

CMF launches search for new CEO

Peter Saunders leaves CMF to lead ICMDA

CMF's Chief Executive, Peter Saunders, has accepted an offer to become CEO of the International Christian Medical and Dental Association (ICMDA), so will be stepping down from his CMF role at the end of this year.

The new role is a logical next step for Peter who has served on the ICMDA board for 16 years and already visited over 50 countries, ministering on behalf of ICMDA in many of them.

He takes over from Vinod Shah, who has held the post for the last eight years, and walks in the footsteps of four other members of CMF UK who have led ICMDA in the past – Keith Sanders, John and Thea Reader and Peter Pattison.

CMF Chairman Ken Toop writes, 'Peter has been on our staff for 26 years, first as Student Secretary, and for 18 years as CEO. He has served with exceptional drive, courage and godliness, and much of the strength of our present Fellowship is due to his gifts and abilities. We are deeply grateful to him.'

The CMF Board met just before the AGM on 30 June, where the news was made public, and appointed a search committee to lay out plans for finding Peter's successor.

The team will be chaired by Professor Sam Leinster, and consists of the following, who are also members of the board: Maggy Spence (incoming board chair), Kevin Vaughan, Matt Davis, Howard Lyons, and Ken Toop.

Although Peter has given us a lot of notice, we anticipate there may be a period of interregnum while we find the right person to succeed him. We will be formally advertising, and would also value your input as members.

We need a godly person, who is and will be a servant leader, with medical qualifications, or a very strong association with the NHS. A full person specification along with a job description are available on request.

We want to cast our net widely, to find God's person for this



important position. If you know of someone who you think might be suitable for this role, or if you are interested yourself, please e-mail Sam Leinster at CEOsearch@cmf.org.uk

While no leadership change is straightforward, CMF is, by God's grace, in a strong position with a clear ministry direction, strong staff team and sound finances and we have every confidence that it will continue to go from strength to strength under the Lord's leading.

Our five-year 2020 ACTIVE plan – Connect, Grow, Speak and Serve – is now in its third year allowing a new CEO to take time to settle in well and become familiar with all the Fellowship's existing staff and ministries.

CMF is a founder member of ICMDA, and has been active in supporting its ministry for many years. In particular CMF has been active in supporting the Christian medical movements in Europe, the former Soviet Union and the Middle East.

ICMDA's aim is 'to start and strengthen national movements of Christian doctors and dentists' to live and speak for Jesus Christ. Its vision is 'a Christian medical and dental witness in every community in every nation'.

ICMDA currently has member movements in over 80 countries of which CMF and CMDA US are the largest. Another twelve national bodies are due to join at this year's World Congress in Hyderabad, India on 21-26 August.

The ICMDA Office will move to the UK from India in February next year when Peter formally takes up the new post.

Please pray for the staff at this time of uncertainty and change, and for Peter and his wife Kirsty, also a CMF member, as they manage this time of transition. And, as always, please continue to pray for the work of CMF in this country and around the world and support it in every way you can.

Peter says, 'It has been an immense privilege working with CMF these last 26 years during an exciting time of growth and change and my hope is to make the transition and handover as smooth as possible'.

2017 ends with surplus

The 2017 financial result was a surplus of £7k with income being £90k over budget and expenditure £2k below budget. This is the first surplus since 2011 and we are grateful to all members who have contributed towards achieving this result. Thanks to this increased income we started our new volunteering initiative during the second half of 2017.

Going forward, we need to achieve an increase in regular donation income of £100k per year. Members have already

committed to an increase of £37k per year and we have received £34k of one-off donations to help achieve this target. However, the challenge to achieve the £100k in regular giving remains.

The encouraging improvement in the Fellowship's finances has pushed any discussion of the sale of Johnson House further down the agenda, as a decision does not need to be made at present.

Graham Sopp, CMF Head of Central Services

Communications

All change

With John Martin's retirement in May and Steve Fouch taking over as the new Head of Communications in June, it has been a time of transition for the Communications team.

We have been busy over the spring and the summer getting a new edition of *Foundations* published. This is an update on the last edition, slightly larger with some new sections and revisions to reflect the changes in GMC guidance and training requirements for junior doctors. Copies will be landing on the doorsteps of F1s over August. You can also order a copy from the CMF bookstore. A great gift idea for a young Christian doctor, especially if they are not a member!

Philip Martin, our Senior Digital Producer, continues to expand our range of videos, and is producing a range of training videos on different topics. We are also overhauling the website homepage, publications and article pages. We hope to go live with these changes over the autumn. In the meantime, if you have a burning issue that you want to write about, or a story to share more widely, do get in touch. We would love to hear from you on comms@cmf.org.uk

Final year students: welcome to the profession

Congratulations to all of our final year nursing and medical students who passed their last exams, placements and have been on elective. All the years of hard work and study have paid off - welcome to the profession. Wishing those starting foundation jobs or preceptorships this August all the very best.

Here is a relevant prayer from Colossians 1:9-10: 'For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God.'

Advocacy

A challenging year

We can't remember a time in CMF when we faced more public policy challenges all at once. It's further evidence of the rapid secularisation of Britain and the escalating hostility to Christian faith and values.

The public policy team of Philippa Taylor, Rick Thomas, Steve Fouch and Peter Saunders have been busy handling media interviews, writing submissions to official consultations, preparing resources for members and working in partnership with other organisations to effect change.

Through the Care Not Killing Alliance, we have been involved in interventions in three major court cases on end-of-life issues. The Divisional Court judgement on 'Omid' (seeking to legalise assisted suicide) and the Supreme Court judgement on 'Y' (seeking to bypass the courts for decisions on removing feeding tubes from patients with persistent vegetative state (PVS) and minimally conscious state (MCS)) are still awaited.

However, the Conway Court of Appeal case (also on assisted suicide) delivered a fantastic judgement which left the law unchanged (see *Triple Helix* for more detail). An attempt to legalise assisted suicide and euthanasia on the island of Guernsey was also defeated when deputies voted 24 to 14 against and 37 to 1 in favour of improving palliative care services.

The pressure to liberalise abortion laws throughout the British Isles is relentless.

Aside from the campaigns to decriminalise abortion completely throughout Britain and stop pro-life vigils and counselling outside abortion clinics plans are well underway to weaken the law in Ireland (by repealing the eighth Amendment) and Northern Ireland (through a Supreme Court case aimed at putting pressure on the currently defunct Stormont assembly to loosen the law).

There are also moves to introduce medical home abortions in Wales and Scotland and to roll out NIPT (non-invasive prenatal testing) which will effectively eliminate children with Down's syndrome before birth.

A new consultation aimed at allowing people to change gender legally simply on the basis of self-identification has just been launched for England and Wales and a similar one in Scotland is about to report.

Following the implementation of 'opt out' organ transplantation in Wales, a further consultation is asking how it should be rolled out in Scotland.

Meanwhile, a bill attempting to increase conscience protection for Christian doctors over abortion, end-of-life treatment and embryo research, appears to have run out of parliamentary time.

Please pray for staff and members involved in all of these debates and make use of our literature and especially the CMF Blogs to keep up with the latest developments and to be better informed and engaged.

Junior doctors' conference 26-28 October 2018

'Life in a hostile world' is the theme for the 2018 CMF junior doctors' conference. It will once again be held at Hothorpe Hall, set in beautiful rural Leicestershire. The main speaker is Rev Mohan Seevaratnam, a GP in Harrow, north-west London who has worked as a missionary in Sri Lanka. As usual there will be a



great array of seminars, good food and fine fellowship.

Full details can be found online. Places are limited so don't miss out - please book online at: cmf.org.uk/juniors/events

hellos and goodbyes



Georgina Lawton

Georgina Lawton joins us as Associate Head of Nursing. She is based in the Midlands and will be working with student and qualified nurses in the North and Midlands from October.

Georgina is a staff nurse at Royal Stoke University Hospital and is actively involved with the leadership of a local church.



Steve Fouch

Steve Fouch has stepped sideways from Connections Manager to Head of Communications since June. He continues to handle CMF's social media and website as well as taking on the wider work of the Comms team.



Maryna Stolyarchuk

Volunteer **Maryna Stolyarchuk**, who worked with Comms, Volunteers and CMF Global over the summer, has left to take up the next steps in her career.

Volunteering: working as one body

John Greenall looks at the opportunities

I'm often asked why we use the term 'volunteer' at CMF. It evokes different images for each of us, some not so positive. We are, however, determined to see



John Greenall

volunteering through a biblical lens. One such lens is that of being a servant. We serve because we lay our lives down as a 'sacrifice' to God in

response to what he has done for us (Romans 12:1). We come ready to 'do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do' (Ephesians 2:10), not because we are working for his favour, but instead from his favour – because of what Jesus has done in serving us (Philippians 2:6-8).

So how can you begin (or continue) to volunteer with CMF? Apart from our Deep:ER Fellowships, Associate Staffworker opportunities and our new Catalyst Teams (more of which in the next edition of *CMF News*), here are several options you can take up from your own home!

Week of prayer for nurses

During International Nurses' Week (12-18 May) we ran a week of prayer for nurses under the theme *Thank God For Nurses*. We ran print, web and social media prayer prompts and resources for members and the wider church, using the hashtag #ThankGodForNurses on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. We have had

feedback from members and others saying how encouraged they were by this and are keen for us to run it again next year.

We are also looking at running prayer events with

resources for other members in the coming year. If you are keen to pray for the Fellowship and issues affecting health professionals and Christians, join our CMF Watchers Facebook Group for regular prayer needs and opportunities. facebook.com/groups/CMF.Watchers

- Want to write? Join our team of writers, contributing to our blogs, print and digital publications. We also offer writers' training courses.
- Can you speak at events? Join our database of speakers specifying what you can speak on and to where you can travel.
- Could you teach on one of our courses? Our Saline Solution and Confident Christianity courses make a huge impact.
- Want to develop your specialty? We are keen to develop Specialty Links who take a lead in developing how Christians engage in their specialty.
- Can you link CMF with your church? CMF resources can be a great blessing to churches.
- Can you open your home? We see so much growth happening as people meet in homes around food. This could be a student, juniors' or nurses' group. Showing hospitality to doctors and nurses newly moved to your area is particularly important.
- Can you develop content for our new online learning platform? We are looking for technically gifted educators who can contribute to developing our resources.
- Can you shape the work of CMF by joining a committee? Juniors, Graduates, Students, Nurses, Global, Triple Helix, Medical Study Group are all key committees that shape the work of CMF.
- Can you administrate or lead overseas Short-Term Vision Trips? We have multiple requests to send teams and run training all over the world, taking juniors and students along and seeing them grow as they go.
- Interested in mentoring? One-to-one relationships with those a bit further down the track is so important.
- Want to research ethical issues? This is vital work in CMF as you will know from government submissions, our booklets and books and CMF Files.

Other possibilities in our London office include administration, finances, social media and conference organising.

Why not take the opportunity to develop and use the gifts God has entrusted to you?

To enquire about any of these or other opportunities please get in touch at volunteer@cmf.org.uk.

Nurses

Young leaders: advance by retreat

One of the priorities of the Nurses Department is to raise up and invest in young nursing and midwifery leaders. To this end, we held a retreat day for our student reps on Saturday 16 June. Rachel Hickson came to speak with her colleague Rev Helen Azur of Heartcry for Change, helping restore hope and compassion to Christian communities.

Ten reps gathered at the London CMF office for breakfast, having travelled from Southampton, Oxford, Gloucester, Reading, Leeds, London and even one from Belfast! Rachel's brief was to encourage these nurses and midwives in both their professional calling and their Christian walk. To help re-envision and refresh them, but also to have some small group reflective time to explore good practice, and think about developing better life rhythms to help avoid burnout. As well as time for prayer of course!

Rachel led this so well. From the starting point of being 'ordinary people with an extraordinary call' she outlined the historical roots of the NHS and Christian healthcare. We looked at how our culture has changed, and how faith, which once undergirded our health service, is now marginalised, creating a division between being a Christian and being a nurse. With interaction and discussion, we looked at verses in the Bible that encourage us to develop a life-rhythm that trusts God, restores our soul, and the balance between demand and activity. There was good discussion on the need to be rooted in Christ as the source of all we are giving out to others. It was great to have unhurried time to talk and to pray and to connect with God. The rest of the day, from mid-afternoon was more relational – we enjoyed hanging out, a little sight seeing, and a drink together.

The reps gave such positive feedback about this time. Comments so far include: 'It was a real encouragement for us, so refreshing'; 'learnt to lean into God'; 'a real joy and encouragement to me personally' and 'really loved spending precious time with the other girls'.

Such a lovely bunch of nurses with great potential, and hopefully resourced a little more as they serve and give.



CMF Global

Updates from Fi McLachlan

Following our strategy review, we have spent the early part of this year seeking to build our relationships with other agencies, such as All Nations Christian college and London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. We trust that closer cooperation will lead to more supportive placements for our members as you move about the world.

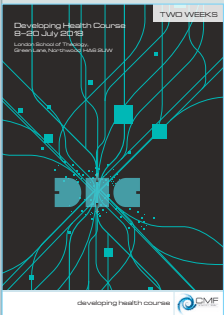
Short term vision trips

If you're working long-term overseas you will know that longevity of service, relationship building and language learning are all important parts of effective intervention. However, for many the interest to serve long-term comes from a short-term mission trip.

Sadly, due to the Iraqi government's blockade on international flights into Erbil, our March trip for refugee clinical work was cancelled. But we are glad to say we have another eight people keen to go from 1-8 September. Please pray for them as they prepare.

Developing Health Course

We have an exciting revised Developing Health Course. It ran from 8-20 July at the London School of Theology in Northwood, Middlesex. While numbers were smaller than in previous years, the same mixture of disciplines, national origin and place of work among participants and first rate interactive teaching, made this a stimulating fortnight for all involved.



Corruption and conflict of interest

Medical corruption and conflict of interest are issues that affect us all – and we have a small team seeking to further explore and make resources available for members. We will be hosting meetings to dialogue further with international partners about this topic at the ICMDA World Congress in Hyderabad.

Big thanks to Andrew Tomkins, John Wyatt, Catriona Waitt, Ibrat Djabbarov, Transparency International and others, helping us on this project.

Lebanon group formed at regional meet

Twenty-two delegates attended the first ICMDA regional event for the Middle East, Turkey and North Africa in Lebanon in May. Delegates were from Lebanon, Egypt and Jordan and there were invited guests from South Korea and the UK.

It was a great weekend of teaching, encouragement and fellowship. Egypt already has a strong CMF movement and this weekend saw the formation of a new group in Lebanon. Hopes are that this conference and ones to follow will lead to the development and strengthening of ICMDA groups across the METNA region. Please continue to pray for Christian doctors and nurses in the region as they seek to live for Jesus Christ.

CMF General Committee meets

CMF's member body, the General Committee, met on Saturday 30 June at Johnson House in London to appoint the trustee board, receive reports and feed into the planning and ministry of the Fellowship.

After three years as Chair, Ken Toop stepped down and Maggy Spence is now the new Chair of Trustees for CMF. Ken will continue as Vice-Chair for the time being to support Maggy as she takes up this key role.

Also appointed were Angie Ryan (as the new nurses' representative), Rebecca Horton (as students rep), David Khoo, Euan McRorie and Howard Lyons. We said thanks and farewell to Huw Morgan, Johnson Samuel and Jonathan Fisher who all stepped down at the end of their terms of office. We thank them all for their contributions over many years.

At the meeting, the old CMF unincorporated association was finally dissolved. This is the original legal entity that was CMF before it handed all its assets over to the newer CMF limited liability company on 31 December 2009.

Going

Kathryn Miller – India (July 2018)
Alexander Walter – W Africa (July 2018)

Obituaries

John Malcolm (q 1966, Guy's, King's and St Thomas's)
John Watson (q 1949)
Jane Sprigg (q 1978, Manchester)
Rev Hugh Williams (q 1962)
Maria Hernadi (q 1980, Overseas Medical Schools)

Keep in touch

We appreciate information about Members returning and moving or notices about those who are 'promoted to higher service'. Please contact Steve Fouch at: steve.fouch@cmf.org.uk

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Dates for your diary

SEPTEMBER

- 29 Who is my Neighbour?
Johnson House, London SE1
- 29 Saline Solution, Glasgow

OCTOBER

- 13 Refugee & Asylum Seeker
Health course
Ararat Baptist Church, Cardiff
- 26-28 Junior Doctors' conference,
Hothorpe Hall, Leics

NOVEMBER

- 10 Who is my Neighbour? City
Evangelical Church, Leeds
- 10 Saline Solution, Exeter
- 23-25 Scottish conference, Lendrick Muir

For further information on all these courses, please contact: events@cmf.org.uk.

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