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Dear Colleague,

Date: 24-26th February, 2007

We feel pleasure in extending to you a cordial invitation for the XXVIII Annual Conference of the Indian Academy of Forensic Medicine – Forensic Medicon–2007, to be held at Sri Guru Ram Das Institute of Medical Sciences & Research, Vallah-Mehta Road, Amritsar (India), from 23rd to 26th February 2007. Please inform your departmental colleagues as well, and extend to them, on our behalf, invitation to participate in the Conference.

We shall feel honoured and delighted to welcome you all.

Sincerely yours,

(Rai Sudhir Prasad)
Organising Secretary

C.M.E.

Date: 23rd February 2007

Topic: Legal Aspects of Medical Practice

Registration fee: Rs.500/- (To be charged from those who will be registering only for the C.M.E. The registered delegates of the Conference need not pay separate registration fee for this)

Topics

1. Forensic Osteology and Dentistry
2. Quality Management in Sexual Assault Cases
3. Interesting Aspects of Injuries
4. Interesting Case Reports
5. Environmental Health Hazards
6. Organ Transplantation from human cadavers
7. Rôle of Forensic Nursing to improve quality of medico-legal work
8. Critical analysis of brain mapping and truth serum
9. Recent Advances in Forensic Medicine and Toxicology
10. Advancement in Teaching of Forensic Medicine
11. Uniformity in Medicolegal Practices
12. Medicolegal Aspects of Genetic research in Human Beings
13. Forensic Dentistry
14. Medical Aspects of Terrorism and Its Management

Scientific Papers & Posters

Abstract (not more than 200 words) to be submitted by 31st October 2006, and Full paper to be submitted by 31st December, 2006. Oral presentation will be restricted to 8+2=10 minutes duration only. Please submit entire Presentation on a Floppy/CD Writer in MS Word/Power Point by 31st December, 2006. Please mention your choice of ORAL/POSTER PRESENTATION

Registration

Type	By 31.10.2006	By 31.12.2006	SPOT
Delegate	2500/-	3000/-	5000/-
Spouse	1250/-	1300/-	1350/-
P.G/U.G. Student	1000/-	1500/-	2500/-
Children above 12 years	1000/-	1050/-	1100/-

1. P.G./U.G. student will have to submit a certificate from H.O.D.
2. Spot registration of delegates and P.G/U.G. students is being discouraged, because it will be difficult to arrange for their gifts on sudden notice.
3. Registration form is at the last page of this brochure for your convenience. Xerox copy of it can also be used.

About Amritsar City

The city of Amritsar symbolises spiritual heritage of the people of Punjab. Over the years, it has developed into a religious, cultural and commercial centre. The records of this city indicate that this place was visited by Gautama, the Buddha and Guru Nanak Dev. Sri Guru Ram Dasji, the Fourth Sikh Guru moved to this place in the year 1563. He made his abode by the side of a pool of water. This pool of water is believed to have received the miraculous touch of a large number of *rishīs* and *munīs*, and this place acquired the status of *ath-sath tirtha* (the sixty-eight pilgrimages)..This pool is now rightly called 'Amrit Sarovar' the pool of Nectar. The town which

developed around this pool was first named as Guru-ka-Chak, or Chak–Ramdaspur, and subsequently named as Amritsar – the *amrit sarovar*. The fifth Guru, Sri Guru Arjan Devji carried on the work and built a Temple in the midst of this pool, and subsequently placed the Sikh holy scripture, the Adi Granth, in the year 1604.

The Sixth Guru, Hargobind, who had taken up arms against the Mughal tyranny, adorned two swords of *meeri* and *peeri* – the temporal and spiritual. While he had built a fortress, *Lohgarh*, on the outskirts of the town, he had built a throne in the precincts of the Golden temple, which was known as the *Akal Takhat* – the Throne Eternal or the Court Divine. Thus Amritsar soon became the spiritual capital of the Sikhs. What Mecca is to the Muslims, Jerusalem to the Christians, Amritsar is to the Sikhs.

The Holy Granth of the Sikhs, compiled by the Fifth Guru, was installed in the Golden Temple in September 1604. This Granth also includes the compositions of various *bhaktas* and saints from different castes and religions, such as Sheikh Farid, Kabir, Nam Dev, Jaidev, Trilochan, Dhanna Jat, Ravi Das Ji and others. This Granth spreads the message of truth and universal brother-hood – *sabhe sājhiwāl sadāyin, tūn kisai na disaih bāharā jō*. Every living soul (in this world) is known to be of Thy community. There seems to be none who is different from Thee.

Places of Interest in and around Amritsar

1. Sri Harimandir Sahib (Golden Temple): (Described above).

2. Jalianwala Bagh: About a few meters from Golden Temple is situated this historic monument. On the day of *Baisakhi* of 1919, General Dyer ordered firing on Indians participating peacefully in a political meeting. About 1500 to 2000 innocent people were killed or wounded. This park has a memorial to the persons who were killed in the National liberation movement. The memorial is a red sand-stone pillar, 45 feet high, with artistic curves engraved on it which depicts the ‘Flame of Liberty’ and is set in a pool of water.

3. Sri Laxmi Narayan Temple or the Durgiana Mandir: Situated outside the Lohgarh Gate, is designed on the pattern of Golden Temple. It is also in the middle of a pool of water. This temple was constructed in the 1930.

4. Ram Tirtha: About 10 kms from the city, there is the historic place of Ram Tirath. According to the popular legend, the place is associated with Rishi Balmiki who gave shelter in his Ashram to Mata Sitaji during the latter’s exile. The war between Lord Rama and his sons LUV and KUSH is also believed to have been fought at this place.

5. Indo-Pak border – Wagah (25 kms): This place has become a must-visit place for the tourists. The beating retreat in the evenings` is a grand spectacle to watch.

6. Goindwal Sahib (40 km): This is an old historical town situated on the banks of River Beas. The original Grand Trunk road, got constructed by Sher Shah Suri, ran along this town. It was commercial hub during the days of the Third Guru, Amar Das, who lived there and had a *bāoli* (deep well) built in the town.

7. Tarn Taran Sahib (25 kms): This town was founded by the Fifth Guru, Arjan Dev. There is a magnificent Gurdwara, known as Sri Harimandir Sahib.

8. Hari-ke Pattan (Wetlands), where birds from Siberia migrate during the winters. In the month of February, it is a good retreat for the bird-watchers.

Communications

AIRPORT: Amritsar International Airport is situated about 20 kms from the conference venue. There are regular flights from Delhi by Indian Airlines, Air India and Deccan Airlines. Singapore, Sharjah, Birmingham, Heathrow, Toronto, Tashkent, etc. are directly connected by the Singapore Airlines, Indian Airlines, Air India, Uzbekistan Airlines, Turkmenistan Airlines, Jet Airways etc.

RAILWAYS: Amritsar railway station is situated about 12 km from the Conference venue connecting, directly or via Delhi, the whole of India. For details, Tables 4, 12, 13, 15, 41, 51 & 80 of the Indian Railways Time Table may be perused.

BUS TERMINUS: *International:* For Amritsar-Lahore-Amritsar-Bus

Domestic: Directly connecting the entire Punjab, Includg Chandigarh, Ambala, Shimla, Delhi, Jaipur etc.

Transport Facility

We will arrange to receive the delegates at the Railway Station, Airport, Bus terminus, if the arrival schedule is intimated in advance.

Return Journey Reservations

Delegates will please book their return journey reservation themselves. This should not be difficult since Amritsar reservation office is computerised and connected with all the regions.

Local sight-seeing arrangements

Will be made by the organisers during the first 3 days of the Conference.

Post-Conference Tour

Tour to Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine, Katra (Jammu) will be arranged by the organisers at a subsidised cost of Rs.850/- per person, on the basis of firm booking in advance. The travel programme will be as follows:

26.2.2007 Dep Amritsar 1530 by bus
Arr Katra 2030

(Dinner and Night halt at Katra)

27.2.2007 Trekking from Katra for the shrine to start at 7.00 a.m.
Return to Katra by 8.00 p.m.
(Dinner & night halt at Katra)

28.2.2007 Breakfast 7.15 a.m.

Dep Katra 0800
Arr Jammu Tawi Rly Stn 1030
Dep Jammu Tawi Rly Stn 1100
Arr Amritsar Rly Stn 1600

- Note:
1. The cost of Parchi and Prasad is also included.
 2. Handicam and tobacco product etc is not allowed during the yatra.
 3. Delegates may make return journey reservation either from Jammu or Amritsar as per their choice.

The Weather

In the last week of February the Amritsar weather is pleasant/cold during the day time but cold/very cold during the night. Therefore, you

are advised to come fortified with your woollen clothes.

Accommodation

Hotels:

Tariff per day in double bed room after 25-40% concession	No. of rooms available
Rs.2400/-	20 (4/3 star hotels)
Rs.1000-1100/-	50 (Super de-luxe)
Rs.700-900/-	30 (de-luxe – AC)
Rs.500-600/-	35 (de-luxe – AC)

Total: 135 rooms

Institute's Hostels

Single seated rooms
Rate for full duration of the conference

Rs. 400/-	50 (Men's hostel)
	20 (Women's hostel)

Total: 70 rooms

The delegates will please remit an advance money of Rs.400/- alongwith the delegate fee; and show their preference for the accommodation sought to be reserved for them. It hardly needs be said that the allotment of accommodation would be on the 'first-come-first-served' basis.

Mode of Payment

Please send your remittance including REGISTRATION CHARGES, Accommodation advance Rs. 400.00 and post – conference tour

advance Rs. 850.00 per person by DEMAND DRAFT in favour of "FORENSIC MEDICON- 2007" payable at State Bank of India, Amritsar, on the following address:

To,

Forensic Medicon – 2007
SGRD Instt. of Medical Sciences,
Mehta Road, P.O Vallah, Amritsar –
143 501 (India)

Please Note : You are advised to send any communication/remittance only through Indian Postal system and not by courier service.

Cancellation & Refund

For all the above payments:

If cancelled by	Refund Amount
31.1.2007	95%
15.2.2007	90%
Anytime thereafter or, in the event of inability to report for the conference	75%

Restrictions

Ours being a Sikh Institution, run by Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee, the use of tobacco is strictly prohibited within the four walls of the Institute complex.

It is earnestly expected from the delegates that they would avoid smoking in the Institute premises.
