

# Overseas and Australian Medical Graduates Association Newsletter

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This is the first newsletter for 2008. Wishing all OAMGA members a happy and prosperous new year. We welcome the new president Dr K Wu, Vice President Dr Srinivasa, Secretary Dr Malia, Assistant Secretary Dr Govindan and Assistant Treasurer Dr U Borkar, Public Officer Dr S Orekondy

We thank the outgoing President Dr Nagamma and recognise the outstanding work she has performed for the last two years, achieving credibility for OAMGA with the help of the Committee members. We also thank Dr Iyengar and Dr Kapila for their ongoing assistance. Our appreciation is also extended to Mr Onkaraswamy for helping the Committee to achieve a greater public profile and in helping with the CME activities. The editorial board will continue to support the committee with various activities for OAMGA for the coming financial year 2008-9. We also thank Rani Sundar, Mrs Gillian and husband Kerry for their services to OAMGA. Mrs Gillian is known to all she is been with OAMGA for the last 12 yrs.

We also welcome our new Committee members Dr T West and Dr S Chaturvedi.

Some of the events that OAMGA participated in since the last edition of our newsletter in October 2007 include:

- Our Annual Dinner, which was a most enjoyable event. It was held on 27th October Saturday 2007 at Akuna Bay Function Centre, Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park, Terrey Hills. Our chief guest, Philip Ruddock spoke on the importance of foreign doctors working to enhance the medical profession in Australia. He also spoke of the need for more Indian doctors to migrate to Australia to alleviate the shortage of doctors in Australia. Other speakers reminisced about the important achievements made by OAMGA since it was established in 1992 and how the Committee has grown and fostered recognition of the role of overseas trained doctors.
- Our members report that we are still receiving positive feedback about our participation in the Mothers Day Classic Fun Run/Walk to raises breast cancer awareness (on 13 May 2008). This is an event we intend to participate in once again this year. I request the doctors who were unable to attend last year to try to join in with us and walk under the banner of OAMGA in 2008.
- As usual our OAMGA stall at the United Indian Association (UIA) Fair was most successful and we hope to continue our participation in that event this year. All members are welcome to participate.
- OAMGA's tour de India trip organised by Dr Iyengar, Dr Sawrikar and Dr West. This trip was most enjoyable. Travellers learned about Indian culture, the fastest growing economic power of the world (second to China) and, surprisingly, they even learned a little more about medicine on the tour! The accommodation, travel, food and activities were all outstanding. OAMGA will organise another trip in 2010- the destination will remain a secret!

The annual general meeting for OAMGA which was held in November 2007 was challenging but it went well. A good lunch was served at the Royal Indian Restaurant Strathfield. Thanks to Dr Nagamma

The Committee decided that OAMGA should become an affiliate member of UIA.

Forthcoming events include:

- Monthly CME activities (please monitor the OAMGA website)
- Mother's Day Classic
- UIA Fair
- New and exciting one day cherry picking for charity trip

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