

# Islamic Medical Association Sets up Local Chapter



A local chapter of the Islamic Medical Association (IMA) was formed in December during a dinner meeting hosted by Dr. Basheer Ahmed and during which Dr. Ghulam Jilani Dhar, the President of the national IMA was present.

Seventeen local physicians attended that meeting including Dr. Amanullah Khan, the Past President of the American Association of Pakistani Physicians and the American Muslim Caucus, Dr. Mohammad Khalid, the President of the local chapter of the American Association of Pakistani Physicians, Dr. Inayat Lalani, a Past President of the American Muslim Caucus, Dr. Rebhi Awad, the President of Islamic Services Foundation, Dr. Akhtar A. Shah, a senior member of the American Muslim Caucus, and Dr. Anwar-ul-Haq, the President of the Islamic Society of Arlington.

Dr. Abdul Rahman Itani was elected President of the local chapter while Dr.

Mohammad Sammour was elected Vice-President. Dr. Basheer Ahmed was elected the General Secretary.

The IMA has worked since its inception to encourage professional interaction between Muslim physicians and other allied health professionals and physicians while also assisting in the orientation, adjustment and training of Muslim physicians and health professionals new to North America.

The organization has also undertaken commendable work in charitable activities and has promoted and facilitated medical education, research, publications, and improved health care services throughout the world.

The local chapter will work to inform all local Muslim physicians about the activities of the IMA, especially its international conferences. Its last international conference, held in Amman, Jordan in July, 1997 was attended by seven local physicians.