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President's Message...

Dear Friends and Patrons,

I hope this meets you all in good health and spirits as we welcome the new year!

I would like to keep my message simple and complete my SWOT analysis which was commenced in the previous edition.

I alluded to the strengths and weaknesses previously; this time around may I take this opportunity to elaborate on the opportunities and threats.

As far as opportunities go, the SAIMA should be the firm launching pad for many successful careers and we should harness young talent.

Even-though our primary focus at the time of foundation of SAIMA was educational in nature, over the years, we have moved towards encouraging sports and cultural activities. The plan for this year would be to have a cultural night so that our unsung heroes and heroines can come out and showcase their talent. Also, if you happen to have any other ideas about how we can maximise our networking potential, do let me know. I welcome ideas and strategies, but more importantly personnel who could put that into effect!!

We are also hoping to arrange a mock exam/ workshop for candidates appearing for the AMC clinical exam, if you know of anyone who is in this situation, kindly let them know and please spread the word around. We will let you know of the dates soon.

As far as threats, I have serious concerns about the number of people turning up for CME events, the last meeting we had in November at Chennai Palace, was probably the most sparsely attended event in recent memory. I take solace from the fact that it was during the time of year that people are busy with their end of the year activities. However as much as I hate to say, unless we put up a better show in the future, sponsorship will dry up and we will have a tough task in convincing industry to sponsor these dinner meetings which are such a nice place to rendezvous with our friends.

If current trends continue, the dinners will become a thing of the past, therefore please take this seriously - the next time we have a meeting, please make it a point to attend especially if you have already RSVP'd. Also try and advertise within your workplace and do bring a friend along.

Strength is in numbers, as I have said previously and I can't emphasise that enough!!

Last but not the least, I take this opportunity to thank all the committee members for their hard work and sparing their valuable time for SAIMA related activities.

I would be failing in my duties if I do not specifically thank Dr Vikram Padhye for leading the SAIMA cricket team to a memorable victory against the PMASA team, Dr Arvind Sehgal for arranging the cricket match, Dr Karthik Badrinath for his editorial work, Dr Sarika Kumar for arranging the medico-legal seminar and all the other committee members who have been part and parcel of this entire process.

On behalf of SAIMA and the management committee, wishing you all Happy and prosperous 2014!

Cheers

Krish Sundararajan
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SAIMA wins in a thriller against PMASA!

On a perfect spring day the PMASA won the toss and elected to bat first. Led admirably by gun fast bowler Mr Shantan Ganesh, the bowlers put in a disciplined performance and restricted the PMASA to a manageable target of 137 runs. In reply, the SAIMA were off to a shaky start, with the top order finding it difficult to score against the wily PMASA bowling. At 4/39, things were not looking bright. However, in what turned out to be a 68-run match winning partnership Dr Satish Paramasivan and Mr Harsh Kanhere guided the SAIMA team towards a memorable victory. Along the way Mr Kanhere notched up an unbeaten half century and was adjudged man of the match. It was a wonderful day full of fun and excitement and would not be possible without our sponsors Avant and Commonwealth Bank. Congratulations to the team - well done boys!