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Message from Dr. Sanku Rao, President, GAPIO



Welcome delegates to MID-YEAR MEET 2016 on 6th-7th July 2016 jointly being organized by GAPIO and EAFO at Hotel Crowne Plaza, Moscow, Russian Federation.

This conference will bring together experts in various specialty fields to discuss the current challenges that doctors of Indian origin face globally. It will focus on various issues including; Global burden of Chronic Disease, Changing Face of Health Care in India and Global Curriculum of Medical Education.

Moscow will be humming with delegates from India and overseas particularly from USA, UK, Australia, Canada, Russian Federation, Dubai, Middle East and India who travelled long distances to participate in this two day conference to discuss the solutions in healthcare for improving health worldwide.

Physicians of Indian origin are actively rendering service across the world. Many of them are working in USA, UK, Australia and Canada. Given their presence and the spread, the physicians constitute a valuable resource which can contribute significantly in developments related with health field at global level.

GAPIO has been engaged in harnessing the power of Indian Diaspora to bring the most innovative, efficient, cost effective healthcare solutions to India.

"White Nights" in St. Petersburg is considered a very special event you shouldn't miss.

I hope to see you and I look forward to meeting each and every one of you in Moscow.

Dr. Sanku Rao

President - GAPIO

Message from Dr. Prathap C Reddy, Founder President and Emeritus Advisor, GAPIO



It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to Moscow for the GAPIO MID-YEAR MEET 2016 and the GAPIO – EAFO Non – Communicable Diseases & Medical Education Summit.

With a similar ethos, in the battle against cancer, the Eurasian Federation of Oncology (EAFO) is an autonomous professional organization uniting oncologists, healthcare professionals, anti-cancer and anti-tobacco advocates, patients, survivors, journalists, policy makers, anti-cancer organizations and others from all parts of Asia, Europe and beyond interested in combating cancer.

This year, a special session : the GAPIO – EAFO Non – Communicable Diseases & Medical Education Summit : has been planned, representing a shared purpose : a pronounced intent to wage war against Non – Communicable Diseases (NCDs).

I reiterate - the human race is under siege by NCDs. Estimates peg the cumulative output loss due to NCDs to be around US\$ 47 trillion over the next two decades.

Immediate intervention is imperative. Hence, the purpose of this special global deliberation is to take the battle outside of hospitals. Clinicians now need to push the envelope in encouraging individuals to live healthy and keep them from falling prey to NCDs.

Personally, I am greatly pleased that in addition to doctors, in the ensuing GAPIO meet, participants include policy makers, journalists, social workers, celebrities and many such influencers. All their valued support will help us address the multifaceted challenges of healthcare and above all, take high quality healthcare closer to all those in need.

I thank you for your participation in building a healthier and truly inclusive world.

With best personal regards,

Dr Prathap C Reddy

Founder President and Emeritus Advisor, GAPIO
Founder-Chairman, Apollo Hospitals Group

US Delegation to South Africa



A group of 11 GAPIO delegates from USA visited South Africa. Dr. Rajendra Bhimma was instrumental in getting this visit organized.

The Counsel General of India in Johannesburg arranged a formal dinner with about 25 doctors on 7th May 2016.

Chief of Durban convention bureau and the City Mayor hosted a formal dinner on 9th May. These formal meetings were arranged by local doctors at Johannesburg and Durban.

Dinner meeting organized by the chief of Durban convention bureau was attended by, the V.C. of the Natal University, Speaker of the House and City Mayor. There was wide publicity in press and media.

Highlights of coverage:

President of GAPIO Dr. Sanku Rao said that although the focus has been on India, North America and Europe so far, it was now shifting to Africa and other countries of the globe. The Global Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (GAPIO) is keen to establish a South African chapter to work closely with local people and help reduce health inequalities.

"Indian-origin doctors have been rallying and coming together to do something good on their own for many years wherever they are, but collectively we can do even more," said Mr Anwar Feroz Siddiqi, US-based Advisor to GAPIO. Emphasising that Indian-origin doctors should look at what they could do in the countries that they have adopted as their home. "They should identify issues pertinent to their countries and help locals overcome those challenges. "By doing so we increase our profile and integrate better in the societies we have settled in," Siddiqi said.

The concept of bringing together South Africans of Indian-origin is therefore not a new idea because community-based organisations have had their services for a long time. It would of course be nice to be part of an international organisation," Sooboo said.

Message from Dr. Ramesh Mehta, Vice President, GAPIO



I am delighted to welcome delegates from across the world to Moscow, Russian Federation. The Russian culture is one of the richest and most influential in the world. In Russia there are 160 ethnic groups that speak around 100 different languages. GAPIO Mid-Year Meet 2016 is being organized by Global Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (GAPIO) in collaboration with Eurasian Federation of Oncology (EAFO) on 6th and 7th July, 2016.

This year again, our organising team has been working hard to ensure a successful conference. It has succeeded in attracting International and National speakers of high calibre to contribute to the two day event.

The cold climate has much influence on the Russian cuisine. Enjoy the conference and wish you a pleasant stay at Moscow.

Dr. Ramesh Mehta
Vice President - GAPIO

Gandhi Fair



Member of Parliament, Dr. Rajeev Gowda, inaugurating "Gandhi Fair" at annual conference of GAPIO at Bangalore



Rs. 60000 donated to a charity firm

BENGALURU: Dr. Narinder Kapur collects books from London and sells them to Indian students at a cheaper price. All the proceeds will go to help those suffering from diseases like dementia and acid burns. The 66-year-old professor of neuropsychology at the University of London lives with the Gandhian ideology 'surplus to seva' to the core.

Narinder Kapur's Gandhi Fair offers books from the fields of neuroscience, cognition and psychology to students at one-tenth the market price or less.

In Bengaluru to take part in the Global Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (GAPIO) meeting on Saturday, Kapur said: "This initiative helps in three ways---people in the UK can dispose of items they no longer need, students and others in India can buy them at a bargain price and an Indian charity benefits from the proceeds of the fair. If there is surplus in one part of the world, why can't it be used to help others in need elsewhere? The concept of surplus can apply to other domains like food banks and surplus seats on flights that could be given to charity workers."

Known for his fight against corrupt practices in the Britain's National Health Service (NHS), Kapur lost a flourishing career in 2010 when he raised concerns on patient safety while serving as head of neuropsychology at Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge. But that did not stop him from helping the needy. He has been hosting 'Gandhi Fair' every year in India since 2013.

"The first event was in Kolkata in 2013. I have since then held fairs in Chennai and Mumbai. This is my fourth major fair. I started this because I was inspired by Gandhiji's principles of truth and love. Truth is embodied in knowledge and science; love is embodied in compassion for others."

Settled in the UK since 1952, the sexagenarian finds his Indian self through Mahatma Gandhi and his simple way of life.

Message From Dr. Anupam Sibal, Secretary General, GAPIO



It is great pleasure for me to welcome delegates from USA, UK, Canada, Australia, Russian Federation and India at MID-YEAR MEET 2016 on 6th – 7th July 2016 at Hotel Crowne Plaza, Moscow, Russian Federation.

India has taken a giant leap in global space commerce after ISRO put 20 satellites in orbit on 22nd June 2016. This is after the Information Technology (IT) boom. Now is the time to provide quality healthcare for all. Let us join hands together to contribute to this challenge which world is facing particularly Asia, Africa and India.

The Kremlin is the heart of Moscow, on the river's edge that carries the city's name and beside the red square and St. Basil cathedral. The Kremlin includes 4 palaces, 4 cathedrals and the Kremlin wall and its towers.

Enjoy your stay!

Dr. Anupam Sibal
Secretary General - GAPIO
Group Medical Director – Apollo Hospitals

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