

Dr. Deepak Thomas Abraham, Professor and Head, Department of Endocrine Surgery for having delivered the Dr. Santok Singh Award Endowment lecture 2018 on “Challenges in Practicing State of the Art Endocrine Surgery in a Resource Limited Setting” at the ASICON 2018 held at Chennai on 28th December 2018.

The following participants won prizes at the International Society of Nephrology Conference 2018 held at Bhuvaneswar on 21st December, 2108 : Dr. Anjali Mohapatra, Professor, Department of Nephrology has won the second prize for the paper presentation "Does Platelet Function; as measured by Platelet Function Analyser-200 (PFA 200) Predict Risk of Post Renal Biopsy Bleed in CKD Stage G 4 and 5 Patients? - A Prospective; Observational Cohort Study."

Dr. Joshua, Sr. Registrar, Department of Nephrology won the second prize in poster presentation on "A Rare cause of post Transplant PUO".

Dr. Amol Madave, 2nd year Fellow in Paediatric Nephrology recieved the 1st prize for his Oral Presentation entitled, "The Dividends of Genomic Discovery in Paediatric Nephrology : A Single Centre Experience'.

Dr. Rajdeep Pal, 2nd year Fellow in Pediatric Nephrology recieved the 2nd Prize for his Poster Presentation entitled “Childhood Nephrotic syndrome in the Era of next generation sequencing” during the Renal Winter Symposium held from 10th to 12th January, 2019 at CMC, Vellore.

Dr. Mammen Chandy, alumnus of the MBBS batch of 1967 and former Professor and Head of the Department of Haematology will be awarded the prestigious Padma Shri Award, one of the highest civilian awards of the country. Dr. Mammen Chandy joined CMC in 1967, graduating as the ‘Best Outgoing Student’ of his batch. He then joined the Department of Medicine for his postgraduate studies, during which an interest in the field of Haematology, kindled during his undergraduate days, was further ignited. He obtained specialised training in Haematology at the Westmead Center, Sydney, Australia under Dr. Peter Castaldi, an eminent haematologist of that time.

On his return to CMC, he worked tirelessly to establish the Department of Haematology that was formally inaugurated in 1986. The first bone marrow transplant was done in 1986 and since then the bone marrow transplantation programme in CMC, Vellore is the leading programme in the country. Dr. Mammen also performed the first bone marrow transplant for Thalassemia in the county and was instrumental in initiating the DM programme in Haematology in 1999. A testament to Dr. Mammen’s fine leadership skills is the excellent team that he developed while at CMC. Following his retirement from CMC Vellore, Dr. Mammen Chandy joined the Tata Medical Center, Kolkata, as its Director and continues to serve there. The award will be conferred by the President of India at a ceremonial function which is held at Rashtrapati Bhawan usually around March / April every year.

The **Paediatric Nephrology Division** has been successfully awarded the following partnerships by the International Society of Nephrology (ISN): **Sister Renal Centre Trio Programme** between the 3 centres- Hospital Central De Maputo, Mozambique, Christian Medical College, Vellore and University of California Los Angeles, USA. **Sister Transplant Programme** between Christian Medical College Vellore and Emory and Children's Transplant Center / Emory University.

Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery performed the first video assisted thoracoscopic lobectomy (VATS), for the first time in our institution on 15th January, 2019.

Dr. Divyan Samson, Assistant Professor, Department of ENT Unit-I, won the first prize in Dr. P.A. Shah Junior Consultant award in the 14th Asia Oceania ORL-HNS Congress held at Hyderabad from 09th to 13th January, 2019.

Dr. Ruchi Anand, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, IIT, Mumbai, has been selected for the Professor B.K. Bachhawat International Travel Grant for Young Scientists for the year 2019. The award commemorates the Late Professor B.K. Bachhawat, an outstanding scientist who joined the Department of Neurological Sciences in 1958 and developed the first Neurochemistry Laboratory in India. The award, instituted by his students, colleagues and friends, is administered by the Christian Medical College, Vellore and is open to all young scientists in India.

Mrs. Mary Anslum, Sr. Secretary, Promotion and PTP Office was awarded the Best Secretary Award by Rotary Club of Vellore South. She started her career in the Institution in the year 1981 and has put in 38 years of dedicated service. She was aptly chosen, owing to her total commitment, honesty, and skill set in workplace and for her constant willingness to achieve goals and targets.

Mr. John Samuel J, Selection Gr.II Radiographer has been awarded -"Best Radiographer for the year 2018" by Rotary Club of Vellore South, Vellore on 31st January, 2019.

Dr. Abraham Peedicayil, Professor, Department of Gynaecological Oncology had delivered the 51st SubodhMitra Oration of the Bengal Obstetric and Gynaecological Society, Kolkata on Human Papilloma Virus, on 9th February, 2019.

Dr. Suraj S., Assistant Professor, General Surgery Unit-III (Upper GI Surgery) has won the third prize for the best oral presentation in the Indian Association of Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons 2019, annual conference held at Bhubaneswar on 6th and 9th February, 2019.

Mr. Sanjeev Manasseh Padankatti, Reader (AHS), Department of PMR (OT) has been conferred the Professional Excellence Award and was also inducted as Fellow of the Academic Council of Occupational Therapy (FACOT) for his contribution to the profession through clinical work, education and research, at the 56th All India Occupational Therapists' Association (AIOTA) National Conference (OTICON 2019) held at Chandigarh on 8th - 10th February, 2019 by the Governor of Punjab, Honorable Shri V.P. Singh Badnore.

Ms. Muppidi Grace Elizabeth, Occupational Therapist, Department of PMR (OT) has secured the best paper award and the M.M. SANGOI Trophy in the category Ergonomics, Environment and Access for the paper titled "Burdened by the Bag-Issue of Heavy School Bags", at the 56th Annual National Conference of the All India Occupational Therapists' Associations (OTICON 2019) held at Chandigarh from 8th-10th February, 2019.

The **CHAD Hospital**, Community Health Department was awarded the 3rd place in the State of Tamil Nadu for having achieved the highest number of sterilization performance among the voluntary organizations in the State for the year 2017 to 2018.

Dr. Asish Vijayaraghavan has won the second prize in platform presentation on "Super Refractory Status Epilepticus – A Tertiary Care Center Experience" held during SHINE 2019 – 9th Annual International conference of Clinical Neurology held at Chennai between 22nd to 24th February, 2019.

Dr. Pullumpallil Thomas Alexander has won the second prize in platform presentation on "Study of Clinical Profile of Patients with Autoimmune Encephalitis" at CMC, Vellore held during CALLOSUM 2019 – Neurological Society of India-Kerala Chapter (Kairaly Neurosciences Society) held between 1st to 3rd February, 2019.

PICU Team - Drs. Muniya, Siva Vyasam, Priyanka M. & Mrs. Mary Juliana has won the second prize at the highly competitive National level SIMWAR held at AIIMS, New Delhi on 3rd March, 2019.

Mr. Richard Samuel S. (B.Sc. Critical Care Therapist and Students Welfare) received the award for best organizer of cyclothon 2019 and Campus Ambassador of CMC, for Riviera Fest in RIVIERA 2019 Valedictory Function on 17th February, 2019.

The **Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Family Welfare** was awarded the Shield and Certificate of Appreciation by the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Tamil Nadu State for the best performance (Maximum number of Sterilizations) among Voluntary Organisations on 28th February 2019 at Egmore, Chennai. The award was presented by Dr.C.Vijaya Baskar, MBBS, BL Honorable Minister for Health and Family Welfare. The department received the First Prize for the year 2017– 2018 and CHAD Hospital, Bagayam received 3rd prize for the same category. The award was received by Dr. Annie Regi, MD, Professor and Head from the Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Dr. Jasmine Helan, MD, Professor, Department of Community Health from the CHAD Hospital, Bagayam.

Dr. Kavin Kumar, M.P., Post-Doctoral Fellow in Phonosurgery, Department of ENT Unit-V has won second prize in Poster Award session at the 15th Annual Conference of the Association of Phonosurgeons of India, PHONOCON 2019 held at Kolkata in February 2019.

Dr. Prashanth B. Gandhi, DM Gastroenterology Postgraduate presented a poster titled "Von Willebrand Factor (vWF) Pheresis; How Plasma Exchange is Beneficial in Liver Failure" at Asia Pacific Association for Study of the Liver (APASL) annual conference held at Manila, Philippines from 20th to 24th February, 2019. He was chosen to be a part of APASL mentoring programme, which is one of the first such initiatives during APASL.

The following final year DM Gastroenterology and Hepatology postgraduates won prizes at the state conference of TNISG (Tamil Nadu Indian Society of Gastroenterology) held at Madurai on 23rd and 24th February, 2019.

Dr. Amit Singh Barpha, DM Hepatology Postgraduate won the 1st prize for oral presentation titled 'Low Dose Steroids Along with Low Volume Plasma Exchange (PLEX) Improves Survival in Severe Alcoholic Hepatitis'.

Dr. Debasis Sardar, DM Gastroenterology postgraduate won the 3rd prize for oral presentation titled 'Von Willebrand Factor Reducing Protocol to Treat Yellow Phosphorus Induced Hepatotoxicity'.

Dr. Anand Vimal Dev, DM Gastroenterology postgraduate won the 1st prize for poster presentation titled 'Response to Oral Vitamin D Therapy in Crohn's Disease Patients with Vitamin D Deficiency'.

Dr. Anirban De, DM Hepatology postgraduate won the 2nd prize for poster presentation titled 'Analysis of Control Measures Employed to Contain Outbreaks of Hepatitis E in India'.

Dr. Vikram Mathews, Professor, Department of Haematology has been awarded the Wellcome-DBT India Alliance Senior Fellowship (Second Fellowship).

Dr. Nihal Thomas, Professor and Head, Department of Endocrinology Unit-I has been elected as a Fellow of the American College of Physicians (FACP).

Dr. Regi Kurien, M.S., DOHNS (Eng), Professor, won the Gold Medal in the Senior Consultant award category for paper presentation at "IASSACON 2019, Chandigarh" on 28th to 31st March, 2019.

Dr. Vinotha, Associate Professor, Department of Gynaecologic Oncology has received Gold Medal for M.Ch. for Gynaecology Oncology from Tata Memorial Centre, Mumbai.

Dr. Franklin Irwin Department of Radiology won the Prof.G. Shivanna Shetty prize paper award at the 71st state IRIA (Indian Society of Radiology and Imaging) conference held at Chennai from 14th to 16th December, 2018.

Dr. Shyjumon George, Department of Radiology won the 1st prize in quiz competition at 71st state IRIA (Indian Society of Radiology and Imaging) conference held at Chennai from 14th to 16th December 2018.

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Ms. Manjusha Elsa Mathew and **Ms. Sharon Shashank Kotak**, B.Sc. Optometry Technology interns from the department of Ophthalmology, have won the third prize among the 28 Optometry colleges that participated in the Vasani Eye-Q Intercollegiate Optometry Quiz which was conducted in Chennai on the 24th of March 2019".

The Hon'ble President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind announced the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) - India Rankings 2019 on 8th April, 2019 in Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The National Institutional Ranking Framework ranks institutions across the country based on **"Teaching, Learning Resources," "Research and Professional Practices," Graduation Outcomes," "Outreach and Inclusivity," and "Perception"**. **Christian Medical College, Vellore was ranked 3rd in the Medical Category.** Dr. Anna B. Pulimood and Dr. Judy Ann John received this award on behalf of the Institution.

Dr. Lallu Joseph, Manager, QMC - Directorate has been nominated as the "Secretary General" of the Consortium of Accredited Healthcare Organizations (CAHO), India for a period of two years.

Dr. Ananth P. Abraham, Postgraduate resident in Neurosurgery has won the II Prize in Quiz competition at Narayana Paediatric Neurosurgery Course held from 31st March, 2019 to 1st April, 2019 held at Bengaluru.

Dr. Haripriya G.R., 2nd year Post Doctoral Fellow in Audiovestibular Diseases won first prize for oral paper presentation titled, Vestibular epilepsy at the 38th Annual Conference of the Neuro-Otological and Equilibriometric society (NES) of India which was held from 29th to 31st March 2019 in Bengaluru.

Dr. Prema Dhanraj, retired Professor and Head of the Department of Plastic Surgery was awarded the title of "Doctor of Divinity" (Honoris Causa) by the Academy of Ecumenical Indian Theology and church Administration on 11th May, 2019 at Chennai. Excerpt from the citation : 'In admiration and appreciation of the inspiring life of this remarkable individual, who stands as a symbol of hope for people with burn injuries and unparalleled champion of people in need, the title of "Doctor of Divinity" (Honoris Causa) is conferred on Dr. Prema Dhanraj by the Academy of Ecumenical India Theology and Church Administration, on this the Eleventh Day of May 2019 at Chennai'.

The following students were awarded prizes/medals at the **University Convocation which was held on 29th June 2019.**

Dr. Perla Harsha Teja	1. Alathoor Narendra Memorial Endowment Gold Medal 2. Shri B. Nagi Reddi Memorial Gold Medal - DM Cardiology
Dr. Sharon Anbumalar Lionel	The T.N. Dr. M.G.R. Medical University Medal – DM Clinical Haematology
Dr. Kripa Elizabeth Cherian	The T.N. Dr. M.G.R. Medical University Medal DM Endocrinology
Dr. Meenakshi S.	The T.N. Dr. M.G.R. Medical University Medal M.Ch. Paediatric Surgery
Dr. Thomas Shawn Sam	The T.N. Dr. M.G.R. Medical University Medal M.Ch. Endocrine Surgery

Ms. Iswarya Y, secured The Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University Medal for the Post Basic B.Sc.Nursing programme.

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Dr. Koti Krishna Amulya	The T.N. Dr. M.G.R. Medical University Medal – MD Radio-Therapy
Dr. Mathuravalli S.	Dr. G.V. Suraiya Begum Gold Medal – MD Biochemistry
Dr. Rakesh Mishra	The T.N. Dr. M.G.R. Medical University Medal – MD Geriatrics
Dr. Vivekanandan K.S.	The T.N. Dr. M.G.R. Medical University Medal – MD Psychiatry
Dr. Ranjan S.S.	The T.N. Dr. M.G.R. Medical University Medal – MD P.M.R
Dr. Snehil Kumar	The T.N. Dr. M.G.R. Medical University Medal – MD Immunohaematology & Blood Transfusion
Dr. Sasank K.	Dr. C.M.K Reddy Gold Medal – MS General Surgery
Dr. Roshni J	1. Dr. Rema Mohan Gold Medal. 2. Thiru C.K. Kumaraswamy 51st Birthday Commemoration Gold Medal – MS Ophthalmology
Dr. Alice Jesuntha A.	The T.N. Dr. M.G.R. Medical University Medal – D.G.O
Dr. Cheruba Susan George	The T.N. Dr. M.G.R. Medical University Medal – D.P.M
Dr. Hajari Shreya Swaroop Sing	The T.N. Dr. M.G.R. Medical University Medal – D.D.V.L

Dr. Nitin S. Kekre, Professor of Urology Unit-II, for being elected as President of Association of Southern Urologist of the South Zone branch of Urological Society of India for a period of one year.

The following MBBS students won University Medals at the Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University convocation which was held on 29th June, 2019.

Ms. Namrata Mathew	The Balfour Memorial Prize and The Gangadaram Lakshmi Narayanamma Prize
Ms. Celine Sarah Thomas	The Dr. A.C. Asirvada Nadar Memorial Prize
Mr. Desai Sudhamsh Reddy	The Dr. A.C. Asirvada Nadar Memorial Prize

The Poster from Centre for Stem Cell Research and Department of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, titled “**Aiming PTEN, Seeking Pulse, Finding DOX; A Targeted Transient In Vivo Approach to Facilitate Functional Repair in Mice Spinal Cord Injury**” was presented at the International Society for Stem Cell Research (ISSCR) annual meeting held at Los Angeles, California on June 2019. Mr. Franklin Herbert working for his Ph.D. degree at Dr. Sanjay Kumar’s laboratory (CSCR, Lab3) was awarded the 2019-ISSCR travel award and this poster also received 2019-ISSCR Merit award for scientific excellence.

Dr. Molly Jacob, Professor, Department of Biochemistry, has been awarded the Fellowship of the Royal College of Pathologists, UK.

Dr. Tina George, Assistant Professor, Department of General Medicine has won the first prize for the paper presentation at the Tamil Nadu, Association of Physicians of India Conference (TAPICON) held on 29.07.2019 and 30.07.2019 at Madurai - for the paper title "Vaginal Lactobacillus in Women with Urinary Tract Infection in a Tertiary Care Centre in South India - A Case Series".

On 1st August 2019, at the meeting organized by the International Society for Endocrinology and South Asian Federation of Endocrine Societies, at Colombo, Sri Lanka, **Dr. Nihal Thomas**, Professor and Head (Unit-I), Endocrinology was awarded : **The Dr. Henry N. Rajaratnam Oration** on "Forays in to the Pathogenesis and Differential Diagnosis of Young Onset Diabetes in India - Insights from Vellore".

Dr. Reena George, Professor and Head, Palliative Care Unit has been elected to the Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh.

The following awards were won at the meeting organized by the **International Society for Endocrinology and the South Asian Federation of Endocrine Societies at Colombo, Sri Lanka** from 1st to 3rd August 2019. **Dr. Riddhi Das Gupta**, Associate Professor, Department of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism was awarded the 3rd prize for the best oral paper presentation entitled - "Elucidating the Metabolic Role of the Incretin Axis and Extra Pancreatic Glucagon Secretion in Indian subjects with Fibrocalcific Pancreatic Diabetes" and received **the Young Investigator Award - 2019**.

Dr. Nitin Kapoor, Associate Professor, Department of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism received the following awards : **1st prize for the best oral paper presentation** entitled - "Bone Health in Morbidly Obese Postmenopausal Women-A Paradox". **2nd prize for the best poster presentation** entitled - "The Manifestations of Wilson's Disease with Respect to Renal Tubular Dysfunction, Bone Health and Body Composition". **3rd prize for the best oral presentation** entitled - "Obesity Indicators and Their Role in Identifying Metabolic Disorders in the South Asian Population".

Dr. Pansuriya Himanshu Gangdasbhai, Post Doctoral Fellow in Paediatric Neurology for having won the special prize in platform presentation at the "NEUROPEDICON 2019" held at Hyderabad from 26th to 28th July, 2019 on the topic "Clinical Course and Outcome after Bone Marrow Transplantation in Childhood Cerebral Adrenoleukodystrophy : A Single Centre Experience".

On the 8th August, 2019, there was a 'CME Excellence Summit and Awards', organized by the Integrated Health and Wellness Council with support from omniscurus, India's largest CME platform and CNN News 18 and others. The Summit was attended by Central Ministers, Secretaries of various ministries, Presidents of the State Medical Councils and other dignitaries. Mr. Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Honourable Minister for Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, gave away the following awards: **Dr. D.J. Christopher**, Professor and Head, Department of Pulmonary Medicine : CME Excellence and Dronacharya Award for exceptional CME contributions in the field of Pulmonary and Respiratory Diseases.

Dr. Debasish Danda, Professor, Department of Rheumatology : CMC Excellence Innovation Award(organization) as President of Indian Rheumatology Association.

Dr. Riya Jose, Assistant Professor, Department of Anaesthesia has won the Best Paper Presentation Award in ISACON, Tamil Nadu 2019 held from 27th to 28th July, 2019 in Chennai.

The 5th Annual South Zone Critical Care Conference (Thematic Conference on Gut, Liver and Nutrition) was held at Visakhapatnam on 17th and 18th August, 2019 by the South Zone Wing of Indian Society of Critical Care Medicine (ISCCM). **Dr. Santhoshkumar E**, first year DM Hepatology Registrar won the 1st prize for his paper presentation titled "Plasma Exchange (PLEX) an Evolving Modality of Treatment in Acutely Ill Liver Patients - Our Experience with First 100 Patients".

Ms. B. Manimegalai, Ms. Jayalakshmi K, Ms. Priya K and Mr. S. Ramesh, Department of Dietetics have been conferred with "Best Paper Award 2019" for their articles published during Research Peace Award 2019 awarded by International Journal for Research Under Literal Access in Association with World Research Council and United Medical Council on 15th August, 2019 in Trichy.

Dr. D.J. Christopher, Professor & Head, Department of Pulmonary Medicine was awarded the Professor Dr. M. Viswanathan Oration in the Annual Conference of the Research Society for the study of Diabetes in India on 10th August, 2019 at Dindigul, Tamil Nadu.

Dr. Vivek K, Senior Resident, Family Medicine, Department of RUHSA has been awarded the Best Poster for the poster titled "Understanding Stress, Stressors and Coping Ways of our Rural Teens" presented at the Family Medicine and Primary Care conference at FMPC-2019 Organized by AFPI (Association of Family Physicians of India) held on 2nd to 4th August, 2019 at IISC, Bangalore.

Ms. Shincy Tomy John (Dietician, Cystic Fibrosis India Project Paediatric Unit III) won 1st prize for the poster titled "Malnutrition in Infants with Cystic Fibrosis" at Pedi Nutricon conference by Indian Academy of Paediatrics held at Trivandrum on 1st September, 2019.

CMC Awarded the India Research Excellence Award Christian Medical College, Vellore was honoured with the 'India Research Excellence' Award, coming first in the Professional College category. This award is from Clarivate Analytics, powered by Web of Science. The Principal, Dr. Anna B. Pulimood and the Vice Principal (AHS), Dr. Judy Ann John received this award on behalf of the Institution in New Delhi. Analysis for this Award relied on both research metrics as well as a qualitative review of the research output of the institution. The three research metrics chosen were, firstly, the percentage of papers from the institution in the top 10% of the citation distribution for papers published this year in the same field; secondly, category normalized citation impact, that shows how the publications perform relative to other publications in the same category and year (to enable fair comparison between different disciplines) and the number of highly cited papers (top 1%) produced by the institution. For the qualitative review, the global footprint of citations, the history of responsible conduct of research and national and international recognition were taken into account. A special mention was made at the award ceremony that CMC Vellore has the highest number of highly cited papers amongst all professional colleges and the 3rd highest category normalized citation impact that was 1.5 times the world average for the period 2012 to 2018. The institution is thankful to all the faculty and students for their contribution towards excellence in research and is grateful to God for His blessings.

Dr. M.J. Paul, Professor, Department of Endocrine Surgery, has been Elected to the post of President of the Indian Association of Endocrine Surgeons for the term 2020 - 2021 at the 20th Annual Conference held at Indore on 27th September, 2019.

Dr. Ruth Anna Stephen, PG Registrar from the Department of Radiology has been awarded the 1st prize for paper presentation at the 3rd Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Gastrointestinal and Abdominal Radiology (ISGAR 2019) held from 27th to 29th September, 2019 at Kochin.

Dr. Y. Mounika Reddy, 2nd year fellow in Implant Otology has won the 1st prize for her e-poster titled, "Retrograde Electrode Insertion Via Middle Turn Cochleostomy In A Case of Labyrinthitis Ossificans" at the 17th Annual Conference of the Cochlear Implant Group of India at Mumbai held on the 11th to 13th October, 2019.

Prize winners for the 10th Annual Research Day - 2019: Poster Presentation (4th October, 2019) Allied Health Sciences (Faculty) : 1st prize : Trinaya S., Department of Anaesthesia, 2nd prize : P. Bindhu Synthia, Department of PMR and 3rd prize : Irene Florence, Department of Emergency Medicine. Allied Health Sciences (Students) : 1st prize : Abel Samuel Rabbi, Department of Emergency Medicine, 2nd prize : Albin C. Biju and Feema Raju, Department of Emergency Medicine and 3rd prize : Anupama Roy, Department of Neurology Basic Sciences (Faculty) : 1st prize : Elizabeth Vinod, Department of Physiology, 2nd prize : Rekha Aaron, Department of Clinical Genetics and 3rd prize : Jenny Jacob, Department of Anatomy Basic Sciences (PG) : 1st prize : Porkizhi Arjunan, CSCR, 2nd prize : Daniel Zechariah Paul J, Department of Haematology and 3rd prize : Shika Mary Zachariah, Department of Physiology Bio-Engineering : 1st prize : Naveen Prasad, 2nd prize : Aravind Nehrujee and 3rd prize : Anne Tryphosa K. Field Work & Epidemiology : 1st prize : Ramu Kandasamy, Palliative Care Unit, 2nd prize : Guru Nagarajan S, Department of PMR and 3rd prize : Kenneth Benjamin, Department of Neurological Sciences. Nursing (Faculty) : 1st prize : Lilly Prasad, College of Nursing. Nursing – Students - College of Nursing 1st prize :

Paul Daniel Raj, 2nd prize : Jeslin Wils, and 3rd prize : Mary Lilly Johnson. Ph.D. : 1st prize : Hamenth Kumar, Haematology, 2nd prize : Jithu James and Venkatesh Selvaraj, Biochemistry & Paediatric Orthopaedics and 3rd prize : Archana Kumar and Subashini T, VIT and Neurological Sciences.

Others : 1st prize : Bakyalakshmi V, Emergency Medicine, 2nd prize : Abarna R, Medical Oncology and 3rd prize : Ebenezer Ezhilkumar R, Scudder Memorial Hospital, Ranipet. Case Reports (Medical) : 1st prize : Audrin Lenin, Medicine Unit-III, 2nd prize : Anisha Mathew, Pulmonary Medicine and 3rd prize : Soumya S.L, Endocrinology. Case Reports (Surgical) : 1st prize : Nitin Paul Ambrose, Surgery Unit-I, 2nd prize : Susan Daniel, Ophthalmology Unit-II and 3rd prize : Kiran Babu, ENT Unit-I. Oral Presentation (4th October, 2019) Allied Health Sciences - Faculty : 1st prize: Kavin A, PMR, 2nd prize: Elizabeth Johnson, Cardio Thoracic Surgery and 3rd prize : Zahra Ambarin, Nuclear Medicine. Allied Health Sciences - Students : 1st prize : Dolcydhar, Neurological Sciences, 2nd prize : Christina Felcy Saji, Department of PMR and 3rd prize : Sharonmeribah S, Cardio Thoracic Surgery. Basic Sciences - Faculty : 1st prize : Upasana Kachroo, Physiology, 2nd prize : Sathya Subramani, Physiology and 3rd prize : Jagadish R, Biochemistry. Basic Sciences - Student : 1st prize : Roshni P, Physiology, 2nd prize : Kannan S, Pathology and 3rd prize : Divyaa Elangovan, Clinical Microbiology.

Oral Presentation (4th October, 2019) Fieldwork & Epidemiology : 1st prize: Arun K.S, 2nd prize: Karthikeyan Ramanujam and 3rd prize: Reshma Raju, Wellcome Research. Social Worker : Emergency Medicine - 1st prize: Sathish Kumar and 2nd prize: Bagyalakshmi. Nursing - Faculty : College of Nursing 1st prize: Shaly Selva Grace Earnest, 2nd prize: Pratheeba S. and 3rd prize: Jane Emily Beatrice. Nursing - Students : College of Nursing 1st prize: Dona Eldhose, 2nd prize: Richu Sairah Manoj and 3rd prize: A. Jebarshilin Jemima. Ph.D. : CSCR 1st prize: Sowmya Ramesh, 2nd prize: Nithin Sam R. & Vigneshwaran and 3rd prize: Sonam Rani. Medical Physics Faculty : Radiation Oncology 1st prize: Sathish Kumar A and 2nd prize: Ebenezer Suman Babu S. Medical Physics Students : Radiation Oncology 1st prize: Ambily B.R. and 2nd prize: Mahima. Poster Presentation (5th October, 2019) Medical Sciences - PG : 1st prize: Preethi S.C, Radiation Oncology - Medical Physics, 2nd prize: Mamta M, Department of Emergency and 3rd prize: Sweta Das, Medical Genetics. Medical Sciences - Jr. Faculty : 1st prize: Joshua Vijay & Arun Kumar A, Emergency Medicine & Haematology, 2nd prize: J.S. Jesija, Dental Unit-I and 3rd prize: Patricia S, Radiation Oncology Unit-III.

Medical Students : 1st prize: Adithya Christopher & Zachariah Thomas, Endocrinology, 2nd prize: Sharon Pradeepta, Emergency Medicine and 3rd prize: Rayshna Rao, Emergency Medicine. Oral Presentation (5th October, 2019) Medical Specialities PG : 1st prize: Muralidhar Babi, PMR, 2nd prize: Thomas Anand, PMR and 3rd prize: Steffi Aswin & franklin Irwin, Pharmacology. Medical Specialities Sr. Faculty : 1st prize: Riddhi Das Gupta, Endocrinology, 2nd prize: Santosh Varughese, Nephrology and 3rd prize: Sudha Jasmine, Medicine. Medical Specialities Jr. Faculty : 1st prize: Neenu Oliver John, Radiation Oncology, 2nd prize: Karthick G., Medicine and 3rd prize: Madhavi K., Radiology. Surgical Specialities PG : 1st prize: Mansi Agarwal, Surgery, 2nd prize: Royson D. Souza, Surgery and 3rd prize: Arun John Paul, Ortho. Surgical Specialities Sr. Faculty : 1st prize: Sandeep Albert, Orthopedics Unit-I, 2nd prize: Rohit Amritanand, Spinal Disorders Surgery Unit. Surgical Specialities Jr. Faculty : 1st prize: Nanthini Saravanan,

Obstetrics and Gynaecology-II, 2nd prize: Deeptiman James & Manisha Kumar, Pediatric Orthopaedics and 3rd prize: Lisa Mary Cherien and Vimalin Samuel, Orthopaedics Unit-I.

Dr. A.W. Niranjana Thomas, Professor, Department of Neonatology has won the first prize under Hospital Innovation Awards for his presentation on the topic "Translating Research in Low Resource Settings and Transforming Tiny Lives" at the 4th International Healthcare Technology Conference (CAHOTECH 2019) held in Chennai on 27th and 28th September 2019.

The following participants from the Department of Radiation Oncology won prizes at the TN and PY AMPICON 2019 held at Kanyakumari from 7th and 8th September, 2019 : Mr. S. Ebenezer Suman Babu, Lecturer, has won the "Professor M. Jagadeesan Best Paper Award" and Dr. Y. Retna Ponmalar, Lecturer, won the "Professor T.M.B. Nedungadi Best Paper Award".

Awards won at the 15th Annual Conference of the ISBMR (Indian Society of Bone and Mineral Research) 2019 held at Bangalore on 19th and 20th October, 2019. Dr H.S. Asha, Professor, Department of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism was awarded the "1st Prize for the Best Poster presentation" for the paper entitled - "25-Hydroxyvitamin D in Health and Disease - A Tertiary Care Experience." Dr. Nitin Kapoor, Associate Professor, Department of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism was awarded the 1st prize for the best oral paper presentation - Faculty category for the paper entitled - "Impact of Curative Treatment in Symptomatic Primary Hyperparathyroidism on Bone Mineral Density, Trabecular Bone Score and Bone Turnover Markers - A Prospective Study from India." Dr Jinson Paul, Postgraduate student, Department of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism was awarded the 2nd prize for the best oral paper presentation - Post Graduate category for the paper entitled - "Trabecular Bone Score and Bone Mineral Parameters following yearly Zoledronic Acid – A follow-up study in South Indian Postmenopausal Women with Osteoporosis."

Dr. A.W. Niranjana Thomas, Professor, Department of Neonatology won the first prize under Hospital Innovation Awards for his presentation on the topic "Translating Research in Low Resource Settings and Transforming Tiny Lives" at the 4th International Healthcare Technology Conference (CAHOTECH 2019) held in Chennai on 27th and 28th September, 2019. This was for the development of the low cost cooling device which is now used in many hospitals throughout India.

Dr. Rajeevan P.S., Senior Resident, General Surgery Unit-II has won the following awards during IASGCON 2019 held at New Delhi for best poster titled, 'Exocrine Pancreatic Insufficiency in Patients Undergoing Gastric Resection for Malignancy' and 'Quality of Life in Patients Undergoing Gastrectomy for Malignancy'.

Dr. Monika M, Postgraduate Registrar, Department of ENT has won the third prize in the ENT PG Quiz at the AVVAI - 2019, 22nd TNAOI State Conference held on 13th - 15th September, 2019 at Hosur.

Dr. Sajo Thomas and Dr. Aravindhan V., final year Postgraduates, Department of Physiology have won the first and second prize respectively for oral presentation during the 13th Annual Conference of the Association of Physiologists of Tamil Nadu (APTCON 2019) held at Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research, Chennai on 8th and 9th November, 2019.

Mr. John Paul Demosthenes, Associate Research Officer, Department of Clinical Virology has been awarded the 1st prize for the poster titled "Chronic immune activation among treatment naïve HIV/HBV coinfecting individuals" (Mr. Demosthenes J.P., Clinical Virology, Dr. Fletcher G.J., Clinical Virology,

Dr. Zachariah U, Hepatology, Dr. Varghese G.M, Infectious Diseases, Dr. Jeyaseelan L, Biostatistics, Dr. Abraham P, Clinical Virology, Dr. Kannangai R, Clinical Virology) presented at the International Science Symposium on HIV and Infectious Diseases 2019 (ISSHID 2019) organized by YRG CARE and Sri Ramachandra Institute of Health and Research held on 12th to 14th October 2019 at Chennai.

As an encouragement for students to become a Regular Repeat Voluntary Blood Donor, an award has been created for those individuals who have donated blood the most number of times during their UG course. This award was given during the College Day to, Dr. Basalel Benny Mathew, Dr. Beaula P, Dr. Nicky Mathew and Dr. Vrinda Shenoy (Batch of 2014). On behalf of the patients served through this contribution, CMC Blood Bank thanks them for their effort.

Dr. Beena Koshy, Professor and Head, Developmental Paediatric Unit for having delivered the Fourth Air Vice-Marshal B Krishnaswamy Memorial Oration, on the topic, "Reduction in Disability and Beyond". During the 6th International Conference at Madhuram Narayanan Centre for Exceptional Children, Chennai on 7th November 2019.

The Department of Gynaecological Oncology has been approved as a ESGO training centre for Gynaecologic Oncology. Each year, one of the MCh candidates will be selected by the Department for ESGO certification.

Dr. Priya Abraham, Professor, Department of Clinical Virology has been appointed as Director, ICMR - National Institute of Virology (GOI), Pune with effect from 18th November, 2019.

The following participants from the Department of Nephrology won awards for oral presentation at the 50th Annual Conference of Indian Society of Nephrology 2019 held at Chandigarh from 21st to 24th November, 2019. Dr. Elenjickal Elias John, Assistant Professor, won the first prize, Dr. Anna T. Valson, Professor, won the second prize and Dr. V.C Annamalai, Assistant Professor won the third prize.

Dr. Riddhi Das Gupta, Associate Professor, Department of Endocrinology won the Novartis Young Researcher Award 2019 by the Research Society Study for Diabetes in India, awarded at the 47th RSDDI national conference, Jaipur, November 2019 and the AR Seth Award in Basic Endocrinology 2019 by the Endocrine Society of India awarded at 49th ESICON2019, Nagpur, November 2019.

Dr. Lavanya Ravichandran was awarded the first prize for oral presentation at the recently concluded Endocrine society meeting at Nagpur.

Dr. Anand Sharma, Assistant Professor, Department of Hepatology participated and won the second prize for his plenary presentation titled "Plasma Exchange (PLEX) to Treat Patients with Rat Killer Induced Hepatotoxicity who Met Listing Criteria for Urgent Liver Transplantation", at the Second Annual Conference of Liver Transplantation Society of India; held at Kochi from 15th to 17th November, 2019.

At the Team Excellence Awards for Continual Quality Improvement, 'QualTech' Awards -2019 organised by Qimpro Foundations on the 8th November at Mumbai, the quality improvement project with the CSSD team headed by Sister Florence Ponnice reached the finalist position. The active involvement of the entire team for the quality improvement initiative is well appreciated. The Best Presenter award was given to Dr. Lallu Joseph, Quality Manager.

A team of Engineers from the Department of Biomedical Engineering, won the first prize in the quiz competition conducted at the Philips Medconnect-2019 seminar, held on 2nd November, 2019 at The Park, Chennai. Around eighty participants from different hospitals participated in the seminar. Engineering Team : Mr. T.D. Kovardan, Mr. S. Immanuel, Mr. D. Franklin and Mr. Kirubakaran.

The following participants won awards at the 68th Annual Conference of Neurological Society of India held from 5th to 8th December in Mumbai. Professor Dr. Mathew J. Chandy, former Head, Department of Neurological Sciences was awarded the "Lifetime Achievement Award". He was also honoured by the International Neurosurgery Conference in Oman for his Landmark Contribution in the Development of Neurosurgery in Oman. The Department of Neurosurgery in Oman, formally started in the year 1988 with his appointment as the First Head of the Department. He paved the way for many of the CMC Faculty to hold high positions in their respective Departments, in Oman.

Dr. George Tobin, Dr. Ari G. Chacko and Dr. Rajaratnam Simon from the Departments of Neurosurgery and Endocrinology won the best paper award for their paper titled, "Evaluation of NT-ProBNP as a Marker of the Volume Status of Neurosurgical Patients Developing Hyponatremia and Natriuresis: A Pilot Study". Dr. Ananth P. Abraham, Post Graduate Resident of Neurosurgery, won the first prize in the NSI Brainbuzz Quiz Competition.

The following participants from Department of Clinical Microbiology received awards at the 43rd Annual Conference of Indian Association of Medical Microbiologist held at LTMMC and GH, Mumbai from 29th November to 1st December, 2019: Dr. V. Balaji, Professor, was conferred 'IAMM Endowment Oration Award 2019' for his eminent contribution in the field of Medical Microbiology. Dr. Lydia Jennifer S, Assistant Professor, received 'Belgaum-Mumbai Prize' (best oral presentation in Bacteriology) for the paper titled, 'A Prospective Study to Determine Baseline Trend of Diphtheria and Pertussis Antibody Level in Mothers and Newborn Cohort'. Dr. Divyaa E, final year PG Registrar, received 2nd prize for oral presentation in Clinical Bacteriology for the paper titled, 'Diagnostic Utility of Real-Time PCR for Spotted Fever'. Dr. Naveen Kumar D.R, Senior Research Officer, received 1st prize in the Clinical Bacteriology for the poster titled, 'Influence of Biofilm Formation on Patient Outcome with K.pneumoniae Blood Stream Infections'. Dr. Jobin John Jacob, Research Associate, received 1st prize for the poster titled, 'Molecular Typing as a Replacement for Traditional Serotyping of Non-Typhoidal Salmonella for Accurate Identification and Epidemiological Studies'. Mrs. Rosemol Varghese, Lecturer, received 2nd prize for oral presentation in Molecular Epidemiology for 'Molecular Epidemiology of Penicillin Non Susceptible Streptococcus pneumoniae Isolates from India'. Dr. Amala Arumugam, Research Associate, received 'Dr.S.S Kelkar Memorial Prize' (best poster in Medical Microbiology) for the poster titled, 'Identification of Antimicrobial Resistance Gene using Sequence Similarity Network'. Mrs. Chaitra Shankar, Research Associate, from Department of Clinical Microbiology has been accorded the 'Center for Disease Dynamics,

Economics and Policy (CDDEP) Award in Antimicrobial Resistance' to attend the 19th International Congress on Infectious Diseases in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Dr. Karthik G, Assistant Professor, Department of General Medicine Unit–V, has been awarded the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (RSTMH) grant for his research project titled, “LTA4H Polymorphisms and Treatment Outcomes in Tuberculosis – A Prospective Observational Cohort Study”.

Dr. Anisha Mathew won the Prestigious SN Gaur Young Scientist Award.

Dr. Priya won the first prize in the free paper presentation for consultants.

Dr. Benjamin Earnest Williams won the first prize in the ICS talent search radiology presentation.

Dr. Ancy Elsa won the second prize in the ICS talent search radiology presentation.

Dr. Christopher was elected "President" of Indian Chest Society.

Dr. Jayakanthan K, Associate Professor, Department of Clinical Immunology and Rheumatology has won the best oral presentation in the Basic Sciences category for the study titled, "Effect of Curcumin on Pro-inflammatory Cytokines in Primary Sjogren's Syndrome "during the 35th Annual Conference fo the Indian Rheumatology Association (IRACON 2019) held at Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research (JIPMER), Puduchery from 5th - 8th December, 2019.

Dr. Mithun Raam, Department of Endocrine Surgery won the best paper prize and the IndoUK traveling fellowship grant at the Asian Society of Mastology meeting at Bhubaneshwar on 19th November, 2019 for his presentation on "WHYGM?: A Prospective Controlled Study on Etiology of Idiopathic Granulomatous Mastitis".

Dr. Samuel Santhosh, 2nd Year PG Registrar, Department of Pharmacology and Clinical Pharmacology, has been awarded the IPSCON–best oral presentation at the 5th IUPHAR World Conference on the Pharmacology of natural products and the 51st Annual Conference of Indian Pharmacological Society held at ICMR-National Institute of Nutrition,Hyderabad from 5th to7thDecember, 2019.

Dr. Aakash Dhruva, PG Registrar, Pharmacology and Clinical Pharmacology won the U.K. Seth prize for the best paper presentation at the 5th IUPHAR World Conference on the Pharmacology of Natural Products and the 51st Annual Conference of the IPS held at Hyderabad from 5th to 7th December, 2019.