

COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS, SINGAPORE

7th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

The 7th Annual General Meeting of the College of Physicians, Singapore was held on Saturday, 7 May 2011 at 2:00pm at the Lee Kong Chian Boardroom, Academy of Medicine, Level 12 NKF Centre, 81 Kim Keat Road, Singapore 328836.

However, there were only 16 voting members present at the meeting (the presence of not less than 20 voting members at the commencement of business of a general meeting is required to form a quorum, according to Article 68 of the Articles of Association of the College) thus the meeting was adjourned to 21 May 2011, Saturday at the same place at 2:00pm.



2011 - 2012 COUNCIL

After the 7th Annual General Meeting on 21 May 2011, an elected councilors' meeting was held to elect the office-bearers. The office-bearers for the 2011-2012 Council are:

President	Dr Alan Ng Wei Keong
Immediate Past President	Dr Wong Kok Seng
Vice-President	Dr Khoo Kei Siong
Honorary Secretary	Dr Tay Jam Chin
Honorary Treasurer	Dr Lee Lai Heng
Council Members	Dr Chan Kin Ming
	Dr Chionh Siok Bee
	Dr Sum Chee Fang
Ex-Officio	Dr Lim Shih Hui (AMS Council Representative)



2011-2012 COUNCIL

1st row (Left to Right): Dr Ding Yew Yoong, Dr Chionh Siok Bee, Dr Alan Ng Wei Keong (President), Dr Tay Jam Chin (Honorary Secretary), Dr Wong Kok Seng (Immediate Past President)

2nd row (Left to Right): Dr Sum Chee Fang, Dr Chan Choong Meng, Dr Leong Keng Hong, Dr John Abisheganaden, Dr Chan Kin Ming, Dr David Lye Chien Boon, Dr Lim Soo Teik

Not in picture:

Dr Khoo Kei Siong (Vice President), Dr Lee Lai Heng (Honorary Treasurer), Dr Lim Shih Hui, Dr Cynthia Goh, Dr Tan Suat Hoon, Dr Thomas Colleen Kim

CHAIRPERSONS OF CHAPTERS

The following elected Chairmen took office as the Chairpersons of their respective Chapters for 2011-2013:

Chapter of Cardiologists	Dr Lim Soo Teik
Chapter of Dermatologists	Dr Tan Suat Hoon
Chapter of Endocrinologists	Dr Chionh Siok Bee
Chapter of Gastroenterologists	Dr Ooi Choon Jin
Chapter of General Physicians	Dr Colleen Kim Thomas
Chapter of Geriatricians	Dr Ding Yew Yoong
Chapter of Haematologists	Dr Ng Heng Joo
Chapter of Infectious Disease Physicians	Dr David Lye
Chapter of Medical Oncologists	Dr Lim Soon Thye
Chapter of Neurologists	Dr Louis Tan
Chapter of Rehabilitation Physicians	Dr Tjan Soon Yin
Chapter of Renal Physicians	Dr Chan Choong Meng
Chapter of Respiratory Physicians	Dr John Abisheganaden
Chapter of Rheumatologists	Dr Leong Keng Hong

Dr Cynthia Goh took office as the Interim Chairperson of the new Chapter of Palliative Medicine.

MEMBERSHIP

As of 31 December 2011, the College had a total of 696 fellows.

The total membership of 696 comprises:

Cardiologists	115
Dermatologists	72
Endocrinologists	52
Gastroenterologists	78
General Physicians	64
Geriatricians	36
Haematologists	22
Infectious Disease Physicians	17
Medical Oncologists	43
Neurologists	48
Palliative Medicine	3
Rehabilitation Physicians	21
Renal Physicians	40
Respiratory Physicians	56
Rheumatologists	29

The College welcomed a total of 27 new Fellows from 12 different specialties in 2011.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Council met once every two months to conduct the business and affairs of the College. At the time of writing the Annual Report, the 2011-2012 Council had met seven times.

MEDICINE REVIEW COURSE 2011

The College held its Medicine Review Course 2011 at the Auditorium of Khoo Teck Puat Hospital, on 17-18 September 2011. The organizing committee, chaired by Dr Lau Tang Ching, included all the College's 15 Chapters to be represented during the Medicine Review Course, with didactic lectures and interactive case studies and discussions. The Review Course was well attended by general practitioners, trainees, medical students and specialists.

8TH CPS LECTURE

This year, the College had the honour of inviting Associate Professor Cynthia Goh, Senior Consultant and Department Head of Palliative Medicine at the National Cancer Centre Singapore, to be the speaker for the 8th College of Physicians Lecture. She delivered the lecture entitled "Palliative care in Singapore – good medicine given with compassion".

21ST SEAH CHENG SIANG MEMORIAL LECTURE

The College also had the privilege to invite Associate Professor Yeoh Khay-Guan from the Department of Medicine, National University of Singapore, to deliver the 21st Seah Cheng Siang Memorial Lecture entitled "Improving Survival Outcomes for Gastric Cancer".

CPS CONFERMENT CEREMONY

The College conferred its Fellowship to Dr Patrick Li, President of the Hong Kong College of Physicians. The ceremony was held in conjunction with the Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine 2011 on Thursday, 21 July 2011.

PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS

The College provided feedback on and endorsed the following Clinical Practice Guidelines requested by the Ministry of Health:

- i) MOH Clinical Practice Guidelines on Chronic Hepatitis B Infection
- ii) Efficacy of Medical Hair Loss Treatments
- iii) MOH Clinical Practice Guidelines - Management of Drug Overdose and Poisoning
- iv) Proposed Standards for Medisave Accreditation for Screening Colonoscopy
- v) Genetic Predictive Tests
- vi) Laser Hair Rejuvenation Therapy
- vii) Banking of Stem Cells Extracted from Human Umbilical Cord Tissue
- viii) Unconventional Diagnostic Tests
- ix) Depression CPG
- x) Cessation of Smoking
- xi) Blood Donation Services
- xii) List B Aesthetic Procedures
- xiii) List A Aesthetic Procedures

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

The Chapters organized/supported the following events:

CME Activities Organised by the Chapters

Chapter of Dermatologists	
7 January 2011	Chapter/NSC Talk - Contact allergy to Acrylates
24 March 2011	Chapter of Dermatologists Update on Nail Disorders Nail disorders made easy - A clinician's approach Surgery for the nail complex
5 May 2011	Chapter/NSC lecture Optimising Psoriasis Management: Getting the most out of guidelines
11 August 2011	Clinical Pathological Conference
13 October 2011	Update on Psychodermatology
19 November 2011	Chapter's Annual Lecture Drug Hypersensitivity: Much Achieved, But Still More To Do
19 November 2011	Symposium on Drug Hypersensitivities and Allergies
Chapter of Endocrinologists	
10 May 2011	Academic Forum on Thyroid Cancer
Chapter of Gastroenterologists	
28-29 July 2011	Medical Total Nutrition Therapy Program
12 October 2011	Inter-Chapter Meeting "Update on treatment of viral hepatitis B/C"
Chapter of Infectious Disease Physicians	
12 October 2011	Inter-Chapter Meeting "Human immunodeficiency virus and viral hepatitis B/C"
Chapter of Haematologists	
15 October 2011	Coagulation Laboratory Assessments in Clinical Practice
Chapter of Neurologists	
21-22 October 2011	13th Singapore Stroke Conference
Chapter of Renal Physicians	
30 July 2011	2 nd Annual Scientific Meeting of the Singapore Society of Nephrology
27 August 2011	5 th Chapter of Renal Physicians' Lecture
Chapter of Rheumatologists	
3 & 17 September 2011	Essential Skills in Rheumatology Training Course 2011

POST GRADUATE COURSE

The Chapter of Palliative Medicine supported the following courses:

- 25th Postgraduate Course in Palliative Medicine held on 13-15 January 2011 with 37 participants
- 26th Postgraduate Course in Palliative Medicine held on 17-19 August 2011 with 36 participants

STAFF REGISTRAR SCHEME (SRS)

A Staff Registrar Scheme (SRS) was implemented in 2007 by the Ministry of Health, Singapore and the Academy of Medicine, Singapore (AMS) to cater to the needs of our public sector healthcare institutions to employ doctors who are not qualified as specialists but who are able to provide a middle level of service equivalent to that provided by a Registrar / Fellow. The SRS will be targeted mainly for doctors with temporary/conditional registration with the Singapore Medical Council (SMC). Such doctors may participate in an SRS training/supervised programme and be awarded a Diploma from AMS upon successful completion of the programme and passing an exit examination to be administered by the appropriate College/Chapter.

To date, the following SRS Programmes have been approved and have commenced:

- Diploma in Infectious Diseases
- Diploma in Geriatric Medicine in Hospital and ILTC (Intermediate and Long-Term Care)
- Diploma in Cardiology
- Diploma in Neurology
- Diploma in Palliative Medicine
- Diploma in Internal Medicine (with focus on Hospital Medicine)
- Diploma in Clinical Haematology (Adult)
- Diploma in Medical Oncology in Hospital
- Diploma in Rehabilitation Medicine
- Diploma in Respiratory Medicine (Clinical and Public Health - TB)

SUBSCRIPTION TO ONLINE JOURNALS

The following online journals were subscribed to and were accessible through the College website:

- i. Clinics in Chest Medicine
- ii. Diabetes Care
- iii. Harrisons Online
- iv. Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism

FINANCE OF THE COLLEGE

The main income of the College was from the overall operating grant and sponsorship funds which made up 39 per cent of total income. Separately, major portion of the Income from events was contributed by the profit from Medicine Review Course 2011. Income for events also included sponsorship/trade exhibition funds.

The other source of revenue which made up 27 per cent of total income was the Professional Fee income from the share of course fee under the staff registrar scheme.

COMPANY SECRETARY & AUDITORS OF THE COLLEGE

Rodyk & Davidson LLP was engaged as the Company Secretary to provide corporate secretarial services to the College.

Geetha A & Associates was re-appointed as the auditors for the accounts of the College.

EXECUTIVE SUPPORT OF THE COLLEGE

The College Executive of the College of Physicians, Singapore, Ms Karen Guo resigned in May 2011 and Ms Sharifah Sham took over to provide support to the College.

DONATION RECOGNITIONS

The College would also like to recognise the following initiative by the Chapter of Dermatologists which had spearheaded an effort to increase the Chapter's revenue by encouraging direct and/or personal donations.

In 2011, the College applauds Dr Tan Suat Hoon and Dr Roy Chan for donating \$500 per person to the Chapter of Dermatologists.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

The College and its various Chapters had another eventful year. The Medicine Review Course 2011 remained well attended by specialists, general practitioners and trainees. Attendance by medical students has increased steadily over the years.

Looking ahead, the College will work diligently to achieve its principal activities, which are to advance the art and science of medicine, promote study and research into medical and scientific problems, to sustain and foster postgraduate education and conduct higher professional examinations and to award diplomas.