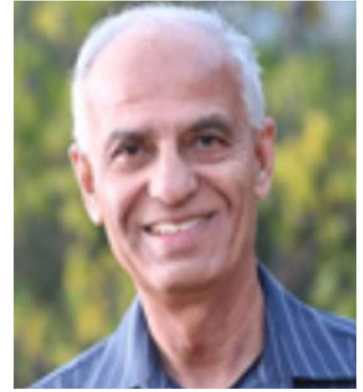


AIMGA President's message

This year marks 40 years since the inception of AIMGA. Through the years we have changed the name twice to adapt to the evolving Indian heritage medical workforce scene in Australia. Early 1970s witnessed an influx of overseas trained Doctors (OTDs) to Australia and other similar countries. In 1981-82 a need was felt to have a unified voice to raise concerns about shortcomings in registration, training & specialist recognition of OTDs in Australia. The time was right to form such an Association. Many of the founding members who have given their time and effort to sustain the Association are with us today.



We are going to start a new tradition to acknowledge and honour a few of our colleagues each year, who have served AIMGA. This year we salute: -

Dr Hemchander Rao
Dr Sid Orekondy
Dr Surendra Borkar
Dr Harinath

We applaud our colleagues who have achieved distinction and received honour in various fields during the preceding year. This year we felicitate: -

Prof Smita Shah recipient of OAM.
Dr Anju Agarwal GP of the year, RACGP NSW.

We have invited Dr Stephen Muller to talk to us about his life experiences. He is a Holocaust survivor. He was only 10 years old when he escaped from Europe with his parents and came to Australia. He retired as a Surgeon in December 2021, after sixty years of service to Medicine. He is a keen snow skier and still goes skiing once or twice a year. He worked as a Night Disc jockey at 2 MBS FM for 3 years from 1982. His wife Danielle has been a Fashion designer. She is a practising Psychologist now.

During 2021-2022 we have had a very active CME program. In addition to monthly face to face meetings we have had a few zoom meetings. The GP support WhatsApp group has been useful for clinical discussions. We will build further on this to provide more member support.

The annual fund-raising Charity event during middle of the year is going from strength to strength. On May the 14th 2022, we raised **\$26020** by way of Donation and Souvenir program. The whole amount was distributed between Melbourne based ACHRH, **\$19020** and Sydney based Bill Crews Exodus Foundation, **\$7000**.

We are revamping our website from scratch and hopefully it should be functioning sometime in December.

We have been expanding our membership base slowly and steadily.

I have been very fortunate to have a strong, supportive, and enthusiastic EC and a very efficient Administrator. I am very grateful and appreciative of that.

The challenge is to keep improving the value of the membership and keep the Association relevant with time

Dr Amrit Hingorani

President
AIMGA
12th Nov 2022