



The Dean's Office and Academic Affairs

- **Honors Day:** Around 180 students from Medicine and Pharmacy with cumulative grade point average of 3 and above were awarded with honors certificates in the week of June 17.
- **Dr. Diana's Farewell:** The College bid farewell to Dean Dr. Diana on June 1st, 2014. She served the college for 8 long years. Dr. Yaseen, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs presented Dr. Diana with Mementos and presents to express gratitude and love. Faculty from different departments entertained the Dean.





- **Farewell for Dr. Puja and Ms. Shahira:** OMC bid farewell to Dr. Puja, Associate Professor and Ms. Shahira, Biology lab instructor from the Natural Sciences Department on 25th June 2014.



- The Annual Academic Excellence Award Ceremony of Oman Medical College was held at the Auditorium of the Bowshar campus on 25th June 2014 to felicitate the top achievers who excelled in the Medicine and Pharmacy programs. The recipients of the award for premedical program were Sharifa Saif Nasser AL Makhmari in the first position, followed closely by Buthaina Nasser Sulaiman Al Shabibi in the second position and Ghaitha Saleh Hamood Al Rashdi in the third position. Naama Abdullah Gharib Al Fulaiti, Aya Abdelmajid Bouazza and Tagreed Salim Fadhil Al Khusaibi were the toppers from the pharmacy program who secured the first, second and third position respectively.



The Honor award was given away by the Dean, Dr. Diana Beattie and Dr. Yaseen Moosa Al Lawatia, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. Recognizing their achievements, the Dean praised the students with excellent cumulative grade point averages. Dr. Yaseen reminded the students of the responsibilities and challenges ahead of them and motivated them to do their best. He stressed on the importance of their professional development as future pharmacists and doctors to contribute to the health sector of Oman. Also recognized in the ceremony were students who contributed to the events organized by the student council, and student tutors who participated in the peer group study programs.

- Dr. Diana Beattie, Dean, Oman Medical College was conferred with the “Education Leadership Award” by The World Corporate Universities Congress on 27th & 28th June 2014 at Taj Lands End, Mumbai. The Award consisted of a Trophy and a Citation. The aim of the Award was to recognize the Best leader working for a professional cause. The objective at core was benchmarking Educational Practices.”



Activities of Pharmacy Department

- **Publications**

Following articles were published in various journals in June, 2014.

1. Saif Mohammed Al Farsi, Hussain Abdullah Al Harbi and **Havagiray R Chitme**, Information resources available at community pharmacies in Oman. International Journal of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Research. 2014, 5(6), 2320-2329.
2. Aftab Ahmad, Asif Husain, **Shah Alam Khan**, Mohd. Mujeeb, Anil Bhandari. Design, synthesis and antimicrobial activities of some novel 2(3H) pyrrolone derivatives. Journal of Saudi Chemical Society. 2014. Available online since May, 2014, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jscs.2014.05.007>
3. **Shah Alam Khan**, Bahar Ahmad. Effect of chemical transformation on the stereochemistry of silybin A isolated from the seeds of *Silybum marianum* (L) Gaertn. World Journal of Pharmacy 2014; 2(2):419-428.
4. Rania abdullah al farsi, **Alka Ahuja** and **Nida'a Mohammed Ali**. Study on prevalence and management of gestational diabetes in hospitals and private clinics in oman, American Journal of Pharmtech Research. 2014; 4(3)
5. Gulam Mustafa, Abdulmohsen H. Alrohaimi, Aseem Bhatnagar, Sanjula Baboota, Javed Ali and **Alka Ahuja**, Brain targeting by intranasal drug delivery (INDD): a combined effect of Trans-neural and Para-neuronal Pathway, <http://informahealthcare.com/drd> ISSN: 1071-7544 (print), 1521-0464 (electronic) Drug Deliv, Early Online: 1-7! 2014 Informa Healthcare USA, Inc. DOI: 10.3109/10717544.2014.923064

Abstracts published in conference souvenir:

1. **Marwa Al Flaiti, Khaloud Al Badi and Shah Alam Khan**. Evaluation of self medication practices among university students in Oman. National conference on “ Novel and emerging approaches and Pharmaceutical sciences and research” sponsored by Dept of Science and Technology, Govt of India (May 31, 2014), pp. 16
2. **Mooza Al-Owaisi, Nora Al-Hadiwi and Shah Alam Khan**. GC-MS analysis, *in-vitro* antioxidant, anti-inflammatory and antidiabetic activities of *Moringa peregrina* leaves grown in Oman National conference on “ Novel and emerging approaches and Pharmaceutical sciences and research” sponsored by Dept of Science and Technology, Govt of India (May 31, 2014), pp. 35

Student Affairs

- The student Affairs office organized a farewell ceremony for the outgoing batch of year 4 pharmacy and year 3 premedicine on 24th June 2014. Students who excelled in academics and those who participated in sports, talents and various extracurricular events and competitions were honored with certificates, mementos and gifts.
- “Aid is life”, was an event organized by the Student Affairs office in coordination with OMCBS, held at Muscat City Center on 26th and 27th of June, 2014. The event aimed to spread awareness of basic First Aid skills that could be done by anyone with basic training. The core objective of this event was to minimize the casualties that could result from accidents.



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