

HISTORY

First International Anaesthesia & Pain Conference in Pakistan



From L to R: Lt Gen Fahem Ahmed, Surgeon General / DGMS; Raja Zafar-ul-Haq, Federal Minister of Interior;
Lt Col M. Salim & Major Majeed.
Major Gen M.A.R Khan (late) is delivering his inaugural speech.

This historic photograph shows Major General M.A.R. Khan delivering his inaugural speech at the First International Anaesthesia & Pain Conference in Pakistan, held on 21 September 1981. The venue of the conference was CMH Rawalpindi, and it was organized by the most visionary person in the history of Pakistani medical community, namely Brig. (then Lt Col) M. Salim, SI(M). Raja Zafar-ul-Haq was the chief guest and Lt Gen Faheem Ahmed, Surgeon General / DGMS was the guest of honour. This international conference was attended by Prof. Tipu Sultan (now principal Pakistan Navy Medical College, PNS Shifa, Karachi), Prof Musarrat Shah, and many other anesthetists from all over the country. The overseas speakers included Dr Kamal from USA, who delivered his talk on the technique and uses of epidural analgesia. It proved to be the first step towards forming Pakistan Society of Anesthesiologists (PSA).