

## **AMDAANA Amritsar Project**

### **Update on 12/31/05**

AMDAANA Amritsar Project was initiated by Amritsar Medical and Dental Alumni Association of North America (AMDAANA) to enhance medical education and patient care at the Government Medical College, Amritsar (GMCA) India. The following has been accomplished since the inception of Project in March 2004. Implementation began in February 2005.

#### **Donated by AMDAANA**

- I. Annual CME Meeting at GMCA – It is a 3-4 day event every year in February. A large number of AMDAANA members settled in USA and Canada participate in this event and deliver lectures in their specialty. It also includes a Panel Discussion with MBBS students. The CME meeting and the Panel Discussion are accredited by American Council on Continuing Medical Education for category 1 credit through the University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH USA. Also, there are group meetings between AMDAANians and GMCA faculty to chart the future course. Visiting AMDAANians also meet with MBBS and post graduate students and with their counterparts on GMCA faculty one-on-one to develop small projects to work jointly upon.
- II. Visiting Professors - AMDAANA members visit GMCA as Visiting Professors – year around. We would like to expand it to a 1-3 day visit so that maximum number of students and faculty can benefit from know how and expertise of our alumni.
- III. AMDAANA Office in Amritsar – This office has an employee, computer, printer and scanner, and a telephone. The office will be moved to GMCA in 2006 and it will become the Office of Alumni Affairs.
- IV. Renovation of Lectures Theaters – AMDAANA has installed Desktop Computers with DLP Projectors, Projection Screens, Air Conditioned, Sound System, and proper lighting in all lecture theaters. We are now looking for a few local alumni to “adopt” one lecture theater each to ensure on going maintenance and to monitor the equipment installed.
- V. A Laptop and LCD Projector – donated for situations where portable equipment is necessary.
- VI. Semiautomatic analyzer and Electrolyte measuring machine with ability to do multiple blood tests donated to the GND Hospital Laboratory.
- VII. A Desktop computer, printer and scanner with high speed internet connection installed in Medical Ward Resident’s Office. This is a pilot project to demonstrate the value of availability of medical knowledge on bed side. If successful, we will expand to more units in 2006 and to all units by 2007-08.
- VIII. Campus Clean up with the help of Dr. Sushil Gupta of Amritsar

### **Donated by Alumni in Amritsar**

- I. Slit Lamp to Ophthalmology Dept – by Dr. Daljit Singh
- II. Ultrasound machine donated to Obstetrics Dept – by Dr. Santokh Singh
- III. Campus Clean up - by Dr. Sushil Gupta

### **Contribution by the Punjab Government**

- I. Renovated Bathrooms in Hostel, A-Block
- II. Renovated Hostel, B-Block (complete)
- III. Renovated Bathrooms in Hostel, C-Block
- IV. Installed 4 Respirators in ICU/OR
- V. Installed a CD Cell Counter in GND Hospital Lab

### **On the Drawing Board**

- I. Web page for GMCA – sponsored by AMDAANA
- II. IT Center in Library:
  - a. Expand and enhance the computer center in College Library with high speed internet connection, and online Journal subscriptions.
  - b. Books – donate 1-2 books in each specialty/subspecialty.
  - c. Reading Room – Renovate a reading room with proper lighting, furniture and air conditioning.
- III. Adopt-a-hostel Room – Individuals to renovate the rooms they lived in during college days. While it is an AMDAANA initiative and suggestion, we intend to involve alumni world over (including those in India) for this project.
- IV. Endowed Chairs/Special Units - While it is also an AMDAANA initiative and suggestion, we intend to involve alumni world over for this project.
- V. Special Projects to be donated by the classes celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> reunions. I understand that the two classes that celebrated their reunions in late 2005 have promised one item each - a Gymnasium for faculty and students and stainless steel dissection tables for the Anatomy Dept.
- VI. Flagship Joint Project: This will be a joint partnership between all stake holders in GMCA. It could be a Cardiovascular Institute and/or Trauma Center or even some thing else. We envision this to happen several years down the road.