

Hope and a future

'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future'. (Jeremiah 29:11)

How often have you quoted these familiar words of Scripture to a brother or sister in need, or gained strength from them yourself when facing a new challenge? Jeremiah was writing to the Jewish exiles in Babylon, where they were to stay for 70 years after Nebuchadnezzar had captured Jerusalem and deported them. It was a time of difficulty for God's people, as described in the memorable words of Psalm 137: 'By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion'.

During that period of reflection and uncertainty after seeing their beloved city destroyed, the exiles needed to know that God was still with them and had plans for them. It turned out to be a very fruitful time of growth and consolidation as the nation rebuilt itself before the return to their homeland under Ezra and Zerubbabel. New leaders like Daniel and his friends, Nehemiah and Esther emerged during the course of the Babylonian, Medean and Persian Empires and were able to make a huge contribution to the societies in which they had been placed while not succumbing to moral compromise themselves.

Get involved

In Jeremiah 29 the prophet encourages God's people not to separate themselves from the prevailing culture, but rather to get involved in helping to shape and serve it. They were to be 'in the world, but not of the world'.

'Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.' (v 5-7)

As the apostle Peter reminds us (1 Peter 2:11), as Christians we are also living as 'aliens and strangers' in a society that is in the main hostile to Christian faith and values. And many of us already occupy places of responsibility in it, or will move into them in the future.

We are called to be faithful to Christ by witnessing to him through our words and deeds, and in our concern for the society into which he has placed us. Like the Jews we also await our certain restoration to our 'promised land' – not an earthly Jerusalem, but rather the new heavens and new earth. CMF exists so we can equip and encourage each other to play our part well in the generation and situation in which God has placed us.

Fresh emphases for 2010



Giles Cattermole



Charlotte Hattersley

Our fresh emphases this year are graduate ministry, allied professions ministry and better IT connectivity. This issue of CMF News introduces new members of staff and lays the ground for what is to come.

Our new Head of Student Ministries, emergency medicine consultant Giles Cattermole, who started with us in February, is now well settled in his role, and GP Charlotte Hattersley successfully made the transition from Northern Students team leader to junior doctors staffworker at the same time.

New staff starting



Audrey Chalmers



Annie Leggett

In October two new staff join us. Glasgow intensivist Audrey Chalmers takes on the part time role of graduates staffworker in Scotland, supporting hospital doctors and GPs. And Annie Leggett joins us full time as nurses' student staffworker. Read their interviews inside.

New staff needed

We will shortly be advertising three further posts. First, we are looking for people to take the batons from Andrew Fergusson and Kevin Vaughan who retire next March as Heads of our Communications and Graduates departments respectively. If you think either of these might possibly be you, please get in touch.

Secondly, we are looking for a part time media producer to oversee our developing communication with members and with the churches, using blogs, social networking, audio, videos and a more interactive website.

Serving the churches better

CMF General Committee is on 24 July (all members welcome) and part of this day will be a major discussion about how CMF can serve the churches better; all part of 'seeking the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile'.

Please pray about all these new developments, and let's keep doing it together.

Peter Saunders is CMF Chief Executive





Marcus Watkins

Please increase our efficiency

The Central Services department supports CMF's ministry and its members through maintaining the membership database, dealing with finances and IT, and looking after the premises. Our aim is to serve our colleagues in ministry and to serve the wider membership. We seek to do this as efficiently as possible, so that we spend less on administration and more on ministry.

One way we have sought over the past 18 months to increase our efficiency has been to encourage members to make their regular payments to CMF by Direct Debit rather than by Standing Order. In the last year we have also switched more and more of our banking from Barclays Bank (which charges us for each transaction) to CAF Bank, which makes no charges!

However, we still have 1,100 members with standing orders being paid into our Barclays bank account. If you are one of them, we ask you please:

Ideally, switch to making payments by Direct Debit, which is easier for us to process; or

If you are unwilling to do so, create a new standing order and send your money to the CAF Bank instead.

You can make either change by

- going to the CMF website: www.cmf.org.uk/switch
- or by emailing the office: finance@cmf.org.uk
- or by telephoning 020 7234 9660 and asking for 'member finance'

You will then be helping us reduce our costs and increase our efficiency. Thank you!

Marcus Watkins is Head of Finance and Administration

Congratulations

Peg Cumberland – MBE

Roger Gadsby – MBE

Chris Lavy – elected to the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons of England

Li-Shan Yeoh – MRCOG

Outgoing

Stephen Critchlow (Cambridge) to Italy

Andrea Hotchkin (Leeds) to Chad

Mark Hotchkin (Leeds) to Chad

Jane McKee (Glasgow) to New Zealand

Homecoming

Martin Allaby (Oxford) from Nepal

Jacqueline Hill from United Arab Emirates

Felicity Mussell (Liverpool) from Bangladesh

Helen Nabwera (Nottingham) from Kenya

Sarah Wain (Birmingham) from Australia

Regional CMF meetings

See www.cmf.org.uk/fellowship for information about local groups

Obituaries

Harold Adeney (*q* The London Hospital 1938; *d* – CMF informed April 2010) was for many years a medical missionary working in Burundi with the Ruanda Mission, before becoming the General Secretary of the Church Mission Society.

Paul Collings (*q* King's College Hospital 1982; *d* March 2010) became a consultant psychiatrist in Durham. After qualification he was active on CMF's junior doctors' committee.

John Dorward (*q* Edinburgh 1975; *d* 22 March 2010) worked in Ekwendeni Hospital in Malawi before becoming a GP in Eyemouth, Berwickshire with his wife Ishbel.

Elizabeth Harvey (*q* Manchester 1938; *d* March 2010). 'She valued her association with CMF through so many of her 96 years.'

Laurence Henry (*q* Birmingham 1952; *d* June 2010) was Professor of Pathology in Sheffield.

Geoffrey Irvine (*q* Edinburgh 1961; *d* – CMF informed April 2010) lived in Kenya.

Jack Goddard Jones (*q* King's College Hospital 1935; *d* – CMF informed May 2010) was a GP in Rhyl, North Wales.

Hugh Kennedy (*q* Glasgow 1950; *d* 11 January 2010) went to the Congo in 1956 with the Baptist Missionary Society and later as a consultant ophthalmologist in Glasgow made many overseas visits.

David Landsborough (*q* The London Hospital 1937; *d* 2 March 2010) was a neurologist who became Superintendent at the Christian Hospital in Chang Hwa, Taiwan, where he had been born.

Alasdair Malcolm (*q* The Middlesex Hospital 1968; *d* 23 March 2010) was a physician with an advisory consultancy, and an officer of the Fellowship of Postgraduate Medicine.

Ronald Markillie (*q* St Thomas's Hospital 1939; *d* – CMF informed March 2010) was a consultant psychiatrist in Leeds.

Anthony Morgan (*q* Bristol 1961; *d* 10 August 2009) became a consultant gastroenterologist and Medical Director for Airedale NHS Trust.

Brian Prichard (*q* St George's Hospital 1958; *d* April 2010) was Professor of Clinical Pharmacology at University College and Middlesex School of Medicine. He was awarded the CBE.

Elizabeth Topley (*q* University College Hospital 1939; *d* 14 December 2009) became a haematology professor. She was active in the Maidstone Quaker meeting.

Victor Wheble (*q* King's College Hospital 1944; *d* 10 January 2010) served in the Congo with the Baptist Missionary Society, before becoming a consultant orthopaedic surgeon in Ashton under Lyne, and pioneering one of the first shoulder joint implants.

Summer time



Giles Cattermole

Goodbyes and Hello



Lizzie Groom

A very fond farewell to **Lizzie Groom** and **Noel Aruparayil**, who have done sterling work as our office interns for the last year.



Noel Aruparayil

Lizzie, who achieved a First in her intercalated medical law and ethics degree and was top of the class, heads back to Cardiff medical school for her final two years. Noel, currently doing a locum in Bradford, is hoping to find an F1 post for August.

We also say goodbye to



Adrian Cheung

Adrian Cheung, our staffworker in Dublin. He's returning to Australia, having been a tremendous encouragement to our students in Ireland. He'll be sorely missed!

We're looking forward to **Kerry Lim** starting as our new 'field intern' in Southampton in September. She'll be part of our south-east team while she also studies a theology course in London. More in the next edition.

Medical school teams

Do consider whether you might be able to help support students, as part of a local team of doctors co-ordinated by the medical school secretaries. You may have a home that students could meet in, or where you could host a yearly barbecue; you may be able to speak at their meetings; you might meet with individual students to encourage them, to study the Bible together, or to pray with them.



The centre spread article in the accompanying *Triple Helix* should encourage you and give you more ideas. Do get in touch with the medical school secretary (contact details are on the website) or via the office.



Freshers

Please remember freshers in your prayers. Hundreds of Christian students will soon be arriving at medical school for the first time, facing all sorts of new pressures. Please pray for local churches, CUs and CMF groups as they support them and pray for a witness to the many thousands of students who are not yet Christians.

Summer School

June 21-25 saw the first CMF Student Summer School in many years. 16 students gathered in stunning surroundings at Knock in Cumbria, for a week of in-depth study and discussion... and fun! We studied the book of Titus together over three mornings, and considered in depth topics



A loyal England fan!



including medical ethics, giving an evangelistic talk, and writing for newspapers and journals.

We enjoyed a couple of film nights, and the England-Slovenia World Cup

game. We also played lots of volleyball, four-square, Frisbee, and pool...and if you don't know what four-square is, come next year! We hope to make this a regular event in the student calendar; it's a brilliant opportunity to get to know each other better and to get to grips with stuff.

Participants' comments included

- extremely helpful – I have a much better appreciation of ethics now
- the film discussions were excellent – intellectual and theological, but also fairly chilled out
- it was a really great week; useful, encouraging and challenging
- great to focus on the Bible together
- really good group size that made it safe to discuss ideas and give talks

Giles Cattermole
is Head of Student Ministries

Team growing and changing



Kevin Vaughan

Another new staff worker



Audrey Chalmers

We are delighted to announce that **Audrey Chalmers** has been appointed as a second CMF graduate staff worker. Audrey will be supporting graduates and regional teams all across Scotland, with some involvement in wider UK activities. She joins Charlotte Hattersley who, based in Hull, has already started as a graduate staff worker for junior doctors. Audrey answered a few questions:

What can you tell us about yourself?

I'm no longer in my 30's, have been happily married to George for 18 years, and we have two tall blonde children who take after their father! We live and work in Glasgow where I am a consultant anaesthetist with a special interest in intensive care. Previously I trained and worked as a GP Principal for a short time before returning to hospital practice. We are members of Kirkintilloch Baptist Church, where we often sit in the front row, but only because we are usually five minutes late!

What do you think of CMF today?

CMF aims centre on discipleship, evangelism, mission and values. It has a wide-ranging ministry in all these areas, but unlike many other 'pressure groups', there is a strong focus on support for individual doctors and others in the allied professions as they live out these aims daily. I think this lends a clear sense of purpose and legitimacy to the work. The organisation is firmly rooted in God's Word, and committed to its application in our professional and personal lives, which is great!

What appeals to you about this job?

I am excited about the prospect of encouraging CMF members to support and encourage each other in Christ. I feel very fortunate to work in a large department with caring and supportive colleagues. This became very relevant personally to me a few years ago, when I witnessed my father's cardiac arrest, attempted resuscitation, and death in the hospital where I was working. We take caring for our patients as the norm, but there is also a tremendous privilege in being able to care for our colleagues. It is really exciting to be able to explore ways of taking that support for colleagues beyond just 'being nice' to them, by bringing the God of all comfort into our working relationships. A strength of the job is that it allows me to continue in clinical practice, which should encourage me to practise what I preach!

What would you like to see happen in CMF Scotland?

CMF groups already meet regularly in a number of places. I hope to learn from these, facilitate new groups, and share resources and ideas between groups. I am keen to encourage mentoring beyond junior doctor years, with appropriate literature and training for mentors. It would be fantastic to see CMF viewed as a vital resource for growth in our Christian and professional lives, and to see Christians exerting a positive influence on the broader culture of healthcare. 'By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another' (John 13:35) sums up something of my vision.

'Onto the front foot' and more!

'A real boost to faith and encouragement for everyday practice'

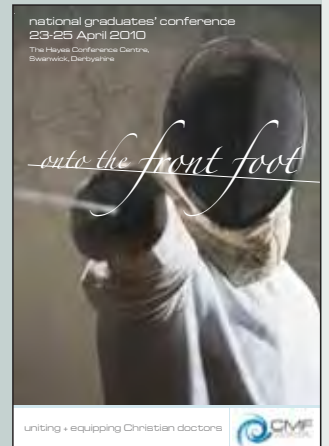
'A great time for meeting old friends and making new ones'

'Wonderful – heaven was near at times!'

'Hit the spot. Just what I needed to hear – encouraging and challenging'

'Thank you – I will come back!'

There were a record 271 participants at Swanwick in April. John Lennox gave challenging Bible readings from the book of Acts and in the Rendle Short Lecture Richard Vincent spoke on the Christian's role in medical education (see *Triple Helix*). There were excellent seminars and time to enjoy worship and relaxation together. If you've not yet been to our annual conference, do note the dates for next year: 29 April-1 May 2011.



New Head of Graduate Ministries 2011

I retire at the end of March 2011 and CMF will soon be advertising for my successor. Please help to make this widely known, and if you would like to know more, please contact Peter Saunders or myself.

EA conference



Over 40 attended the East Anglia day conference: *There is a season...? Surviving and thriving in the different stages of life.* For the first time in some years the conference had a pastoral theme and Steve Midgley from Christ Church Cambridge gave the main Bible reading with follow up contributions from three CMF members in early, middle and later professional life – both heart-warming and challenging!

Growing vision for pastoral care

The pastoral care scheme for foundation doctors was restarted for F1s in 2009 and will expand to F2s this year. If you would like to be a carer, or be connected to a carer, please let me know.

To meet the challenge of supporting all our members across the country we plan to recruit about 30 volunteers who will 'drop a day for CMF'. If you think this might be for you, please contact me.

CMF and the churches

We are convinced the Lord is calling CMF to be more actively involved with churches. This would involve appointing church reps to support CMF members and non-member doctors, providing resources for churches, and equipping members to minister to the churches in CMF's areas of expertise. We have held meetings in two large London churches, and hope to develop similar contacts countrywide.

Kevin Vaughan
is Head of Graduate Ministries

Reaching further



Andrew Fergusson

Facebook fanpage, blogs and Twitter

In the accompanying *Triple Helix* Giles Cattermole explains these, and convincingly defends the reasons for CMF getting into social networking (though in a briefing paper for Senior Staff Team discussion he did use the subheading: 'Communication and collaboration or time-wasting triviality and retarded relationships?')



We are already doing much more with blogs and Twitter (see for example Vicky Lavy's blogs from the Developing Health course over the page), and there is lots of material on the new media centre featuring CMF staff and members on radio and TV. Some members are anxious to have audio material available in podcast form: 'I don't have time to read, and limited time to surf the web, but I do spend a lot of time in my car and like to listen to worthwhile material...' and we intend to get there soon.

Reaching out to the churches

In the first place we want to use these new media for the benefit of you the members, the profession at large, and those with a 'professional' interest, but we believe God is calling us increasingly to reach out more to the churches. There are several reasons for this:

- All the not-yet-member Christian health professionals are in the churches
- Churches need our expert advice on some of their 'pastoral' needs
- We need the prayers and support of lay Christians in our ethics debates

Our message will not change, but the presentation of it may have to. In addition to the new media outlined, we may need a brand new website to target churches.

New media 'producer' for the autumn

It is because of the growing convergence of these new media, the never-ending advance of technology, and this sense of call to reaching out more to churches that we are advertising soon for a 6-session media 'producer' to create and collect material.

Keep an eye on the website if you think you might know someone suitable.

MA in Bioethics and Medical Law

Applications are invited for the 2010-11 MA at St Mary's University College, London, TW1. Course induction day is Saturday 18 September.

The course can be taken part or full time, on site or by e-learning. The programme is unique in being taught by a multidisciplinary team based at the Centre for Bioethics and Emerging Technologies within the University College.

The new programme director, Trevor Stammers, is a past chair of CMF and many members have now successfully completed the course and are involved in guest lecturing on it.

Full details and application forms at:

www.smuc.ac.uk/postgraduate/bioethics/index.htm

Applications are accepted until 10 September and should be sent to Dr Trevor Stammers at stammerst@smuc.ac.uk

New Head of Communications for 2011

A new department Head will be needed from spring 2011 when I retire, and we will be posting an advert and details on the website shortly. After much deliberation, we feel it right to advertise for one single person to take on most of what I do, but should that not prove fruitful, we have back-up plans for job sharing.

We are now clearer about how all the components of the current job should be divided, and have agreed that a medically qualified person would certainly be required for the ethics and public policy aspect: 'The public face of CMF must be a doctor'. If you want to explore this possibility, please be in touch: andrew@cmf.org.uk

Telling us what you want

We have now carried out the first phase of the CMF Communications Survey. Links to the survey were sent by email to all ~4,300 graduate and student members for whom we have email addresses. 1,100 completed it. This was roughly 50/50 male/female with the majority being either hospital doctors or GPs, in the 20-40 age group. We were sorry not to get more replies from students.

Overall, the results are encouraging and not too surprising. The answers about *Triple Helix* indicated that most people 'read some' of the content but few passed it on in either a medical or church context. 389 sent written comments which were generally very positive, but could perhaps be summed up by 'too busy' to read more, and 'relevance please'.

We still need to send paper copy of an amended survey to the 1,000 or so of you for whom we do not hold email addresses. While we may not gather information that is significantly different from what we already know, we owe you the chance to be listened to. If you really do not have email (as opposed to not having told us your address) then our paper mailings are all you will ever get and we'd like to know your views. So, when that survey arrives, please spend 5-10 minutes responding. We will then make detailed information available and tell everybody the highlights. Thanks!

Andrew Fergusson is Head of Communications

The wider horizon



Vicky Lavy

Developing Health course

(The diary extracts that follow appeared roughly every other day on the CMF website, and on the Facebook and blog pages.)

Day 2

...wonderful couple of days, with the combination of excellent medical teaching and spiritual inspiration which makes this course unique...whistled through the whole of paediatrics in a day yesterday, and the whole of general medicine in an afternoon today! ...paediatric practical skills workshop... Resusci-baby got intubated, cannulated and ventilated – but sadly didn't look any better.



Tonight I ran a 'chat show'. One doctor wondered why everyone suddenly fell to the floor during her ward round in Sudan and then realised that bullets were flying outside! Another participant has to watch for altitude sickness in the mountains of Tibet... struggles with spiritual oppression and corruption... the joy of training people and seeing them learn and grow both medically and spiritually.

Day 4

Two more full days – mosquitoes, worms, and other hazardous parasites yesterday and HIV and palliative care today. A bit of



time to enjoy that rare event, the English summer evening, and Albert from Malawi has played his first game of croquet – 'Give me another couple of goes at this and I'll be dangerous!'

Day 5

...community health day... watching Alex Duncan's amazing video of life in the back of beyond in Central Asia. He lived there for six years with his family, setting up a primary health care programme... hard graft but through his work, child mortality fell from 32% to 21%.



...moving talk from Maureen Wilkinson on community mental health. In terms of global causes of mortality, neuropsychiatric disease is low on the list, but in terms of years of life lived with disability, it is far and away the leader of the field.

Day 7

Monday was trauma and orthopaedics ...star-studded cast of lecturers including CMF's very own Giles Cattermole in his other incarnation as a consultant in emergency medicine, the inimitable Ranti and Verona, and the wonderful Chris



Working Abroad

Thinking about working overseas? Preparing for a trip? This handbook looks at all the issues, from 'What could I do and when should I go?' to 'How do I fund it and what do I take?' For £2 it contains a wealth of information and important contacts – a must both for those gently exploring possibilities and those getting ready to go.



Who is my Neighbour?

We ran our workshop on medical mission and international work in Oxford in March. Again, we had a good crowd and a lovely mix of students, juniors, seniors and retirees – some with experience to share, others investigating. Several mission organisations exhibited. The next events are in Edinburgh on 25 September and Newcastle on 4 December. We are now taking bookings for 2011 – what about hosting a day or an evening in your region?



Lavy! 10% of all the deaths in the world are the result of trauma – more than malaria, HIV and TB combined, and emergency treatment is often inaccessible, ineffective or unavailable.

Day 8

Surgery...we all now feel we could do a laparotomy! We learnt some useful skills, including suturing and taking skin grafts, practised on oranges so it's fruit salad for lunch tomorrow. The most gruesome session so far (but great fun!) was learning how to take out a tooth...pigs' heads to practise on – takes an amazing amount of force to pull out a pig's tooth!



Ira told us her story – she's an Indian who's been doing medicine in the UK for 15 years, now as a consultant. She felt God calling her back to India – encouraged by the 'Who is my Neighbour?' workshop she set off in January to a Leprosy Mission hospital. She found herself on a 1-in-3 covering 60 beds and seeing 200 outpatients every day, and the pressure of work began to take its toll. After about a month she was composing her letter of resignation when one of the staff showed her Gideon's story – a man disheartened and overwhelmed by the constant attacks of the Midianites. God's words to him spoke powerfully to Ira: 'Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian's hand. Am I not sending you?' (Judges 6:14). Ira knew God is sending her and will enable her...she is planning to return long term.

Vicky Lavy is Head of International Ministries

ICMDA

International Christian Medical and Dental Association



James Tomlinson

Eurasia conferences

So far this year I have travelled to six countries, encouraging individuals and groups and visiting conferences. Travel to Estonia and Greece was to participate in their national conferences, where I was struck by the faithfulness of those who led and organised them. The value of such gatherings is clear from the teaching received and from the support found through connecting Christian medics and dentists. Both organisations, the Estonian ECPS and the Greek CMDA, seek to engage with students, juniors and seniors as they encourage healthcare professionals to integrate faith and medical practice.

During our March Eurasia Committee and ASRs' meeting, we decided to support a proposed ICMDA world congress within the region in 2014, with no large regional conference in the interim. Excitingly, a number of smaller sub-regional and leadership conferences are being planned, with the aim of strengthening leaders and connections across the region.

These plans fall within our vision to enable medical and dental students and graduates in every country of Eurasia to follow Jesus wholeheartedly in healthcare through:

- enabling healthy national movements
- leadership training and development
- regional and area conferences
- development of resources and literature
- prayer
- supporting students and juniors
- partnership working with likeminded organisations
- strengthening the Eurasia team

As well as improving dialogue, a consultation process with the



leaders of national movements in Eurasia has contributed to developing our vision and strategy for the region. Feedback and sharing on this with leaders of the national movements will take place over the coming months.

Central Asian congress



This August, ICMDA in Eurasia is supporting a congress for Christian medics from across Central Asia. Exploring the conference theme 'Human Health: A Holistic Approach', talks and seminars will equip delegates to live out their faith practically and apply a holistic approach to patient care. Commenting on the theme, the organisers write 'Because our spirit, soul and body are important to God, we believe a

'Work a Day for ICMDA'

WORK A DAY FOR ICMDA

The day this year is Friday 15 October. Do consider joining with others in supporting the work of ICMDA through prayer and by giving the equivalent of a day's salary. A fund to support area conferences within the Eurasia region, such as the Central Asian congress, is being developed. Gifts for ICMDA including for Eurasia may now be made to the ICMDA UK Trust via the Charity Choice website: www.charitychoice.co.uk/donation.asp?ref=159185

holistic approach to our patients is a great need of medics within Central Asia – especially those called to bring good news and healing through medical practice'.

Previous conferences in Central Asia have been important in envisioning and encouraging believers to integrate their faith and medicine, and have developed the network of Christian medical groups. Believers in these countries face many challenges but have huge opportunities as they seek to be salt and light among their patients and colleagues. Please pray for this work and for the coming congress.

Central Europe leaders' training

In April, ARCHAE, the Austrian member movement, hosted the second Central European Student Leaders' training alongside their student and juniors conference.

Student leaders from Germany, Netherlands, Austria, Slovenia, Slovakia, Czech Republic and Switzerland stayed on for a further 24 hours' focused time of training. Seminars on mentoring, running Christian medical groups, evangelism, running a student conference, and publications stimulated discussion and sharing. Time was also spent in prayer for the work among medical students in Central Europe. Those who came reported that the time had been

a big encouragement and help, whether they were already leading a Christian medical group for students or were the only Christian student they knew of at their medical school.

New ASR for Central Europe

During the weekend Matthäus Fellingner took over from Dr Chris

Gerken as Area Student Representative. Chris hands over after six years' faithful service; his encouragement of student leaders has been greatly



Chris Gerken



Matthäus Fellingner

appreciated and has borne much fruit. Matthäus is a medical student in Vienna, and previous leader of his university's Christian medical group which started in 2007 following the first student leadership training organised by Chris.

New CEO for ICMDA

As I write, participants from around the world are beginning their journey to this year's World Congress in Uruguay. During the conference Dr Vinod Shah from India will be confirmed as the new CEO, taking over from Dr Daryl Hackland next year. More from the congress next edition.

James Tomlinson is the ICMDA Eurasia Regional Secretary
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Allied professions



Steve Fouch

New nurses' student staff worker

Annie Leggett starts in October, and shares about herself:

Annie, what is your professional background?

I trained as a nurse in the late 70s at the Middlesex, staffed in three London hospitals, did oncology at the Royal Marsden, staffed in palliative care, moved to the Westminster to pioneer day chemotherapy, and finally returned to the Royal Marsden.



Annie Leggett

What you have been doing for the last few years?

For the last ten I have been working as the female pastoral worker for City Evangelical Church in Birmingham. My role has been to encourage and teach women, through Bible studies, 1-2-1s, and in larger groups, as well as heading *Christianity Explored*. Along the way I offered lots of food! I have seen the power of the gospel as people are drawn into believing, and seen others grow in their faith, sustained through tough and sometimes ongoing situations.

What will you be doing with CMF?

Mainly starting a work among student nurses along the lines of the student work for medics. Initially, this will be making contact with student nurses and possibly other health care students, teaching the Bible and encouraging them to think through ethical issues, helping them be a light in their profession, and being a friend. We hope to run day conferences and weekends. I am keen to establish good links with churches, UCCF, and existing volunteers who have been supporting nurses. We are all praying God will provide others to help, and that from student work a vibrant qualified work will grow.

Annie, how can we pray for you?

That I will know Jesus better; that he will give us his wisdom as we set out; that he will open doors for nurses to be built up in Christ and for many others to hear the gospel; and that I will discern the pressures students face. Please pray for my departure from Birmingham, for settling back into London, and for wisdom to know which church to join.

NCFI conference in Romania

Eighty nurses from 18 nations, 36 from Romania itself, gathered in Transylvania for four days of seminars and meetings. The Romanians launched their first national Christian nursing association, and appointed a new leader in Monica Pascu from Cluj. Please pray for this new fellowship to grow

PRIME

Partnership in International Medical Education



Clare Cooper

In July PRIME is alongside EMFI (Evangelical Medical Fellowship of India) to train teachers to work in whole person medicine across India.

Another project in India is an 18 month programme run through CMC Vellore, to equip rural practitioners in eight states as family doctors through distance learning and regular face to face meetings. Family medicine tutors from the UK are needed for two week periods.

We plan an advanced UK tutor training course this October or November, intended primarily for seniors in medical and nursing education. However, it is also for experienced PRIME tutors wishing to do faculty training and train trainers overseas. Contact the PRIME office for details.

More overseas partners are asking PRIME for higher level training – with faculty training in teaching methodology in Armenia, Russia, Romania and India. We are privileged to receive these encouraging invitations with their potential to change the way medicine is taught across the globe.

PRIME's Eastern European tutor training conference in Cluj, Romania, from 23-25 September, brings together our Eastern European partners. UK participants welcome. Details: admin@prime-international.org.uk

Clare Cooper is Associate Director of PRIME

and have vision, and to link in with the CMA of Romania and other Christian networks there and internationally.

PRIME/NCFI links

A pilot course in Yerevan with the nursing branch of the Armenian CMA was organised through PRIME but led by three nurse tutors from NCFI and NCF Scotland. Out of this module (which looked in particular at leadership, whole person care and spiritual care) there are plans to run a three year comprehensive advanced nursing practice programme with a strong biblical and professional basis, and to explore running similar courses elsewhere.

Christian Therapists' Network renamed

Christian Nurses and Midwives and Christian Therapists' Network (now re-named the Allied Health Professionals' Christian Network or AHPCN) plan a national conference for spring 2011 in the Midlands. CNM and Nurses Christian Fellowship Scotland (NCFS) are also looking at joint events.

Steve Fouch is Head of Allied Professions Ministries

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Dates for your Diary

September

- 18 Board of Trustees, London
- 25 Juniors' Day Conference, London

October

- 8 RCGP Breakfast, Harrogate
- 9 Psychiatry Day Conference, London
- 15-17 Northern Conference, Scarborough
- 29-31 Juniors' Weekend Conference, Leicestershire

November

- 6 London & SE Day Conference
- 6 Midlands Day Conference
- 6 International Saline, Cardiff
- 13 International Saline, Southampton
- 19-21 Scotland Weekend Conference

December

- 4 Board of Trustees, London

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