

DESAI PRIZE

In 1965, a prominent Suva businessman Mr. Shantilal Desai donated a prize to the Fiji Medical Association to be awarded to a member of the Fiji Medical Association who had done most toward promoting, improving and the aims and aspirations of the Fiji Medical Association and had contributed appreciably to medicine in Fiji. Since then, Mr. Desai has been donating this award and this tradition has been continued by the present owners of the Desai Bookshops, the Native Land Development Corporation. The prize is awarded to a person recommended by a majority of members of the Council of the Fiji Medical Association. It is awarded to a worthy person who has contributed most to the medical profession in Fiji during the current financial year of the Association. This contribution may be clinical, preventive, administrative, educational or to the affairs of the Association. In the event of no person being considered worthy of the award, the donor is informed accordingly and the prize is not donated and becomes part of the funds of the Association, which even course of action is agreed to by the donor.

The prize is worth \$100.

The following doctors have been the recipient of the coveted "Desai Prize":

- 1965 Dr. E.M. Salato DSM (Fiji) DHED
- 1966 Dr. E. Karuru MBE DSM (Fiji)
- 1967 Dr. I.R. Bakani DSM (Fiji) FRACP
- 1968 Dr. Y.R. Sadhu DSM (Fiji) DPH (Otago) D.Obst. (Auck)
- 1969 Dr. S.B. Tabua DSM (Fiji) MBBS (Mysore) Dip. Obst. (Auck)
- 1970 Dr. Etika Vudiniabola DSM (Fiji) FRACP
- 1971 Dr. J.B. Senilagakali DSM (Fiji)
- 1972 Dr. J.T. Cassidy MD FRCPI FRACP
- 1973 Dr. P. Ram MBCHB MRCP FRACP
- 1974 Dr. B. Pathik MBBS FRACP MHPEd. (NSW)
- 1975 Dr. Prakash Mehta MBBS
- 1976 Dr. L. Naigulevu DSM (Fiji)
- 1977 Dr. G.D. Murphy MBCHB, BAO DTCD
- 1978 Dr. Peni Rika DSM (Fiji) Dip. A. (Philip)
- 1979 Dr. D.D. Sharma MBBS FRCS FRCSE FRACS
- 1980 The 1980 recipient of Desai Prize is
Dr. Karam Singh DSM DCP FRCPA
Consultant Pathologist
C.W.M. Hospital
Hon. Secretary
Fiji Medical Association 1979-80



Photo by courtesy of The Fiji Times.

MUSADILAL PRIZE

Since 1975, Suva's leading Duty-free dealers, Musadilal & Sons have been donating an annual award, known as the "Musadilal Prize" to a person who has contributed most to the Fiji Medical Journal, a publication of the Fiji Medical Association. The Award is meant to provide an incentive to people in the health professions in Fiji to contribute articles to the Fiji Medical Journal. The Council of the Fiji Medical Association decides on the Award to a person who should have contributed most to the Fiji Medical Journal, emphasis being placed on number, quality and originality of the articles.

The value of the prize is \$100.

The Award winner for 1980 is Dr. Haydn P. Didier MBBS DA MRCOG.

IATROS

The International Organisation of Private and Independent Doctors

MILTON FRIEDMAN TO INAUGURATE NEW INTERNATIONAL BODY OF PRIVATE DOCTORS

Independent medical practitioners from around the world will meet in Sydney, Australia, in January 1981 for the inaugural Congress of private and independent doctors.

Named IATROS, the Congress is planned to bring together medical practitioners who believe in the importance of private medical practice, and who are prepared to oppose government and other bureaucratic interference in the patient-doctor relationship.

Professor Milton Friedman, Nobel laureate well known for his advocacy of private enterprise and of the market in medical practice, will be the keynote speaker.

Chairman of the IATROS Steering Committee, Dr David Cunningham, of Sydney, Australia, said that the organisation had been launched in 1978 following contacts between Australia, U.S., Canadian and British private doctors.

Dr Cunningham is a past-President of the General Practitioners' Society in Australia, the private doctors' group which led the Australian medical profession in halting socialised medicine in the mid-70's.

"The rising cost of health care in the non-socialist

countries has become a political football. People everywhere are misled by socialists into believing in the myth of free medical care," Dr Cunningham said.

"There is no doubt that the bureaucracies in other countries would be happy to control the medical profession. This is what IATROS is all about — an international meeting to consolidate the position of the private physician throughout the free world," he said.

The IATROS Congress will be held at the Sydney Hilton from January 12 through January 17, 1981. Concurrent with the Congress will be the annual conference of the General Practitioners' Society in Australia, at which all IATROS delegates will be welcomed.

January in Sydney is the height of summer, with the city's famous harbour and surfing beaches providing major attractions for tourists.

Through American Express, IATROS delegates will be able to tour other Australian capitals, the Great Barrier Reef and the remote "outback" of the island continent.

Inquiries may be addressed to the IATROS Steering Committee, P.O. Box 2548, Sydney, NSW 2001, Australia, or at any office of QANTAS AIRWAYS, the official international carrier for the Congress.

Acupuncture Seminar

THE ACUPUNCTURE SEMINAR IN CA-NTON

This seminar is to be held at Guanzhou (Canton) College of Chinese Traditional Medicine in China on July 24th, August 21st, Sept. 25th, Oct. 23rd, Nov. 27th, 1980.

This is a seminar for Western Medicine Doctors and Medical Personalities who are interested in learning Chinese Acupuncture and the research in combination of Chinese Herbal and Western Medicine. Further Details can be obtained from : Tradewinds Travel, Room 2204, International Building, 141 Desvoeux Road Central, Hong Kong. Telephone 5-452153.

News from the West

One of the aims of Ante-Natal Care is to prepare the mother-to-be physically and mentally fit for pregnancy, labour and puerperium by education and advice. But doctors at Lautoka Hospital are much too busy to spend adequate time on such education. However a group of "educated" volunteers, led by Mrs Oldmeadow and Mrs Brown have started ante-natal classes for women who are idly waiting around until seen by doctors.

Mrs Oldmeadow, a trained Physiotherapist, is quite an actress when it comes to lying on the couch with knees bent and demonstrating how to push. The picture shows Mrs Oldmeadow lecturing.

Mrs Brown is a trained nursing sister and does very well with teaching how to feed human milk to the baby from its natural containers. Some ten volunteers have rostered themselves to come in the mornings and teach and supervise breast-feeding to post natal mothers. The picture shows Mrs Nair, a trained midwife helping a mother to breast feed.

Dr. Shaukat Ali
Secretary
FMA Western Branch

