

COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS

On 20 November 2014, the Chapter of Emergency Physicians (originally formed on 13 November 2007) was transformed to the College of Emergency Physicians under the Academy of Medicine, Singapore (AMS). The College will continue to organise continuing education programmes for its members and undertake projects for the further advancement of

professional development of Emergency Physicians in Singapore so as to enhance the care given to emergency patients.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It has been a fruitful 2016 for us. The College had held a seminar themed 'Risks and Trends in Emergency Medicine' where speakers from the Medical Protection Society shared about 'Close Encounters of the Emergency Kind'.

The College also held its first formal dinner on 12 August where College Fellows and colleagues from Emergency Medicine met to honour distinguished colleagues and to recognise Fellows for their distinguished service to the College. Dr S R E Sayampanathan, Master of the Academy of Medicine Singapore, graced the event as the special guest. This occasion had helped in providing opportunities for greater fellowship among members of the College.

The yearly Preparatory Course for Master of Medicine (Emergency Medicine) Parts B & C Examinations was also conducted from 28 March to 2 April. The External Visiting Lecturer was Prof Colin Robertson who is Professor in Accident and Emergency Medicine and Surgery at the University of Edinburgh in Edinburgh, Scotland. He shared valuable insights and knowledge which candidates found to be very useful.

The College is also planning to start an Emergency Medicine Exit Exam Prep Course next year. A committee has been formed and would be led by Dr Gregory Cham and it promises to be a course that will be helpful to Senior Residents preparing for this challenging exam.



DR GOH SIANG HIONG

We look forward to working together in creating opportunities for our emergency physicians in Singapore to actively influence the development of our clinical practice. On behalf of the members of the Council, I wish all members of the College the very best for 2017. We look forward to working closely with our membership and to more good things for the future.

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THE 2016-2017 COUNCIL

President	Dr Goh Siang Hiong
Immediate Past President	Dr V Anantharaman
Vice-President	Dr Eillyne Seow
Secretary	Dr Lim Swee Han
Treasurer	Dr Lee Wee Yee
Council Members	Dr Mark Leong Kwok Fai Dr Tham Kum Ying Dr Mohan Tiruchittampalam



Seated (from left):
Dr Eillyne Seow (Vice-President), Dr Goh Siang Hiong (President),
Dr V Anantharaman (Immediate Past President)

Standing (from left):
Dr Lim Swee Han (Secretary), Dr Lee Wee Yee (Treasurer), Dr Tham Kum Ying
(Member), Dr Mohan Tiruchittampalam (Member)

Not in photo: Dr Mark Leong Kwok Fai (Member)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The College held its 2nd Annual General Meeting on 24 May 2016 at Department of Emergency Medicine, Singapore General Hospital (SGH).

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Council had met to consider the business and affairs of the College. It had held five meetings in 2016.

MEMBERSHIP

As at 31 December 2016, the total membership of the College stood at 101, consisting of 91 Local Fellows, seven Overseas Fellows, one Ordinary Member and two Associate Members.

A total of five Fellows (Local) had joined the College in 2016:

- Dr Gene Chan Wai Han
- Dr Vincent Lum Wei Ming
- Dr Yvonne Goh Guat Keng
- Dr Colin Ong Eng Choon
- Dr Zarisfi Faraz

ACTIVITIES

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

The College had held a Continuing Medical Education (CME) session on 16 May 2016 called 'College of Emergency Physicians Seminar' on the theme 'Risks and Trends in Emergency Medicine'. Two speakers from the Medical Protection Society, Drs Teoh Ming Keng [Head of Medical Services (Asia)] and Zaid Al-Najjar (Medico-legal Adviser) spoke on the topic 'Close Encounters of the Emergency Kind'. The Chairperson for the session was Prof V Anantharaman (then President of the College of Emergency Physicians).



Prof V Anantharaman (left) presenting a token of appreciation to the speaker, Dr Teoh Ming Keng.



Dr Zaid Al-Najjar (right) had also spoken on the topic 'Close Encounters of the Emergency Kind' at the session.

PREPARATORY COURSE – MASTER OF MEDICINE (EMERGENCY MEDICINE) PARTS B & C EXAMINATIONS

This Preparatory Course took place from 28 March to 2 April 2016 at five hospitals: Singapore General Hospital, Tan Tock Seng Hospital, Ng Teng Fong General Hospital, KK Women's and Children's Hospital, Changi General Hospital and Khoo Teck Puat Hospital. The Organising Committee comprised:

Convener & Chairperson	Dr Sohil Equbal Pothiwala
Hospital Coordinators	Dr Chan Jing Jing (Singapore General Hospital) Dr Fua Tzay-Ping (Singapore General Hospital) Dr Geraldine Leong Bao Yu (Changi General Hospital) Dr Michael Fung Chung Hua (Khoo Teck Puat Hospital)
Hospital Coordinators	Dr Kanwar Sudhir Lather (National University Hospital) Dr Mary Lim Yu Ling (Tan Tock Seng Hospital) Dr Shanaz Matthew Sajeed (Ng Teng Fong General Hospital) Dr Zaw Lwin (KK Women's and Children's Hospital)

The course had been a success, having attracted 14 registered candidates. The External Visiting Lecturer was Prof Colin Robertson, who is Professor in Accident and Emergency

Medicine and Surgery at the University of Edinburgh in Edinburgh, Scotland. He had delivered the following lectures:

- How to Handle the Communications Station
- Electrolyte and Renal Emergencies
- Interactive Problem Cases in Emergency Medicine
- Update and Revision on Resuscitation Guidelines

An Appreciation Dinner was held on 30 March 2016 at Margarita's Restaurant.



Candidates and mock OSCE examiners with Prof Colin Robertson (front row, third from the left) on 2 April 2016.

COLLEGE LECTURE & DINNER 2016

The College held its first Formal Dinner at Suntec Singapore Convention and Exhibition Centre on 12 August 2016. A total of 52 guests were in attendance. The objectives of the Formal Dinner were:

1. To honour a distinguished colleague with the award of 'College of Emergency Physicians Lecturer'.
2. To present the Fellow Certificates to College inductees who had missed the Academy of Medicine, Singapore (AMS) Induction Comitia.
3. To recognise Fellows for distinguished service to the College.
4. To provide opportunities for greater fellowship among members of the College.

The College President, Prof Goh Siang Hiong, gave the welcome address and the College Secretary, A/Prof Lim Swee Han, was the emcee for this event. The College had also invited Dr S R E Sayampanathan, Master of the Academy as special guest.



Prof Goh Siang Hiong giving the welcome address



A/Prof Lim Swee Han

The College Lecturer was A/Prof Eillyne Seow (Senior Consultant, Department of Acute and Emergency Care, Khoo Teck Puat Hospital). She delivered the lecture on 'Elements of a High Performing Emergency Department: A Personal Opinion'. Prof V Anantharaman, the Immediate Past President of the College, had given the citation on A/Prof Seow.

Dr Sayampanathan shared about AMS with the attendees and presented certificates to the College Inductees who had

missed the AMS Induction Comitia as well as to Fellows who had provided distinguished service to the College.



Prof V Anantharaman giving the citation on A/Prof Eillyne Seow.



Prof Goh Siang Hiong (left) presenting the College of Emergency Physicians Lecturer award to A/Prof Eillyne Seow.



Dr S R E Sayampanathan (left) presenting a plaque to Dr Steven Lim Hoon Chin for his distinguished service to the College.



Dr Jeremy Wee Choon Peng (right), one of the recipients of the Fellow certificates.

SECTION OF CLINICAL TOXICOLOGISTS ACTIVITIES

The Section of Clinical Toxicologists had conducted the following notable activities in 2016:

DATE	ACTIVITY
13 February	Toxicology Symposium - 'Evidence Based Medicine and Critical Care Toxicology'
4 March	1st Annual General Meeting
16 September	Briefing on Methanol Poisoning Prevention
14 November	Occupational Toxicology Symposium 2016

STAFF REGISTRAR SCHEME: DIPLOMA IN EMERGENCY MEDICINE

ENTRY INTERVIEW (10TH INTAKE)		
Date	22 March	
Panel of Interviewers	Dr Francis Lee Dr Sohil Pothiawala	Prof V Anantharaman
Applicants Accepted	1) Dr Jayvilyn Paat Bacud 2) Dr Shiela Bermundo Salunga 3) Dr Cheriane Canlas Tanhueco 4) Dr Anna Marie Cabrera Garcia	5) Dr Michelle Cabanag Nagayo 6) Dr Sam Salem Bag-Ao 7) Dr Michelle Dizon Cruz 8) Dr Kyaw Thet Aung
Year 1 Assessment (9th Intake)		
Candidates	1) Dr Christina Arroyo 2) Dr Rsi Santander Matanguihan 3) Dr Gary Inocencio II Peros 4) Dr Marrie Vyne Shakya 5) Dr Preetha Elangovan	6) Dr Christian Cortez 7) Dr Christopher Brian Tambo 8) Dr Fatih Delovino 9) Dr Franklin Magbitang 10) Dr Gil Alizer
<i>Note: Year 1 Trainees did not need to take exam to advance to Year 2. However, they still took PACES on 30 April 2016.</i>		
Year 2 Assessment (8th Intake)		
Candidates	1) Dr Michelle Perez Alcantara 2) Dr Pravin Thiruchelvam 3) Dr Edgar Salandanan 4) Dr Bryan Martinez 5) Dr Lokesh Kolhe	6) Dr Arnold San Antonio 7) Dr Carlo Santella 8) Dr Maria Pamela Averilla 9) Dr Kyaw Htet Aung
Year 1 & 2 Assessment		
Examiners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Kelvin Kuan • Dr Steven Lim Hoon Chin • Dr Tan Hock Heng • Dr Yvonne Goh • A/Prof Amila Punyadasa • Dr Ong Pei Yuin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Rakhee Yash Pal • Dr Juliana Poh • Dr Puneeth Seth • Dr Sohil Pothiawala • Dr Terence See
Completed SRS Diploma		
Candidates	1) Dr Michelle Perez Alcantara 2) Dr Pravin Thiruchelvam 3) Dr Edgar Salandanan 4) Dr Bryan Martinez	5) Dr Lokesh Kolhe 6) Dr Arnold San Antonio 7) Dr Carlo Santella 8) Dr Maria Pamela Averilla