

# FEZANA *bulletin*

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## UPCOMING DATES

May 1-3, 2015

28th FEZANA Pre-AGM and AGM. Hosted by ZAPANJ. See page 3.

May 10, 2015

Application Deadline for FEZANA 6WZYC2015 Subsidy.

May 16-17, 2015

North American Mobed Council (NAMC) Annual General Meeting. Washington D.C. [NAMC](#)

August 5-7, 2015

[Youth Assembly at the United Nations](#). NYC.

Sept 5-6, 2015

Zoroastrian Unity Cup Games. Redondo Beach, CA. [www.zathletics.com](http://www.zathletics.com)

October 15-19, 2015

2015 Parliament of the World's Religions. Salt Lake City. [Click here](#).

December 18-20, 2015

World Zarathushti Chamber of Commerce (WZCC) Annual General Meeting. Panaji, Goa, India. <http://wzcc.net>

Dec 28, 2015-Jan 2, 2016

6th World Zoroastrian Youth Congress. Auckland, NZ <http://www.6wzyc.co.nz/>

## Video: *The World Zoroastrian Symphony Orchestra at XVII NAZC 2014*



The World Zoroastrian Symphony Orchestra, under the baton of Adil Mistry performed at the XVII North American Zoroastrian Congress in Los Angeles on December 30, 2014. A video recording of the event is now available for viewing on the [NAZC 2104 website](#).

## FEZANA Academic Scholarships: Call for Applications

Applications are invited for the following FEZANA Academic Scholarships (listed in alphabetical order):

**BANOUBAI AND MANECKSHAW KAPADIA ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP**

**FEZANA 25th ANNIVERSARY ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP**

**FEZANA ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS (SIX SCHOLARSHIPS) FOR UNDERGRADUATE AND POSTGRADUATE STUDIES**

**MEHRABAN AND MORVORID KHERADI ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP - THE FEZANA SCHOLAR**

**MORVARID GUIV ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIPS (TWO SCHOLARSHIPS)**

**PURVEZ AND ABAN RUSTOMJI ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP**

All scholarships are open to Zarathushti students who have obtained admission for attendance at institutions of higher learning (accredited degree-granting colleges or universities) in USA or Canada.

**Completed application forms must be sent electronically by July 15, 2015 to: [academicscholarship\(@\)fezana.org](mailto:academicscholarship(@)fezana.org)**

Scholarships for the academic year 2015-16 will be awarded in September 2015. Full details and application forms are available on the FEZANA website (<http://fezana.org/scholarships/academic/application-2015/>), or from Dr Dolly Dastoor ([dollydastoor\(@\)sympatico.ca](mailto:dollydastoor(@)sympatico.ca))

[See *Fezana Journal*, Spring 2015 for more information on the Scholarships.]

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## FEZANA Performing and Creative Arts Scholarship: Call for Applications

The FEZANA Performing and Creative Arts Scholarship (P&CAS) provides financial support to Zoroastrians who are performing artists in music, drama, etc. or practice other creative art forms like literature, poetry, fine arts, sculpture, painting, etc. The purpose of the scholarship is to enable the recipients to study with experts in their field and thus fine tune and enhance their talent and capabilities, BUT NOT FOR BASIC EDUCATION IN THE ABOVE FIELDS.

Applications are invited and must be submitted before July 1, 2015. See [FEZANA website](http://www.fezana.org) for more details or for application. □

## 2014-2015 Vakhshoori Scholarship Recipients Announced

Promoting leadership among Zoroastrian youth in Academia, Public Life and the Arts, the Vakhshoori Foundation has announced its Scholarship recipients for 2014-2015. Details and video statements from the winners can be viewed on the Vakhshoori Foundation website: <http://www.vakhshoori.org/rec2014>. Congratulations to this year's recipients on their achievement.

## Daryush Mehta Serves as a Harvard University Chaplain to Represent Zoroastrian Community

*[Daryush Mehta has been selected to serve as a Chaplain Representative for Zoroastrians at Harvard University. Excerpt from his public statement are below. View full statement at: <http://chaplains.harvard.edu/people/daryush-mehta> .]*



It is with great humility that I represent the Zoroastrian community as a Chaplain at Harvard University. Dr. Cyrus Mehta has diligently represented the Zoroastrian community in this capacity for 15 years, and I am honored to continue his good work and to engage in religious dialog with the larger community.

My mother's father, Dasturji N. D. Minochehr-Homji was a High Priest of the Zoroastrian community in Bombay and a religious scholar before his passing in the mid-1980s. My grandfather's teachings, kindness, and philosophy of dialog and inclusion are imbedded within me as a practicing Zoroastrian. My parents raised my two sisters and me in Florida with a strong connection to the local Zoroastrian community.

Coming to MIT for graduate school offered me the opportunity to join the Zoroastrian Association of the Greater Boston Area (ZAGBA), for whom I have been the Youth Liaison since 2004. I helped co-found the Zoroastrian Students of Boston (ZSB), a group that brings together students and youth from around the area to perform service activities, engage in religious dialog, and host eminent Zoroastrian leaders and scholars. Along with Dr. Mehta, I help lead and organize the Gatha Study Group that meets regularly at Phillips Brooks House to discuss Gathic scripture. □



## BOOK AWARENESS



This month, enjoy a glimpse of a new addition that has been generously donated to our FIRES collection.



***The Reasoning Vision –  
Jehangir Sabavala's  
Painterly Universe***

This book of paintings features the paintings of Jehangir Sabavala, one of India's most original and distinguished artist. A brief description of each painting is given at the end of the book, with an Introduction and a biographical note on Sabavala as the only other text. Jehangir Sabavala is recognized as the most serious painter to connect European oil painting with India's.

**Visit our new and improved website at**  
<http://www.fires-fezana.org/>

## FEZANA AGM Events

Many dynamic events have been planned during the upcoming FEZANA AGM to be held in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania from May 1-3, 2015. For more details, contact Zenobia Damania admin (@) fezana.org.

### PRE-AGM Session 1

**Friday, May 1; 2:15 – 4:15pm**

**"Take Your Association Online-FEZANA is there to HELP you"**

**Presentation by Arzan Sam Wadia, FEZANA Webmaster**

Websites today are the de facto gates to any association. Especially in the case of Zarathushti Associations in North America, where the membership is spread far and wide of the physical headquarters. Keeping your web presence current keeps your community informed and involved. In this session we would like to navigate through the steps of setting up and maintaining your web presence and social media presence.

Sample topics covered:

- Setting up websites
- Steps to effective maintenance of the same and keeping them current
- Integrating mailing lists
- Connecting with Social Media Platforms like Facebook, Twitter and Instagram
- Setting up secure online transaction portal for registrations and sign ups for events.

This session ties into the FEZANA Information and Technology Committee's goal to help all member associations build their web presence. Contact: Arzan Sam Wadia at: [arzan \(@\) wadias.in](mailto:arzan (@) wadias.in)

### PRE-AGM Session 2

**Friday, May 1; 4:30 – 6:00pm**

**"Effective Fund Raising Strategies for Home Associations and FEZANA"**

**Presented by Kavasji Dadachanji, Gev Nentin, Ratan Mistry and Rohinton Rivetna**

This will be an Interactive Workshop for the benefit of Member Associations and FEZANA. Successful tax advantaged strategies will be explained, to motivate Donors to give larger Philanthropic Gift Contributions to your home Associations and to FEZANA.

Member Associations are encouraged to send their Questions ahead of the workshop to Kavasji Dadachanji, via [kavasji \(@\) gmail.com](mailto:kavasji (@) gmail.com)

If you have any success stories, along with your hopes and aspirations, please share them at the 'Workshop'.

### WZCC-NY CHAPTER / FEZANA AGM Banquet

**"In Pursuit of Innovation"**

**Saturday, May 2; 6:30pm**

**Milestone Events, 600 Market Street, West Chester PA 19382**

Featured speaker for the evening will be, Mr. Homi Kapadia, Principal, Deloitte Consulting LLP, Vice Chairman and National Life Sciences Leader, who will address the need for innovation and the entrepreneurial spirit in the rapid development of products in order to be successful in the radically changing Life Sciences Industry today.