



INDIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW ENGLAND

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Message from the President



The Crane Estate will be the site of IMANE's summer picnic.

I am pleased to report that we are moving forward on plans for our two upcoming events: **the Summer Social** and the **Annual Meeting**. However, I have modified these activities from our originally planned venues in order to respond to the current economic situation and make these special gatherings most accessible to our entire membership.

We also recognize the fact that several IMANE members will be attending the AAPI Annual Convention in Orlando, Florida (June 10 – 14, 2009) and the AAPI sponsored cruise from NYC to New Brunswick (Aug. 6 – 10, 2009).

Taking these factors into account, the **Summer Social Weekend** (which had originally been slated to be held at the luxurious but expensive Wentworth by-the-Sea Resort in Portsmouth, NH) **will now be a summer day ocean side picnic on Sat., July 11, 2009 at the 2000 acre Crane Estate in Ipswich, MA**, for IMANE families and their children. **The Steep Hill picnic area and beach** have been reserved for us to host a catered luncheon at this picturesque location from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. We will also have the opportunity to tour the Great House at Castle Hill. This location is a perfect spot for walking and playing on the beach. To find out more, go to www.craneestate.org.

I have also decided to host the **Annual Meeting at the Newton Marriott on Sat., Nov. 21, 2009** (instead of at the Taj Hotel in Boston, which is what we had originally planned). We will have free parking at the Marriott and we will contract with the Bombay Club for Indian cuisine. With the current limited financial sponsorship opportunities available for such occasions during these difficult times, this is an appropriate change that should be welcomed by our members.

In addition, we will be hosting an **Evening Out at the Blue Ginger Restaurant in Wellesley, MA, on Thursday, June 25, 2009**. There will be an excellent speaker from Duke University, Dr. Prakash Masand, sponsored by Pfizer. This may be the last such event, since a change in state law goes into effect July 1, 2009, that limits pharmaceutical companies from sponsorship of such activities in restaurants. After that date, all gifts over \$50 will be reported to DPH and listed on its website.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at these events, and expect that they will all be a success. I will be sending out a flier for the summer picnic very soon that will contain additional details.

--Nasir A. Khan, MD

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News Briefs

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□ At the recent Executive Committee meeting on May 13, 2009, we had an informal presentation by **MITHAS** (MIT Heritage of the Arts of South Asia), a joint collaborative between MIT and the South Asian community at large. Geetha Ramamurthy and Chris Pereji made a delightful case for a mutual collaborative relationship for semi-classical/geet/ghazal Indian music for IMANE events or stand-alone mehfil.

□ The **Mass. Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness** recently honored Dr. Nasir Khan in its 2008 Heroes in the Fight Program. Dr. Khan was selected in the program's "Individual Psychiatrist" category for his consistent leadership in treating mental illness. This award is sponsored by Eli Lilly and Company and the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

□ The **New Hope Center, Waltham**, which is a free clinic sponsored by IMANE, will celebrate its 10th year in the fall of 2009. Dr. Daley and Dr. Kunwar Singh have done fabulous jobs as volunteers and have helped IMANE fulfill its mission. They need additional physician volunteers, especially internists and family practitioners for even a couple of times a year. They are also requesting medications – antibiotics, anti-inflammatories, anticonvulsants and tricyclic antidepressants.

□ IMANE will host a **Health Screening** opportunity on **India Day** on Sun., Aug. 16, 2009 at the Hatch Shell in Boston. We will reserve two tables and we have several physician volunteers, including Dr. Geeta Trivedi and Dr. Manorama Mathur.

□ IMANE placed a half-page color ad in the recent **India New England 10th Anniversary Edition**. The newspaper will also run an abbreviated summary of our successful April IMANE/AAPI conference.

□ The **Women's Forum** had another successful meeting in the Weston Public Library in May. The speaker was Sangeeta Pradham, who spoke on nutrition. Dr. Mohani Malhotra, moderator, collaborated with Dr. Manju Sheth and they plan to enlarge the target audience to include women from non-medical Indian organizations such as SABA, NETSAP and TIE.

□ IMANE recently became a **Patron Member of AAPI**, which allows the President of IMANE to be a voting member of the AAPI Governing Body.

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Profile: Dr. Mohani Malhotra, Member at Large, Executive Committee

Dr. Mohani Malhotra is a graduate of Lady Harding Medical College in Delhi, India. She interrupted her Residency at All Indian Medical Institute of Medical Sciences, Delhi, to move to the USA. She also switched her specialty from Ophthalmology to Radiology and did a residency at the Lahey Clinic and subsequently did a Fellowship in Neuroradiology at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital. She was the first minority physician to serve on the staff of Lahey Clinic. She has served on the faculty at UMass Medical Center, Boston University, Harvard University and Tufts University through her VA Medical Center affiliations.

Dr. Malhotra took art classes in India and the USA, including at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. She works in her studio with water and oil colors in an impressionistic style. She has been active in various local community projects. She is a past president of IMANE and past Chair of the Board of Trustees. She initiated the Past Presidents Society and revived the Women's Forum.

Dr. Malhotra is married with one son and lives in Mansfield.

Profile: Dr. Anup Singh, Board of Trustees Member

Dr. Anup Singh graduated from Christian Medical College, Ludhiana, Punjab, India. He subsequently served as Medical Officer for several years in Kano, Nigeria and then in London, England as House Officer and Surgical Registrar.

After arriving in the US in 1983, he completed an Internship at the Lutheran Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY, and did a Residency in Urology at State University of New York Health Sciences Center, Brooklyn, NY, followed by a Fellowship in Basic and Clinical Urology at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD.

For over 20 years, Dr. Singh has been on the faculty of Boston University Medical Center Dept. of Urology and has admitting privileges at Boston Medical Center, Brockton Hospital, Caritas Good Samaritan Hospital and Caritas Norwood Hospital.

Dr. Singh is board certified in Urology, and a Fellow to the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. He was awarded the Robert J. Krane Urology Residents Teaching Award for Excellence in Resident Education in 2000. He practices in Stoughton, MA. He is past president of IMANE and currently a member of the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Singh is married with two children and lives in Canton, MA.

