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Editorial

I have lived as plain Mr. Jinnah and I hope to die as plain Mr. Jinnah. I am very much averse to any title or honours and I will be more than happy if there was no prefix to my name.

Quaid -e- Azam

This arrives on the advent of New Year. APPS performed really well in the last 12 months. I must congratulate all the members across the globe for their efforts but this is just the beginning. We have to work hard to attain our objectives and must tirelessly struggle towards this and really do somewhat superb so our generations could pursue our footprint. This only comes with determination, as actions are louder than words.

I welcome Iqbal as the new chair and wish him best of luck. Abdul has done wonderful job and is man of actions. Although majority nominated him as EC member of the year but he rather offered his award to Shakeel for his efforts.

I would wish a very **Happy New Year** to every one.

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APPS annual gala dinner was held in Manchester on 10 Dec 2011.

Over 600 people attended this from all over the UK (England, Scotland, Wales)

The largest gathering of Pakistani doctors in UK

APPS UK held its annual gala dinner in Manchester on Saturday 10th December. The dinner was the largest gathering of Pakistani doctors in the UK, attended by over 600 guests (including Mayor, Counsel general, doctors, families, professionals, media people) from across the country including London, Bristol, Cardiff, Birmingham, Coventry, Manchester, Blackpool, Grimsby, Glasgow and Edinburgh. The program started

with Quran recitation followed by APPS introductory video. Naeem and Humera hosted stage and kids club's children performed the national song. Multiple excellence awards were bestowed while Khaleel and Todd Shea entertained the audience. Keynote speech delivered by Abdul Hafiz and excellent food was served. The program lasted over 5 hrs and covered by Venus TV, DM Digital, Jang London and Nawai Jang.

Mayor's speech: The chief guest, Lord Mayor of Manchester Harry Lyons and Mr Ehsan Batth, the Counsel General of Pakistan congratulated APPS for hosting such a wonderful and huge event. The Mayor applauded the wonderful work that Pakistani doctors have done for the NHS and said that APPS provides an excellent platform not only to support doctors in the UK but also those in Pakistan.

APPS excellence awards

The association presented awards of excellence to doctors of Pakistani heritage in recognition of their outstanding work in serving the community in the UK or Pakistan as listed below:

Physician of the Year Dr J. Malik,

Surgeon- Mr A. Iqbal, Dentist- Dr W Khan, Psychiatrist- Dr F. Khan, GP- Dr M Salahuddin, Gynaecologist- Dr U. Zafar, Anaesthetist- Dr K Shah and life time achievement award to Dr A. Gilani. APPS EC members of the year from UK and Pakistan were given to Dr S Iftikhar and Dr T Akhtar respectively.





Post Dinner feedback: 16 Dec Manchester: Primarily to rejoice the success of the event and also to look at what we can do better/ differently next time. Dr Hafeez presented a summary of the program. Planning, costs and feedback was discussed. Various doctors' organizations /alumni bodies attending dinner were keen to join APPS and desired to be kept updated. This was the largest assembly of doctors in the UK for the first time.

GMC revalidation and GMP; Revalidation will be introduced at the end of this year. GMC is currently holding a UK wide consultation on the **Good Medical Practice** and would like to gain as much feedback as possible from the wider members of the public. GMC requested APPS for the dissemination of this message. For further information http://www.gmc-uk.org/guidance/10780.asp#How_can_you_take_part

APPS at Jinnah Forum: 25 Dec. APPS members attended Jinnah forum inaugural ceremony in London and Dr Iqbal in his speech delivered APPS message and briefly described APPS relief work. A voluntary donor generously offered £10K for APPS charity works in Pakistan for establishing the proposed hearing and balance center in Karachi.



MBE award: We congratulate APPS spokesperson Dr Nayyer Abidi who has been honored with MBE (the Orders of the British Empire) award by the Queen in New Year's list. Dr. Abidi was also revered with Asian lite award last year. Many Congratulations Nayyer



Annual Dinner pics.: The official photo album of APPS UK annual dinner 2011 may be viewed on the facebook or via this link. These will be uploaded on APPS website soon.

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