



SAIMA Newsletter

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From the President's Desk

Dear SAIMA Members,

It gives me great pleasure to share that our **SAIMA Charity Gala Dinner 2025 at Adelaide Oval** was a resounding success! With **over 400 attendees**, the evening was filled with warmth, camaraderie, vibrant entertainment, and excellent food. I am incredibly grateful for the **overwhelmingly positive feedback** from those who joined us. Most importantly, we raised meaningful support for our chosen **charity**, making it a truly memorable and impactful night.

We are almost at the end of our **free membership drive**, and I strongly encourage all of you to **spread the word** to your colleagues and friends. This is a wonderful opportunity for fellow

medical professionals to join SAIMA and be part of an inclusive, dynamic, and growing community.

Looking ahead, 2025 promises an exciting calendar of events, including our Inter-Association **Table Tennis and Badminton Competitions**, participation in the **City to Bay Fun Run**, and our annual **CME and AGM**. We're also working on bringing **more social events** for our members to enhance connection and engagement within our community.

Let's continue to grow stronger together. Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm.

Sincerely,

Dr Jaiveer Krishnan
President

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Gala Dinner:

The 2025 SAIMA gala dinner lit up the Adelaide oval with an unforgettable celebration of culture, connection, and collective purpose. With more than 400 guests in attendance—including doctors, families, political leaders, and key figures in south Australia's medical and multicultural communities—the evening was a proud showcase of what SAIMA stands for.

The night began with a stunning traditional welcome dance, followed by a spellbinding Tabla and Sitar performance that set the tone for an evening steeped in cultural richness. The voice Australia finalist Janaki Easwar then took the stage with a breathtaking vocal performance, before a high-energy Bollywood dance finale brought everyone to their feet.

Beyond the entertainment, the gala carried real meaning. A highlight of the evening was SAIMA's ongoing commitment to giving back through the Kathryn Browne Yung scholarship fund, which supports indigenous medical students. With a live auction and raffle held on the night, thousands were raised to help bridge equity gaps in medical education.

Saima was also proud to recognise individuals who have gone above and beyond in their contribution to healthcare:

- Dr Rakesh Mohindra received the lifetime achievement award, presented by Hon. Zoe Bettison MP
- Dr Devendra Hiwase was awarded the president's award, presented by Hon. Ashton Hurn MP
- Dr Anjani prasad Nitchingham was honoured with the Krishnan award, presented by Professor Suren Krishnan

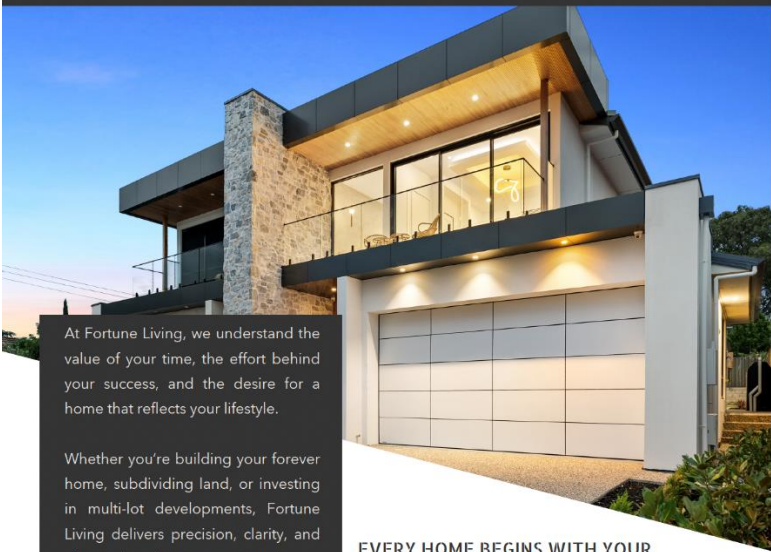
The evening provided a valuable opportunity for networking and cross-association collaboration, with SAIMA members engaging with colleagues from other Asian medical associations, as well as senior representatives from the Australian medical association (ama). These moments of connection make SAIMA more than an organisation—it's a community.

With exquisite dining, powerful speeches, vibrant performances, and a strong sense of purpose, the SAIMA gala dinner 2025 was a true celebration of identity, achievement, and service. As the dance floor filled and the night drew to a close, one thing was clear: SAIMA continues to rise—stronger, louder, and more united than ever.



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Annual Scientific Meeting:

SAIMA held its Annual Scientific Meeting at the prestigious Adelaide Oval, delivering a morning of high-yield education and professional development for the South Australian medical community.

The event commenced with a welcome and opening remarks from Dr Alka Garg and Dr Tharapriya Ramkumar, setting the tone for a dynamic program focused on medico-legal awareness, technological innovation, and current clinical challenges.

Session 1 Highlights

The first session explored evolving issues at the intersection of medicine, law, and innovation:

- Paula Meegan (MIGA) presented on Artificial Intelligence-Based Medical Scribing Tools (AI Scribes) and the associated medico-legal considerations.
- Mark Helier (MIGA) followed with an insightful overview of Medico-legal Principles and Handling Complaints — a critical area for all practicing clinicians.
- The final talk of the session by Dr Matthew Hong addressed PSA Testing to Screen for Prostate Cancer, bridging population health with urological screening controversies.

After a brief Q&A and tea break, delegates enjoyed networking opportunities and visited sponsor exhibits, reflecting SAIMA's commitment to fostering collaboration across healthcare sectors.

Session 2 Highlights

The second session, moderated by Dr Dildeepa Naveen and Dr Preetam Ganu, showcased diverse clinical updates:

- Dr Raghu Gowda delivered an important update on Radiotherapy for Prostate Carcinoma.
- Dr Samantha Pillay discussed Incontinence in Women for GPs, providing practical takeaways for primary care.
- Dr Varun Malik rounded out the session with an engaging presentation on Contemporary Atrial Fibrillation and Heart Failure Management.
- The final presentation was from Adelaide PHN, strengthening links between clinical practice and primary health networks.
- The ASM concluded with lunch and sponsor exhibit browsing, allowing for continued networking in a relaxed atmosphere. With its well-curated content, multidisciplinary relevance, and vibrant community participation, the SAIMA ASM 2025 was a resounding success and a proud reflection of SAIMA's mission to support clinical excellence and community engagement.



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Inter-Associations Table Tennis tournament:

The 2025 inter-association table tennis day was a smash hit, bringing together doctors from across Adelaide's medical community for a day of fierce rallies, friendly rivalry, and plenty of laughs at the Woodville table tennis club.

Representatives from SAIMA, PMASA, BAMSA, ACMA, and SASDA faced off in a lively display of inter-association camaraderie and competitive spirit.

And who stole the show? Team SAIMA, of course!

Saima took out the team championship title, showing off their top-spin tactics and seamless teamwork.

Dr Sharad Pandit was unstoppable on the singles court, taking home the singles champion crown with poise and precision.

In the doubles, Dr Sharad Pandit and Dr Pravin Hissaria fought valiantly to secure runner-up honours behind BAMSA, proving SAIMA's strength across the board.

With high energy, great sportsmanship, and genuine connection across communities, the event was a fantastic reminder that medicine and competition can go hand-in-hand (with a paddle, of course).

Until next year—well played, SAIMA!



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City-Bay Fun Run:



City-Bay 2025 Fun Run: SAIMA collaboration with Saree Sahelis.

SAIMA is thrilled to announce its continued collaboration with Saree Sahelis for this year's city to bay fun run!

Following the vibrant success of last year's partnership, we'll once again join forces to promote health, community, and culture — one step at a time.

Whether you're running or walking, this is your chance to move with purpose and pride. Saree Sahelis will be providing a special discount code for registration — stay tuned!

Let's hit the pavement together and represent SAIMA in style.

Registration link:

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Inter-Association Badminton tournament:



Inter-Association badminton tournament coming up!

Get ready to bring your A-game! The next inter-association sporting event is just around the corner — this time it's badminton.

Doctors from SAIMA, PMASA, BAMSA, ACMA, and SASDA will once again rally for friendly competition, fast smashes, and inter-association bragging rights.

Whether you're a casual player or a court warrior, it's time to dust off your racket and join the fun. Stay tuned for date, venue, and registration details — coming soon!

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SAIMA frequently receives enquiries from international medical graduates (IMGs) who have or are keen to relocate to and work in South Australia. Many are looking for advice on career pathways, registration processes, and what to expect when starting their journey in a new country.

In response to this growing interest, we are exploring the formation of a dedicated guidance group to support IMGs with basic orientation, practical insights, and connection to relevant resources. This initiative aims to create a welcoming space for IMGs to ask questions and gain direction from experienced professionals within our SA medical community

If you are an IMG seeking guidance, or a SAIMA member interested in contributing your knowledge and experience, we invite you to express your interest.

 Please contact us at info@saima.org.au