



The Dean's Office and Academic Affairs

• **SQU, MOH and MOHE Visit**

A seven member team visited OMC on 8th & 9th April 2014 to examine and evaluate the Pharmacy programs. The visit went well. Dr. Diana, Dr. Saleh, Dr. Yaseen, Dr. Nirmal, Dr. Jayasekhar.P and Ms. Laura represented OMC. On 8th April they went through the curriculum and were informed about college facilities and training in Pharmacy. On 9th April they attended and observed different pharmacy classes. The Visiting members were:

SQU – Dr. Salim Al Toubi, Dr. Salam Al Kindi and Dr. Sulieman Al Barwani.

MOH – Dr. Mustafa Fahmi – Dean of Pharmacy from IHS and his team

MOHE – Ms. Nasra Al Hashmi

• **TBL Workshop**

Quality Assurance Committee organized a workshop based on “**Team based learning – Making large group teaching more effective**”. The workshop was conducted by **Dr. Ibrahim Mohd Inuwa**, Assistant Dean Preclinical, Sultan Qaboos University on 12th April 2014. Faculty members from Foundation, Pharmacy and Natural Sciences departments participated.

• Parent's Night

A discussion meeting on academic performance with the parents of Foundation, Pharmacy and Pre medicine was scheduled on 14th April 2014. The turnout of parents this year was much better than the previous years.

• OMC Research Day



The first OMC Research Day was held on April 23, 2014 in the Auditorium at the Bowshar Campus. The Research Day, suggested by Dr. Diana Beattie, Dean Pre-medicine & Pharmacy, was organized with the explicit aim of fostering a culture of discovery and innovation at OMC. The day started at 9:00 am with the welcome address by the Dean, Dr. Diana Beattie. In her talk she gave an overview of the field of medical research with emphasis on the scope of basic, translational and health outcomes research.

Dr. Uwe Fass, Associate Professor of Biochemistry, Sohar Campus presented his research on the topic 'Cystic Fibrosis in Oman-An OMC Research Experience', in which he traced the prevalence, incidence and the predictors of Cystic Fibrosis from the year 2000 onwards in the Omani population. The coffee break at 10:30 am was followed by a series of lectures by professors from both Sohar and Bowshar Campus'. Dr. John Muthusami, Professor of Surgery, Sohar spoke on the topic 'Carcinoma of the Oral Cavity- A Model for Clinical, Laboratory and Animal Research'. This was followed by talks by the professors of the Bowshar Campus, Dr. Shah Alam Khan, Dr. H.R. Chitme and Ph. Nida'a Mohammed Ali Wadi. The last presentation was by Dr. Syed Mohd. Saud, MD 2012, who discussed his research on the effects of radio waves on rapidly multiplying stem cells.

The lunch break was announced at 1:30 pm and thereafter the program was open for the viewing of posters in the lobby. There were 36 posters on display from Pharmacy, Medicine and Foundation, prepared by students of OMC, Sohar and Bowshar on a wide variety of topics in medicine, pharmacy and health science. Impartial Judges were assigned to judge the posters, a process that continued until 4:00 pm due to the large number of posters and the enthusiastic students who wished to discuss their results with the judges. Prizes were awarded to the two or three best posters in each group. Faculty members, alumni and students of both the Sohar and Bowshar Campus' attended the OMC Research Day.



Activities of Pharmacy Department

- **Ph. Nida'a** presented a paper on “Challenges of Communication Skills in Pharmacy Practice” at DUPHAT 2014 conference from 10th to 12th March, 2014 in Dubai. She also attended two workshops titled “Pain management pharmacotherapy & maximizing outcomes of appropriate antibiotics therapy” and Advances in Tablets manufacturing Technologies & drug industry during DUPHAT conference.
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- **Dr. AR.Mullaicharam** delivered a talk on Future Approaches on Targeted Delivery of Phytochemicals on 27th March 2014, Oman Medical College as part of the journal club activity.
 - **Dr. Shah Alam Khan** was invited to speak_ at the Pharmacology course organized by the Ministry of Health, 6th April 2014, Muscat, Oman.(Topic : **Management of Asthma and COPD**)
 - **Dr. Majed AbuKhader** was invited by the Foundation Department to give one hour lecture to the foundation students. This was part of an initiative to enhance students learning abilities.
 - **Dr. HR Chitme** presented a paper on “Dietary Factors influencing Incidence of Stomach Cancer in Omani Patients” and attended 6th Asian Oncology Summit and 10th Annual conference of the organisation of Oncology and Translational Research 2014 at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from April 11-13, 2014. It was organised by Elsevier, The Lancet Oncology and Organisation for Oncology and Translational Research. He also attended symposiums on Cancer research organised by Discovery channel, Bayer’s Pharma and Glaxo.
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- **Dr. Alka Ahuja, Dr.AR. Mullaicharam, Dr. Shah Alam Khan, Dr. Majed Abu Khader, Dr. Abdul Salam Nazmi, Dr. Rasha Al Senawi, Dr. Arshad, Dr. Sireesha, Ms. Jayalakshmi, Ms. Amal Abdul Baqi Dawood and Ms. Raghad Al Senawi attended** workshop on Enhancing teaching in large student classes- the Team based leaning (TBL) strategy on 12th April 2014 at Oman Medical College, Bowshar campus, Muscat. This half day workshop was conducted by Dr. Ibrahim of SQU, with an aim to engage large groups of students in constructive and collaborative learning by using Team based learning (TBL) strategy.
- **Dr. Alka Ahuja** was invited as a moderator at the Diabetes awareness event on 16th April, 2014, Muscat, Oman. She highlighted how life style modification can control diabetes.
- **Dr. Abdul Salam Nazmi was invited to speak** at the Pharmacology course organized by the Ministry of Health, 17th April 2014, Muscat, Oman. He spoke on recent advances in the coagulation disorders. (Topic : Drugs used in blood coagulation.).
- **Dr. Shah Alam Khan** was a resource person on 23rd April, 2014 at Research Day , Oman Medical College, Bowshar campus, Muscat, Oman. (Topic : Bioactive compounds of the plants and their role in health and diseases.
- **Ph. Nida'a was a speaker at the** Research Day, Oman Medical College, Bowshar campus, Muscat, Oman. (Topic : **Formulation and evaluation of local delivery system for treatment Periodontitis.**
- **Dr. Shah Alam Khan** published a paper. (Shah Alam Khan, Sokindra Kumar, M.Maksood Ali, M. Mujeeb, Isolation of aliphatic carbonyl hydrocarbons and in-vitro antioxidant activity of Silybum marianum seeds, International Journal of Interdisciplinary and Multidisciplinary Studies, 2014 ;1(3):15-20.)
- **Dr. Majed Abu Khader** published a paper (Medical prescription form as a toll of communication in medical practice in Muscat: an evaluation study. Asian Journal of Pharmaceutical and Clinical Research (2014), 7(1); 18-21.
- **Dr. Jayasekhar P.** published a paper (Jose kurian, Jinu John and P. Jayasekhar “ HPTLC determination of Cilostazol in pharmaceutical dosage forms” International Journal of Advanced Research. (2014), 2(2): 952-957)
- **Dr. Alka Ahuja and Dr. Abdul Salam Nazmi attended the** workshop on data management and data analysis on 24th April, 2014 at OMC, Sohar.
- **Dr. Alka Ahuja** was invited as a speaker at the workshop on data management and data analysis on 24th April, 2014 at OMC, Sohar Campus (Topic: Introduction to Clinical Biostatistics)

Activities of HR & External Relations Department

- To promote career guidance in the field of Pharmacy and Medicine, OMC invited Al-Ibdaa International School, Ibn Al-Nafees School and Al-Ibdaa International School. Students were informed about the facilities, infrastructure and professionalism.



- **Mr. Abdullah Al Ghailani** was invited to deliver a lecture on the 21st April, 2014 in Faid Al Marefah School, Muscat. The title of the lecture was The Formula of Success, where he discussed in details about planning, organizing, commitments, relations, vision and quality.

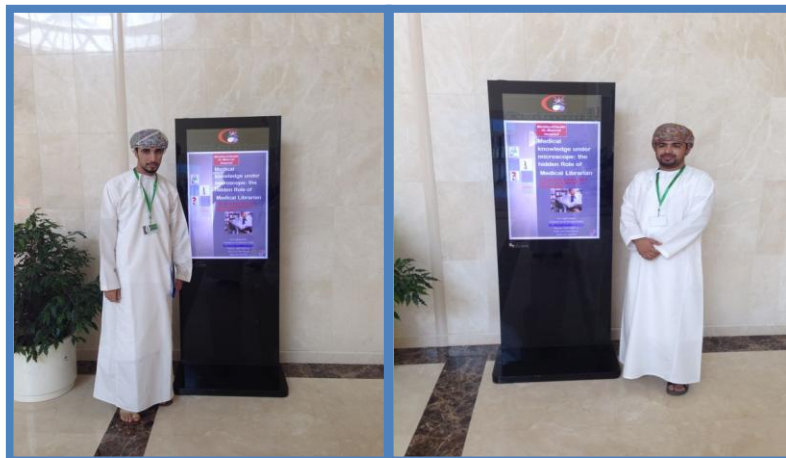


- Oman Medical College participated in the Global Higher Education Exhibition- GHEDEX2014 held on the 22-24 April , 2014,Oman International Exhibition Center, Muscat.



Activities of Library and Information service Department

- **Mr Abdullah Hamed Al Bakri** and **Mr Hilal Nasser Al Riyami** attended the workshop on “Medical Knowledge under microscope: the hidden role of Medical Librarian” conducted by Ministry of Health, Al-Masarrah Hospital, Al Amerat, on 8th of April,2014.



Student Affairs

- Seven students from year 2 and year 3 pre medicine participated in a series of debate competitions held from 6-9th of April, 2014 at the Department of Medicine and Health Science in Sultan Qaboos University during the Medical Student Week organized by the SQU-Medical Student Group. The topic of the debate in which OMC students participated was “Should Sex Education be taught in Secondary Schools in Oman”. The winners of the competition were:
 - First position: Dania Ali Kareem, Sultan Almazroui and Mustafa Wassifuddin
 - Second position: Zaid Al Khabori, Zeena Alfadli, Muntasir Al Naamani and Dana Al Baali.



- Mohammad Mazen Mahmood Al Azzawi student of Year 2 premed, participated and won the 6th position in the Dubai International Aquatic championship which hosted contestants from more than 26 countries, united by the love of sports and the spirit of competition, challenge and determination. The tournament was held at the sports complex of Hamdan Bin Mohammed Bin Rashid Sports Emirate of Dubai and was broadcast live on Dubai Sports.

