



## INDIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW ENGLAND

February, 2009



### Message from the President

I am pleased to report that the medical conference IMANE recently co-hosted in Goa, India, in conjunction with AAPI, was a huge success, despite the fact that my wife and I were the only IMANE representatives able to attend.

IMANE oversaw the planning, organization and management to ensure the meeting went smoothly for the 22 physician participants, working collaboratively with AAPI President Dr. Sanku Rao (see photo of me with Dr. Rao, left). IMANE's participation really served to put our organization on AAPI's radar screen.

Coordinating the behind-the-scenes details at such a distance was challenging – especially with one speaker located in India – but email and phone communication allowed the event to come together without a hitch. Participants, who received Category I CME credits, ranked the event highly, giving a combined score of 4.85 for all of the speakers (including myself), out of a possible 5.

After the working sessions ended, we had a chance to explore the impressive culture and history of Goa. Some of the highlights included Panjabi, the capital of Goa; and Old Goa, where we visited the Basilica of Bom Jesus, which was built in 1605 and is said to contain the remains of St. Francis Xavier; the Se Cathedral, supposedly the largest church in Asia; the Hindu Mangueshi Temple, with its well-preserved white tower; and Fort Arguada, where signs of former fortifications were especially visible; the attractive beaches; and of course, the 90 degree temperatures with low humidity.

The best part of the trip, though, was the opportunity to socialize with the other attendees and their spouses. I especially enjoyed getting to know Dr. Rao and his wife Rohini. The trip culminated in an outdoor New Year's Eve celebration, rich with delicious food, wonderful music and dancing, and lovely company. That was a fantastic finale to our trip.

--Nasir A. Khan, MD

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2009

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## News Briefs

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The following are some of the meetings which I or other members of the Executive Committee have attended or supported in January, 2009:

- Dr. Khan, Dr. Geeta Trivedi and Dr. Rajendra Trivedi joined leaders of various other Indian organizations in attending an **Indian Circle for Caring USA, Inc. (ICC) Leadership Council meeting**. The Executive Committee has strongly endorsed ICC's mission of reaching out to help fellow community members at times of great need, and ICC now has a link on the IMANE website.
- IMANE endorsed the efforts of the **YPS** through Sameer Kapasi, the YPS representative of IMANE, and provided a contribution to help the group organize a social event, "Bollywood Night" at the Taj, in collaboration with **the South Asian Bar Association of Greater Boston (SABAGB)** and the **Network of South Asian Professionals (NETSAP)**.
- I authorized a contribution on behalf of IMANE for the **Tufts Association of South Asians** who have planned a Dahmaan cultural event, at the request of Karam Randhawa, a Tufts organizer.
- I received a request from Seema Jain that our Women's Group attend a **Chairs of Women Forum of AAPI** in Jersey City in March 2009. More details are expected.
- Dr. Mohani Malhotra and Dr. Apurv Gupta launched the **Past Presidents Club**. A meeting was held in Feb., 2009, and a commitment was made to benefit from the wisdom of IMANE elders and promote the priorities of IMANE.
- At the summer 2008 retreat on Cape Cod, the concept of a **Women's Affiliate of IMANE** was reborn after several years of dormancy. Two Co-Chairs were elected in Sept., 2008, Dr. Manju Sheth and Dr. Deepa Jhaveri, with the encouragement of Dr. Mohani Malhotra as Secretary. This group will promote the well-being of women physicians and support IMANE and AAPI.

### **IMANE ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE:**

**To be held at the Renaissance Hotel, Boston, Sat., April 11, 2009. IMANE will also host the AAPI Governing Body Meeting to be held concurrently. A joint IMANE/AAPI celebration will be held on the Spirit of Boston that evening. Details to follow.**

### **REMINDER TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

**The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Wed., Feb. 25 at 6 p.m. at MMS. Agenda to follow.**

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## **Profile: Dr. Sahdev Passey, Chair, Board of Trustees**

Sahdev Passey, MD, the current Chair of the Board of Trustees, is a graduate of Gandhi Medical College, Bhopal, India. He arrived in the U.S. in 1973 and has spent his professional career in the Worcester area, first as a pediatric resident at Worcester City Hospital, and subsequently as a Fellow in Ambulatory Pediatrics at Memorial Hospital in Worcester. He has been in private practice of pediatrics in Worcester since 1978.

Dr. Passey is, or has been, an active volunteer with numerous professional and social organizations, including: Director of Free Health Stop in Shrewsbury, MA; Chair, India Society of Worcester; Chair, Board of Trustees of Indian American Forums for Political Education; Board of Director of the Deveroux School; and Vice Speaker of AAPI. He also is a Community Trustee, United Way of Central MA, and Delegate to the MMS from the Worcester District Society. His efforts have been highly recognized. He has received the MMS Community Physician of the Year Award from the Worcester District Society, a key to the City of Worcester, and a Governor's Citation for his Community Service in Massachusetts.

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## **Profile: Dr. Geeta Trivedi, President-Elect, IMANE**

Geeta Trivedi, MD, graduated from BJ Medical College, Amdavad, Gujarat, India, and soon after started a career in anesthesiology since coming to the U.S. in 1971. She received her anesthesiology training from Cambridge City Hospital and was a Clinical Fellow at Harvard University. She has been on the staff of Malden Hospital and Santa Maria Hospital in Cambridge and currently works at the Same Day Surgical Center in Fall River, MA, as an anesthesiologist.



Dr. Trivedi is married to Rajendra Trivedi, MD, who is a psychiatrist in Stoneham, MA, and a member of IMANE. She was Treasurer of IMANE for two years and has volunteered with her husband and their families working with the Blind People's Association in Gujarat, India.