

## IAPA MD-DC CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

### 11/8/14

The MD-DC chapter meeting was self-sponsored by the members

- ❖ The meeting started with a wide spread of delicious Hors d' oeuvres
- ❖ The chapter President, Dr. Naveena Hemanth ,welcomed the group. As this was the last meeting under her leadership, she thanked the members for their support for the 4 years she chaired the chapter.
- ❖ Dr. Hemanth also welcomed the new leaders:
- ❖ **Dr. Pramit Rastogi, MD - Chapter President and**
- ❖ **Dr. Durga Roy, MD – Chapter President-elect.**
- ❖ Drs. Pramit Rastogi and. Durga Roy also thanked the group and gave their acceptance speech.
- ❖ The guest speaker for the evening was the Virginia chapter President, Dr. Sriram He wowed the group with his excellent presentation on 'Myths and facts on mental illness and South Asian culture'. This was followed by an interesting group discussion including thought-provoking ideas from Dr. Innaiah Nariseti Ph.D., a renowned Indian Humanist and Rationalist, and father of Dr. Naveena Hemanth.
- ❖ Dr. Geetha Jayaram also engaged the group with a lively discussion on what aspects of the presentation rang true with people in the audience.
- ❖ New members: Dr. Kamal Bhatia and Dr. Sneha Jadhav-Bhatia attended the meeting and few others including Dr. M. Haroon Burhanullah, Dr. Faizi Ahmed, Dr. Taran Jolly, Dr. Parvathy Nair were unable to attend the meeting.
- ❖ The meeting ended with dinner and music.
- ❖ The group also welcomed and playfully interacted with the tiny-tots: babies of Pramit/Nidhi, Durga/Giovanni and Kamal/Sneha.
- ❖ Upcoming meetings:
  - Music/.holiday party on Saturday December 20<sup>th</sup> 2014 at Dr. Durga Roy's residence and
  - Movie night moderated by Dr. Sameer Roy, visiting Senior psychiatrist from New Mexico) on Saturday, December 27<sup>th</sup> 2014 at Drs. Manan Shah and Rachna Raisinghani's residence

