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By President Dr Jaiveer Krishnan



Dear SAIMA Members,

It is a pleasure to once again share an update on what continues to be an exceptionally active and rewarding year for SAIMA. Our recent activities have reflected the breadth of our association—bringing together **community engagement, professional education, charitable contribution, and member connection.**

Following the success of our **Medical Student Career Expo, Golf Day and Inter-Association Badminton Tournament** earlier in the year, our calendar continued with SAIMA's participation in the **Mother's Day Classic** on 10 May 2026. Members came together to support this important community initiative, raising awareness and supporting the fight against breast and ovarian cancers. It was wonderful to see SAIMA represented in an event that aligns so closely with our commitment to health and the wider community.

On 30 May 2026, we held our **Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM)** at the Adelaide Convention Centre. The full-day educational program attracted **over 100 attendees** and covered a diverse range of clinically relevant and contemporary topics. The meeting was extremely well received, with excellent engagement throughout the day. We were also fortunate to receive the support of **more than 12 sponsors**, whose partnership helped us deliver a high-quality educational event for our members and healthcare colleagues.

Another major highlight was our **SAIMA Charity Gala Dinner** on 20 June 2026, again held at the Adelaide Convention Centre. Around **300 guests** joined us for an evening of celebration, entertainment, networking and, most importantly, giving back to the community. This year, we were proud to support **the Hutt St Centre**, an organisation providing vital services and support to people experiencing homelessness. The generosity of our members, guests, sponsors and supporters helped ensure that the evening had a purpose extending well beyond the celebration itself.

These events build on what has already been a remarkable year for SAIMA. Our membership has now grown to more than 500 members and continues to increase, with particularly encouraging growth in the involvement of medical students and the next generation of healthcare professionals. Their enthusiasm and active participation are important to the future of our association.

The remainder of 2026 remains equally exciting, with a packed calendar including **Bollywood Members Night – Episode 2, Bollywood Medical Students Night, City to Bay, Inter-Association Table Tennis – Season 2, further CME activities and our AGM.**

What is particularly pleasing is not simply the number of events we are delivering, but the diversity of opportunities we are creating—for education, professional networking, sport, culture, community service and friendship. This is possible only through the collective efforts of our committee members, volunteers, sponsors, partners and, most importantly, our members.

Thank you for your continued enthusiasm and support. **Together, we continue to build SAIMA as a stronger, more connected and increasingly impactful medical community in South Australia.**

Warm regards,
Dr Jaiveer Krishnan
President, SAIMA



SAIMA ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

An exciting day of education, collaboration and professional development

The **SAIMA Annual Scientific Meeting 2026** was successfully held on Saturday, 30 May 2026 at the Adelaide Convention Centre, bringing together health professionals for a day of education, collaboration and professional development under the theme “Advancing General Practice Through Innovation & Excellence.”

The meeting featured an **engaging program of clinical updates, keynote presentations and practical insights**. Attendees explored a diverse range of topics, including primary care transformation, cardiovascular risk reduction, continuous glucose monitoring in Type 2 diabetes, immunosenescence, dermatoscopy, iron deficiency, intranasal adrenaline and chronic kidney disease management.

We were honoured to welcome **Dr Ramya Raman**, RACGP Vice-President and Chair of RACGP WA, as our keynote speaker, alongside an excellent line-up of clinicians and experts who shared their knowledge and experience throughout the day.

A particular highlight was the opportunity for attendees to connect with colleagues, exchange ideas and discuss the evolving challenges and opportunities within general practice. The diverse program also provided practical knowledge that could be applied directly to clinical practice.

SAIMA extends its **sincere thanks to all our speakers**, Dr Daryl Ooi, Dr Emily Meyer, Prof Pravin Hissaria, Dr Shriram Nath, Dr Lakshmi Nath, Prof Shilpa Jesudasan and Dr Sudheer Talari. **Thank you also to all our sponsors** for the event: Fortune Living, Odhavji & Associates, Ashford Hospital, CSL Seqirus, Adelaide PHN, Avant, Northern Specialist Suites, Benson Radiology, 24/7 AI Healthcare Receptionist, Radiology SA, Olympic Sports Clinic, Abbott Diabetes Care, SA Heart, AstraZeneca and MDA National. Finally, thank you to our attendees and volunteers whose contributions helped make the 2026 Scientific Meeting a success.

We look forward to **continuing to support education, professional development and connection** within our medical community and welcoming everyone to future SAIMA events.



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SAIMA CHARITY GALA DINNER

The SAIMA Annual Charity Gala Dinner was held on Saturday, 20 June at the Adelaide Convention Centre, bringing together members, colleagues and family for an unforgettable evening of celebration, connection and giving back.

This year's event proudly supported Hutt St Centre, with all proceeds going towards the incredible work they do to assist people experiencing homelessness in our community. We sincerely thank everyone who attended, donated and contributed to making the evening such a success.

The Gala Dinner was a true highlight of the SAIMA calendar, featuring wonderful company, outstanding entertainment and a delicious dinner in a vibrant atmosphere. It was inspiring to see our community come together to support an important cause.

We also extend our congratulations to this year's award recipients for their outstanding contributions:

- SAIMA Lifetime Achievement Award: **Dr Uma Prasad**
- SAIMA Presidents' Award: **A/Prof Mihir D Wechalekar**
- Annual Sabapathy Krishnan Memorial Award: **Mr Sparsh Tiwari**

Thank you to our sponsors, volunteers and guests for making the evening a memorable celebration of service, excellence and community. We look forward to seeing everyone next year!







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CME EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES PREFERENCES SURVEY

SAIMA (South Australian Indian Medical Association) provides Continuing Medical Education (CME) activities, including an annual scientific meeting, for medical professionals, dentists, and allied health professionals.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

BOLLYWOOD NIGHT

We are excited to announce that the SAIMA Bollywood Night will be returning again this year. This was a major success last year with a lot of positive feedback, Event details for this year will be coming soon!

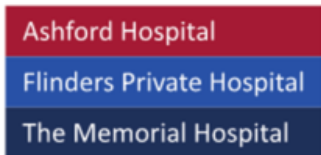


INTER-ASSOCIATION TABLE TENNIS – SEASON 2

After the success of the Inter-Association Table Tennis last year and ongoing success with our badminton tournaments, we are delighted to be involved with Season 2 of Inter-Association Table Tennis! Details to follow soon!



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Dear Dr Krishnan

We write to extend our sincere best wishes to you and your community as you celebrate Indian Independence Day on 15 August 2026.

This special day marks the moment when the Indian people reclaimed their right to self-determination after nearly two centuries of colonial rule. In the years since, India has continued to chart its course as a large and influential power on the world stage.

Indian Independence Day is a chance for us to celebrate the values that South Australia and India share - including democracy, diversity, resilience and a commitment to opportunity for all.

As we look to the future, this anniversary invites us to reflect on our shared history, and to reaffirm our commitment to continued partnership in peace, prosperity, and opportunity for the generations ahead.

On behalf of the South Australian Government, we wish you a celebration filled with pride, joy, unity, and a renewed sense of connection to both heritage and country.

Yours sincerely

Peter Malinauskas
PREMIER

11 / 08 / 2026

Nadia Clancy
MINISTER FOR MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS

11 / 08 / 2026