



## COLLEGE OF FAMILY MEDICINE PAKISTAN CELEBRATES WORLD FAMILY DOCTOR'S DAY 2015

WORLD FAMILY DOCTOR DAY – 19TH MAY

First declared by the World Organization of Family Doctors (WONCA) in 2010. It has become a day to highlight the role and contribution of family doctors in health care systems around the world. The event has gained momentum globally each year and it is a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge the central role of our specialty in the delivery of personal, comprehensive and continuing health care for all of our patients. It's also a chance to celebrate the progress being made in family medicine and the special contributions of family doctors all around the world.

COLLEGE OF FAMILY MEDICINE CELEBRATED THE WORLD FAMILY DOCTORS DAY ON 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2015

College of Family Medicine Pakistan (CFMP) chalked out an elaborate program to celebrate World Family Doctors' Day on 24th May 2015 (Sunday) at NICH auditorium Karachi, with "A family doctor for every family" and "Universal Health Coverage" as the current year's motto. The program was well attended by around one hundred prominent family physicians of the city and members of academia as well as media.



## WELCOME ADDRESS

The Program started at 10am with recitation of holy Quran by Dr. Riaz Ali Shah, who was also the moderator for the program.

Secretary General College of Family Medicine Pakistan Dr. Shehla Naseem gave the welcome address. She discussed the importance of World Family Doctor's Day and why it was celebrated.



## WONCA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WONCA president's address was the foremost on agenda. Address by Prof. Michael Kidd was very simple and highly motivating for all the audience and a loud applause followed the address.

## EXCELLENCE IN FAMILY MEDICINE AWARDS

The College bestows "Excellence in Family Medicine" awards to prominent people in the field of family medicine in recognition of their services to family medicine. This year's nominees were: Dr. Faisal Al Nisar, Prof. Riaz Qureshi and Dr. Amin Kharadi. Shields were awarded for Excellence in Family Medicine by the chairman of the college Dr. Muzaffar Ali Uqaili.



The awards ceremony was followed by the scientific program for which 1 CME hour accreditation was provided to all attending family physicians. No registration fees was charged by the college as this was complimentary on the occasion of the World Family Doctor's Day.

### THE SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

The Scientific program comprised of one keynote address by Professor and Chair of Family Medicine at Aga Khan university Dr. Waris Qidwai; and a lecture on ethics by Dr. Shehla Naseem, the secretary general of the College of Family Medicine.

The topic of Prof Waris Qidwai's keynote address was; "Present Status and Future of Family Medicine in Pakistan." He presented some valuable data on the status of Primary Health Care in Pakistan and its effect on the health indicators. He also highlighted the pertinent issues & challenges for Family Medicine in Pakistan namely:

- Lack of research
- Lack of unity among Family Physicians organizations
- Lack of symbiotic relationship between peers inside and outside the specialty
- Challenge of recruitment and retention
- Need for mandatory undergraduate teaching in Family Medicine in all medical colleges in Pakistan
- Initiation of new post graduate training programs
- Re-certification & Continuing Professional Development programs

Secretary General CFMP Dr. Shehla Naseem, presented a lecture on "Ethics in Family Medicine." She elaborated on the fact that patient has the right to medical treatment, information about their disease and Medicine "Everyone has the right to choices, the right to privacy and the right to complain" she said. She also discussed some interesting dilemmas in ethics encountered in family medicine practice with the audience.



## VOTE OF THANKS

At the end of the program the joint secretary Dr. Abdul Ghafoor Shoro thanked all the invitees and distinguished guests for their participation. Special thanks were given to the treasurer Dr. Altaf Khatri and the CFMP staff for the impeccable planning and execution of the logistics.

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## CONCLUSION

A group photograph was taken with the team and the program concluded with a lunch.



Link to event photographs: <http://cfmp.org.pk/world-family-doctors-day-2015/>

Link to press coverage: <http://tribune.com.pk/story/891648/improving-healthcare-a-new-way-to-practice-medicine-in-pakistan/>