

**The Second International Conference in Medical Sociology  
Social Justice and Health Inequality  
Date: 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> April 2012**

**By**

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MMM COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES  
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“The gross inequalities in health within and between countries present a challenge to the world. A burgeoning volume of research identifies social factors as the root of much of these inequalities in health. Social determinants are relevant to communicable and non-communicable disease alike. Health status, hence should be the concern of policy makers in every sector”

India ranks 134 in the Human development index in the world, with China 101 and both are classified under medium Human development, whereas Pakistan and Bangladesh are ranked 145, 146 under Low Human Development respectively. Whether universal access to health care reduces inequalities in health significantly or not there is a wide-spread, conviction that it is a requirement of justice.

Doctors and Researchers, Sociologists, Social Scientists, Psychologists, Social workers, Nursing personnel, Physiotherapists, Dieticians/Nutritionists, Public health personnel, Epidemiologists, NGO's – health related, Management professionals in Health care are all responsible for changing the society towards a more qualitative living.

As a response to this challenge the Department of Medical Sociology of the MMM College of Health Sciences hopes to review through the Second International Conference – “Social Justice and Health Inequality” evoke deliberations for positive attitudinal modifications.

The International faculty Dr. Stephanie D Short, University of Sydney, Australia, Dr. Ejaz Ahmed, Professor of Nephrology, Sindh Institute of Urology and Transplantation Civil Hospital, Karachi, Pakistan and many other eminent faculty nationwide Padmashri Dr. Hanumappa Sudarshan Reddy – Social/Tribal Activist, Dr. R. Kumar – Director, Institute of mental Health, Dr. Sedevi Angami – Christian Institute of Health Science and Research, Nagaland, Prof (Dr.)M. Ranganathan, NIMHANS, Bangalore, Dr. K.R. John, SRM University, Dr. Thankam Varma, Dr.Mullasari Ajit, Dr. Georgi Abraham from Chennai will be sharing their experiences.

The conference focuses on four themes related Lifestyle Diseases, Women's Health, Mental Health and Tribal Health.

You too can create a healthy society by actively participating in this conference by registering now by sending a Demand draft details are given below:-

## Registration Details

Fees (before 10th April 2012)

Students\* : Rs. 500/-

Others : Rs. 600/-

Spot Registration: Rs. 750/-

\* Students should present a bonafide certificate from the Head of the Department.

## **SCIENTIFIC SESSION 19.04.2012 (DAY - 1)**

### **KEY NOTE ADDRESS: Health Service for Disadvantaged Groups: A Social Justice Perspective**

*Dr. Stephanie Short, University of Sydney, Australia*

### **LIFESTYLE DISEASES**

- **Cardiac-Setting up of processes for treatment of Myocardial Infarction in Tamilnadu**

*Dr.Mullasari Ajit, Director - Institute of Cardio- Vascular Diseases, Chennai*

- **Welfare wellness inclusive healthcare for India with Emphasis on Chronic Kidney Diseases**

*Dr.Georgi Abraham, Consultant Nephrologist and Transplant Physician, Institute of Liver, Kidney & Organ Transplantation, and Chennai.*

### **WOMEN'S HEALTH**

- **Ethical / Legal and Social aspects in Management of sub fertility, – Panel Discussion**

*Dr.Thankam Rama Varma, Medical Director - Institute of Reproductive Medicine and Women's Health, Chennai. Dr.Vasantha Muthusamy, Formerly Sr. Dy. Director General & Head, Dept. of Basic Medical Sciences Traditional Medicine & Bioethics, ICMR, N.Delhi. Dr.Jayalakshmi, Prof. & Head (retd.) Dept. of Sociology, University of Madras. Ms. Sudha Ramalingam, Magistrate*

- **“Gender Issues with specific reference to Tuberculosis, HIV infection – challenges and solution”.** - *Dr.Anil Purty, Professor – Dept of Community Medicine, Pondicherry Institute of Medical Sciences, Pondicherry*

## SCIENTIFIC SESSION 20.04.2012 (DAY – 2)

### **MMM ORATION**

Community – Government partnership in Providing Health care – the SIUT Model by *Dr. Ejaz Ahmed, professor of Nephrology, Sindh Institute of Urology and Transplantation Civil Hospital, Karachi, Pakistan*

### **MENTAL HEALTH**

➤ **“Diagnostic & Therapeutic approach and Impact of Technology”**

*Dr. R. Kumar, Director, Institute of Mental Health, Chennai*

➤ **“Mental Health Services Issues, Policy and Plan for future development” Panel Discussion**

*Dr. Malaiappan, Associate Professor of Psychiatry, Madras Medical College (MMC), & Psychiatrist, Institute of Mental Health, Chennai. Dr. Ranganathan, Professor(Rtd.) Department of PSW, National Institute of Mental Health & NeuroSciences, Bangalore. Dr. Raghavan, Professor (Rtd.) Clinical Psychology, Annamalai University.*

### **TRIBAL HEALTH**

➤ **The Use of tools of Social Sciences for choice of health care technologies in India**

*Dr. K.R. John, Professor, Department of Community Medicine, SRM University, Chennai.*

➤ **“Primary Health Care For the Tribal People – Reaching The Unreached”**

*Padmashri Dr. Hanumappa Sudarshan Reddy, Tribal Activist, Bangalore*

➤ **Perspectives on tribal health-A north eastern perspective**

*Dr. Sedevi Angami, Medical Superintendent, Christian Institute of Health Science & Research, Dimapur, Nagaland*

### **CONCLUDING FUNCTION –**

***Looking beyond – Summary and Recommendations.***