

From Russia with Love

Samara, Russia's third largest city after Moscow and St Petersburg, used to be home to the Soviet rocket industry. Past priorities are chillingly reflected in the fact that a city its size (1.1 million) could be built for the cost of 5 nuclear submarines, and yet Russia still has a fleet of 300! During the nineties Russia cut defence spending from 65% to 5% of GNP so you can imagine what that and the resulting collapse of the economy did to Samara's infrastructure.

Russia was hugely damaged much earlier by the loss of 30 million of its best and brightest citizens in WW2 and Stalin's purges - equivalent to Britain losing 10 million. However the economy is now growing at about 7% per year and most people are substantially better off than under communism. There are still massive challenges, especially in healthcare delivery, but a new generation of Christian doctors is rising to them.

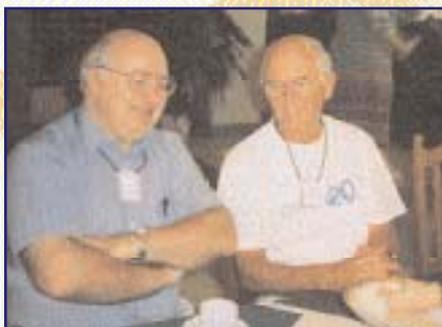
Since 2000 Samara has played host to summer camps for medical students and palliative care conferences for doctors in which CMF members have been very much involved. This summer it staged a remarkable conference for medical students and juniors - attended by 130 people from 22 cities in seven former Soviet Union countries: Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, Kazakstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and Tadjikistan.

The conference was the dream of Dasha Boguslavsky, a Russian junior doctor, who



Dasha Boguslavsky (2nd from left) and her team

with a team of four other young professional women organised and ran the event. CMF, ICMDA and IFES (International Fellowship of Evangelical Students) were invited to participate and contributed a scholarship fund and a teaching team consisting of John Lennox and Tim Rudge (IFES), Victor Agbeibor and Jonathan Hood (CMDA US) and Olive Frost, Huw Morgan, James Tomlinson, Rob Palmer, Peter Pattisson, and Peter Saunders (CMF UK). John



Peter Pattisson and John Lennox

Lennox gave the Bible readings and the rest of us shared four plenaries and sixteen seminars. The result was a wonderful week of teaching, worship and international fellowship - a real foretaste of heaven.

Most delegates had been Christians for less than three years; stunning evidence that Christian medical student groups are springing up all over the Russian-speaking world. CMF has been privileged to partner our overseas colleagues through this, and about

thirty student leaders from former Soviet Union countries have been sponsored to attend conferences and do electives in the UK over the past 4 years. Many of these have later hosted evangelism/discipleship summer camps for medical students in their own countries in partnership with visiting CMF teams. In the last three years such camps have been held in Kyrgyzstan, Kazakstan, Armenia, Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova and in six cities in Russia. This summer alone CMF teams helped run camps in Tver, Kursk, Yerevan, Simferopol and Osh - cities that most of us had never even heard of ten years ago (and many of us might not have even now!). The Samara conference was built on a strong foundation.

Much of this issue of *CMF News* is devoted to what God is doing in and through Christian medics worldwide. There is news of the Missionary Refresher Course, our merger with *MMA Healthserve*, a new partnership with Iraq, the upcoming ICMDA 2004 European Conference and translations of CMF publications into Russian, Chinese and Albanian - all small steps along the way as we seek in God's strength to extend his Kingdom 'to the ends of the earth'. Let's keep going for it!

Peter Saunders

CMF General Secretary



Peter Saunders



Delegates by the Volga

New Appointments



Laurence Peter, and Richard

Laurence Crutchlow, Richard Knox and Peter Fee have joined the CMF student staff team as relay workers. All graduated MBChB in 2001 and 2002 and will be working part-time with students in London, Birmingham and Edinburgh respectively; Peter until February and Laurence and Richard until August 2004.

CMF's relay programme offers training and experience in student ministry for 6-12 months. The year includes being fully involved in theological and ministry training offered by the Universities and Colleges Christian Fellowship (UCCF) alongside ministry amongst medical students doing one-to-one Bible study, evangelism, teaching in ethics and mission, and supporting student leaders. Most posts are supervised by a CMF regional staffworker. The work is voluntary with CMF covering ministry and training expenses and relay workers raising their own living expenses usually through locums or regular part-time work. Most relay workers do about five sessions a week, worked flexibly.

If you would like to receive a prayer letter from Laurence, Peter or Richard, or for more information on relay posts in general, contact Peter Saunders at the CMF office.

New Staff Needed

Associate General Secretary

We are currently interviewing for the Associate General Secretary post and hope to announce the new appointment in the next edition of *CMF News*. The new role will involve pastoral care of doctors, encouraging evangelism and mission and developing the new *Saline Solution* course for integrating faith and practice. The appointee will work eight sessions a week and will be based half in the London Office and half in the field.

Student Staff

There are current vacancies for student Staffworkers in North West England, East London/East Anglia, Ireland and the Midlands. Staffworker posts are normally 4-5 sessions per week for two years, but other models are not impossible and we try to fit posts around and applicant's location and stage. Staffworkers are usually 24-32 years of age and spend the other half of their time in part time SHO, SpR or GP trainee or retainer posts, or in doing Bible College study. Salary is based on graduate teacher scales. For more information contact Peter Saunders at the CMF office.

Members' News

Congratulations

On their awards and appointments

Sheila Matthews	MSc (distinction) in community paediatrics
Ruth Fitch	MRCGP
John Wenham	MRCGP
John Stuart Brown	MBE

If you have recently received an award, a new appointment or postgraduate qualification please let us know for the next edition of *CMF News*.

Movements

Outgoing

Sylvia Anderson	(Belfast) to Pakistan
Deborah Carmichael	(Guy's) to Tanzania
Alison Geddes	(St Andrew's) to South Africa
Tim Lewis	(Dublin) to Nepal
Kate Osborn	(Sheffield) to USA
Kathryn Ozanne	(Oxford) to Uganda
Susan Pickard	(St Mary's) to Thailand
Clare Shaw	(Sheffield) to USA
Rachel Tan	(Bristol) to Malaysia

Homecoming

Benjamin Cheesman	(Aberdeen) from New Zealand
Lucinda Cheesman	(Aberdeen) from New Zealand
Rebecca Docea	(Aberdeen) from Romania
Alice Flewett	(Royal Free) from Niger Republic
Jane Hardy	(St Mary's) from Thailand

Janet Massey (Liverpool) from Germany
 Andrew Perkins (Royal Free) from Mali
 Peter Winfrey (St Mary's) from Uganda
 Nick Wooding (Oxford) from Uganda

Obituaries

We report the deaths of the following members and offer sympathy to their families:

Paul Brand (*q* UCL 1943; *d* 7 July 2003) retired Clinical Professor Emeritus, University of Washington. He pioneered the use of reconstructive surgery for patients with leprosy and diabetes affecting the hands and feet. See article in autumn edition of *Triple Helix* for a fuller account of his life.

John Coleman (*q* St Thomas's 1946; *d* 16 August 2003) was one of the Christians taken captive in Iran in 1980. He and his wife Audrey were detained for seven months until the efforts of Terry Waite brought their freedom. He never expressed bitterness against his captors and his forgiving spirit impressed his guards. He had worked as a surgeon in Iran and as medical superintendent at the Bethnal Green Medical Mission in London. After their release the Colemans travelled widely speaking about their experiences.

Kathleen Corbett (*q* Glasgow 1944; *d* July 2003) was a retired paediatrician living in Newtownards, Co Down.

Edith Fraser (*q* Royal Free 1943; *d* August 2003) was a medical advisor in public health medicine living in Oxshott, Surrey.

Sheila Harris (*q* Manchester 1952; *d* 30 June 2003) was a retired paediatrician living in Wrexham, Clwyd.

Kenneth Hulbert (*q* The Middlesex 1936; *d* May 2003) was a retired consultant in orthopaedics living in Sevenoaks, Kent.

Mary James (*q* Edinburgh 1952; *d* 4 May 2003) was retired from public health medicine and living in Crediton, Devon.

Desmond Montgomery (*q* Belfast 1940; *d* 7 July 2003) was a retired professor of endocrinology living in Belfast.

Adrian Raban-Williams (*q* the London 1951; *d* 26 June 2003) was a GP in Tunbridge Wells before going to Africa as a volunteer doctor for the Salvation Army.

Annabel Ross (*q* Cambridge 1983; *d* 3 March 2002) was a public health specialist in London.

Leonard Walker (*q* Barts 1954; *d* 12 April 2003) was a retired consultant anaesthetist living in Scarborough, North Yorks.



Conference Reports



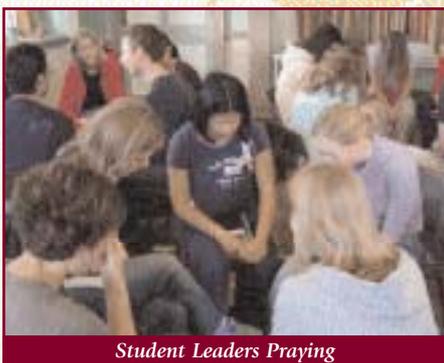
Delegates at Juniors' Conference

Beyond the Bleep

About 100 people, mainly juniors starting house jobs, attended the Junior Doctors' Weekend Conference at Hothorpe Hall, Leicestershire on 5-7 September. Pablo Martinez, Spanish Psychiatrist, gave Bible readings on the life of Joseph, applying it to three tests we all face: the test of family problems, the test of temptation and the test of waiting. There was a series of seminars on issues juniors face and also a session on 'faith at work' where juniors were able to quiz Christian doctors in their chosen specialty about issues at the interface of Christianity and medicine. Overall it was a great weekend of teaching and fellowship. Junior doctors have unique needs and this annual conference, now in its eighth year has really filled a gap in CMF's ministry.

Student Leaders' Conference

The annual CMF Student Leaders' Conference took place from 26-28 September at the Gaines' Youth Centre in Worcestershire. Almost 60 student leaders in medicine, law, nursing and therapy joined together for 'Leaders Made Great by God'. Chris Downing, CMF South England staffworker, gave Bible addresses on Saul, David and Solomon, highlighting how God uses our frail humanity and weakness to accomplish his purposes in leadership. There were sessions on planning a programme, dealing with problems, personal issues of leadership and evangelism. It was a great



Student Leaders Praying

time of encouragement at the start of the student year.

Student leaders from Tanzania and Holland joined the UK students along with the incoming ICMDA student secretary, Mark Chandra from Canada.

Summer Teams

As usual the summer was filled with CMF student/doctor trips to Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. This year we had teams go to Kursk, Tver and Samara (Russia), Simferopol (Ukraine), Bulgaria, Tirana (Albania), Osh (Kyrgystan) and Yerevan (Armenia). Local students invited their friends and organised venues for evangelistic camps, whilst the UK teams led sessions, ranging from evangelistic talks and discipleship issues, to medical ethics and practical medical skills. Local groups of Christian medical students were strengthened and a number of students became Christians.

Events

CMF Autumn Conferences

The autumn conference season is now well underway and you should have already received publicity for conferences in your region. Weekend regional conferences include Northern (17-19 October), South East (7-9 November), and Scottish (21-23 November) and there will be Day Conferences in Sheffield (23 October) and Oxford (8 November).

Media Training Days

CMF's training in radio and television interview techniques has enabled well over 100 Christian doctors to approach media interviews with confidence. Further one-day training courses will take place this autumn:

Bristol Fri 17 October
Cardiff Sat 18 October

Local members are being mailed, but if you are out of area and would still like to come please contact Judy Wilson at the

CMF Office. Early booking is appreciated. A new advanced media course focusing on 'end of life issues' is being planned for 5-6 December.

Saline Solution

This innovative course in integrating faith and practice was developed by our US sister organisation CMDA. Two pilot conferences for CF members will be held this autumn leading up to a road show tour of many more venues in Summer 2004:

Birmingham Wed 8 October
Sheffield Thu 23 October

Getting God to Work

is the theme of the annual men's conference of 'Christian Viewpoint for Men'. Issues of faith and the workplace are explored in talks and seminars with the aim of 'equipping the saints to be godly at work'. 7-9 November 2003, Britannia Royal Court Hotel, Coventry. Details at www.CVMen.org.uk or by email at conference@CVMen.org.uk

Ministry of Healing

Francis and Judith MacNutt will be speaking on spiritual healing through prayer at this year's Church of Scotland conference. 17-19 November, Heriot Watt University, Edinburgh. Details from Maggie Chalmers. Tel: 0131 657 2000. Email: mchalmers@charis.org.uk

CBPP Conference: Cloning and the Biotech Future

This highly topical conference will be chaired by Prof John Wyatt, chair of the CMF Study Group, and features an international line-up of controversial speakers including Nigel Cameron (Chairman of CBPP), Baroness Warnock, Lord Alton, Calum MacKellar (Scottish Council of Bioethics) and Brigitte Boisellier (Director of Clonaid). Monday 24 November. Royal Society of Medicine, Wimpole Street, London W1. Registration fee: £95. Friends: £70.00. Students: £40.00. Information from: Fiona Gregson, CBPP, 51 Romney Street, London SW1P 3RF. Tel: 020 7233 0455

National Day of Prayer about abortion

Monday 27 October 2003 is the anniversary of the 1967 Abortion Act. This day of prayer is organised by the pro-life group *Image* and a free prayer pack is available to help individuals or groups to pray. Tel: 0161 273 8090 Website: www.imagenet.org.uk



Students

Mark Pickering writes Student Staff News



Mark Pickering

We are particularly encouraged by the appointments of our three new CMF relay workers: **Richard Knox** (West Midlands), **Peter Fee** (Scotland)

and **Laurence Crutchlow** (London) (see page 2 for further details).

Our regional staffworkers **Becky Brain** (South West), **Chris Downing** (South), **Lorna Nunn** (Scotland) and **Kerry Waterfield** (North East) will all continue their excellent work over the coming year. All our staffworkers and relay workers produce regular news and prayer letters (some more often than others!). Contact the CMF office if you would like to receive any of these.

Once For All

The 2004 National Students' Conference will run from 13-15 February at the Hayes Conference Centre in Swanwick, Derbyshire. Publicity is now available and all students should receive a booking form with this mailing. Nigel Lee, former head of student ministries at UCCF (Universities and Colleges Christian Fellowship), will give the Bible Addresses from Hebrews. Marjory Foyle,

Once For All



former medical missionary and author of *Honourably Wounded* will give the conference address on 'The Good, the Bad and the Ugly Face of Mission'.

Seminars will cover topics such as homosexuality, euthanasia, the global health crisis and dealing with depression. It promises to be another excellent time for students from across the UK and Europe. Please be praying now for students, organisation and speakers, that God's hand would be upon it all. Book early to avoid disappointment as space is limited. For further details on the conference programme see www.cmf.org.uk/students/events.htm

New Medical Schools

All medical schools are now welcoming the year's intake of students. This is a key time for recruiting new student members at freshers' fayres and CU meetings. This year the new schools of **Derby, Hull/York and Brighton** open their doors for the first time. Pray particularly for the establishment of new groups and the appointment of effective student reps and graduate medical school secretaries in all three.

BMA News

CMF has been co-opted onto the British Medical Association (BMA) Medical Students' Committee (MSC) for the fifth year running, for which we thank God. Lee Collier (St George's) takes over from Francis Sansbury as the CMF rep, whilst Francis remains on the MSC as the Cambridge rep. Pray for Lee, Francis (and other CMF members on the MSC) to be salt and light as they debate issues of medical student policy at the MSC during the coming year.

Freshers' Packs

CMF Freshers' packs are available from the CMF office on request. They include an introductory letter to CMF, a joining form, national conference brochure and copies of *Nucleus* and *Triple Helix*. They are ideal to give to Christian friends who are not yet CMF members. Email Sandra on students@cmf.org.uk

Junior Doctors

Sarah Germain writes Junior Doctors' Committee



Sarah Germain

Following a brilliant juniors' conference (p3) we sadly say goodbye to Malcolm Savage and Richard Collins who for various good reasons are moving on.

Yvonne Cartwright and William Chang join us and we are

still looking for new members.

Congratulations

John Wenham, GP registrar in Manchester,

was elected to the BMA Ethics committee at the BMA annual conference in July.

How can you get involved?

There are lots of ways you can be involved:

Set up a local Open House with a few colleagues – contact CMF office for a starter pack
Arrange a local evangelistic event – what about a dinner or ball?

Get involved in your local BMA group

Speak or write on an ethical issue – CMF can provide Media Training

Write an article for CMF on an issue you feel passionately about.



Junior Doctors' Committee

Publications

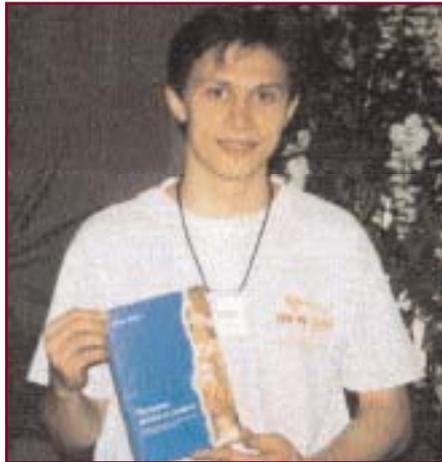
Allister Vale writes New Publications

The full manuscript of Andrew Fergusson's new book *Hard Questions about Health and Healing* has now been received and we plan to publish shortly. *Christian Distinctives in Medicine* is still at copy-editing stage. The final chapters of *Mad, Bad and Sad* have been commissioned and publication is expected before 2004.

Translations

Many former communist countries in particular have very little in the way of Christian medical literature and translations of CMF publications are proving very popular.

Over 500 copies of the Russian translation of John Wyatt's *Matters of Life and Death*,



Alex Prokopenko with *Matters of Life and Death*

translated by Alex Prokopenko and Oleg Shelochkov, were given away to students at the Samara conference in July to be distributed to students and doctors in 22 cities throughout seven countries of the former USSR. The Albanian translation of Bernard Palmer's *Cure for Life*, translated by Eralda Turkeshi, was printed in July

and available by the time the Oxford team visited to help run a camp for medical students. The Chinese translation of *Doctors' Life Support* is also now available. These projects were all made possible by grants from the CMF publications fund.

The Russian translation of *Cure for Life* was about to go to press at the time *CMF News* went to print and a Romanian translation of *Matters of Life and Death* is due out early next year. A Chinese translation of the *CMF Files* is also almost complete.

Websites

Since January 2003 the newly designed CMF website at www.cmf.org.uk has received 182,000 visits. We have sold 895 copies of the 2002 CD-ROM of the website and the 2003 version is now available and selling well. There have been 15,700 visits to the website at www.ethicsforschools.org since January 2003 and 345 CD-ROMs have been sold at a cost of £5 each.

Mission Matters

Peter Armon writes The Refresher Course 2003



Peter Armon

This year's course was something different. Numbers varied during the fortnight with a core group of 32 present throughout. At one point there were 45 participants from 11 nations working

in 17 different countries. It was a mixed group of doctors and nurses, old hands and new, together with some who were thinking of going overseas for the first time. For one participant it was her 3rd attendance in over 25 years of overseas service. For one nominally Christian worker, it was a time of rebirth as she committed her life to the Lord. It was a privilege to be there.

CMF and MMA HealthServe had responded to a request from CMF Kenya to join them in subsidising the costs of five Kenyan Doctors thereby enabling them to attend the course and hopefully encouraging them to continue working in Christian hospitals within their country. It was great to enjoy their lively input and

to share their insights, as nationals, on the need and roles of expatriate 'missionary' workers in their country.

In addition to the usual interactive lecture format, four afternoons were given over to workshops on HIV/AIDS, Paediatrics, Surgery and Obstetrics. The best part of a day was also given to 'member care' issues - reducing stress and burnout and to problems and joys of families working abroad. All these sessions were well received and the workshops may well be expanded in next year's course.

Morning prayers and studies on the Fruit of the Spirit in the evenings, led by participants and lecturers, provided spiritual refreshment and encouragement. Most evenings individuals were given time to share about their work. This was informative, helpful and challenging. 'It was good to know that I'm not alone in the difficulties I face and to be encouraged by others', said one.

Participants were enthusiastic in their thanks and praise for all who contributed to the course as a whole. 'The best course

Delegates at Refreshers Course



I have ever been to' said one. 'The course was of great value to me professionally and spiritually encouraging', said another and even the 3rd time participant found it 'as helpful as ever'.

Thanks are indeed due to all those CMF members and others who so freely and willingly gave of their time and effort to make this course a success. In particular, to Peter and Hilary Bewes, who unstintingly throw themselves into hosting the occasion and to all those at Oak Hill who make us so welcome.

For your Diary

Global Connections Healthcare Forum Conference, 26 November 2003

'The future of Healthcare Mission in sub Saharan Africa'

Contact: Steve Fouch at MMA Healthserve for details

Ready Steady Go

An orientation course in cross-cultural mission, organised by EQUIP (a ministry of Action Partners) - is being held at Bawtry Hall, near Doncaster from 26-30 January 2004.

Contact: info@equiptraining.org.uk

Developing Health 2004

(The Refresher Course by another name!) Will again be held at Oak Hill 5-16 July next year

Student Elective Days 2004

In Leeds on Saturday 6 March and in London on Wednesday 17 March

Websites and Publications

The *Resource Book* – a yellow pages for those interested in or working overseas which has now been extensively enlarged and put on the MMA HealthServe website at www.healthserve.org under *Healthserve Pages*. A vast range of information for those involved in healthcare mission has been included. The site is well worth a visit and also includes up to date information on Short term Opportunities for both graduates and undergraduates, elective information and much else beside. The *Healthserve Pages* (which number 129 sheets of A4) can be purchased in paper copy for £5 from MMA HealthServe.

The CMF publication *Short Term Opportunities in Medical Mission* has been extensively revised, updated and reprinted under the title *Medical Missions Handbook – a guide to those contemplating a period of short term medical service overseas*. It contains answers to the most commonly asked questions on the subject

and should prove useful to members at all stages of their careers who are considering a spell overseas. It can be purchased from CMF in paper copy for £4 and will be found on the CMF/Healthserve websites in due course.

MMA HealthServe have also produced *Elective Life Support* – a short book of eight weeks of daily Bible readings and meditations for students on elective placements overseas. Contact MMA HealthServe for copies.

Food for thought

I looked for a man among them who would build the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land. Ezekiel

Who can I send and who will go for me? Isaiah

If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great to make for him. CT Studd

He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose. Jim Elliot

Merger with MMA Healthserve

The terms of the merger between CMF and MMA Healthserve has now been agreed, but the merger itself needs to be properly formalised at a vote of the CMF Executive and MMA Council in late November/early December. It is proposed that from early 2004 MMA Healthserve will transfer all its undertakings to CMF under the oversight of the International Healthserve committee, an expanded Overseas Service Committee.

The aims of CMF's new expanded 'overseas department' will be to promote godliness amongst Christian healthcare professionals and students, especially with regard to mission; to motivate, mobilise and equip them for mission involvement;

to support them working abroad; to encourage innovative and strategic thinking about global healthcare mission and to mobilise resources.

The new 'overseas department' will be multidisciplinary and jointly headed by an Overseas Support Secretary and Allied Professions Secretary. The new committee will be jointly chaired for the first year by a doctor and a non-medical health professional and will consist of at least six doctors and at least six from other healthcare disciplines.

The timing of the office move depends on the availability of space at Partnership House, but may be as early as December this year. Expect a major update in the next edition of *CMF News*.

Iraqi Partnership

After an appeal by Basil Assoufi at the National Conference in April, CMF members gave £5,100 towards the medical needs of Syrian Orthodox Christians in Iraq. On a recent trip to London, Severus Hawa, the Archbishop of Syrian Orthodox church in Iraq, dropped into the CMF to thank us.

There are 500,000 Christians in Iraq, 80,000 of them are Syrian Orthodox - so roughly one fifth. Of these there are 6,500 families in Baghdad. The church is based in Damascus and goes right back to the first century. Whereas the Catholics have been relatively well supported through the crisis, this church has not, which is why they are building other links. It was very humbling to hear his testimony and insights on the war and the current situation. At the time of his visit in mid July Baghdad was still in much worse shape than before the war, and medical needs remain monumental. We plan to stay in touch with a view to helping in other ways later as the medical system is rebuilt.



Toma Dawod, Basil Assoufi, Peter Saunders and Severus Hawa



International Christian Medical and Dental Association

From Ralph Sinn, ICMDA General Secretary

ICMDA is continuing the search for a new General Secretary and a number of well-qualified candidates have applied for the post. Interviews will be held soon.

Depending on the nationality of the new candidate the ICMDA Office may well move from its current location in Canada.

Mark Pickering finished after five years as ICMDA Student Secretary at the beginning of October. He hands over to Mark Chandra, a newly-qualified Canadian GP, but continues as the ICMDA area student rep for Western Europe.

From Peter Pattison, ICMDA European Regional Secretary

One of those who attended the conference for students and young doctors in Samara, Russia, in July (see report on page 1) was a senior medical student from Belarus. He has established a Russian language web site to carry articles and news for Christian medical students and doctors from all over the Russian-speaking world. Among other material, he has translated articles from *Triple Helix* and *Nucleus* and plans on doing more. In a spiritual desert where very little such material is available in Russian or local languages, what he is doing is of critical importance. Some small designated gifts to CMF or to ICMDA would greatly facilitate his work.

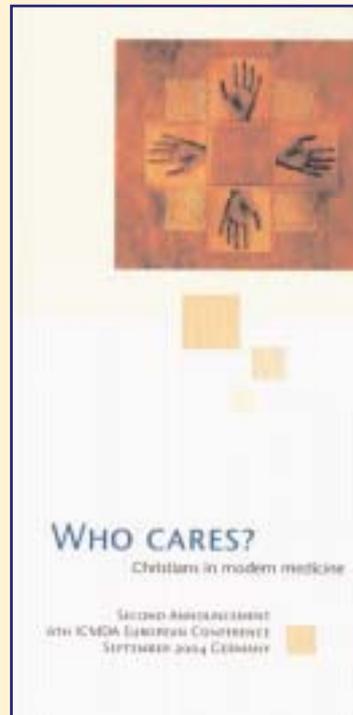
In August the Romanian CMA held their annual conference at a beautiful site in the Carpathian mountains. In all about 100 students and doctors attended. The

students had one day of their own before the main conference began. About 25 of them were dental students. Vigorous debate was conducted on how to bring a Christian dimension into a chaotic health-care system, strapped for cash - sounds familiar!

Marius Radu, a leading philosophy teacher and husband of the secretary of the Romanian CMA has recently joined the team developing *Saline Solution* in Central Europe. They call it 'With Salt' in Romania. He will be part of a team presenting a *Saline Solution* seminar in the pre conference days of the ICMDA European conference in Germany, September 2004.

In June three British junior doctors went over to Germany to join the German junior doctors' conference. This was a tremendous experience on both sides and we are keen to encourage more of such exchanges. If you would be interested contact the CMF office or ICMDA Europe.

The German committee is moving ahead well with preparations for the European conference. They are planning for 300 doctors and spouses and 200 students from right across Europe. The location has been settled at Krelingen, close to Hanover in Northern Germany.



The dates are 8-12 September 2004 with the students and junior doctors starting a few days earlier on the 6th. The theme is 'Who Cares?' and the usual mix of Bible ministry, plenary lectures, multiple seminars and plenty of time for building friendships will make up the conference.

Plenary speakers include John Wyatt, John Patrick, Pablo Martinez with Klaus Teschner giving Bible readings. Concurrently with the student and juniors' conference, there will be a consultation for Christians involved in medical education, a *Saline Solution* seminar and the international executive committee of ICMDA will be meeting.

This will be a great opportunity for new friendships and for learning from across Europe. Even if you have never attended an ICMDA conference in the past take the opportunity of this one within easy reach and plan on joining us.

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Finance Matters

2nd quarter accounts for 2003. The general response to the subscription increase has been very positive indeed and total income for the first six months of 2003 (£436,000) is £50,000 ahead of our budgeted £386,000 and £64,000 up on 2002. The total expenditure of £404,000 could not be closer to budget, even if we had massaged the figures, and leaves us with a healthy surplus of £32,000 for the year to date. We are especially grateful to Elaine Hutchison who joined our staff for six

weeks over the summer to help us with the preparation of these accounts.

At a time when many charities are struggling, we are thankful for the very generous support of our members. Raising support regionally for student Staffworkers has proved a great success with about 20% of our income in the period coming in personal support for this vital work.

Relative to many other charities we own very few assets, and keep our investment

cushion at a minimum meaning that we are never more than four or five months from 'going out of business' completely. So what comes in is spent in ministry. This keeps us efficient and accountable. But there is no room for complacency. The full £120 subscription still covers considerably less than half of what CMF spends annually and so we are heavily reliant on the extra giving of members over and above subscriptions for our continued activity.

Giles Rawlinson



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