



COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS, SINGAPORE

Council 2012-2013



1st row (Left to Right):

Dr Yim Heng Boon (Council Member), Dr Chan Choong Meng (Honorary Secretary & Chairperson, Chapter of Renal Physicians), Dr Tay Jam Chin (President-Elect), Dr Alan Ng Wei Keong (President), Dr Sum Chee Fang (Vice President), Dr David Lye Chien Boon (Honorary Treasurer & Chairperson, Chapter of Infectious Disease Physicians), Dr Chan Kin Ming (Council Member)

2nd row (Left to Right):

Dr Ooi Choon Jin (Chairperson, Chapter of Gastroenterologists), Dr Ng Heng Joo (Chairperson, Chapter of Haematologists), Dr Leong Keng Hong (Chairperson, Chapter of Rheumatologists), Dr John Abisheganaden (Chairperson, Chapter of Respiratory Physicians), Dr Colleen Kim Thomas (Chairperson, Chapter of General Physicians), Dr Tan Suat Hoon (Chairperson, Chapter of Dermatologists), Dr Chionh Siok Bee (Chairperson, Chapter of Endocrinologists), Dr Lee Lai Heng (Council Member), Dr Tjan Soon Yin (Chairperson, Chapter of Rehabilitation Physicians), Dr Louis Tan Chew Seng (Chairperson, Chapter of Neurologists), Dr Wu Huei Yaw (Chairperson, Chapter of Palliative Medicine Physicians), Dr Lim Soo Teik (Chairperson, Chapter of Cardiologists)

Not in picture:

Dr Wong Kok Seng (Ex-Officio), Dr Ding Yew Yoong (Chairperson, Chapter of Geriatricians), Dr Lim Soon Thye (Chairperson, Chapter of Medical Oncologists)

8th Annual General Meeting

The 8th Annual General Meeting of the College of Physicians, Singapore was held on Saturday, 26 May 2012 at 2:00 pm at the Lee Kong Chian Boardroom, Academy of Medicine, Singapore.

It was attended by 21 members fulfilling the requirement of the presence of not less than 20 voting members at the commencement of business of a general meeting to form a quorum, according to Article 68 of the Articles of Association of the College.

The Council

After the 8th Annual General Meeting on 26 May 2012, an elected councilors' meeting was held to elect the office-bearers. The office-bearers for the 2012-2013 Council are:

President	Dr Alan Ng Wei Keong
President-Elect	Dr Tay Jam Chin
Vice-President	Dr Sum Chee Fang
Honorary Secretary	Dr Chan Choong Meng
Honorary Treasurer	Dr David Lye Chien Boon
Council Members	Dr Chan Kin Ming Dr Lee Lai Heng Dr Yim Heng Boon
Ex-Officio	Dr Wong Kok Seng

Chapter Chairs

The Chapter Chairs of the respective Chapters of the College for 2012-2013 are:

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 Chien Boon
Chapter of Medical Oncologists	Dr Lim Soon Thye
Chapter of Neurologists	Dr Louis Tan Chew Seng
Chapter of Palliative Medicine Physicians	Dr Wu Huei Yaw
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

Membership

As of 31 December 2012, the College had a total of 745 Fellows.

The total membership of 745 comprises:

Cardiologists	117
Dermatologists	79
Endocrinologists	56
Gastroenterologists	76
General Physicians	62
Geriatricians	39
Haematologists	22
Infectious Disease Physicians	16
Medical Oncologists	50
Neurologists	52
Palliative Medicine Physicians	24
Rehabilitation Physicians	18
Renal Physicians	42
Respiratory Physicians	60
Rheumatologists	32

The College welcomed a total of 49 new Fellows from 13 different specialties in 2012.

The Chapters with the largest number of new members for 2012 were Chapter of Dermatologists (7 new members) and Chapter of Medical Oncologists (7 new members).

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 2012-2013 Council had met seven times.

Activities

Medicine Review Course (MRC) 2012

The two-day programme, held on 8-9 September 2012 at the Khoo Teck Puat Hospital Tower B Auditorium, was attended by

188 registered delegates. The Organising Committee which was chaired by Dr Lau Tang Ching planned a programme comprising 31 lectures which involved the participation of 11 Chapters. The MRC served as a good update and topical review for specialists, trainees and students.

22nd Seah Cheng Siang Memorial Lecture

The 22nd Seah Cheng Siang Memorial Lecture was delivered by Professor A Vathsala. The lecture was titled 'Renal Transplantation in Singapore; a Historical Perspective, Controversies, Challenges and Future Directions'. The lecture was held during the MRC programme on 8 September 2012.

9th College of Physicians Lecture

The 9th College of Physicians Lecture was given by Professor C Rajasoorya. The title of the lecture was 'Medical Education and Professional Training: Changing the Trajectory'. The lecture was held during the MRC programme on 8 September 2012.

The Monteiro Lecture

The Monteiro Lecture is a biennial Lectureship awarded by the Chapter of Infectious Disease Physicians, College of Physicians, Singapore. Dr David M Allen delivered the inaugural Monteiro Lecture titled 'Infectious Disease Physicians, Worthy or Worthless?' on 15 January 2012.

6th Chapter of Renal Physicians Lecture

Dr Lee Siew Luan, Grace delivered the 6th Chapter of Renal Physicians Lecture, which was titled 'Great Oaks from Little Acorns Grow - Lessons from the Art of Nephrology' on 28 July 2012.

7th Chapter of Dermatologists Lecture

The 7th Chapter of Dermatologists Lecture was delivered by Professor Herbert Honigsman on 8 November 2012. The title of the lecture was 'Risks of Photocarcinogenesis in Phototherapy and Sunbed Use'.

Continuing Medical Education (CME)

Chapter of Dermatologists	
10 May	Chapter Lecture: Atopic Dermatitis – Proactive Treatment, Oral Immunosuppressants, Eczema School
11-13 May	Dermatology Update 2012
3 August	Chapter of Dermatologists Open Forum
21 September	Combined Chapter/DSS Clinical Pathological Conference 2012
Chapter of Endocrinologists	
19 June	Thyroid Academic Forum
20-21 July	Bone Understanding, Learning and Development (BUILD) - Optimising Patient Care in Osteoporosis: from Assessment through to Treatment
Chapter of Haematologists	
30 March	1st Communal Education Series in Haematology
5 June	2nd Communal Education Series in Haematology - The Immune Thrombocytopenias

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Continuing Medical Education (CME)

Chapter of Infectious Disease Physicians	
5 May	Chapter of Infectious Disease Physicians Dinner and Dialogue
Chapter of Medical Oncologists	
9-10 February	4th Singapore Society of Oncology & Chapter of Medical Oncologists Review Course
Chapter of Neurologists	
23-24 March	5th Singapore International Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders Symposium (PDMDS)
12 April	CNS Debates
9-10 November	14th Singapore Stroke Conference 2012
Chapter of Palliative Medicine Physicians	
14-15 July	5th Singapore Palliative Care Conference 2012 (SPCC 2012)
Chapter of Renal Physicians	
28 July	3rd Annual Scientific Meeting of the Singapore Society of Nephrology

Professional Affairs

The College furnished professional opinions on the following topics upon request by the Ministry of Health (MOH):

- Sub-specialty Credentialing
- Proposed Licensing Terms and Conditions for Human Cell and Tissue Based Therapy (CTT)
- Prohibition of Advertisement Relating to Medical Skill or Service
- Management of healthcare workers with blood-borne diseases
- Investigation under Section 17(1) of the Medical Registration Act Assessing Clinical Records
- Banking of Stem Cells Extracted from Dental Pulp
- Insertion of instruments into bodily orifices
- Anti-HBV drugs - Licensing condition
- Circulating Tumour Cells
- Hyperthermia - treatment for cancer patients
- Verification of International Accreditation New Zealand (IANZ)
- Review of the Guidelines on the Use of Ultrasound
- Skin cancer from laser treatment/exposure
- EDTA treatment for blocked arteries
- Screening Tests Review (Further inputs clarification)
- Administering colonic irrigation / hydrotherapy and coffee enema service
- Feedback on Proposed Aesthetic Dental Guidelines

Independent Medical Expert (IME) Opinions

The College assisted the Academy of Medicine, Singapore in providing expert opinions for fifteen (15) Coroner's cases from Singapore Police Force for investigation.

Internal Medicine in-Training Examination (IM-ITE)

The College conducted the IM-ITE on 6 and 13 October 2012.

6 October 2012:

- Dr Alan Ng (Chief Proctor)
- Dr Lau Tang Ching
- Dr Koh Nien Yue
- Dr Chia Yew Woon
- Dr Chow Wan Cheng
- Dr Chadachan Veerendra
- Dr Sin Fai Lam, Khim Nian
- Dr Ranjana Acharya
- Dr Chan Choong Meng

13 October 2012:

- Dr Teo Eng Kiong (Chief Proctor)
- Dr Lee Kok Onn
- Dr Khoo Chin Meng
- Dr Chia Chung King
- Dr Nigel Tan
- Dr Suresh Anandan Sahadevan
- Dr Tavin Subramaniam
- Dr Tjan Soon Yin
- Dr Wong Kok Seng

Staff Registrar Scheme

The 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 Programme and their enrolment is as follows:

- a. Diploma in Cardiology (4 Doctors since 2007)
- b. Diploma in Geriatric Medicine in Hospital and ILTC (Intermediate and Long-Term Care) (24 Doctors since 2007)
- c. Diploma in Infectious Diseases (4 Doctors since 2007)
- d. Diploma in Neurology (4 Doctors since 2007)
- e. Diploma in Palliative Medicine (6 Doctors since 2007)
- f. Diploma in Internal Medicine (with focus on Hospital Medicine) (17 Doctors since 2007)
- g. Diploma in Clinical Haematology (Adult)
- h. Diploma in Medical Oncology in Hospital (2 Doctors since 2007)
- i. Diploma in Rehabilitation Medicine (3 Doctors since 2007)
- j. Diploma in Respiratory Medicine (Clinical and Public Health - TB)

Since 2007, 64 Doctors have enrolled in the SRS. 10 Doctors completed their SRS in 2012.

Subscription of Online Journals

The following online journals were subscribed to and can be accessed through the College website:

- a. Clinics in Chest Medicine
- b. Diabetes Care
- c. Harrison's Online
- d. Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism
- e. Current Opinion in Rheumatology

Maintenance of Competency

The College will be collaborating with Academy of Medicine, Singapore to establish a programme for the proposed new Maintenance of Competency (MOC) Framework. This will involve the various Chapters contributing relevant content for MOC.

Ties with other Colleges

The College has established and strengthened ties with the American College of Physicians, Royal Australasian College of Physicians, Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, Royal College of Physicians of Thailand, Philippine College of Physicians, College of Physicians, Malaysia, and the Indonesian Society of Internal Medicine. The President, Dr Alan Ng, represented the College of Physicians, Singapore at the conventions and congresses of the various organisations.

In the ASEAN region, collaboration among the regional colleges have resulted in the establishment of the ASEAN Federation of Internal Medicine (AFIM), and the South-East Asian Chapter of the American College of Physicians.

Finance of the College

The main sources of income for the College in 2012 were:

- a. Professional Fees, SRS and IME – 33%
- b. Operating/Educational Grant – 24%
- c. Cash Donations – 17%
- d. Income from Events, organised by College (MRC) – 14.5%

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.

Donations

The following donations were received from members in 2012:

- a. Dr Tay Yong Kwang and Dr Chan Yuen Chew donated their proceeds as author and editors of the Textbook of Laser and Light Dermatology in the Asian Skin - \$1,200
- b. Dr Colleen Kim Thomas - \$1,000
- c. Dr Martin Chio - \$535
- d. Dr Priya Sen - \$535
- e. Dr Roy Chan - \$535
- f. Dr Tan Suat Hoon - \$535

The National Skin Centre donated an educational grant from the proceeds of the Dermatology Update amounting to \$10,000 to the Chapter of Dermatologists.

Concluding Remarks

It has been another successful and eventful year for the College and its Chapters. The MRC 2012 was well attended and numerous CME activities were organised by the Chapters. The College was consulted and provided various professional opinions to the Ministry of Health as well as independent medical experts.

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.