

Sincerity Will Make IMA Flourish

Al-Salām-u-'alaykum.

I would like to thank all of you on behalf of myself, and the newly elected officers of the IMA Executive Committee.

Thank you for your confidence in us to lead the IMA to its 30-year anniversary as a platform organization for Muslim physicians and allied health professionals to experience professionalism within the context of Islam.

Al-Ḥamdulillāh, our 29th Annual Convention was held in Columbus, Ohio, together with the ISNA Convention. This was a first time experience, and it was a successful one.

Thanks are due to many dedicated members who made every effort to organize the scientific program on a short notice, specifically Dr. Shahid Athar and Dr. M.A.A. Khan. The proximity of the two conventions allowed ISNA members to see the IMA as an organization with multiple functions. It allowed dedicated IMA members who are authorities in their respective fields to present scientific information at the ISNA Conference. Also, this proximity encouraged many IMA members to attend all or part of the ISNA Convention.

The health symposium "Approaches to Healthy Living -- Medical and Islamic Perspective" in the main auditorium at the ISNA Convention was a successful experience. Many

audience members appreciated it and asked for similar symposia in the future.

I am thrilled with the IMA Medical Students Section. We see our young generation carrying the message of Islam with pride in their journey through their medical schools and training programs. I see them as distinguished, capable students and residents within the context of Islam.

I would also like to thank our distinguished speakers for their interesting topics and our past president, Dr. Safdar Chadda, DDS, for his dedicated contribution to the IMA. Many thanks to Brother Abdulla Idris Ali for his sincere speech at the IMA Fundraising Banquet dinner and many thanks to our members for their generous pledges for the future IMA Headquarters. We enjoyed our keynote speaker, our young brother, Imam Mukhtar Maghraoui. Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Mohammad Shareef, the convention's local chairman and his staff. Again, through our sincerity to Allāh together, we will make the difference and keep our organization flourishing.

Was-salām.

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