

CHS UPDATE



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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

The chapter of 25 Silver Years of the College has just ended, but the chapter will never be closed. We will always reflect on the Past to Guide the Way Forward.. the new Golden Era began in January this year. The year 2002 is, and will always be, a very significant year in the History of the College of Health Sciences and, indeed, in the history of our country's corrective reform. Bahrain, as we all witness, is establishing its democratic foundation of a free society. The time frame for the College Strategic Plan, Strategic Directions and Objectives is 2001 to 2003. A year has passed; we are standing at the crossroads with a sign that says "GO FORWARD".

The College has made many achievements under our 4 strategic perspectives: Financial, Customer, College Programs and Internal Business, and Learning and Growth. We will lead the College in the coming two years to transform it into a center of excellence. We will provide all our customers the best models of education we will continue to truly love and respect each other and we will all share in providing the best and most conducive working environment. . . An environment vibrant with positive energy and care. I am truly honored and privileged by all the accomplishments that "Together We Achieved".

Batool Al-Muhandis, Dean

WELCOME

The CHS Newsletter and Publicity Committee welcomes you and celebrates with you the new academic year by issuing the first edition of the monthly CHS Update. Since the aim of our Committee is "Communication", we have decided a Quarterly Newsletter is not enough to enable everyone to keep in touch with what is happening at the College of Health Sciences on a regular basis. Therefore, we have decided to publish a monthly Update of CHS activities for internal distribution, as well as a CHS Quarterly Newsletter for external distribution. Neither of these can be successful without the input of all the College faculty and staff. We depend on YOU to give us news and articles to be included. Deadline for submission of news for the Update will be the 10th of the month for mid-month publication. The Update is by no means all inclusive and other columns will be added as needed or appropriate. The Committee welcomes any suggestions for improvement. We thank you for your support of our Committees activities.

The CHS Newsletter and Publicity Committee

DEAN MEETS WITH NEW STUDENTS

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At a ceremony to honor the 180 new students who joined the College of Health Sciences this year, the Dean, Ms Batool Al Muhandis, stressed the College's commitment to His Majesty the King's vision of education as a life-long process. She spoke about the students' rights and responsibilities, outlined the courses (old and new) currently on offer and gave details of new committees set up to implement changes and developments at the College.

The new intake was of a high caliber, having been selected from over 500 applicants. Ninety-four students are pursuing the Associate Degree in

Nursing, while 22 (from Bahrain, Oman and Saudi Arabia) are studying for the Bachelors Degree in Nursing. A further 20 are enrolled for Allied Health - 10 for Pharmacy and 10 for the Medical Laboratory Technicians Program. The remainder are studying Dental Hygiene, Midwifery, Psychiatric Nursing, and for the new High Diploma in Emergency Nursing. Almost 4000 students have graduated from the College since its establishment in 1976, and the College is currently diversifying into short courses for the private sector in response to market needs.

54 PROMOTIONS & QUALITY STEPS

Since the change in Administration of the College of Health Sciences in February 2000, 54 faculty and staff have been recognized for their outstanding performance and achievement. Twenty-nine staff have been promoted, 16 staff have received quality steps, 4 staff have received special incentives, and 5 are receiving an acting allowance. Recent promotions in 2002 include lecturers: Mercy Kutty, Beena Varghese, Muneera Al-Sawad, Manijeh Mistry, Dr. Suad A. Sadique, Dr. Aida A. Aziz, Zahara Habib, Snehalata G. Rao, Sheeba Thomas, and Layla Moh'd Hussain to Audio-Visual Specialist G-8 and Denzil Browne to Audio-Visual Specialist G-7. We congratulate everyone and wish them further success in achieving their endeavors.

HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

In line with the Ministry of Health Strategic Directions to develop the management potential of middle and top level managers, the College of Health Sciences nominated several staff to participate in the Health Care Management Program. CHS Staff that have already graduated from this program are: Dr. Amal Akleh, Dr. Mouza A. Suwaileh, Muna Buhazza, Mariam Ali, Abbas Khatam, Salwa Al-Nassary, Nadia Yousif, Fatima Jamali, and Raja Al-Qameesh. Currently enrolled faculty who are expected to graduate in January 2003 are: Dr. Adel Dairi, Fatima A. Wahid, and Huda Al-Mahmood. We wish them success in implementing their Continuous Quality Improvement Projects.

CHS DESIGNATED AN ITO BY THE AHA

The American Heart Association (AHA) has designated CHS as an International Training Organization (ITO). Ms. Amina Matooq, the acting head of the Cardiac Care Nursing (CCN) Program, has been designated as the ITO coordinator. CHS has started life support courses for health care providers working in various settings. The courses include Basic Life Support (BLS), Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) and Pediatric Advanced Cardiac Life Support (PACLS). CHS plans also include life support courses for the public, including school students, teachers, social workers, housewives, policemen, security guards and others. Amina and the team of instructors have all completed instructor's courses according to the AHA guidelines and will run these courses throughout the year. For further information you can contact Ms. Amina Matooq at 5219 or 279667.



NEW COUNSELING SERVICES

Dr. Wedad Al-Banna has recently returned from Pittsburgh University, USA where she received a Ph.D. in Education, Administration and Policy Studies with a focus on Counseling. Her research surveyed CHS faculty and students regarding counseling services from 4 Counseling Models: Educational, Psychotherapy, Developmental and Outreach. Based on the survey, all respondents indicated that all services in the 4 Models are needed at CHS. Dr. Wedad developed a comprehensive counseling model based on all 4 Models, which she will implement at CHS.



CHS MARKETING STRATEGY

Following the implementation phase of the College of Health Sciences Strategic Plan, and in collaboration with the WHO, the College formulated a small ad-hoc working team from the Faculty Council led by Dr. Hilmy Cader, BIBF to develop a marketing strategy. Members include: Batool Al-Muhandis, Betty Popovich, Fatima Jamali, Rula Al-Safar, Dr. Adel Dairi, Raja Al-Qameesh, and Muhammad Yousif. The team has been studying the changing requirements, trends, future expectations and directions of health services to determine the needs for Nursing and Allied Health Educational Programs (NAHEP) in Bahrain. Private stakeholders were interviewed to determine market changes in order to include national requirements for NAHEP in Bahrain. The team is currently finalizing a long and short-term plan to implement the CHS Marketing Strategy.



FACULTY/STAFF NEWS

- Dr. Amal Akleh and Dr. Mouza Suwaileh are the CHS representatives on the MOH Quality Improvement Committee.
- Dr. Fakria Dairi is the CHS Policy Coordinator in relation to new policy directions.
- Raja Al-Qameesh has been appointed Acting Chairperson of the Allied Health Division in place of Dr. Hassan Jaroodi who has been transferred to SMC as Director of peripheral hospitals. We wish them success in fulfilling their new responsibilities.
- Huda Mahmood is acting chairperson of ISD during Muna Buhazza's leave.
- Muyassar Sabri Jaber has recently completed her MSN in Oncology Nursing from the Jordan University of Science and Technology.
- Dr. Hassan Al-Mullah completed his doctorate degree in Physiology from the University of Edinburgh, UK and will join ISD on 2nd November 2000.
- Fatima Murtada has been transferred from the Nursing Division to the Registrar's Office in the position of Registrar.
- Masooma Awadh, the EDC secretary, has recently transferred to the Learning Resource Center in the MOH Training Department as an Instructor in the Computer Center. We wish her all the best in her new position.

NURSING DIVISION PARTICIPATED IN GCC TECHNICAL COMMITTEE SEMINAR ON NURSING REGULATION - KSA

The GCC Technical Committee held the 5th GCC Seminar in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia from 5-7 October 2002. The seminar entitled "Revising Nursing Education and Practice Through Professional Regulation" aimed at developing unified standards for nursing education and regulation that serve the GCC countries. A 2-day meeting was held from 8-9 October 2002 where the seminar recommendations were discussed and the first draft of the Standards for Nursing Education and Regulation were written. The Kingdom of Bahrain participated with two presentations by Dr. Mouza Suwaileh on "Reform of Nursing Education: The Bahrain Experience", and by Mrs. Layla Murad "The Arab League Nursing Regulatory Framework".

CHS TRAINS MOE LAB ASSISTANTS

The Integrated Sciences Division (ISD), the Medical Lab faculty, and Ministry of Education (MOE) staff have been collaborating for the past year to develop a framework, plan and syllabi to train MOE Laboratory Assistants. The one-year program, which started in September, currently has 12 candidates. The students will also take a course at EDC in media development.

HELP NEEDY STUDENTS

The College of Health Sciences always tries to help needy students to pursue their studies by way of waiving fees, buying books, providing for their day-to-needs, etc. The Needy Student Fund was started in 1991 to help any needy Bahraini student who registers at CHS. It depends solely on donations. If you can help or know of anyone that can help contribute to the Needy Student Fund, or if you have any ideas for raising money for this fund, please contact Dr. Wedad Al-Banna, ext. 6668 or Naseema Al-Arrayed, ext. 7730.

DIVISION/DEPARTMENT NEWS

This column is being held over until the next issue of the CHS Update. We ask all Divisions and Departments to submit news to any member of the CHS Newsletter and Publicity Committee by the 10th of the month in which they wish their news to appear for mid-month publication. If we do not hear from you by the 10th of the month, we will assume you have no news to be included in that month's issue of the CHS Update.

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS

The Educational Development Center (EDC) has been designated as one of the polling stations for the Parliamentary Elections taking place on 24 October 2002.

NEW CHS AUDITORIUM

A Ministerial Committee has been formed, chaired by Dr. Ahmed Abdulla Ahmed, to plan a ceremony for the opening the new CHS Auditorium planned for December. More details will be forthcoming in the November CHS Update.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Since the academic year is just starting, we will keep all Committee announcements until the November issue of the Update. Please submit any of your Committee's news you wish included here by the 10th of next month. We thank the Staff Welfare Committee for the Welcome Gathering they organized for faculty and staff in September.



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