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Dear Members,

Hope you and your family are well.

We wish to update you with the recent events and information.

1. BIDA NATIONAL CONFERENCE 6th February, 2021



A fantastic programme awaits you for the National Conference in 2021. Dr Sanjay Arya, Chairman of the Organising committee with the team members would like to welcome you for this long awaited event.

2. "Tackling Childhood Obesity" 27th Nov 2020

You have already been sent a flyer for this Educational webinar, which is taking place on Friday 27th November 9am-1pm. This webinar is open to all BIDA members. Please register your place - email: bida@btconnect.com

3. **BIDA's COVID FUND – PLAB STRANDED DOCTORS**

Our efforts to support doctors, who were left helpless following cancellation of the PLAB examination has brought in a number of positive responses from them.

"I can confirm that I have received the financial assistance by BIDA amounting to £500. I was in a really difficult condition financially as well as emotionally. I was questioning my decisions to come here and if I was doing the right thing by following my dreams. But BIDA came out of the blue and filled me with hope not just with financial assistance but also with encouraging words and support from the committee members. Thank you BIDA for helping me get through this really tough time. I hope I can be of such help to a foreign doctor if need be in the future."

"I just received £500 from BIDA. Thank you for your generosity. I sincerely appreciate the amount of help and support you have shown us 'plab stranded doctors'. In such time of crisis and desperate need, BIDA providing financial support to us is an extremely commendable effort of this organization. Please accept my deepest thanks."

"I hope you are well. Yes, I have received the money Thank you so much for your help and support. It really means a lot for IMGs who have been stranded here for last 5 to 6 months for plab 2 exam and unable to go back to their home counties. I really appreciate your contribution."

"Good afternoon, I have received the funding today worth £500. This is a great amount of help that you have provided in this difficult time. Thank you so much."

"I am from Myanmar and also one of the stranded doctors in the UK. My plab2 exams have been cancelled for two times, on 27th March 2020 and on 1st July 2020. I felt really desperate and therefore, I asked BIDA association for helps including financial support and I was really amazed that I received reply from the BIDA President Dr Birendra Sinha within a short period of time and he gave me a very great news that the association can help me by means of financial supports. Today, on 22nd of June 2020, I received financial assistance from the BIDA association (my home rental fees for a total of two months) and I am really happy. I am really appreciative for the help from BIDA association and it makes me feel like I am not alone at this difficult time. I will also really try my best to do well in the upcoming Plab2 exam if I get a chance to take part in it. "

4. **ACHIEVEMENTS**



Congratulations to our National Chairman, Dr Chandra Kanneganti for being appointed as the Deputy Mayor of Stoke-on-Trent. This is indeed a great achievement.



Dr Sunil Sapre from Merseyside, a district Table Tennis Champion is now the National Umpire, UK for Table Tennis.

All being positive he could be officiating the Table Tennis in 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham. He would also be eligible to become an International Umpire of International Table Tennis Federation in 2022.

5. **The American University of Antigua College of Medicine (AUA)**

We are pleased to announce that the American Univ of Antigua is launching the International Track for UK/International Medical Students in Partnership with BIDA.

The American University of Antigua College of Medicine (AUA), a division of Manipal Education & Medical Group, located in Antigua and Barbuda, is an international medical school with a US-modelled curriculum that emphasizes hands-on training and interactive learning in small groups.

AUA's accreditations, approvals & international recognitions, state-of-the-art academic facilities, pioneering curriculum, highly qualified and experienced faculty prepare future doctors to practice in the United States, Canada, India and the United Kingdom (subject to licensure requirements of these countries).

AUA has launched an International Track, which allows A Level and BSc graduates to participate in either a 6.5, 5.5 or 4.5 year MD Program with Pre-Med/Pre-clinical Sciences in Antigua, before returning to the UK for clinical training with an affiliated NHS Trust. Residency could be US, India, Canada or UK (pending visa and outcomes).

The partnership allows scholarships of up to \$70,000 recommended by potential doctors who are friends of BIDA. There are no entry exams.

Contact Dee Narga, who is the Associate Director of Admissions - UK
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[Attached is a flyer for a webinar for Thursday 19th Nov 2020 for all aspiring future doctors.](#)



INVITATION TO ALL ASPIRING FUTURE DOCTORS TO ATTEND AUA'S WEBINAR



The American University of Antigua (AUA) - College of Medicine invites you to its inaugural UK webinar; providing you with all the perks of a [campus](#) visit from the comfort of your seat!

You'll meet the AUA [top team](#) including members of the Clinical and Academic Team; who will cover everything you need to know about the [Medical Degree \(MD\) program](#); entry levels for [A Level](#) and BSc students, AUA's campus, fees and AUA's unique partnership with [Warwick Medical School](#), [US/UK NHS Clinical Rotation Sites](#) and more! You'll have the opportunity to ask all your questions and gain valuable insight to our program.



SAVE THE DATE:
THURSDAY, NOV 19, 2020
7:00 PM GMT
SIGN UP HERE
<https://bit.ly/3mn2x60>

TOPICS COVERED:

- 6.5 yr. - [Pre-Med program](#)
- 4.5 yr. - [MD program](#)
- AUA's fast track admissions process
- Several [scholarship](#) opportunities ranging from £57,000
- AUA's approvals, accreditations, & recognitions – General Medical Council Recognized Programme (GMC)
- [Our high-tech campus, including our state-of-the-art simulation labs](#)
- Global Clinical Rotation/Residency opportunities – India, Canada, US or UK
- [Housing](#) options
- The increasing [Graduate success](#) rate – with opportunity to meet students

For more information/alternative events contact:

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Stay safe

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