

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 2017-2018 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman	Dr Inny Busmanis
Vice-Chairman	Dr Cuthbert Teo

ACTIVITIES

SOUTH CENTRAL ASSOCIATION OF CLINICAL MICROBIOLOGY AUDIO-CONFERENCE SESSIONS

The Chapter had co-organised a series of CD-recorded audio-conference sessions with the Singapore Society of Pathology and the Department of Pathology, Singapore General Hospital.

Laboratory Management of Wound Specimens

Date	9 January
Presenter	Barbara Robinson-Dunn <i>Technical Director, Clinical Microbiology Laboratory, Beaumont Health; Professor, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Oakland University, William Beaumont School of Medicine, USA</i>
Moderator	Dr Jamie Tan <i>Department of Pathology, Singapore General Hospital</i>

Cases of Potential Bioterrorism/Select Agent Significance

Date	20 February
Presenter	Julie Ribes <i>Director of Clinical Microbiology, Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine, College of Medicine, University of Kentucky, USA</i>
Moderator	Dr Deborah Lai <i>Department of Microbiology, Singapore General Hospital</i>

Zika Virus

Date	10 April
Presenter	Ryan F Relich <i>Assistant Professor, Clinical Pathology and Laboratory Medicine; Medical Director, Clinical Virology and Serology; Associate Medical Director, Division of Clinical Microbiology; Associate Medical Director, Division of Molecular Pathology, Indiana University School of Medicine, USA</i>

Secretary	Dr Yeo Chin Pin
Treasurer	Dr Jacqueline Hwang
Committee Members	Dr Chan Kwai Peng Dr Sathiyamoorthy Selvarajan Dr Tan Ai Ling
Co-Opted Members	Dr Derrick Lian Wen Quan Dr Marian Wang

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Chapter held its 31st Annual General Meeting on 29 May 2017 at Academia, Department of Pathology, Singapore General Hospital.

MEMBERSHIP

As at 31 December 2017, the total membership of the Chapter stood at 59. There were no new Fellows admitted for the year 2017.

Moderator	Dr Ng Tong Yong <i>Department of Pathology, Singapore General Hospital</i>
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The Wonderful World of Weirdbacter Species

Date	29 May
Presenter	Dr Lars Westblade <i>Assistant Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine; Associate Director of Clinical Microbiology; New York Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center, USA</i>
Moderator	Dr Deborah Lai <i>Department of Pathology, Singapore General Hospital</i>

NHSN: How it Works and Relates to Infection Control

Date	17 July
Presenter	Richard Van Enk <i>Director, Infection Prevention and Epidemiology, Bronson Methodist Hospital, Michigan, USA</i>
Moderator	Dr James Sim <i>Department of Pathology, Singapore General Hospital</i>

Utilisation of Diagnostic Testing for HIV and HCV: Updates and Recommendations

Date	14 August
Presenter	Dr Amanda Harrington <i>Director, Clinical Microbiology Laboratory; Associate Professor, Pathology Loyola Medicine, USA</i>
Moderator	Dr Ng Tong Yong <i>Department of Pathology, Singapore General Hospital</i>

Update on Transmission of MDRO by Endoscopes and Other Reusable Medical Devices

Date	28 August
Presenter	Dr Romney Humphries <i>Assistant Professor, Pathology & Laboratory Medicine, UCLA, USA</i>
Moderator	Dr Jamie Tan <i>Department of Pathology, Singapore General Hospital</i>

Molecular Diagnostics

Date	2 October
Presenter	Blake W Buchan <i>Assistant Professor, Department of Pathology; Associate Director, Clinical Microbiology and Molecular Diagnostics; Medical College of Wisconsin and Wisconsin Diagnostic Laboratories, USA</i>
Moderator	Dr Chan Kian Sing <i>Department of Pathology, Singapore General Hospital</i>

The Role of Molecular Methods and the Clinical Microbiology Laboratory in Antimicrobial Stewardship

Date	6 November
Presenter	Dr Joel Mortenson <i>Director, Diagnostic Infectious Diseases Testing Laboratory (Microbiology and Virology); Professor, UC Department of Pediatrics, Cincinnati Children's, USA</i>
Moderator	Dr Tan Yen Ee <i>Department of Pathology, Singapore General Hospital</i>

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE YEAR-END RECEPTION 2016

The Executive Committee Year-End Reception 2016 was held on 20 January 2017 as an opportunity for the Committee and friends to get together and enjoy a convivial evening. The Chapter Chair also took the opportunity to share updates on the Academy, as well as on upcoming events for the year.



Some of the attendees at the Year-End Reception 2016.

DIAMOND JUBILEE CHARITY GALA DINNER

On 21 July 2017, the Induction Comitia of the Academy was held in conjunction with the opening of the 51st Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine at the Grand Copthorne Hotel. The Chair was greatly honoured to have met the Guest-of-Honour, the-then President, Dr Tony Tan, during the arrival ceremony.

The event saw the graduation of the first cohort of students from the 2015 intake of the Master of Health Professions Education – Singapore. Among the graduates was our Co-Opted Committee Member, Dr Derrick Lian and we warmly congratulate him on his accomplishment.

The Diamond Jubilee Gala Dinner held on 22 July, 2017 was graced by Guest-of-Honour, Mr Ong Ye Kung, Minister for Education (Higher Education and Skills) and Second Minister for Defence. The following Committee Members had attended the Dinner: Drs Tan Ai Ling, Yeo Chin Pin, Chan Kwai Peng, Sathiyamoorthy Selvarajan, and Derrick Lian. On behalf of the Chapter, the Chair also hosted the Chair of the SingHealth Pathology Academic Clinical Programme, Prof Tan Puay Hoon (also FAMS); the President of the Singapore Society of Pathology, Dr Lynette Oon; the President of the Singapore Division of the IAP, Dr Angela Chong; and visitor from Hong Kong, Prof Annie Cheung (then-President of the Hong Kong College of Pathologists).

Proceedings during the evening included presentation of awards of excellence, tributes to past Masters, and unveiling of the AMS Diamond Jubilee commemorative book which includes a contribution from the Chapter chronicling milestones over the past 10 years.



Elated Committee Members at the Diamond Jubilee Gala Dinner.



Dr Inny Busmanis, Chapter Chair (left) meeting with Minister Ong Ye Kung.



Seated (from left to right): Dr Tan Ai Ling, Dr Sathiyamoorthy Selvarajan, Dr Angela Chong, Dr Lynette Oon and Prof Tan Puay Hoon. Standing (from left to right): Dr Chan Kwai Peng, Dr Yeo Chin Pin, Dr Derrick Lian, Dr Inny Busmanis and Prof Annie Cheung.

PATHOLOGY ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING (ASM) 2017

The 2017 Combined ASM of the Chapter of Pathologists and Singapore Society of Pathology, titled 'Updates on Liver Pathology' was held in Academia, SGH on 28 October, and attended by close to 100 participants, keen to hear "the latest on liver".

The Plenary Lecture was delivered by Prof Andrew Clouston, from Brisbane, Australia, who was conjoint Visiting Lecturer for the Academy, and the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia. His timely topic was 'Fibrosis in Non-alcoholic Steatohepatitis and Other Chronic Liver Diseases: Pathology, Pathogenesis, and Reversal'.

Prof Clouston was presented with mementos by Master of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore, Dr S R E Sayampanathan.



Dr S R E Sayampanathan (left) presenting tokens of appreciation to Prof Andrew Clouston.

Prof Andrew Clouston (centre) with Dr S R E Sayampanathan (left) and Dr Inny Busmanis (right).

A variety of lectures in the various disciplines of pathology explored other liver-themed topics later in the morning. The meeting Chair positions were shared by Dr Inny Busmanis (Chair, Chapter of Pathologists), and Dr Lynette Oon (President, Singapore Society of Pathology). The topics covered during the meeting were:

PLENARY LECTURES

Topic	Speaker
Fibrosis in Non-alcoholic Steatohepatitis and Other Chronic Liver Diseases: Pathology, Pathogenesis and Reversal	Prof Andrew Clouston <i>Conjoint Visiting Lecturer, The Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia and Academy of Medicine, Singapore; Associate Professor of Molecular and Cellular Pathology at the University of Queensland; Deputy Director of the University of Queensland Centre for Liver Disease Research</i>
Mimics of Hepatocellular Carcinoma	Prof Aileen Wee <i>Professor and Senior Consultant at the Department of Pathology, National University of Singapore, National University Hospital</i>

LECTURES

Topic	Speaker
Updates in Hepatitis C Management and Impact on Laboratory Testing	Dr Rajneesh Kumar <i>Consultant, Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Singapore General Hospital</i>
Infections in Liver Transplant and Other Solid Organ Transplant Patients	Dr Tan Thuan Tong <i>Senior Consultant and Head, Department of Infectious Diseases, Singapore General Hospital</i>
Therapeutic Drug Monitoring for Immunosuppressants in Liver Transplant Patients	Jayme Wong <i>Senior Principal Medical Laboratory Scientist, Department of Clinical Pathology, Singapore General Hospital</i>

SPONSORSHIP OF EVENTS

The Chapter provided nominal sponsorship by assisting with event publicity in support of the following events:

- 1st SGH Clinical Pathology Frontiers in Technology Workshop (13 October 2017)
- Pathology Today 2017 - Clinical Pathology in the Value-added Patient Journey (14 October 2017)

It also sponsored tea break for the 8th SGH Breast Pathology Course held on 4 November 2017.

PROFESSIONAL OPINION

The Chapter had received professional opinion requests from the Academy of Medicine, Singapore on the following:

- Inborn Errors of Metabolism – Whole Genome/Exome Sequencing

- Invitation to Focus Group Discussion on Penalties Framework and Delinking of Inspection from Licensing Under the New HCSA
- Invitation to Engagement Session on Proposed Changes to PHMC (Publicity) Regulations
- NGS-Based NSCLC Panel Test & HV Genotyping Tests
- Feedback on Genetic Testing Standards
- Nominees for POCT Working Committee Members

COLLABORATIONS

The Chapter continued its collaborations with local organisations such as the Singapore Society of Pathology and Pathology ACP; and international bodies such as the RCPA and European Society of Pathology on various lectures and educational programmes.