

KEMCAANA PRESIDENT -2017 Fall Meeting Report

KEMCAANA Retreat on April 29th in the Boston area was a solid success. Many of you joined us for an outstanding CME session in the morning, highly productive and businesslike discussions on KEMCAANA issues during the 6-hour strategic meeting, and a fun-filled evening dinner and entertainment held jointly with APPNA's NEW England Chapter (APPNE). Improving KEMCAANA governance was a key theme for discussions at this Retreat and we accomplished our Retreat objectives.

KEMCAANA General Body Meeting was held July 7' 2017 at the annual APPNA Summer Convention. KEMCAANA Constitution and By-Laws Committee presented the KEMCAANA council approved amendments to the membership. With some minor changes, the General Body approved the By-Laws amendments. Alumni Banquet was held that evening with more than 350 attendees. The keynote speaker was Dr Adil Najam, Professor and Dean of Pardee School for Global Studies, Boston University. He is an eminent scholar who has authored nearly 100 papers and book chapters. He was a co-author of the Third and Fourth Assessments of the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), which was awarded the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize for advancing the public understanding of climate change science. In 2008 he was invited by the UN's Secretary General to serve on the UN Committee on Development (CDP). In 2010 he was awarded the Sitara-i-Imtiaz Pakistan. He also serves on the Advisory Board for the 2011 Human Development Report of the UNDP. He gave a riveting speech on "The Great World Disorder". Dr Mufiz Chauhan and Dr Mohammed Haseeb led a very successful fundraising effort that will strengthen our Alumni organization with all the humanitarian and scholarly projects it undertakes. The KEMCAANA Young Investigator Award was given to Dr Rizwan Ahmed. Dr Mubasher Rana was the recipient of KEMCAANA Lifetime award. The KEMCAANA Gold Medal Award was given to Dr Mohammed Haseeb for his consistent and dedicated services to his alumnus and KEMCAANA.

KEMCAANA's on-going projects include:

- **100+ undergraduate and post graduate scholarships**
- **Residential facility in Philadelphia** for medical graduates and students preparing for a Residency in the US
- **Young investigators** awards
- **Long-distance research training & mentorship programs** for KEMU faculty
- **Radiology technician training program** at KEMU
- **Visiting faculty program**
- **Hepatitis C awareness** and education program
- **Computer lab at KEMU** with free internet access across KEMU/Mayo Hospital
- **Free medicine program** for indigent patients at Mayo Hospital.

All these KEMCAANA projects are true to our mission of education, research and service. They need to be continued through perpetuity as a Sadqa-e-Jaria.

Yours truly,

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