

## Looking back, looking forward

The 2005-2006 academic year has been one of massive change for CMF and the next twelve months may be the most challenging ever. Looking back there is a huge amount to thank God for. The fellowship's day-to-day ministry has continued to bear great fruit due to God's grace and the hard work of staff and volunteers. I was immensely encouraged this year by the CMF national students' conference in February, *Radical King, Radical Kingdom*, and by the national doctors' conference in April, *Choosing God's Way*, with Hugh Thomson's Bible Readings on Joshua and Michael Varnam's unforgettable Rendle Short Lecture – two of the best conferences yet and evidence of the new life and growth that is occurring at both student and graduate levels (If you missed them CDs of main talks are available from the office). And in addition to the ongoing fruit through our conferences and other events, publications, student work, overseas mission work, evangelism and public policy work there have been many new developments in the last twelve months.

Looking back some of the greatest highlights for me have been:

- The establishment of the *Care Not Killing Alliance* and the defeat of Lord's Joffe's *Assisted Dying for the Terminally Ill Bill* on 12 May
- Growth in the student work with the appointment of Alex Bunn as Assistant

Student Secretary and the establishment of a national students' committee

- CMF's rebranding exercise and the redesign of our quarterly publications *Triple Helix*, *Nucleus*, *CMF News* and *CMF Files*
- The publication of *Introducing CMF* highlighting all that God is doing in and through the fellowship
- Raising £100,000 to support the Kashmir earthquake relief effort through two Christian hospitals in Pakistan
- The new life and vitality brought through the *Saline Solution* and its extension abroad now into the Netherlands, Germany, Norway and very shortly India
- The export of the *Developing World Health Course* to Nigeria in partnership with our Indian sister organisation
- The maturing and developing of ICMEDA Eurasia with the appointment of Jonny Thiessen as international coordinator, new blood on the regional committee and the increasing involvement of other European movements in providing Area Student Reps and sending summer teams
- CMF's increasing partnership with other Christian and non-Christian organisations especially through alliances like *Care Not Killing*, *Alive and Kicking* and *CHAA*

Our increasing media profile with now over 160 members trained in basic television and radio skills

- The launch of the PLAB doctors and Surgeons' day conferences
  - The catch up on all our financial administrative backlogs incurred through the difficulties with the database and the loss of our accountant and office manager
  - The new opportunities for IT communications brought by new *GivenGain* software
- In the next twelve months some of the major tasks that face us include:

- Completing the organisational review of our staffing, systems and structures with Mee Yan Judge and her team from *Quality and Equality*
- Raising £2 million to buy new premises in London
- Buying and moving into a new building probably by April 2007
- Phasing out our overly complex Oracle database and introducing a new system that meets our requirements
- Introducing direct debit for donations and subscriptions
- Developing a fully integrated accounting system – we are still running off excel spreadsheets!
- Balancing our books – despite having £800,000 in the bank we cannot go on with annual deficits – we need either to decrease expenditure or increase income
- Revamping our communications systems

- Developing the student staffworker training and support programmes
- Planning for the next step in public policy with the departure of Tanya Yeghnazar and the loss of our media advisor Iain Taylor
- Revamping our regional structure in order to get grassroots members more involved at every level
- Getting our non-quarterly publications moving again

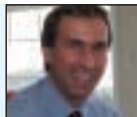
Throughout the organisational review I have been asked what the core ministry of CMF is. I have found this a very difficult question to answer because I remain hugely enthusiastic and excited about all we do across our ministries in student work, publications, conferences and events, medical mission, outreach and public policy.

However I think that the core ministry of CMF is actually first to help all Christian doctors to know who they are in Christ and second to enable and equip them to fulfil God's calling for their lives as we serve Him and build His Kingdom together. How well are we doing that as a fellowship? That I believe is the ultimate test of our effectiveness. Are we building up one another to become mature in Christ (Ephesians 4:11-13) and to do the good works that God has prepared for us (Ephesians 2:10)?

**Peter Saunders**  
is CMF General Secretary



## Fellowship news



Peter Saunders

### Office Move

We are increasingly aware that our tenure at Partnership House, 157 Waterloo Rd is coming to an end. The plans remain uncertain, although we are hoping that there will be further clarification over the summer as our landlord CMS's plans are confirmed; we could still be asked to leave by December 2006 at the earliest, or November 2007 at the latest. We believe that the most likely date is Easter 2007. Plans are continuing to develop, and you will read below of the Capital Appeal, which we have launched, to enable us to purchase a property to meet our current and longer-term office needs.



Partnership House

### Capital Appeal

CMF's capital appeal to raise £2 million for the purchase of a property in London was launched with a meeting at 157 Waterloo Road, London on 24 May. The vision and strategy were later shared with the CMF General Committee on 10 June. We have the first £200,000 already as a grant from the *Healthserve* fund from the sale of MMA's property in Camden Road in 2004.

Our strategy will follow the recommendations of professional fundraisers *Craigmyle* to: use volunteers, approach major donors first, employ spread payments and gift aid and to do a mass-mailing to the fellowship only when over half of our target total is reached.

We will be launching the appeal on the website with further information and a brochure and video shortly and over 100 members of CMF will be involved in approaching friends and colleagues. We are aiming at raising the next £1,350,000 over the next two to three months through lump sum gifts, monthly pledges over four years and no interest loans. Please do pray for the progress of the appeal and consider prayerfully how you could individually respond when the time comes. The bottom line is that, with gift aid, just 360 people giving £80 a month for four years would raise the remaining £1,800,000.

### Organisation Review

It has become clear to us recently that while the growth of CMF's ministry has been fantastic over the last six years – both staffing and finances have more than doubled (10 to 25 staff; £500,000 to £1,200,000), our internal systems, and structures are creaking. In order to prepare ourselves for the office move in 2007, we have therefore instigated a thorough Organisational Review, drawing in both staff and CMF Officers (the volunteer Trustees of the Fellowship), to identify areas of success and failure, and to put in place a structure that will enable the Fellowship to continue to grow and develop, if that is appropriate. Please pray for the senior team and for Mee-Yan Judge, a 5<sup>th</sup> generation Chinese Christian, who is also a gifted exponent of Organisational Development, and who is helping us as we seek to plan for all that is to come.

*Peter Saunders* is CMF General Secretary

## Members' news

### Congratulations

**John Geater** - MBE for services to charity

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

### Obituaries

**Ann Dibb** (q Liverpool 1971; d 2006) was a GP in St Austell, Cornwall.

**Agnes Gilruth** (q Edinburgh 1939; d 2006) was a retired doctor in Perthshire. She worked with the Church of Scotland in Rajasthan, and in an isolated area near the Indian border with Nepal.

**Margaret Martin** (q Edinburgh 1965; d 22 August 2005) was a consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist who lived in Newmarket, Suffolk.

**Edgar Ralph Wide** (q Bristol 1927; d 17 October 2004) was a missionary doctor in Baringa, Congo between 1928 and 1964. He retired to Devon.

Long obituaries have been moved to *Triple Helix*

### Outgoing

Helen Brannam (Birmingham) to Bangladesh

Jacqueline Hill (Glasgow) to Afghanistan

Elspeth Paterson (Edinburgh) to Pakistan

Beattie Stroma (Edinburgh) to Singapore

Rory Wilson (Belfast) 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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### Regional CMF Meetings

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

## Students



Mark Pickering

Alex Bunn has settled in well as **assistant student secretary**. He will be overseeing summer teams and the national students' conference, amongst other things. This increase in capacity is already bearing fruit, for which we praise God.

The **national students' committee** met on 8 April and it was an exciting time of sharing and looking forward. Early projects include improving our freshers' strategy, recruitment and retention of student members and more structured BMA involvement. It has been great working with John Greenall but we now face the need to find a successor for him in the next several months – prayer and wisdom would be much appreciated.

Another transition has taken place on the **Nucleus** team, with Gavin Ling being succeeded by Hugh Ip, former president of the Imperial College CMF group. Hugh is already bringing his enthusiasm to bear on the current issue of *Nucleus* and we also have a number of new committee members.

The team of **staffworkers** sadly said goodbye to Richard Knox (West Midlands) and Tim Hinks (South UK), but said hello to Roxana Whelan (East Midlands), Kerrie Bavidge (Scotland) and Helen Lane (West Midlands) – Helen was our Birmingham Relay worker last year. With Alex's arrival we are now in the process of moving over **staffworker supervision and support** from Peter Saunders' desk onto ours. Along with this we have begun developing a formal staffworker training and appraisal package. We continue to give thanks for a great team and want to continue improving the support we offer them.

As the summer rolls on, CMF **summer teams** will again go out across Europe and Eurasia. We are sending a large team to Tver and Samara in Russia. Also during July a number of CMF student staff and students will be in Sydney, Australia, for the **ICMDA world congress**. We are expecting that this landmark event will catalyse the growth of student movements in many countries and would value your prayers, especially for the students' and juniors' preconference on 7-11 July.

As we look to the year ahead, as well as the usual round of freshers' events, we plan to hold several evangelism training roadshows in the autumn using our excellent resources

**Confident Christianity** and **Answering Other Faiths**. We are also delighted to announce the main speakers for the **national students' conference** on 9-11 February 2007. Hugh Thomson will speak from Daniel and Rhona Knight will give the conference address; the overall conference theme will be 'The God we Serve is Able'.

As a family Rachael and I have **reconsidered our future** and decided not to move north after all. Although this has been in our minds for a while and was close to being realised, with current and future developments at CMF we agreed that I could be of more long term use to CMF by staying within easy reach of the office. This has been a difficult decision but one which we both feel has had the Lord's hand on it.

*Mark Pickering is CMF Student Secretary*

## Ethics



John Wyatt

The last year has seen major challenges, but also some significant encouragements in the field of medical ethics. In particular the successful opposition to the Joffe Bill and the creation of the *Care Not Killing Alliance*, in which CMF has played such a central role, may have laid a foundation for new collaborations and initiatives and brought fresh energy and resources into the field. The challenge for the next period will be to focus and harness this new energy and spirit of cooperation into productive areas, particularly in the support and development of palliative care.

The Medical Study Group (MSG) is working closely with the Public Policy Committee (PPC) with the aim being to strengthen mechanisms for drafting authoritative and considered responses to the flood of official consultations and public policy debates. In addition the MSG is aiming to put a greater focus on commissioning and writing original articles on ethics and professional practice, both at a popular student and high school level, but also at a more 'academic' level, suitable for publication in professional journals. As the *Mental Capacity Act* comes into force in 2007 there will be a renewed emphasis on advance statements and we are planning to develop resources to meet this new challenge.

### CMF Files

Recently published files have included Neonatal Ethics, Saviour Siblings, Autonomy, Quality of Life, Transhumanism and Suffering. Future topics are being actively debated and we welcome suggestions for topics from the membership. A particular need is for telling personal stories and anecdotes which ground Christian and ethical theory in practical experience in clinical practice. We are grateful as always to Peter Saunders and Pete Moore for their editorial oversight of *CMF Files*. The *Files* continue to have wide distribution and influence amongst medical students and sixth-formers in the UK and increasingly internationally.

### Submissions

We have recently made submissions on two important consultations that will have an impact on the law on end of life issues. The Law Commission Review on the *Homicide Law* is a wide-ranging consultation, but we have a particular interest in how it will affect the law on mercy killing. The consultation on the Codes of Practice for the *Mental Capacity Act* will have a bearing on how that Act will be interpreted by doctors and the courts. Both submissions are on the CMF website at [www.cmf.org.uk/ethics/submissions/](http://www.cmf.org.uk/ethics/submissions/)

CMF has also contributed to the *Care Not Killing Alliance* submissions on both these consultations. These are also available on line:

*MCA Codes of Practice* - [www.carenokilling.org.uk/?show=361](http://www.carenokilling.org.uk/?show=361)

*Law Commission Review* - [www.carenokilling.org.uk/?show=314](http://www.carenokilling.org.uk/?show=314)

We have also issued press releases on human trafficking and the sex trade and the UN's failure to deliver on HIV/AIDS – see [www.cmf.org.uk/press\\_release/](http://www.cmf.org.uk/press_release/)

*John Wyatt is Medical Study Group Chairman*



## Junior doctors



Verona Beckles

**G**od has been doing so many amazing things through and with CMF and Christian Junior Doctors it's hard to know which ones to write about. As a committee, we've been looking at ways of serving and equipping Christian junior doctors at all stages of their careers. Here are a few praise and prayer points.

### ICMDA Sydney 2006

There will be a special juniors' and students' pre-conference, from 7-11 July at the ICMDA World Congress in Australia. If you're not going yourself there is still the opportunity to make a donation to help doctors from developing countries to attend - see [www.icmda.givengain.org](http://www.icmda.givengain.org)

### PLAB2 doctors' day conference

After the success of our first day conference to help post-PLAB2 doctors with issues such as CV writing and interview technique, we're going to be running a second day for over 40 doctors on 24 June as *CMF News* is going to press.

### Junior Doctors' Weekend Conference, 13-15 October 2006

We are back at Hothorpe Hall for our weekend conference this year. We'll be studying Daniel in our main talks and we will have a range of seminars to arm us for our daily walk with Jesus as junior doctors. Please put the date in your diary and remember to swap your on calls early! Also, please invite your friends and colleagues to the weekend; you never know it could be an evangelistic opportunity! This weekend is a great opportunity to take some time out from the busyness of everyday life, and to be

refreshed and challenged for our mission as Christian doctors, through studying his Word and enjoying fellowship with others who are in the same situation. Even if you've never been to a CMF conference before do think about coming along - it's a great way to get to know other Christian doctors.

### Pastoral Care Scheme and Open House

We're looking to reorganise/develop both the Pastoral Care Scheme and Open House to respond to the challenges of current changes in medical training such as 'Modernising Medical Careers'.

### 'European Working Time Directive' Sub-committee

John Wenham is going to be chairing a sub-committee of juniors to discuss how we can respond Christianly to medico-political issues such as the 'European Working Time Directive'. Further details to come.

### Committee

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to Sarah Germain who has now retired from the position of Chair of the junior doctors' committee. As a committee, we would like to extend our special thanks to Sarah for all her hard work over the years and for serving us so well. Best wishes to you Sarah, for all your future ventures. Also, please pray for us as we look to appoint a new chair and as a committee in the interim.

*Verona Beckles is an SpR in Orthopaedics and member of JDC*

## Evangelism



Kevin Vaughan

### Saline Solution Conferences in UK

Since 2004, over 40 *Saline Solution day* conferences have been held in the UK with over 1,000 participants. The majority of the participants are CMF members but the conferences have also drawn in a number of doctors who are non-members, and other allied healthcare professionals. As a spin-off from the conferences some new members have been recruited and a few local follow up groups have begun to meet.

Over 100 people have participated in small group saline courses around the country using the original American video programme. The videos and associated handbooks may be bought through the CMF publications department by anyone who would like to start a group in their area.

In addition, there have been many seminars and evening events on the theme of 'sharing our faith' with student and regional groups around the country, and occasionally with other groups such as the Christian Dental Fellowship, Christian Nurses and Midwives, Christian Therapists Network and Christian Workplace Forum.

### Team of Saline Solution Leaders

Initially the conferences were led by Peter Saunders, Jeremy Franklin and myself. Over the past twelve months we have been expanding the team with a view to having experienced leaders in all parts of the country. So far we have involved additional local leaders from the South-East, London, the South-West, the West, the Midlands, the North-West, the North-East and Scotland and more are ready to come on board, including some nurses.

### International Saline

It has been a joy and delight to work with Bob Snyder of *International Health Services* (who hold the international rights for *Saline Solution*). We are already involved with him and his colleague, Gabor Gyori from Hungary, in helping *Saline* get off the ground in the Netherlands, Germany, Norway and Switzerland and there are plans to go to India in partnership with EMFI, our sister organisation, later in the year.

It is planned to review the two parallel aspects of *Saline* (faith & health research/how to be a witness) and simplify the course so that it can be readily adapted for use in different countries with local illustrations and translated into different languages. The course has already been translated into Hungarian and Dutch, and a German translator has been identified. *International Health Services* have had requests for help with *Saline* from over 60 countries.

### Confident Christianity

CMF's popular *Confident Christianity* course on evangelism and apologetics is now available on dvd with 90 minutes of teaching videos, plus two manuals, powerpoint and overheads - all for only £10 - via the CMF Office. 350 dvds were circulated free to delegates at the recent European Leadership Forum in Hungary in May.

*Kevin Vaughan is CMF Associate General Secretary*



## Allied professions



Steve Fouch

Things have been quieter over the last three months on the allied professions front, but very busy with the *Christian HIV & AIDS Alliance* (CHAA) and the *Micah Challenge* campaign.

### Christian Nurses and Midwives

I am in the midst of registering *Christian Nurses & Midwives* (CNM) as a Charity. In the meantime, it continues to grow, and there are number of *Saline Solution* events being planned between CNM and CMF for this autumn in the West Midlands and North Kent (watch this space for details).

### Nurses' Christian Fellowship International

I am now focusing a fair bit of energy on the *Nurses' Christian Fellowship International* (NCFI) European regional conference this August, and in pulling together the new European committee of NCFI. Due to the new structure, the committee that will be elected in August will have greater responsibility for strategy, budgets and outcomes. I am currently co-opted on to the committee, but will be standing in my own right, as CNM is now a member body and allowed a delegate on the committee. The links between NCFI Europe and ICMDA Eurasia will increase in the coming year as members of both groups are sitting almost next to each other in the CMF office!

### Christian Therapists Network

*Christian Therapists Network* (CTN) has now handed over the management of membership and subscriptions to Laura Risdale and myself. We are entering a trial phase to see how these arrangements will work. This is freeing up the new CTN Council to focus on ministry and development rather than administration of the network.

### Christian HIV & AIDS Alliance

At the end of May, I attended the United Nations General Assembly High level Meeting on HIV & AIDS in New York on behalf of the *Christian HIV & AIDS Alliance* (of which CMF is an active member). This drew in delegations from most nations, plus about 800 civil society organisations. There was a significant delegation from a wide range of Christian organisations and churches – the first time a High level UN Summit has dawned in so many delegates for the Global Christian community. If the final declaration on AIDS was far weaker than it could have been, the fact that we were involved in the process means that we have more chance of holding the nations of the world and the UN system to account for how they are fighting the AIDS pandemic.

### Micah Challenge

At the same time, the United Kingdom *Micah Challenge* (MCUK) campaign is cranking up gears. MCUK is a campaign, spearheaded by the Evangelical Alliance, World Vision, Tearfund and many other major British churches and mission agencies to mobilise the British church to lobby the British government and world community to meet their commitment to the UN's Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The eight MDGs centre around a global commitment to halve poverty, turn back the tide of HIV & AIDS, drastically reduce rates of maternal and child mortality, and a number of other goals, by 2015. This is a long-term, Christian campaign to which CMF is fully committed, and we are involved in the steering committee. Watch this space for news on the campaign and related events in the next few months.

*Steve Fouch* is CMF Allied Professions Secretary

## Publications

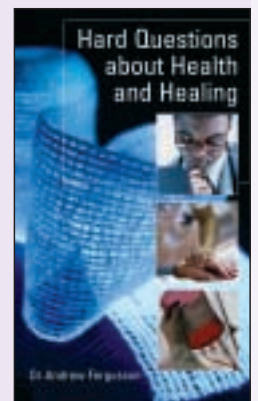


Allister Vale

The production of new books has proved challenging in the absence of a senior editor. Although the Executive Committee has agreed in principle to this appointment, it has been on hold due to the lack of a suitable person, the major organisational review and budgetary constraints. Without such an appointment, new publications cannot be produced in a timely manner. As a short term measure Dr Rachael Pickering is working in a part time capacity on *Triple Helix* and Dr Bob Carling has been editing *Mad, Bad, Sad*.

### New Books Hard Questions about Health and Healing

Dr Andrew Fergusson's excellent book was published in April 2005 and continues to sell well. 1,300 copies have been sold to date. Have you bought a copy for yourself and for colleagues?



### Mad, Bad or Sad

The editing of *Mad, Bad and Sad* is almost complete and the book is expected to be published by September 2006.

### Cure for Life

A further reprint of Bernard Palmer's book *Cure for Life* is being undertaken with copies being available in the late summer.

### Autobiography of Dr Marjorie Foyle

The CMF has agreed to publish Dr Foyle's autobiography in the Autumn. It is a great missionary story!



### Psalm 23

CMF has agreed to publish Dr Janet Goodall's thought provoking book on Psalm 23. It is hoped that this will be available in time to become CMF's Christmas 2006 book!

### Mailing of journals to missionary members

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

- 90 members receive *Tropical Doctor* at a cost of £3,150;
- 84 members and CMF Office receive *Medicine* at a cost of £2,520;
- 42 members and CMF Office receive *Surgery* at a cost of £1,848.

The total cost including postage is approximately £8,718 per annum. Could you support this important activity?

*Allister Vale* is CMF Publications Chairman



## Mission matters



Peter Armon

### News of our members working abroad

We currently have 155 members working abroad, 14 currently in the UK on home assignments and 12 preparing to go abroad within the next nine months. At the same time 11 members have returned home at the end of their contracts overseas.

Please continue to pray

- For those preparing to go - that will continue to be open to God's leading and direction and will know his joy and peace in the midst of the upheaval.
- For those on home assignment - that they will be blessed and be a blessing to those they share with; refreshed, rather than exhausted.
- For those recently returned to the UK - that they, and their families, will quickly settle and adjust to life in their 'home' country.

News from members working abroad is always interesting and sometimes heart rending. Many write of feeling totally overwhelmed by the HIV problem - the despair of facing innumerable deaths on every front - many of them unnecessary and preventable. At the same time, the generous hospitality and grateful thanks of those who have next to nothing to offer, are simply overwhelming and humbling. All speak of the need for the Lord to send more workers into the field.

One member writes of wearing out six pairs of expensive trekking sandals in the past year as she has walked around her 'patch' - villages virtually inaccessible to even 4x4 vehicles. She describes (with delight) taking a high ranking Western Aid official, who wanted 'to see things as they really are', on a 3 hour walk



Children in the slums of Delhi



Asha Clinic, India

to a village to see a work part-funded by his organisation. They had to wade through five rivers in flood, thigh high and crocodile infested, to get there. She had forgotten to tell him that they would be in flood! It was 'fun' she said and the aid still continues to flow!

Another tells of meeting a Canadian nurse, while out on an eye safari, working in the back of beyond, only accessible by a 4x4 vehicle lurching from boulder to boulder over a zig zag trail through the hill country in an extremely remote corner of Africa. In her late 70's and officially retired from nursing, she had been working there for 52 years, faithfully serving God and his people. 'How can I go back to Canada when there are so many people here that need to hear about the saviour?' was her only comment.

### Opportunities to help

Bach Hospital at the centre of the Kashmir earthquake zone in Pakistan is in continuing need of plastic and orthopaedic

## PRIME - Partnership in International Medical Education



John Caroe

The vision of PRIME's potential remains as strong as ever. To share the Lord's quality of professional and spiritual care with individual students or doctors may influence 5,000 patients per annum per professional career. To share that vision with an individual medical teacher may influence 200 students per annum, each of whom could in turn see those 5,000 patients per year. To win the heart of the Dean of a group of teachers... Mustard seeds have such potential in God's hand.

Indeed we honour and give thanks for God's ongoing blessing. Having had a very busy year in 2005 (200 man-weeks teaching in 17 countries), this year is more one of central consolidation. Professional consultancy advice and solid secure support from CMF promise to bear fruit soon in the appointment of our first staff member. This should release the founders for further ministry.

Meanwhile ICMDA Sydney sees the potential birth of PRIME Australasia through the special PRIME wing of that gathering, and a five day European conference in Prague in September promises significant advance in the creation of an international group of Christians dedicated to seek the Kingdom in the midst of professional teaching responsibility. Teachers please note!

Thank you to so many for ongoing support, practically and in intercession. We do need to expand both our tutor and our financial base. Please do not hesitate to contact us.

Details at [www.prime-international.co.uk](http://www.prime-international.co.uk)

'Thy Kingdom come....in Medicine'

*John Caroe is Chairman of PRIME*

surgeons together with Obstetrician/Gynaecologist and Anaesthetists. GPs would also be welcome over the coming year. There is need for a General Surgeon to cover the leave of their surgeon for any part of the time up until May 2007. Contact me for details.

And for those who are not sure whether this sort of thing is for them or not, SIM are organising another **3 week field trip to observe and experience healthcare in a cross cultural setting**, this time in Duncan Hospital in Raxaul, North India from 11-31 October 2006 (possibly shorter period). More details about the trips and applications forms can be obtained at [teams@sim.co.uk](mailto:teams@sim.co.uk). More details about the hospital itself can be found at [eha-health.org/hospitals\\_duncan.htm](http://eha-health.org/hospitals_duncan.htm)

Other opportunities can be found at [www.healthserve.org/overseas\\_opportunities](http://www.healthserve.org/overseas_opportunities)

### Postscript

I have been out of the office for several months after breaking my leg but hope to be back in harness by the time you receive this. Thank you for your prayers and to the many who have been in touch. It has been good to have the time to read and think and pray and it's been helpful to have had continued office email access to deal with queries and keep in touch with members abroad. Steve and Laura have done an excellent job of carrying the major part of the workload. They report a good National Conference input and an excellent opportunity to share at a Missions Fair held at All Nations Christian College. By the time you read this, the ICMDA Conference in Sydney may well be over and the *Developing Health Course* (DHC) in full swing.

*Peter Armon is the Overseas Support Secretary*

## ICMDA

International Christian Medical and Dental Association



Daryl Hackland

### Hope in Christ

As *CMF News* goes to press around 1,000 delegates will be sharing in the experience and fellowship of all the ICMDA World Congress in Sydney, Australia on 7-16 July 2006. The conference theme is 'Health and Hope'. Greater than just hope in numbers, is the hope that all will be returning home with a renewed HOPE in Christ.

We see this HOPE already being expressed and demonstrated in and through the lives of so many who are linked in so many ways to the ICMDA.

Some of these experiences have been devastating whilst others have been so different. Yet each experience is one of inspiration through the Holy Spirit.

From Pakistan we learn of ongoing persecution of Christians for their faith. In spite of this, the faithful continue to provide healthcare to their neighbours through mission-based hospitals, clinics and services. They are supportive in projects to uplift the lives of their young people through schools and education programmes. They meet in Christian fellowship as health professionals, seeking to grow in Christian love, compassion and witness.

Nepal has been rocked in recent days by political instability. Standing as an edifice of commitment to Christ in such a 'crumbling' situation is the HOPE that shines supremely. At Tansen attacks on the hospital took place. Yet those on the staff are able to tell of the courage and strength received to withstand such onslaughts.

In Indonesia, another earthquake wreaks havoc and devastation on the people around Yogyakarta. Many here lost their loved ones and the infrastructure lies derelict around them. The members of CMF Indonesia



once again, together with many other relief and rescue agencies, rally quickly to the call to be there where so much suffering and hurt is felt. HOPE brings that renewal which enables 'overcoming' and 'moving on.'

For the Eurasia Region in March 2006 things were different. The focus was on planning for the 2008 Eurasia Conference in Austria and expanding the Regional structures through the excellent work of the Regional Secretary and Committee and the Area Student Representatives. Much HOPE for the future development of the Kingdom was generated.

In all these experiences, together with so many more around the world, the difference HOPE engenders is the evidence of the presence of Christ in his world.

Let us go on to work for his Kingdom. Let his name be glorified in all our nations, communities, families and places of work. Let us be continually filled with his love. Let us together pray for one another, bear each other's burdens and rejoice in our oneness in Christ.

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## ICMDA Eurasia

### Eurasia Regional Consultation (March 2006)

I mentioned this meeting last quarter and this proved to be a highly significant gathering. With around 50 people from 22 different countries present over four days, we were able to cover a lot of ground. As well as nine UK members we were privileged to have Daryl and Priscilla Hackland (ICMDA General Secretary) and Peter and Beth Ravenscroft (ICMDA Chairman) with us. It was also good to welcome Chris Steyn and Helga Penzhorn of HCFI. Both made useful contributions.

Sunday evening and Monday were given over to a presentation by the Austrian ARCHAЕ committee of plans for the next Eurasia regional conference to be held in September 2008 at Schloss Schielleiten, close to the village of Stubenberg in Eastern Austria where we were meeting. They had made careful and detailed provisional plans for the programme and the budget and time was taken in honing these and a visit to the Schloss to see the attractive and very suitable location. It was so good to have this close interaction between the host committee and international representatives two and a half years ahead of the conference.

Tuesday was given to the regional committee and restructuring of the leadership. Four senior members of the committee agreed to stand down, making way for a whole new committee structure broadly representative of the region geographically with an emphasis on younger active leadership that reflects the dynamics of the current situation. The ICMDA Executive Committee will announce details of appointments following confirmation in July. It was a delight to see the willing responses of those asked to take up responsibility. I believe this sets the pattern for significant on-going advance in the coming period.

Tuesday and Wednesday were also given to a training programme for our eight Area Student Representatives (ASRs) who were listed in the last edition of *CMF News*. All except Nada Petrovski from Belgrade were able to attend. It was good to have Peter Saunders' input to their programme. A number of other young leaders joined these sessions making the total group about 15.

Wednesday evening was a more relaxed time and those who were left departed on Thursday grateful to God for so much achieved – above and beyond expectations.

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Schloss Schielleiten, site of 2008 Eurasia Conference



ARCHAЕ hosts international delegates



## Staff news and finance



Giles Rawlinson

### Communications Officer

Tanya Yeghnazar, Our Communications Officer has been with us just over a year, working alongside our media consultant Iain Taylor, and between them they have raised CMF's media profile considerably, but also shouldered a vast amount of the background work associated with running the *Care Not Killing Alliance*, and working towards the historic vote in the House of Lords on 12 May, defeating Lord Joffe's *Assisted Dying for the Terminally Ill Bill*. Thanks to both Iain and Tanya for all the hard work involved. However they are both leaving in September to carry out further study, Tanya to do a Masters in Islamic Societies and Cultures at the School of Oriental and African Studies in London, while Iain is doing a PhD in History.

### Staff woes

The Office team has felt under some health pressure over the last few months: **Peter Armon**, our Overseas Support Secretary broke his leg in February, and is only now beginning to travel in to the office from the South coast where he lives – email contact has been invaluable to keep much of his activity going. He will be in Sydney at the World Congress in July. **Joan Arnold**, whom many will have spoken to on the CMF phone, has been recovering after surgery, while **Wai-Ting So**, our Publications Assistant has come out of hospital after not swallowing some oriental chicken wings – not a good idea! Please pray for the office team as we continue to service all the requirements of the Fellowship, and rise to the challenge of a 2<sup>nd</sup> office move in three years.

### Regional Staff

The joy of an increasing Regional Staffworker team leads inexorably to their departure after a two year stint: **Richard Knox** has actually done three years, the first as a Relay worker, and then two years as the RSW in the West Midlands covering Birmingham, Leicester and Warwick. **Tim Hinks** has also reached the end of his time, covering Oxford, Southampton and Imperial, while also leading summer teams to both St Petersburg and Albania. Thank you Richard and Tim for all you have contributed to the spiritual lives of many students and juniors.

Mirroring the trend throughout medicine, our Regional team is moving in a female direction, with the appointment of two new staff from this summer. **Helen Lane** follows in Richard Knox's steps, moving from her Relay post in Birmingham to become the Regional Staff worker covering Birmingham, Warwick and Keele, and making a

formidable team with **Roxy Whelan** covering Nottingham, Leicester and Derby. **Kerrie Bavidge** hopes to start in August, medical job permitting, covering the Scottish Medical Schools.

So as from this summer we have an all female Regional Staff worker team. Helen, Roxy and Kerrie will join **Sarah Gwynne** in the West Country and South Wales and **Charlotte Hattersley** in The North East, all supported by local, regional funding, for which we are very grateful. We would love to see this team grow, have some male representation, and cover more of the UK and Ireland – do you know someone for whom it would be a good move?

### Finances

The General Committee met in June and accepted the 2005 accounts. These showed a deficit of just over £130,000. This deficit has arisen as a result of specific decisions taken by the Executive in relation to the employment of staff, the merger with MMA in 2004, and the consequent short term lease entered into at Partnership House to accommodate the growing staff. Plans are now being laid by the Executive to bring the budget back into balance during 2006 and 2007.

### 1st Qtr accounts

The first quarter accounts for 2006 show a very healthy short-term position, with a surplus of just under £100,000. However, these figures have been helped dramatically by the receipt of legacies totalling more than £140,000 during the first three months of the year. We still expect a deficit at the year-end. In acknowledging the generosity of these legacy gifts might I encourage you to write a will and consider making CMF a beneficiary?

### Subscription reminders

We are now much more up to date asking the 2,000 graduates and 1,000 medical students who pay their subscription annually, to make their annual contribution. If every single member pays at least the current year's subscription, and possibly previous years as well, our immediate financial difficulties in 2006 would be resolved at a stroke! In the meantime thank you again to all those who continue to wait for direct debit, and contribute by way of regular Bank standing orders, annually, quarterly, or monthly. This regular flow of income is really helpful, and enables us to pay our bills much more easily. Gordon Brown continues to be by far the most generous donor to the Fellowship, allowing us to reclaim nearly £140,000 of tax during 2005, and this should be increased in 2006.

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### Dates for your Diary

#### July

- 6 Dermatology Breakfast, Manchester  
ICMDA World Congress, Sydney
- 12 Psychiatry Breakfast, Glasgow
- 23-4 August Developing Health Course,  
Oakhill, London

#### September

- 16 Executive Committee, London
- 21 Anaesthetist Breakfast, Aberdeen

#### October

- 6 Psychiatry Day Conference, London
- 13-15 Juniors' Conference, Leicestershire  
Northern Conference, Scarborough
- 15 Health Care Sunday
- 20 Saline Solution, Ipswich

#### November

- 4 Midlands Day Conference,  
Birmingham
- 7 Saline Solution, Lincoln
- 10-12 South Eastern Conference,  
Ashburnham Place, East Sussex
- 24-26 Scottish Conference, Gartmore  
House, Loch Lomond, Scotland

#### December

- 2 Executive Committee, London

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