A memorandum of understanding was signed with Walsall Hospital Birmingham, UK. Prof. Zafar Ullah Chaudhry, President CPSP signed the MoU on behalf of the College.

The Memorandum of Understanding states that doctors under training who have completed their IMM successfully, CPSP and Walsall Trust will jointly screen and select candidates from among such doctors who will complete their remaining training of 2 years at Walsall Trust Hospital. This will be placement of tier 1. Tier 1 placement will offer slots in the disciplines of

1. Anesthesia,
2. Accident and emergency,
3. Acute medicine,
4. Paediatrics,
5. Gynaecology and

CPSP will also provide high quality specialists, those who have successfully completed their training and have qualified FCPS. They will be considered for 14 posts to work at Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust. These placements will be called as Tier 2 placements.

Tier 2 posts (post FCPS) have been offered in the disciplines of

a. Endocrinology,
b. Neonatology,
c. Colorectal surgery,
d. Upper Gastro Intestinal surgery,
e. Electrophysiology,
f. Invasive cardiology and
g. Orthopaedic.

HEART OF ENGLAND FOUNDATION TRUST.
A meeting was also held with the team from Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham and Heart of England Foundation Trust. It was agreed that MoU similar to the one signed with Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust will also be signed soon.
RECEPTION AT PAKISTAN HIGH COMMISSION, LONDON:

Pakistan High Commissioner at United Kingdom, His Excellency Syed Ibne Abbas held a reception in honour of the delegation of College of Physicians and Surgeons Pakistan. President Prof. Zafar Ullah Chaudhry detailed about the College and its contribution in the field of medical education, to the High Commissioner. The High Commissioner of Pakistan at United Kingdom was deeply impressed and appreciated the contribution.

He promised to give best support for the efforts of CPSP in arranging training slots and clinical attachments of CPSP trainees and fellows in United Kingdom. He congratulated Prof. Zafar Ullah Chaudhry on receiving the prestigious Socrates Award.

Royal College of Surgeons

CPSP delegation led by Prof. Zafar Ullah Chaudhry, President, assisted by Prof. Khalid Masood Gondal, Senior Vice President, Prof. Aamer Zaman Khan, Director North, National Residency Program and Prof. Habib ur Rehman, CPSP Coordinator at UK visited Prof. Clare Marx, President Royal College of Surgeons, London on 17th December 2015. Prof. Chaudhry after introduction of delegation, detailed the updates on College Residency Program, monitoring, assessment and evaluation system. President Royal College of Surgeons on her part described the changes that have been enforced after the formation of European Union. She discussed about possible collaboration and cooperation through MTI program.
Prof. Habib ur Rehman of CPSP team highlighted the progress about MTI program and avenues of cooperation between CPSP and the Royal College.

He also invited her attention to the ongoing program with HSE Ireland and the persisting MoU. He disclosed that there are 217 CPSP residents working and their feedback is excellent. He invited her attention to evolve any such possibility.

However possibility of Post IMM and Post Fellowship Postgraduate Residency (PGR) was considered worth probing further. She was informed that CPSP has the capacity and capability of offering sufficient and suitable placement with enriched learning and skills. It was disclosed that currently there is only one (1) candidate from Pakistan in MTI scheme. It was found worth future meetings focused on the pattern of HSE, Ireland.

Another follow-up meeting was held with Mr. Erinn Middleton, MTI Officer, Royal College of Surgeons. Mr. Duncan Jackson and Mr. Shafi Ahmed joined on Skype to discuss International Surgical Training Program (ISTP). CPSP delegation placed its various concerns and issues related to MTI program. Detailed discussions were held on MTI Program and external migration idea of CPSP as floated at WHO meeting at Brazil. Joint award of CPSP and HSE, Ireland certification based on this idea was also discussed. Possibility of such cooperation on the lines of Ireland was probed. It was proposed that collaboration on the basis of institution to institution instead of hospital based be further explored to avoid possible brain drain.

President Prof. Zafar Ullah Chaudhry presented CPSP Model of Competency and informed that CPSP training program is based on integrated training and clinical research which churns out residents who are career oriented. He explained that concept of mentorship and educational research has been incorporated as integral part of the training itself.
The two sides agreed that both institutions will work together and follow-up meetings will be held in January 2016 to further discuss and finalize MTI Program for CPSP trainees.

**Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health:**
CPSP delegation paid a visit to Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health and met Prof. Neena Modi, its President. She welcomed CPSP delegation which beside President included Prof. Khalid Masood Gondal, Senior Vice President, Prof. Aamer Zaman Khan and Prof. Habib ur Rehman, CPSP Coordinator at UK.

When Prof. Zafar Ullah Chaudhry briefed that CPSP offers Paediatrics fellowship in eight (8) other disciplines, President RCPCH was pleased and amazed. Role of various
faculties of CPSP in training, curricula development, monitoring, assessment and final evaluation system was highly praised.

She congratulated President and CPSP on developing such programs, infrastructure and monitoring system evolved through E-Log. She was amazed to learn that CPSP with all these programs of Fellowships and Memberships is self financed and self sustained.

She expressed her desire and keen interest to invite trainees from CPSP under MTI program similar to HSE, Ireland. The issue of Joint certification, post IMM and post fellowship placements was also discussed. She also offered collaboration and even funding in child Health research.

She proposed a three (3) years research training fellowship with two (2) years with Royal College and one (1) year in the country of origin. This would be collaborative research. President CPSP explained the research protocol of CPSP and invited President Modi to pay a visit to Karachi and have a closer look at CPSP research protocol.

It was agreed that;

a. Both Colleges will collaborate through MTI Program on collaborative research.

b. Exchange of Examiners

c. Future continued meetings to strengthen bonds.

**RCP London:**

CPSP delegation also paid a visit to Royal College of Physicians, London and met with its President, Prof. Jane Decr and Peter Tweby. Royal College informed CPSP that they have scheduled a visit to Lahore to a Private University. The RCP President desired that CPSP may extend support to facilitate interviews of PGR from the said university.

President CPSP proposed that RCP may continue with their announced program. As for collaboration with CPSP, we can meet again to discuss in the next visit CPSP cannot be a party to such interviews of PGRs from an institution which is still seeking its accreditation from CPSP.

CPSP as an autonomous institution does respect all institutions and will not interfere with the arrangements that RCP has with another institution.
Royal College of Pathologists:

CPSP delegation led by Prof. Zafar Ullah Chaudhry, President CPSP also held a meeting with Royal College of Pathologists. The CPSP delegation met its President, Dr. Suzy Lishman, Vice President Dr. David Bailey and Prof. Maaz, Director International. CPSP delegation included Senior Vice President Prof Khalid Masood Gondal, Prof. Aamer Zaman Khan, Director North, National Residency Program, Prof. Habib ur Rehman, CPSP Coordinator at UK and Prof. A. S. Chughtai, a member of CPSP Faculty of Pathology.

CPSP delegation was welcomed by the President Royal College of Pathologists London. Dr. Maaz recalled his visit to CPSP Lahore and appreciated CPSP programs, its E-log system, monitoring and teleconferencing too.

President CPSP after introducing the CPSP delegation highlighted fellowship program in Pathology. He mentioned that Pakistan needs many more specialists particularly in Microbiology, Chemical Pathology and Virology. He appreciated the efforts of Prof. A. S. Chughtai in development and contribution in the discipline of Histopathology. He also added that Hematology too is progressing but we at Pakistan feel that we need to further augment these programs.

Prof. A. S. Chughtai dialed upon the history of collaboration and efforts of both sister Colleges during the last two years. He appreciated support and cooperation from CPSP in holding Molecular Biology Conference and Joint International Conference at Lahore. He proposed that besides exchange of examiners Royal College should assist us with visiting supervisors in the disciplines we still have deficiency. He particularly mentioned the disciplines of Molecular Pathology, Microbiology, Chemical Pathology and Virology.

The discussions centered on the above and possibilities of collaboration between the two institutions through MTI scheme were probed. It was also proposed that possibilities of three (3) to Six (6) months rotations in various disciplines be looked into.

Royal College delegation welcomed the idea of training through MTI program, exchange of Examiners and of part time supervisors, if desired.

A working group comprising Dr. David Bailey of Royal College of Pathologists, Dr. Maaz, Dr. Tariq Shafi, Dr. Habib ur Rehman and Prof. A. S. Chughtai was formed. It was agreed that this working group would evolve final recommendations on jointly agreed programs.