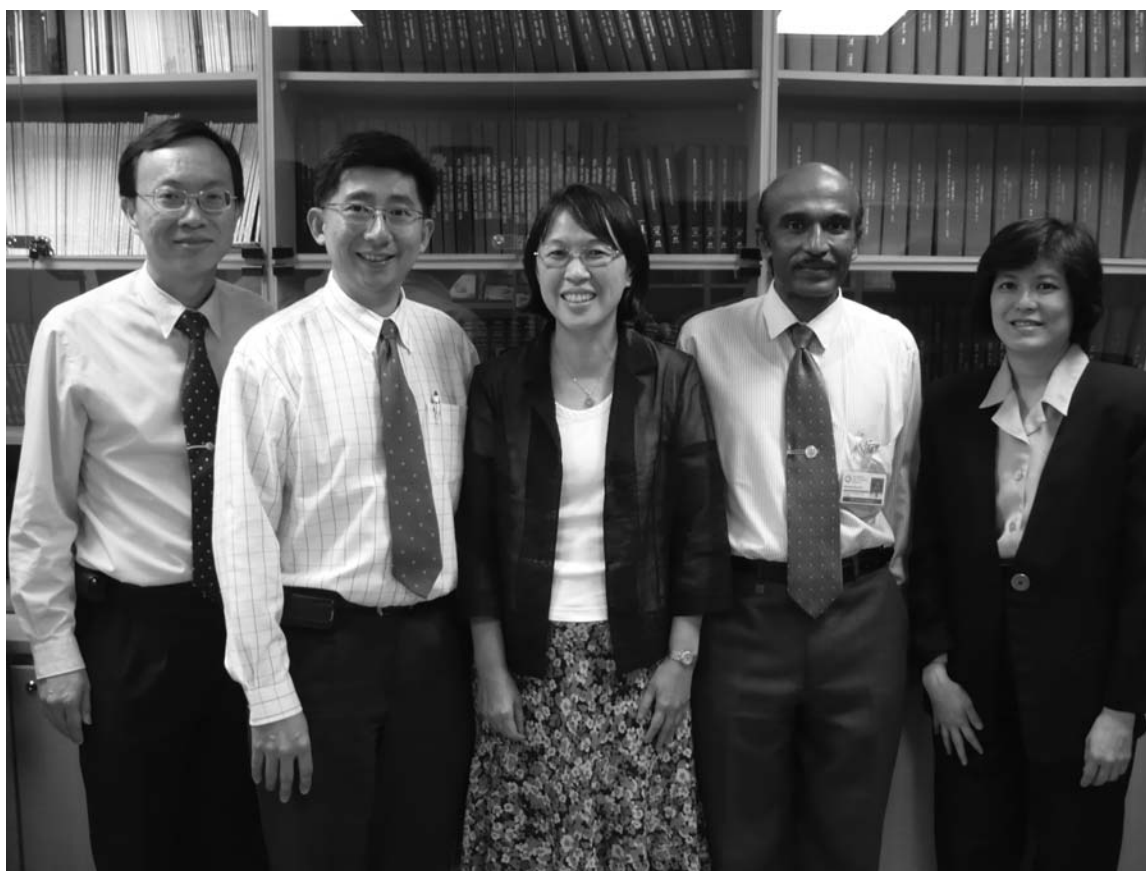


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2007 -2008 Council



Standing (from left to right):

**Dr Low Kah Tzay (Honorary Treasurer), Dr Daniel Goh (Vice-President), Dr Lee Bee Wah (President),
Dr Samuel Rajadurai (Council Member), Dr Daisy Chan (Honorary Secretary).**

Absent:

**Dr Quak Seng Hock (Immediate Past President), Dr Anne Goh (Council Member) and Dr Marion Aw
(Council Member).**

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3rd CPOCHS Annual Lecture on 22 July 2007 at Raffles City Convention Centre : A/Prof Lee Bee Wah presenting a token of appreciation to Guest Lecturer, A/Prof Loke Kah Yin.



6th Asia Pacific Regional Meeting of the International Society for Neonatal Screening from 29 August to 01 September 2007 at Furama Riverfront Hotel: The Organising Committee taking a photo with the recipient of the APRM Distinguished Service Award, Prof Hiroshi Naruse.

(From Left to right): A/Prof Roy Joseph (Chairman, 6th APRM Organising Committee), Dr Khoo Poh Choo, Dr Sam Rajadurai, Prof Hiroshi Naruse, Dr Lee Le Ye, Dr Daisy Chan and Dr Chua Mei Chien.

Annual Report of the 2007-2008 Council

1. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 3rd Annual General Meeting of the College of Paediatrics & Child Health, Singapore (CPCHS) was held on 9th May 2007 at the Lecture Theatre, Level 1, KK Women's & Children's Hospital.

The following office-bearers were elected for the year 2007-2008:

President	:	Dr Lee Bee Wah
Immediate Past President	:	Dr Quak Seng Hock
Vice-President	:	Dr Goh Yam Thiam, Daniel
Honorary Secretary	:	Dr Chan Kwai Lin, Daisy
Honorary Treasurer	:	Dr Low Kah Tzay
Council Members	:	Dr Aw nee Chia Hui-Yong, Marion Margaret Dr Goh Eng Kim, Anne Dr Rajadurai Victor Samuel

Dr Daisy Chan and Dr Anne Goh will retire at the next Annual General Meeting. Both are eligible for re-election.

2. MEMBERSHIP

The total membership of the College stands at 161 (as at 31 December 2007).

3. COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Council met at least once bi-monthly to consider the business and affairs of the College. At the time of writing the Annual Report, the Council had held six meetings in 2007.

4. CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

The following Continuing Medical Education (CME) lectures were organised:

24 January 2007

“Early Nutrition and Programming – Too Much, Too Little and Subsequent Health Consequences”

(Co-organised with Singapore Paediatric Society)

Speaker: Professor Josef Neu
Division of Neonatology, Department of Paediatrics
University of Florida College of Medicine, USA

Chairperson: Dr Daisy Chan
Senior Consultant
Department of Neonatal and Developmental Medicine
Singapore General Hospital

14 April 2007

“New Frontiers to Complete Nutrition”

Speaker: Dr Benny Kerzner
Chairman, Department of Gastroenterology & Nutrition
George Washington University School of Medicine, USA

Chairperson: Prof Quak Seng Hock
Senior Consultant
Department of Paediatrics
Children's Medical Institute
National University Hospital

9 May 2007

Seminar on “Developing Healthy Bodies and Healthy Minds”

“Sports Injuries in Children”

Speaker: Dr Ong Wee Sian
Head & Consultant Sports Physician
Sports Medicine Service
KK Women's & Children's Hospital

“School Refusal”

Speaker: Dr Brian Yeo
Brian Yeo Psychiatric Consultancy Clinic
Mount Elizabeth Medical Centre

Chairperson: Dr Daisy Chan
Senior Consultant
Department of Neonatal and Developmental Medicine
Singapore General Hospital

08 July 2007

“Balancing the Act of Childhood Epilepsy Management”

Speaker: Professor Ingrid Scheffer
Pediatric Neurologist & Epileptologist
Chair of Pediatric Neurology Research
University of Melbourne

Chairperson: Dr Ong Hian Tat
Senior Consultant
Department of Paediatrics
National University Hospital

08 December 2007

Tackling Food Allergies in Infants

(Co-organised with Singapore Paediatric Society)

The Gold Standard in Infant Nutrition

Speaker: Dr Lee Bee Wah

Child and Allegy Clinic

Mount Elizabeth Centre

Speaker: Associate Prof Lynette Shek

Consultant

Department of Paediatrics

National University of Singapore

5. 41ST SINGAPORE-MALAYSIA CONGRESS OF MEDICINE

19 – 22 July 2007

In celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the Academy of Medicine Singapore, the College of Paediatrics & Child Health Singapore held a symposium on the afternoon of 22 July 2007 at the Raffles City Convention Centre.

In conjunction with the symposium, A/Prof Loke Kah Yin, Senior Consultant, Department of Paediatrics, National University Hospital gave the 3rd College of Paediatrics & Child Health Lecture entitled “The Past, the Present and the Shape of Things to Come”. The Lecture served to stimulate food for thought. A symposium on “Current Topics in Paediatrics” was held after the College Lecture and comprised 3 interesting talks on:

“Maximising Cure, Minimising Side Effects: Tailoring Therapy in Childhood Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia”

~ Dr Allen Yeoh, Senior Consultant, Department of Paediatrics, NUH

“Metabolic Disorders and Newborn Screening: Extended Spectrum and Follow-Up Measures”

~ A/ Prof Samuel Victor Rajadurai, Senior Consultant, Department of Neonatology, KKH

“How Play and Leisure Activities Influence Children Growing up in the 21st Century”

~ Dr Sylvia Choo, Consultant, Department of Neonatal and Developmental Medicine, SGH

6. 6TH ASIA - PACIFIC REGIONAL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR NEONATAL SCREENING

29 August – 01 September 2007

(Co-organised with the Singapore Paediatric Society, Perinatal Society of Singapore and the International Society for Neonatal Screening)

The 6th Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting of the International Society for Neonatal Screening (ISNS) was held at Furama Riverfront Hotel, Singapore from 29th August to 1st September 2007. The theme for the meeting was “Improving Child Health through Universal Screening”. A total of 185 participants from 26 countries participated in this 4-day event and included doctors, nurses, laboratory scientists, audiologists and dieticians. Altogether, 10 plenary lectures, 16 symposia and 2 debates were held. The meeting provided delegates with the opportunity to share their experience and technological advances in newborn screening techniques, including screening for glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase deficiency, congenital hypothyroidism, congenital hearing impairment and various metabolic diseases.

Besides the main meeting, 3 workshops were organised that demonstrated the technique of “tandem mass spectrometry for metabolic screening” and “universal newborn hearing screening” as well as a “quality assurance program on screening methodologies”. Concurrent with the scientific meeting, a trade exhibition was held, featuring screening equipment and assays, data management systems and treatment modalities. The meeting raised awareness of the importance of newborn screening in reducing neonatal morbidity and mortality, while providing impetus for pediatricians in the Asia-Pacific region to develop local systems for screening the newborn.

7. PAEDIATRICS, CHILD & ADOLESCENT HEALTH (PCAH) JOURNAL

The Paediatrics, Child & Adolescent Health Journal (PCAH) is the official joint publication of Singapore Paediatric Society and the College of Paediatrics & Child Health, Singapore. It replaced the Singapore Paediatric Journal since 2006. It comprises articles that are Original Contributions, Clinical Reviews and reports in the Doctor’s Casebooks. In 2007, 1 supplementary issue (August) and 1 volume (November) were published. Because of the declining submission rate of manuscripts being considered for publication, the Editorial Board deliberated in September 2007 regarding the feasibility of placing the Journal online, in order to boost submission. All Fellows are encouraged to consider submitting original articles and interesting reports to the PCAH journal for consideration for publication.

8. DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAMME (DLP)

The distance learning programme was launched in 2005. In 2007, the College of Paediatrics and Child Health Singapore prepared 2 modules as part of the DLP:

- (a) United Kingdom Infantile Spasms Study (UKISS) comparing hormone treatment With Vigabatrin on developmental and epilepsy outcomes to age 14 months: A multicentre randomised trial.
- (b) New Guidelines for Prevention of Infective Endocarditis.

Fellows wishing to participate may access the DLP at the Member Login (secured) area of the Academy website www.ams.edu.sg using their MCR/ DCR number and password.

9. STAFF REGISTRAR SCHEME (SRS)

Jointly organised and administered by the Academy of Medicine, Singapore and the College of Paediatrics & Child Health, Singapore, the Staff Registrar Scheme was introduced in 2007 to enable public healthcare institutions to retain temporarily - registered foreign doctors by providing them with an accredited training program. Doctors who are enrolled undergo 2 years of structured training, leading to the “Diploma in Paediatrics & Child Health” (DPCH) that is awarded by the College. After the training program was developed, the first intake commenced in May 2007 with the enrolment of 2 candidates, one each from Singapore General Hospital and KK Women’s & Children’s Hospital. Both candidates will be examined at the end of year 1 of the SRS Programme.

**10. “GRANDFATHERING” EXERCISE:
A DIALOGUE SESSION**

The Joint Committee on Specialist Training (JCST) of the Specialist Accreditation Board (SAB), MOH, notified all paediatricians in September 2007 of their intention to conduct a one-off “Grandfathering” Exercise as part of the dual accreditation scheme. Because of concerns expressed by paediatricians who were Fellows of CPCHS, the College organised a “Grandfathering” Exercise dialogue session on 29 September 2007 at 2.30pm and held at Seminar Room 1, Level 1, KK Women’s & Children’s Hospital. The dialogue session enabled Fellows to clarify concerns with the Co-Chairman of JCST. A total of 23 Fellows attended the dialogue session that was chaired by Dr Lee Bee Wah.

11. NOTE OF APPRECIATION

The College wishes to express its heartfelt thanks to all Fellows for the continuous support and effort rendered in the past year as well as ongoing projects and activities.

December 2007
Dr Chan Kwai Lin, Daisy
Honorary Secretary
2007-2008 College of Paediatrics & Child Health, Singapore