

Do not hold back

Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes

(Isaiah 54:2)

In 2004, CMF went through an immense amount of change and growth. We merged with MMA

Healthserve, increased our office space by 200%, implemented a new computer system, appointed eight new staff including an Associate General Secretary, supported four ICMDA regional conferences, ran fourteen *Saline Solution* day conferences, built stronger links with partner organisations (esp LCF, ¹ CNM, ² CTN, ³ PRIME⁴ and Interhealth), responded to five major government consultations and generally upped our media and public policy profile.

In December 2004 the CMF Executive considered a vision for the years ahead. We recognised four priorities:

- Equipping doctors to practise whole person medicine
- Increasing our support for sister organisations in other countries through ICMDA
- Embracing multidisciplinary mission through partnerships with Christians in allied professions
- Being a voice for Christian values in the profession, churches and society

Several events in the last six months have helped to focus these priorities:

- The *Assisted Dying for the Terminally Ill Bill* (Joffe Bill)
- The rapid growth of ICMDA Eurasia and PRIME requiring administrative

support and increasing synergy with CMF

- Allied Professions groups (especially CNM, CTN and NCFI⁵) asking for ministry support
 - New legislation seeking to impose a secular agenda in healthcare
- The CMF Executive has responded by:
- Appointing Andrew Fergusson as Strategy Advisor on euthanasia from January-June 2005
 - Appointing Tanya Yeghnazar as Communications Officer in June
 - Opening a Scottish Office with the appointment of a part-time Scottish Administrator Calum MacKellar with extensive experience in bioethics
 - Approving the future appointment of a new full time International Coordinator in order that we can provide better administrative support for ICMDA Eurasia, and CMF's growing international activity
 - Offering administrative support for CNM, NCFI and possibly in the future CTN
 - Approving the appointment of a full time Senior Editor from October 2005

Through God's gracious provision, and the generous giving of our members, we achieved all our growth over the four years 2000-2003 with a financial surplus of £140,000 whilst annual expenditure increased from £521,000 in 1999 to £862,000 in 2003 and staff numbers rose from 12 to 22. In addition we received an

additional £830,000 designated for overseas mission work through the merger with MMA *HealthServe* last year so that by December 2004 our combined reserves totalled £1,029,000.

But the added growth last year, the MMA merger, taking on new space, the appointment of an Associate General Secretary and delays in calling in subscriptions and donations in 2004 have meant that expenditure has outpaced income significantly. Accounts for 2004 show an income of £868,000 (budget £879,000; 2003 £920,000) and expenditure of £1,060,000 (budget £1,003,000; 2003 £862,000) giving a deficit of £192,000 for 2004. Furthermore, the impact of our continued growth in ministry will be to increase our expenditure in 2005 to £1,148,500, against current budgeted income of £950,000.

God is giving us new opportunities in all of our ministry areas: students, overseas, ethics, publications, evangelism and fellowship. But while we have a strong staff team, over £1million in the bank, and over 5,500 committed members to enthuse and involve, it is clear that we need to increase our income substantially in the mid to long term. Increasing our membership and encouraging existing members to increase their financial support, especially to projects which resonate with their own ministry priorities, is the key to this continuing development.

And so we are putting in place a strategy over the coming months as follows:

- The 'rebranding' of all CMF's publications and a new

Introducing CMF booklet as a tool for recruitment and communication

- A recruitment drive by staff and members amongst students, juniors, GPs, hospital consultants and overseas doctors in the UK.

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Which of your colleagues can you invite to join us?

- A financial strategy including a transfer to subscription by direct debit and new opportunities for giving to support specific projects
- Plans for relocating the London office beyond the closure of Partnership House in 2006/2007

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references

1. Lawyers' Christian Fellowship
2. Christian Nurses and Midwives
3. Christian Therapists Network
4. Partners in International Medical Education
5. Nurses Christian Fellowship International

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Fellowship

National Conference

'Transformed by the Living God' was the theme of CMF's national conference at the Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire on 22-24 April 2005, where over 200 doctors and their families enjoyed a weekend of inspiring teaching, seminars, worship, prayer and relaxing together. Spanish Psychiatrist Pablo Martinez gave a challenging series of Bible Readings on transformation in the life of Jacob. The Rendle Short Lecture was given by Dr Kiran Martin, founder of the *Asha* project (www.asha-india.org), a Christian initiative that is transforming slum communities in Delhi, and has become a best practice model for community transformation worldwide. CDs are available for all main talks. Delegates came away with a fresh vision of how the power of God transforms both individuals and communities. Many thanks go to Jeremy Franklin from the North London Region who, with the help of Judy Wilson in the CMF Office, organised and ran the event.

General Committee

CMF's Annual General Meeting took place at Partnership House in London on Saturday 18 June. Forty delegates from students to consultants elected a new Executive, Regional Secretaries and member reps, heard reports of CMF activities over the last year, prayed, and took part in shaping the vision for the future.

New Arrivals



Mark Cheesman

Mark Cheesman is the new chairman of CMF. Mark is a Consultant Geriatrician in Bristol.



Alan Johnson

Alan Johnson is the new CMF President. Alan is Emeritus Professor of Surgery in Sheffield.

London GP **Trevor Stammers** is chairman elect, becoming Chairman in 2007.

Regional CMF meetings

Information about local groups for graduates, juniors and students are available on the CMF website at www.cmf.org.uk/fellowship

Congratulations

On their awards and appointments

Olusoji Olakanpo – The Lettsom Prize 2004

Andrew Mott – Fellow of RCGP

Rae Martin – Fellow of BMA

David Cranston – Fellow of RCSED

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

On their marriages

Thean Soon Chew and Li-Shan Yeoh

Richard Knox and Catherine Lister

Laurence Crutchlow and Abigail Coleman

Obituaries

These have been moved to *Triple Helix*.

Members' news

Outgoing

Andrew Boorne (St Mary's) to Papua New Guinea
 Sarah Bruins (Liverpool) to Tanzania
 Benjamin & Lucinda Cheesman (Aberdeen) to New Zealand
 Brendan Clancy (Edinburgh) to South Africa
 Richard & Wei Mei Crowson (Guy's & St Thomas') to New Zealand
 Andrea Gardiner (Edinburgh) to Ecuador
 Andrew Lephard (Leeds) to Cameroon
 Edwin Martin (Cambridge) to Egypt
 Rachel Nunn (St George's) to South Africa
 Timothy Nunn (Royal Free) to South Africa
 Nikki Rodwell (Birmingham) to Belgium
 Matthew Rotheram (Bristol) to Mongolia
 Malcolm Savage (St George's) to Zambia
 Rachel Savage (Sheffield) to Zambia
 Maureen Stevenson (Belfast) to Malawi

Homecoming

Robin & Deborah Carmichael (Guy's) from Tanzania
 Rosie Crowter (Guy's) from Papua New Guinea
 John Dickinson (Oxford) from Nepal
 Francesca Elloway (Bristol) from Uganda
 Joseph Kandeh (Bulgaria) from Sierra Leone
 Timothy Lavy (Bart's) from Israel
 Rachel Lindoewood (Nottingham) from Kenya
 Neil Merrylees (Dundee) from Bangladesh
 Veronica Moss (Royal Free) from Uganda

Change of address abroad

Gisela Schneider (Germany) from Germany to Uganda

CMF Committees

CMF is highly dependent on the generosity of hundreds of members who willingly and voluntarily give time to developing the fellowship's ministry. If you would like to know more about any specific area of our ministry then feel free to contact the following:

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Students



Mark Pickering

CMF's student section has progressed steadily during the past year and we thank the Lord for a student membership of around 1,160.

Following on from the excellent National Students' Conference on 21-23 January plans are progressing nicely for the 2006 conference on 10-12 Feb 2006, with Mark Ashton (St Andrew the Great, Cambridge) lined up for Bible addresses and Peter Saunders for the conference address.

Nucleus continues to help medical students around the world integrate their faith with their professional lives and new editor Gavin Ling is doing a great job of taking things forward. We hope you like the new design.

We have not been co-opted onto the BMA medical students' committee (MSC) for 2005/6 due to what appears to be a general anti-religious leaning. However, CMF members remain very active on the committee in their own right, including the chair Leigh Bissett (Norwich). They need our prayer support in this vital role.

Student staffworkers Richard Knox (Midlands) and Tim Hinks (South) enter their second year of service this summer and Sarah Gwynne (South West) began in February 2005. All are doing an excellent job and Richard got married on 4 June! Our two relay workers Peter Friend (Cardiff) and Matt Kehoe (London) finish this summer and we are currently interviewing for others to take on the baton. Please pray that God continues to raise up new staff to serve our students.

International and overseas activities remain high on the agenda. The ICMDA European conference in Germany on 5-12



Student leaders' conference

September 2004 saw over 600 people from over 50 countries – mostly students and junior doctors. A very notable event was a training retreat for ICMDA Area Student Reps that took place in the UK on 22-24 May. It was the first time that these key students and junior doctors had come together to support each other as they help nurture the growing national movements across the continent.

This summer CMF is sending summer teams of students and juniors to help run camps for medical students in eight different locations throughout Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. Please pray for them as they encourage and help build up growing groups of Christian medics all over Eurasia.

One other future development on the agenda is our hope to transform the current London-based SCC into a more representative national students' committee with a broader remit during 2006.

Looking forward, I have now begun as a part time GP registrar in Thamesmead, SE London, for 18 months. This conveniently puts back plans to find a successor for me and for me to begin a new role of staffworker support and training (see page 8), as I will be in this job until October 2006.

Mark Pickering is CMF Student Secretary

Ethics



John Wyatt

The Select Committee reviewing Lord Joffe's *Assisted Dying for the Terminally Ill Bill* reported on 4 April. The committee was divided on whether such a law was needed. The House of Lords will debate the report on 10 October and we anticipate that an amended bill will be introduced shortly afterwards in an attempt to legalise physician-assisted suicide (but not euthanasia) along the lines of the Oregon model.

The Mental Capacity Bill was finally passed on 6 April and is now the Mental Capacity Act. It comes into force in 2006. The bill gives statutory force to legally binding advance directives and there are still concerns that it may have opened the door to inappropriate withdrawal of food and fluids in some mentally incapacitated cases in response to advance directives or rulings made by people granted power of attorney. The accompanying Code of Practice is still to be written; and we have to wait and see how the profession and the courts interpret the law. As always the price of freedom will be constant vigilance.

A number of high profile court cases keep beginning and end of life issues in the news especially those of *Joanna Jepson* (late abortion for cleft palate), *Leslie Burke* (withdrawal of food and fluids), *Zain Hashmi* (saviour siblings), *Charlotte Wyatt* (brain-damaged baby) and *Sue Axon* (parental consent for abortion). Cases like these arouse considerable media interest and shape both public opinion and the law not just here but around the world. In particular the reaction to the case of *Terri Schiavo* (withdrawal of food and fluids) in Florida shows that ethical issues are now global. Whilst it is true that the media often wants to create polarisation and confrontation and paint in black in white where there are shades of grey, it is also true that hard cases create bad law. It is therefore essential that we don't shrink from addressing the underlying issues involved.

In the last few months we have made submissions on the following, all of which can be found on the CMF Website at www.cmf.org.uk/ethics/submissions:

- *The ethics of prolonging life in fetuses and the newborn* (Nuffield Council on Bioethics - 09/06/2005)
- *Tomorrow's children – a consultation on guidance to licensed fertility clinics on taking into account the welfare of children to be born from assisted conception* (HFEA - 07/04/2005)
- *Dying with Dignity Consultation Paper* (Scottish Parliament - 04/04/2005)
- *Social Value Judgements* (NICE – 30/06/2005)

The BMA Annual Representative meeting in late June saw the BMA adopt a neutral stand on euthanasia by a slim majority and also oppose a move to lower the upper limit for social abortion from 24 weeks, an age where the latest research is showing that babies have an 80% of survival.

We live in dark times and CMF will have to play an increasingly prophetic role in the coming months and years as the medical establishment continues to turn its back on its Hippocratic and Judaeo-Christian roots.

John Wyatt is Medical Study Group Chairman

Junior doctors



Sarah Germain

Looking back over the past year it is great to see how much God is doing through CMF with junior doctors at local, national and international levels. The junior years can be tough, with many jobs, personal and geographical changes, but CMF is in a great position to encourage, support and challenge us to keep going as Christians in all areas of our life, including our medical work.

We've said goodbye to a number of committee members over the past year including James Tomlinson, Yvonne Cartwright and Liz Croton, and we're grateful for all the time and effort they have given to CMF. It's been great to welcome new members though: Caroline Bunting, Eley Chiu, Matt Kehoe and Genie Lee.

Please thank God for all he has done, and pray that he will continue to give us wisdom as a committee as we seek to take the work forward. We're particularly keen to make sure we're catering for all junior doctors, from pre-reg house officers to final year SpR's.

Juniors continue to be

involved in CMF summer teams to a range of countries and are working closely with the HealthServe Committee to see how juniors who are keen to



work overseas in a mission context can best get training and experience in this country before they go.

The ICMDA World Conference 2006 is in Sydney. We're hoping to get a group of UK juniors to go, both to encourage and to be encouraged by juniors from across the world. We also plan to use money from our Juniors' Scholarship Fund to enable those from non-Western countries to attend.

Our next weekend juniors' conference 'Beyond the Bleep' will be at Hothorpe Hall, Leics,

with Jim Paul giving the main talks based on Ecclesiastes. Seminars are planned on topics including 'Dealing with difficult colleagues and bullying' and 'Dating as Christians?'

Coming up in the autumn and next spring we are planning a repeat day conference on how

to share Christ in every day conversation, a day conference for Christians in surgery and a day to help PLAB doctors in their quest to gain employment in the UK. Watch this space.

Sarah Germain is Juniors' Chairperson

Evangelism

At a recent regional *Saline Solution* conference in the north, none of the ten doctors who attended had known each other before. It was a lively day with active participation from all present. Some time ago I was at a bigger conference in the south of England and one of the doctors said to me, 'I have been paying my CMF subscription for about twenty years and this is the first CMF meeting I have attended!' As we have travelled around twenty-five different venues with *Saline Solution* this has been a common story. Some did not realise how isolated they had become until they had the opportunity to meet others and find encouragement together in facing the challenges and joys of healthcare in the UK today. A number of local CMF groups have started meeting again following a regional *Saline* conference.

Alongside CMF's increasing involvement with nurses, midwives and other healthcare professionals through our International HealthServe department, we have recently run *Saline Solution* courses with Christian Nurses and Midwives (CNM) and Christian Therapists Network (CTN) in the UK. These have been well received and we hope to be involved in helping CNM and CTN expand this work nationally.

In April we led a *Saline Solution* conference in English in Amsterdam. The Dutch coped admirably with English, but we are excited by their plan to run another one in the autumn, half in Dutch and half in English, and next year launch the whole course in Dutch.

There are plans to hold further *Saline* conferences around the UK in the autumn. Details and booking forms will be posted to members locally and made available on the CMF website. On hearing several stories of integrating spiritual and health care, one member in the Midlands said, 'These practical stories really encourage me to have a go!' Why not try it yourself?

The Saline Solution roadshow

For upcoming day conferences on integrating faith and practice see page 8.

Kevin Vaughan is CMF Associate General Secretary



Kevin Vaughan



Media



Clare Cooper

Advanced radio training is a new course being offered this autumn. Do come along if you have been to a basic media-training day or have some experience of radio broadcasts, and wish to improve your skills and use your training in radio work. The day will include handling telephone interviews, group discussions, phone-ins and 'thoughts for the day'. Two courses have been arranged plus a basic media training day:

- 30 September 2005 Basic media training, London
- 6 October 2005 Advanced radio training, Manchester
- 14 October 2005 Advanced radio training, London

If you would like to book a place contact CMF office.

Clare Cooper is CMF Medical Secretary

Allied professions



Steve Fouch

In May we held a *Saline Solution* day specifically for nurses at CMF's London offices. Fourteen nurses and midwives, mostly members of Christian Nurses and Midwives (CNM) joined us for the day, and there was much enthusiasm for holding similar events around the UK in the coming year. The Christian Therapists Network (CTN) are similarly interested in seeing *Saline Solution* courses run around the UK, and we hope to see more multidisciplinary events in the coming eighteen months. Do get in touch if you are interested in hosting one in your area.

CNM has now taken on the work with student nurses and midwives from UCCF, and has begun to hold meetings in various centres around the UK. Meanwhile, CTN continues to grow, and is looking at a major membership drive in the coming year. Please continue to pray for these fellowships, and if you have any Christian colleagues in the nursing, midwifery and the allied health professions, please put them in contact with me (steve.fouch@cmf.org.uk) for more information, or CNM can be reached at info@cnm.org.uk / 07941 800637, and CTN at info@ctn.org.uk / 07986 433493.

It cannot have escaped your attention that there are major drives on this year from the British Government to increase aid to developing nations, especially in Africa. Do look at supporting the Make Poverty History campaign – see www.makepovertyhistory.org.

At the same time, the health of these nations is suffering because so many of their doctors and nurses are leaving to work in the West, especially in the UK. Many of those who come over are Christians who find themselves in a secular, materialistic culture that leaves them isolated and struggling spiritually. We are



Physiotherapy student Louise Yates on elective

keen to strengthen our links with any African Asian or Eastern European Christian doctors, nurses and allied health professionals working in the UK. Please let any colleagues from the developing world know that CMF, CNM and CTN are here, and do put them in touch with the CMF office if it is appropriate.

CMF is now involved in the *Micah Challenge* campaign that unites Christians across the globe to campaign for the poor, and in particular for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in poverty reduction and health. We are also involved with the new Christian HIV & AIDS Alliance, pulling together Christian agencies combating HIV & AIDS.

Future plans include producing a new annual mission magazine, increasing our media profile on international issues (a specialist media training day on this subject was held for CMF members last autumn), and developing short-term, multidisciplinary mission mobilisation and capacity building teams, and a second edition of the *Developing Health* CD-ROM.

Fifteen months after the merger with MMA HealthServe at Easter 2004 it is so encouraging to see CMF's multidisciplinary overseas ministry growing from strength to strength.

Steve Fouch is CMF Allied Professions Secretary

Publications



Allister Vale

The production of new books in English has proved challenging and the Executive Committee has now agreed to appoint a Senior Editor to ensure that new publications can be produced in a timely manner and support given to the General Secretary in the editing of *Triple Helix* and other journals.

Publications sales in 2005 (£16,573) are already higher than the first 6 months of 2004 (£9,962), with *Hard Questions about Health and Healing*, *Matters of Life and Death*, and *Jesus MD* accounting for nearly half the total sales. In addition, CMF has received a legacy of £20,486.97, specifically intended for publications.

Hard Questions about Health and Healing was published in April and is selling particularly well. Have you bought six copies to give to friends? ('I didn't know CMF produced books such as this'; 'How interesting'; 'An excellent read'; 'It was so good I read it at one sitting!')

We now have the technology to mass-produce CDs of conference talks in house and work is proceeding apace in making recent key addresses available.

The Romanian translation of *Matters of Life and Death* has been completed but there have been delays with final editing and printing. The first set of 500 copies is to be available at the Bucharest Book Festival in May 2006. The CMF Executive has approved a grant of £2,500 to produce 1,000 copies.

It has been agreed that the 10 most recent *CMF Files* should be sent to the largest 3,000 secondary schools. We last carried out a mailing in the autumn of 2002.

CMF regularly mails journals to missionary members serving abroad. The current situation is that:

- 96 members receive *Tropical Doctor* at a cost of £3,360
- 84 members and CMF Office receive *Medicine* at a cost of £2,550
- 34 members and CMF Office receive *Surgery* at a cost of £1,540

The total cost including postage is approximately £8,650 per annum.

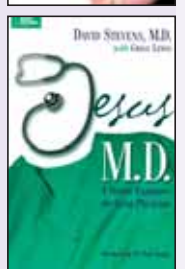
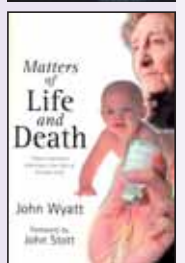
1,000 copies of *Doctors Life Support 2* in Indonesian have been printed and distributed in Indonesia (where there is a growing Christian doctors movement), thanks in part to a £1,000 grant from CMF.

A booklet containing the Chinese Translations of the *CMF Files* is now printed with the help of a £1,000 grant from CMF. Files 1-23 were already available on the website www.doctorluke.org and on CD-ROM.

The new CMF website at www.cmf.org.uk was launched on Wednesday 9 March 2005; some 79,226 people had visited by 31 May 2005 (equivalent to 317,000 per year).

Please pray for all these projects and for the effect these publications will have in changing the way people think and act.

Allister Vale is CMF Publications Chairman



Mission matters



Peter Armon

Keeping in touch and ongoing intercession for members working abroad

They say that 'no news is good news' but the writer to Proverbs once wrote 'Like cold water to a weary soul is good news from a far country' (Proverbs 25:25). It's so easy to forget those of our members or even our personal friends, when they have gone abroad. Perhaps 'out of sight, out of mind' is a truer aphorism. It is good to honour the promises we made to keep in touch and these days it is easier with email and mobile phone. If nothing else, we can remember them in prayer but practical demonstrations that we care never go amiss and the odd bar of chocolate or jar of marmite are always welcome.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find a list of those of our members who have recently gone to work overseas. Please do pray for them, not just once but on a regular basis – that they will quickly adjust to their new environment and culture, learn to understand and make themselves understood, and feel that they are making a worthwhile contribution. Pray too for those who are listed as returning to the UK. Reverse culture shock is very real and all sorts of emotions – of bereavement, anger, anxiety, guilt and depression, arise in the early days of re-entry. They all have to be worked through while at the same time dealing with all the hassles of finding and setting up a new home, revalidating, finding a job, settling the children in school, etc.

There are endless opportunities to get involved in meeting the needs of the poor without even leaving these shores, in prayer and advocacy – including the current campaign to make poverty history



HealthServe Day speakers



HealthServe Day displays

(www.makepovertyhistory.org) but once you go overseas your view of life and work will never be the same again.

Developing Health Course 2005

About 30 doctors and ten other health professionals from ten countries attended this two-week residential course for Christian healthcare professionals working overseas on 3-15 July at Oak Hill College, North London. Participants were treated to teaching on the latest developments in appropriate technology healthcare from a host of cutting edge speakers with extensive hands-on experience. The course featured four modules: medical, surgical, spiritual refreshment and member care.

As a new development separate day courses were run within the main course this year for those who wished to major on developing world paediatrics, HIV/AIDS care and serving abroad as a healthcare professional.

PRIME - Partnership in International Medical Education



John Geater

PRIME comprises a group of GPs sharing a vision for promoting and facilitating whole person medicine worldwide. Places with which we are in contact, or in which we have already held courses, include Romania, Bulgaria, Serbia, Kosovo, Albania, Moldova, Poland, Lithuania, Moscow, Samara, India, Nepal, Egypt, Kenya, Tunisia, Sierra Leone.

We have been particularly blessed recently in two international conferences. Immediately prior to the ICMDA meeting in Krelingen last September we held a three-day course for more than 50 people speaking eight different native languages, and the Burrswood course *PRIME CALLING* in the spring was almost at capacity as we thought through the outworking of our vision within formal teaching.

Thanks are especially due to CMF for support and encouragement: future plans include a shared PA at Partnership House from mid-August – we are desperate for administrative skill and wisdom! PRIME is already a registered charity, and has just been incorporated as a Ltd Co.

Doctors' Dilemmas

GP Refresher Course - with a difference

Join us 12-14 October. Ninth year of the popular West Midlands course examining the ethical and spiritual implications of a diversity of medical advances in the context of General Practice. Held in the beautiful surroundings of Wast Hills House, South Birmingham. PDP approved format.

Course fee £300, accommodation £120-160. Enquiries: Dr Rosalie Bidgood, Horsehill House, Ribbesford, Bewdley, Worcs. DY12 2TU. Tel 01299 403191 Fax 01299 400408 Email rosalie@bidgood.org.uk

One of these, the *HealthServe* Day on 9 July, proved extremely popular as a day conference in its own right with over 60 attending.

The full course is now available as the *Developing Health* CD, soon to be fully updated.

Plans for short-term trips

These continue to be discussed and researched. Two streams are under consideration. The first is multidisciplinary capacity building teams linked to the needs of our members working overseas, responding to their requests for assistance. The second is mission experience trips offering members the opportunity to experience what it is like to work overseas and

challenge them to get involved. We are in touch with some of our overseas members who have expressed a desire for such teams to visit them asking for further clarification as to what is needed and await their response

In the meantime, the missions experience trip that SIM are organising in September is now fully booked (with several CMF members going). I'm sure they would love to take others. Please contact them and express an interest (www.sim.co.uk). BMS will be taking further capacity building teams to Bangladesh in November and possibly Uganda in 2006. Visit their website for details (www.bmsworldmission.org).

Peter Armon is the Overseas Support Secretary

ICMDA



Oceania regional visit

At the invitation and support of the CMDFA Australia National Organising Committee, I had the privilege to visit Fiji, New Zealand and Australia from 6 April to 4 May 2005. The aim was to share information and raise awareness of the International Christian Medical and Dental Association and of the World Congress, including the Student plus Young Graduates Pre-conference, in Sydney Australia in 2006.

Fiji

After an abortive first approach to Nandi (pronounced Nadi) airport, due to a violent thunderstorm, we landed safely to be met by Dr Roger Sheehy. Previously a missionary doctor in Fiji for fifteen years, Roger is now teaching Missiology as a team member of Worldwide Evangelism for Christ. Opportunities for networking were exciting as there already were regular links with the Medical Students, the Nurses Christian Fellowship, the Healthcare Fellowship International, and a care group of Doctors/Dentists of the Mary Hearth Christian Fellowship. Upcoming medical and dental conferences scheduled for August 2005 in Fiji would be targeted to promote the ICMDA and the World Congress.

New Zealand

Auckland was the first city visited. What was to follow a first meeting was a wonderful revelation of the Lord's undertaking, guidance and presence. As we met with wonderful people in homes, coffee shops and medical school lecture halls, talking, sharing, enjoying fellowship and praying together, we had a deep sense that the Lord Himself was urging us all on His call to witness, mission

and service for the Kingdom within the health profession. So on to Wellington, Dunedin and Christ Church where each city demonstrated a special as well as particular significance for Christ. The hospitality of all who had us to stay added hugely to the experience of joy and unity in God's family.

Our prayer is that, with the opportunity to participate in such a world event, the Christian Medical Fellowship in NZ will be inspired by the Holy Spirit to a renewal of life and purpose.

Australia

In Australia, apart from the two focal points of the National Organising Committee meeting in Sydney (28 April) and the National Conference of the CMDFA in Adelaide (20-24 April), opportunities to meet with CMFDA in Hobart (Tasmania) Melbourne, Brisbane, Townsville, Canberra, Sydney and Perth were arranged. The links between the student, young graduates and graduate groups continue to stimulate an appreciation of the value of fellowship and support in the maintaining of faith in Christ as Lord. The Adelaide Conference was a special experience of this as more than 90 students and young graduates, attending the parallel Impact Conference, joined in the experience.

Due to flight delays I was not able to attend the meeting in Perth. This was very disappointing. As with all the other meetings, key people are committed to encouraging as many as possible to attend the World Congress in Sydney 2006.

See you there!

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ICMDA appointed its first Area Student Representatives (ASRs) in 2000. On 22-24 May

this year we held the first meeting of the seven ASRs for Eurasia – four from UK, one from Norway and one from Germany. Nada Petrovski from Serbia was not able to come and we were joined by Kirstin Hartwig, ACM Germany's first part-time student staff worker.



All the ASRs are junior doctors giving part of their time voluntarily for the student work in their region. We looked back to see how much had changed in the last five years and were able to fill two pages of a flip-chart just with the changes to the ICMDA scene in that period. So much is happening especially among students and junior doctors that sometimes it is hard to keep up. We then gave time to prayer and planning for the years ahead.

Until very recently CMF in the UK was the only movement in Europe with any paid staff of any kind. A few years ago NKLF in Norway appointed a part-time secretary and student staff worker.

Following the Krelingen conference last year ACM in Germany appointed a part-time secretary and now Kirstin as student staffworker, giving 25% of her time to the work.

IFES in Russia have two interns for medical students this year. CMF Netherlands have some part-time secretarial help and are looking to appoint a part-time student staffworker this year. AGEAS in Switzerland are moving in the same direction. Gradually movements across Europe are waking up to the fact that you can only go so far with voluntary work. If the work is to continue to grow it needs paid staff – and this costs money!

CMF Netherlands held its 50th anniversary meeting on 28 May. The first ICCP congress (precursor of ICMDA) was held in Amsterdam in 1963. At that time the Dutch, along with some Scandinavian leaders were the trail-blazers in international work among the medical profession. It was good to see their renewed commitment to the international scene and to the young generation of students and junior doctors.

As *CMF News* went to press I was travelling with a team of twelve doctors to teach at two conferences for medical student leaders in the former Soviet Union; first Kursk in Western Russia where 100 from 12 cities were expected and then to Central Asia and another 200 keen young students. What an extraordinary privilege to be involved in all that God is doing in this generation.

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Staff news, finance



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New Communications Officer

Tanya Yeghnazar is CMF's new communications officer. This is a new post involving promoting all aspects of CMF's ministry to the Fellowship and in all parts of contemporary media. We anticipate that this post will become a joint appointment with the Lawyers Christian Fellowship (LCF) to build on an already strong and growing partnership. Tanya completed a BA in politics, philosophy and economics at Oxford, is a talented musician (piano) and speaks three languages.

New Scottish Administrator

CMF has just opened a Scottish Office and Calum MacKellar has been appointed as our Scottish administrator working one day per week. In the rest of his time he continues as Director of the Scottish Council of Human Bioethics (SCHB). Calum is an able bioethicist in his own right; so his appointment, as well as providing administrative support for our growing work in Scotland, will build strong links with SCHB, and also Scottish Evangelical Alliance and CARE, with whom he shares an office.

Office move

CMF's lease on Partnership House expires at the end of 2007; and it is looking increasingly likely that the building will be sold at that time. It is possible that we may have to move as soon as December 2006. Should we stay in London or move out? Should we rent or buy? How much space? These are some of the issues an Executive sub-committee will be considering over the summer as we seek God's wisdom on a decision that will maximise staff retention, partnerships and accessibility as well as being wise financially.

New staff sought

Senior Editor

CMF's publications are increasingly in demand all over the world. We are seeking to appoint a new full time senior editor based in the London office for CMF's books, booklets, periodicals, CD-Roms, websites and translations and, in conjunction with other staff, to manage distribution of the same. Further details available on request.

New International Coordinator

ICMDA Eurasia has grown massively over the last ten years with many new national Christian medical groups forming, all needing pastoral and literature support and encouragement. We are seeking to appoint a new full time PA to support this work along with CMF's ICMDA-linked international activ-

ities. This new post will be funded jointly by ICMDA and CMF. Further details available on request.

New Student Secretary

CMF Student Secretary Mark Pickering is moving north in autumn 2006 to take up a new role of director of training for student staff and student leaders. We are therefore seeking to appoint a new national Student Secretary to take over Mark's current duties in the CMF London Office as soon as the right person becomes available. The role will include oversight of the Students' Coordinating committee and *Nucleus* editorial committee, organisation of the National Students' conference and encouragement and support of student leaders. Further details available on request.

Student Staffworkers

There are still vacancies for student staffworkers in North East England, East London/East Anglia, Scotland and Ireland. Posts are normally 4-5 sessions per week for two years, but other models are not impossible and we try to fit posts around an 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.

Finance matters

The smile has returned! We are now processing all gifts and Bankers Orders in real time, and acknowledging them (there are still a number of exceptions to be sorted out) within a few weeks of receipt, which is a wonderful feeling after so much grief. Thank you for your patience and understanding. However we must now catch up with asking members for their subscriptions and there are many who are in arrears over several years. As you will have seen elsewhere in *CMF News*, our finances are in deficit for the first time in 5 years, so it would be wonderful to make real headway in catching up with these subscriptions and to receive any other donations you are able to make to the Fellowship.

After subscriptions, the next major financial hurdle is to put in place payment by Direct Debit. We believe that this automated process will streamline our financial administration significantly, and enable us to ask members to increase subscriptions without vast administrative headaches for everyone. You should find a Direct Debit mandate at the back of the *Introducing CMF* brochure in this mailing. It would be a great help to us if you would like to move all your current giving to CMF from Cheque or Bankers Order on to this easier method.

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September

- 2-4 Juniors' Conference, Leicestershire
- 17 Executive Committee, London
- 22 Anaesthetists' Breakfast, Manchester
- 30 Media Training Day, London

October

- 7 Psychiatry Conference, London
- 14-16 Northern Conference, Scarborough
- 16 Health Care Sunday
- 6 Advanced Media Training Day, Manchester
- 14 Advanced Media Training Day, London

November

- 2 Saline Solution, Warwick
- 5 Midlands Day Conference, Nottingham
- 5 Oxford Day Conference, Oxford
- 4-6 South Eastern Conference, Ashburnham Place, East Sussex
- 8 Saline Solution, Inverness
- 11 Saline Solution, Huddersfield
- 19 Scottish Day Conference, Dundee
- 19 Welsh Day Conference, Bridgend

December

- 3 Executive Committee, London

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