

## Report of CARC 2015

The Central Asia Regional Conference of MWIA was held in Kolkota, India on 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> of December 2015. The previous one was held at Chang Mai, Thailand in October 2012.

It was hosted by the West Bengal Branch of Association of Medical Women in India which was founded in 1907. The MWIA was well represented by the President Dr. Kyung Ah Park, Past President Dr. Atsuko Heishiki, Dr. Bong O Kim, Chair Scientific Committee & Dr. Padmini Murthy, the MWIA's Representative to United Nations. Dr. Amanda Owen came from UK.

There were over 150 delegates mostly from West Bengal, in addition to 8 from Mumbai & 8 from Nagpur.

The Scientific Sessions were very well planned with excellent speakers. There were 6 Orations & several Guest Lectures. Dr. Park gave the Conference Oration. The subject was "Domestic Violence" & it was very well received. Dr. Usha Saraiya gave the prestigious Marie Catchatoor Oration & one Doctor from Thailand was selected for the Jhirad Oration. The multidisciplinary lecture programme was appreciated by all.

Social programme included a wine party hosted by Dr. Saraiya & a Welcome Dinner for all the delegates from out of town. A gala dinner & entertainment programme of Folk Dances from various parts of India were enjoyed by all the delegates. The International delegates were able to do sightseeing & shopping during their brief stay.

This conference created goodwill & friendship towards all MWIA Members. Dr. Park personally requested all of them to take part in MWIA activities & attend the Triennial Conference scheduled for July 2016 in Vienna.

The AMWI wishes to thank the Executive for giving them the opportunity & the support to conduct the meeting.

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