

**JAWAHARLAL INSTITUTE OF POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH, PUDUCHERRY**

FROM DIRECTOR'S DESK

- a) JIPMER 50 Campaign – Inauguration of Solar Power and donation by JIPMER Alumni.
- b) International Health Programme – Announcement of MoU with Public Health England.

JIPMER 50 Campaign

It is with great enthusiasm that JIPMER will launch its Golden Jubilee fund raising drive – JIPMER 50 Campaign – raise Rs. 50 Crores on its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year of 2014. The funds will be targeted for diverse purposes. –

Education, research, patient care, community wellness, green campaign etc.

“I am pleased to announce an initial important step in this JIPMER 50 Campaigns, namely, donation of 50KW solar power by an illustrious alumnus and donation of funds by the batch of 1970” says Dr. T.S.Ravikumar, Director, JIPMER. The solar panels have been installed in nursing college and emergency medical services buildings. A meeting of faculty staff and students will be held in front of Nursing College on Wednesday February 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 PM, to welcome Dr.Sundarajan S.Gopalan, Alumnus – Batch of 1970 (as well as other JIPMER Alumni) and to unveil the plaque commemorating the gift. This will be followed by a brief meeting at the multipurpose hall of nursing college and tea.

International Health Programme: MoU with public Health England & Visit of Dr.Seshadri Vasan, Senior Business Manager R&I, PHE.

JIPMER has signed an MoU with Public Health England, under the umbrella MoUs of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and the MoU of JIPMER – Healthcare UK. PHE is the coordinating body of 70 different UK organizations relating to healthcare sector: Under this MoU, JIPMER has the privilege of hosting Dr.Seshadri Vasan. Dr.Vasan's bio is given below:

**PROFESSOR SESHADRI VASAN, DPHIL(OXON) FRES FRSPH FRSTMH FIHPE**



A former McKinsey Consultant, Rhodes Scholar and Professor, Dr Vasan is Senior Business Development Manager leading on Research & Innovation for Public Health England (PHE). A public health expert, he also performed a similar role for PHE's predecessor body 'Health Protection Agency'. In PHE, he is responsible for the pipeline portfolio and is member of Anthrax Vaccine Steering Group, e.Learning & Training Steering Group, Finance & Commercial eSMT, Intellectual Property Sub-Group, New Vaccines & Novel Interventions Programme Board, Toxins Group, etc.

Before joining civil/government service, Professor Vasan worked for Oxford University's spin-out company Oxitec as Head of Public Health and CEO Asia, and led the world's first semi-field (and subsequently open-field) trials involving transgenic mosquitoes, and the progress of this technology from laboratory to field to combat diseases such as chikungunya and dengue. He has played a key role in numerous initiatives sponsored by international organisations (e.g. CBD, UNDP, WHO), and acted as expert reviewer/member to various governmental committees, regulatory and consultation exercises.

Dr Vasan obtained his doctorate from Trinity College, Oxford, and is a Fellow of Royal Society of Medicine, Royal Entomological Society and Royal Society for Public Health.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

Education:

- Mini-MBA, Alpine University (McKinsey & Company), Kitzbühel, Austria
- Doctor of Philosophy, Biochemical Engineering (By research), Trinity College, University of Oxford, UK
- Master of Science in Engineering, Biochemical Engineering (By research), Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore
- Master of Science, Chemistry (1st Honours) and Bachelor of Engineering, Chemical Engineering (1st Honours), Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani, India

Fellow of:

- The Royal Society of Medicine
- Royal Entomological Society
- Royal Society for Public Health
- Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene
- Institute of Health Promotion and Education (UK)

Memberships:

- Chartered Engineer (India)
- Full Member of the Institute of Directors (London)

He will be teaching an MPH students' module during February 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> in his new role as an Adjunct Professor JIPMER. In this capacity, he will continue to participate in education, training and research, contributing to JIPMER International School of Public Health, in the development of Universal Health Care Model.

Dr T. S. Ravikumar, Director and CEO of JIPMER said: "Our collaboration with PHE is very opportune because JIPMER has just started its international school of public health (JISPH) to serve as a model training centre for the whole nation, and to contribute positively and effectively in building capacity in public health training and research. Understanding, adapting and sharing best practices will be of great value in integrating public health strategies with care delivery redesign towards developing a model of Universal Health Care for India. Starting with the 5 million population we serve, our fervent hope is that the solutions we come up with, will be scalable and replicable for other regions."

He will be honoured during the meeting on February 26<sup>th</sup> 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Multipurpose hall of Nursing College.