



# FAREWELL

*Dr. Drederick S. Ratnesser*

Consultant Physician at C.W.M.H. for the last 2-3 years (since 1978) left the country on 25.9.80.

Dr. Ratnesser who is from Sri Lanka (Ceylon) graduated in 1946 at the age of 23 (He's now 57) with an M.B.B.S. from the University of Ceylon. For the next five years he served in Ceylon before embarking on numerous overseas study courses. Some of the highlights of his tour is listed below:

- 1951 – 1952 Completed Diploma in T.B. at the University of Delhi.
- 1955 – 1957 Passed M.R.C.P. (Edin., England) with Respiratory Disease as a Speciality.

- 1957 Attached to the Madras Chemotherapeutic Centre (South India) under the W.H.O. Fellowship.
- 1967 – 1968 Was in West Berlin (West Germany) for Post – Graduate Education in Chest Diseases.
- 1973 Retired as a civil servant.
- 1974 Was attached to a Chest Clinic at Guys Hospital in England before leaving for Zambia. In Zambia he was attached to the Pneumoconiosis Medical Bureau at Kitwe.
- 1977 He left for Lae and Port Moresby in Papua New Guinea before arriving in Fiji in 1978.

Dr Ratnesser has had a long, distinguished and a cherished career spanning some 44 years.

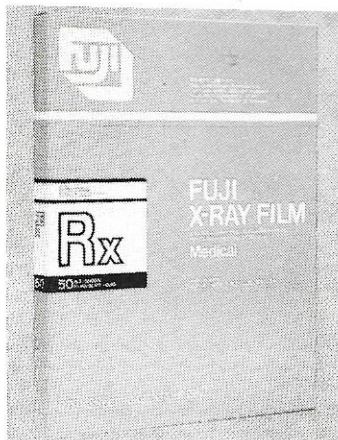
He plans to return and serve his country by joining one of the private hospitals.

We wish him and his family the very best.

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# FMA NEWS

The following were elected as office bearers of the Fiji Medical Association in the AGM on 6.9.80.

President	—	Dr K Singh
Vice Presidents	—	Dr B Pathik Dr T Bavadra
Hon. Secretary	—	Dr K D Sharma
Assist. Secretary	—	Dr S Tuqa
Treasurer	—	Dr R Mitchell
Council Members	—	Dr W Gibbs Dr J Taka Dr V Singh Dr B Rakha
Ex-officio	—	Dr D D Sharma

Your National Council will make every possible

effort to promote professional standard and welfare of its members.

As you all know it was fortunate that we could abate the strike action and our case is already being heard by tripartite forum. We are hopeful.

The FMA National Council has decided to have two major projects for the year 1980-81.

- (1) To raise funds to buy ultrasound
- (2) It was felt very strongly that FMA should have its own building with lecture rooms, library etc. to provide for continuing education.

You would hear more about it as these projects get off the ground.

## FIJI MEDICAL ASSOCIATION — WESTERN BRANCH

### 13th Miniseminar

- Date* — 22nd and 23rd of November 1980
- Venue* — Reef Hotel on the Coral Coast
- Room Charges* — \$20 (Accommodates 3 adults)  
\$ 4 for extra bed
- Registration Fees:* \$100.00 per person  
\$20.00 for couple
- FMA Western provides* — Dinner on Saturday  
1 Hour Free Drink on Saturday  
Lunch on Sunday  
Afternoon Tea on Saturday  
Morning Tea on Sunday

- Guest Speaker* — Mr Narendra Singh (Commissioner Western) has kindly agreed to talk on Relief Work during National Disasters.
- Other Speakers* — A prize will be presented to the best speaker among the registrars and interns. Their consultants would be expected to help them in their preparation, and among other things, the ability to keep with in the allocated time will be considered.
- Social* — film for fund raising.

For further details please contact Dr Shaukat Ali, Secretary, Fiji Medical Association, Western Branch.

## MEDICAL CONFERENCES

### FMA Western Branch

#### Nepal Medical Association:

The tenth All Nepal Medical Conference would be held on 19-22nd February 1981 at Kathmandu. Any FMA member wishing to attend or present any scientific paper please contact FMA Secretary for further details.

#### Academy of Medicine, Malaysia:

The 15th Malaysia-Singapore Congress of Medicine will be held on 4th-7th December 1980 at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The theme would be "A Glimpse

*Into the 80's*". Anyone wishing to attend please contact FMA Secretary.

Long Island Jewish — Hillside Medical Centre New Hyde Park, New York 11042.

Department of Paediatrics invites you for a seminar on Paediatric Up-date 1981  
The 11th Annual Paediatrics Post-graduate Course  
Feb. 28 — Mar. 8, 1981.  
Marbella, Spain

Full details from FMA Secretary.