

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

*Thursday, August 9, 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, GMCAA and President KashMER.
4. Dr. Arshid Hussain, Associate Professor Psychiatry Government medical college
5. Dr. Saleem Khan, Head of the department of Social and Preventative Medicine, Government Medical College, Srinagar ,Kashmir
6. Dr. Owais Jeelani, GMCAA
7. Raheela Majeed, IT Department, Government Medical college Srinagar.

As part of ongoing deliberations, Representatives of GMCAA headed by Prof. Khalid J. Qazi, International Coordinator GMCAA, met with the Principal Medical College Prof. Samia Rashid on August 9, 2018 in her chambers at 4PM.

**Key Takeaways:**

1. Preliminary draft of the Bylaws of the GMCAA framed in 2014 were retrieved. Raheela Majeed, IT Department was requested to email these to the members of GMCAA for further review for any amendment and changes. Prof. Qazi would further coordinate with Dr. Arshid Hussain, Assoc. Prof. Psychiatry to finalize the bylaws prior to formal submission to government for registration of the organization. It was also discussed the GMCAA to be an organization open to all individuals of medical background of Kashmiri origin. The organization would be open to membership for not only physicians but other Paramedical and support staff of Kashmiri origin and not restricted to GMC Alumni only. Dr. Qazi proposed that the name of the organization be changed to Kashmir Medical Alumni Association to better reflect the purpose and goals of the organization.
2. Principal GMC would coordinate for filling of papers for registration and administrative approval. It was decided to have initial membership of current and Ex. GMC faculty who are based in Kashmir, under the patronship of principal GMC to expediate the registration process. For this purpose, Principal medical college would employ an administrative assistant. Dr. Arshid Hussain would supervise the procedure.

3. Options for source of funding were again discussed. A funding account in the name of GMCAA with explicit endorsement by the Govt. was discussed as being the best option. Principal GMC informed that she had deliberations with administration and funding account has to be in compliance with regulations of Indian societies act. Further deliberations and discussion regarding funding would be made once bylaws and constitution of the association is finalized.
4. As part of continued Medical education, it was decided that a seminar be conducted every year in GMC Srinagar with Alumni's as guest speakers. Summer was felt to be best time for this purpose, ideally July. Principal GMC would provide two optional dates for coming year 2019.
5. Principal Medical College and members of GMC faculty suggested that a formal faculty development program be implemented through the association wherein the members of the faculty at GMC be provided with opportunities for visiting observer ship programs overseas to get acquainted with current advanced know-how and functioning of healthcare systems. GMCAA and KashMER would coordinate in this regard.
6. As a part of the collaborative effort GMC also requested that two smart class rooms (E-classrooms) be established in GMC. GMC would provide a list of inventory items required as well as vendor lists. Appropriate invoice would need to be provided. GMCAA can have direct deliberations with the vendors for the establishment of E-class rooms.
7. As part of further enhancement of Graduate and undergraduate Medical education, need for collaboration between members of GMCAA and faculty of GMC was discussed. Dr. Arshid Hussain brought to light the immense need for structuring of curriculum. In this regard, Dr. Qazi was requested for his involvement by the members of GMCAA for using his expertise for development of a comprehensive structuring of current curriculum, which would strictly adhere to current MCI guidelines. An informal meeting between Dr. Qazi and Dr. Saleem Khan HOD SPM is planned in this regard.
8. Dr. Saleem Khan, Head of the department of Social and Preventative Medicine, volunteered his department for the establishment of office for GMCAA.
9. Raheela Majeed would continue to work as IT specialist and Principal Medical college would designate another administrative assistant for the association.
10. Next meeting was scheduled for August 14, 2018 to continue deliberations and review the progress.