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Message from the President

I am honored to take over the leadership of IMANE and look forward to working with all of you to help our organization continue to grow and thrive as we move into 2009 and ahead.

It is important to note that today, many of us are facing challenges both personally and professionally as the nation and the world grapple with some significant difficult economic situations. This means that now more than ever, we need to be committed to working collaboratively and providing support for each other.

To this end, at the Annual Meeting I have set three important priorities (included in the box) for the coming year, which will be an integral part of all of IMANE's upcoming efforts.

To facilitate regular communication, I will be emailing this newsletter to you approximately once a month. This will enable me to report the latest organizational developments and to announce upcoming activities. It will also provide a vehicle for us to respond to current events. In addition, each month I will spotlight one of our Executive Committee Members and provide an overview of the experience and strengths he or she brings to our organization.

Finally, I want to remind everyone of the ongoing responsibility we carry as medical professionals who live and work in this region to ensure that our organization will continue to thrive so it can remain an important resource in New England.

--Nasir A. Khan, MD

Priorities for 2009:

- Develop alliances within Massachusetts, New England and nationally.*
- Create an effective media strategy.*
- Establish ongoing communication with our membership.*

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Your Feedback Matters

We want to know your thoughts on our plans for the future and what you consider to be the priorities for IMANE.

Next month we will send out a questionnaire to solicit your input. I ask you to take the time to respond, as your feedback is important to the future of the organization. I also encourage you to share comments, questions and pertinent information on an ongoing basis.

You may contact Lynda Layer, Chapter Administrator, based in the Massachusetts Medical Society headquarters in Waltham, MA by phone at 781-434-7317 or email llayer@mms.org. You may also contact Dr. Khan at nakhan@massmed.org.

Medical Education: Goa, India

IMANE will be sponsoring a continuing medical education seminar at the Hotel - Cidade De Goa, India on Dec. 29 to 30, 2008 in conjunction with the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI). Participants who meet the designated criteria will receive Continuing Medical Education Category I credits from Bournemouth Hospital.

Response to the Tragedy in Mumbai

Letter of Condolence

Dr. Khan, on behalf of IMANE, sent the following letter to the Boston Globe, India New England and Lokvani on Nov. 28, 2008;

"The Indian Medical Association of New England would like to express its condolences to all of the innocent victims and their families during this profound tragedy in Mumbai, India.

We, like the rest of the world, have been shocked as we watched the events unfold in Mumbai. There can be no cause or ideology that can justify these despicable acts.

IMANE would like to offer any assistance that may be needed to those in the New England states to the best of our ability. We have conveyed this message to the Indian Consulate and urged it to deliver it to all in Mumbai."

Nasir A. Khan, MD
President, IMANE

Candlelight Vigil

The Asian American Commission of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts invited Americans of all faiths to join in a Candlelight Vigil that was held at City Hall Plaza in Boston on Dec. 4, 2008 at 6 p.m.

The Vigil remembered friends, family and those lost and hurt in the terrorist attacks in Mumbai, India, that occurred Nov. 26 to 29.

Several IMANE members and friends attended and IMANE made a pledge towards the cost associated with the Vigil.

Other locations that held Vigils throughout New England included Worcester, MA. Providence, RI and Nashua, NH.

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Lynda Layer

Profiles: Current and Past Presidents

Current IMANE President Nasir A. Khan, MD, is the Chairman and CEO of Bournemouth Health Systems in Brookline, MA and has a private clinical group practice in Newton. He was born in London to parents from Rampur, U.P., and attended the University of London's King's College and Westminster Medical School and then completed a residency at the Harvard Department of Psychiatry at Boston City Hospital.

Dr. Khan is a past Superintendent of Danvers State Hospital, past President of the Medical Staff of Newton Wellesley Hospital, past President of the Massachusetts Association of Behavioral Health Systems, past Trustee of the National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems, past President of the Charles River District Medical Society and currently a Trustee (alternate) to the Massachusetts Medical Society.

He is certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology with additional qualifications in geriatric psychiatry and he is an alumnus of the OPM Program of Harvard Business School. He is also a Distinguished Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association, Assistant Clinical Professor in Psychiatry at Tufts University School of Medicine and Adjunct Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at the Boston University School of Medicine.

IMANE Past President Manorama Mathur, MD, obtained her medical degree from King George's Medical College in Lucknow, India. She received her post graduate medical training in pediatrics at the University of Lucknow and earned a Diploma in Child Health from the University of London, England. She was also a Senior Registrar at the Whittington Hospital in London. She completed her Residency in Pediatrics from Children's Hospital Medical Center and Boston City Hospital. She is board certified by the American Academy of Pediatrics and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Dr. Mathur has had a private pediatric practice in Malden for almost 30 years.