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Editorial:

In my opinion, to achieve excellence is a challenge in itself but to maintain this high standard is harder still. This can only be achieved with continuous determination and dedication. APPS is fortunate to have such members who united as a team strive to make a lasting impact in the lives of others.

I am delighted to inform you that a number of APPS UK's projects of this year are ready to be launched; the first to be kicked off this month. If any of you would like to be part of these projects or need further information, please feel free to contact us.

APPS Chair Dr Iqbal meets HRH Prince Charles:

It gives us a great pleasure to announce that HRH Prince Charles invited APPS UK Chair Dr Iqbal, for a meeting at St James Palace.

Around 40 most influential members from among all the communities in the UK attended this gathering.

Dr Iqbal had the opportunity to share his views on helping deprived children in our communities



Patrick Magee Medal:

The Society for Cardiothoracic Surgery in Great Britain & Ireland invites the submission of abstracts of case presentations, original research, literature review or clinical audit to be made at the joint annual meeting of the Association of Cardiothoracic Anaesthetists and the

Society for Cardiothoracic Surgery in Great Britain and Ireland. The closing date for entries is 17 February and rules of submission and further details can be obtained from sctsadmin@scts.org or the website www.scts.org. This is a golden opportunity for medical students.

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APPS Executive Members meeting with Prime Minister:

7 Jan: Dr Younas Perwaz (APPS UK Director for Public Relations) and Dr Aamir Ayub (Founder of FAMS - Financial Assistance for medical students and APPS UK Executive Member) were invited for dinner with the Prime Minister David Cameron.

Dr Perwaz has played a very important role in the progress and promotion of APPS UK.



Fundraising for Hearing Assessment Centres:

APPS UK aims to establish Hearing Assessment Centres in Karachi, Lahore, Quetta & Peshawar.

The Zanfha Initiative has organised a fundraising event in aid of APPS UK to establish a Hearing Assessment Centre in Lahore, Pakistan. This is an evening of elegant, soulful music taking in Qawwalis, Ghazals and Sufi music – the “space between” worlds, consciousness and cultures on Saturday 3rd March 2012 at the Sheridan Suite, Manchester. To purchase ticket and for further information visit the website www.zanfha.org.

APPS introducing Yellow Sharps Bins in Pakistan:

Hepatitis affects nearly 20% of the population in Pakistan. It is estimated that 90% of sharps end up in ordinary bins giving rise to risk of further spread. APPS UK believes that yellow sharps bins are the key to control the menace of Hepatitis and other blood borne diseases. APPS aims to provide a complete package to be run on a self-sustaining basis

that include sharps bins, a collection system & Incineration or other safe sharps disposal method.

APPS Live Video Link Lectures:

APPS need more Consultants and Specialist Registrars in all specialities to deliver interactive live lectures for doctors in more than 10 hospitals / medical colleges in Pakistan via the internet. For further information please contact Dr Qasim Akram who is leading this project via info@appsuk.org

APPS Clinical Excellence Guidelines:

Dr Yasmeen Hasnain, Head of APPS London Chapter, is leading a team to modify international guidelines in line with available resources in Pakistan. APPS's target is to complete the first five guidelines by June 2012. If you would like to work on this project please contact Dr Hasnain via info@appsuk.org

