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Hello, my dear AKMG members and families

The 45th Annual AKMG Convention is scheduled to take place at the Hilton Bayfront Hotel, San Diego, California from August 29th through August 31st, 2024. I hope that most of you have registered for the Convention.

Remember that AKMG Annual Conventions provide excellent opportunities to refresh and rejuvenate old friendships while opening the avenue to making new friendships. I liken these conventions to annual pilgrimages.

Our AKMG President Dr.Sindu Pillai, the Convention Chair Dr. Ravi Raghavan and the members of the various committees and sub committees are working very hard to ensure an unforgettable experience in San Diego for all of us. Let us all plan on being in San Diego to meet our friends and families to enjoy the fruits of the hard work and dedication put in by the Convention team.

**AKMG GLOBAL**

Every organization is measured by its number of members – I used to qualify my report as AKMG Membership Committee Chair years ago with the slogan, “Strength in numbers, strength in members”. We all owe it to AKMG to recruit young blood so as to build up the organization and groom the future leaders. Whether it be in settings like academic institutions, private clinics and hospitals, local community gatherings including Onam and Christmas celebrations, let us all encourage MSYPRF {Medical Students, Young Physicians, Residents and Fellows} to join AKMG as members and participate in the annual conventions. It is very important to emphasize that membership in AKMG is open to persons of Kerala origin or connection by blood or marriage, in the USA and Canada, irrespective of



the place of birth, location of medical/dental training anywhere in the world.

**AKMG- HS (Humanitarian Services)**

We all have done well overall, professionally and financially, in our adopted countries, the USA and Canada. It is time for us all to consider opening up our wallets and contributing to the charitable causes in North America and India initiated by AKMG-HS over the past few decades. Please note that your contributions to AKMG-HS are tax deductible/tax exempt.

Once again, looking forward to seeing you all in San Diego!!!

Respectfully submitted,

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