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Welcome to the 5th edition of ICMDA Eurasia News.

friendly atmosphere.” Following this training there has been ongoing communication between leaders in the 3 countries and plans are progressing for a shared conference together in 2012.

ICMDA’s vision is to be a global movement bringing together National Christian Medical and Dental Organisations in fellowship, witness and service. The mission of the ICMDA in Eurasia is to encourage and equip Christian Medical and Dental Students and Graduates in every country of the Eurasia region to grow to Christian maturity and live out their faith within their clinical practice and beyond.

The year ahead sees a continued emphasis on leadership training and sub-regional conferences alongside efforts to encourage both established and developing movements in the region. Support of the organising committee for the 2014 world congress also continues. The Eurasia region and regional team



will also develop with some changes in the ASR team and structure of the region anticipated.

Following the decision for the next ICMDA world congress to be within the region in 2014 and therefore not to hold a large regional conference in the interim period a number of smaller sub-regional and leadership conferences have already taken place.

‘Work a day for ICMDA - day’ (see page 3) is one opportunity to

support the work of the ICMDA in the Eurasia region. As you read this edition of Eurasia News do partner with us through praying for all that God is doing across our region.

Envisioned, able and supported leadership at national and regional level is vital. This edition of Eurasia News highlights current initiatives in training.

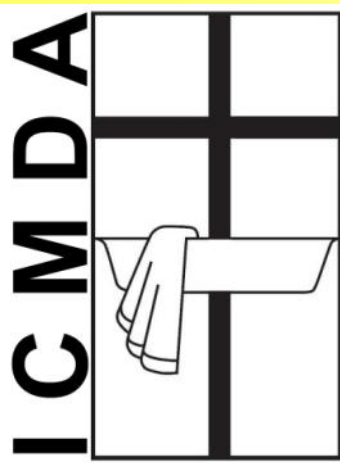
James Tomlinson
ICMDA Eurasia Secretary

This year ICMDA in Eurasia enabled a first leadership training conference for 3 countries in the former Soviet Union. This saw 30 key student and graduate leaders come together to get to know each other, share the situation in their countries, encourage each other and hear from God what He wants to do in their countries through them.



Our Area Student Representative writes: “we talked about leadership, leading a Christian medical group, the importance of discipleship, management of emotions, forgiveness, reconciliation and many other things. A wonderful place, great food, dances and 2 boxes of oranges helped to create a nice

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Autumn 2011

Thought Leaders Training

A pilot "Thought Leaders Training" took place at Schloss Mittersill, Austria in June 2011. Thought leaders provide intellectual and theological leadership by developing and communicating an understanding of the contemporary secular world, by developing and communicating authentic and relevant Christian responses, and by engaging in defending and promoting Christian values with secular organisations, media and governments.

Delegates recommended by their national movements and from 9 countries received training in areas such as world views, developing a Christian mind and double listening from a

faculty which included Prof John Wyatt, Dr Chris Steyn, Dr Alex Bunn



and Dr Andrzej Turkanik (Quo Vadis Institute). Feedback from participants and speakers has been hugely positive. One participant wrote "this event has been a response from God to my person".

Since the training delegates have continued to interact with one another and have taken the opportunity to pass on what they have learned back home with some organising discussion groups and presenting at their national conferences. Consideration is being given as to how we will build on this pilot training.



Student & Juniors Leadership Training

In the past year leadership training has been organised for the Nordic & Baltics, Central Asia and the Balkans.

The recent student and junior graduate leaders training for the Nordic and Baltic countries was initiated by the Area Student Representative team and run alongside the KLF Denmark's annual conference. Participants from 7 countries considered topics including why work among students & junior graduates is important, Christian medical fellowship groups and the characteristics of a good leader. The range of current initiatives and activities being undertaken by student groups; from university debates, mentoring groups and early morning prayer meetings was inspiring.



The same weekend leaders training in Central Asia saw students and graduates come together for teaching, encouragement and strategic planning. Connecting and encouraging leaders together aims to stimulate growth and maturity in the student and juniors work in each country.



Preparations for the 2014 ICMDA world congress in Rotterdam, the Netherlands continue. Join with medical and dental students and graduates from around the world for the 15th ICMDA world congress from the 19 to 26 July 2014. Celebrate 50 years since the beginnings of our association in Amsterdam, 1963. Pray for God's strength and wisdom as the team prepare for the conference.

Work a Day for ICMDA - Day this year is *Friday 14 October 2011*. Do consider joining others across the region in supporting the work of ICMDA through prayer and giving the equivalent of a days salary.

www.icmdaeurasia.net/work-a-day/

Monies given through this initiative will be directed to the work of the ICMDA undertaken within the Eurasia region. This includes the work of the Regional Secretary and our Area Student Representatives. In the coming year, ICMDA sub-regional conferences in the South Eurasia and Central Europe are currently planned alongside student leadership and thought leaders training.

Eurasia Team News

The Eurasia team continues to develop. After 4 years of service Dr Kevin Vaughan (UK) handed over as Chair of the Eurasia Committee to Dr Hans-Rudi Pfeifer (Switzerland) - pictured. Kevin is now chair of the ICMDA international board.



The most recently appointed Area Student Representative (ASR) to join the team is Esther Frei who takes up the crucial role of ASR for Western Europe. The team of ASRs play a key role supporting student leaders, visiting groups & conferences.



The annual regional team development meeting held this year in April near Birmingham, UK drew together members of the Eurasia committee, Area Student Representatives, representatives of

ICMDA partner organisations and the Netherlands 2014 World Congress organising team.

All the ASR's in the Eurasia region were represented. Important decisions regarding strategy and priorities in the region were discussed. Thanks is given to CMF UK who helped facilitate visas for participants attending the meeting.



Giving to ICMDA in Eurasia

[Gifts for ICMDA in Eurasia](#) may be given via the ICMDA (UK) trust or the ICMDA Eurasia Euro account.



The **ICMDA (UK) Trust** in the UK is able to accept financial donations for any aspect of ICMDA's work. If you are making a gift specifically for the work of the ICMDA Eurasia region specify this when sending your gift by informing the trusts financial administrator, Liz Mander liz.mander@icmda-online.org. Gifts from UK tax payers are eligible for gift aid where the donor has completed a gift aid declaration. Gifts to the ICMDA (UK) trust can now be made [online via the charity choice site](#). Please note the trust can only acknowledge gifts and provide receipts if they have your contact details.

The **ICMDA Eurasia Account** held in the Netherlands is a Euro account to enable easier giving for those from countries in the Euro zone. Gifts to this account will be for the use of ICMDA in the Eurasia region unless donors further specify the gifts purpose. Gifts can be transferred through online banking or bank transfer. When you make a donation please inform the treasurer of the ICMDA Eurasia committee, Dr Kristian Kristensen (pictured) eurasia.treasurer@icmda-online.org so that your gift can be acknowledged and a receipt issued.

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News in Brief

ICMDA International Office

Dr Vinod Shah took up the role of ICMDA C.E.O. from Dr Daryl Hackland in February 2011. Vinod trained at Christian Medical College, Vellore in India and became a paediatric surgeon, working in mission hospitals becoming the Executive Director of Emmanuel Hospital Association and latterly leading the department of distance education at CMC Vellore. The international office has now also moved to Vellore, India. Vinod is joined by David Paul in the ICMDA office.



Slovakia Conference

With the help of VBH (IFES) a first Christian medical conference in Slovakia is planned for the 25 to 27 November 2011. Dr Štěpán Ruckí (Czech Republic) & Dr Gábor Gyori (Hungary) will be speaking on the theme Authentic Christianity in healthcare. Pray that this conference would encourage & catalyse Christians in healthcare in Slovakia.

Central Asian First

This summer a team of 12 - doctors and medical students from all over Central Asia went to the South of Kyrgyzstan (location of ethnic tensions in 2010). This was the first such trip under local leadership and with only locals on the team. The doctors saw more than 600 patients at the polyclinic. Blood work and urine analysis were done for free. Patients were also given free medication. 14 seminars were also held.

Sydenham: international

The new name for CMF's [International Medical Student Conference](#). The 2012 conference will run from the 6 to 12 February. *Deadline for applications to attend is the 1st November 2011.* In 2011, students from 8 countries enjoyed a week of teaching and encouragement culminating in attending the UK CMF Student conference. "The teaching & fellowship were wonderful; inspiring to see students from these countries hungry to learn & eager to apply what they've learned back home."

International Medical Students

Initiatives to connect with and support international medical students in the region continue. In Bulgaria a English club has been established with the support of the Bulgarian CMA. In Ukraine the success of last years 1st conference for International Medical Students studying in Ukraine has been built on. Groups of international students are meeting together and a 2 day conference is planned for the end of October.

ICMDA Albania

"We meet every first Saturday of the month to discuss medical cases and issues of the work of Christian physicians and dentists and pray together." A successful International Saline training weekend was held in March. [International Saline](#) carefully considers the implications of being salt and light as healthcare professionals.

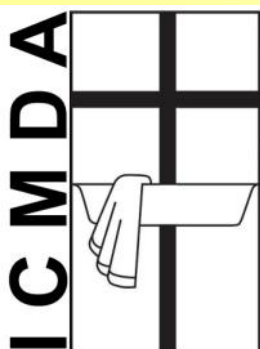


Congratulations

Congratulations to Matthäus Fellingner our Area Student Representative for Central Europe who married Nathanja Riem on the 9th July.

Coming Events for prayer and information.

October	14		Work a Day for ICMDA - Day
	16		Healthcare Sunday
	21 - 23	Hungary	KOMT Student Conference - Emission
	28 - 30	Finland	SKLS Annual Conference
	28 - 30	UK	CMF Junior Doctors Conference - "Get wisdom, get real"
	29	Estonia	EKAU Autumn Seminar
	29 - 30	Ukraine	Second Conference for International Medical Students
November	3 - 4	Netherlands	European Students Spirituality & Nursing Conference
	5 - 6	Switzerland	Spiritual Care and Health Professions: Context and Practice
	12	November	AGEAS & AMCR Autumn Conference - Boundaries
	25 - 27	Slovakia	Night of prayer for health in Spain
	25 - 27	Norway	First Christian Medical Conference
			NKLF "Fixtures" - Mission Track & Media Training
December	2 - 4	Germany	ACM Student Conference Inadequate? Between expectations & reality
	9 - 10	Austria	ARCHAE, ISODOS, ERF, HdH - Symposia: Healing through prayer



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