

June 19, 2007

Dear Members and Friends of BMA-NA,

We are planning a dynamic and exciting meeting in Flushing, New York from Friday August 3rd through Sunday the 5th. Please mark your calendar and make plans to attend. The big Apple is an exciting city and there are shops, museums, parks, shows and ethnic restaurants of all varieties. You'll see old friends and make new ones. You can get involved in the humanitarian, educational and cultural activities of the organization.

See you in New York!

Sincerely,

George Hlaing Mya, M.D.
President BMANA 2006-2008

[2007 Meeting Place-Sheraton LaGuardia East](#)

135-20 39th Avenue, Flushing, NY 11354.

Phone (718) 460-6666. Reservations (888) 268-0717 Code BMANA Room rate \$189.00 single or double

Please contact sales manager Ms. Raissa Lopez at 718-670-7490 if you encounter problem with reservation

Please pre-register at BMA-NA, P O Box 20052, Baltimore, MD 21284.

Registration Fees: \$ 50.00 (Waived to physicians in training and transition as well as retired Burmese physicians)

LaGuardia Airport transfer and Friday Night Welcome Reception

Free shuttle to and from the "LaGuardia Airport" is provided by Sheraton Hotel in Flushing NY. Otherwise, the cost is approximately \$ 100. There is free underground parking for Hotel Sheraton Guests and \$7 per day for drive-in Meeting Attendees.

Only "ten" (10) rooms have been reserved for the meeting. All EC and Board members are urged to make their reservations before June 30th, 2007.

The NY hotel manager is accepting Federal Tax Exempt ID so that the attendees can pay the hotel all charged to BMA-NA in advance on Friday (08-03-07) night and donate the 21% tax chares to the Burma Medical Library Project (BMLP) in stead of paying the hotel.

The Friday night reception (7 to 9:00pm) is reserved at East Seafood Restaurant which is within walking distance from the hotel. The cost is \$ 25.00 per head for over 150 food items.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows.

General Meeting on August 4th, 2007 (Saturday)

7:30 - 8:00AM Meeting Registration & Breakfast:

8:00 - 8:15AM Dr. James Hsu VP Local host Welcoming Speech

8:15- 8.30 AM President Annual Report: Dr. George Hlaing Mya:

8:30-8:45 AM V-P (Project & Planning) Report: Dr. Mya Han

8:45-9.00AM Organizational Changes Secretary Dr. Chan Aung:

9.00-9:20 AM Physicians in Training & Transition Div. Chief Dr. Kyaw Moe:

9.20-9.40 AM How to get into US Residency as a Burmese Medical Graduate Dr. Thein Hlaing Oo:

9:40-9:55 AM Investment & Retirement Saving: Financial Advisor Mr. Kevin Chau

10.00-10:15AM Coffee Break & visit Pharmaceutical display:

10:15-10:30AM Financial Report: Treasurer Dr. Sein Aung:

10.30-11.00AM BMA-NA Past, Present & Future: Drs. Talwar & Tin Hla

11.00-11.15 AM BMA-NA Web Site Update: V-P Dr. Mya Han:

11.14-11.30AM International Fund Raising: Drs. Jennifer Chu & Tin Hla

11.30-12.00 Noon Questions & Answers: Moderated by Drs. Stan & Bea Ting

12.00-1.00 PM Luncheon & Medical Lecture: Updates on Allergy, Asthma & Eczema. Stanislaus Ting, MD Sponsored by Dr. James Hsu & honorarium donated to Burma Medical Library Project

1.00-3.00 PM USMLE Board Question Review on Allergy-Immunology Stanislaus Ting, MD

3.00-6.00 Social & Reunion Time

***6.30-11.30 PM BMA-NA Annual Dinner & Entertainment Program
at the same Hotel.***

***Live Entertainment provided by Drs. Zan Mra, Zaw Naing & Singers Academy
Dr. Soe Thu Lwin & Mi MI Win Pe***

BMA-NA Business Meeting on August 5th, 2007 8:00 to 11:00 AM

Moderator Drs. Stan. Ting & Than Win

Please come and meet your Friends, Feel the warmth and Unity of Burmese People and witness the amazing achievements of BMA-NA.

Dr. Aye Thida was chosen as the Mahidol scholar and she has already begun her studies in Infectious Diseases and is adapting well in Thailand. She is the first scholar jointly sponsored by Cetana foundation and BMA-NA. The scholars will go back and serve Burma for at least three years.

The Burma Medical Library Project (BMLP) for all the medical schools is going very well. The matching donor (up to \$10,000.00) brought out the generous spirit in many alumni from around the world raising \$13002.25! BMA-NA is doing this in collaboration with Alumni of the Myanmar Institutes of Medicine (AMIM). Please go to our web site for details.

Please send Tax Deductible checks, [payable to BMA-NA H&E Fund](#) to:

Sein Aung, MD
BMA – NA (Treasurer)
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First secured shipment of medical books arrived in Rangoon in May 2007 and being distributed.

We donated \$5,000.00 to Mae Tao Clinic Children Center on May 3rd 2007. Full financial disclosure and ongoing and projected needs can be obtained by contacting one of our executive committee or board members. There will be a presentation of the ongoing projects at the meeting.

BMANA Project

Members donated solar panels (\$12600.00), for border clinics. Originally the donation was for 10 solar panels. But, funds were diverted to upgrade the existing 28 units and seven new ones were

installed in April 2007. Thirty two Back Pack Health workers were trained in the installation and maintenance of the units so that the users would be self sufficient. The units allow the mobile clinics to function at all hours. If you like to donate please contact BMA-NA for information. **BMANA Donor Directed Project**

Naw Nilar Win Shwe received the kidney (donated by her uncle) transplant in New Delhi, India in September last year and is doing well back in Burma resuming her work as a staff of Save the Children in Human Resource Department. She communicated her gratitude for our assistance which covered more than half of the transplant operation expenses. **BMANA Donor Directed Project**

The financial report by Dr. Sein Aung, our treasurer, is on our web site.

There will be discussion about ongoing and future projects at the meeting.



Thirty-two Back Pack Health workers attended refresher course from April 2nd to 8th, 2007 at Mae TaO Clinic, Mae Sot, Thailand to learn the basic principle of solar panel, installation & repair. **Donor Directed BMANA Project**



Medical professionals browse at Medical Book Fair in Rangoon May 2007 BMANA donated some books



Nilar Win Shwe: From Renal cripple to Advocate for poor children in Burma
Donor Directed BMANA Project



Immunization, nutrition, counseling & treatment of pediatric patients at Mae TaO Clinic
 BMANA is providing annual support for this humanitarian project



BMANA allotted \$5000.00 to install broad band internet asset on 30 computer terminals at Lanmadaw & Pyay campus to advance medical education for students, residents & staff in Burma