

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 on 22 November 1986. The Chapter's Inaugural General Meeting was held on 5 December 1986 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 2015 - 2016 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman	Dr Inny Busmanis
Vice Chairman	Dr Cuthbert Teo
Secretary	Dr Yeo Chin Pin
Treasurer	Dr Jacqueline Hwang
Committee Members	Dr Chan Kwai Peng Dr Sathiyamoorthy Selvarajan Dr Tan Ai Ling

ACTIVITIES

• South Central Association of Clinical Microbiology Audio-conference

The Chapter co-organised the following CD-recorded Audio-conference sessions with the Singapore Society of Pathology and the Department of Pathology, Singapore General Hospital:

Topic	The CLSI Recommendations for ESBL's, AmpC's and Carbapenemases: Point and Counterpoint
Date	23 February 2015
Presenter	Jean B. Patel, PhD, D(ABMM) Deputy Director, Office of Antimicrobial Resistance (NCEZID), CDC Chair, CLSI Subcommittee for Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing Kenneth S. Thomson, Ph.D. Professor, Medical Microbiology and Immunology & Director, Center for Research in Anti-Infectives and Biotechnology Creighton University Omaha, NE
Moderator	Dr Koh Tse Hsien Department of Pathology Singapore General Hospital

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Chapter held its 29th Annual General Meeting on 14 July 2015 at Room AC7-1, Academia, Level 7, Diagnostic Tower, Department of Pathology, Singapore General Hospital

MEMBERSHIP

As of 31 December 2015, the total membership of the Chapter stood at 59 Fellows.

2 new Fellows were admitted for the year 2015:

- Dr Leow Wei Qiang
- Dr Tan Yongcheng Benjamin

Topic	Update on Non-Tuberculous Mycobacterium sp
Date	30 March 2015
Presenter	Gerri S. Hall, PhD, D(ABMM), FAAM Clinical Pathology Retired Consultant Cleveland Clinic Forestville, NY
Moderator	Dr Tan Yen Ee Department of Pathology Singapore General Hospital

Topic	CPT Coding Update: 2015
Date	11 May 2015
Presenter	Vickie S. Baselski, Ph.D., DABMM, FAAM Professor, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine The University of Tennessee Health Science Centre Memphis, Tennessee
Moderator	Dr Sng Li-Hwei Department of Pathology Singapore General Hospital

Topic	Creepy Crawly Parasitology Cases
Date	8 June 2015
Presenter	Bobbi S. Pritt, M.D. Associate Professor of Laboratory Medicine & Pathology Director, Clinical Parasitology Laboratory Laboratory Medicine and Pathology Mayo Clinic, Minnesota – Rochester
Moderator	Dr James Sim Department of Pathology Singapore General Hospital

Topic	Antibiotic and Susceptibility Testing Update
Date	13 July 2015
Presenter	Richard Van Enk, Ph.D. Director, Infection Prevention and Epidemiology Bronson Methodist Hospital, Michigan
Moderator	Dr Koh Tse Hsien Department of Pathology Singapore General Hospital

Topic	Molecular Identification of Common & Unusual Mould Pathogens: As simple as it seems?
Date	17 August 2015
Presenter	Deanna Sutton, Ph.D. Department of Pathology University of Texas Health Science Centre San Antonio, USA
Moderator	Dr Chan Kian Sing Department of Pathology Singapore General Hospital

Topic	Discovery of the Urine Microbiome: Implication for the Clinical Microbiology Laboratory
Date	14 September 2015
Presenter	Paul Schreckenberger, Ph.D. Fellow American Academy of Microbiology Professor, Associate Director, Diagnostic Molecular Pathology, Director, Clinical Microbiology Laboratory, Medical Director, Microbiology Loyola Medicine, USA
Moderator	Dr Ng Tong Yong Department of Pathology Singapore General Hospital

Topic	Microarray/Multiplex Detection of Positive Blood Cultures
Date	30 November 2015
Presenter	David W. Craft PhD D(ABMM) Medical Director, Microbiology Laboratory Professor of Pathology, Penn State Hershey Medical Center & College of Medicine
Moderator	Dr Jamie Tan Department of Pathology Singapore General Hospital

Topic	Specimen Processing in the Era of Laboratory Consolidation: More Questions than Answers
Date	28 December 2015
Presenter	Linoj Samuel, PhD, D(ABMM) Department of Pathology Henry Ford Hospital Detroit, MI
Moderator	Dr Karrie Ko Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine KK Women's and Children's Hospital

- **Meetings**

Date	11 December 2015
The Executive Committee hosted a year-end reception for recent Chapter inductees for the years 2014/2015.	

Date	22 December 2015
The Chapter Chair hosted Dr Jan Kencian, Histopathologist from Cairns, Australia, to deliver a slide seminar on skin conditions to histopathology trainees at the Singapore General Hospital.	

AWARDS

- **National Day 2015 Awards**

The Chapter would like to congratulate the following members for receiving the National Day 2015 Awards in August 2015.

The Public Administration Medal (Bronze)

A/Prof Cuthbert Teo
Health Sciences Authority
Vice Chairman, Chapter of Pathologists

The Long Service Medal 2015

Ministry of Health

Dr Cecilia Ngan Cheng Lai
Singapore General Hospital, Singapore Health Services
Member, Chapter of Pathologists

- **National Medical Excellence Awards 2015**

The Chapter would like to congratulate the following member for receiving the National Medical Excellence Award in August 2015.

National Outstanding Clinician Award

Professor Tan Puay Hoon
Chapter of Pathologists
Head & Senior Consultant, Department of Pathology, Singapore General Hospital
Professor, Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School and Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore
SingHealth Duke-NUS Academic Medical Centre

PROFESSIONAL OPINION

The Chapter submitted opinions to the Ministry of Health for the following topics or issues:

- Pharmacogenetics Tests for TPMT, DPYD AND UGT1A1
- Banking of Adipose-derived Stromal Vascular Fraction (SVF) Cells
- Operating an Unlicensed Medical Clinic