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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



This month, it will be two years since our landmark victory in the House of Lords against the Government. We continue the journey to make yet another historical mark in our quest to support the doctors facing difficulties. We have taken up the challenge to start an organisation which will provide not only bespoke services to doctors but will also be empathetic and economic. Yes, we have finally launched the Medical

Defence Shield (MDS) on 1st March 2010. If you have not already visited [www.mdsuk.org](http://www.mdsuk.org) please do so.

We had two excellent events in March. Dr Rajeev Gupta organised the National Workshop on "Doctors in Difficulty- Reasons and Remedy" at the Barnsley Hospital and Dr Parag Singhal and team organised a seminar on "Professional Support for Doctors: Present and Future" at Bristol. Well done to Yorkshire and South West divisions!

Over the course of the next few months, we plan to organise road shows across various regions where our regional team and ambassadors will have a special role in promoting MDS to our colleagues. Please contact the Head Office if you would like to organise an event in your hospital or region.

BAPIO is set to launch its Paediatric Forum on 20th April 2010 during the Annual Conference of Royal college of Paediatrics and Child Health at Coventry. It will be an exciting evening. Please join us if you can. Our Young Doctors Forum continues to be active and vibrant.

We had a successful second round of meeting jointly hosted by London Deanery and BAPIO to discuss the NCAS 8 years report which indicates that overseas qualified doctors are much more likely to be referred to NCAS. The meeting was attended by representatives of NCAS, GMC, PMETB, BMA, NHS Employers and BIDA.

Dr Prathap Reddy, Chairman of the Apollo Hospitals Group in India was conferred with the Padma Vibhushan award by the President of India for exceptional service in the Healthcare industry in the country. This is the second highest civil honour in India. Dr Reddy has transformed health care delivery in India, and more recently he has accepted the position of the Chairman of Global Association of Physicians of Indian Origin, in conjunction with BAPIO. We congratulate Dr Reddy on receiving such a high accolade.

The issue of "Revalidation" has raised concerns amongst our colleagues. We will respond to the GMC consultations in order to relate our views to the authorities. We would welcome any feedback from the BAPIO members on this issue.

Dr Ramesh Mehta  
President BAPIO

## MDS ROAD SHOW HITS BARNSELY AND BRISTOL



Dr Sathesh Mathew, Vice Chair of BAPIO addressing the guests during the Road Show at Bristol, seen here with Mr Rajendra Chaudhary, Legal Adviser for MDS and Dr Paul Lambden, Medico legal adviser for MDS.



Dr Ramesh Mehta, President of BAPIO in Q&A session with the Guest at the Road Show -Bristol.

Medical Defence Shield, launched on 1st March 2010 offers a unique service for doctors and dentists. It's comprehensive package includes advice and legal protection, tailored to the requirements of the modern medical professional. Partner organisations of MDS include BAPIO, Lockton International (Largest independent Insurance Broker), Amicus Legal (Leading Legal expenses Insurance Company) and Linder Myers (long - established firm of Solicitors).

For details: E:info@mdsuk.org or visit [www.mdsuk.org](http://www.mdsuk.org).

## baPIO LAUNCH OF PAEDIATRIC FORUM

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**DR PRATHAP REDDY AWARDED THE PADMA VIBHUSHAN BY THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA**



**Dr Prathap Reddy**  
Awarded Padma Vibhushan by the President of India

**D**r Prathap C Reddy, M.D, MBBBS, FCCP, FICA, FRCS (Hony) is a Cardiologist and entrepreneur who founded the first corporate chain of hospitals in India – the Apollo Hospitals Group. He revolutionized the health care scenario of India and inspired others to follow suit. Today, India has over 750 corporate hospitals all over the country.

Dr Reddy received his medical degree from the Stanley Medical College in Chennai and later trained as a Cardiologist in the

UK and USA. He did his Fellowship from the Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston and went on to head several research programs at the Missouri State Chest Hospital, USA where he worked for several years before returning to India.

The dream of making world-class medical facilities in India spurred him to set up the Apollo Hospitals in Chennai in 1983 at a time when private healthcare institutions were virtually unknown in our country. The new Hospital attracted the best medical talent, including eminent non-resident Indian doctors from hospitals in the US and UK to return to India : this was the first major reversal in the pattern of brain drain.

Starting from a 300-bedded in 1983, the Group has, over the past 25 years, continuously excelled and maintained leadership in medical innovation, world-class clinical services and cutting edge research. With a network of over 8000 beds across 46 hospitals at culturally diverse locations in India and overseas, over 4000 top class clinicians and a total employee strength of 60,000 professionals, the Apollo Hospitals Group is one of the largest hospital groups in the world, being consistently ranked amongst the best hospitals for advanced medical services. These hospitals have served over 14 million patients from 55 countries, with six of them having the prestigious JCI accreditation.

Dr Reddy has undertaken pioneering work in bringing about institutional changes in the private healthcare infrastructure by, inter alia, establishing Apollo Institutes for post graduate Medical and Nursing Education, Hospital Administration, Physiotherapy, Clinical Research and a large number of Paramedical Programs. With the setting up of the Apollo Telemedicine Networking Foundation, Health Super Hiway, Apollo DKV Insurance Co and the Apollo Reach Hospitals, the Apollo Group (primarily identified as a healthcare provider) is today a leading provider of healthcare solutions, inclusive of next generation healthcare IT solutions and services. These have helped establish a modern healthcare network through both in house and outreach services, reaching out to millions of people.

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**NEWS IN BRIEF**

**BAPIO NATIONAL WORKSHOP**

**T**he North West Regional team led by Dr Rajeev Gupta organised a successful national workshop on “Doctors in Difficulty- Reasons and Remedy” on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at Barnsley Foundation Hospital in Yorkshire.

Chaired by Prof Jugnu Mahajan, Medical Director Barnsley Hospital Foundation Trust, the delegates covered issues related to trainees in difficulty, and the challenges for doctors and General Practitioners. Amongst the key contributors, Professor Rajan Madhok, Medical Director of NHS Manchester gave a presentation on ‘Patient Safety and Medical Errors – Reasons and solutions’. Dr Umesh Prabhu highlighted a number of issues relating to dealing with local concerns from the NCAS viewpoint. Mr Paul Phillip, Chief Executive of the GMC spoke of the role of the GMC in Professional Regulation. Dr Rajeev Gupta discussed the role of mentoring in dealing with difficulties and Dr Ramesh Mehta, President of BAPIO explored the help and support available for doctors and solutions to their problems.



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# FRESH BRILLIANCE TO DRIVE THE NEXT WAVE OF HEALTHCARE

Apollo Hospitals seeks new doctors to power its growth plans.

The Apollo Hospitals Group, Asia's foremost healthcare provider is all set to implement its vision for the future. Ambitious growth plans and strong focus on a new cutting edge brand of healthcare will be the bedrock of this vision. In its quest to touch a billion lives, Apollo Hospitals is looking at a strategic roadmap of over 12 new hospitals and a major ramp-up of services in its present facilities.

The Group is looking for committed healthcare professionals, across disciplines, to come on board and breathe life into this vision. To be a part of a movement that actually takes quality healthcare to a billion lives.

**Dr. Prathap C Reddy, Chairman, Apollo Hospitals Group would be meeting the doctors on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2010 at London for an interactive session, followed by lunch. The time and venue shall be intimated individually.**

## WE ARE LOOKING FOR THE BEST

We are looking for internationally trained doctors & clinicians with post graduation/super-speciality qualifications. Post-specialization experience of 5-7 years is ideal for Consultants, and 1-3 years for Registrars/Sr. Registrars.

With the phased expansion plans, the first set of requirements will be in the next 18 months, while the later requirement will be within a 5 year timeframe.

Interested candidates may please send their CVs indicating their preferred relocation timeline by April 20, 2010 to:

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Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Limited  
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Chennai 600 006, Tamil Nadu, India  
Email : drpremkumar@apollohospitals.com

## DINNER AND DANCE AT SOUTH WEST INDIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

'We Share and We Care'

The South West Indian Medical Association in Collaboration with BAPIO Celebrated an evening of Music and Bollywood Dance at Aztec Hotel in Bristol on 20th March 2010.

Amongst the guests were senior members of BAPIO's management team and representatives of partner organisations.

The event was organised by Mangla & Mohan Mundasad, Neha Singhal, Indra & Satish Bassi, and Sachin Singhal.



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## BAPIO SW Division holds a successful Seminar on Professional Support for Doctors: Present and Future'

The South West Division of BAPIO organised a well attended seminar on 'Professional Support for Doctors: Present and Future' on 20th March 2010 in Bristol.

Dr Parag Singhal, Consultant Endocrinologist and co-ordinating chairman welcomed delegates from the region to an interactive event. Professor Davinder Sandhu, Post Graduate Dean, Severn Deanery presented the Deanery perspective on problems faced by trainees and trainers.

The Ex-Deputy Secretary of BMA Wales, Mr Tony Chadwick explored the existing support mechanism— 'The Truth, Nothing but the Truth'.



Professor Rajan Madhok offered tips to avoid getting into difficulties from a GMC perspective. Other contributors included Prof Bhupinder Sandhu. Dr Ramesh Mehta and team held an interactive session on MDS. Dr Pradeep Mishra, GP, offered the vote of thanks.



Dr Parag Singhal



Dr Pradeep Mishra



## Dr Rajeev Gupta, Chair of BAPIO Yorkshire Division is honoured with prestigious HEART award.

Dr Rajeev Gupta, Consultant Paediatrician and Chair of BAPIO Yorkshire division, was the proud recipient of the first ever HEART (Helpfulness, Excellence, Achievement, Resourcefulness and Talent) awards scheme of Barnsley NHS Foundation Trust— to celebrate the achievements and excellence of staff and volunteers. More than 260 guests attended the prestigious award ceremony.

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