

WebReview TM Green Monkeys - Pakistan Public Health Forum

<http://www.greenmonkeys.net>

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Greenmonkeys - The name might look a little different, but take my word that the work they are doing is really making a difference. Powered by the Public Health spirit of Aamir J. Khan M. D. and Rashid Chotani M.D., Pakistan Public Health Forum at <http://www.greenmonkeys.com> is a place one should not miss out. It is an online forum, formed by devoted Pakistani public health enthusiasts being trained in the US, which provides all you need to know about public health in Pakistan. Why Greenmonkeys? The answer is there on the main page: "Our tribute to the silent contributions of an African primate (*Cercopithecus aethiops*) to public health in Pakistan and elsewhere, who held dear to no ideology, no institution nor group... pretty much sums up our philosophy!" Their panel of experts includes very famous and legendary names, from Biostatisticians to Virus Hunters, like Joseph B. McConnick, Steve Luby, John Bryant, Kamal Islam, Mohammad Rahbar, Arif Sarwari, Farial Fikree, Rumma Hassan and many more. The main page is very well designed, simple yet comprehensive. The forum, as explained by them, "is where public health professionals working on health-related issues in Pakistan dialogue, voice concerns and share ideas and successes".

The most important feature of the web site is their mailing list. When you subscribe to their mailing list, you will receive a daily newsletter keeping you updated about the public health issues in Pakistan and recent advancements in their prevention and control. Another valuable feature the site offers is citations and abstracts of all the research articles from Pakistan indexed in Medline from 1997 onwards. They also give valuable information about the latest outbreaks/health problems in Pakistan along with WHO guidelines for their prevention and active management. An outline of seminars and meetings being held around the globe, with particular emphasis on Pakistan and neighboring third world countries, is also available. Their database includes dynamic population growth chart, child sexual abuse data in Pakistan, Pakistan provincial/district polio data, a comparison of Pakistan-India health statistics, a history of CCHF outbreaks in Pakistan and much more. A complete page is dedicated to the hemorrhagic fevers, which seems to be their specialty. Their "essential reading" corner includes a review of well selected books available on health for online-buying. Other features include links to health-related sites in Pakistan, other health-related sites, funding opportunities (valuable for researchers at work in Pakistan), job opportunities, e-journals, discussion groups, schools of public health and real time chat. They are also hosting the Online edition of Journal of Pakistan Medical Association temporarily. For public health experts, beginners and enthusiasts, Pakistan Public Health Forum at <http://www.greenmonkeys.net> is the perfect place for frequent visits.