

International Conference on Medical Education (ICME-2013)
(2-6th October 2013)
Balaclava, Mauritius

International Conference on Medical Education (ICME- 2013) is organized by Riphah Academy of Research and Education (RARE), a constituent of Riphah International University, Islamabad, Pakistan under the leadership of Prof.Masood Anwar (Organizing Chairman) and Prof.Arif Siddiqui (Organizing Secretary). The conference, including pre-conference workshops, was held at Hotel Intercontinental Resort, Balaclava in picturesque Mauritius from 2nd to 6th October 2013. The theme of the conference was '*Health Professions Education: Aspiring for Excellence*'. The main objective being to maintain excellence by building a culture of educational scholarship with essence of ethics. This conference was endorsed by Association of Medical Education in Europe (AMEE); American Physiological Society; South Asian Association of Physiologists; South African Association of Health Educationalists, South Africa; Higher Education Commission, Pakistan; D.Y.Patil Group-Mauritius and many more.

The conference covered a wide variety of topics including ethics and professionalism in medicine, curriculum design, faculty development, innovations in medical education, assessment and evaluation, quality assurance and accreditation and other issues of current importance and interest. The event was aimed to bring experts together of wide experience as educators, academic leaders, curriculum reviewers, editors of the medical journals and contributors to the existing current trends in the field of medical education.

The conference was inaugurated by Dr. Honourable Rajeshwar Jeetah, Minister for Tertiary Education, Science, Research and Technology, Republic of Mauritius and attended by more than 300 delegates and speakers including Prof. Ronal M.Harden (University of Dundee & Editor: Medical Teachers), Prof. Robert G.Carroll (University of East Carolina,& Editor in Chief: Advances in Physiology Education), Dr. Medilina Patricio (President of Association for Medical Education in Europe ,AMEE), Prof.Anis Ahmed (Vice Chancellor, RIPAH International University), Prof. Vincent Bissell (University of Glasgow) and many others.

ICME 2013 was having a very important general symposium entitled "Ethics and

Professionalism” which was attended and graced by Honourable Dr. Ahmed Rashid Beebeejaun, FRCP- Deputy Prime Minister, Republic of Mauritius.

Prof.Kusal K.Das, Professor of Physiology, BLDE University, Bijapur, India & Member of International Advisory Group, COPE was the key note speaker of this symposium. Prof.Das delivered lecture on *“Publication Ethics of Medical Research: From Basic Medicine to Clinical Trials”*. This was one of the most interactive symposiums of ICME 2013 and Prof.Das discussed in details about COPE and its philosophy to all the participants of ICME-2013.



Photo 1: Beautiful ICME 2013 venue at Balaclava, Mauritius



Photo2: From Left :Prof.Kusal Das, Prof.Ronald Harden, Dr.Medelina Patricio and Prof.Arif Siddiqui at ICME 2013,Balacava, Mauritius



Photo 3: In a Free paper session-oral presentation by medical teachers at ICME 2013



Photo 4: Prof.Kusal Das is presenting his Key Note lecture at ICME 2013, Mauritius



Photo 5: Panel discussion in symposium on "Ethics and Professionalism"



Photo 6: Prof.Das is receiving citation from Dr. Ahmed Rashid Beebeejaun , Deputy Prime Minister, Republic of Mauritius