

College of Paediatrics & Child Health, Singapore

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The College of Paediatrics and Child Health, Singapore was incorporated on 17 August 2004. The first elected office-bearers of the interim council were: Dr Quak Seng Hock (President),

Dr Ho Lai Yun (Vice President), Dr Goh Yam Thiam Daniel (Honorary Secretary), Dr Victor Samuel Rajadurai (Honorary Treasurer), Drs Goh Eng Kim Anne, Chan Kwai Lin Daisy & Lee Bee Wah (Members).

President's Message

Dr Victor Samuel Rajadurai



The year 2014 saw our College grow through the greater involvement by Fellows. Our first Chapter, Neonatology, became active with 37 members under the able leadership of Dr Steven Ng. We are looking forward to welcoming the Chapters/subspecialty groups of Critical Care, Allergy and Immunology, Nephrology and Adolescent Medicine this year.

The College Symposium 'Medical Professionalism' held in May 2014 focused on enhancing practical skills in both routine and challenging clinical situations. It was well attended, and I trust well received. The College's academic activities in the year were aimed at Fellows in the

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I would like to highlight the contribution of the College supervisors and programme directors who continued to provide the SRS programme, and who had trained 12 overseas candidates in the year. After two years in this role, I take this opportunity to thank the Council for their unflinching and wholehearted support and for making my time as President fruitful. I wish the oncoming President my very best.

The 2014-2015 Council

President:	Dr Victor Samuel Rajadurai
President Elect:	Dr Marion Margaret Aw
Vice President:	Dr Liew Woei Kang
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Lim Ching Wen Darryl
Honorary Treasurer:	Dr Yap Kok Peng Fabian
Council Members:	Dr Khoo Poh Choo
	Dr Ng Kee Chong
	Dr Varsha Atul Shah
	Dr Ng Chin Yuen Steven (appointed; Chairman of Chapter of Neonatologists)

Drs Khoo Poh Choo, Liew Woei Kang, Ng Kee Chong and Fabian Yap Kok Peng will be retiring at the 11th AGM. All are eligible for re-nomination. At the 11th AGM, Dr Marion Margaret Aw will take office as President for the term 2015-2017, and Dr Victor Samuel Rajadurai will serve on the Council as Immediate Past President for the term 2015-2016.

Annual General Meeting

The 10th AGM of the College was held on 10 May 2014 at the Traders Hotel.

Council Meetings

The Council had met to consider the business and affairs of the College. It held 4 meetings in 2014.

Membership

The College's membership stood at 158 as of 31 December 2014, consisting of 153 local and 5 overseas Fellows. The following Fellows had been admitted into the College in 2014: Drs Derrick Wei-Shih Chan and Pradeep Raut.

Continuing Medical Education

• Paediatric Combined Update Session: Paediatric Emergencies

Date: 1 March 2014

Topics & Speakers: 1) 'The ABCs of Paediatric Resuscitation', A/Prof Ng Kee Chong, Head and Senior Consultant, Department of Emergency Medicine, KK Women's & Children's Hospital; 2) 'Common Paediatric Medical Emergencies', Dr Wong Chin Khoon, private practice; 3) 'Common Paediatric Surgical Emergencies', Dr Chew Su Yah, Consultant, Department of Paediatrics, Khoo Teck Puat University Children's Medical Institute, National University Health System; 4) 'Update on Paediatric Toxicology', Dr Ong Yong-Kwang Gene, Consultant, Department of Emergency Medicine, KK Women's & Children's Hospital.

Chairperson: A/Prof Victor Samuel Rajadurai

• Paediatric Combined Update Session: Professionalism

Date: 10 May 2014

Topics & Speakers: 1) 'Medical Professionalism – The Understanding, Learning & Teaching', Dr T Thirumorthy, Director, Academic Programme, Singapore General Hospital Dermatology; Associate Professor in Education, Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School, Singapore; 2) 'Lessons for Paediatricians – Recent Trends in Medico-Legal Cases in Singapore', Miss Kuah Boon Theng, Director, Legal Clinic, LLC.

Chairperson: A/Prof Victor Samuel Rajadurai

• Symposium: Preterm Nutrition

Date: 26 November 2014

Topics & Speakers: 1) 'Nutrition in the NICU', Dr Han Wee Meng, Head & Senior Principal Dietician, Department of Nutrition & Dietetics, KK Women's & Children's Hospital; 2) 'Optimizing Post-Discharge Growth Trajectory: Scientific Basis and Practical Guidelines', Prof Mu Shu-Chi, Director, Department of Paediatrics, Shin-Kong Memorial Hospital, Taiwan.

Chairperson: A/Prof Victor Samuel Rajadurai



Standing (from the left): Ms Anna Jacob, Dr Han Wee Men, Ms Chris Weng. Seated (from the left): Members of the Faculty Prof Mu Shu-Chi, Ms Hui Hwa Koh-Minjoot, A/Prof Victor Samuel Rajadurai

The 3rd Singapore Paediatric & Perinatal Annual Congress

On 13 September 2014, together with the Singapore Paediatric Society (SPS) and the Perinatal Society of Singapore (PSS), the College held the 3rd Singapore Paediatric & Perinatal Annual Congress (SiPPAC) at the Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel, Singapore. The event attracted 198 delegates comprising paediatricians, neonatologists, medical students, nurses, allied health staff, residents and trainees. The scientific programme comprised six symposia (three Paediatric, two Perinatal/Neonatal and one Perinatal tracks) one nursing symposium, two lunch symposia, one poster and three free communication sessions. The theme was on 'Relevance, and Excellence in Perinatal, Neonatal & Paediatric Care'. Highlights of the Congress were:

• Plenary Lecture 1: Lessons Learned and Progress Observed in 40 Years in Neonatology

Speaker: A/Prof Ross Haslam

• Plenary Lecture 2 (The 9th Stuart Gan Memorial Lecture): Primary Immunodeficiency Diseases: The Past, Present & Future

Speaker: Prof Martin Van Hagen

• Immunodeficiency Forum

Speakers: Dr Liew Woei Kang, Ms Jose Drabwell, Prof M Van Hagen, Mr Johan Prevot, Dr Christian Harkensee, Prof Graham Davies, Dr Christian Harkensee, Mr Daniel Oon, Mr Daniel Ng Wai Lit, Mr Adli Ali

• Oral Communication Sessions

Judges: A/Prof Daisy KL Chan (Head & Senior Consultant, Department of Neonatal & Developmental Medicine, Singapore General Hospital), A/Prof Chan Yoke Hwee (Deputy Division Chairman, Division of Medicine, KK Women's & Children's Hospital), Dr Christian Harkensee (Consultant, Department of Paediatrics, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore), A/Prof Ross Hasla (Head, Neonatal Medicine, Women's & Children's Hospital, South Australia, Australia), Dr Manisha Mathur (Consultant, Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, KK Women's & Children's Hospital)

A total of 19 abstracts were presented and the following were given awards:

- *Best Poster Award:*

Dr Pratibha Agarwal (KKH) for 'Concurrent Validity of the ASQ-III Questionnaire with the BSID-III in Preterm VLBW Infants'.

- *Poster Award (Second Place):*

Ms Asila Noordin (KKH) for 'Perinatal Risk Factors & the Test of Infant Motor Performance (TIMP) Scores of Preterm Very Low Birth Weight (VLBW) Infants'.

- *Poster Award (Third Place):*

Dr Liu Jia Xuan (Khoo Teck Puat-National University Children's Medical Institute, NUHS) for 'Health-Related Quality of Life in Paediatric Patients with Inflammatory Bowel Disease'.

- *Poster Award (Fourth Place):*

Drs Khoo Xi Xean and Vina Canlas Tagamolila (KKH) for 'Computerised One-Stop Parenteral Nutrition Calculation & Online Ordering Reduced Parenteral Nutrition Prescription Time While Reducing Errors in an NICU'.

- *Poster Award (Fifth Place):*

Miss Sim Ming Ann (Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, NUS) for 'Comparing the Use of Axillary Thermometry versus Temporal Artery Thermometry Measurement in Neonates'.

• Posters Session

A total of 19 abstracts had been displayed on poster panels at the event.

• Congress/Singapore Paediatric Society Dinner

Held in the evening, the Congress/Singapore Paediatric Society (SPS) Dinner saw about 190 in attendance. A/Prof Ross Haslam delivered a lecture on 'Fetal Neuroprotection'. A cake cutting ceremony took place as well for the 25th anniversary of the Perinatal Society of Singapore (PSS). The invited special guest was Prof Ho Nai Kiong (First President of PSS and Consultant Paediatrician, private practice). Guests had enjoyed themselves thoroughly in an interesting social programme of table games and lucky draw prizes.

The 9th College of Paediatrics and Child Health Lecture

The 9th College Lecture was held on 13 September 2014 at Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel, Singapore. The lecturer was A/Prof Lim Sok Bee (Head & Senior Consultant, Department of Child Development, KKH). She delivered the lecture on 'Beyond Neonatology'.

In recognition of her contributions, A/Prof Lim received a plaque and honorarium from the College President, A/Prof Victor Samuel Rajadurai.

The lecture had been held in conjunction with the 3rd SiPPAC.



A/Prof Lim Sok Bee delivering her lecture.

Paediatric Total Nutrition Therapy Programme

The College, Singapore Paediatric Society (SPS) and Perinatal Society of Singapore (PSS) endorsed the PTNT programme that took place on 18 October 2014 at NUHS. The Course Director was A/Prof Marion Aw and the schedule comprised a welcome address by A/Prof Aw on 'Why Nutrition Matters in the 21st Century'. Lectures, workshops and clinical cases followed. The targeted audience was paediatric residents/trainees. A quiz was held at the end of the programme.

LECTURES	
Topic	Speaker
Nutrition and Feeding in Infancy & Toddler Years	Dr Yvonne Ng Peng Mei
Nutrition Assessment Clinical and Laboratory Aspects	Ms Charlotte Lin, A/Prof Marion Aw
Nutrition & Children's Neurocognitive Development	A/Prof Ong Hian Tat
Feeding Preterm Infants: Hospital and Post-Discharge Strategies	Dr Chua Mei Chien
Early Life Influences and the Road Map to Obesity and Cardiometabolic Disease in Adulthood	A/Prof Lee Yung Seng
Principles of Nutrition Support in Sick Children: Roles of Enteral & Parenteral Nutrition	Dr Chu Hui Ping

WORKSHOPS	
Topic	Facilitator
Assessment of Calorie Intake, and Nutritional Intervention	Dr Han Wee Meng
Enteral Nutrition	Dr Chu Hui Ping

CLINICAL CASES	
Topic	Facilitator
A Child with Suspected Gastroesophageal Reflux	Dr Ajmal Kader
A Child with Colic and Colorectal Bleeding	A/Prof Marion Aw
Lactose Intolerance and Malabsorption in Infants & Toddlers	Dr Ajmal Kader

Chapter of Neonatologists Activities

Date	Event
27 October	'Introduction to Neonatal Cranial Ultrasound' Course
19 November	'Neonatal Neuro-Developmental' Symposium

Staff Registrar Scheme

• Diploma in Neonatology (DN)

- An entry interview for the 7th intake was conducted on 9 June 2014. Dr Eleah Vida (KKH) was enrolled into the course. The panel of interviewers were Dr Quek Bin Huey and A/Prof Yeo Cheo Lian.
- Dr Mary Grace Tan (4th intake/SGH) and Dr Tan Yee Yin (5th intake/KKH) sat for their Second Year Assessments on 26 November 2014. Their examiners were A/Prof Victor Samuel Rajadurai (Programme Director) and A/Prof Daisy Chan. Dr Tan Yee Yin completed the diploma on 3 December 2014 and Dr Mary Tan on 5 January 2015.
- Dr Sharon Ann Aquino (6th intake/KKH) completed her First Year Assessment on 5 November 2014. A/Profs Daisy Chan and Zubir Amin were the examiners.

• Diploma in Paediatrics and Child Health (DPCH)

- An entry interview for the 8th intake was conducted on 4 October 2014. Of the three candidates who had applied for the course, two

were accepted: Drs Ma Veronica Cruz and Vikas Chandrapal Bhadoria (KKH). They subsequently commenced training on 3 November 2014.

- Candidates of the 7th intake from KKH, Drs Riza Oganias Flores and Rushcelle Acra De Vera, sat for their First Year Assessment on 4 October 2014.
- Drs Preethi Joseph, Maria Theresa Navata and Joselyn Abalos Velasco (6th intake/KKH), sat for their Second Year Assessments on 4 October 2014.

The panel of interviewers/examiners for the three sessions were A/Prof Chan Mei Yoke and Prof Quak Seng Hock.

• Diploma in Paediatrics and Cancer Care

- Dr Krista Lea Francisco (2nd Intake/KKH) sat for her Second Year Assessment on 15 December 2014. Her examiners were A/Profs Quah Thuan Chong, Allen Yeoh, Chan Mei Yoke and Dr Soh Shui Yen. Dr Krista Lea Francisco completed the diploma on 31 December 2014.