. Ahmed,M.D. (412) 963-7364. Please contact Waled Chowdhury,M.D. (516)937-6131 after 9pm for any arrangement you need for city tours, Broadway shows,Sarees or jewellery shops etc. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN BIG APPLE . Please come with a strong commitment for our future to celebrate our rich history and be reminded of the legacy with which we have been entrusted.

Coordinators of NY meeting: Waled Chowdhury,M.D. (516) 936-6131.....Zahurul I. Maniky,D.D.S

## BANGLADESH GOVERNMENT AGREES TO ESTABLISH ECFMG CENTER IN DHAKA.

After prolonged pursuation by BMANA and Dr. Nizam Meah Govt. of Bangladesh has now agreed to request US Govt. to open an examination center in Dhaka.Ministry of Health recently informed this decision to Dr. A. Hafiz ,past president of BMANA . The executive committee of BMANA welcomed the decision and pledged to guide Bangladesh Govt. continuously until the center is established.

## JUNIOR FORUM OF BMANA

BMANA is considering to add a junior forum which will emphasis on education, career planning, cultural enrichment, heritage awarness for all children of Bangladeshi origin. Any BMANA member or spouse who is interested to guide the future generation is cordially welcome. Please encourage your youngsters to list their needs and expectations. We also need your ideas and participations.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF BMANA

#### President

Quzi M. Ahmed,M.D  
Pittsburgh, PA

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Abdul Hafiz, M.D.  
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Ziauddin Ahmed, M.D.  
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## THE 12th ANNUAL BMANA MEETING WAS A GREAT SUCCESS.

In August 1992 the 12th BMANA Annual meeting in Pittsburgh Sheraton ended with great satisfaction, enormous enthusiasm and promise for a bright future.

Friday evening reception was filled with excitement, intermingling and greetings. The Children's talent show after the reception was overwhelming with beautiful and very talented performances. The coordinator Dr. A. Ghani Khan was also very impressive as usual. The executive committee meeting was held with a wide agenda ranging from fund raising for BMANA to international issues. At 9pm 1972 graduates held their reunion. Dr. Azmal Sobhan and Dr. Abul Fazal Islam conducted the function. A performance by legendary Bangladeshi folk and modern singer Ferdousi Rahman was the main attraction. Talented Canadian Bangladeshi singer Parveen Khan and her husband tabla player Jahangir Khan's performances were also extraordinary.

The Alumni cultural program was sponsored by Dr. Syed Showkat Hussain.

Saturday morning Scientific seminar was conducted by Prof. Dhiraj Shah. Two internationally famous speakers, Transplant surgeon Prof. Thomas Starzl and Founder of CPR Dr. Peter Safar's lectures were sensational. Dr. F Rahman from Texas presented a paper on hairy cell leukemia. On behalf of Project Bangladesh Dr. Azmal Sobhan showed a video about their Dhaka's free clinic. He also announced their successful completion of cyclone shelter in coastal Bangladesh and opening of more free health clinics in Dhaka.

The business meeting was presided by outgoing president Dr. Abdul Hafiz. He gave an account of the activities done during his time and thanked every body for the support he received. New president Dr. Quzi M. Ahmed thanked Dr. Hafiz for his contribution, guidance and excellent leadership which strengthened the organization enormously. Treasurer Dr. Muzibul Ghani Chowdhury, General Secretary Dr. Ziauddin Ahmed, Coordinator of upcoming New York meeting Dr. Waled Chowdhury discussed various issues including fund raising for many proposed projects, membership drive, avenues to support newcomer physicians & the importance of opening local chapter etc.

Dr. Shafiqur Rahman a new member (NY) welcomed the decision about holding the next meeting in New York. This decision was made by overwhelming majority of general members. He said this timely decision will encourage wider participation by new comers. Dr. Kasedul Haque suggested to make a foundation for better fiscal management of different projects.

A visiting guest ex-principal of Dhaka Medical College Dr. M. Waliullah discussed about different problems of medical education and health care issues in Bangladesh.

In the evening after the exquisite dinner President of BMANA and coordinator of Pittsburgh meeting Dr. Quzi M. Ahmed introduced and thanked Dr. Shamsheer Bakth (Coordinator) and other members of the reception committee. They were Dr. Abu M. Ali, Dr. Subrata Barua, Dr. Jamil Khan, Mrs. Cora Bakth and others.

The other significant side events were art exhibition by Mrs. Mukhlesa Shah and sale of audio cassette by singer Mrs. Bushra Badruddoza. Both the artists pledged to contribute to the BMANA fund.

Final event the cultural gala was conducted by Dr. Ziauddin Ahmed. In the first half were beautiful performances by Dr. Syed Showkat Hussain, Mrs. Bushra Badruddoza and Mrs. Rebecca Costa. In the second half the guest artists were most famous Tagore artist of Bangladesh Quaderi Kibria and most popular folk singer Dulal Bhowmick. Their prolonged spellbound extraordinary performances were undoubtedly a lifetime experience. The meeting was concluded with Vote of thanks and invitation to New York Conference.

## বাংলাদেশ মেডিকেল এসোসিয়েশন

### কর্তৃক ডাঃ আসাদ খান সম্মানিত

উত্তর আমেরিকা বাংলাদেশ মেডিক্যাল এসোসিয়েশনের, নিউইয়র্কের দস্ত চিকিৎসক ও বিশিষ্ট সমাজসেবী ডাঃ আসাদ খানকে সমাজ সেবার জন্য বিশেষ সম্মানে সম্মানিত করার কথা ঘোষণা করেছে। এসোসিয়েশনের সভাপতি নিউসবার্গের ডাঃ কাজি মোল্লেশুদ্দীন আহমেদ ও সাধারণ সম্পাদক ফিল্ডেনফিয়র ডাঃ জিয়াউদ্দীন আহমেদ এক প্রেস বিজ্ঞপ্তিতে জানান যে, নিউইয়র্কের বাংলাদেশ সংসদের প্রতিষ্ঠাতা সভাপতি ডাঃ আসাদ খানের নেতৃত্বে বাংলাদেশ সংসদ যে দুইতম শ্রেণীর কর্মকর্তাদের ও সাহায্যের মাধ্যমে প্রবাসী বাংলাদেশী সমাজে বিশেষ করে ওপি ওয়ালে অন্যতম অসংখ্য মানুষের দুর্দিনে বিভিন্নভাবে সাহায্যের কর্মসূচী গ্রহণ করেছেন তা মরণীয় হয়ে থাকবে। নিঃসন্দেহে তা প্রবাসের বাঙালী সমাজে সমাজসেবার ক্ষেত্রে অসীম ভূমিকা পালন করেছে। দেশের অন্যত্র সমস্ত উৎকৃষ্ট পেশার তৈরী করার জন্য সর্বাধিক অর্থসাহায্য ও তাদের উৎসাহযোগ্য জানান। সবচেয়ে প্রশংসনীয় হচ্ছে ডাঃ আসাদ খানের নেতৃত্বে যা মাসিড, সুশৃঙ্খল, অন্য যতামতের মর্যাদা প্রদান, আন্তঃসংগঠনগোষ্ঠী, উদার ও সাংগঠনিক-বলিষ্ঠতার এক বিরাট দৃষ্টান্ত। বাংলাদেশী সমাজে এই অনন্য ব্যক্তিত্ব নিঃসন্দেহে শিক্ষণীয় ও উদাহরণ হয়ে থাকবে। ডাঃ জিয়াউদ্দীন আহমেদ বলেন বাংলাদেশ মেডিক্যাল এসোসিয়েশন ডাঃ আসাদ খানকে এই সম্মান দিতে পেরে খুবই গর্বিত। তিনি বলেন, আগামী আগষ্ট মাসে নিউইয়র্কে এসোসিয়েশনের বার্ষিক সম্মেলনে আনুষ্ঠানিকভাবে তাকে সম্মানিত করা হবে।

**Dr Asad Khan who is only 41 years old suffering from Sarcoma of Prostate.**

**Please pray for his complete recovery and help him fighting this disease.**

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## NEW YORK Chapter of BMANA .

In last september 1992 New York chapter of BMANA was formed in response to the ever growing need and enthusiasm of New Yorker Bangladeshi Physicians. The promise of extensive services to the enormous Bangladeshi community and new comer physicians is encouraging. An Adhoc executive committee is formed with the following members:

President: **Waled Chowdhury, M.D.**

Phone: 516-937-6131

Vice Presidents: **Kamal Ahmed, M.D.**

Phone: 718-464-0833.

**Firoza Begum, M.D.**

**Golam K. Chowdhury, M.D.**

Secretary: **Masum Quader, M.D.**

Phone: 718-353-5948

Organizing Secretary: **Shamsul A. Khan, M.D.**

Treasure: **Shafiqur M. Rahman, M.D.**

Phone: 718-352-7417

Members: **Abuzafar M. Osman M.D.**

**Muzibur Rahman Majumder, M.D.**

**Hasan Imam, M.D.**

If you are in New York please extend your active support and help to carry out the important mission with wide participation.

## SUPPORT THE BMANA PROJECTS:

We need your active participation and financial support to our following projects:

1. To send medical equipments to different hospitals in Bangladesh
2. To start continuing medical education program in Bangladesh.
3. To start a consulting service in North America to provide services to Physicians and Patients in Bangladesh.
4. To start a quaterly medical letter which will be distributed free of cost in Bangladesh.
5. To start an information center in USA which will provide informations regarding Exams. Training, Graduate educations, Research, other opportunities, health care suggestions. and to provide books and other study materials to the examinees.
6. To provide small loans to the struggling physicians in need.
7. To creat a Disaster fund to face any emergency situation in Bangladesh urgently.

**YOUR IDEAS, ADVICES, CONTRIBUTIONS AND CRITICISMS ARE WELCOME**

## PLEASE KEEP IN TOUCH

So many NEWS LETTERS are returned in the past for wrong addresses. Please update your and your friend's addresses without delay.

## PREPARATION FOR RESIDENCY

Make sure you prepare yourself far in advance to face ultimate challenge and competition

during the Residency training. BMANA will be happy to provide materials about how to do proper history and physical examination, write progress notes and do good case presentation. Please contact: **Ziauddin Ahmed**

## FMGEMS EXAMINATION INFO.

Please contact the following persons for informations and suggestions regarding FMGEMS examinations, Residency training and License examination.

**Nizam Meah, M.D.** (Wyne State University)

Phone: 313-561-8506.

**Masum Quader, M.D.** (Long Island Jewish H)

Phone: 718-353-5948.

## DENTAL LICENSING EXAM.

Please contact the following persons for information regarding Dental examination.

**Dr. Moinul I. Mia** Phone: 516-735-3716

**Dr. Wadud Bhuyan,** Phone: 516-358-7464

## HELP OUR GRADUATES WITH RECOMMENDATIONS;

Since it is very difficult to evaluate a foreign graduate from an unfamiliar system, our graduates very often become victims of unfair evaluation. We encourage the members of BMA NA to come forward and help them by writing letters of recommendation explaining our system and identifying the strengths of our curriculum.

## SHONDHANI DESERVE YOUR ATTENTION:

Shondhani a remarkable voluntary organization run by the students of Dhaka Medical college revolutionized the voluntary blood and eye donation system in Bangladesh. They provide free donation of blood twice as much as Red crescent which is Red Cross equivalent in Bangladesh. Shondhani who does not get any outside financial help doing an extraordinary service for people in Bangladesh. Recently Shondhani is runing shortage of blood bags. We request our members to help Shondhani to provide 6 thousands blood bags per year and a much needed blood bank refrigerator for storage.

Contact; **Ziauddin Ahmed, M.D**

## COMBINED MEETING WITH BMA UK.

BMA OF UNITED KINGDOM recently proposed to Dr. Kazi M. Ahmed to hold a combined meeting with BMANA in place of mutual interest. BMA of UK is very active with largemember strength. Recently they were very successful in obtaining GMC's recognition for all medical colleges of Bangladesh. Dr. Ahmed will discuss this issue in New york's meeting.

## EDITORIAL

Please join the upcoming BMANA meeting in New York. BMANA welcomes the opportunity to meet you about how we might join together in development of a strong community.

To preserve our own interest here in USA and back home we must unite. **Our voice must need to be heard, our confidence need to be restored our heritage need to be preserved, our touch need to be reached to the people in desperate need.**

The whole world is in flame. In the name of race and religion the atrocities and crimes are being committed almost everywhere. Sufferings of the innocent people is beyond any comprehension. Some of the BMANA member are very active on different issues. It is not too late to wake up. We need to redefine our role, our responsibilities and our existence in this world. We have work to do. Our agenda is growing. **Mere hope will lead us nowhere. only Active participation will turn our dream to reality. Give your own agenda, but at least start something, even individually. Let us be positive about the future because we will have a hand in shaping its development.**

## HYPERTENSION SOCIETY OF BANGLADESH NEEDS SUPPORT

Bangladesh society of Hypertension which runs a free hypertension center now enrolled 25000 patients. The center is active in research and publications. Est. in 1984. Any support by sending journals, books, to its library or other helps will be appreciated. Please contact; .  
**Prof S.G.M. Chowdhury, Hypertension center, 64/E Green Road Dhaka 1205.**

## AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIAN WILL GRADE ALL FOREIGN SCHOOLS.

One senior official of ACP wrote to Dr. Quzi M. Ahmed, President of BMANA. He said American College of Physician has decided to evaluate all medical schools abroad because the grading and evaluation of students vary from country to country and school to school. He said ACP now is more responsive to the needs of FMG's. The Directors of Residency programs are looking forward for smooth transition of International Graduates into US Programs & they want to know the standard of all medical schools. He said BMANA most likely will be given the responsibilities to rate Bangladeshi medical colleges. BMANA will soon start preparation to meet this important and difficult challenge.



## SHARE YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Dr. Gazi Abdul Haque the general secretary of BMA Dhaka requested the members of BMANA to share their medical knowledge with Bangladeshi physicians in the form of lecturing while visiting home. Please let us know your schedule if you are interested to participate. He will also inform us ahead of time about any conference where the participation will be greatly welcomed.

He also requested for financial support for their educational activities. Interested contributors are requested to contact BMA Bhaban, 15/2 Topkhana road, Dhaka-100.