



Christian Medical College Vellore

NEWSLINE

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New Year Message

*Great is thy faithfulness O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not thy compassions they fail not
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.*

The year gone by has been one of tremendous blessing and growth. Following the years of pandemic, lock down and social distancing, our community was able to come together again in worship and in celebration. It was an eventful year—a year in which we received blessings in measures beyond our understanding. As in Lamentations 3:23, *'They are new every morning.'*

One of the most memorable blessings of the past year was the inauguration and commencement of services of the CMC Vellore Ranipet Campus—a witness to the hard work and capabilities of our community. It was in Ranipet that our founder was born on December 9, 1870. Sixty-two years after her death, it is the community that carries the torch and keeps its flame burning. This New Year, we trust, will also be a year of experiencing God's abundant blessings, faithful presence, and eternal providence. May we remain channels of that blessing, continuing to touch lives through the healing ministry of Christ.

When we entered the portals of this great institution, we received an unseen mantle: the calling and the opportunity to be a part of its vision and mission. As we enter this New Year, may we remain faithful to that calling with renewed trust and hope, renewed courage and compassion.

Happy New Year!

Dr. Vikram Mathews
Director

Inauguration of Radiation Oncology Brachytherapy Theatre

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness (Lamentations 3:22-23).

By the abundant Grace of God, the Department of Radiation Oncology inaugurated the Brachytherapy Theatre suite on 9th December, 2022. It was an auspicious moment as on the same day we celebrated the founder's day, the birthday of Dr. Ida.S.Scudder. The programme started at 11.30 am with a opening prayer followed by welcome address by, Dr. Thomas Samuel Ram, Head of the Department. This was followed by felicitations by Dr. Ekta Rai, Head of Anesthesia, Dr. Anita Shirley Professor of Anesthesia and Mrs.Sonia Sabu, Incharge of theatre nursing. The event concluded with



a prayer of dedication by the chaplain Mr. Wanbansain followed by ribbon cutting ceremony by the Deputy Nursing Superintendent Mrs. Shanthi Gladson, Dr. Jeba Karunya, women health care team and two female patients. This brachytherapy suite is unique comprising the theatre, recovery room and CT simulator which enables a quick, smooth and efficient treatment process, thereby improving patient care.

The NMC - 26th Revised Basic Course Workshop

The NMC –26th Revised Basic Course Workshop for fulltime teaching faculty (In-house CMC faculty) was conducted by the NMC Nodal Centre, Medical Education Department (MED), CMC, Vellore from 6th to 8th December, 2022.

Thirty participants (4 Associate Professors and 26 Assistant Professors) from CMC, Vellore participated in the Revised Basic Course Workshop.

The objectives of the programme were to sensitize the participants to the implementation of the Competency Based Medical Education to enable faculty to work in small groups, to write objectives, design teaching-learning methods, choose the right assessment methods of clinical and practical skills, to give effective feedback to students and to demonstrate the ability to use the Attitude, Ethics and Communication (AETCOM) Module which is to be implemented as per NMC Directives.

Dr. Margret Shanthi began the workshop with a prayer and meditation, Dr. Solomon Sathishkumar, Principal, welcomed the participants. Dr. Dhayakani Selvakumar proposed the vote of thanks. The Revised Basic Course Workshop was facilitated by the MED faculty and was interactive and interesting with active participation.

The MED would like to thank Dr. Dhayakani Selvakumar, Dr. Margaret Shanthi, Dr. Sudha Jasmine, Dr. Reena George, Dr. Shantidani Minz, Dr. Surekha V., Dr. Vinod Abraham, Dr. Sathishkumar T., Dr. Vinay Oommen, Dr. Tripti Jacob, Dr. Vandana Kamath, Dr. Rajat Raghunath, Dr. Prakash S. S., Dr. Latif Rajesh and Dr. Audrin Lenin for all their contribution towards the successful conduct of the Revised Basic Course Workshop.



January 01 - 07, 2023

SPECIAL PRAYERS THIS WEEK



<i>Directorate</i>	: Dr. Vikram Mathews and Staff
<i>Promotion and PTP Office</i>	: Dr. Cecil Thankachan Thomas and Staff
<i>Hospitality and International Relations</i>	: Dr. Vinitha Ravindran and Staff
<i>CMC Vellore Association</i>	: Mr. Barkos Warjri and Staff Dr. John Cherian Oommen and Staff
<i>Quality Management Cell</i>	: Dr. Binila Chacko and Staff
<i>Development Office</i>	: Dr. Vinu Moses and Staff
<i>Missions Department</i>	: Dr. Thomas Samuel Ram and Staff
<i>Chittoor Campus</i>	: Dr. Kenny Samuel David and Staff Dr. Bala Seetharaman and Staff
<i>Kannigapuram Campus</i>	: Dr. Dheepak Selvaraj A. and Staff
<i>CSI Trichy - Tanjore Diocese</i>	
Council Members :	Rt. Rev. Dr. D. Chandrasekaran Dr. D. Samson Daniel

Hospital : CSI Mission General Hospital, Trichy and others.

Welcome

Dr. Sathya Subramani, Professor, Department of Physiology, on her return from sabbatical leave.

Obituaries

• **Mrs. Susy Jacob**, wife of Mr. K.A. Jacob, former Associate Director, CMC Vellore; mother of Dr. Sara Bhattacharji, retired Professor of Community Health; Mrs. Sosa Thomas, retired teacher, Ida Scudder School and Mr. Oommen Jacob, General Manager SP in MRF and mother-in-law of Dr. Suranjan Bhattacharji, former Director, CMC; Mr. George Thomas, former Associate Treasurer, CMC; Mrs. Monsy Oommen and grandmother of Shikha Bhattacharji, Development Office, passed away on 30th December, 2022.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the bereaved members of the family at this time.

• **Dr. Lydia John** (MBBS Batch of 1988) passed away on 28th December, 2022. Born 9th December, 1970 at Kotagiri, Dr. Lydia shared her birthday with at least one other strong, intelligent, beautiful, brave, Godly, compassionate, and overall exemplary woman we all know - Dr. Ida Sophia Scudder. However, the demure, quietly confident woman with the sweetest smile and sparkles in her eyes that remained till she closed them forever this morning will remain the Dr. Lydia we all know and love.

Lydia's strength was based on the strong foundations of her close relationship with God and His word. Dr. Lydia stood for and upheld justice and excellence, speaking up for what was right and defending her right to do so. The girl who came to Vellore in 1988 as the epitome of simplicity and innocence had attributes that belied a strength that comes from a steadfast faith in God and a commitment to serving Him through medicine. During their post-graduate training period, Dr. Lydia John had committed to marry Dr. Koshy George, who found a friend in his quiet, spiritual, naïve, loyal, but fiercely independent MBBS classmate and foster sister, leading to their marriage in 1999.



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Her (their) legacy of being exemplary Christian students, physicians, teachers, and leaders spans from the North to South and Western to Eastern-most corners of the Nation. Apart from stints in CMC Vellore for post-graduate training, they have faithfully served in the mission hospitals of EHA and, more recently, Kotagiri Medical Fellowship.

Drs. Koshy and Lydia have coached and mentored many young doctors and nurses everywhere they worked. The “open house” at their home each week, both in Herbertpur and Tezpur, offered a warm dinner and an empathetic listening ear. People came to Dr. Koshy and Dr. Lydia, trusting them with their deepest worries and concerns, confident of a welcoming heart and good cheer from Dr. Koshy. Still, many have said they came knowing that talking things through with Dr. Lydia would help them make the right decisions.

Lydia’s honesty and sense of fairness set benchmarks for quality in clinical care for colleagues in her clinical team and across other institutions and the EHA organisation. Dr. Lydia is an excellent physician who has always prioritized her patients, setting an example emulated by her clinical team of doctors and nurses to strive for excellence in patient care. She always invested substantive time with her patient beyond the clinical need to be a doctor who prays with her patients.

Dr. Lydia, who trained in Internal medicine (CMC, Vellore), recognized the high burden of multi-drug-resistant tuberculosis in the community served by Herbertpur Christian Hospital and formalized treatment plans for tuberculosis. This work was used to develop hospital, district, and regional guidelines for TB management. In Tezpur, she designed home-based care for stroke patients and the mobile stroke unit (second in the country) through her resolve to deliver affordable, state-of-the-art place-based medical care in very low-resource settings. She worked to secure collaborative partnerships with various service providers and funders to operationalize the unit, which has been on the road to saving lives and spreading hope since February 2020. She also developed antibiotic protocols to address the significant infectious disease pathology patients attending the hospital.

As the family grew, it was necessary to make quality time for their young children and elderly parents. Almost seamlessly, the compassionate and wise Dr. Lydia sacrificed her career progression to make room to nurture their young family. While Dr. Koshy focused on building the healthcare organization, Dr. Lydia led the family and community in spiritual growth and development, establishing the social support systems that enabled the organization to deliver its healthcare mandate. A resolute believer in human rights and women’s empowerment, she lent her voice to committees and platforms that enforce measures to prevent and address sexual harassment and realize women’s rights in the workplace. In recognition of their service, Drs. Lydia and Koshy were awarded the Christian Medical College motto award in 2015.

Serving with a giving spirit, despite the many health struggles they encountered for themselves, and their children, Drs. Lydia and Koshy put others, especially the patients under their care, ahead of themselves. This was again demonstrated when she continued to work at KMF through the trying times of the COVID Pandemic while herself manifesting symptomatology that had the neurologists flummoxed. Even after receiving the diagnosis of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), she continued to see patients for as long as she was physically able to. Despite limitations in mobility and communication functions, she resolutely continued her ministry as a physician through remote consultation and being available for clinical advice to help with patient care.

Dr. Lydia touched the lives of everyone she met, and through them, the ripples have spread far and wide, leaving a legacy of memorable faith, steadfastness, and good grace. She leaves behind a grieving family, extended family, and community as she reached the end of her journey on earth this morning in Kotagiri, where it began 52 years ago. Please uphold Dr. Koshy George (Batch of 1988) and their two sons, Joel (14) and Andrew (8), and extended family in your prayers.

The Funeral service was held on 31st December 2022 at 10.15 AM in the CSI Ascension Church, Kakkanad. 0484 210 8169. <https://maps.app.goo.gl/RB32nSzSCWrwRRko7>

Those who may wish to get in touch with her family, may do so as below:

Dr. Koshy C George, Email : koshycgeorge@gmail.com

Our thoughts and prayers are with the bereaved members of the family at this time.

Situations Vacant

1. Senior Resident with M.D. (Physiology) for the Department of Physiology

Research experience in autonomic function studies is desirable.

Salary : As per institutional rules.

Accommodation Provided (Partly Furnished, Depending on availability).

2. Assistant Professor with NMC-recognized postgraduate degree in M.Ch (Paed. Surgery) for the Department of Paediatric Surgery. Term Appointment only.

Salary : As per institutional rules.

Accommodation Provided (Partly Furnished, Depending on availability).

3. Tutor Gr.IV with BOT (Regular course) for the Department of Development Paediatrics Unit

Eligibility : The applicant should have completed the mandatory requirement of four years term as Occupational Therapist as per the CMC policy.

Salary Scale : As per the institutional rules. Accommodation not provided.

4. Senior Resident Gr.III with MD / DNB (Paediatrics) for the Department of Paediatrics (Paediatric Emergency Medicine)

Salary : As per institutional rules.

Accommodation Provided (Partly Furnished, Depending on availability).

5. Registrar (Non PG) with MBBS for the Department of Dermatology Unit-I

Salary : As per institutional rules.

Accommodation Provided (Subject to 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 **January 07, 2023** for Items 1, 2 and **January 10, 2023** for Item 3 and **January 14, 2023** for Items 4 and 5.

6. Sr. Programmer Gr.V for the Distance Education Unit

Qualifications : B.Tech.(I.T) / B.E. (Computer Science) / MCA / MCS / MS Computer Science / M.Sc. (Computer Science) and those who have completed 4 years of experience as Asst. Programmer or equivalent only need to apply.

Age Limit : 35 Years.

Salary Scale : As per institutional rules.

Accommodation not provided.

Note : Only Regular mode will be accepted, Private or correspondence will be not accepted.

7. Jr. Medical Lab. Technician (Project Mode) for the CMC Vellore, Chittoor Campus

Qualifications : H.Sc. with CMAI Diploma in MLT or CMC DMLT.

Age Limit : 35 Years.

Consolidated Pay : As per institutional rules.

Note : Only Regular mode will be accepted, Private or correspondence will be not accepted.

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 **January 09, 2023** for Items 6 and 7.

Situations Vacant

8. Ida Scudder School Association, (Established by the Christian Medical College Vellore) - 632 006, Tamil Nadu.

Applications for the post of **Teachers** are invited from experienced, dynamic and motivated candidates for the following schools functioning under the Association.

(a) Ida Scudder School (TN037) (Affiliated to the CISCE, New Delhi).

- **Teachers of : English (3), Hindi (1), Art & Craft (1)** for Grades 1 to 5.
- **Teachers of : English (2), Tamil (2), Hindi (2), French (1), Maths (1), History (2), Geography (1), Chemistry (1), Environmental Science (1) Music / Singing (1)** for Grades 6 to 12.
- **Special Educator (1)**
- **School Counsellor (2)**

(b) Campus Kids' Corner

Primary School Teachers for Kindergarten (2)

(c) John Carman School (CMC Vellore, Ranipet Campus)

Headmistress (1) Primary School Teacher for Kindergarten (1)

Applicants must be Graduates and / or Postgraduates in the subject that they are applying for, with a high level of proficiency in English and possess a Teacher training / B.Ed degree.

Interested candidates may submit their applications online with a covering letter by **January 15, 2023** to The Correspondent at applications@scudderschool.ac.in or by post / courier to The Correspondent, No.1, Kalinjur Main Road, Viruthampet, Vellore – 632 006.