

# FEZANA *bulletin*

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## UPCOMING DATES

April 1, 2012

Deadline for congratulatory greeting messages to FEZANA on its 25th Anniv to be printed in the *FZ Journal* special color summer issue. (\$400 full pg; \$200 half pg)  
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June 2-3, 2012

*Year 3750 Thus Spoke Zarathushtra* Conference of Scholars of Zoroastrianism. University of British Columbia, Vancouver. For info, visit  
<http://www.3750z.com/conference.htm>

June 29-July 3, 2012

13th Zoroastrian Games Toronto, Canada. For info  
[www.zso.org](http://www.zso.org) or  
[zgames2012@yahoo.ca](mailto:zgames2012@yahoo.ca)

August 2-5, 2012

16th North American Zoroastrian Congress Rye, New York. For info  
<http://nazc.zagony.org>

August 2, 2012

FEZANA 25th Anniversary Gala Evening; Rye New York; 7:00pm.  
<http://nazc.zagony.org>

August 3, 2012

25th FEZANA AGM; Rye, New York. For info  
<http://nazc.zagony.org> or  
[admin@fezana.org](mailto:admin@fezana.org)

## AROUND FEZANA...

### Public Relations Committee

The FEZANA Public Relations Committee is there to serve and assist the community gain awareness, uphold the appreciation of history, & promote the community through all media outlets. Responsiveness, accuracy, and staying involved are predominantly the main aims by establishing and maintaining a cooperative relationship with a representative of the Zarathushti Community.

Last year the newly formed PR Committee started off by creating the FEZANA Facebook page and setting up a Twitter account. As an important part of FEZANA's communication channel, we have discussed the role of the PR Committee as part of the Long term Strategic Plan. The PR Committee has been assigned many tasks for the short and long term and we hope to work towards achieving them.

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Afreed is the new Chair for the FEZANA Public Relations Committee. She is a member of the Zoroastrian Society of Ontario and the Ontario Zoroastrian Community Foundation. Afreed has been an active member in Ontario since 1989 and FEZANA since 2003, when she was the ZYNA Co-Chair. She has Co-Chaired two Youth Congresses in North America and has been a speaker at many North American and Global congresses. Afreed taught Zoroastrian Religion Classes for 17 years at the ZSO. She is part of the FEZANA External Affairs and UN-NGO Committees. Afreed has a Bachelor's degree and works at Bank of Montreal as a Network Design Engineer. Afreed looks forward to working with FEZANA and the Zarathushti Community.



**ZEENIA KOLA**

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Zeenia is the new member for the FEZANA Public Relations Committee. She is an active member of the Youth Committee for the Ontario Zoroastrian Community Foundation (OZCF). Apart from being active within the Zoroastrian community, she is also a full-time Real Estate agent in Mississauga and the Greater Toronto Area. In the past, she worked as an Event Manager for various projects, which she enjoyed immensely. And as a young adult, was the first female Cultural Secretary of her College in Mumbai, India. Zeenia is excited about combining her love for community service with her passion for Zoroastrianism on this new endeavour with FEZANA.



**ZEEBA S. KAYANI**

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Zeeba is a new member to the FEZANA organization & to the Public Relations Committee. Zeeba has been a member of the Zoroastrian Association of Houston since 1991, and currently mentors the Middle Group at Sunday School. She also was the Youth Track Program Chair & Co-Chair for the Youth Committee for the 2010 North American Congress held in Houston. She was invited to be the lead/panel speaker at the Vancouver, CA congress held in 2011. Earning a Bachelor of Science in Communication Disorders, with a focus on Early Childhood Development & Early Autism Detection from the Univ. of Houston, she is currently employed at the Children's Learning Institute at The Univ. of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. Zeeba oversees all funding that is awarded to/for the Developmental Pediatrics Division regarding Autism, Early Development Education. Zeeba is excited about this opportunity and looks forward to working with the Zarathushti Community. □



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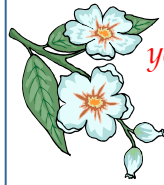


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*On behalf of the FEZANA Executive, we wish you and  
your family a very Happy and Prosperous Nowruz Mubarak.*

*Best Wishes,  
Bomi Patel  
FEZANA President*

## Zoroastrian Sports Committee Report

### ZSC Activities At A Glance

- A. In 2011, ZSC held the 7th Zoroastrian Unity Cup Soccer Tournament in Redondo Beach, CA.
- 10 Adult teams; 3 Youth Teams
  - Over 500 participants (spectators & athletes)
- B. ZSC is working with the Zoroastrian Association of Ontario (ZSO) the chosen hosts for the 13th Z Games in Toronto, Canada
- Second time the games are going outside the U.S.
  - 4th time ZSC is working with a host committee
  - Awaiting results from the first registration deadline in late March
  - Cost of conducting Games has continued on an upward trend, by over 15% from the last Games in Long Beach, CA in 2010.
- C. Looking for a host committee for 2016 Games – 2014 Games will rotate back to Southern California as tradition dictates
- Send inquiries and letters of interest to [zsc@fezana.org](mailto:zsc@fezana.org)
- D. Hoping to find other Associations who can host soccer tournament
- A smaller event, but growing
  - Send inquiries and letters of interest to [zsc@fezana.org](mailto:zsc@fezana.org)
- E. Begun the task of rebuilding website to be more user friendly for admin and outside guest

### On Going Challenges

- Games are growing at an exponential rate, in cost and in number of attendance. Becoming harder to manage with a small team of volunteers. ZSC needs your cooperation and are looking for volunteers – new faces, new ideas, new skills – individuals that believe in ZSC and can commit to serving on the committee, games and our community.
- Being inclusive – we continue to face resistance from some community members from time to time on our policy to allow all Zoroastrians (worldwide) to participate. ZSC is a Committee of FEZANA, and follows the FEZANA Constitution and will continue to abide by same.
- As the Games grow, as we begin to create and maintain a website to accommodate the size and scope of our events, finances will become more of a challenge.

### Future Goals

- Continue to grow the Z Games and the Unity Cup; improve each event.
  - Revamp our website and use of technology and social media
  - Recruit new leaders and volunteers
  - Find new host cities in diverse parts to attract even more diverse audiences
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AROUND FEZANA...

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## FEZANA Performing and Creative Arts Scholarship Committee Report

The call for the 2011 FEZANA Performing and Creative Arts Scholarship applications went out between January and March with an application deadline of May 31, 2011.

The following were recipients for the 2011 scholarships. Each recipient was awarded \$ 1,000.

**Kaipa Bharucha:** To further her training as a flautist at Wilfred Laurier University in Canada.

**Delzin Choksey:** To continue her Graduate Program MFA - Animation Academy of Art University, San Francisco, CA

The P&CAS Committee thanks the FEZANA Members Board and Executive for supporting the work of this committee.

The P&CAS is now accepting applications for 2012. The deadline for applications is July 31, 2012. Application and information can be viewed at <http://fezana.org/files/scholarships/P&CAS%20Application%20form%202012.pdf> □

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## FEZANA Excellence in Sports Scholarship Committee Report

The objective of the Excellence in Sports Scholarship (EXISS) Fund is to provide financial support to young Zarathushtis (between the ages of 10-30, living in North America) who are performing exceptionally and at highly recognized levels in any sport. The purpose of the scholarship is to enable the recipients to get world-class training and/or study with experts in their field and thus fine tune and enhance their talent and capabilities.

The 2011 Excellence in Sports Scholarship was awarded to:

1. **Shirin Homiar**, Brampton, Ontario (Tennis)
2. **Sanaea Mahava**, Edmonton, Alberta (Ice Skating)
3. **Asher Noria**, Savannah, Georgia (Trap Shooting)
4. **Sherry Patel**, Mississauga, Ontario (Swimming)
5. **Kamron Shahbahrami**, Irvine, California (Track & Field)

The Excellence in Sports committee is now accepting applications for 2012. The deadline for applications is Friday, June 1st, 2012.

If you or someone you know may benefit from this scholarship, we encourage you to apply. Applications can be viewed or downloaded at <https://fezana.org/files/scholarships/2012/EXISS2012.pdf> For more information, please contact Shiroy Dadachanji at [exissfund@fezana.org](mailto:exissfund@fezana.org). □

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 FEZANA's 25th Anniversary Gala -- An Evening of Dinner and Dance  
 Rye, New York  
 August 2, 2012, 7:00pm