

Meeting of Representatives of GMC Alumni Association (GMCAA) and President KashMER with Principal & Dean Government Medical College, Prof. Samia Rashid, Srinagar, Kashmir.

Saturday, August 4, 2018.

Attendees

1. Prof. Samia Rashid, Principal & Dean Medical College, Srinagar, Kashmir
2. Prof. Khalid. J. Qazi, International Coordinator GMC Alumni Association (GMCAA)
3. Dr. Bilal Malik, President KashMER
4. Dr. Aijaz Gundroo, GMCAA
5. Dr. Abdul Rauf Mir, GMCAA
6. Dr. Mudasir Chisti, GMCAA
7. Dr. Nisar A. Bakshi, GMCAA
8. Dr. Owais Jeelani, GMCAA
9. Dr. Suhail Maqbool Vakil, Currently in Saudi Arabia

Representatives of GMCAA headed by Prof. Khalid J. Qazi, International Coordinator GMCAA, met with the Principal Medical College Prof. Samia Rashid on August 4, 2018 in her chambers at 3 PM.

(Prof. Qazi had arranged for the group to meet, prior to the meeting, to prepare for this meeting)

Key Takeaways:

1. Structural framework of the GMCAA was discussed as a membership-based association formed under the patron ship of Principal Medical College, open for all Kashmiri medical fraternity who want to contribute towards the development of healthcare and medical education in Kashmir. Prof. Qazi briefly summarized the work done in previous years with former Principal, Prof. Rafiq A. Pampori, in organizing the GMCAA and significant contributions of the Alumni following the devastating floods in 2014.
2. Prof. Qazi requested Principal GMC for the retrieval of bylaws and other relevant papers, with assistance of Rahila Majeed from IT Dept., catering to the association that were formulated in 2014 for further review for any potential amendment and changes.

3. Principal GMC would coordinate with the members of the association regarding the official registration of the association once bylaws and other papers are reviewed.
4. Options for source of funding were discussed. A funding account in the name of GMCAA with explicit endorsement by the Govt., was discussed as being the best option. However, if that is not possible due to any reason, alternate option for funding could perhaps be through the already established GMC Welfare Fund. Prof. Qazi requested the Principal to share some information about the newly established Welfare Fund, that remains unknown in Alumni circles, for promotional purposes. Transparency would be of paramount importance while any decision regarding the funding account could be finalized.
5. Brief summary and scope of activities of KashmER was provided by its President KashmER Dr. Bilal Malik who reiterated that the organization is ready to work in cooperation with the GMCAA.
6. Principal Medical College suggested that she would convene a meeting of all department heads to evaluate the current needs and requirement that could be catered/fulfilled by GMCAA and KashmER.
7. Options for application for endowment fund were very briefly reviewed.
8. Options for improving Graduate Medical Education and training were also briefly discussed.
9. Another meeting would be scheduled in 1-2 week with principal GMC to discuss further plan.