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Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony. Mahatma Gandhi

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends,

Seasons Greetings!

2008 has been a year of historical significance for BAPIO. Our united efforts in challenging the unfair government regulations, eventually leading to the victory at the House of Lords, has brought new

confidence amongst International Medical Graduates. Thank you all for reposing faith in us.

There is growing evidence that the doctors from the ethnic minority background are disproportionately represented at the disciplinary processes, be it in the Trust, Deanery or the GMC. Many of these doctors are usually left without having adequate empathy, guidance or support either by the BMA or the defence unions. We have at various times challenged these bodies with favourable outcomes. Recently we had challenged the Home Office when one of our members was mistreated at Manchester airport. There was not only an apology from the Minister but also appropriate instructions to all the immigration officers.

The current support available for Ethnic Minority Doctors is not satisfactory. We are looking into various options. We are working with several agencies, and are poised to announce new benefits including availability of legal, immigration, financial and insurance services either free or at discounted rates for our members.

The international recognition has brought BAPIO onto the world stage. We are working closely with the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin, the Indian Medical Association, the Medical Council of India and the Government of India to assist in improving the Health in the subcontinent. A BAPIO delegation will be in New Delhi in January to take some of the projects forward. BAPIO is playing a major role in the formation of a new world body called Global Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (GAPIO); which is planned to be launched in early January 2009. I have been invited by the Government of India to participate in Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention – 2009. I will be contributing in the Session titled "Health for All: Role of Diaspora".

Our next Annual Conference and Dinner will be held on 24th January 2009 at the Royal College of Physicians in London. It has become a very prestigious event to attend. The chosen theme for the conference is "Global Health – The challenges". There will also be a follow up session on "Trainees in Difficulty". I urge members to register at the earliest opportunity as there are limited spaces available.

I am pleased to announce that BAPIO has now moved to our new spacious offices.

And finally, best wishes for a peaceful and enjoyable New Year!

Ramesh Mehta



BAPIO DELEGATION MEETS INDIAN HEALTH MINISTER



BAPIO Chairman Professor Raman Bedi, BAPIO Vice Chair Dr Satheesh Mathew and BAPIO's Director for Corporate Affairs Mr Buddhdev Pandya MBE met Hon Dr Anbumani Ramadoss, Union Health Minister of India during his visit to London. They discussed amongst other issues the need for recognition of the British qualifications (Of those who do not have CCT) to be able to work in Indian Government Hospitals as specialists. The Minister shared with the team progress made by the Government in developing a Bill to ban smoking in the public places.



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GLOBAL HEALTH

The challenges

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The Executive Committee holds its first meeting at the new offices in December 2008

PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE UPDATED YOUR ADDRESS BOOK!!

BAPIO Annual Conference And Dinner

Global Health— the Challenges

Royal College of Physicians, 24th January 2009.

- Excellent speakers
- Prestigious Venue
- Session on 'Trainees in Difficulty'
- Networking opportunities
- Meet H.E. the Indian High commissioner



GLOBAL HEALTH: *The Challenge*

**24th January 2009
 BOOKING FORM**

Title: Prof/ Dr /Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms.....

Surname: Forename:

Email:

Phone (w/h code)

Address:

.....Town..... Postcode.....

Contribution for the conference and Dinner:

	MEMBERS	NON-MEMBERS
Single:	30	50
Couple:	50	75

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Journal



Next issue

The theme for the next special issue is **GLOBAL HEALTH — The Challenges.**

The Editorial team invites suitable material from members and experts in the field for this special edition. Last date for submission: 10th January 2009

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New MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT!

BAPIO members can now make a free call for Immigration Advice

Under the partnership arrangements with Immigration Advisory Service (IAS), BAPIO members qualify for 20 minutes of free phone advice.

IAS is a non-profit organisation, regulated by the Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner and subject to the Commissioner's rules. They have over 35 years of experience in giving advice about immigration and asylum law and are also part of the Community Legal Service scheme. Members needing advice should contact the BAPIO office on 01234 212876

Have you renewed your membership of BAPIO?

FEES	
Single	£50
Couple	£75
Associates	£50
Student	Free

BAPIO MEMBERSHIP

FOCUS:

- Policy influence
- Education for excellence
- Advice and Representation for doctors in need
- Increasing awareness
- Providing a 'Voice'

Good reasons for joining BAPIO

- Avoid personal and professional isolation
- No more suffering in silence
- An empathetic ear for your concerns
- Mentoring to promote excellence
- Educational and learning opportunities
- Updates via the website, e-newsletters, and journal
- Access to free discussion groups
- Socialising with medical community for new graduates and seniors
- Part of a collective 'voice' supported by experienced colleagues
- Belonging to a national organisation
- Special discounts for services or goods

Who can join?

The membership is open to doctors and dentists and medical and dental students of Indian origin working in UK (Indian origin implies origin from Indian subcontinent). Doctors not from the Indian subcontinent may apply to join as associate members, and will have full access to services, except voting rights.

How to join?

Visit www.bapio.com

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