

WORLD FAMILY DOCTOR DAY 2016

Activities Report – part 2

China

Chinese Society of General Practice



This year's celebration was organized by the Beijing Medical Association General Practice Branch and the School of General Practice and Continuing Education from Capital Medical University. The topic of this year's celebration is "The Foot Prints in Growing Up". More than five hundred family physicians joined the celebration, including family doctors from community health service settings, physicians from general hospitals and family medicine faculties from the three medical schools in Beijing.

In the first part of the celebration, Dr Jian-hong Yao, the vice director from the System Reform Department, National Health and Family Planning Commission gave a brief report on family doctors' "contract signing" service and the hierarchical medical system. Dr Xue-ping Du, the director from Yuetan Community Health Service Center and the vice director of School of General Practice and Continuing Education, presented a report on developing the department of family medicine in a public hospital.



The second part of the celebration - the stage performance and shows, were given by the family physicians from primary health care settings and graduate students in family medicine. The performance included poem reading, skit show, group dancing, stage Cantata, etc.

Caribbean – Jamaica

The World Family Doctor Day 2016 Planning Committee (WFDD-PC) chose several projects which we believed would highlight the goals the committee wanted to achieve for Family Doctors across the Island of Jamaica.

- 1) Honouring our Patients
 - 2) Honouring our Family Doctors
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- 3) Contributing to the stated reason for CCFP existence, to uplift the standard of GP medical practice through continuing medical education.

Photo: group at church

To achieve these goals we planned the following events:

- **A Celebratory Banquet on Friday 13th May at which the “Adopt a Health Centre” project was launched and Family Doctors honoured.**
- **Church at Andrews Memorial Seventh Day Adventist Church followed by brunch at Devon House for Family Doctors to meet and greet and discuss medical issues, one on one with Prof. Roberts , Immediate Past President of the World Organization of Family Doctors (WONCA) on Saturday May 14th**
- **Continuing Medical Educational event “Family Doctors-Change Agents in the non-communicable chronic diseases” on May 15, and featuring Family Doctors from both overseas and locally as well as Public Health Doctors.**
- **Family Doctor Gleaner Newspaper Supplement May 19th , WFDD.**
- **“Family Doctors in Action” film series commenced filming and editing for TV presentation “after the Olympic Games.**



Photo: Dr. Brown-Morgan, Lady Beckles, Dr. Pauline Williams-Green, Prof. Richard Roberts, WONCA Immediate Past President at CME Conference

Moving forward to year 2017 the WFDD Planning committee remains committed to two long term projects:

- The Adopt a Health Centre project
 - The TV series “Family Doctors in Action” project
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Ukraine

Ukrainian Association of Family Medicine

On 19 May 2016 the Institute of Family Medicine NMAPE held a national scientific conference "World Day of Family Doctor" and celebrated this day for first time at national level in Ukraine as last year only a region celebration was held in Kiev.

The conference was attended by representatives of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine and about 450 specialists in family medicine. The main purpose of the conference was to involve Ukraine in the celebration of "World Family Doctor Day" and continue the constructive dialogue of family doctors on the current state and prospects of development of family medicine in Ukraine, continuing professional development of health professionals; role of general practitioners in the prevention of infectious and non-infectious diseases and management of primary health care.

During the official part of the conference the representative of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine, Mikhail Komarov, after congratulating words noted that the national health system made correct changes in health care to the development of family medicine principles and despite the difficult socio-economic situation continues to move in this direction. The primary care level may resolve 80% health problems of patients that leads to social and economical effect. He wished colleagues fruitful cooperation, inspiration and success in the difficult, but important work - maintaining the health of the nation. On behalf of NMAPE Prof Tolstanov gave sincere congratulations to family doctors. In his introduction, Prof Tolstanov noted that family medicine gradually acquires its development, as the main foundation of this process already exists, we must always form the relevant educational base of general practitioners and provide scientific and educational process according to international programs recommended by the WONCA, EURACT and other organisations.

The director of the Institute of Family Medicine NMAPE, Prof Shekera after greetings and kind words addressed to colleagues, accented the attention to the need of development of the Ukrainian law "About family medicine", finalising the decree of the President of Ukraine to establish "Day of Family Medicine" as national holiday in order to raise the prestige of family medicine in Ukraine and to increase the salary of Ukrainian general practitioners to an appropriate level.



The official part ended with the awarding to family doctors and practice nurses diplomas from the Health Department of Kiev Regional State Administration and the International NGO "International Association Public Health". These were awarded by the Director of the Institute of Family Medicine, Prof Shekera and vice-director Assoc Prof Tkachenko (photo)

Photo – awarding of honoured diplomas to family doctors and practice nurses – Prof Shekera and Assoc Prof Victoria Tkachenko

The scientific part of the conference consisted of two plenary sessions that included reports of leading health professionals in the management of syndromes and diseases in general practice according to guidelines; discussions on actual issues of current state and prospects of development of family medicine in Ukraine; new approaches to education of general practitioners; professional medical appropriateness and so on.
