Dear Colleagues,

It is my proud privilege to invite you to the 2nd RMC International Scientific Conference scheduled for the 18-20 (Thur, Fri & Sat) of December, 2015. This year the conference is themed, "Medical Education in Public Medical Institutions Leading to Excellence in Service Delivery and Research."

Rawalpindi Medical College has the prestigious honor of being one of the leading medical colleges in South Asia and simultaneously provides quality health care to the public sector through its three allied hospitals. As the first Rawalian Principal of RMC for the past three years, I'm humbled to say that I've been able to further this legacy driving RMC to newer heights. This conference will be an ideal opportunity for all of us to gather together and learn from that experience and resolve to further enhance our excellence-driven efforts. We will be able to discuss the challenges that a public sector Institute has to face and how those challenges can be overcome to allow RMC to lead the way in the provision of health care, education, and state of the art research.

In December 2013 we organized the first Scientific Conference, "Exploring the Scientific Future". The overwhelming response from around the world, from the medical community in general and the Rawalians in particular, has encouraged us to rekindle the flame. The first conference led to the consolidation of RMC alumni around the world. We got an opportunity to learn from the best medical professionals RMC has produced and benefit from their experiences serving in different parts of the world. The "Young Rawalians", the current students of RMC, were provided a platform to attain inspiration from the beacons of medical science that their Alma matter produced. They established contacts which allowed for them to get electives, attain excellence in international licensing examinations, and land residencies in the best health facilities around the world.

Prof. Fareed A. Minhas is the chairman of the Scientific Committee and will be leading the organizational efforts, on my behest, for this conference as he very professionally did in 2013. He will be handling further communication with regards to the conference.

I'm looking forward to your company at this year's conference as we revive the Rawalian Spirit once more. We will also be hosting the Mentorship Dinner for Students on Friday and Annual Rawalian Social Evening on Saturday.

Prof. Muhammad Umar
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I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate the leadership of RMC for their perseverance. It may have been said the first time this initiative was taken, that it is the usual temporary zeal of a new leadership. The consistency that this manifests speaks volumes of their commitment to the cause of health care and education. I was humbled yet again to shoulder the responsibility of the Chair of Scientific Committee. Despite pressing commitments from all avenues, my experience with the first conference and the positive impact that created, led me reflexively to respond positively when Professor Umar shared his plan with me. The invaluable opportunity, for the budding health professionals of RMC to interact with the paragons of their alma matter from around the world and follow in their footsteps, is something I would never flinch to contribute to.

This year's theme aptly represents RMC's unique position in the public sector. RMC serves as an extraordinary interface between health care provision and medical education; with the three allied hospitals bearing the brunt of the city's health care needs, medical and paramedical undergraduate courses that train the sharpest minds of the country, and diverse post-graduate training programs. It is thus high-time that we share our challenges with our colleagues from different parts of the world and learn from each other. This is also an opportune time for us to interact with the movers and shakers in the corridors of power, with respect to medical education, of our country, and take the right stores towards practicable solutions.

The conference will comprise of scientific sessions for paper presentations from diverse disciplines, state-of-the-art lectures by exemplars in our field, poster presentations, and pre-conference workshops.

I look forward in playing my part in making this an even more fruitful experience than our first effort. I wish the rest of the organizers and participants the best of luck for the conference.

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