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Amir message

Asalamualaikum Wa Rahmatoolahi Wa Barakaatu

All praises to Allah Almighty. We have come to the end of this SIM Shura mandate 2018-2021. The AGM which was due on 11th March 2021 has been postponed to 1st August 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. A new team will inshaAllah continue the work on achieving the objectives of SIM for the sake of Allah SWT. This is a great responsibility and commitment which come with challenges but there is hope for reward in this life and the hereafter for those who remain steadfast.

With the help and support of SIM members and sympathisers, as well as collaborators and well-wishers, we have been able to achieve several milestones. I wish to thank everyone who directly or indirectly helped us to achieve our goals.

We will look forward for ongoing support and further commitment in the future since the work is expanding day by day. We need additional resource persons to help integrate in several of our departments. If you wish to provide your time for Allah's sake in the work that we are doing, be it simple typing tasks and writing/reviewing of an article, to being present in meetings, doing outreach activities with us, inquiring a zakaat case for us or more complex tasks like project implementation etc, please let us know by sending us an email to amir@simoi.org. InshaAllah this commitment of yours will never go to waste.

Last but not least, I humbly ask Allah SWT to forgive us, accept this work of ours, grant our family and ourselves ease in this life and the hereafter, and put his Baraka in SIM as an Islamic charitable organisation. Ameen

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IJET Library

The IJET library is taking more shape by the Grace of Allah. We recall that with the help of HWL and SIM collaboration, the area was cleaned, books were rearranged as per categories and 1987 books of various languages have been input on an online library system (Librarika). Curently, SIM has been working with University Des Mascareignes where two students have done their project based on our IJET library (library system) and now they are doing their internship to customize the library system for our needs. The e-SIM team alhamdulillah is accompanying the students to complete their internship. We hope in the near future to have a fully operational library system at IJET to serve the ummah.



Induction Course for new/potential members

On 30th and 31st January 2021, SIM held an Induction Course for potential and new members of the movement at the Hotel de Deux Mondes, Choisy. 36 young persons, male and female who have been involved over the last few years in different activities organised by the movement were invited to attend.

The rationale behind the course was as follows:

SIM has been in existence as a movement in the Mauritian landscape for the past 45 years. Whereas its ideology was clear to all at the time of its inception, and training of members adapted to the needs of the time, happenings in recent history, both internationally and locally, coupled with the onslaught of various ideologies from authoritarian systems and narrow minded views of influential individuals, may have somewhat blurred the relevance and purpose of the Islamic movement in the minds of the general public.

SIM is neither a benevolent association nor an entertainment outlet nor a social club. It is rather a dynamic entity which promotes the application of the principles of Islam in the daily life of human beings by propagating and contextualizing the directives contained in the Qur'an and their application following the example of Prophet Muhammad (SAW), perfect model for humanity until the end of times.

Therefore, there is a need for new and potential members to be acquainted with the way of SIM, both as a voice and a way for the contemporary generation of Muslims in Mauritius.

An Induction Course is an essential element in any organisation's success as it creates the ground on which every person in the organisation builds on. Induction is the process of introducing new volunteers (or staff) to the **organisation**, their **role**, the **tasks**, the **skills required** and the other **people they will work with**. It is important to settle new volunteers into their role so that they know what they are doing and feel comfortable.



This is the first contact with the new life of a newcomer into an established team. So getting it right has a tremendous effect on the enthusiasm of members in any department. It is also the first impression that new recruits build about the organisation and it is a great means to confirm a better level of engagement within any team and, ultimately, create a higher volunteer retention rate for the future.

With the above in mind, the Da'wah Committee, which was the organising committee for the event, proposed the following program:

Time	Topic	Resource person
DAY 1		
09.00- 09.20	Arrival/ Registration	
09.20- 09.30	Welcome address - Rationale of the workshop	Yaasir Ozeer
09.30- 09.45	Presentation of Participants/Ice Breaking	
09.50- 10.30	Plenary Session 1 : What is an Islamic Movement and what is its role in society?	Sa'ad Diljore
10.35- 10.50	Tea Break	
10.55- 11.35	Plenary Session 2 : What is Islamic ideology and how do we apply it to our context?	Fouad Assotaly
11.40- 12.15	Group assignment Priorities in the local context	All
12.15- 13.15	Lunch Break and Zuhr	
13.20- 14.00	Plenary Session 3 : Community of the middle path and witness for mankind	Abtaheebh Sullymunjeeajee
14.05- 14.45	Plenary session 4 : Defining an Islamic Organisation's culture and values	Yaasir Ozeer
14.50- 15.05	Tea Break	
15.10- 15.50	Plenary session 5 : Leadership qualities of the Islamic worker	Salma Sairally
15.55- 16.35	Plenary session 6 : Mutual Consultation and Decision Making	Iqbal Rosun
16.40- 16.55	Assr	
17.00	Departure	

Time	Topic	Resource person
DAY 2		
09.00- 09.20	Introductory session - First Day's Recap	
09.20- 10.00	Plenary Session 7 : Critical thinking Muslim	Beelal Baichoo
10.05- 10.45	Plenary session 8 : Role of Women in the Islamic Movement	Imraan Pondor
10.45- 11.00	Tea Break	
11.05- 11.45	Plenary session 9 : Presentation of SIM and its charter	Ibteesam Pondor
11.45- 12.45	Lunch and Zuhr	
12.50- 13.30	Plenary Session 10 (a) : Presentation by Heads of Departments (Concept, current and future activities) Youth {Kids Club, Teens Club, YM, YMa},	HoD's
13.35- 13.40	Refresher/ Stretching	
13.40- 14.30	Plenary Session 10 (b) : Presentation by Heads of Departments: Da'wah, Education and Training, Social Engagement, eSIM, Masjid Redit	HoD's
14.30- 14.45	Tea Break	
14.45- 15.15	Group Assignment/ Floor discussion - Discussion on each above and participants' commitment.	All
15.20- 15.30	Packing up & Departure	

The course was finally attended by 16 persons with 11 present over the 2 days. Despite the proverbial delays to get going in the morning as per plan, the sessions were not rushed and topics adequately covered by the different resource persons, to whom SIM is thankful. The active participation, interaction and questions of the participants are indications of the success of the event. Most participants were not aware and even surprised by the extent of SIM's activities, carried out through its numerous "arms" such as Kids Club, Teens Club, Young Muslimah, Young Muslims, SIM, WIM, IIET, Masjid Redit and Pont Souillac Senior Citizens Association and its Da'wah, Education and Training and Social Engagement Departments. We were almost reprimanded that we do not expose our activities enough, especially in such forums as the Quranic Arabic Classes and participants had the impression that SIM was a closed group, which it is certainly not.

For everyone, participants and organisers, the Induction Course is a must and has to be repeated for all who are involved with and who wish to know SIM.

Finally, a word on the venue is important. Notwithstanding the fact that some participants may have expected an air conditioned hall, we had to make do with a cosy verandah which although sheltered was hot and somewhat uncomfortable specially in the afternoon. However, we did our best to compensate with appropriate reorganisation of the seating arrangements and good food. But overall the environment was pleasing and provided participants with an opportunity to escape from their normal surroundings.

Report from Daawah Committee

Landing

- Friday 5 February 2021:
Door to door visits in the afternoon and talk on 'L'indécence' after Esha by Br. Yaasir Ozeer at Ibrahim Al Khaleel Masjid, Guibies.
- Friday 19 February 2021:
Talk after Esha au Union Park Masjid on 'L'Indécence' by Brs Muzzammil Edoos and Mosadeq.
- Thursday 25 February 2021:
Meeting with representatives of Brisée Verdière and La Tour Koenig masjids for Dawah activities in their locality.
- Friday 5 March 2021:
Door to door visits in the afternoon and talk on ' La Drogue' after Esha at Masjid Al Hamidia, Trois Boutiques, Triolet.

Ramadan Programs on MBCTV

- Ramadan Programs were presented by Br Farhaan Ganga and Sr Huda Neetoo.
- A '**Lettre du Ramadan**' was published in Star on 5 April.

World Qur'an Day

- 2 short videos were produced:
 - L'Écologie et l'Environnement by Sr Huda Neetoo
 - Le Qur'an Source d'Inspiration et de Motivation by Br Abtaheeb Sullymanjeeajee
- An Action Folder was circulated to national and international organisations.
- First International Islamic Virtual Conference: Qur'an, A Legacy to Humanity was held on 30 April/ 17 Ramadan at 9 p.m.

Mediator:

- Br Beelall Baichoo

Speakers:

- Sr Huda Ozeer: Qiraat
- Dr Yaasir Ozeer: The importance of understanding the Message of the Qur'an
- Prof Dr Abdel Kadir Benazooz from Algeria: Values of Tolerance in the Qur'an
- Mohammad Murshid Davids from South Africa: Reviving Qur'anic Study in Contemporary Times.

Virtual Qur'an Exhibition

- Qur'an, A Legacy to Humanity
- 27 posters
- 3 posters daily as from 21 April


Al Quds Day : STAND UP FOR PALESTINE - Joint Virtual Conference

Joint Virtual Conference was held on Friday 7 May 2021

Speakers:

- Umar Dauhoo from Mauritius
- Sami Hureini from Youth of Sumud, Gaza, Palestine
- Yasser Qous from Hebron
- Janna Jihad from Gaza
- Sr Nadia Meer and Amina Kaskar from Shamsaan, South Africa

Collaboration Zakaat Hub




We are grateful for your support

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Zakaat 2020
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SIM is currently collaborating with Zakaat Hub which is a body regrouping many Islamic NGOs – The aim of which is to create an e-platform where information can be shared among the NGOs with respect to zakaat cases. The idea is to handle cases more effectively while controlling issues such as duplicates, fake cases etc. A medical team has also been set up to provide guidance on medical zakaat applications.

IMAHPA SIM Virtual Conference

The Islamic Medical and Allied Health Professional Association (IMAHPA) in collaboration with the Societe Islamique de Maurice (SIM) organized a Ramadan and Health Virtual Conference on Saturday 10th April 2021 at 20.30 to welcome the month of Ramadan in a spiritual yet healthy mood. The event took place on the ZOOM platform and was coordinated by the E-SIM department consisting of brothers Waziim, Yameen and Yasfeer. Thanks to them, the live event was broadcasted on Youtube and received over 800 views.

The event was chaired by Dr Ridhwaan Badurally Adam from the IMAHPA. He introduced Dr Yaasir Ozeer who spoke on the management of Diabetes in Ramadan followed by nutritionist, Sr Ibteesam Pondor. She explained about the dos and don'ts in Ramadan and gave examples of ideal foods and drinks to be consumed in the right proportions as well as delicacies and sweets in moderation. Br Waliid Roojee outlined several aspects of physical exercise and their importance while fasting. Exercise is important to the human body to maintain and improve health and the support of all bodily organs. Even during Ramadan, it is recommended whether it's your daily walk or the gym.

The speakers received several questions at the end of the session which had to be cut short around 22.30. It was an overall fruitful session Alhamdulillah. It can be viewed on <https://conference.simoi.org/imahpa/>



Islamic Medical and Allied Health Professional Association (IMAHPA) and Soci t  Islamique de Maurice (SIM) invite you to

RAMADAN & HEALTH VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

LIVE PROGRAMME:

- **Ramadan and Diabetes Management**
Dr Ozeer Mohammad Yaasir (Diabetologist)
- **Ramadan and Nutrition**
Miss Ibteesam Pondor (Dietician)
- **Ramadan and Exercise**
Waliid Roojee (Physiotherapist)
- **Q&A Session**
SMS your questions on (+230) 5 882 5550

BOOK THE DATE
Saturday
10th April 2021
20:30
(Mauritian Time)
INSHA ALLAH

LINK TO CONFERENCE

<https://conference.simoi.org/imahpa/>

FOR MORE INFO, EMAIL:
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Zoom video player interface showing the title "Ramadan and Health Virtual Conference" with 864 views and a stream date of 3 months ago. Engagement icons for likes (25), comments (0), share, download, and save are visible.

Effective Parenting Course

'O vous qui avez cru ! Préservez vos personnes et vos familles, d'un feu dont le combustible sera les gens et les pierres, surveillé par les Anges rudes, durs, ne désobéissant jamais à Allah en ce qu'il leur commande, et faisant strictement ce qu'on leur ordonne'. (Surah At-Tahrim, verset 6)

Soucieux du malaise social et la dégradation de la cellule familiale que nous côtoyons dans notre quotidien, SIM se lance cette année dans une formation intensive de 20 semaines afin d'accompagner les parents et ainsi que les futurs parents dans cette tâche délicate qu'Allah (swt) nous a donnée.

Ce cours comprend un échange entre les parents et divers professionnels tels les médecins, da'ees, psychologues, sociologues, éducateurs et des travailleurs sociaux. Les parents n'ont plus de repères et se sentent souvent seuls pour élever leurs enfants face à tant de fléaux sociaux, de tentations, d'influences médiatiques etc...

Les sessions ont commencé le samedi 20 Février 2021 au centre d'IJET à Moka entre 13.30 à 15.30. Nos trois premiers modules étaient sur le couple comme un fondement solide de la famille, l'enfant comme un Amanah qu'Allah nous a confié, l'importance de la famille et les phases de développement physique et psychologique de l'enfant. D'autres modules à venir seront sur le développement des valeurs et de la personnalité, la nutrition et l'hygiène de l'enfant, l'éducation sexuelle afin de conscientiser nos enfants des dangers, des lois visant à protéger la famille et les enfants et comment développer la créativité de l'enfant.

Alhamdulillah, tout se passe bien jusqu'à présent et qu'Allah nous aide à atteindre notre but. Aameen.

Rénovation de l'IET

En décembre nous vous informions de notre démarche de trouver des investisseurs pour notre projet « foot-five ». Nous avons essayé de trouver des bailleurs de fonds pour financer le projet sous une formule de « Cash Wakf ». Malheureusement, vu la somme de Rs 2.5m, cela n'a pas abouti surtout que les investisseurs potentiels préfèrent en cette période de COVID19, venir en aide aux personnes de la communauté qui sont économiquement dans le besoin.



Notre deuxième option est un prêt de la part des frères et sœurs qui sont disposés à engager leur argent à long terme. Étant donné que l'intention avérée du projet, en sus d'éloigner les jeunes d'activités illégales perverses ou dangereuses, est d'avoir des revenus qui seront utilisés pour financer la Da'wah, ainsi que des projets éducatifs et sociaux, y mettre son bien pourrait sans doute rapporter sa somme de thawaab jaariya, in sha Allah.

La troisième option est de monter un partenariat avec des frères et sœurs qui voudraient bien investir avec nous pour exploiter commercialement ce projet sur une base BOT (Build Operate Transfer). In sha Allah très bientôt nous aurons un business plan que nous pourrions présenter à nos membres, sympathisants et investisseurs potentiels.

Qu'Allah nous guide et nous aide. Ameen

Une deuxième phase importante dans le cadre de l'exploitation de l'espace mariage/réception est la dotation de l'espace à côté de la cuisine à l'arrière de la porte secondaire de la salle de réception, d'un préau couvert en bois et tôle au coût approximatif de MUR 125,000.

Si des frères et sœurs sont intéressés à financer ce projet, contactez le secrétariat, nous vous en saurons gré.

Jazakumullahu Khairan à tous pour vos contributions qui nous ont permis d'arriver là où nous sommes.

Restons mobilisés en ce qu'il s'agit de collecte de fonds pour notre projet de rénovation.

SIM Kids Club - PSAC grade 6

A tous nos enfants de SIM Kids Club qui viennent de terminer PSAC grade 6, nous vous disons: Bravo! Masha Allah!

Bravo puisque vous avez enfin fini six longues années d'études brillamment!

Vous êtes maintenant au début des nouveaux commencements: une nouvelle vie étudiante mêlée à l'adolescence et la fine silhouette de ce que vous deviendriez peut-être.

Au milieu de ce tourbillon de joie et d'incertitude, nous vous souhaitons que le meilleur.

Qu'Allah vous guide, jeunesse de demain, Qu'Allah vous protège toujours et vous mène à bon port.

Ameen.

Hussein Rassool



Congratulations to Dr Najmul Hussein Rassool for achieving his dream, for living by his principles and believing in himself. Thanks to Allah the Almighty, after seven long years of hard work, perseverance and determination, he is now a holder of a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Islamic Banking & Finance from Al - Madina International University. A fully dedicated professional in Islamic Banking & Finance, he has been highly involved in its development in Mauritius since the early 80's and considered as one of the pioneers. He also holds two Masters' degrees in Finance and Islamic Finance respectively obtained through world class international universities with over 10 years of experience in the sector, providing Islamic Banking & Finance consultancy services in Mauritius.

An inspiration for everyone to keep going, to never give up and to have faith that dreams can be achieved with the right drive and determination.

There is no age limit and sacrifices will have to be at the detriment but the results will be rewarding, an accomplishment that will make you proud of yourself.

Obituaire

Notre frère Sawkat Ramkhelawon, qui est le responsable de SIM Bookshop de Port-Louis depuis de nombreuses années, a eu la douleur de perdre sa mère le 22 juillet 2021.

Nous lui présentons nos plus vives condoléances.

Qu'Allah lui pardonne ses péchés et lui accorde le Jannat ul Firdaus.



Mahboob Ali Joomye, père de Yousof, ancien prof de biologie et principal de collège est décédé le 20 février 2021 à l'âge de 85 ans. Qu'Allah lui accorde le Jannatul Firdaus!

Après une lutte acharnée pendant quelques années contre la maladie ponctuée successivement par des épisodes très durs et des périodes d'accalmies, il s'en est allé dans ce qu'il appelait 'ma vraie maison' à l'âge de 85 ans. Tantôt, on l'appelait jimmy de son nom Joomye d'abord à Belfast où il apprit la zoologie, surnom repris plusieurs années plus tard par les australiens lors de son perfectionnement dans le monde de l'éducation pendant plusieurs mois à Melbourne. Tantôt on l'appelait Bob, diminutif de son prénom Mahboob lorsqu'il a passé de longues années à enseigner au John Kennedy College. Moi c'était plus intime - Je l'appelais Tipapou.

Il était adoré des élèves tant au John Kennedy qu'au Queen Elisabeth 2 et ainsi que de nombreux lycéens qui le sollicitaient pour des cours particuliers. Il faut dire qu'il avait l'art de faire aimer la biologie même au plus réfractaire car il était passionné et communiquait merveilleusement sa passion à d'autres. Je me souviens encore, comme si c'était hier, de ces nombreux filles et garçons qui venaient à la maison pour se perfectionner en biologie en passant pas la porte latérale qui donne sur son bureau. Il fut un temps où j'en faisais partie.

Il était également craint et respecté en tant que principal de collège à Port Louis et à Flacq puis en tant que proviseur adjoint à John Kennedy. Parmi ses élèves, nombreux sont ceux qui ont poursuivi de grandes études universitaires et ont connu des carrières exceptionnelles dont un ex premier ministre.

Il sera souvenu comme quelqu'un qui était charmant, adorable, attachant et fidèle, un croyant qui haïssait les extrêmes et un monothéiste pur qui ne supportait pas les intermédiaires.

Khaleel Joomye

Joke

Pendant que l'imam s'apprête à livrer la khutba, un jeune demande à son père:

"Quel est le code Wifi ici?"

Son père agacé lui répond: "Crains Dieu!"

Le fils lui demande: "Avec ou sans trait d'union?"