

IMM CERTIFICATE AWARDING CEREMONIES HELD AT LAHORE AND ISLAMABAD

Success in IMM qualifies doctors as International Medical Graduates

Successful Candidates seek CPSP certification

The Certification awarding ceremonies for the successful candidates of IMM were held at Lahore and Islamabad a day before the Convocation at both the places. The sober and serene ceremony was held at CPSP Lahore Centre on 27th July 2010 and the First ever Four successful candidates in IMM were awarded their certifications by the President. Similarly, sixteen (16) successful candidates in IMM were awarded their certifications on 4th August 2010 at CPSP Centre, Islamabad.

Though the IMM was made mandatory for the major specialties ever since 2001; its certification was not taken, as it was considered just an in house assessment. The present Council reviewed the whole system of induction and training. The Council decided that FCPS-I, which is the entry level examination, be conducted in Eleven (11) disciplines and till IMM, the trainee, in accordance with the Residency Program of its discipline, will continue to learn core knowledge and acquire core skills in the basic discipline, for two years. During these two years, the trainee will follow the adult learning methodology and will participate in capacity building short courses and workshops. The trainee is also required to participate in mandatory rotations, necessary for the discipline, during these two years. The trainee is also expected to finalize his synopsis during these formative two years of core learning and acquisition of skills.

At the end of these two years, the candidate takes a systemic examination of Intermediate Module and is tested in all the Core skills of the basic discipline. The success of the trainee at IMM indicates that the trainee is finally set to learn the higher skills of the specialization of his or her choice. This evaluation has thus acquired importance as the Royal College of Physicians, London, Northern Lincolnshire and Goole Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, UK and the Ministry of Health, Government of Malaysia has requested to select trainees of CPSP who have cleared their IMM. It is thus understood that the trainee, following the Structured Visual Display Charts of his specialty and the prospectus, has participated in skills acquisition in the minimum number of cases, as required in the Chart and at the level indicated.

The successful trainee thus acquires the status of **International Medical Graduate**. And after the trainee has acquired the status of International Medical Graduate, by qualifying IMM of CPSP, the trainee is

sought after by the prestigious institutions like Royal College of Physicians, London and the Health Ministry of Malaysia, to hire and further train in the specialization, over there.

It is in this background that the IMM certification has acquired its due importance, as it indicates the trainee to be equivalent to **International Medical Graduate**, as assessed by the Royal Colleges and other International Institutions.



A group photograph of the IMM certificate awarding ceremony at CPSP Islamabad Centre.