



APPNA Committee for Young Physician's (CYP) Summer Convention Report July 5-9th, 2017

This year's CYP has sixteen members including chair (Dr. Iqbal) and co-chairs (Drs. Aized, Faheem, Khan, and Nadeem). CYP has laid out multiple projects for this year. One or more CYP members are leading each project. Dr. Faheem led 'Residency Match Assistance' project. A list of unmatched residency programs from 2011-2016 was compiled and posted on our website. A team of CYP members remained active during the match week from March 13-17, 2017. Dr. Khan is

organizing 'Young Physicians Coaching Teleconferences' on monthly basis. So far, five teleconferences have been held. A speaker was invited during each teleconference, followed by question-answer session. Dr. Faheem posted summary of each teleconference on our Facebook page.

A 'Visa Issues Task Force' has been formulated under Dr. Iqbal. A 'multi-prong approach' has adopted mount pressure at the administrative, legislative, and media levels. Each task is taken care of by 1-2 CYP members. An online data collection system has been created at www.appna.org under 'visa issues helpline'. The work is being done in daily collaboration with Advocacy and Legislative Affairs Committee. Below is an outline of the approved tasks:

- Constant communication with State Department Visa Representative since January of this year;
- Petition created by Dr. Naveed and signed by 1,755 APPNA members. It was sent to Secretary of State and State Department visa officials;
- Letters of support have been requested from Congressmen in different states with the help of APPNA members;
- ECFMG, and U.S. Embassy in Pakistan have been contacted;
- The program directors are being contacted (after permission) so as to buy more time for the young physicians;
- Media support has been obtained by editing articles (Dr. Majeed) about this issue in Pakistani English newspapers as well as U.S. Media;
- A NYC based expert immigration attorney; concentrating in J-1 and B1/B2 visa refusals, held two different webinars. Individual questions were answered;
- We have raised donations for "J-1 visa interview preparation" to supplement experienced, immigration attorneys for their free-of-cost assistance to those young physicians with denials;
- Visa updates are being posted few times a week on CYP Facebook page;
- The entire CYP team is working on volunteer basis without any funding from APPNA.

Two different CYP seminars are being planned during APPNA Summer convention July 5-9th, 2017 in Orlando, Florida. Dr. Latif will lead the research seminar. It'll include oral and poster presentations. Honoraria will be provided to the presenters. Drs. Waheed and Nadeem will lead coaching seminar. It will be a 2 hour session and include lectures followed by a question-answer session.

Dr. A. Khan leads the online web-based system for observorships, externships, and research. Drs. Malhi and Iqbal monitor APPNA NY house. Our Facebook page is very active with over 7,000 members. Different CYP members are managing it. CYP Website: (www.cyponline.net) will be revised by Dr. T. Khan.

Sincerely,
Shahzad Iqbal, MD
Chair, CYP 2017