

CHAPTER OF PATHOLOGISTS

The Chapter of Pathologists was formally added to the Academy of Medicine's list of Chapters at the 9th Annual General Meeting of the Academy of Medicine on 22 November 1986. The Chapter's Inaugural Meeting was held on 5 December 1986 at 5pm at King's Hotel where its first office bearers were elected: Dr Gilbert Chiang (Chairman), Dr Sng Ewe Hui (Vice Chairman), Dr Mavis Yeo (Honorary Secretary), Dr Chao Tzee Cheng (Committee Member), Dr Lee Swee Kok (Committee Member), and Dr Lee Yoke Sun (Committee Member, who was elected in absentia).

The 2013-2014 Executive Committee

Chairman:	Dr Cuthbert Teo
Vice Chairman:	Dr Inny Busmanis
Secretary:	Dr Yeo Chin Pin
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Committee Members:	Dr Sathiyamoorthy Selvarajan Dr Chan Kwai Peng

Annual General Meeting

The Chapter held its 27th Annual General Meeting on 22 July 2013 at The Academia.

Membership

As of 31 December 2013, the total membership of the Chapter stood at 57.

Audio Conference Sessions

The Chapter co-organised a series of South Central Association of Clinical Microbiology audio conference sessions with the Singapore Society of Pathology and the Department of Pathology, Singapore General Hospital.

- **The CDC Laboratory Medicine Best Practices (LLMP) Project**

Date: 14 January 2013

Presenter: Dr Nancy Cornish, Medical Officer, Division of Laboratory Science and Standards, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, US

Moderator: Dr Rama Narayana Deepak, Consultant, Department of Pathology, Singapore General Hospital, Singapore

- **Those Amazing Yeasts: What is New in Identification and Susceptibility Testing**

Date: 25 March 2013

Presenter: Dr Geraldine Hall, Section Head of Clinical Microbiology, Department of Clinical Pathology, Professor of Pathology, Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine, US

Moderator: Dr Tan Yen Ee, Associate Consultant, Department of Pathology, Singapore General Hospital

- **The Gram Stain: One Powerful Tool**

Date: 15 April 2013

Presenter: Dr Richard (Tom) Thomson, Jr, Director, Division of Clinical Pathology, Evanston Hospital, NorthShore University HealthSystem; Clinical Professor of Pathology, University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine, US

Moderator: Dr Jamie Tan, Registrar, Department of Pathology, Singapore General Hospital

- **Detecting and Reporting Carbapenem Resistance in Enterobacteriaceae**

Date: 24 June 2013

Presenter: Prof Paul Schreckenberger, Director, Clinical Microbiology Laboratory, Loyola University Medical Centre, Chicago, US

Moderator: Dr James Sim, Associate Consultant, Department of Pathology, Singapore General Hospital

- **Microbiology Coding and Reimbursement Issues: 2013 Update**

Date: 22 July 2013

Presenter: Prof Vickie S Baselski, Professor, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, The University of Tennessee Health Science Center, US

Moderator: Dr Ng Tong Yong, Consultant, Department of Pathology, Singapore General Hospital

- **Questions to Consider When Introducing New Technology: If You Don't, Your Administrator Will**

Date: 26 August 2013

Presenter: Grover Smith, Executive Director, Pathology WakeMed Health & Hospitals, Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina, US

Moderator: Dr James Sim, Associate Consultant, Department of Pathology, Singapore General Hospital

- **New Rationale and Approaches to Acute Wound, Chronic Wound and Anaerobic Cultures**

Date: 7 October 2013

Presenter: Larry D Gray, Director, Clinical Microbiology, Bethesda Hospital and Good Samaritan Hospital (TriHealth Hospitals), Cincinnati, Ohio, US

Moderator: Dr Chan Kian Sing, Consultant, Department of Pathology, Singapore General Hospital

Events Sponsorship

- **College of American Pathologists Workshop in Singapore**

The course was held on 25 January 2013 and was open to all laboratory medicine professionals in Singapore from the various institutions and private labs. Some 200 participants registered for it. Topics included Laboratory Safety, Laboratory Director Qualifications and Personnel Competency, Importance of Proficiency Testing and Accreditations. The speakers were: Prof Ronald Lepoff, Professor and Vice Chair for Clinical Pathology, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, US; William Groskopf, College of American Pathologists, US; Prof Gregory Gagnon, Director, Regional Pathology Services, East Carolina University, US; and Dr Richard R Gomez, Pathologist, Topeka Pathology Group, US.

- **Lessons from SARS and Mers-CoV: How to Prepare for the Unexpected Emerging Infection?**

Prof David Heymann, Head and Senior Fellow, Centre on Global Health Security, Chatham House, UK, was the speaker of the above topic on 28 October 2013. It was attended by public health professionals, pathologists and infectious diseases physicians.