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Taken at the Lee Kong Chian Room on 5 March 2007

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## 28<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore held at 6.00pm on Thursday, 29 June 2006 at the KW Chow Conference Room, Department of Diagnostic Radiology, Singapore General Hospital, Outram Road, Singapore 169608.

The following members were present:

1. Anantharaman Venkataraman
2. Aw Kian-Li Andrew
3. Chan Heng Thye
4. Chan Kwai Lin Daisy
5. Chan Siew Luen
6. Chan Yew Weng
7. Chen Fun Gee
8. Chen K'O Wen Kevin
9. Chen Sze Hua
10. Cheng Wai Sam Christopher
11. Chew Beng Keng
12. Chew Chin Hin
13. Chiang Shih Chuin Gilbert
14. Chow Kah Hoe Pierce
15. Cutter Jeffery Lawrence
16. Eng Hsi Ko Peter
17. Fock Kwong Ming
18. Foo Wai Yin Marjorie
19. Goh Cynthia Ruth
20. Heng Anthony
21. Ho Kah Ying Selina
22. Ho Lai Yun
23. Ho Tew Hong
24. Kho Kwang Mui
25. Lian Wee Bin
26. Lien Li Choo
27. Lim Ai Chi Peter
28. Lim Swee Han
29. Lim Teh Aun
30. Low Cheng Hock
31. Low Su Chong Albert
32. Ng Beng Yeong
33. Ng Boon Keat
34. Ng Keng Yeen
35. Ng Yee Sien
36. Ong Yong Yau
37. P Chandra Mohan
38. Quek Swee Tian
39. Sim Shao-Jen Llewellyn
40. Soh Yi-Wei George
41. Tan Ai Ling
42. Tan Bien Soo
43. Tan Kim Ping
44. Tan Puay Hoon
45. Tay Kiang Hiong
46. Voo Yau Onn
47. Yap Hwa Ling
48. Yong Fok Chuan

The following members tendered their apologies:

1. Ang Tiing Leong
2. Chan Kong Thoe
3. Chen Li-Hsian Christopher
4. Cheok Peng Lim
5. Chew Li-Ching
6. Daruwalla Jimmy
7. Ding Zee Pin
8. Ho May Ling
9. James Khoo
10. K Satkunanantham
11. Kendrick Anne Tan
12. Lam Sian Lian
13. Lee Kok Onn
14. Lee Lay Tin
15. Lee Luisa
16. Lee Onn Kei Angel
17. Lee Shu Yen
18. Lim Chien Wei John
19. Lim Lum Peng
20. Lim Shih Hui
21. Lim Sor Kheng
22. Lim Thiam Chye
23. Lim Yean Teng
24. Low Lip Ping
25. N Venketasubramanian
26. Ng Ang Lee Richard
27. Ng Fook Cheong
28. Oh Min-Sen Vernon
29. Pang Edward
30. S R E Sayampanathan
31. Seow Wan Tew
32. Seshadri Ravi
33. Tai E Shyong
34. Tan Eng Hoe
35. Tan Kai Chah
36. Tan Kay Soon
37. Tan Khai Tong
38. Teh Luan Yook
39. Teoh Kheng Hoe Gerrard
40. Wong Chee Meng John
41. Wong Lea Choung
42. Wong Moh Sim
43. Yeo Gwek Cheng Mavis
44. Yeo Jin Fei
45. Yeo Seow Heong George
46. Yeoh Kian Hian
47. Yong Nen Khiong

In attendance:

**Ms Punitha**, Company Secretary, Gokki Management Services

**Ms Sheila Ng**, Senior Editorial Executive, Annals, Academy of Medicine, Singapore

**Mr Daniel Goh**, Accountant, Academy of Medicine, Singapore

**Mr Cheong Kah Seng**, Project Executive, Academy of Medicine, Singapore

**Ms Lee Jin Jin**, Project Executive, Academy of Medicine, Singapore

**Ms Tan Lay Hoon**, Senior Executive, Academy of Medicine, Singapore

**Ms Shanita Nadarajan**, Administrative Assistant, Academy of Medicine, Singapore

## PREAMBLE

The Master of the 2005-2006 Council and Chairman, Dr Low Cheng Hock, called the meeting to order at 6.10 pm. Dr Low welcomed all present and apologised for the hiccups so far. He thanked all present for their kind understanding and cooperation.

The House observed one minute of silence in memory of the following Fellows who passed away since the last (27<sup>th</sup>) Annual General Meeting held on 28 May 2005:

- Dr William Chan (College of Physicians)
- Dr Gwee Ah Leng (Past Master and College of Physicians)
- Dr Lu Ming-Teh Earl (College of Surgeons)
- Dr Devi Sivakami (College of Physicians)
- Dr Wong Soon Seng Eric (College of Radiologists)

## 1. MINUTES OF THE 27<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 28 MAY 2005

The Chairman referred to the Minutes of the 27<sup>th</sup> AGM and opened the discussion to the floor.

Dr Chew Beng Keng referred to page 10, left column, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph of the 2005 Annual Report and stated that he found the language used unpleasant and asked that the terms "too low" and "too high" to be deleted.

Dr Ho Lai Yun reminded the House that the phrases used were taken from the slide presentation.

Dr George Soh opined that the minutes should be a true reflection of what transpired during the AGM.

The Chairman agreed with Dr Chew and asked the House if there was any objection to amending the Minutes. No objection was raised. The secretariat was thereby instructed to amend the paragraph and to take out the parentheses.

Thus, it should be reflected as follows:

### Amendment

**"The standard of the MOC programme should be achievable by specialists and acceptable to SMC. Dr Ho Lai Yun commented that this is the first time that SMC is giving the profession the opportunity to forward recommendations."**

Dr Chew Beng Keng then referred to item number 7 of the Minutes and asked why the proposed maintenance of certification programme still reflected 50 CME points.

Dr Ho Lai Yun clarified the issue, informing the House that meetings, which included representatives from the private sector, were held after the 27<sup>th</sup> AGM. The finalised proposed MOC programme, which took out the logbook issue and proposed an increase from the existing 25 CME points to 30 points, has been submitted to SMC and was pending a reply.

Dr Chew thanked Dr Ho for the update and asked that the information be included as an addendum to the Minutes to avoid any confusion.

The Chairman asked the House if there was any objection to the addendum. No objection was raised. The secretariat was thereby instructed to add to the Annex A of the Minutes (page 14):

### Addendum

**"In the finalised MOC programme for specialists submitted to the SMC for approval, Category 4D: Keeping record of life-long learning (voluntary and non-mandatory) has been removed and the proposed increase is from the existing 25 CME points to 30 CME points."**

The House adopted the minutes of the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 28 May 2005 with the inclusion of the said amendment and addendum, as proposed by Dr Chew Beng Keng and seconded by Dr Chan Heng Thye.

## 2. REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY 2005 TO 31 DECEMBER 2005

Master reported that the Council has encountered some "teething problems" in the challenging formative times of the Colleges and that it would take some time to sort matters out. He referred all to the Annual Report of the 2005-2006 Council and opened the floor for discussion.

Dr Chew Beng Keng complimented the Council on its prudent management of funds and reminded the Council not to be greedy. He advised the Council to stick to safe instruments such as government bonds and never to invest in dual currency instruments.

Dr Chew also reminded the Council to increase our Building Fund reserves and he suggested making what were "pledges" compulsory.

Dr George Soh, speaking in his capacity as Bursar for part of FY 2005, agreed with Dr Chew that AMS should not take risk or be aggressive in its financial management. He explained that the investment mentioned on page 22 of the 2005 Annual Report was principle protected. Dr Soh also explained that in view of possible expansion in the near future, the Building and Investment Subcommittee decided not to lock up the funds in long-term instruments, which was why the committee chose not to invest in government bonds.

The Chairman thanked all for their advice and suggestions, and informed that the new Finance Committee would take these into consideration.

The Chairman added that AMS had preliminary talks with Prof Tan Ser Kiat and spoke on building a shared campus with the College of Family Practitioners Singapore and the Singapore Medical Association.

### **Adoption of the Report of the 2005-2006 Council**

The House adopted the Annual Report of the 2005-2006 Council, as proposed by Dr Chew Chin Hin and seconded by Dr Tan Kim Ping.

## **3. AUDITED ACCOUNTS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2005**

Dr Tan Bien Soo, Assistant Bursar of the 2005-2006 Council, presented the audited accounts for financial year ended 31 December 2005.

### **3.1 Presentations of Accounts and Observations Thereon**

Dr Tan Bien Soo apologised to the House for the delay in presenting the audited accounts. AMS had a challenging time with the auditors who tendered their resignation just before the audit was to be conducted. Despite starting the audit in February 2006, the auditors did not finalise the accounts until the last week of May 2006.

The House received from Dr Tan Bien Soo, a verbal presentation, with the aid of illustrations from slides where appropriate, of the audited accounts of the Academy as at 31 December 2005.

The House heard the following:

- (i) There was a surplus of \$92,120 for financial year ended 31 December 2005, with accumulated surplus brought forward of \$1,584,127.
- (ii) The "decrease" in revenue for AMS from \$1,283,834 in 2004 to \$1,013,810 in 2005 was not due to a decrease in subscription but rather because 25% of dues has been allocated to the Colleges.
- (iii) Dr Tan highlighted the healthy Income from Events of \$186,246 and \$31,475 recovered from the Provision for Doubtful Debts.

- (iv) Assistant Bursar provided the breakdown on subscriptions and showed that of the \$837,700 collected, a total of \$151,592 has been transferred to the 6 Colleges.
- (v) The number of AMS staff and JCST staff stood at 15 and 7 respectively. Wages for FY 2005 amounted to \$632,942 and CPF contributions amounted to \$66,641.
- (vi) Overall Operating Expenditure has been conservative; for example, AMS spent \$22,836 on Induction Comitia Dinner in 2005 as compared to the 2 dinners costing \$40,404 in 2004.
- (vii) As at 31 December 2005, Fixed Assets stood at \$3,026,745 and Net Current Assets stood at \$8,224,649.

Dr Tan Bien Soo thanked the AMS accountant, Daniel Goh, for rushing out the financial statements and Dr George Soh for the tight control of finances during his term as Bursar. He then opened the floor to discussion.

### **3.2 Discussion**

Dr Chew Beng Keng asked for the reason of the auditors' resignation.

Dr Tan Bien Soo replied that AMS was also interested to know but the auditors did not offer any reason. However, based on recent newspaper reports, it appeared that audit firms have become more reluctant to take on charities/ IPCs after the National Kidney Foundation saga as they view charities as "high-risk" clients.

Dr Tan added that based on this experience, the incoming Council should sit down with the new auditors and set down the standards and timelines from the beginning.

Dr George Soh pointed out that the Council has managed finances well and that interest income has doubled from \$42,106 in 2004 to \$90,856 in 2005.

The Chairman thanked Dr George Soh, Dr Tan Bien Soo, Daniel and the Finance Committee for their hard work.

### **3.3 Adoption of the Accounts**

The House adopted the audited accounts as at 31 December 2005, as proposed by Dr Gilbert Chiang and seconded by Dr Tan Kim Ping.

## **4. ELECTION OF THE 2006-2008 COUNCIL**

The House heard from the Master:

- (i) That in response to the call for nominations to the 2006-2008 Council, the following fourteen(14) nominations were received prior to closing time and accepted by the 2005-2006 Council:

Nominee	Proposer	Second
Dr Abhilash Balakrishnan	Dr Ho Lai Yun	Dr Christopher Goh
Dr Chan Heng Thy	Dr Edward Pang	Dr Yang Tuck Loong
Dr Chan Yew Weng	Dr Ho Lai Yun	Dr Lim Shih Hui
Dr Chia Sing Joo	Dr Appasamy Vijayan	Dr Heng Chin Tiong
Dr Gilbert Chiang	Dr Chuah Khoo Leong	Dr Yap Wai Ming
Dr Roland Chong	Dr Loh Fun Chee	Dr Goh Teck Chong
Dr Fock Kwong Ming	Dr Ho Lai Yun	Dr Chew Chin Hin
Dr Anthony Heng	Dr Lee Woon Kwang	Dr Mak Koon Hou
Dr Lee Kok Onn	Dr Gilbert Chiang	Dr Ho Lai Yun
Dr George Lim	Dr Chew Chuan Tieh	Dr Tan Poh Lian
Dr Lim Shih Hui	Dr Chee Yam Cheng	Dr Ho Lai Yun
Dr Lim Shun Ping	Dr James W W Wong	Dr Loh Hong Sai
Dr Edward Pang	Dr Tan Tiong Har	Dr Chua Ee Chek
Dr Sayampanathan SRE	Dr Wong Meng Cheong	Dr Foo Chee Liam

(ii) As there were 6 positions, a postal ballot was conducted and the following (in the order of most votes received) were declared duly elected Councillors of the 2006-2008 Council:

- 1) Dr Gilbert Chiang
- 2) Dr Fock Kwong Ming
- 3) Dr Anthony Heng
- 4) Dr Lim Shih Hui
- 5) Dr Chan Heng Thy
- 6) Dr Edward Pang

The House congratulated and welcomed the elected councillors.

(iii) Master recorded a vote of thanks to all who stood for election and to the retiring Councillors: Dr Christopher Goh (Scribe), Dr Tan Bien Soo (Assistant Bursar), Dr Lim Shun Ping (Censor) and Dr Tan Kok Chai (Censor-in-Chief).

## 5. APPOINTMENT OF THE MASTER OF THE 2006-2008 COUNCIL

The House heard:

- (i) Master expressed his gratitude to Dr Tan Kim Ping for accepting the Council's appointment as the Executive Director, to help in the reorganisation and restructuring of the Academy at a critical time.
- (ii) Master thanked all Council members who have been extremely tolerant, patient and cooperative in the last twelve months as AMS ventured into uncharted areas such as College formation.
- (iii) Master expressed his appreciation to the secretariat for their assistance and all Fellows for their cooperation and kind understanding during his tenure of two years.
- (iv) Dr Low Cheng Hock then invited the Master-Elect, Dr Ho Lai Yun, to take the chair from this point of the AGM. Dr Ho took the chair and thanked Dr Low Cheng Hock for leading the Academy in the last two years.

## 6. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

As G.S. Tan & Co. did not wish to seek reappointment, the House unanimously agreed to the Council's recommendation of the appointment of Geetha A & Associates as the new auditor for the accounts ending 31 December 2006.

## 7. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

### 7.1 SPECIAL RESOLUTION 1

The following resolution was proposed by Dr Ho Lai Yun and seconded by Dr Chan Siew Luen:

That subject to the approval of the Minister for Finance, the Comptroller of Income Tax, the Commissioner of Charities and the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority, the existing Article 7 (b) regarding the admission of the Dental profession be amended in the following manner (proposed amendments underlined):

Fellowship shall be open to qualified members of the Dental profession holding a primary qualification acceptable to the Academy of Medicine, Singapore who

- i) have successfully completed an approved post-MDS (Singapore) programme or its equivalent that has been approved by the Academy for admission as a Fellow; and
- ii) fulfilled the exit requirements and passed the exit assessment conducted by the Academy; and
- iii) are of good general character and conduct, as testified to by three referees, two of whom must be Fellows of the Academy.

Dr George Soh stated his support for the proposed amendment and felt that the amendments would level the playing field for all dentists and going through the exit assessment would determine if they were fit to be Fellows. Dr Soh added that the removal of the existing clause 7 (b)ii) regarding restricted practice may contradict existing clause 7 (c) which stated that "Fellows shall not, at the time of their admission to membership of the Academy, be engaged in general practice".

Dr Chan Siew Luen, in his capacity as Chairman of the Chapter of Dental Surgeons, presented a brief overview of voluntary restricted practice. The objectives of the proposed amendments were to bring the admission criteria up to date to prepare for the forthcoming implementation of the Specialist Dental Register (SDR) and to allow for exit assessment as a more objective criterion.

Dr Fock Kwong Ming stated that the changes would bring the dental entry requirements closer to those of medical entry requirements, and they would be more competency-based than time-based.

Dr Chew Beng Keng asked if it is an issue that affected dental surgeons, it should be brought up at the Dental Chapter AGM and not at Academy's. Dr Chan Siew Luen assured Dr Chew and the House that the matter has been discussed at the Dental Chapter AGM and the Chapter was putting forth the proposed amendments for the House to vote on.

Dr Lien Li Choo asked if it was the issue of restricted practice, why was it not raised to the Singapore Dental Council (SDC) to relax the requirements but brought to the Academy instead? Dr Chan replied that with the forthcoming implementation of the SDR, the system of restricted practice would no longer apply, so it would be appropriate to amend the entry requirements.

Dr Lien stated that the proposed amendments might not be representative of the views of the membership of the Dental Chapter since no polling was carried out. Dr Chan replied that the Constitution did not require polling of Chapter members but required that the proposed amendments be tabled at the AGM for the House to vote on.

The Chairman added that since the proposed amendments have been circulated to all Fellows before the AGM, Dental Fellows who have any opinion on the matter should be present at the AGM to state their views.

Dr Fock Kwong Ming supported the amendments and pointed out that AMS should rewrite its own rules before the implementation of the SDR; otherwise, if there was a vacuum, the rules may be rewritten by another organisation.

Dr Lien Li Choo felt that if Dental Fellows found the rules regarding restricted practice too strict, they should approach the SDC and it should not form the reason for changing the entry requirements. Dr Chan Siew Luen reiterated that the issue of restricted practice was only one of the reasons. The more important reason was to set down objective, competency-based entry criteria instead using of time-based criteria. He added that the change from "registrable with the Singapore Dental Council" to "acceptable to the Academy of Medicine, Singapore" would return the control of entry requirements to AMS.

At this point of the meeting, the Chairman called for a vote. By a show of hands, 17 of the 26 remaining members agreed, 1 objected and 8 abstained from voting. The Chairman then declared a two-third majority in favour of passing the resolution. However, a member of the floor queried if that was the correct majority needed to pass the resolution. As the secretariat was not certain, the Company Secretary was asked to clarify. Ms A Geetha clarified that Article 90 stated that amendments must be passed by a majority of three-quarters of members present at the General Meeting.

As such, the Chairman called for a vote again. By a show of hands, 22 of the 27 members voted for the resolution,

1 objected and 4 abstained from voting. The Chairman then declared that as more than three-fourths of the voting members voted in favour of the Resolution, it was thus carried.

## 7.2 SPECIAL RESOLUTION 2

The following resolution was proposed by Dr Ho Lai Yun and seconded by Dr Yap Hwa Ling:

That subject to the approval of the Minister for Finance, the Comptroller of Income Tax, the Commissioner of Charities and the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority, the existing Article 40 be amended in the following manner (proposed amendments underlined):

Application by Fellows for the formation of a new Chapter must be made to the Council in writing and signed by a minimum of 30 Fellows who will be potential members of the Chapter. Application by Fellows for the formation of new Colleges must be made to the Council in writing and signed by a minimum of 70 Fellows resident in Singapore who will be potential members of the College.

The Chairman reminded the House that the number of 100 Fellows was arbitrary.

Dr George Soh suggested changing the phrase "who will be potential members of" to "**who qualify to be members of**". Dr Soh shared his concern of what would be the minimum number to sustain a College in its activities.

Dr Ng Beng Yeong, Honorary Secretary of the Chapter of Psychiatrists, informed the House that the matter has been discussed at the recent Chapter AGM and members were supportive of College formation.

Dr Yap Hwa Ling, Chairman of the Chapter of Psychiatrists, informed the House that the number 70 was chosen because of the 82 Psychiatry Fellows, 7 were overseas.

Dr Chan Siew Luen asked whether including the clause "resident in Singapore" made the Article too restrictive. Overseas members should be allowed to vote on a petition and it would allow flexibility.

Dr Anthony Heng opined that if a member were not resident in Singapore, he or she would not be able to contribute to the newly formed College, so he was supportive of the clause "resident in Singapore".

Dr Tan Bien Soo reminded the House that while Article 40 allowed the Fellows to petition for the formation of a Chapter or College, Article 36 provided for the Council to create a Chapter or convert a Chapter into a College.

At this point, the Chairman called for a vote. By a show of hands, 25 of the 26 members voted for the resolution and 1 abstained from voting. The Chairman then declared that as more than three-fourths of the voting members voted in favour of the Resolution, it was thus carried, with the change in phrasing as proposed by Dr George Soh.

**7.3 SPECIAL RESOLUTION 3**

The following resolution was proposed by Dr Ho Lai Yun and seconded by Dr Tan Kim Ping:

That subject to the approval of the Minister for Finance, the Comptroller of Income Tax, the Commissioner of Charities and the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority, the existing Article 41 be amended in the following manner (proposed amendments underlined):

Such applications must be submitted to Council three months before the next Annual General Meeting.

Dr George Soh asked whether three months was sufficient work-around time for the Company Secretary to prepare the paperwork. The Company Secretary replied that it was sufficient.

The Chairman reminded all Fellows who were serious in forming a Chapter or a College to submit their application as early as possible.

At this point, the Chairman called for a vote. By a show of hands, 23 of the 24 members present voted for the resolution and 1 abstained from voting. The Chairman then declared that as more than three-fourths of the voting members voted in favour of the Resolution, it was thus carried.

**8. FORMATION OF A CHAPTER OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS: SPECIAL RESOLUTION 4**

The Chairman informed the House that the Council has accepted the application from the following thirty Fellows to form a Chapter of Emergency Physicians at its 11th Council Meeting on 3 April 2006:

1) Dr Cham Wai Ming Gregory, 2) Dr Chan Kim Chai, 3) Dr Chong Cher Cheong, 4) Dr Fatimah bte Abdul Lateef, 5) Dr Goh Pak Liang, 6) Dr Goh Siang Hiong, 7) Dr Heng Wei Jian Kenneth, 8) Dr Lee Chun Yue Francis, 9) Dr Lee Wee Yee, 10) Dr Leong Kwok Fai Mark, 11) Dr Lim Ghee Hian, 12) Dr Lim Swee Han, 13) Dr Lim Yong Hwa, 14) Dr Mahadevan Malcolm, 15) Dr Manning Peter George, 16) Dr Ong Eng Hock Marcus, 17) Dr Ong Kim Lian, 18) Dr Ooi Beng Huat Shirley, 19) Dr Ponampalam R, 20) Dr Quek Lit Sin, 21) Dr Seow Eillyne, 22) Dr Sim Tiong Peng, 23) Dr Tan Hock Heng, 24) Dr Tan Wee Ping, 25) Dr Tay Seow Yian, 26) Dr Tham Kum Ying, 27) Dr Tiruchittampalam Mohan, 28) Dr Travers James Peregrine, 29) Dr Venkataraman Anantharaman, 30) Dr Wong Evelyn

Subject to the approval of the Minister for Finance, the Comptroller of Income Tax, the Commissioner of Charities and the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority, the Council of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore would like to resolve as Special Resolution 4 the formation of the Chapter of Emergency Physicians and to request the House to waive the required six-month notice period as set out in Article 41 of the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Dr V Anantharaman, Chairman of the Emergency Medicine Specialist Training Committee, informed the House that after much discussion among emergency medicine physicians, it was decided that they should form a separate Chapter to avoid conflict with either the College of Physicians or the College of Surgeons.

At this point, the Chairman called for a vote. By a show of hands, 23 of the 23 members present voted for the resolution and none voted against. The Chairman then declared that as more than three-fourths of the voting members voted in favour of the Resolution, it was thus carried.

**Post-Meeting Note**

*AMS' legal counsel advised that the formation of the Chapter of Emergency Physicians had not been properly constituted as it is not permissible for the members at a general meeting to waive the notice period of six months set out in Article 41 of AMS' Articles of Association.*

**9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS****9.1 Appointment Of Directors**

The Chairman informed the House of the resignations of three Council members: Dr George Soh, Dr Peter OP Mack and Dr Abdul Aziz bin Mohamed Nather. The Council, at its 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting, decided it would, following the conclusion of the postal ballot of the Council elections, invite the candidates with the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> most votes received to join the Council for a one-year term. The following candidates have been invited and have agreed: Dr Lee Kok Onn, Dr Roland SE Chong and Dr Chan Yew Weng. All three would be eligible for re-election.

**9.2 40<sup>th</sup> Malaysia-Singapore Congress of Medicine**

The Chairman reminded all Fellows to try to attend the 2005 Congress of Medicine which will be held from 24 to 27 August 2006 at the Sunway Pyramid Convention Centre in Petaling Jaya, Malaysia.

**9.3 41<sup>st</sup> Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine/ 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of AMS**

The Chairman also reminded all Fellows that 2007 is the Golden Jubilee of the Academy and encouraged all to do their best and show support during the celebrations.

**9.4 Closing Remarks**

The Chairman thanked Dr Low Cheng Hock and past and present Council members for their support. There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 7.50pm.

Recorded by: Ms Sheila Ng, Senior Editorial Executive

Vetted by:

Dr Tan Kim Ping, Executive Director

Dr Ho Lai Yun, Master, 2006-2008 Council

Dr Tan Bien Soo, Assistant Bursar, 2005-2006 Council



## Annual Report of the 2006-2007 Council

### 1. THE COUNCIL

1.1 The following Council Members were elected to the 2006-2008 Council at the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2006:

Dr Chan Heng Thye  
 Dr Gilbert Chiang Shih Chuin  
 Dr Fock Kwong Ming  
 Dr Anthony Heng  
 Dr Lim Shih Hui  
 Dr Edward Pang Chee Ping

1.2 Dr George Soh Yi-Wei, Dr Peter Mack On Pui and Dr Abdul Aziz bin Mohamed Nather, all of whom appointed to the 2005 - 2007 Council, resigned as Council Members in 2006. The 2006 - 2007 Council at its first meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2006 appointed Dr Chan Yew Weng, Dr Roland Chong Siong Eng and Dr Lee Kok Onn to fill the three casual vacancies for the remaining term of the 2005 - 2007 Council commencing from 10<sup>th</sup> July 2006.

1.3 Dr Chan Yew Weng, Dr Chen Fun Gee, Dr Roland Chong Siong Eng, Dr Lee Kok Onn, Dr Low Cheng Hock and Dr George Yeo Seow Heong will retire at the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting scheduled for 26<sup>th</sup> May 2007. All are eligible for re-election except Dr Low Cheng Hock who will retire from his position as Immediate Past Master.

### 2. OFFICE-BEARERS

At the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2006, Dr Ho Lai Yun was appointed as Master for a two-year term of 2006 - 2008. The list of office-bearers for the 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 Councils are as follows :

	2005-2006 Council @ 1 August 2005	2006-2007 Council
Master	Low Cheng Hock	Ho Lai Yun
Assistant Master	Fock Kwong Ming	Fock Kwong Ming
Scribe	Christopher Goh Hood Keng	Lim Shih Hui
Bursar	George Soh Yi-Wei	Chan Heng Thye
Assistant Bursar	Tan Bien Soo	Anthony Heng
Censor-in-Chief	Tan Kok Chai	Gilbert Chiang Shih Chuin
Censors	Chen Fun Gee	Chan Yew Weng
	Gilbert Chiang Shih Chuin	Chen Fun Gee
	Lim Shun Ping	Roland Chong Siong Eng
	Peter Mack On Pui	Lee Kok Onn
	Abdul Aziz bin Mohamed Nather	Edward Pang Chee Ping
	George Yeo Seow Heong	George Yeo Seow Heong
Master-Elect	Ho Lai Yun	
Immediate Past Master		Low Cheng Hock
Editor, Annals	Vernon Oh Min-Sen	Vernon Oh Min-Sen

### 3. CHAIRPERSONS OF CHAPTERS AND PRESIDENTS OF COLLEGES

3.1 The following Fellows were elected/re-elected as Chairpersons of their Chapters at the Annual General Meetings of the respective Chapters held in 2006:

Chapter of Dental Surgeons      Dr Chan Siew Luen (re-elected)  
 Chapter of Pathologists          Dr Tan Ai Ling (re-elected)  
 Chapter of Psychiatrists         Dr Yap Hwa Ling (re-elected)  
 Chapter of Public Health and  
 Occupational Physicians         Dr Lee Lay Tin

3.2 The following Presidents headed their respective Colleges for the term of 2006 - 2007 :

College of Anaesthesiologists, Singapore      Dr Edward Pang Chee Ping  
 College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Singapore      Dr Ho Tew Hong  
 College of Paediatrics and Child Health, Singapore      Dr Quak Seng Hock  
 College of Physicians, Singapore      Dr Lim Shih Hui  
 College of Radiologists, Singapore      Dr Tan Kim Ping  
 College of Surgeons, Singapore      Dr Anthony Heng

### 4. COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Council typically met monthly to consider the business and affairs of the Academy.

The 2005 - 2006 Council had met six times in 2006 between January and June. As for 2006 - 2007 Council, it had also met six times during the second half of the year, including a joint meeting with the Council of the Academy of Medicine, Malaysia held on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2006 during the 40<sup>th</sup> Malaysia-Singapore Congress of Medicine at Sunway Pyramid Convention Centre in Petaling Jaya, Malaysia.

### 5. ADMINISTRATION

#### 5.1 The Management

Dr Tan Kim Ping was appointed as Executive Director of the Academy on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2006 following the departure of Ms Sophia Wong, Chief Administrator, in February.

5.2 **The Professional Development Division** oversees the development of the Continuing Medical Education ("CME") programme, quality assurance programme for specialists, distance-learning programme and other related programmes.

Dr Ho Lai Yun, Chairman of the Education Committee, is in charge of the Division.

- 5.3 **The Publications Division** develops the Annals as the leading publication of the Academy. It is also responsible for publications such as clinical guidelines, booklets on the Academy for new Academicians and biannual Newsletter. The newsletters are posted online on the homepage of the Academy's website.

Dr Vernon Oh Min-Sen is Editor, Annals.

- 5.4 **The Conference and Events Division** supports the Chapters and Colleges in their relations with specialist societies and deals with the organisation of conferences.

Dr Fock Kwong Ming, Assistant Master, is in charge of conferences.

- 5.5 **The Planning and General Administration Division** manages membership, human resources, finance and office administration within the Academy.

As well, the Division supports the Academy's Finance and Establishment Review Committee.

## 6 MEMBERSHIP

- 6.1 During the year 2006, the Council through the recommendation of the Board of Censors admitted 82 new Fellows.

- 6.2 The Council records with sadness the demise of Dr Lim Shun Ping (Cardiologist) and Dr M.F.H. Kelleher (Overseas Fellow). The former was a Council Member of the 2004 - 2006 Council of the Academy.

- 6.3 The Academy's total membership of 2,177 as at 31 December 2006 comprises:

Local Fellows	2,065
Overseas Fellows	91
Honorary Fellows	21

Separately, since inception till to date, the Academy has conferred Fellowship on 116 Presidents of Fraternal Overseas Colleges and Academies.

- 6.4 Local and Overseas Fellows are grouped under the Chapters of the Academy and the Colleges as follows:

Chapter of Dental Surgeons	180
Chapter of Pathologists	60
Chapter of Psychiatrists	84
Chapter of Public Health and Occupational Physicians	98
College of Anaesthesiologists, Singapore	122
College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Singapore	196

College of Paediatrics and Child Health, Singapore	152
College of Physicians, Singapore	512
College of Radiologists, Singapore	121
College of Surgeons, Singapore	459

- 6.5 As at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2006, a total of 173 Fellows have yet to be admitted to their respective Colleges. Once these Fellows are current with their annual dues and fulfill their pledges to the Building and Endowment Fund, they will be admitted to the relevant Colleges.

## 7. INDUCTION COMITIA

Dr Tony Tan, Chairman of National Research Foundation, and Mrs Mary Tan were the Guests-of-Honour at the Induction Comitia held on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2006 at the Pan-Pacific Hotel. Special guests included Professor K Satkunanatham, Director of Medical Services of Ministry of Health, & Mrs Rose Satkunanatham and Ms Yong Ying-I, Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Health.

Dr Tony Tan was conferred Honorary Fellowship. A total of 93 local specialists were admitted as Fellows. Dr Dan Yock Young led the Inductees' Pledge.

## 8. LECTURESHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

### 8.1 Distinguished Academician

There was no appointment in 2006.

### 8.2 Visiting Academicians

Associate Professor Richard S.E. Keefe of the Department of Psychiatry at Duke University Medical Center was appointed as Visiting Academician. He delivered a lecture on "Long-Term Outcomes in Schizophrenia: Lessons from CATIE" on 21 September 2006 at the 4<sup>th</sup> Professional Lecture organised by the Chapter of Psychiatrists.

### 8.3 Visiting Lecturers

There was no appointment in 2006.

### 8.4 Galloway Memorial Lecture

No Lectureship was awarded in 2006.

### 8.5 Lee Foundation/Tan Sri Dr Runme Shaw Fellowship in Orthopaedic Surgery

Two Lee Foundation/Tan Sri Dr Runme Shaw Fellowships in Orthopaedic Surgery were awarded in 2006 to:

- Dr Mofikoya Bolaji Oyawale, Nigerian for term of 1 September 2006 ~ 28 February 2007
- Dr Sedeek Mohamed Sedeek Mosaid, Egyptian whose term has been deferred to commence in April 2007.

### 8.6 Seah Cheng Siang Research/Travelling Fellowships

There was no award in 2006.

## 9. REPRESENTATION AT ANNUAL MEETINGS OF FRATERNAL COLLEGES

9.1 During the term of Master Low Cheng Hock from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 29<sup>th</sup> June of 2006, the Academy was represented at the following events :

- Dr Chee Yam Cheng at Annual Session of the American College of Physicians on 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> April in Philadelphia, USA
- Dr Ho Lai Yun, Master-Elect, at Congress 2006 of The Royal Australasian College of Physicians on 7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> May in Cairns, Australia

9.2 Under the term of Master Ho Lai Yun from 29<sup>th</sup> June to 31<sup>st</sup> December of 2006, the Academy was represented at the following events :

- Dr Chan Heng Thye, Bursar, at Meeting of The International Association of College & Academy Presidents on 12<sup>th</sup> October in Hong Kong and at Conjoint Scientific Congress of the College of Surgeons of Hong Kong and the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh hosted by the College of Surgeons of Hong Kong on 10<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> October in Hong Kong
- Dr Low Yin Peng at 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Clinical Congress of the Philippine College of Surgeons, and Joint Meeting with the Asean Society of Colorectal Surgeons and Society of Philippine Surgeons in America on 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> December in Mandaluyong City, the Philippines.

## 10. CONGRESS OF MEDICINE

### 10.1 40<sup>th</sup> Malaysia-Singapore Congress of Medicine

The 40<sup>th</sup> Malaysia-Singapore Congress of Medicine was organised by the Academy of Medicine of Malaysia and held on 24<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> August 2006 at Sunway Pyramid Convention Centre in Petaling Jaya, Malaysia.

The theme of the Congress is "Coming to Terms with Acute Care Medicine". HRH Sultan Azlan Shah, Sultan of Perak and Patron of the Academy of Medicine of Malaysia, officiated the Opening Ceremony of the Congress on 24<sup>th</sup> August.

The highlights of the Congress included the 16<sup>th</sup> Tun Dr Ismail Oration and 5<sup>th</sup> Tun Hussein Onn Lecture. Professor Lim Pin, as the 16<sup>th</sup> Tun Dr Ismail Orator, delivered a lecture on "Demands & Challenges of Modern Medicine". Dr Ang Swee Chai spoke on "From Beirut to Jerusalem" at the 5<sup>th</sup> Tun Hussein Onn Lecture. Professor Chan Yoo Kuen, President of the College of Anaesthesiologists of the Academy of Medicine of Malaysia, chaired the Congress' organizing committee.

Master, who was President of the Congress, and eleven Council Members attended the Opening Ceremony. Presidents of the Colleges, viz. Dr Anthony Heng, Dr Ho Tew Hong, Dr Lim Shih Hui, Dr Edward Pang Chee Ping, Dr Quak Seng Hock and Dr Tan Kim Ping were conferred Fellowship of the Academy of Medicine of Malaysia.

Master spoke on "Continuing Professional Development & Recertification : How We Do It" during a lunch session on 26 August. A total of ten Fellows were invited to speak/ chair scientific sessions at the Congress.

### 10.2 41<sup>st</sup> Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine

The 41<sup>st</sup> Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine will be hosted by the Academy of Medicine of Singapore from 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2007 at Raffles City Convention Centre in Singapore. The dates of the Congress are specially chosen to coincide with the date of the first meeting of the founding members of the Academy.

July 2007 marks a special moment for the Academy of Medicine, Singapore as we will celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Golden Jubilee in conjunction with the 41<sup>st</sup> Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine. The theme of the Congress is "Redefining Gold Standards in Medicine: The Next Chapter". For this Congress, we have invited the participation of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine.

Dr Fock Kwong Ming, Assistant Master, is chairman of the Congress' organising committee. For the Congress' scientific programme, five interesting topics have been identified and the different aspects of therapy will be discussed. They are Ageing & Aesthetic Medicine, Cancer, Infectious Diseases, Professional Ethics & Standards and Sports Medicine. Highlights of the programme include the Runme Shaw Memorial Lecture and Galloway Memorial Lecture.

In celebration of the Golden Jubilee, a special issue of the Annals of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore will be published to mark the milestones and development of the Academy for the last 50 years.

## 11. JOINT COMMITTEE ON SPECIALIST TRAINING (JCST)

11.1 The Specialist Accreditation Board (SAB) formally appointed a Joint Committee on Specialist Training (JSCT) in 2005 with the Master of the Academy and the Director of Division of Graduate Medical Studies in National University of Singapore (DGMS, NUS) as co-chairmen and representatives from the Academy and the DGMS on its Executive Committee. The JCST is responsible to the SAB for setting professional standards for specialist training for all the 35 specialities and for establishing mechanisms for assuring the quality of specialist training in Singapore. It oversees all the 35 Specialist Training Committees (STCs) and provides them with professional direction and secretariat support.

- 11.2 The members of the JCST Executive Committee are:  
 Professor Lee Eng Hin  
 (Co-chairman & Director of DGMS, NUS)  
 Clinical Professor Ho Lai Yun  
 (Co-chairman & Master of the Academy)  
 Associate Professor Adrian Leong  
 Clinical Associate Professor Chen Fun Gee  
 Professor Donald Tan  
 Professor Fock Kwong Ming  
 Professor Low Cheng Hock  
 Professor Low Poh Sim  
 Associate Professor Mary Rauff  
 Dr Maurice Choo  
 Dr Suresh Sahadevan  
 Professor Walter Tan

The term of appointment for the current EXCO Members runs for three years from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2006 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2009.

- 11.3 At the end of the advanced specialist training programme, a FAMS Exit Certification Assessment is conducted and successful trainees are awarded the Fellowship of the Academy of Medicine (FAMS) upon application. These trainees are also eligible to apply for specialist accreditation by the SAB.

For the year 2006, a total of 121 advanced trainees under the charge of the JCST have been certified by the Specialist Training Committees for satisfactory completion of advanced training in their respective specialties.

- 11.4 As JCST Co-Chairman, Master had been involved with the reorganization of postgraduate specialist training in Singapore. The year 2006 also witnessed the formation of four Subspecialty Training Committees for Intensive Care, Palliative Medicine, Sports Medicine and Neonatology.

## 12 STANDING COMMITTEES

- 12.1 **Education Committee**  
Standing Committee on Continuing Education (Education Committee)

This Committee, chaired by Dr Ho Lai Yun (Master), has oversight of the Professional Development Division (PDD). The Committee's members included representatives of the Education Committees of the Colleges and Chapters.

The PPD is principally responsible for recommending to the Singapore Medical Council (SMC) the accreditation of CME programmes for specialists. It also works with the College Presidents and Chapter Chairpersons to list recommended activities, events, journals and other CME activities as sample calendars for specialists to undertake in the year.

- 12.2 **Finance and Establishment Review Committee**  
 The Finance & Establishment Review Committee (FERC) was set up to review matters pertaining to finance and personnel development.

Dr Ho Lai Yun (Master) chairs the Committee whose other members are Dr Fock Kwong Ming (Assistant Master), Dr Lim Shih Hui (Scribe), Dr Chan Heng Thye (Bursar), Dr Anthony Heng (Assistant Bursar), Dr Chen Fun Gee (Censor) and Dr Tan Kim Ping (Executive Director).

The FERC held three meetings in 2006 to discuss on financial matters, including the budget for renovation of the Ransome's Lounge and upgrade of the Academy's computer server.

The Committee also invited Fortis Bank and CIMB - GK Securites Pte Ltd to present on investment opportunities. After weighing the investments' benefits against the risks, the Committee decided to continue holding the Academy's reserves in fixed deposits.

## 13. ANNALS OF THE ACADEMY OF MEDICINE, SINGAPORE

### 13.1 2006 Editorial Board

The members were Dr Vernon MS Oh (Editor and Chairman), Dr Hui-Kim Yap (Deputy Editor), Dr Beng-Yeong Ng (Treasurer), Dr Jin-Seng Cheah, Dr Terrance SJ Chua, Dr Erle CH Lim, Dr Kah-Yin Loke, Dr VS Rajadurai, Dr Seang-Mei Saw, Dr Eng-King Tan, Dr A Vathsala and Dr Felix X Sundram (Immediate Past Editor).

### 13.2 Issues Published in 2006

Vol 35 No. 1 January 2006	Free Papers
Vol 35 No. 2 February 2006	Free Papers
Vol 35 No. 3 March 2006	Ophthalmology: Current Concepts and Controversies Guest Editor: Dr Kah-Guan Au Eong
Vol 35 No. 4 April 2006	Free Papers
Vol 35 No. 5 May 2006	SARS Revisited Guest Editors: Drs Suok-Kai Chew, Yee-Sin Leo, Ban-Hock Tan
Vol 35 No. 6 June 2006	Free Papers
Vol 35 No. 7 July 2006	Free Papers
Vol 35 No. 8 August 2006	Free Papers
Vol 35 No. 9 September 2006	Medical Education Guest Editors: Drs Hoon-Eng Khoo, Zubair Amin, Yap-Seng Chong
Vol 35 No. 10 October 2006	Free Papers

Vol 35 No. 10 National Healthcare Group Annual  
October 2006 Scientific Congress 2006  
(Supplement)

Vol 35 No. 11 Complementary Alternative  
November 2006 Medicine  
Guest Editor: Dr Tat-Leang Lee

Vol 35 No. 12 Free Papers  
December 2006

The journal received a total of 288 free and theme papers in 2006.

### 13.3 Issues Planned for 2007

Vol 36 No. 1 Rehabilitation Medicine  
January 2007 Guest Editors: Dr Keng-He Kong

Vol 36 No. 2 Clinical Immunology &  
February 2007 Rheumatology  
Guest Editors: Drs Keng-Hong  
Leong and Kok-Yong Fong

Vol 36 No. 3 Free Papers  
March 2007

Vol 36 No. 4 Free Papers  
April 2007

Vol 36 No. 5 Neuro-Oncology  
May 2007 Guest Editors: Drs Wai-Hoe Ng,  
Siew-Ju See, Meng-Cheong Wong

Vol 36 No. 6 Free Papers  
June 2007

Vol 36 No. 7 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Issue of the  
July 2007 Academy of Medicine, Singapore  
An adhoc committee chaired by  
Dr Chin-Hin Chew was formed to  
publish this special issue.  
Guest Editors: Drs Chin-Hin Chew,  
Raj Nambiar, Cheng-Hock Low,  
Ngoh-Chuan Tan, Vernon MS Oh

Vol 36 No. 8 Free Papers  
August 2007

Vol 36 No. 9 Medical Education  
September 2007 Guest Editors: Drs Hoon-Eng Khoo,  
Zubair Amin, Yap-Seng Chong

### 13.4 Letters to the Editor

As Annals was receiving an increasing number of case reports, the Editorial Board decided to cull the case reports submitted and invite authors of "salvageable" ones to rewrite them as "Letters to the Editor".

### 13.5 Citation of Names in the Annals

The format of authors' names was amended to reflect the given name first followed by the family name as in Jin-Seng Cheah.

### 13.6 Readership Survey

A survey was conducted amongst Fellows at the end of 2006 to solicit their views on the Annals journal. A total of 309 Fellows responded and their feedback is summarised below.

Of the 289 who indicated that they had read the Annals

- 75% read the hard copy
- 12% read both the hard copy and online version
- 5% read the journal online
- 8% did not comment on whether they had read the paper or online publication

As for the sections read ...

- 82.5% on review articles
- 78% on original articles
- 50% on case reports
- 37% on commentaries
- 27.5% on letters

For qualitative questions, a rating system of 1 - 10 was devised with 1 denoting the worst score and 10 the best.

Most respondents scored 5 and 6 for the Annals as a medical journal. Impact factor was important to most respondents as interpreted from their ratings of 5 or above. The majority replied that they had cited the Annals, with 6% doing so frequently. Free online access was important to the majority of respondents and 72% gave a score of at least 6. However, 11% of the respondents considered online access as unimportant with a score of 1.

For more details on the results of the survey, please visit the Annals' website at: [www.annals.edu.sg](http://www.annals.edu.sg).

### 13.7 Online Editorial Management

The Editorial Board agreed to implement an online editorial management system for authors and reviewers to submit their manuscripts and reviews via the internet.

### 13.8 Specialist Advisory Panel 2006

The members were Drs Balram Chowbay, Wei-Keat Cheah, Fun-Gee Chen, Tou-Choong Chang, Pierce KH Chow, Kok-Yong Fong, Carol YE Goh, Kei-Siong Khoo, J J Mukherjee, London Lucien Ooi, Jeyaraj Prema Raj, Alex TH Sia, Bien-Soo Tan and Hugo van Bever.

### 13.9 International Advisory Panel 2006

The members were Drs Paul W Brandt-Rauf, Juliana CN Chan, Peter J Ell, Richard N Fine, Ashley Grossman, Yik-Hong Ho, Richard H Hunt, Arthur KC Li, Edison Liu, Harvey Marcovitch, Albert Singer and RCN Williamson.

The Editorial Board records its appreciation to all the Guest Editors and Expert Reviewers who shared their invaluable time and expertise with the Board to further raise the international standing of the Annals. The Editorial Board also acknowledges the generous support of the Lee Foundation for the year 2006.

**14. INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXPERT**

The Academy received 29 requests from the Singapore Police Force in 2006 to nominate Fellows as independent medical experts ("IMEs"). During the year, the Academy introduced a fee of S\$2,000.00 for each request of an IME. The sum received would be shared between the Academy, the relevant College as applicable and appointed IME. For the IME, the token compensation represents the Academy's gesture of appreciation for his time and goodwill in writing the report.

**15. CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION ORGANISED AT REQUEST OF PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES**

Effective 1 July 2006, the Academy launched a scheme to organise CME events at the request of pharmaceutical companies. The latter would sponsor the event and pay an administrative fee of S\$500.00 to the Academy for organizing the event.

Under this scheme, the Academy held a lunch symposium on Early Detection for Dengue Diagnosis on 5 August. Bio-Rad Laboratories (Singapore) Pte Ltd sponsored the function.

**16. CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES**

In response to the Academy's request, the Ministry of Health (MOH) agreed to involve the Academy, its Chapters and the Colleges in the writing of MOH Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPGs) right from the beginning of the development of the CPGs.

The following CPGs were endorsed by the Academy in 2006:

- Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
- Epilepsy in Adults
- Glomerulonephritis
- Lipids

**17. STAFF REGISTRAR SCHEME**

The Academy, following discussion with the MOH, introduced the Staff Registrar Scheme (SRS) in the year. The Scheme had been presented to MOH earlier in 2003 as a structured diploma programme with on-the-job training. The first batch of SRS trainees are designated at KK Women's and Children's Hospital.

The purpose of the SRS is to enable our healthcare institutions in the public sector to employ doctors who are not specialists but are able to provide a middle level of service equivalent to that provided by a registrar or senior registrar. The Scheme serves to address the provision of manpower and service in the middle tiers of medical management.

The SRS can accommodate foreign doctors whose specialist degrees are not recognized by the SAB and whose medical schools are not recognized by the Singapore Medical Council (SMC). The Scheme is an avenue for the healthcare institutions to retain good temporarily registered doctors. The SRS can also be

offered to local doctors who do not wish to practise as general practitioners or specialists but prefer to work long-term in the healthcare institutions and be promoted along such a career path.

The SRS will not lead to specialist registration in Singapore. The training curriculum will be designed and supervised by the Colleges and Chapters in the Academy to provide broad educational exposure to the trainees so that they attain sufficient competency to practise in the community, as well as to participate as team members in the various specialties. Duration of the training programmes should be between two and five years as applicable for the respective specialties.

On successful completion of the programme, each trainee will be awarded a Diploma in the specialty by the Colleges and the Academy. The SMC has given in-principle approval to recognize this Diploma for eligibility of conditional registration as non-specialists. The Diploma holders can be employed as Staff Registrars and later as Senior Registrars, where appropriate, in the healthcare institutions. In instances where the Diploma holders decide to return to their home countries, their records of training for the programmes would assist them to secure appropriate medical appointments back home. At the same time, they would continue to maintain their links with Singapore.

If the candidates wish to become specialists at any point of the SRS, they would have to compete with all other applicants at the entry interviews conducted by the STCs through the JCST to qualify as specialist trainees first. They would also require the Heads of Departments' (HODs) recommendations based on good performance before they may apply for specialist training.

The healthcare institutions must identify good potential candidates, foreign or local, early. The HODs can approach the Academy to start the SRS for specialties that do not yet have such a Scheme if they have potential candidates for the SRS. The relevant College and/or Chapter in the Academy will then develop a viable SRS training programme with inputs from the relevant STCs through the MOH and the JCST.

The success of the SRS depends on the HODs committing resources and working with the Academy and the JCST to implement well-structured training programmes, which are properly monitored, in their departments. The Colleges and Chapters in the Academy will conduct assessments and appraisals at regular intervals.

The Academy has circulated the SRS to the public healthcare institutions and the cluster human resource departments of the SingHealth and National Healthcare Groups. The employing healthcare institutions will have to commit to the SRS trainees and they have to pay a fee of S\$5,000.00 per trainee per year to the Colleges and the Academy to defray the costs of training, materials, and honorariums to the supervisors.

In 2006, the Scheme was implemented for the specialties of Obstetrics & Gynaecology and Paediatrics.

## 18. REPRESENTATION IN MINISTRY OF HEALTH & RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

### 18.1 Singapore Medical Council

#### a) Continuing Medical Education Coordinating Committee

Dr Ho Lai Yun (Master) and Dr Christopher Goh represented the Academy on the CME Coordinating Committee. They provide feedback of the Academy on SMC's guidelines for specialist CME and other CME matters.

#### b) Maintenance of Competency Committee

Dr Ho Lai Yun (Master) and Dr Lim Shun Ping represented the Academy on the MOC Committee.

The Academy's internal MOC Committee was chaired by Master and included representatives from the Colleges and Chapters.

### 18.2 Specialist Accreditation Board

Master Ho Lai Yun was appointed a member of the SAB. His appointment runs from 12<sup>th</sup> July 2006 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007.

### 18.3 Ministry of Health

#### Committee on Review of Table of Surgical Procedures

The Academy nominated the following representatives to the Committee:

- |                             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| a) Anaesthesiology          | - Dr George Lim                          |
| b) Cardiothoracic Surgery   | - Dr Chua Yeow Leng                      |
| c) Dental Surgery           | - Dr Chan Siew Leun                      |
| d) Diagnostic Radiology     | - Dr Tay Kiang Hiong                     |
| e) Gastroenterology         | - Dr Richard Guan                        |
| f) General Surgery          | - Dr Adrian Leong                        |
| g) Hand Surgery             | - Dr Lim Beng Hai                        |
| h) Neurosurgery             | - Dr Chumpon Chantharakulpongasa         |
| i) Obstetrics & Gynaecology | - Dr Ho Tew Hong/<br>Dr Chang Tou Choong |
| j) Ophthalmology            | - Dr Lim Tock Han                        |
| k) Orthopaedic Surgery      | - Dr Low Yin Peng                        |
| l) Otorhinolaryngology      | - Dr Siow Jin Keat                       |
| m) Paediatric Surgery       | - Dr Anette Jacobsen                     |
| n) Plastic Surgery          | - Dr Vincent Yeow Kok Leng               |
| o) Radiation Oncology       | - Dr Chua Eu Tiong                       |
| p) Urology                  | - Dr David Terrence Consigliere          |

### 18.4 National Advanced Trauma Life Support Committee

Dr Low Cheng Hock and Dr Tay Boon Keng are the Academy's representatives on the Committee.

### 18.5 Singapore Laboratory Accreditation Scheme

The Academy nominated the following representatives to sit on two technical committees under the Singapore Laboratory Accreditation Scheme:

a) Medical Imaging - Dr Ian Tsou Yu Yan of the College of Radiologists, Singapore

b) Medical Testing - Dr Gilbert Chiang Shih Chuin of the Chapter of Pathologists of the Academy

Their terms of appointment runs for three years from 1st July 2006 to 30th June 2009.

## 19. MEDALS/BOOK PRIZE FOR MMED/BDS EXAMINATIONS

### 19.1 G A Ransome Gold Medal

The G A Ransome Gold Medal was established in 1978, in memory of the late Emeritus Professor Sir Gordon Arthur Ransome. The Medal is awarded annually to the candidate who has distinguished himself in the MMed (Internal Medicine) Examination.

Dr Andrea Wong Li Ann would receive the G A Ransome Gold Medal for 2006.

### 19.2 Academy of Medicine Gold Medal

The Academy of Medicine Gold Medal was established in 1989. The Medal is awarded annually to the best student who has successfully completed the Second Professional BDS Examination with a distinction in Pathology and Microbiology.

In the event that there is no eligible student for the medal, a book prize may be awarded to the student who obtains the highest mark and an 'A' grade for the subject.

## 20. CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BUILDING & ENDOWMENT FUND

Fellows contributed a total of S\$87,300.00 to the Building & Endowment Fund in 2006.

## 21. DONATIONS AND SUPPORT

### 21.1 Donations to Funds

The Academy received S\$244,490.00 from the World Orthopaedic Concern and S\$55,510.00 from Pillay Orthopaedic Sports Medicine and Spine Surgery to set up a fund to award fellowships to orthopaedic trainees from developing countries to spend a period of six months working in a government or university department in Singapore.

Separately, the Lee Foundation donated S\$12,400.00 to the Lee Foundation/Tan Sri Dr Runme Shaw Fund for Fellowships in Orthopaedic Surgery.

These funds have been transferred to the College of Surgeons, Singapore.

### 21.2 Donation of Medical Books

The Academy expressed its appreciation to Dr Chan Kong Thoe for his donation of medical books.

The Academy records its deep appreciation to the organisations and individuals who have made significant donations to the Academy in 2006.

### 21.3 Sponsorships of Meetings

Reaching out to the community, the Academy granted nominal sponsorship for the following event:

- 12<sup>th</sup> International Annual Symposium on Male & Female Sexual Dysfunction held on 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> July and organised by the Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, National University Hospital and Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore

## 22. IN APPRECIATION

The Academy expresses its appreciation to all Fellows and staff of the Secretariat for their support and contributions to the Academy's activities and projects.

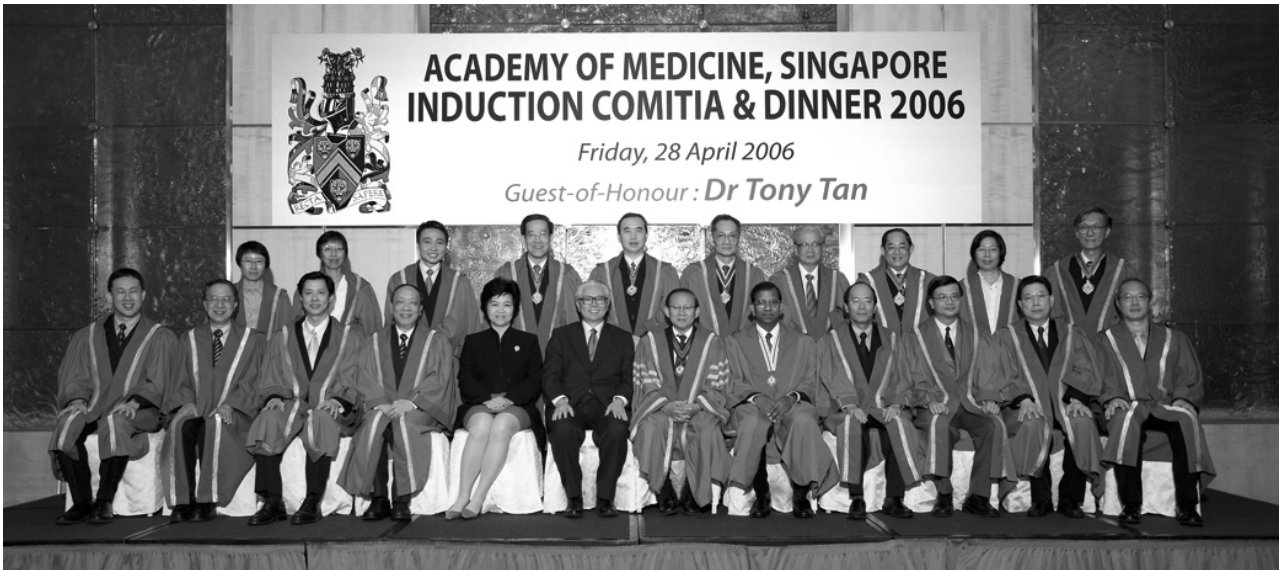
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2006-2007 Council





The 2005-2006 Council with the Guest of Honour Dr Tony Tan and special guest Ms Yong Ying I at the Induction Comitia & Dinner 2006.



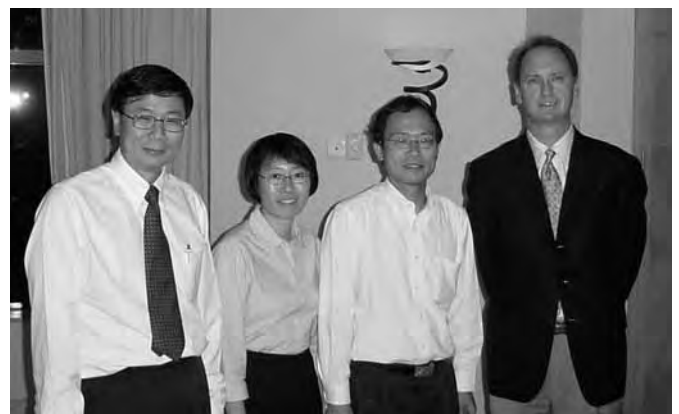
Dr Tony Tan receiving from the Master, Prof Low Cheng Hock, the Honorary Fellowship scroll at the Induction Comitia & Dinner 2006.



Inductees taking the pledge at the 2006 Induction Comitia.



From left to right: Prof Low Cheng Hock (Master), Dr Mrs Chew Chin Hin, Dr and Mrs Tony Tan, Dr Chew Chin Hin (Past Master), Dr Ho Lai Yun (Master Elect).



A/Prof Richard SE Keefe from Duke University Medical Center, Durham, North Carolina, USA was the 4<sup>th</sup> Professional Lecturer and Visiting Academician for 2006. He delivered his lecture titled "Long-term Outcomes in Schizophrenia: Lessons from CATIE" at the Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel. (L-R): A/Prof Chong Siow Ann, Dr Yap Hwa Ling, Dr Ng Beng Yeong and A/Prof Richard SE Keefe.

## Appendices

### NEW MEMBERS

The following members were admitted to Fellowship of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore for the year 2006:

#### Anaesthesiologists

Chee Wei Ter, Victor  
Goy Wee Lip, Raymond  
Ho Hwee Shih  
Quah Chien Choon, Terence

#### Dental Surgeons

Chang Shian Wei, Willy (Prosthodontics)  
Fung Kin Yue (Periodontology)  
Goh Tarn Peng (Prosthodontics)  
Ho Kok Sen (Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery)  
Kuek Meaw Charm (Orthodontics)  
Lim Gim Teck (Prosthodontics)  
Quek Eng Yew, Christopher (Prosthodontics)  
Tan Hui Ling, Vivien (Orthodontics)  
Tan Hwee Hiang (Orthodontics)  
Teh Kiat Seong (Prosthodontics)  
Wong Soon May, Adeline (Prosthodontics)  
Yasmin d/o Mohamed Akrum (Periodontology)  
Yeo Choon Poh, Aidan (Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery)

#### Emergency Medicine

Heng Wei Jian, Kenneth  
Ong Eng Hock, Marcus  
Tay Mok Heang

#### Obstetricians and Gynaecologists

Chua Sze Yuen, Irene  
Lim Li Wen, Tracey  
Ng Chee Mun, Christopher  
Upu Jazlan Shah Bin Joosoph  
Wong En Ai, Adelina

#### Paediatrics and Child Health

Chng Seo Yi  
Lim Kwang Hsien  
Loh Khum Fei, Mark  
Ong Bee Hwa, Natalie

#### Pathologists

Goh Seng Geok, Nicholas  
Wong Su Yong  
Yu Chia-Wen, Carmen

#### Physicians

Andrea Rajnakova (Gastroenterology)  
Ang Tiing Leong (Gastroenterology)  
Au Wing Lok (Neurology)  
Aw Chen Wee (Dermatology)  
Chai Yui Hwei, Josiah (Neurology)  
Chan Yui Chew (Dermatology)  
Chew Li-Ching (Rheumatology)  
Chiam Toon Lim, Paul (Cardiology)  
Chio Tze-Wei, Martin (Dermatology)

Chong Wei Sheng (Dermatology)  
Choo Su Pin (Medical Oncology)  
Chuang Hsuan-Hung (Cardiology)  
Dan Yock Young (Gastroenterology)  
Dinesh Nair (Cardiology)  
Goh Boon Kee (Dermatology)  
Gue Chai Seng (Gastroenterology)  
Law Weng Giap (Rheumatology)  
Leong Kui Toh, Gerard (Cardiology)  
Lim Wee Chian (Gastroenterology)  
Loh Lih Ming (Endocrinology)  
Ng Chee Keong (Cardiology)  
Ng Heng Joo (Haematology)  
Ng Yee Sien (Rehabilitation Medicine)  
See Chai Keat (Cardiology)  
Seow Chuen Chai, Dennis (Geriatric Medicine)  
Soo Hua Huat (Neurology)  
Tee Kim Huat, Augustine (Respiratory Medicine)  
Theng Thiam Seng, Colin (Dermatology)  
Wong Nan Soon (Medical Oncology)  
Wu Hwei Yaw (Geriatric Medicine)  
Yoon Kam Hon (Rheumatology)

#### Psychiatrists

Lai Yew Min  
Sung Min

#### Public Health & Occupational Physicians

Annelise van Halem Wilder-Smith (Public Health)

#### Radiologists

Ajit Kumar Padhy (Nuclear Medicine)  
Arvind Kumar Sinha (Nuclear Medicine)  
Htoo Maung Myint, Austin (Diagnostic Radiology)  
Pay Khim Hui (Diagnostic Radiology)

#### Surgeons

Chng Nai Wee (Ophthalmology)  
Chng Siew Ping (General Surgery)  
Chua Wei Han (Ophthalmology)  
Chiong Edmund (Urology)  
Fong Yan Kit (Urology)  
Guo Chang Ming (Orthopaedic Surgery)  
Ho Choon Kiat (General Surgery)  
Koh Chi Siong, Dean (General Surgery)  
Lee Jong Jian (Ophthalmology)  
Lim Boon Leong, Kevin (Orthopaedic Surgery)  
Lim Tock Han (Ophthalmology)  
Ng Tze Kiat (Urology)  
Ooi Oon Cheong (Cardiothoracic Surgery)  
Pan Chuan-Hsin, James (Ophthalmology)  
Preetha Madhukumar (General Surgery)  
Quah Hak Mien (General Surgery)  
Shanker Pasupathy (General Surgery)  
Sng Wei-Ee, Karen (Plastic Surgery)  
Tan Ter Chyan (Hand Surgery)  
Tan Yah Yuen (General Surgery)  
Tang Kok Kee (Neurosurgery)  
Toh Khai Lee (Urology)  
Yeo Tseng Tsai (Neurosurgery)

## Specialist Training Committees

Members of Specialist Training Committees for the term  
1 September 2006 to 31 August 2008

### Anaesthesiology

Chairman : Prof Lee Tat Leang  
Members : Cl A/Prof Ong Biauwei Chi  
Dr Agnes Ng  
Dr Chan Soo Toon  
A/Prof Chen Fun Gee  
Cl A/Prof Koh Kwong Fah  
Dr Thomas Lew  
Dr Alex Sia  
Cl A/Prof Lim Boon Leng

### Cardiology

Chairman : A/Prof Lim Yean Teng  
Members : Dr Low Lip Ping  
Dr Ng Kheng Siang  
Dr Terrance Chua  
Prof Chia Boon Lock  
Dr Susan Quek  
Dr Lim Soo Teik  
Dr Ho Kheng Thye  
Dr Jayaram Lingamaniaker

### Cardiothoracic Surgery

Chairman : Prof Lee Chuen Neng  
Members : Dr Joseph Sheares  
Dr T Agasthian  
Dr S Shankar  
A/Prof Wong Poo Sing  
Dr Tong Ming Chuan  
Dr Chua Yeow Leng

### Dermatology

Chairman : Cl Prof Goh Chee Leok  
Members : Cl A/Prof Roy Chan  
Dr Chua Sze Hon  
Dr Tan Suat Hoon  
Dr Tay Yong Kwang  
Dr Lawrence Khoo  
Dr Pang Shiu Ming  
Dr Lim Kah Beng

### Diagnostic Radiology

Chairman : A/Prof Wang Shih Chang  
Members : A/Prof Thomas Chee  
Prof Wilfred Peh  
Dr Tan Bien Soo  
Dr Harvey Teo  
Dr Yvonne Ho  
Dr Andrew Tan  
Dr Daniel Wong  
Dr Tchoyoson Lim

### Emergency Medicine

Chairman : Cl Prof V Anantharaman  
Members : A/Prof Eillyne Seow  
Cl A/Prof Peter Manning  
Cl A/Prof Shirley Ooi

A/Prof Lim Swee Han  
Dr Ng Kee Chong  
Dr Francis Lee  
Dr Goh Siang Hiong  
Dr Lee Shu Woan

### Endocrinology

Chairman : A/Prof Rajasoorya  
Members : Prof Lee Kok Oon  
A/Prof Thai Ah Chuan  
Dr Soon Puay Cheow  
Dr Daphne Khoo  
Dr Lim Heok Seng  
Dr Yeoh Swee Inn

### Gastroenterology

Chairman : Prof Fock Kwong Ming  
Members : Dr Richard Guan  
Prof Ng Han Seong  
A/Prof Yeoh Khay Guan  
A/Prof Lim Seng Gee  
Cl A/Prof Ng Keng Yeen  
Dr Lim Chee Chian  
A/Prof Chow Wan Cheng

### General Surgery

Chairman : Cl A/Prof London Lucien Ooi  
Members : Prof Soo Khee Chee  
Cl A/Prof Wong Wai Keong  
Cl Prof Low Cheng Hock  
Dr Tay Khoon Hean  
Dr Ngoi Sing Shang  
Cl A/Prof Eu Kong Weng  
A/Prof Adrian Leong  
Dr Kenneth Mak

### Geriatric Medicine

Chairman : A/Prof Pang Weng Sun  
Members : A/Prof Philip Choo  
Dr Ding Yew Yoong  
Dr Ee Chye Hua  
Dr Chan Kin Ming  
Dr James Alvin Low  
Dr Carol Goh  
Dr Christopher Lien

### Haematology

Chairman : Dr Goh Yeow Tee  
Members : Dr Ponnudurai Kuperan  
Dr Lee Lai Heng  
Dr Liu Te Chih  
Dr Ng Ronald Paul  
Dr Ting Wen Chang  
Dr Diana Teo

### Hand Surgery

Chairman : A/Prof Agnes Tan  
Members : A/Prof Aymeric Lim  
Prof Robert Pho WH  
A/Prof Lim Beng Hai  
Dr Tan Soo Heong

## Infectious Diseases

Chairman : A/Prof Leo Yee Sin  
 Members : Dr Brenda Ang  
 A/Prof Paul Ananth Tambyah  
 Dr Helen Oh May Lin  
 Dr Tan Ban Hock  
 Dr Wong Sin Yew  
 Dr Asok Kurup

## Internal Medicine

Chairman : Cl Prof Chee Yam Cheng  
 Members : Cl A/Prof Ng Keng Yeen  
 Prof Vernon Oh  
 A/Prof Lawrence Ho  
 Dr Chew Chin Hin  
 Dr Tay Jam Chin  
 Dr Teo Eng Kiong  
 Dr Tan Ban Hock  
 A/Prof Suresh Sahadevan  
 A/Prof Benjamin Ong

## Medical Oncology

Chairman : Dr Koo Wen Hsin  
 Members : Dr Kong Hwai Loong  
 Dr Toh Han Chong  
 Dr Robert Lim  
 Dr Lim Hong Liang  
 Dr Khoo Kei Siong

## Neurology

Chairman : A/Prof Benjamin Ong  
 Members : Cl A/Prof Lim Shih Hui  
 Adj A/Prof Loong Si Chin  
 Dr Chang Hui Meng  
 Dr Andrew Pan Beng Siong  
 Dr T Umapathi  
 Dr Tan Chai Beng  
 Dr Erle Lim Chuen Hian  
 Dr Lee Kim En

## Neurosurgery

Chairman : Cl A/Prof Chumpon Chan  
 Members : Cl A/Prof Ong Peck Leong  
 Dr Chou Ning  
 Dr Ho Kee Hang  
 Dr Seow Wan Tew  
 Dr Ivan Ng

## Nuclear Medicine

Chairman : Dr Anthony Goh  
 Members : Dr Yvonne Ho  
 Dr David Ng  
 Dr Shahid Mahmood

## Obstetrics & Gynaecology

Chairman : Cl A/Prof Ho Tew Hong  
 Members : A/Prof Mary Rauff  
 Dr Tan Kok Hian Kelvin  
 A/Prof Tay Sun Kuie  
 Dr Lai Fon Min  
 Dr Kenneth Kwek

## Occupational Medicine

Chairman : Prof David Koh  
 Members : Prof Chia Kee Seng  
 A/Prof Chia Sin Eng  
 A/Prof Lee Hock Siang  
 Dr Richard Tan  
 Dr Lee See Muah  
 Dr Gregory Chan  
 Dr Fong Yuke Tien

## Ophthalmology

Chairman : Cl A/Prof Ang Chong Lye  
 Members : Prof Donald Tan  
 A/Prof Paul Chew  
 Cl A/Prof Heng Wee Jin  
 Cl A/Prof Lim Tock Han  
 Cl A/Prof Ong Sze Guan  
 Dr Pauline Cheong  
 Dr Aliza Jap  
 Adjunct Prof Au Eong Kah Guan

## Orthopaedic Surgery

Chairman : Prof Shamal Das De  
 Members : Dr Chin Thiam Wai  
 Dr Low Cheng Ooi  
 Dr Wong Ho Poh  
 Dr Tan Seang Beng  
 Prof Wong Hee Kit  
 A/Prof Low Yin Peng  
 A/Prof V Prem Kumar  
 Dr Tan Mann Hong

## Otorhinolaryngology

Chairman : Cl A/Prof Christopher Goh  
 Members : Cl A/Prof Low Wong Kein  
 Dr Abhilash Balakrishnan  
 Dr Samuel Yeak  
 A/Prof Luke Tan  
 Dr Peter Lu  
 Dr Chew Chuan Tieh

## Paediatric Medicine

Chairman : Prof Yap Hui Kim  
 Members : A/Prof Quak Seng Hock  
 A/Prof Ho Lai Yun  
 Dr Chay Oh Moh  
 A/Prof Lee Bee Wah  
 Dr Chan Mei Yoke  
 A/Prof Loke Kah Yin  
 Dr Victor Samuel Rajadurai  
 A/Prof Tan Cheng Lim

## Paediatric Surgery

Chairman : A/Prof K Prabhakaran  
 Members : Dr Anette Jacobsen  
 Dr Chui Chan Hon  
 Dr Cheah Siew Leng  
 Dr Dale Lincoln Loh

## Pathology - Chemical Pathology Subcom

Chairman : A/Prof Sunil K Sethi  
 Members : Dr Robert C W Hawkins  
 Dr Wong Moh Sim  
 Dr Yeo Chin Pin

## Pathology - Forensic Pathology Subcom

Chairman : A/Prof Gilbert Lau  
 Members : Dr Cuthbert Teo Eng Swee  
 Dr Paul Chui Peng Sun  
 Dr Clarence Tan Tiong Tee  
 Dr Lai Siang Hui  
 Dr George Paul

## Pathology - Histopathology Subcom

Chairman : A/Prof Tan Puay Hoon  
 Members : A/Prof Teh Ming  
 Dr Chuah Khoon Leong  
 Dr Chew Sung Hock  
 Dr Jacqueline Hwang S G  
 Dr Poh Wee Teng  
 Dr Anjula K Thomas

## Pathology - Microbiology Subcom

Chairman : Dr Tan Ai Ling  
 Members : Dr Raymond Lin Tzer Pin  
 Dr Gamini Kumarasinghe  
 Dr Timothy Mark S Barkham  
 Dr Nancy Tee Wen Sim  
 Dr Chan Kwai Peng  
 Dr Tan Thean Yen

## Pathology - Main Committee

Chairman : Prof Aileen Wee  
 Members : A/Prof Sunil K Sethi  
 A/Prof Gilbert Lau  
 A/Prof Tan Puay Hoon  
 Dr Tan Ai Ling

## Plastic Surgery

Chairman : Cl A/Prof Foo Chee Liam  
 Members : Dr Colin Song  
 Dr Vincent Yeow  
 A/Prof Lim Thiam Chye  
 Cl Prof Lee Seng Teik  
 Cl A/Prof Fong Poh Him  
 Cl A/Prof Tan Kok Chai

## Psychiatry

Chairman : A/Prof Rathi Mahendran  
 Members : A/Prof Calvin Fones  
 A/Prof Leslie Lim  
 Dr Ng Beng Yeong  
 A/Prof Ong Thiew Chai  
 Dr Yap Hwa Ling  
 Dr Ng Li Ling  
 Dr Chiam Peak Chiang

## Public Health

Chairman : Cl A/Prof Goh Kee Tai  
 Members : Dr Jeffery Cutter  
 Dr Rose Vaithinathan  
 Prof Lee Hin Peng  
 A/Prof Mabel Yap  
 A/Prof Wong Mee Lian  
 A/Prof Adeline Seow

## Radiation Oncology

Chairman : Dr Chua Eu Tiong  
 Members : Dr Michael Frederick Back  
 Dr Lee Khai Mun  
 Dr Lee Kim Shang  
 Dr Yang Tuck Loong, Edward  
 Dr Khoo-Tan Hoon Seng

## Rehabilitation Medicine

Chairman : Dr Kong Keng He  
 Members : Dr William Chan W L  
 Dr Peter Lim  
 Dr Sherry Young Hsueh Yi  
 Dr Karen Chua

## Renal Medicine

Chairman : Dr Wong Kok Seng  
 Members : A/Prof Lee J C Evan  
 Dr A Vathsala  
 Dr Lee S L Grace  
 Dr Lina Choong  
 Dr Sivaraman Pary  
 Dr Tan Seng Hoe

## Respiratory Medicine

Chairman : Cl A/Prof Sonny Wang  
 Members : Prof Lim Tow Keang  
 Cl A/Prof Sin Fai Lam  
 Adj A/Prof Lee Kang Hoe  
 Cl A/Prof Philip C T Eng  
 Dr Cynthia B E Chee  
 Dr Hui Kok Peng  
 Dr Narendran  
 Dr Loo Chian Min

## Rheumatology

Chairman : A/Prof Fong Kok Yong  
 Members : Dr Leong Keng Hong  
 A/Prof Boey Mee Leng  
 Dr Ng Swee Cheng  
 Dr Julian Thumboo  
 Dr Lau Tang Ching

## Urology

Chairman : Cl Prof Foo Keong Tatt  
 Members : Cl A/Prof Christopher Cheng  
 Cl A/Prof Chia Sing Joo  
 Dr David Consigliere  
 Dr Ng Foo Cheong  
 Dr Tan Eng Choon

## 2006-2007 Committee Members



*Standing (left to right):*

*Dr Varawan Sae-Lim (Co-opted Member), Dr Keson Tan (Co-opted Member), Dr Neo Tee Khim (Committee Member), Dr Victor Fan (Committee Member)*

*Seated (left to right):*

*Dr Christina Sim (Co-opted Member), Dr Ansgar Cheng (Vice-Chairman), Dr Chan Siew Luen (Chairman), Dr Andrew Aw (Honorary Secretary), Dr Marianne Ong (Committee Member)*

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of Dental Surgeons was held on Thursday, 27 April 2006 6.30pm, at the Lee Kong Chian Room, Academy of Medicine, Singapore, 142 Neil Road, Singapore 088871.

The following office-bearers for the year 2006-2007 were elected:

*Chairman* : Dr Chan Siew Luen  
*Vice-Chairman* : Dr Cheng Chi-Chung, Ansgar  
*Honorary Secretary* : Dr Aw Kian-Li, Andrew  
*Committee Members* : Dr Fan Tai Weng, Victor  
                               Dr Neo Tee Khin  
                               Dr Ong Meng Ann, Marianne  
*Co-opted Members* : Dr Sae-Lim, Varawan  
                               Dr Tan Beng Choon, Keson  
                               Dr Sim Poh Choo, Christina

## MEMBERSHIP

The total membership of the Chapter now stands at 226

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The 2005-2006 Committee held 2 Committee Meetings from the period of January 2006 to June 2006. The 2006-2007 Committee held 3 Committee Meetings from the period of July 2006 to December 2006. This was supplemented by active circulation and feedback on important issues via electronic mail, in which all committee members enthusiastically participated.

## ACTIVITIES

### Briefing on FAMS "Interim Criteria"

The Chapter of Dental Surgeons had conducted a briefing on Fellowship of Academy of Medicine, Singapore "Interim Criteria" on 20 January 2006, Friday, at TP4A, Faculty of Dentistry, NUH. It was specifically targeted to MDS students and graduates. The Interim Criteria was a new pathway in the form of a peer-review process to admit suitably qualified dentists into Fellowship.

The briefing aimed to clarify the announcement on "Interim Criteria", and address any related queries and concerns. Representatives from the Chapter Committee and respective Specialty Boards were present to answer them. There were a total of 61 attendees at this interesting and interactive session.

## Dialogue Session on College Formation

A Dialogue Session was held on Thursday, 16 March 2006, 6.30pm in SM1A, Level 1, Faculty of Dentistry, National University Hospital. The idea of College formation was mooted and opened for comment by Fellows. Information on the proposal to form a Dental College was given, including the possible structure, benefits, costs and so on. Some of the benefits mentioned included having more financial and decision-making.

Then-Master Prof Low Cheng Hock, Assistant Master Prof Fock Kwong Ming and President of the College of Physicians, Dr Lim Shih Hui, were present and shared their experiences in College formation and operations.

In accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Academy, the Chapter Committee initiated a drive to collect a hundred signatures from Fellows who supported the move to form a Dental College.

## Annual Scientific Meeting 2006

The Chapter organized its Annual Scientific Meeting 2006 on Sunday, 12 November 2006 at Faculty of Dentistry Auditorium, NUH. The meeting was chaired by Dr Victor Fan. The title of the meeting was "Dental Care in the Medically Compromised Patient". The Chapter was privileged to have Dr Elizabeth Coates as the keynote speaker. She is a specialist dentist in the Special Needs Unit of Adelaide Dental Hospital, Australia. Dr Poon Choy Yoke from National Dental Centre and Adjunct A/Prof Ansgar C Cheng also delivered a lecture each in the meeting.

The meeting was registered for 8 CPE points with Singapore Dental Council. It was well attended with 40 delegates.

## Upcoming CPE Lectures

### Visiting Academician 2007

The Chapter jointly co-hosted a lecture by Assoc Prof Jens Ove Andreasen with the Department of Restorative Dentistry, NUH on Tuesday, 23 January 2007. Assoc Prof Andreasen is widely recognized as the Father of Dental Traumatology and flown in as an HMDP Visiting Expert in Dentistry. He is affiliated with Department of Oral and Maxillo-Facial Surgery, University Hospital (Rigshospitalet) in Copenhagen, Denmark. The lecture was attended by over a hundred participants, who benefited considerably from the succinct and thorough presentation.

### 41<sup>st</sup> Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine 2007

The Chapter will organize a half-day symposium in conjunction with the Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine in July 2007.

## AMENDMENTS TO THE MEMORANDUM & ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

Proposed amendments to the Memorandum and Articles of Association were passed at the Academy's Annual General Meeting on 29 June 2006. The new amendments will open up opportunities to foreign graduates who can contribute to our cause. The amendment will also institutionalize the exit

assessment process. These amendments have been approved by the Ministry of Finance and came into effect on 5 February 2007.

## OBSERVING THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF DENTISTS, CANADA EXIT EXAMINATIONS

In light of the imminent development of a Dental Specialist register in Singapore, the Academy of Medicine, Singapore took the initiative to investigate the examination mechanism of several overseas dental specialty boards. Adjunct A/Prof Ansgar Cheng was sent to Toronto, Canada to observe the Royal College of Dentists, Canada (RCDC) specialty board (Prosthodontics) examination to study their examination process in June 2006.

Adjunct A/Prof Ansgar Cheng came back with a report of his findings. It is the chapter's intention to formulate an assessment that allows it to judge the ability of qualified clinicians to perform specialist dentistry to a high standard.

## ADVANCED DENTAL SPECIALTY TRAINING

Dr Andrew Aw represented the Chapter at a meeting between Director of Medical Services, Ministry of Health, and the Academy Council to explore the development of new educational initiatives in medical education. The Director expressed his desire for a uniform specialist training pathway that would cover all medical subdisciplines, and dentistry as well.

## CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES (CPGs)

The Chapter Committee has set up a core panel to author a CPG on the Dental Management of Head and Neck Cancer. A CPG in this area also has large area of overlap with the medical side, which provides a suitable starting point for building co-operative frameworks. The committee aims to establish the requirement for dental interventions as well as to provide evidence-based clinical management recommendations that reflect accepted best practices worldwide. This committee is chaired by Dr Andrew Aw.

## COLLEGE FORMATION

The Chapter has obtained in excess of the requisite 100 signatories for transformation from Chapter into College and the Academy Council has approved the move. It will be tabled for final approval at the Academy's Annual General Meeting in 2007.

## OUTREACH PROGRAMME

### Induction Ceremony

The Induction Ceremony was held on 28 April 2006, Friday at Pan Pacific Hotel, Singapore.

Dr Chang Shian Wei Willy, Dr Fung Kin Yue, Dr Goh Tarn Peng, Dr Ho Kok Sen, Dr Kuek Meaw Charm, Dr Lim Gim Teck, Dr Quek Eng Yew Christopher, Dr Tan Hui Ling Vivien, Dr Tan Hwee Hiang, Dr The Kiat Seong, Dr Wong Soon May Adeline, Dr

Yasmin d/o Mohamed Akrum, Dr Yeo Choon Poh Adrian were inducted at the ceremony.

The Chapter would like to take this opportunity to welcome them.

## TABLE OF SURGICAL PROCEDURES

The Ministry of Health has appointed the Academy of Medicine, Singapore to review and update the Table of Surgical Procedures. The Chapter of Dental Surgeons has formed a committee comprising the Chapter Chairman, Specialty Board Chairs of OMS, Periodontology, Endodontics and Pediatric Dentistry and members of the MOH Advisory Committee on Medisave-Approved Dental Procedures to review procedures relevant to Dentistry. This committee is chaired by Dr Chan Siew Luen.

## ACCREDITATION OF OMS TRAINING CENTRES

The Academy has received applications from the Department of Dentistry, Alexandra Hospital and Specialist Dental Clinic, Military Medicine Institute, Singapore Armed Forces for accreditation as an accredited OMS training centre. An Accreditation Committee comprising the Censor-in-Chief, Dental Chapter Chairman, members of the OMS Specialty Board and

the Heads of Department of OMS of National University of Singapore (NUS) and National Dental Centre (NDC) is formed to establish formal accreditation protocol and criteria. This committee is chaired by A/Prof Yeo Jin Fei.

## NEWSLETTER

The Chapter's fourth and fifth issue Newsletters were circulated to all Ordinary Members and Fellows of the Chapter featuring the latest updates on Chapter matters and other announcements. The Chapter welcomes feedback to improve the newsletter.

## APPRECIATION

The Chapter wishes to record its appreciation and thanks to the Master, all Council members and the Fellows for their kind support.

December 2006  
Dr Andrew Aw  
Honorary Secretary  
2006-2007 Chapter of Dental Surgeons



## 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of Pathologists was held on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2006 at the Library, #03-16, Department of Pathology, Singapore General Hospital, Outram Road, Singapore 169608.

The following office-bearers for the year 2006-2007 were elected:

<i>Chairperson</i>	: Dr Tan Ai Ling
<i>Vice-Chairman</i>	: Dr Yap Wai Ming
<i>Honorary Secretary</i>	: Dr Cuthbert E S Teo
<i>Committee Members</i>	: Dr Jacqueline S G Hwang Dr George Paul Dr Yeo Chin Pin
<i>Co-opted Members</i>	: Dr Ponnudurai Kuperan A/Prof Tan Puay Hoon

## MEMBERSHIP

The total membership of the Chapter as at 31 December 2006 stands at 60.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Committee held four meetings during the year 2006.

## ACTIVITIES

### 1 Continuing Medical Education (CME)

1.1 The Chapter co-organised the following lecture with the Singapore Society of Pathology & the Department of Pathology, Singapore General Hospital:

25 April 2006

#### **Trends in Diagnosis of Multidrug-resistant Tuberculosis (MDRTB) & Susceptibility Testing for Second-line Anti-TB Drugs**

Dr Salman H. Siddiqi, *PhD, FAAM*  
*BD Fellow, Becton Dickinson, Maryland, USA*

*Chairperson: Dr Sng Li-Hwei*

1.2 The Chapter co-organised the following lecture with the Singapore Society of Pathology & the Department of Pathology, Tan Tock Seng Hospital:

15 March 2006

#### **Information Technology Developments in the Laboratory**

Dr Robert Hawkins  
*Senior Consultant Pathologist,*  
*Department of Pathology & Laboratory*  
*Medicine, Tan Tock Seng Hospital, Singapore*

1.3 The Chapter was a nominal sponsor at the following event of the Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology of Singapore, organised by the Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, National University Hospital:

18 – 19 March 2006

11<sup>th</sup> Annual Colposcopy Course & 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Oration

Teaching Faculty: Mr Mark van Asten (Australia); Prof Alex Ferenczy (Canada); Prof Alexander R Chang, Dr Fong Kah Leng, Prof Giam Yoke Chin, Dr Tracey L W Lim, Dr Joseph S Ng, Dr Quek Swee Chong, A/Prof Tay Sun Kuie, Dr Tham Wai Lum and Dr Adelina E A Wong (Singapore).

1.4 2 Breast Pathology Slide Club sessions were organised for the year 2006.

a) The Chapter co-organised the following session with the Histopathology Subcommittee, Pathology Specialist Training Committee & the Singapore Society of Pathology:

25 March 2006

#### **Breast Pathology: Principles & Diagnostic Aids:**

- 1) **Introduction to Breast Pathology: Basic Principles**
- 2) **Benign Breast Disease**
- 3) **Malignant Breast Disease**

A/Prof Tan Puay Hoon  
*Head, Department of Pathology,*  
*Singapore General Hospital*

- 1) **Approach to Common Diagnostic Problems I**
- 2) **Approach to Common Diagnostic Problems II**

Dr Thomas C Putti  
*Assistant Professor & Senior Consultant*  
*Department of Pathology,*  
*National University of Singapore*

*Coordinators: A/Prof Tan Puay Hoon &*  
*Dr Thomas C Putti*

b) The Chapter co-organised the following session with the Singapore Society of Pathology:

11 November 2006

#### **Diagnostic Pathology of the Breast: Spindle Cell, Fibroepithelial & Mucinous Lesions:**

- 1) **Diagnostic Approach to Spindle Cell Lesions**  
Dr Gary M K Tse  
*Associate Professor, Department of Pathology,*  
*Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong*

- 2) **Diagnostic Approach to Fibroepithelial Lesions**  
Dr Thomas C Putti  
*Assistant Professor & Senior Consultant*  
*Department of Pathology,*  
*National University of Singapore,*  
*National University Hospital, Singapore*

### 3) Diagnostic Approach to Mucinous Lesions

A/Prof Tan Puay Hoon  
Head, Department of Pathology,  
Singapore General Hospital

- 1.5 The Chapter co-organised the following taped Microbiology Audio-Conference Sessions (Microbiology Tutorial Sessions) with the Singapore Society of Pathology & the Department of Pathology, Singapore General Hospital:

3 April 2006

#### Applications of Point-of-Care Testing (POCT) for the Diagnosis of Influenza & Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Infections

A/Prof Wallace Greene, PhD (ABMM)  
Associate Professor, Division of Clinical Pathology,  
Penn State Milton S Hershey Medical Center,  
Hershey, PA 17033, USA

Moderator: Dr Chan Kwai Peng

8 May 2006

#### What is Happening in the Antifungal World? An Update on New Agents and Methods for Resistance Detection.

Prof Gerri Hall, PhD  
Clinical Microbiologist, Department of Clinical Pathology  
& Professor of Pathology, Cleveland, Clinic Lerner College  
of Medicine of Case Western Reserve University School of  
Medicine, Cleveland, Ohio, USA

Moderator: Dr Tan Ai Ling

29 May 2006

#### The Status of Current Molecular Diagnostics for Detection of Chlamydia & Neisseria gonorrhoeae

Dr Christine Ginocchio, PhD  
Director of Microbiology/Virology & Molecular  
Diagnostics, North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System  
Laboratories, Allied Health Professional Lake Success, New  
York, USA

Moderator: Dr Lynette E L Oon

12 June 2006

#### Practical Guidelines for Testing & Working Up Blood Cultures & Catheter Tips

Dr Joan Barenfanger, MD  
Microbiology Section, Pathology Department, Memorial  
Medical Center, Springfield, Illinois, USA

Moderator: Dr Chan Kian Sing

16 October 2006

#### Public Health & Clinical Microbiology Laboratories; Fitting the Pieces Together

Dr Barbara Robinson-Dunn, PhD  
Department of Clinical Pathology, William Beaumont  
Hospital, Royal Oak, Michigan, USA

Moderator: Dr Sng Li-Hwei

11 December 2006

#### What's New With Glucose Non-Fermenting Bacilli? Just About Everything, Part I

Dr Paul Schreckenberger, PhD  
Professor of Pathology, Loyola University Chicago Stritch  
School of Medicine, Director of the Clinical Microbiology  
Laboratory & Associate Director of Molecular Pathology,  
Loyola University Medical Center, Maywood, Illinois, USA

Moderator: Dr R N Deepak

18 December 2006

#### What's New With Glucose Non-Fermenting Bacilli? Just About Everything, Part II

Dr Paul Schreckenberger, PhD  
Professor of Pathology, Loyola University Chicago Stritch  
School of Medicine, Director of the Clinical Microbiology  
Laboratory & Associate Director of Molecular Pathology,  
Loyola University Medical Center, Maywood, Illinois, USA

Moderator: Dr R N Deepak

- 1.6 The Chapter co-organised the following taped Pathology Audio-Conference Sessions with the Singapore Society of Pathology and the Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine, Tan Tock Seng Hospital:

17 May 2006

#### The Engineered Laboratory: Quality Management Methods to Turbo-Charge the Laboratory

Dr Brian R Jackson  
Medical Director of Informatics, ARUP Laboratories &  
Adjunct Assistant Professor of Pathology University of Utah,  
Salt Lake City, USA

Moderator: Dr Robert Hawkins

31 May 2006

#### 1) Data Entry: Are We Nearer to the IRS or the Airline Industry?

Prof Louis Tilbrook  
Principal Clinical Scientist  
Broomfield Hospital, Chelmsford, Essex, UK

#### 2) Leaning Towards Six Sigma

Mr Mick Chomyn  
Assistant General Manager  
Path Links, Diana Princess of Wales Hospital,  
Grimsby, North East Lincolnshire, UK

#### 3) The Beginnings of Lean at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital

Dr Mike Hallworth  
Consultant Clinical Biochemist  
Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, Shrewsbury, England,  
UK

Moderator: Dr Robert Hawkins

5 July 2006

**1) Design and Patient Safety**

Mr Colum Lowe  
Head of Design & Human Factors  
National Patient Safety Agency, London, UK

**2) Improving Quality in USA Laboratory Medicine: National Efforts to Measure Laboratory Quality will Soon Shake Up the Status Quo**

Dr Ana Stankovic, PhD, MSPH  
Medical Director of Pre-analytic Systems  
Becton, Dickinson & Company, New Jersey, USA

Moderator: Dr Robert Hawkins

19 July 2006

**The Informatics Challenge in Histopathology: Telepathology; Digital Imaging & Electronic Medical Record**

Dr Michael J Becich, PhD  
Professor of Pathology & Director  
Department of Pathology, Center for Pathology Informatics,  
University of Pittsburgh, School of Medicine,  
Pittsburgh, PA, USA

Moderator: Dr Robert Hawkins

**2) 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING, 12 AUGUST 2006**

The Singapore Society of Pathology & the Chapter of Pathologists, Academy of Medicine, Singapore held its 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting on 12 August 2006. It was a half-day symposium on "Hepatitis". The venue was at the Pathology Lecture Theatre, Department of Pathology, Singapore General Hospital. The meeting comprised of 3 lectures - "Hepatitis B Virus Mutants" and "Genetic Variation of Hepatitis C Virus: Significance & Challenges", by Dr David Handojo Muljono (*SpPD, PhD*), Senior Research Fellow, Head of Hepatitis Unit, Eijkman Institute for Molecular Biology, Ministry for Research & Technology, Indonesia & "Clinical Utility of Nucleic Acid Testing in Hepatitis" by Dr Chow Wan Cheng, Head, Department of Gastroenterology & Hepatology, Singapore General Hospital. Question & Answer Sessions were held. No Free Papers were submitted for the Symposium. The Chairperson was Dr Robert Hawkins, President of the Singapore Society of Pathology. The meeting was well attended with a total of 90 registrants.

**NOMINEES FOR PATHOLOGY SPECIALIST TRAINING COMMITTEES**

The Specialist Accreditation Board in a letter dated 15 February 2006 to the Director, Division of Graduate Medical Studies, National University of Singapore and the Master, Academy of Medicine, Singapore (the 2 Co-Chairmen of the Joint Committee on Specialist Training) had requested for new nominees to its 35 Specialist Training Committees whose term of office ended on 31 August 2006. The Chapter of Pathologists, Academy of Medicine, Singapore nominated fellow pathologists for its current 4 subcommittees of Pathology:

- 1) Biochemistry: Drs Sunil Kumar Sethi (Recommended Chairperson), Yeo Chin Pin & Wong Moh Sim.
- 2) Forensic Medicine: Drs Gilbert K F Lau (Recommended Chairperson), Paul P S Chui, Wee Keng Poh, Cuthbert E S Teo, George Paul and Clarence T T Tan.
- 3) Histopathology: A/Prof Tan Puay Hoon (Recommended Chairperson), Drs Jacqueline S G Hwang, Chuah Khoo Leong, Poh Wee Teng & Anjula Thomas.
- 4) Microbiology: Drs Tan Ai Ling (Recommended Chairperson), Raymond T P Lin, Gamini Kumarasinghe and Chan Kwai Peng.

**SAC-SINGLAS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE FOR MEDICAL TESTING**

A/Prof Gilbert S C Chiang has been appointed by the Academy of Medicine, Singapore, as the official representative of the Chapter of Pathologists, to sit on the Technical Committee for Medical Testing of the Singapore Accreditation Council-Singapore Laboratory Accreditation Scheme, for a period of 3 years commencing 1 July 2006

**5<sup>TH</sup> ASIA-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF PATHOLOGY CONGRESS, 27 – 31 MAY 2007**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific International Academy of Pathology Congress, organized under the Chapter of Pathologists, Academy of Medicine, Singapore, will be held on 27 to 31 May 2007 at the Raffles City Convention Centre Singapore. The theme is on "Globalisation of Pathology". The members of the Organizing Committee are: A/Prof Gilbert S C Chiang (President), Prof Aileen Wee (Vice-President), Dr Angela P Y Chong (Organizing Chairperson), Dr Yap Wai Ming (Secretary/Treasurer), A/Prof Tan Puay Hoon & A/Prof Teh Ming (Co-Chairpersons, Scientific Committee) & Dr Anjula Thomas (Social Programme Chairperson). The keynote plenary speakers are Dr Ian O Ellis (UK) who will speak on "Changing Concepts in the Classification of Invasive Breast Cancer", A/Prof Gregory Lauwers (USA) on "Gastritis when it is not Helicobacter pylori Related", Dr Jaime Prat (Spain) on "Endometrial Carcinoma: Pathology and Genetics", Dr Neil Theise (USA) on "Stem Cells and Ductular Reaction in Human Livers" Dr William D Travis (USA) on "Viral Pandemics Affecting the Lung" & Prof Jonathan I Epstein (USA) on "Medico Legal Issues for the Pathologist: General Issues with Specific Examples Relating to Genitourinary Pathology". Highlights of the Congress include the Opening Ceremony, Congress Dinner, a Keynote Lecture on "Happenings in Histopathology – A Post World War II Perspective", a Papanicolaou Society Lecture on "How Should Cervical Screening Programmes Respond to the HPV Vaccine" & a Pathological Society Lecture on "Alcoholic Liver Disease - A New Look at an Old Problem". The scientific programme comprises of an APSMI meeting and topics on updates and recent advances in the major specialities of Pathology. There will be Slide Seminars, Plenary Lectures, Meet-the-Expert Sessions, Symposiums & Poster Papers. A trade exhibition will be held in conjunction with the Congress. About 500 delegates are expected to attend the Congress.

**41<sup>ST</sup> SINGAPORE-MALAYSIA CONGRESS OF MEDICINE, 19 – 22 JULY 2007**

The Congress of Medicine, a meeting of the Academies of Medicine, Malaysia and Singapore, is held bi-annually and rotated between the two organizations to host. The Academy of Medicine, Singapore will host the 41<sup>st</sup> Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine on the 19 to 22 July 2007, at the Raffles City Convention Centre Singapore. The theme is on "Redefining Gold Standards in Medicine: The Next Chapter". There will be an Opening Ceremony cum Induction Comitia for new inductees admitted into the Academy of Medicine, Singapore. Highlights of the Congress include Named Lectures such as the 18<sup>th</sup> Gordon Arthur Ransome Oration, 2007 Runme Shaw Memorial Lecture, Galloway Memorial Lecture, 17<sup>th</sup> Seah Cheng Siang Memorial Lecture, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Yahya Cohen Memorial Lecture and Colleges' Lectureships. The scientific programme comprises 5 interesting Symposia: Ageing & Aesthetic Medicine, Cancer, Professional Ethics & Standards, Obesity the New Epidemic & Sleep Disorder in Diseases/Obesity. This event is a milestone for the Academy of Medicine, Singapore as it is commemorating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. There will be a trade exhibition held in conjunction with the Congress.

**18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING, 21 JULY 2007  
41<sup>ST</sup> SINGAPORE-MALAYSIA CONGRESS OF MEDICINE, 19 – 22 JULY 2007**

The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the Chapter of Pathologists, Academy of Medicine, Singapore & the Singapore Society of Pathology will take place on 21 July 2007. It will be held in conjunction with the 41<sup>st</sup> Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine from 19 to 22 July 2007. The scientific programme comprises 2 Symposia:

**1) Malignant Lymphoma: Diagnosis of Difficulties & Pitfalls**

- i) Dr Ng Siok Bian – Diagnostic Pitfalls between Reactive Lesions & Malignant Lymphoma.
- ii) Dr Leonard H C Tan – Diagnostic Greyzone between Hodgkin's Disease & Peripheral T-cell Lymphoma.
- iii) Difficulties in Making a Diagnosis of Lymphoma in Patients Presenting with no Lymphadenopathy.

**2) Microbiology Update**

- i) Dr Lynette L E Oon – Update on Noroviruses.
- ii) Dr Timothy Barkham – A Blood Test for Tuberculosis: The Interferon Gamma Release Assays.

There will also be a Free Paper session.

**5<sup>TH</sup> ASIAN BREAST DISEASE ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE & BREASTSCREEN SINGAPORE UPDATE, 16 – 18 NOVEMBER 2007**

The Chapter of Pathologists, Academy of Medicine, Singapore will participate as a nominal sponsor for the 5<sup>th</sup> Asian Breast Disease Association Conference & BreastScreen Singapore Update. It is organized by the Asian Breast Disease Association

and the Health Promotion Board. The event will be held from 16 to 18 February 2007 at the Orchard Hotel, Singapore. Prof Roland Holland (Radboud University Medical Centre of Nijmegen, Netherlands) & Dr Christiane K Kuhl (University of Bonn, Germany) are the 2 overseas invited plenary speakers. The theme will be on "Controversies in Screening, Diagnosis & Management". Highlights of the Conference include the Opening Ceremony, ABDA Annual General Meeting, Counsel & Faculty Dinner and Congress Dinner. The scientific programme comprises Plenary Lectures, Symposia, Multidisciplinary Cases, Industry Lunch Talks on Radiology (Digital Mammography); Oncology Surgery: Aromatase Inhibitor & Radiology: Breast Ultrasound; Breakout Sessions, Posters and the Breast Screen Update on "BreastScreen Singapore: The Next Lap". A trade exhibition will be held in conjunction with the Conference.

**ANNALS, ACADEMY OF MEDICINE, SINGAPORE**

The Annals, Academy of Medicine, Singapore will be devoting an issue (July 2007, Volume 36, Issue 7), to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore duly founded in 1957. The Chapter of Pathologists, Academy of Medicine, Singapore has contributed an article authored by Drs Cuthbert E S Teo (Chapter Honorary Secretary) & Tan Ai Ling (Chapter Chairperson), depicting the history of the Chapter of Pathologists & the Pathology discipline in Singapore.

**CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

The Singapore Medical Council has requested for the Academy of Medicine, Singapore to review its Concept Paper on Maintenance of Competency, which it had submitted on 16 August 2005. It has recommended the Framework of Continuing Professional Development Activities of the Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons, Canada as a good model for Singapore to adopt. The new programme would be termed as Maintenance of Competency (to replace Maintenance of Certification). The Academy has requested for its 4 Chapters & 6 Colleges to inform their respective members about the importance of the programme. Feedback is to reach the Main Education Committee by 31 March 2007.

**21<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting of the 2007 – 2008 Chapter of Pathologists Committee has been scheduled for 13 July 2007.

**APPRECIATION**

The Chapter wishes to record its appreciation and thanks to all members and the secretariat for their kind support.

31 December 2006  
Dr Cuthbert E S Teo  
Honorary Secretary  
2006 -2007 Chapter of Pathologists

## 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 20th Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of Psychiatrists was held on Thursday, 23 March 2006 in the Tudor Ballroom, Level 1, Goodwood Park Hotel, 22 Scotts Road, Singapore 228221.

The following office-bearers for the year 2006-2007 were elected:

*Chairperson* : Dr Yap Hwa Ling  
*Vice-Chairperson* : A/Prof Calvin S L Fones  
*Honorary Secretary* : Dr Ng Beng Yeong  
*Committee Members* : A/Prof Chong Siow Ann  
A/Prof Ong Thiew Chai  
Dr Parvathy d/o Pathy  
*Co-opted Members* : A/Prof Rathi Mahendran

## MEMBERSHIP

The total membership of the Chapter as at 31 December 2006 stands at 84.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Committee held 4 meetings during the year 2006.

## ACTIVITIES

### 1. CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME)

1.1 The Chapter co-organised the following CME Lectures with Mount Elizabeth-Charter, Behavioural Health Services:

13 June 2006

- 1) **Norms of Beauty**  
Dr Yeap Choong Lieng  
*Consultant Plastic & Cosmetic Surgeon*  
*Mount Elizabeth Medical Centre*

- 2) **Body Dysmorphic Disorder**  
Dr Ang Yong Guan  
*Consultant Psychiatrist*  
*Private Practice*

*Chairperson: Dr Lionel C C Lim*

5 July 2006

- 1) **Common Causes of Delirium in the Elderly**  
Dr Chan King Ming  
*Consultant Geriatrician*  
*Gleneagles Medical Centre*

- 2) **Psychiatric Management of Delirium**  
Dr Tsoi Wing Foo  
*Consultant Psychiatrist*  
*Private Practice*

*Chairperson: Dr Paul W Ngui*

2 August 2006

### **Why Suicide: Suicide Letters**

Dr Chia Boon Hock  
*Consultant Psychiatrist*  
*Private Practice*

*Chairperson: Dr Tsoi Wing Foo*

5 September 2006

### **Psychiatric Aspects of Shoplifting**

Dr Stephen B C Phang  
*Consultant & Deputy Chief*  
*Department of Forensic Psychiatry*  
*Institute of Mental Health*

*Chairperson: Dr Sim Li Ping*

3 October 2006

### **Treatment Resistant Schizophrenia**

A/Prof Calvin S L Fones  
*Consultant Psychiatrist*  
*Gleneagles Medical Centre*

*Chairperson: Dr Lionel C C Lim*

## 1.2 QUARTERLY PROFESSIONAL LECTURE

For the year 2006, three Professional Lectures were organized by the Chapter of Psychiatrists, Academy of Medicine, Singapore.

23 March 2006

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Professional Lecture - What Makes a Good Psychiatrist?**

A/Prof Calvin S L Fones  
*Head & Chief*  
*Department of Psychological Medicine*  
*National University Hospital*

*Chairperson: Dr Yap Hwa Ling*

27 July 2006

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Professional Lecture - Training of Psychiatrists in Singapore**

A/Prof Rathi Mahendran  
*Senior Consultant Psychiatrist, Institute of Mental Health*

A/Prof Calvin S L Fones

21 September 2006

### **4<sup>th</sup> Professional Lecture - Long-Term Outcomes in Schizophrenia: Lessons from CATIE**

A/Prof Richard S E Keefe, PhD  
*Department of Psychiatry, Duke University Medical Center,*  
*Durham, North Carolina, USA*  
*& Visiting Academician Y2006,*  
*Academy of Medicine, Singapore*  
*Chapter of Psychiatrists*

*Chairperson: A/Prof Chong Siow Ann*

## VISITING ACADEMICIAN Y2006

Associate Professor Richard S E Keefe, PhD was appointed as the Visiting Academician Y2006 of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore & the Chapter of Psychiatrists. He was the speaker for the Chapter's 4<sup>th</sup> Professional Lecture, and delivered a lecture on "Long-Term Outcomes in Schizophrenia: Lessons from CATIE". The event took place on 21 September 2006 at the Galleria Ballroom, Level 3, Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel, Singapore. A/Prof Richard S E Keefe is from the Department of Psychiatry, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, North Carolina, USA.

## CHAPTER'S POSITION STATEMENT - NORM FOR CLINIC TREATING OPIATE-DEPENDENT PATIENTS

The Clinical Assurance & Audit Branch, Health Regulation Division, Ministry of Health, had requested for the Chapter of Psychiatrists, Academy of Medicine, Singapore to endorse a Position Statement on the Norm for Clinic Treating Opiate-Dependent Patients. With effect from 1 July 2006, all doctors wishing to treat opiate-dependent patients with opioid replacement therapy, would have to ensure that they had the necessary training and resources (including manpower & time), to adequately manage such patients. In accordance to international best practices and standards, each clinic in Singapore should not treat more than 30 patients for opiate dependence. This would not apply to clinics licensed as specialists clinics (psychiatrist clinics)/healthcare institutions (Institute of Mental Health). The endorsement was also supported by the National Workgroup on Opiate Dependence. Clinics whose patient load exceeded 30 opiate-dependent patients, would have to reassign their surplus patients to other GP clinics /healthcare institutions, with specialised addictions management programmes for continual clinical management. The deadline to reassign surplus patients was set for 1 September 2006.

## QUARTERLY PROFESSIONAL LECTURES FOR 2007

The Chapter of Psychiatrists, Academy of Medicine, Singapore will continue to organize Quarterly Professional Lectures for the year 2007. The 1<sup>st</sup> Professional Lecture Y2007 jointly organized with the Department of Psychiatry, Singapore General Hospital was held on 29 January 2007 from 6.30 pm to 9.00 pm at the Dunearn Ballroom I, Raffles Town Club, Singapore. The invited speaker was Dr Michael Robertson, FRANZCP, Director of Psychiatry, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital & Sydney South West Area Health Service (Eastern Sector) & Clinical Lecturer, Psychological Medicine, The University of Sydney, New South Wales, Australia. He delivered a lecture on "Why Can't There Be A Universal Code of Ethics in Psychiatry". The Chairperson was Dr Yap Hwa Ling, Senior Consultant, Division of Psychological Medicine, Changi General Hospital. The official sponsor for the Professional Lectures is Lundbeck Export A/S.

## 41<sup>ST</sup> SINGAPORE-MALAYSIA CONGRESS OF MEDICINE, 19 - 22 JULY 2007

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## PLENARY LECTURE, 22 JULY 2007

### 41<sup>ST</sup> SINGAPORE-MALAYSIA CONGRESS OF MEDICINE, 19 - 22 JULY 2007

The Chapter of Psychiatrists, Academy of Medicine, Singapore will organize a Plenary Lecture, in conjunction with the 41<sup>st</sup> Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine, to be held from 19 to 22 July 2007. Dr Ranga Krishnan, Head of Psychiatry, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, North Carolina, USA has been invited to speak on "Mild Cognitive Impairment - An Update", tentatively scheduled for 22 July 2007.

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## CO-OPTION OF MEMBERS - 2007-2008 CHAPTER OF PSYCHIATRISTS COMMITTEE

Dr Angelina O M Chan will be co-opted into the 2007 - 2008 Chapter of Psychiatrists Committee, after the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting, scheduled for 18 April 2007. She has been appointed by the 2006 - 2007 Committee to be the person-in-charge, of the National Program for Mental Health: Training Collaboration between Cambodia & Singapore, officially supported by the Academy of Medicine, Singapore.

## **NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR MENTAL HEALTH - TRAINING COLLABORATION BETWEEN CAMBODIA & SINGAPORE**

The Academy of Medicine, Singapore has agreed officially to support the proposal of the National Program for Mental Health - Training Collaboration between Cambodia & itself. Dr Angelina O M Chan, a fellow psychiatrist will be co-opted into the 2007 - 2008 Committee, and she will be appointed as the person in-charge of the program, to recruit volunteers from the Chapter. The liaison person from Cambodia is Prof K Sunbaunat, Dean, Faculty of Medicine-University of Health Sciences & Director, National Program for Mental Health-Ministry of Health, Cambodia.

## **GUIDELINES FOR PRESCRIBING BENZODIAZEPINES & COUGH MIXTURES CONTAINING CODEINE**

The Clinical Assurance & Audit Branch, Health Regulation Division, Ministry of Health is revising the Guidelines for Prescribing Benzodiazepines & Cough Mixtures containing Codeine. It has requested for the Chapter of Psychiatrists, Academy of Medicine, Singapore to give its feedback. The Chapter has submitted its comments to the Ministry of Health for consideration.

## **COLLEGE OF PSYCHIATRISTS, SINGAPORE**

The 2006 - 2007 Chapter of Psychiatrists Committee, will put on hold the formation of the College of Psychiatrists, Singapore. The main reason being currently it only has a total of 68 signatures, & fails to meet the required number as stated in its submission of a special resolution, that a requirement be set aside rather than amend article 40, in the Memorandum & Articles of Association of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore, for the Chapter of Psychiatrists, to convert to a College with a minimum of 70 Fellows resident in Singapore, who will be qualified members of the College. The other reason being that the College has to be incorporated as a company, and will have to comply with company regulations. The Academy is in the process of sorting out this issue as it affects all Colleges. Failure to comply with these regulations will result in a penalty.

## **APPRECIATION**

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31 December 2006  
Dr Ng Beng Yeong  
Honorary Secretary  
2006 - 2007 Chapter of Psychiatrists

The Office-bearers for the year 2005-2006 were as follows:

<i>Chairman</i>	: Dr Jeffery Cutter (re-elected)
<i>Vice-Chairman</i>	: Dr Lee Lay Tin
<i>Honorary Secretary</i>	: Dr Loh Yik Hin
<i>Members</i>	: Dr Pwee Keng Ho Dr Derrick Heng Dr Mabel Yap
<i>Co-opted Members</i>	: Dr Kenneth Choy Dr Lee Chien Earn Dr Adeline Seow

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of Public Health & Occupational Physicians was held on Thursday, 20 April 2006 at 6:00pm at the Learning Corner, College of Medicine Building, 16 College Road, Singapore 169854.

The Office-bearers for the year 2006-2007 were elected as follows:

<i>Chairman</i>	: Dr Lee Lay Tin
<i>Vice-Chairman</i>	: Dr Derrick Heng
<i>Honorary Secretary</i>	: Dr Loh Yik Hin
<i>Members</i>	: Dr Kenneth Choy Dr Jason Yap Dr Adeline Seow Dr Jeffery Cutter
<i>Co-opted Member</i>	: Dr Pwee Keng Ho

## MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Chapter stands at 100 (as of 31 December 2006).

### New Fellow

The following Academician was admitted to Fellowship of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore (Public Health and Occupational Physicians) for the year 2006.

Dr Shum Jin-Wen Eugene

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The 2005 - 2006 committee held one committee meeting from 01 January 2006 to 19 April 2006.

The 2006 - 2007 committee held two committee meetings from 20 April 2006 to 31 December 2006.

## ACTIVITIES

The Chapter organized the Second Singapore Public Health and Occupational Medicine Conference on 13 & 14 July 2006. A total of 36 CME lectures were also organized from January 2006 to December 2006.

## Second Singapore Public Health and Occupational Medicine Conference, 13 - 14 July 2006

The Second Singapore Public Health and Occupational Medicine Conference, of the Chapter was held on Friday on 13 - 14 July 2006, at the Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel. The theme of the conference was "Challenges in Public Health and Occupational Medicine - Bridging the Gap".

Professor K Satku, Director of Medical Services, Ministry of Health, Singapore was invited as the Guest-of-Honour to deliver the keynote lecture.

The scientific programme comprised a Keynote Lecture, 3 Plenary Lectures and 6 Symposia sessions. The conference was a success with 200 participants, 8 free papers, 31 posters and 28 speakers (25 local and 3 overseas).

## Continuing Medical Education

The following continuing medical education lectures were organised.

- CME events co-organised with Department of Community, Occupational and Family Medicine (COFM), Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore

### 6 January 2006

#### **Preventing Hostile Use of the Life Sciences**

Associate Professor Lim Meng Kin  
Department of Community, Occupational & Family Medicine  
Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine  
National University of Singapore  
Chairperson: Professor Lee Hin Peng

### 20 January 2006

#### **Endocrine Disruptors in the Singapore Marine Environment**

Professor Yong Eu Leong  
Department of Obstetric & Gynaecology  
National University of Singapore  
Chairperson: Professor Ong Choon Nam

### 21 February 2006

#### **The Science and Art of Publishing Journal Papers**

Associate Professor Wong Tien Yin  
Department of Ophthalmology  
Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine  
National University of Singapore  
Chairperson: Professor Ong Choon Nam

### 3 March 2006

#### **(1) Extreme Group Analysis**

Professor Susan R Wilson  
Professor and Co-Director  
Centre for Bioinformation Science  
Australian National University



## **(2) Why Heritability Doesn't Necessarily Mean Tight Genetic Determination**

Dr Ian Morgan  
Associate Director  
Research School of Biological Sciences Head  
Retina & Myopia Research Unit  
ARC Centre of Excellence in Vision  
Australian National University Canberra  
Chairperson: Associate Professor Saw Seang Mei

10 March 2006

### **The Scientific Response to Avian Influenza**

Assistant Professor Gigi Kwik Gronvall, PhD  
Associate, Center for Biosecurity of UPMC  
Assistant Professor of Medicine  
University of Pittsburgh  
Baltimore, Maryland, USA  
Chairperson: Associate Professor Chia Sin Eng

17 March 2006

### **Paying for Performance - Does it Work?**

Associate Professor Goh Lee Gan  
Department of Community, Occupational & Family Medicine  
Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine  
National University of Singapore  
Chairperson: Associate Professor Lim Meng Kin

24 March 2006

### **Coronary Artery Disease Risk - Is it Predictable by Genotypes**

Dr Heng Chew-Kiat (PhD)  
Senior Research Scientist  
Cardiovascular Genetics Lab  
Department of Paediatrics  
Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine  
National University of Singapore  
Chairperson: Dr Jeannette Lee

31 March 2006

### **Does Problem-Based Learning Produce Better Doctors? A Systematic Review**

Dr Gerald Koh Choon Huat  
Assistant Professor  
Department of Community, Occupational & Family Medicine  
Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine  
National University of Singapore  
Chairperson: Associate Professor Wong Mee Lian

07 April 2006

### **The Value of Cancer Registry Data for the Evaluation of Clinical Care: Some Examples from the Geneva Cancer Registry**

Dr Helena Marieke Verkooijen  
Geneva Cancer Registry  
Institute for Social and Preventive Medicine  
Geneva, Switzerland  
Chairperson: Professor Chia Kee Seng

02 May 2006

### **Roles of Biological & Environmental Monitoring in the Prevention & Control of Occupational Diseases**

Dr Chia Sin Eng  
Associate Professor,  
Department of Community, Occupational and Family Medicine  
Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine  
National University of Singapore  
Chairperson: Dr Ho Sweet Far

18 May 2006

### **New Challenges for Communities and Government in Indonesia - The Twin Epidemics of HIV and Injecting Drug Use Today**

Dr Nafsiah Mboi  
Chair of National AIDS Commission Task Force on Papua  
& Working Group on Women and Children  
Chairperson: Associate Professor Wong Mee Lian

10 July 2006

### **Introduction to Statistical Methods in Microarray Data: Identification of DE Genes**

Dr Arief Gusnanto  
Biostatistician  
Medical Research Council - Biostatistics Unit  
Cambridge, United Kingdom  
Chairperson: Professor Chia Kee Seng

17 July 2006

### **Physical Activity and Obesity in Cancer**

Dr Anne McTiernan  
MD, PhD, Director, Prevention Center  
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center  
Seattle, USA  
Chairperson: Professor Chia Kee Seng

19 July 2006

### **Quality of Life Assessment: Precision and Sample Size Issues**

Dr Cheung Yin Bun  
Senior Lecturer  
Infectious Disease, Epidemiology Unit  
London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine  
United Kingdom  
Chairperson: Dr Tai Bee Choo

21 August 2006

### **Statistical Methods for Mapping Quantitative Trait Loci - How this Applies to Myopia**

Prof Terri Young  
Professor  
Duke Eye Centre, Duke University, USA

Dr Lu Yi-Ju

Assistant Professor  
Duke Center for Human Genetics, Duke University, USA  
Chairperson: Associate Professor Saw Seang Mei

1 September 2006

## **Epidemiological Surveillance of Nosocomial Infections**

Dr William Robert Jarvis

*HMDP Visiting Expert in Hospital Epidemiology*

*Chairperson: Associate Professor Adeline Seow*

8 September 2006

## **Behaviour and Biology in STI/ HIV Transmission**

Associate Professor Roy Chan

*Director*

*National Skin Centre*

*Chairperson: Associate Professor Wong Mee Lian*

12 September 2006

## **Meat Intake and Cancer Risk - New Insights from Epidemiologic Studies**

Dr Rashmi Sinha

*Senior Investigator*

*Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics*

*National Cancer Institute*

*Chairperson: Associate Professor Adeline Seow*

22 September 2006

## **Does the Use of Antibiotics Drive the Growth of Antibiotic Resistance?**

Professor Frank Dunstan

*Professor of Medical Statistics*

*Department of Epidemiology, Statistics & Public Health, School of Medicine*

*Cardiff University, UK*

*Chairperson: Dr Tai Bee Choo*

28 September 2006

## **Occupational Medical Service in Transformation - The Initiative and Perspective from Taiwan**

Dr Chung-Li (Donald) Du

*National Taiwan University Hospital*

*Center for Management of Occupational Injury and Disease*

*Chairperson: Associate Professor Chia Sin Eng*

13 October 2006

## **European Healthcare Reforms: Any Relevance for the Rest of the World?**

Professor Reinhard Busse

*Department of Health Care Management*

*WHO Collaborating Centre for Health Systems*

*Research and Management Technische Universitaet Berlin Germany*

*Chairperson: Associate Professor Lim Meng Kin*

23 October 2006

## **Occupational Health Services in a Hospital**

Dr Manjula Sharma

*Consultant, Department of Occupational Health & Safety*

*King's College Hospital, United Kingdom*

*Chairperson: Associate Professor Chia Sin Eng*

26 October 2006

## **Mishaps, Mistakes, Malpractice: An Overview of Medico-legal Litigation**

Dr Lee See Much

*Adjunct Assistant*

*Professor*

*Department of Community, Occupational & Family Medicine*

*Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine*

*National University of Singapore*

*Chairperson: Professor David Koh*

10 November 2006

## **How Can We Make Quality of Life an Outcome Measure in Clinical Practice in Singapore? The Example of Parkinson's Disease**

Dr Luo Nan

*Research Fellow*

*Health Services Research Unit*

*Dean's Office*

*Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine*

*National University of Singapore*

*Chairperson: Professor Lee Hin Peng*

14 November 2006

## **Developments in Occupational Medicine in Australia Professor Malcolm Sim**

*Centre for Occupational & Environmental Health*

*Department of Epidemiology & Preventive Medicine*

*Monash University*

*Australia*

*Chairperson: Associate Professor Chia Sin Eng*

- CME events co-organised with Health Promotion Board

26 August 2006

## **Symposium on Health Promotion Research and Surveillance Health Behaviour Surveillance**

Professor Stefano Camprostrini

*Department of Applied Statistics and Economics*

*University of Pavia*

## **Dietary Trends of Singaporeans**

Dr Mabel Deurenberg-Yap

*Director, Research and Strategic Planning Division*

*Health Promotion Board*

*Adjunct Associate Professor*

*Department of Community, Occupational & Family Medicine*

*Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine*

*National University of Singapore*

## **National Health Survey**

Dr Derrick Heng

*Deputy Director*

*Non-Communicable Diseases*

*Epidemiology and Disease Control*

*Ministry of Health*

- CME events co-organised with Manpower Standards and Development Division (MS&D), Ministry of Health.

11 January 2006

**Informed Consent: Possible Invasions into Singapore? - Implications of the new English law of Chester v Afshar**

Professor Catherine Tay  
Associate Professor  
Department of Business Policy  
National University of Singapore

15 February 2006

**Problem-Solving in Public Health: Investigating health problems downstream of a new pulp and paper mill in rural Sumatra**

Professor David Koh  
Head  
Department of Community, Occupational and Family Medicine  
Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine  
National University of Singapore

8 March 2006

**Ethical Review of Epidemiological Studies**

Professor Lee Hin Peng  
Professor  
Department of Community, Occupational and Family Medicine  
Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine  
National University of Singapore  
Chairman, IRB, NUS

15 March 2006

**InfluSim v1.1 - A Simulation Tool for Pandemic Influenza Preparedness**

Dr Martin Eichner  
Department of Medical Biometry  
University of Tubingen, Germany

22 March 2006

**Technology Assessment and the Australian Medical Services Advisory Committee**

Prof Brendon Kearney  
Director  
Institute of Medical and Veterinary Science  
South Australia

23 March 2006

**Introduction to Concepts and Uses of Summary Measures of Population Health**

Associate Professor Theo Vos  
Head (Centre for Burden of Disease and Cost-Effective)  
School of Population Health  
University of Queensland, Australia

14 April 2006

**Health Services Research -Counting What Counts in Healthcare Technologies (Pt 1)**

Dr Robert S. Bernstein  
Singhealth's expert on Public Health and International Development and Adj Associate Professor at Rollins School of Public Health  
Emory University

26 April 2006

**Health Services Research -Counting what Counts in Healthcare Technologies (Pt II)**

Dr Robert S. Bernstein (MD, PhD, MS, MPH, FACPM)  
Singhealth's expert on Public Health and International Development and Adj Associate Professor at Rollins School of Public Health  
Emory University

9 October 2006

**Organisation of a National Transplant Program- Advantages and Pitfalls**

Prof Per Frithjof Pfeffer  
Head of the Transplant Unit of the Surgical Department at Rikshospitalet, Norway

- CME Co-sponsored by Academy of Medicine, Singapore

9 March 2006

**TB: A Global Perspective**

Dr K Castro  
Director, Division of TB Elimination, National Center for Disease Control and Prevention Atlanta, USA

Dr P Fujiwara

Deputy Executive Director, International Union Against TB and Lung Disease, Paris, France

Prof Lee Reichman

Professor of Medicine and Professor of Prevention Medicine & Community Health, Executive Director, New Jersey Medical School National TB Center, Newark, New Jersey, USA

Prof E Hershfield

Professor of Medicine, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

**Distance-learning Programme**

The Chapter of Public Health & Occupational Physicians submitted 2 modules entitled 'Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) and Occupational Exposures' and 'The Association between Secondhand Smoke and the Risk of Developing Acute Coronary Syndromes, among Non-smokers, under the Presence of Several Cardiovascular Risk Factors'.

**APPRECIATION**

The Chapter wishes to place on record its appreciation of thanks to all Fellows and the Secretariat for their kind support.

Dr Loh Yik Hin

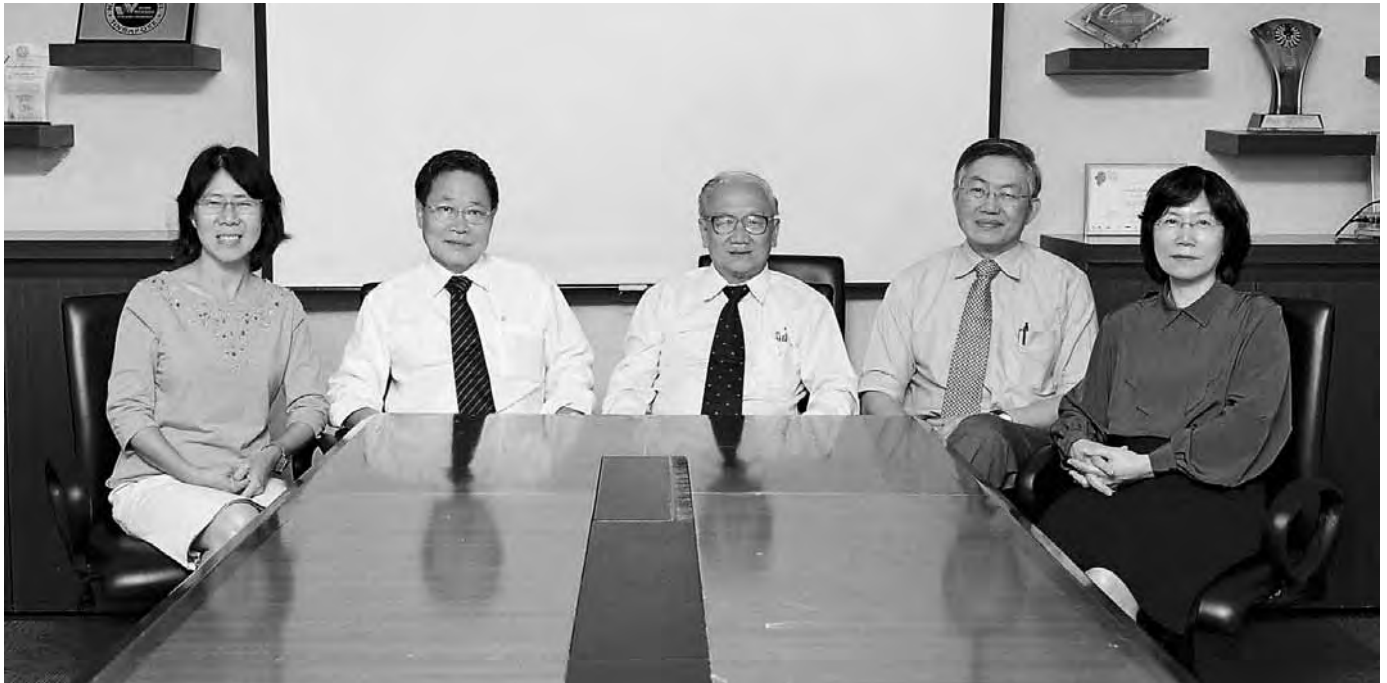
Honorary Secretary

2006 - 2007 Chapter of Public Health & Occupational Physicians, Singapore

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## 2006-2007 Council



*Seated (left to right):*

*Dr Koay Choo Kok (Council Member), Dr George Lim (Vice President & Honorary Treasurer), Dr Edward Pang Chee Ping (President), Dr Boey Wah Keong (Council Member), Dr Khoo Siew Tuan (Council Member)*

*Absent:*

*Dr Lai Fook Onn (Honorary Secretary), Dr Chong Jin Long (Council Member)*

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the College of Anaesthesiologists, Singapore ("the College") will be held at the Dragon City Sichuan Restaurant in Copthorne Orchid Hotel Singapore, Level 1, 214 Dunearn Road, Singapore 299526 on Saturday, 19 May 2007 at 1800 hours to transact the following business:

### AGENDA

1. To receive and adopt the Minutes of the Second Annual General Meeting of the College held on 24 June 2006.
2. To receive and adopt the Annual Report of the 2006-2007 Council of the College.
3. To receive and adopt the Audited Accounts of the College for the financial year ended 31 December 2006.
4. To elect the 2007-2009 Council Members of the College. The following two nominations were received in respect of the two vacancies on the 2007-2009 Council and accepted:

Nominee	Proposer	Secunder
Dr Chen Fun Gee	Dr George Lim	Dr Khoo Siew Tuan
Dr Lai Fook Onn	Dr Sophia Chew Tsong Huey	Dr Boey Sek Koon

5. To appoint Dr George Lim as President of the College for 2007 - 2009.
6. To re-appoint Messrs Geetha A & Associates as Auditors of the College.
7. Other business, notice of which shall be given in writing to the Company Secretary of the College at least seven (7) days prior to such Meeting.

Dr Lai Fook Onn  
Honorary Secretary  
Singapore, 30 April 2007

## 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 24 June 2006

Minutes of the 2nd Annual General Meeting of the College of Anaesthesiologists, Singapore held on Saturday, 24 June 2006 at 1100 hours at Lecture Hall, National Cancer Centre, Level 4, 11 Hospital Drive, Singapore 169610.

### Present (30)

Dr Edward Pang Chee Ping	President
Dr George Lim	Vice-President/ Honorary Treasurer
Dr Lai Fook Onn	Honorary Secretary
Dr Lim Boon Leng	Council Member
Dr Boey Wah Keong	Member
Dr Chan Soo Toon	Member
Dr Victor Chee	Member
Dr Chong Jin Long	Member
Dr Chong Yeen Yoong	Member
Dr Choo Yien Mei	Member
Dr Alex Kan	Member
Dr Khoo Siew Tuan	Member
Dr Koay Choo Kok	Member
Dr Lim Ee Koon	Member
Dr Lim Ka Liang	Member
Dr Loo Shi	Member
Dr Maung Thant	Member
Dr Leela Nair	Member
Dr Kelvin Ngiam	Member
Dr Ong Kiem Kiok	Member
Dr Rachael Pereira	Member
Dr Phua Wee Thuan	Member
Dr Si Hoe Kok Chun	Member
Dr Su Hong Zee	Member
Dr Tay Sook Muay	Member
Dr Susan Toh	Member
Dr Philip Tseng	Member
Dr Monica Woo	Member
Dr Sivagnanaratnam V.	Member
Dr Catherine Yap	Member

### Absent with Apologies

Dr Sophia Ang  
Dr Chen Fun Gee  
Dr Kwek Tong Kiat  
Dr Lee Huiling  
Dr Ma Seow Jing  
Dr Seow Lay Tin

### In Attendance

Mr Daniel Goh  
Accountant  
Academy of Medicine, Singapore

Ms Tan Lay Hoon  
Project Executive  
Academy of Medicine, Singapore

Ms Michelle Choy  
Secretariat  
Orient Explorer (S) Pte Ltd

## 1. PREAMBLE

When the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the College of Anaesthesiologists, Singapore (hereinafter "the College") was first held on 29 April 2006, the College's Accounts were not audited at that time and thus could not be received and accepted by the House then.

Consequently, that 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of April 2006 was declared null and void. A new date of 24 June 2006 was then scheduled to re-convene the 2nd Annual General Meeting.

At the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the College held on 24 June 2006, the President, Dr Edward Pang, declared that the quorum had been met and called the Meeting to order at 1100 hours.

## 2. MINUTES OF THE 1<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 2 JULY 2005

The House received and accepted the minutes of the 1st Annual Meeting of the College held on 2 July 2005, as proposed by Dr Chong Jin Long and seconded by Dr Boey Wah Keong.

## 3. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE 2005 - 2006 COUNCIL

The House received and accepted the College's Annual Report of the 2005 - 2006 Council, as proposed by Dr Koay Choo Kok and seconded by Dr Chong Jin Long.

## 4. PRESENTATION OF THE AUDITED ACCOUNTS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2005

The President presented the Audited Accounts of the College for the year ended 31 December 2005 on behalf of the Honorary Treasurer, Dr George Lim.

### 4.1 Tax Exemption for Income

In response to a query from Dr Rachael Pereira, the Honorary Treasurer explained that the College, as a registered charity organization, would receive tax exemption for Year of Assessment 2006 if it was able to spend 80% of its Year 2005 receipts (less the allowable deductions) on charities/ charitable objectives within Singapore by 31 December 2006.

Based on the information at hand, the Honorary Treasurer advised that the said sum of 80% was S\$6,747.00.

*Post-AGM Note - Following the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting, Mr Daniel Goh, Accountant with the Academy of Medicine, Singapore, clarified to the Honorary Treasurer that the balance amount that needed to be expended should be S\$19,311.00.*

The figure of S\$6,747.00 provided earlier to the Honorary Treasurer had referred to the amount already expended.

## 4.2 Adoption of the Audited Accounts as at 31 December 2005

The House received and adopted the Audited Accounts of the College of Anaesthesiologists, Singapore as at 31 December 2005, as proposed by Dr Boey Wah Keong and seconded by Dr Rachael Pereira.

## 5. ELECTION OF THE 2006 - 2008 COUNCIL

The House heard from the President that the following four nominations were received in respect of the four vacancies on the 2006 - 2008 Council:

Nominee	Proposer	Seconded
Dr Boey Wah Keong	Dr Ng Hui Nai	Dr Seow Lay Tin
Dr Chong Jin Long	Dr Edward Pang	Dr Ernest Lim
Dr Khoo Siew Tuan	Dr Ernest Lim	Dr Ng Hui Nai
Dr Koay Choo Kok	Dr Edward Pang	Dr Noelle Lim

The four candidates were declared duly elected.

## 6. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

The President informed the House that Messrs G.S. Tan & Co. had advised that it did not wish to seek re-appointment as Auditors of the College.

The House accepted the Council's recommendation and appointed Messrs Geetha A & Associates as Auditors of the College's accounts for the year ending 31 December 2006.

*Post-AGM Note - Subsequent to his response to a query at the Annual General Meeting, Mr Daniel Goh clarified that the fees of Messrs G.S Tan & Co. and Messrs Geetha A & Associates were the same at S\$500.00.*

## 7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### 7.1 Vote of Thanks

The House recorded a vote of thanks to the three retiring Council Members, Dr Chen Fun Gee, Dr Kwek Tong Kiat and Dr Lim Boon Leng for their endeavors during their terms of office in the College.

### 7.2 College's CME Core Activities and Programmes

A Member raised the subject of the College's list of CME core activities & programmes. Following an active discussion by the Members present, the President proposed that the incoming Council, at its next meeting, considered the establishment of a committee to review the issue.

The President thanked the Members present for attending the Meeting and their support of the College's activities.

There being no other business, the Meeting closed at 1130 hours.

Minutes recorded by Ms Tan Lay Hoon  
Project Executive  
Academy of Medicine, Singapore

With inputs from Ms Michelle Choy  
Secretariat  
Orient Explorer (S) Pte Ltd

Vetted by Dr Lai Fook Onn  
Honorary Secretary  
  
Dr Edward Pang Chee Ping,  
President

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE 2005 - 2006 COUNCIL

### 1. THE COUNCIL

The following Council Members were elected to the 2006-2008 Council at the 2nd Annual General Meeting held on 24 June 2006:

Council Members	Dr Boey Wah Keong Dr Chong Jin Long Dr Khoo Siew Tuan Dr Koay Choo Kok
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Dr Lai Fook Onn will retire at the next Annual General Meeting. He is eligible for re-election.

### 2. OFFICE BEARERS

The office bearers for 2006-2007 Council are :

President	Dr Edward Pang Chee Ping
Vice President & Honorary Treasurer	Dr George Lim
Honorary Secretary	Dr Lai Fook Onn
Council Members	Dr Boey Wah Keong Dr Chong Jin Long Dr Khoo Siew Tuan Dr Koay Choo Kok

Dr George Lim was elected as President-Elect subsequently.

### 3. MEMBERSHIP

The total membership of the College as at 31 December 2006:

Local	119
Overseas	3

Members not conferred as Fellows of the College of Anaesthesiologists:

Local	6
Overseas	10

### 4. CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

#### 4.1 Lectures

The following lectures were jointly organized with the Singapore Society of Anaesthesiologists in 2006 :

25 February

#### First Anaesthesia Refresher Course 2006 - Anaesthetists and The Elderly

##### 1. Introduction and Welcome Address

- Speakers - Dr Chong Jin Long  
- Dr Edward Pang  
- Dr Ong Biau Chi  
- Mr Gary Vadoros, Abbott

##### 2. The Elderly Patient - What Should The Anaesthetist Know? Speaker - Dr Chan Kin Ming

##### 3. Anaesthetic Considerations for the Elderly Patient Speaker - Dr Koh Kwong Fah

##### 4. Anaesthetics Induced Cardioprotection Speaker - Professor Wolfgang Schlack

##### 5. Regional Anaesthesia for the Elderly Speaker - Dr Kuljit Singh

##### 6. Pro-Con Debate - General Anaesthesia Is Always Appropriate For the Elderly Speakers - Dr Edward Pang vs Dr Yeo Sow Nam

##### 7. Closing Statement Speaker - Dr Edward Pang

Chairpersons

- Dr Chong Jin Long, Private Practitioner
- Dr Chan Yeow, Tan Tock Seng Hospital

18 May

##### 1. Updates on Plasma Volume Replacement And Infusion Therapy

- Speaker - Dr Elmar Rudolph  
M.D. Physician, Germany  
Director of Medical Affairs, Asia-Pacific  
B Braun Medical Industries  
Bangkok  
Thailand

##### 2. Infusion Therapy Speaker - Mr Juergen Stihl Vice President & Deputy Head Strategic Marketing B Braun Melsungen AG

1 August

##### ICU - What's New and What's Not

- Speaker - Professor Nigel R Webster  
Professor of Anaesthesia and Intensive Care  
Institute of Medical Sciences  
Foresterhill, Aberdeen  
United Kingdom

Chairperson - Dr Eugene Liu, National University Hospital

26 August

##### Patient Safety Day

##### 1. Coordination of Care & Safety Speaker - Professor Chee Yam Cheng

##### 2. Analysing Surgical Mishaps Speaker - Dr Peter Mack



### 3. JCI and Patient Safety - New Requirements

Speaker - Ms Nellie Yeo

### 4. New Safety Guidelines

Speaker - Dr Hwang Nian Chih

### 5. Safety Concerns of Private Practice Anaesthesiologists

Speaker - Dr George Lim

Chairperson - Dr Hwang Nian Chih

### 4.2 Combined Anaesthetic Meetings

The following Combined Anaesthetic Meetings were co-organised with the Singapore Society of Anaesthesiologists in 2006:

24 March

#### The Use of ECMO in Acute Respiratory Failure

Speaker - Associate Professor Peter L Klineberg  
Associate Professor and Director  
Department of Anaesthesia and Perioperative Medicine  
Westmead Hospital & SWAHS  
Westmead New South Wales  
Australia

#### Anaesthesia for Squint Surgery

Speaker - Dr Stephen J Mather  
Consultant in Anaesthesia and Perioperative Medicine  
Director, Management Board  
Bristol Medical Simulation Centre, Bristol  
United Kingdom

Chairperson - Dr Sophia Ang, National University Hospital

29 April

#### Changi General Hospital

##### 1. High Cervical Cord Lesions - Case Presentation

Speaker - Dr Wendy Fun

##### 2. Pathophysiology and Management of Patients with High Cervical Cord Lesions

Speaker - Dr Woon Kwee Lian

Chairperson - Dr Terence Quah

29 April

#### KK Women's & Children's Hospital

##### 3. An Unusual Case of Eclampsia - Case Presentation

Speaker - Dr Neeta Satkunanantham, KKH

##### 4. Management of Eclampsia and Severe Pre-Eclampsia

Speaker - Dr Adrian Ng, KKH

### 5. Management of Neurological Aspects of Pre-Eclampsia

Speaker - Dr Timothy Young  
National Neuroscience Institute

Chairperson - Dr Mukesh Shah, KKH

24 June

#### Tan Tock Seng Hospital

##### Avian and Pandemic Influenza :

##### What the Anaesthesiologist Should Know

##### 1. What Must We Do Now in Our Departments And Hospitals?

Speaker - Dr Loo Shi

##### 2. Providing Anaesthesia For The Suspect Or Confirmed Case - Challenges and Pitfalls

Speaker - Dr Victor Chee

Chairperson - Dr Kwek Tong Kiat

##### 3. Neuropathic Pain Following Surgery

Speaker - Dr Boey Wah Keong, Private Practitioner

##### 4. Fluid Resuscitation And Immune Function

Speaker - Dr Edward Pang, Private Practitioner

Chairperson - Dr Boey Wah Keong, Private Practitioner

7 October

#### Alexandra Hospital

##### 1. Perioperative Management of Pheochromocytoma: A Tale of Two Patients

Speaker - Dr Chin Wui Kin

##### 2. Medical Aspects of Pheochromocytoma

Speaker - Dr Goh Kian Peng

Chairperson - Dr Lim Kim Seong

#### KK Women's & Children's Hospital

##### 3. Tracheoplasty - Much More Than Just Fixing Pipes!

##### 3.1 Case Presentation

Speaker - Dr Vijay Mohan

##### 3.2 Anaesthetic Concerns

Speaker - Dr Evangeline Lim

##### 3.3 Surgical Aspects

Speaker - Dr Sriram Shankar

Chairperson - Dr Michelle Tay

25 October

## **Strategies for Prevention of Perioperative Neurologic Injury**

*Speaker* - Professor Mark F. Newman, M.D.  
Merel H. Harmel Professor and Chairman  
Department of Anaesthesiology  
Duke University Medical Centre  
Durham NC  
USA

*Chairperson* - Dr Sophia Chew  
Singapore General Hospital;

## **5. CONGRESS OF MEDICINE**

### **5.1 40<sup>TH</sup> Malaysia-Singapore Congress of Medicine**

The Academy of Medicine of Malaysia organized the 40<sup>th</sup> Malaysia-Singapore Congress of Medicine from 24 to 27 August 2006. It was held in Sunway Pyramid Convention Centre in Petaling Jaya, Malaysia.

Dr Edward Pang, President, attended the Opening Ceremony on 24 August and was conferred Fellowship of the Academy of Medicine of Malaysia.

### **5.2 41<sup>ST</sup> Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine**

The College will be participating in the 41<sup>st</sup> Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine to be held in Singapore in Raffles City Convention Centre from 19 to 22 July 2007. The theme of the Congress is "Redefining Gold Standards in Medicine : The Next Chapter".

Dr George Lim represents the College in the Congress' Organising Committee. The College plans to host the following programmes :

- a) Pre-Congress Workshop on The Practical Challenges of Pain Management  
- 19 July, Thursday
- b) Neuroanesthesia Symposium  
- 20 July, Friday.

Well-known pain specialists will be invited to share their knowledge and expertise on pain management.

## **6. OTHER MEETINGS**

### **6.1 Sponsorship of Events**

Nominal sponsorship was approved in 2006 for the following event :

- Advanced Regional Anaesthesia & Ultrasound Guided Peripheral Nerve Block Course,  
18 ~ 20 October 2006

## **7. APPRECIATION**

The College wishes to record its appreciation to all our Fellows for their support and efforts rendered in the past year as well as for ongoing projects.

Dr Lai Fook Onn  
Honorary Secretary  
on behalf of 2006-2007 Council

23 March 2007

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2006-2007 Council



*(Seated - left to right):*

*Dr Yeo Seow Heong, George (Chairman, Section of Maternal Fetal Medicine); Dr Lai Fon-Min (Vice President); Dr Ho Tew Hong (President); Dr Chang Tou Choong (President-Elect); Dr Fong Chuan Wee, Francis (Honorary Treasurer)*

*(Standing - left to right):*

*Dr Suresh Nair (Honorary Secretary); Dr Ng Kwok Weng, Roy (Chairman, Section of Urogynaecology); Dr Beh Suan Tiong (Co-opted Member; President of OGSS)*

*Absent:*

*Dr Low Jen Hui, Jeffrey (Council Member), Dr Tan Kok Hian, Kelvin (Council Member), Dr Tay Eng Hseon (Chairman, Section of Gynaecological Oncology), Dr Loh Kia Ee, Sheila (Chairman, Section of Reproductive Medicine), Dr Denas Chandra (Co-opted Member)*

## 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Singapore will be held as follows:

Day/Date : Friday, 11 May 2007

Time : 6.30pm  
(Refreshment will be served at 6.00pm.)

Venue : Lecture Theatre (Training Centre)  
KK Women's and Children's Hospital  
100 Bukit Timah Road  
Singapore 229899

### AGENDA

- Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 15 May 2006.
- 2006 Annual Report of the Council.
- Presentation of the Audited Accounts as at 31 December 2006.
- Election of Council Members for the Term 2007-2009.  
The following 4 nominations have been received prior to closing time:

Candidate	Proposer	Seconder
Dr Lai Fon-Min	Dr Ho Tew Hong	Dr Suresh Nair
Dr Fong Chuan Wee	Dr Chang Tou Choong	Dr See Tho Kai Yin
Dr Jothi Kumar	Dr Foong Lian Chuen	Dr Lee Keen Whye
Dr Arijit Biswas	Dr Jeffrey Low	Dr A Ilancheran

The above duly elected Councillors will take office with effect from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting

- Election of Section Committee for the Term 2007-2009.
- Appointment of President.
- Appointment of Auditors.
- Other business, notice of which shall be given in writing to the Company Secretary at least seven days prior to such meeting.

9 April 2007  
Dr Suresh Nair  
Honorary Secretary

## 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Singapore

Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Singapore (COGS) held on Friday, 15 May 2006 at 6.30pm at Lecture Theatre, Training Centre, KK Women's and Children's Hospital, 100 Bukit Timah Road, Singapore 229899.

### Present:

- Dr Chang Tou Choong
- Dr Chua Hong Liang
- Dr Chua Sze Yuen, Irene
- Dr Fong Chuan Wee, Francis
- Dr Ho Tew Hong
- Dr Jothi Kumar
- Dr Julianah Bte Abu
- Dr Lai Fon-Min
- Dr Liauw Chi Yau, Phyllis
- Dr Loh Kia Ee, Sheila
- Dr Low Jen Hui, Jeffrey
- Dr Ng Kwok Weng, Roy
- Dr Quek Swee Chong
- Dr Tan Hak Koon
- Dr Tan Kok Hian, Kelvin
- Dr Tay Eng Hseon
- Dr Wee Horng Yen
- Dr Wong Peng Cheang
- Dr Yam Kwai Lam
- Dr Yap Lip Kee

A total of 32 Fellows tendered their apologies for not being able to be present.

In attendance: Ms Pamela Hwee, Secretariat, COGS

### 1. PREAMBLE

Present on: 21 April 2006

- Dr Chang Tou Choong
- Dr Cheng Suan Sim, Peggy
- Dr Fong Chuan Wee, Francis
- Dr Ho Tew Hong
- Dr Lee Keen Whye
- Dr Low Jen Hui, Jeffrey
- Dr See Tho Kai Yin
- Dr Suresh Nair
- Dr Wong Peng Cheang
- Dr Yam Kwai Lam
- Dr Yeo Seow Heong, George

There being no quorum at the meeting scheduled on 21 April 2006, the meeting was adjourned to Friday, 15 May 2006.

Dr Ho Tew Hong, President of the College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Singapore, thanked everyone for coming to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the College and called the meeting to order at 6.35pm.

### 2. MINUTES OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 24 JUNE 2005

The House adopted the minutes of the 1st Annual General Meeting held on 24 June 2005, as proposed by Dr Yam Kwai Lam and seconded by Dr Roy Ng.

### 3. MATTERS ARISING

#### 3.1 Maintenance of Certification (MOC)

The President updated the House that the Education Subcommittee of the Academy Medicine had submitted a revised proposal to the Singapore Medical Council (SMC). The SMC would also be receiving submissions from the College of Family Physicians and Singapore Medical Association. As there was no information on the decision from the SMC, the President would update the College members again should there be further development on the matter.

#### 3.2 Distance Learning Programme (DLP) and Clinical Guidelines

The President informed the House

- a) that Dr Jeffrey Low oversees the submission of DLP contents and MCQs to the Academy. Members could access the DLP through the Member Login secured area via the Academy's website and be awarded with CME points if they have passed the module.
- b) that the recent circulation of the 3 clinical practice guidelines was written by a few of the College members and the College welcome any other inputs or contribution from the members. Volunteers who would like to suggest topics and write the guidelines could contact Dr Chang Tou Choong who oversees the collation and development of these practice guidelines for the College, there would be a few more clinical guidelines to be circulated soon.

Dr Yap Lip Kee suggested for the practice guidelines to be circulated to the College members via email instead of by post. The President noted the suggestion and agreed to move electronic as much as possible and there should be timely update of members' email addresses. Alternatively, the clinical guidelines could be uploaded onto the Academy's website for online viewing and inputs from the members.

#### 3.3 College Profile

The President reminded all to raise the College profile through organising more courses and workshops, which in turn could build up more funds for other College activities.

The following courses were organised by the various College members and more of such activities with the College's involvement should be encouraged.

- 2nd Certificate Course in Obstetric Ultrasound
- 6th Regional MRCOG Part II Examination Course
- Second ISUOG Obstetric Ultrasound Outreach Course
- First Singapore Menopause Congress
- Anatomy of Medical-Legal Cases in Obstetrics and Gynaecology (Upcoming)

#### 3.4 Addenda to General Consent forms

The President shared with the House about the possibility of online viewing of the collated hospitals' addenda from the Academy's website as the resources would be useful to the College members as references. The information provided would also help to reduce the risk of miscommunication between the doctors and the patients for a particular procedure.

The House supported the idea and was aware that it should not involve any medical legal implication. The President would write to the Chairman, Medical Board of hospitals (NUH, SGH and KKH) if they could release their addenda for the above use.

#### 3.5 To Introduce Mentorship System In Private Hospitals

The House noted from the President that Dr Peggy Cheng had raised an issue on the possibility of introducing a mentorship system in the private hospitals and whether the College would support this idea.

Dr Chen was concerned with the newly exited trainees who were employed by the private hospitals would be competent enough to work independently with unsupervised work.

The House noted

- a) the current traineeship programme is 4 years for BST and 2 years for AST
- b) the views from the following members

##### Dr Yap Lip Kee

Dr Yap mentioned that the Specialist Training Committee who oversees the traineeship programme would be able to comment on their assessment of the exited trainees as to whether they were competent to work independently in a private hospital. Generally, the exited trainees should be competent to work independently for non-complicated cases and it would be unlikely to demand all doctors to be competent in all types of procedures. Therefore, the credential committee from that particular private hospital should decide on the quality of practices that it wanted to be.

##### Dr Phyllis Liauw

Dr Liauw felt that it was usually the senior doctors who mentor the junior doctors, however, the role could be vice-versa as the junior doctors could also share their new skills and techniques in certain subspecialties with their seniors. As such, "who should be mentoring who?"

##### Dr Yam Kwai Lam

As compared to the old days, the trained doctors now were better off as they were exposed to a broader range of skill sets and techniques which could help them to be more competent in their clinical practice.

**Dr Jeffrey Low**

The credential body of the private hospitals should tighten their own accreditation procedure as the College would not be able to give a mandate on this issue.

To conclude, the College agreed with the idea of continuous mentorship but would not be a regulator for the system. The College would leave it to the credential committee of the private hospitals to deliberate on the matter. Meanwhile, the President as the current Chairman of the O&G Specialist Training Committee (STC) would revamp the logbook and tighten the BST and AST programme.

**4. 40<sup>th</sup> Malaysia-Singapore Congress of Medicine, 24 - 27 August 2006**

The House noted that the College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Malaysia had invited our College to participate in the event by delivering 2 lectures at their symposium.

The 2 speakers were

- Dr Kenneth Kwek on "Post-partum Management of Eclampsia"
- Dr Angeline Chan on "Violence Against Women - Emotional Impact".

The President suggested for our College to organise a symposium and invite Dr Angeline Chan to give a lecture related to the topic on "Violence Against Women - Emotional Impact" as Dr Chan had expressed her interest in delivering a talk on a similar topic.

**5. 41<sup>st</sup> Singapore- Malaysia Congress of Medicine, 19 - 22 July 2007**

The House noted that the 41<sup>st</sup> Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine commemorating the Golden Jubilee of the Academy would be held from 19 - 22 July 2007 at Raffles City Convention Centre. Prof Fock Kwong Ming would be the Organising Chairman and the Academy has invited PM Lee Hsien Loong as the guest-of-honour for the opening ceremony. Dr Suresh Nair would represent the College on the organising committee to oversee the organisation of the obstetrics and gynaecology sessions.

**6. Arrears on AM Subscription**

The House noted

- all Fellows of COGS were reminded to settle their subscription dues to the Academy as the Academy Council had decided that Fellows who fail to settle all monies due by them to the Academy before the Academy's AGM thereafter shall cease to be a member and would not be eligible to use the title "FAMS" after their names.

- Fellows who are in arrears of the building pledge to settle them as soon as possible and they may check with the Academy the possibility of settling the outstanding amount by installment.

**7. 3<sup>rd</sup> College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists Lecture and Dinner, 6 October 2006**

The House noted from the President that the 3<sup>rd</sup> lecture and dinner would be held on Friday, 6 October 2006 and the President of Hong Kong College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (HKCOG) would be invited to give a lecture. Dr Lai Fon-Min would be organising the event.

**8. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between COGS and HKCOG**

The president updated the House that the College had signed the MOU with HKCOG and the 1<sup>st</sup> Joint Final MMED (O&G)/MRCOG Part 2 Oral Assessment was successfully conducted on 8 May 2006. Candidates were from Singapore and Hong Kong SAR.

**9. REVIEW OF TABLE OF SURGICAL PROCEDURES (O&G)**

The House noted

- the Master of the Academy had received a letter from MOH inviting the College/Chapter Chairperson or the STC Chairperson from each of the specialties to form part of the review committee that would be chaired by Prof Chee Yam Cheng.
- the Council had discussed the matter briefly and Dr Chang Tou Choong would chair the College's representative committee and all members are welcome to provide their inputs directly to Dr Chang.
- and suggested for the proposed table of surgical procedures to be accessible by members online via the College's website in order for them to provide feedback.

**10. ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS**

The President announced that under the constitution, the College had asked for nominations to fill up the vacant positions of the 3 retiring Council members namely Dr Chang Tou Choong, Dr Suresh Nair and Dr Ann Tan. 3 nominations were received prior to the closing time and the elected Councillors were Dr Chang Tou Choong, Dr Suresh Nair and Dr Kelvin Tan Kok Hian. The President welcomed Dr Chang and Dr Nair who were re-elected and Dr Tan as a new Council member of the College.

**11. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE 2005-2006 COUNCIL**

The House adopted the Annual Report of the 2005-2006 Council as proposed by Dr Lai Fon-Min and seconded by Dr Fong Chuan Wee.

**12. AUDITED ACCOUNTS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2005**

The House

- a) received a verbal financial report for the year ended 31 December 2005 from Dr Fong Chuan Wee, Honorary Treasurer.
- b) noted the following queries from Dr Yap Lip Kee and Dr Kelvin Tan. Dr Fong would clarify them with the College Accountant before replying to the House after the AGM (via email):

- i. breakdown of income and expenses for the 2nd College lecture and dinner

[Afternote:

Income from sale of dinner tickets	S\$18,157.50
Expenses	S\$18,886.85
Deficit	(S\$729.35)]

- ii. derivation of S\$24,456 for "Income From Events" from the Income and Expenditure statement

[Afternote:

2nd College lecture and dinner	S\$18,157.50
Public Forum on Infertility, 18 Jun 05	S\$510.00
39SMCM	S\$5,788.00]

- iii. how much of the Fellows' subscriptions returned to the College was spent on College activities ?

[Afternote: All events organised so far were financially supported through donations/sponsorships received, therefore the subscriptions received by the College was not being used.]

- c) adopted the audited accounts as at 31 December 2005 as proposed by Dr Jeffrey Low and seconded by Lai Fon-Min.

**13. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

The House noted that "G.S.Tan & Co" had resigned as company auditor to the College and the newly appointed company auditor 'Geetha A & Associates" would be officially approved at the AGM of the Academy.

**14. VOTE OF THANKS**

The House recorded a vote of thanks to the Council of the College for doing a good job for the past one year.

The meeting closed at 8pm.

2 June 2006

Minutes recorded by Ms Pamela Hwee

Vetted by Dr Jeffrey Low, Honorary Secretary, COGS

## Annual Report of the 2006-2007 Council

### 1. THE COUNCIL

The following were elected as office bearers of the 2006-2007 Council of the College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Singapore. The Council took office from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting held on Monday, 15 May 2006 at 6.30pm at Lecture Theatre, Training Centre, KK Women's and Children's Hospital, 100 Bukit Timah Road, Singapore 229899:

<i>President</i>	Dr Ho Tew Hong
<i>President-Elect</i>	Dr Chang Tou Choong
<i>Vice-President</i>	Dr Lai Fon-Min
<i>Honorary Secretary</i>	Dr Suresh Nair
<i>Honorary Treasurer</i>	Dr Fong Chuan Wee
<i>Council Members</i>	Dr Jeffrey Low Dr Tan Kok Hian Kelvin
<i>Chairpersons of Sections</i>	
<i>Gynaecological Oncology</i>	Dr Tay Eng Hseon
<i>Maternal Fetal Medicine</i>	Dr Yeo Seow Heong George
<i>Reproductive Medicine</i>	Dr Sheila Loh
<i>Urogynaecology</i>	Dr Roy Ng
<i>Co-opted Council Members</i>	Dr Suresh Nair, OGSS Dr Beh Suan Tiong, OGSS Dr Denas Chandra, OGSS

### 2. SUBSPECIALTY SECTIONS

The following were elected as Executive Committee of the Sections of the College:

<u>Section of Gynaecological Oncology</u>	
<i>Chairman</i>	Dr Tay Eng Hseon
<i>Vice-Chairman</i>	Dr A Ilancheran
<i>Honorary Secretary</i>	Dr Denas Chandra
<i>Committee Members</i>	Dr Ho Hon Kwok Dr Ho Tew Hong Dr Jeffrey Low

<u>Section of Maternal Fetal Medicine</u>	
<i>Chairman</i>	Dr Yeo Seow Heong
<i>Vice-Chairman</i>	Dr Chang Tou Choong
<i>Honorary Secretary</i>	Dr Arijit Biswas
<i>Deputy Honorary Secretary</i>	Dr Tan Hak Koon
<i>Committee Members</i>	Dr Mary Rauff Dr Ann Tan

<u>Section of Reproductive Medicine</u>	
<i>Chairman</i>	Dr Sheila Loh
<i>Vice-Chairman</i>	Dr Koh Chung Fai
<i>Honorary Secretary</i>	Dr Loh Seong Feei
<i>Committee Members</i>	Dr Suresh Nair Dr Wong Peng Cheang Dr Yu Su Ling

### Section of Urogynaecology

<i>Chairman</i>	Dr Roy Ng
<i>Vice-Chairman</i>	Dr Han How Chuan
<i>Honorary Secretary</i>	Dr Chua Hong Liang
<i>Committee Members</i>	Dr Fong Yoke Fai Dr Lee Lih Charn Dr Paul Tseng

### 3. MEMBERSHIP

The total membership of the College as at 31 December 2006 comprises:

Local	189
Overseas	8

Fellows not transferred as Fellows of the College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists comprises:

Local	10
Overseas	0

### 4. COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Council held 6 meetings (excluding 2nd AGM) in the year 2006.

### 5. CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

5.1 The College organised the following Continuing Medical Education (CME) lectures:

17 February 2006

#### **Development of Subspecialisation - An Australian Experience**

*Speaker:*  
Professor Geoffrey Driscoll  
*Head of the Reproductive Medicine Masters Program,  
University of New South Wales, Australia*

*Chairperson:*  
Dr Lai Fon-Min  
*Vice-President*  
*College of O&G, Singapore*

25 August 2006

#### **Medico-Legal Seminar: Lessons from Past Medico-Legal Events**

#### **Lecture 1: Introduction and Experiences of a Defendant**

Dr See Tho Kai Yin  
*Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Gleneagles  
Medical Centre*



**Lecture 2: Antenatal Diagnosis - Standard of Care Expected of the General Obstetrician**

A/Prof George Yeo Seow Heong  
Senior Consultant, Department of Maternal Fetal Medicine  
KK Women's and Children's Hospital

**Lecture 3: Lessons from Past Medico-legal Events**

Mr Lek Siang Pheng  
Partner  
Rodyk & Davidson

Chairperson:  
Dr See Tho Kai Yin

6 October 2006

**3rd College of O&G Lecture and Dinner: The Ethics of Caring for the Very Premature Babies**

Speaker:  
Professor Ho Lai Yun  
Associate Dean and Senior Consultant, Dept of Neonatal and Developmental Medicine  
Singapore General Hospital

Chairperson:  
Dr Lai Fon-Min  
Vice-President, College of O&G, Singapore  
Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Camden Medical Centre

5.2 The College co-organised the following course with the Fetal Assessment Unit (The Centre for Prenatal Diagnosis and Obstetric Ultrasound) of Thomson Medical Centre:

7 - 9 January 2006

**2nd Certificate Course in Obstetric Ultrasound**

Programme:  
- Didactic Lectures and Short Presentations  
- Hands-on Ultrasound sessions

Guest Speaker:  
Dr Suresh Seth  
Mediscan Systems  
Chennai, India

Teaching Faculty:  
Professor Peter Stone  
Professor of Maternal Fetal Medicine and Head, Department of O&G, University of Auckland, New Zealand  
Chairman, Training and Accreditation Committee (New Zealand), Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists

Dr Chang Tou Choong  
Head of Fetal Maternal Medicine, Fetal Assessment Unit, Thomson Medical Centre, Singapore  
Visiting Consultant, Department of Maternal Fetal Medicine, KK Women's and Children's Hospital  
Associate Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, University of Auckland, New Zealand

5.3 The College also participated as a nominal sponsor for the following events:

17 February 2006

**The Role of Intra-Uterine Insemination in Infertility Management**

(organised by the Reproductive Medicine Unit of KK Women's and Children's Hospital in conjunction with the 3rd Regional Symposium and Workshop on Assisted Reproductive Technology which was held from 16-18 Feb 2006)

Speaker:  
Professor Geoffrey Driscoll  
Head of the Reproductive Medicine Masters Program  
University of New South Wales, Australia

1 - 5 March 2006

**HMDP Visiting Expert in Urogynaecology - Prof Peter K Sand**

(organised by Urogynaecology Unit, KK Women's and Children's Hospital)

Programme:  
- Lecture 1: Cosmetic Vaginal Surgery  
- Lecture 2: Role of Meshes in Severe Pelvic Organ  
- Round Table Discussion 1: Update on the Painful Bladder Syndrome and Overactive Bladder  
- Round Table Discussion 2: Pelvic Organ Prolapse  
- Round Table Discussion 3: Female Stress Urinary Incontinence  
- Tutorials and Live Surgical Demonstrations

Speaker:  
Prof Peter K Sand  
Professor of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Northwestern University Medical School  
Director, Division of Urogynaecology & Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery, Evanston Continence Centre  
Director, Fellowship Program of Female Pelvic Medicine

18 - 19 March 2006

**11th Annual Colposcopy Course (organised by the Dept of O&G, NUH)**

Programme:  
- Vulvovagina Symposium  
- Colposcopy Symposium  
- HPV and Lower Genital Tract Disease Symposium  
- Cervical Pathology Symposium  
- Interactive Case Presentation, Lunch Symposium and Debate

Teaching Faculty:  
Overseas - Prof Alex Ferenczy, Mr Mark Van Asten  
Local - Prof Alexander R Chang, Dr Fong Kah Leng, Prof Giam Yoke Chin, Dr Tracey Lim, Dr Joseph Ng, Dr Quek Swee Chong, A/Prof Tay Sun Kuie, Dr Tham Wai Lum, Dr Adelina Wong

30 March 2006

**Pre-Congress Workshop: Female Urinary Incontinence & Pelvic Floor Reconstruction**

(organised by the Urogynaecology Unit of KK Women's and Children's Hospital as part of the International College of Surgeons Singapore Congress 2006 which was held from 1-2 April 2006)

*Programme:*

- Lectures addressing issues related to Overactive Bladder, Pelvic Organ Prolapse Surgery and Female Stress Urinary Incontinence
- Live Surgical Demonstration of TVT, TVT-O, Anterior, Posterior & Total Prolift and Sacrospinous Ligament Fixation

*Speaker:*

Dr Malcolm Ian Frazer  
Urogynaecologist  
Gold Coast Hospital, Australia

31 March 2006

**Pre-Congress Workshop: Combined General Surgery & Gynaecology Laparoscopy (MIS) Workshop**

(organised by the Minimally Invasive Surgery Centre of Gleneagles Hospital as part of the International College of Surgeons Singapore Congress 2006 which was held from 1-2 April 2006)

*Programme:*

- Lecture sessions covering topics such as Robotic Surgery, Laparoscopic Suturing, Cystectomy, Incisional Hernia, etc.
- Combined hands-on session on Knot Tying

*Teaching Faculty:*

Dr Chan Hsiang Sui, Dr See Tho Kai Yin, Dr Melvin Look, Dr James Tan, Dr Lee Keen Whye, Dr Chow Kah Kiong, Dr Bernard Chern, Dr Goh Hak Su, Dr Fong Yoke Fai, Dr Irene Chua, Dr Suresh Nair, Dr Anthony Siow, Dr Tay Khoon Hean, Dr Lim Chong Sian

1 April 2006

**Workshop on Current Issues in Assisted Reproductive Techniques**

(organised by the Reproductive Medicine Unit of KK Women's and Children's Hospital in conjunction with the International College of Surgeons Singapore Congress from 1-2 April 2006)

*Programme:*

- A series of lectures covering topics such as Human Oocyte Cryopreservation, PGD, IVF, Ovarian Stimulation, etc.

*Teaching Faculty:*

Overseas - Prof Gabor Huszar, Prof William Ledger,  
Dr David Edgar  
Local - Dr Suresh Nair, Dr S S Vasani

12 April 2006

**Thyroid Disease in Pregnancy**

(organised jointly by the Endocrine Division, Dept of Medicine, National University Hospital and Metabolic Society of Singapore)

*Speaker:*

Prof Paolo Beck Peccoz  
Professor, Department of Medical Sciences  
University of Milan, Italy

22 April 2006

**Healthcare Professionals' Seminar: Management of Maternal and Infant Conditions in Breastfeeding**

(one of Dr Jack Newman's lecture series delivered during his visit to Singapore from 20-27 April 2006 that was organised by Association for Breastfeeding Advocacy (Singapore))

*Programme:*

- Lecture 1: When breastfeeding is not contraindicated
- Lecture 2: Practical Tips for the Busy Professional
- Lecture 3: Long-Term Benefits of Breastfeeding

*Speakers:*

Dr Jack Newman  
Paediatrician  
University of Toronto Medical School

Dr Chong Yap Seng

Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, National University Hospital  
Assistant Professor, Department of O&G, National University of Singapore

12 - 13 May 2006

**Assisted Reproductive Technologies Workshop**  
(organised by O&G Partners Fertility Centre)

*Programme:*

- Lectures and case discussions on Infertility and Treatments
- Hands-on sessions on sperm preparation, ICSI, cryopreservation, vitrification, and assisted hatching

*Keynote Speaker:*

Prof Gabor Vajta  
Renowned Embryologist from Denmark

*Teaching Faculty:*

Prof Ng Soon Chye, Dr Jothi Kumar, Dr Christine Yap, Dr Samuel Chong, Dr Chen Naiqing, Dr Liow Swee Lian, Dr Foong Lian Cheun

12 - 14 May 2006

**2nd ISUOG Obstetric Ultrasound Outreach Course**

(jointly organised by the Department of Maternal Fetal Medicine of KK Women's and Children's Hospital and the International Society of Ultrasound in O&G)

*Programme:*

- Lectures related to Early Fetal Assessment / Examination
- Case Presentations and Live Scan Demonstrations

*Teaching Faculty:*

- Overseas - Prof Sturla Eik-Nes, Prof Lau Tze Kin,  
Prof Gulardi Wignjosastro, Dr Azen Salim,  
Dr Harm-Gerd K Blaas, Dr Dario Paladini,  
Ms Eva Tegnander
- Local - A/Prof George Yeo, Dr Ann Tan, Dr Kelvin Tan,  
Dr Lai Fon-Min, Dr Kenneth Kwek, Dr Tony Tan,  
Ms Yan Ying Liu

14 - 16 July 2006

**First Trimester Pregnancy Screening Certification Course and 3D/4D Ultrasound Course**

(jointly organised by the Fetal Medicine Foundation, United Kingdom and the Department of Maternal Fetal Medicine, KK Women's and Children's Hospital)

*Programme*

- Certification course encompassed Down Syndrome Risk Assessment and Fetal Cardiac Course
- 3D/4D Ultrasound course consisted of lectures and practical hands-on sessions

*Teaching Faculty:*

- Overseas - Dr Jonathan Hyett, Dr Yves Ville  
Local - A/Prof George Yeo, Dr Lai Fon-Min, Dr Ann Tan

28 - 30 July 2006

**Singapore Menopause Congress 2006: New Horizons in Menopause Management for the Asian Women**

(organised by Menopause Research Society)

*Programme:*

- Plenary Lectures and Debates
- Symposia on Aging, HRT and Menopausal Symptoms, Sexuality, Bone Health, Cardiovascular Health, Breast and Other Gynaecological Cancers and Other Therapies

*Teaching Faculty:*

- Overseas - Prof David Archer, Prof Dato' Khalid bin Abdul Kadir, A/Prof Rodney Baber, Prof Susan Davies, Dr Elizabeth Farrell, Prof Christopher Haines, Prof Kim Won Whe, Prof Khunying Kobchitt, Prof Bruno Lunenfeld, Prof Nik Mohd Nasri, Dr Ong Hean Choon, Dr Ego Seeman, Dr Delfin Tan, Prof Bo Von Schultz, Prof Huang Ko-En

- Local - A/Prof Ganesh Adaikan, A/Prof Calvin Fones, Dr Victor Goh, Dr Martin Huang, Dr Leonard Koh, Dr Leong Keng Hong, A/Prof Lim Yean Teng, Dr Loh Foo Hoe, Dr Low Lip Ping, Prof Adeline Seow, Dr Yong Eu Leong, Dr Yu Su Ling

10 - 12 November 2006

**4th Perinatal Symposium on Reducing Adverse Pregnancy Outcome**

(organised by the Department of Maternal Fetal Medicine of KK Women's and Children's Hospital)

*Programme:*

- Pre-symposium workshop: Vacuum Delivery
- Lectures, Case Reviews / Discussions, Hands-on sessions and Live Demonstrations

*Teaching Faculty:*

- Overseas - A/Prof Aldo Vacca, Prof S Arulkumaran  
Local - A/Prof George Yeo, Dr Tan Kok Hian, Dr Kenneth Kwek, Dr Tony Tan, Dr June Tan, Dr Chee Jing Jye, Dr Yvonne Lim, Dr Victor Samuel Rajadurai, Dr Pratibha Agarwal, Dr Helen Chen, Dr Devendra Kanagalingam, Dr Jackie Tan

1 December 2006

**Seminar on Pre-Implantation Genetic Diagnosis (PGD)**

(organised by Reproductive Medicine Unit and KKIVF Centre of KK Women's and Children's Hospital)

*Programme:*

- Lectures covering topics such as Genetic Testing, PGD in Singapore, Embryo Biopsy and Cell Spreading Techniques, and Single-Cell PGD Strategies for Avoidance of Alpha- and Beta-Thalassemia
- Live Telecast of embryo Biopsy Techniques

*Speakers:*

- Overseas - Ms Pamela Matthews  
Local - Dr Angeline Lai, Dr Christine Yap, Dr Samuel Chong

**5.4 World Fertility Awareness Month, June 2006**

As part of its continual commitment to create public awareness about issues related to infertility, the Section of Reproductive Medicine, College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Singapore, had earmarked the month of June every year as the World Fertility Awareness Month (WFAM). The events organised in June 2006 for the WFAM worldwide campaign are:

- **Mandarin Public Forum - "Management of Infertility in Couples" (10 June 2006)**

Welcome Speech: Dr Yu Su Ling  
Guest-of-Honour: Mrs Yu-Foo Yee Shoon, Minister of State, Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports

**Lecture 1: Clinical Management of Infertility of Husband and Wife**

Dr Roland Chieng  
Associate Consultant  
Singapore General Hospital

**Lecture 2: Laboratory Management of Infertility**

Dr Chen Nai Qing  
Embryologist  
Gleneagles IVF Centre

**Lecture 3: Counselling of Infertility Couples**

Ms Goh Siau Ching  
 Medical Social Worker  
 Singapore General Hospital

- **GP Forum - "Gynaecological Issues for the Family Physicians" (17 June 2006)**

**Lecture 1: Endometriosis & The Role of Hormonal Therapy**

Dr Bernard Chern  
 Head and Senior Consultant, Minimally Invasive Surgery Unit  
 KK Women's and Children's Hospital

**Lecture 2: IVF - Questions Patients Often Ask**

Dr Sheila Loh  
 Head and Senior Consultant, Reproductive Medicine Unit  
 KK Women's and Children's Hospital

**Lecture 3: PCOD - Optimising Weight & Health For Conception**

Dr Loh Keh Chuan  
 Endocrinologist  
 Mount Elizabeth Medical Centre

**Lecture 4: Preparing the Older women for Pregnancy & Delivery**

Dr Phyllis Liauw  
 Obstetrician and Gynaecologist  
 Thomson Medical Centre

- **English Public Forum - "Why Can't We Have A Baby?" (24 June 2006)**

**Lecture 1: Pre-pregnancy Lifestyle Management, Be BabySmart!**

Dr Wei Siang Yu  
 Medical Doctor  
 Founder, BabySmart Programme

**Lecture 2: Human Reproduction - Male and Female Fertility Evaluation**

Dr Caroline Khi  
 Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist  
 Thomson Medical Centre

**Lecture 3: Sexual Intimacy and Fertility Treatments**

Dr Cordelia Han  
 Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist  
 Raffles Hospital

**Lecture 4: Gynaecological Conditions Affecting Fertility: Endometriosis, Fibroids, Cysts**

Dr Suresh Nair  
 Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist  
 Mount Elizabeth Hospital

**Lecture 5: Are You Suitable for IVF?**

Dr Sadhana Nadarajah  
 Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist  
 KKIVF Centre, KK Women's and Children's Hospital

**5.5 6<sup>TH</sup> Regional MRCOG Part II Examination Course, 20-22 January 2006**

This year, the College continued to dedicate itself to the preparation of the O&G trainee doctors in Singapore and in the region for the MRCOG Part II Examinations. The College successfully conducted this course with the collaboration of the KK Hospital O&G Examination Oriented Training Committee, Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists and the Singapore Representative Committee RCOG. A total of 35 candidates from Hong Kong, Malaysia and Singapore had benefited from the coaching by two distinguished RCOG examiners - Professor William Ledger (Chair, MRCOG Examination Committee) and Dr Nigel Davies (Chair, DRCOG Committee and Member of the MRCOG Examination Committee).

**6. STAFF REGISTRAR SCHEME (O&G)**

The Staff Registrar Scheme (SRS) was an initiative of the Ministry of Health (MOH), Singapore to enable local healthcare institutions to retain good temporarily-registered doctors. MOH had tasked the College of O&G, Academy of Medicine, Singapore, to implement and administer the Staff Registrar Scheme (O&G) for doctors who intend to work within the Obstetrics and Gynaecology field but not as specialists.

Doctors who were accepted into the Staff Registrar Scheme must undergo a 4-year training programme which would lead to a Diploma in O&G. This Diploma would be recognised by the Singapore Medical Council (SMC). Graduates of this scheme could expect to rise up the ranks from Staff Registrar to Senior Staff Registrar and, eventually, Principal Staff Registrar.

The College prepared a Course Handbook which detailed the training curriculum, admission criteria, fees structure, etc. for this scheme and disseminated it to all the O&G Head of Departments (HODs) in the restructured hospitals.

**7. REVIEW OF TABLES OF SURGICAL PROCEDURES**

The Academy of Medicine, Singapore, had been tasked to appoint a College Chairperson or STC Chairperson from each speciality to form part of a committee within MOH, chaired by Prof Chee Yam Cheng, to review the present Medisave Tables. The College appointed Dr Chang Tou Choong to be a representative in this committee.

In anticipation of the MOH's plan to request for the College's inputs, the College decided to form a Working Committee, with Dr Chang Tou Choong as the Chairman, to conduct a comprehensive review of the entire Tables of Surgical Procedures for O&G. This Committee that had representations from both the public and private sectors consisted of the following members:

Tables of Surgical Procedures (TOSP) Working Committee  
 Dr Chang Tou Choong (Chairman)  
 A/Prof Ho Tew Hong, SGH  
 Dr Jeffrey Low  
 Dr Loh Foo Hoe  
 Dr Fong Chuan Wee  
 Dr Suresh Nair  
 Dr Bernard Chern  
 Dr Sheila Loh  
 Dr Roland Chieng  
 Dr Fong Yoke Fai  
 Dr Roy Ng  
 Dr Ho Hon Kwok

Before the Working Committee discussed the proposals for a revised Table of Surgical Procedures, feedback was first obtained from the O&G representatives of various hospitals after consultation with O&G specialists within their hospitals

The Working Committee had concluded its review of the Tables of Surgical Procedures and would be submitting the final proposal to Prof Chee Yam Cheng.

## 8. CONSENSUS STATEMENTS

The final production of the following consensus statements had been circulated to all College Fellows:

### Obstetrics

- i) DVT Prophylaxis in Obstetrics and Gynaecology
- ii) Management of Pre-eclampsia
- iii) Management of Post-partum Haemorrhage

### Gynaecology

- i) Management and Evaluation of Menorrhagia (including Management of Fibroids)
- ii) Investigation and Treatment of Couples with Recurrent Pregnancy Loss
- iii) Investigation of Female Urinary Incontinence: History and Urogynaecological Examination

These consensus statements had been posted on the College's webpage and would be published for circulation to Fellows.

## 9. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

### Subspecialty Development

The Education Committee had formulated a standard set of survey questions on Subspecialisation and circulated it to all registered O&G specialists in Singapore. The College managed to achieve approximately 50% response rate for this survey. The collation and analysis of the survey results would be stored for use in the event that the Ministry should request for the College's stance on subspecialisation.

### Launch of the Distance Learning Programme (DLP)

Since the launch of the Distance Learning Programme (DLP) on 1 November 2005, the College had posted the following DLP modules online:

- Pelvic Organ Prolapse
- Complications Associated with the Tension-Free Vaginal Tape Procedure

The passing rate for each module is 60% and each doctor is allowed up to two attempts for each module should they fail in their first attempt. Two CME points will be awarded for passing each medical module.

Fellows who wish to access the DLP modules may do so through the Member Login secured area via the Academy's website at <http://www.ams.edu.sg> with their MCR number and password.

### Maintenance of Certification (MOC)

The Academy of Medicine, Singapore, had submitted the requested concept paper on the proposed Maintenance of Certification (MOC) programme for specialists in Singapore to the Singapore Medical Council (SMC).

## 10. APPRECIATION

The College wishes to record its appreciation to all Fellows for their support and efforts rendered in the past year as well as for ongoing projects.

December 2006

Dr Suresh Nair

Honorary Secretary

On behalf of 2006-2007 Council, College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists

COLLEGE OF PAEDIATRICS & CHILD HEALTH, SINGAPORE  
(INCORPORATED IN THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE)  
COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 200410329W



## 2006-2007 Council



*Standing (left to right):*

*Dr Anne Goh (Council Member), Dr Lee Bee Wah (President-Elect), Dr Quak Seng Hock (President), Dr Ong Hian Tat (Council Member),  
Dr Samuel Rajadurai (Honorary Treasurer), Dr Daisy Chan (Honorary Secretary).*

*Absent:*

*Dr Daniel Goh (Vice President)*

## 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the College of Paediatrics and Child Health, Singapore will be held in May 2007. Confirmation of the date and venue will be announced at a later date.

### AGENDA

1. Minutes of the 2nd Annual General Meeting held on 15 May 2006.
2. Annual Report of the 2006 Council.
3. Presentation of Audited Accounts as at 31 December 2006.
4. Election of the 2007-2009 Council.

The following 4 nominations have been received prior to closing time:

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Second</b>
Victor Samuel Rajadurai	Khoo Poh Choo	Chay Oh Moh
Goh Yam Thiam, Daniel	Lynette Shek	Quak Seng Hock
Marion Aw-Chia Hui Yong	Allen Yeoh	Low Poh Sim
Low Kah Tzay	Lee Bee Wah	Phuah Huan Kee

The above duly elected Councillors will take office with effect from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting.

5. Appointment of President.
6. Appointment of Auditors.
7. Other business, notice of which shall be given in writing to the Honorary Secretary at least seven days prior to such meeting.

19 March 2007  
Dr Daisy Chan  
Honorary Secretary

## 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting 2006 of the College of Paediatrics & Child Health, held on Monday, 15 May 2006, at Tutorial Room, Ward 54, Blk 5 Level 4, Singapore General Hospital.

<i>Present (17):</i>	
Dr Quak Seng Hock	<i>President</i>
Dr Ho Lai Yun	<i>Vice-President</i>
Dr Daniel Goh	<i>Honorary Secretary</i>
Dr Samuel Rajadurai	<i>Honorary Treasurer</i>
Dr Daisy Chan	<i>Council Member</i>
Dr Anne Goh	<i>Council Member</i>
Dr Lee Bee Wah	<i>Council Member</i>
Dr Yeo Cheo Lian	<i>College Member</i>
Dr Ivy Ng	<i>College Member</i>
Dr Warren Lee	<i>College Member</i>

Dr Sylvia Choo	<i>College Member</i>
Dr Selina Ho	<i>College Member</i>
Dr Roy Joseph	<i>College Member</i>
Dr Stacey Tay	<i>College Member</i>
Dr Khoo Poh Choo	<i>College Member</i>
Dr Lian Wee Bin	<i>College Member</i>
Dr Phua Kong Boo	<i>College Member</i>

*In Attendance:*  
Mr Cheong Kah Seng *Project Executive (AM)*

<i>Absent with Apologies:</i>	
Dr Ong Hian Tat	<i>Council Member</i>
Dr Chay Oh Moh	<i>College Member</i>
Dr Vasanthi	<i>College Member</i>
Dr June Lou	<i>College Member</i>
Dr Tan Mein Chuen	<i>College Member</i>
Dr Shermela Appan	<i>College Member</i>
Dr K. Vellayappan	<i>College Member</i>
Dr Lee Woon Kwang	<i>College Member</i>
Dr Ng Chi Fan	<i>College Member</i>

### PREAMBLE

The 2<sup>nd</sup> College of Paediatrics and Child Health Annual General Meeting 2006 was originally scheduled on 2 May 2006, however, there being less than a quorum of 20 members, the meeting was adjourned to 15 May 2006.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting was held at Tutorial Room, Block 5 Level 4, Department of Neonatology, Singapore General Hospital. Dr Quak Seng Hock, President of the College, called the meeting to order at 6.00pm and welcomed all members.

### MINUTES OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

There being no further amendments on the last minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 22 July 2005, the House adopted and passed the minutes as proposed by Dr Daniel Goh and seconded by Dr Warren Lee.

### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE 2005 - 2006 COUNCIL

The House has no further amendments on the annual report and it was passed as proposed by Dr Daisy Chan and seconded by Dr Roy Joseph.

### AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR COLLEGE OF PAEDIATRICS AND CHILD HEALTH, SINGAPORE

The President presented the accounts for financial year ended 31 December 2005 on behalf of the Treasurer, 2005-2006 Council, Dr Samuel Rajadurai.

The House noted that the total subscriptions received in 2005 are 25% of the total subscriptions received from all the members under College of Paediatrics and Child Health, Singapore. The percentage of disbursement of the subscriptions to the College is to be adhered for 3 years from the formation of the College.

## ADOPTION OF ACCOUNTS

The House adopted the account as at 31 December 2005, as proposed by Dr Ivy Ng and seconded by Dr Lian Wee Bin.

## ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR 2006-2007 COUNCIL

The House heard from President that the duly elected Council Members of the College are as follows:

Nominee	Proposer	Second
1. Dr Daisy Chan	Dr Ho Lai Yun	Dr Yeo Cheo Lian
2. Dr Anne Goh	Dr Phua Kong Boo	Dr Lim Kim Whee
3. Dr Lee Bee Wah	Dr Daniel Goh	Dr Quak Seng Hock

The above duly elected Councilors will take office with effect from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting.

The President informed the House that as Dr Ho Lai Yun will take office as Master, Academy of Medicine, Singapore in June 2006, he would have to vacate his post as elected Councilor of the College for 2006-2007 Council.

The House accepted Dr Ho Lai Yun resignation as a Director of the College with effect from 15 May 2006 as proposed by Dr Lee Bee Wah and seconded by Dr Samuel Rajadurai.

As it was necessary to fill the vacancy for a period of one year, Dr Ong Hian Tat was nominated to fill the incumbent position for a period of one year from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting as proposed by Dr Daniel Goh and seconded by Dr Quak Seng Hock.

### Appointment of Dr Ong Hian Tat of NRIC S2559054F to Fill Casual Vacancy

"That pursuant to Article 39 of the College's Memorandum and Articles of Association, Dr Ong Hian Tat be and is hereby appointed to fill the casual vacancy in the Council effective from 15 May 2006 until the next Annual General Meeting, be and is hereby approved."

## APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

GS Tan has indicated that they do not wish to seek re-appointment as auditor for Academy and all the Colleges. The new auditor and tax advisor engaged is Geetha A & Associates. The House noted and agreed to the Council recommendation to appoint Geetha A & Associates as auditors for accounts ending 31 December 2006.

Kah Seng updated the House that the professional fees for Geetha A & Associates and Tax Advisor are S\$500 and S\$200 for Audit and Tax respectively.

## ANY OTHER MATTERS

### AST Exit Certification and College Membership

Dr Ivy Ng enquired on the linkage between AST exit certification and College membership. It was mentioned that the College

should work towards the direction to make it compulsory for AST to coincide exit certification with membership of the College. The President replied that the College is working towards achieving the merger of the exit certification and membership in the near future.

### Master-Elect of the College

The President informed the House that the election for the President-Elect among the Council members of the College will commence after the Annual General Meeting. Fellows are reminded to vote for the President-Elect who will take office at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the College in 2007.

### Annual Singapore Paediatric Congress (ASPC 2006)

The President reminded the House on the forthcoming Congress from 19 - 22 August 2006. Scientific Sessions will be held from 19 - 20 August at Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel and Post Congress Workshop on "Advanced Resuscitation in Children" will be held from 21 - 22 August at Lecture Theatre, KK Women's and Children's Hospital.

The Congress will include the 2<sup>nd</sup> College of Paediatrics and Child Health Lecture and Stuart Gan Memorial Lecture. A Congress Banquet will be held in conjunction with the Singapore Paediatric Society Annual Dinner on Saturday 19 August 2006.

The President strongly encouraged Fellows to support and attend this premier event of the year involving a wide range of interesting topics for the paediatricians, general practitioners and nurses.

### College Souvenirs: Tie Clips and Brooch

The President encouraged members to purchase the College souvenirs as gifts when travelling abroad for conference or as speaker. He suggested to include the sale of the tie pin and brooch on the College website for members to order and purchase at a cost of \$10 each. Kah Seng to follow up to explore the online order for the souvenirs.

Dr Daisy Chan added that we could have a booth for selling of the souvenirs and displaying the Paediatrics, Child and Adolescent Health (PCHAH) journal for publicity at the Annual Singapore Paediatric Congress (ASPC 2006) in August 2006. The President noted her suggestion.

With no further issues, the College President thanked all members for attending the 2<sup>nd</sup> College Annual General Meeting and for their support to the activities of the College.

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 7.00pm.

Minutes recorded by : Mr Cheong Kah Seng  
Project Executive  
Academy of Medicine, Singapore

Vetted by : Dr Quak Seng Hock  
President  
College of Paediatrics and Child Health  
23 June 2006



## Annual Report of the 2006-2007 Council

### 1. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2nd Annual General Meeting of the College of Paediatrics and Child Health, Singapore was originally scheduled for 2 May 2006, however, there being less than a quorum of 20 members, the meeting was adjourned to 15 May 2006 at Tutorial Room, Block 5 Level 4, Department of Neonatal and Developmental Medicine, Singapore General Hospital

The following office-bearers for the year 2006-2007 were elected:

<i>President</i>	: Dr Quak Seng Hock
<i>President-Elect</i>	: Dr Lee Bee Wah
<i>Vice-President</i>	: Dr Goh Yam Thiam, Daniel
<i>Honorary Secretary</i>	: Dr Chan Kwai Lin, Daisy
<i>Honorary Treasurer</i>	: Dr Rajadurai, Victor Samuel
<i>Council Members</i>	: Dr Goh Eng Kim, Anne Dr Ong Hian Tat

Dr Daniel Goh Yam Thiam, Dr Victor Samuel Rajadurai and Dr Ong Hian Tat will retire at the next Annual General Meeting. All are eligible for re-election.

The President, Dr Quak Seng Hock, will step down and serve on the Council as Immediate Past President, while Dr Lee Bee Wah will take office as President for two years with effect from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting.

### 2. MEMBERSHIP

The total membership of the College now stands at 154 (as at 31 December 2006).

### 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 held nine meetings during the year 2006.

### 4. CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

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

24 and 25 February 2006

#### **New Frontiers to Complete Nutrition**

(co-organised with Singapore Paediatric Society)

Professor Benny Kerzner

*Chairman, Department of Gastroenterology & Nutrition  
National Medical Centre, Washington DC*

*Chairperson: A/Prof Quak Seng Hock  
Head and Senior Consultant, Department of Paediatrics,  
National University Hospital*

*Chairperson: A/Prof Lee Bee Wah  
Consultant Paediatrician  
Mount Elizabeth Medical Centre & Adjunct Professor  
Department of Paediatrics, NUS*

28 February 2006

#### **Inborn Errors of Immunity to Infection: The Rule Rather Than the Exception**

(co-organised with Singapore Paediatric Society)

Professor Jean-Laurent Casanova

*Professor, Pediatric Haematology-Immunology Unit,  
Department of Pediatrics, Necker Enfants Malades Hospital  
France*

*Chairperson: A/Prof Lee Bee Wah  
Consultant Paediatrician  
Mount Elizabeth Medical Centre & Adjunct Professor  
Department of Paediatrics, NUS*

9 June 2006

#### **Achieving Excellence in Paediatric Care**

(co-organised with Singapore Paediatric Society & Perinatal Society of Singapore)

Dr Winston Koo

*Professor, Department of Pediatrics, O&G  
Wayne State University*

*Chairperson: A/Prof Quak Seng Hock  
Head and Senior Consultant, Department of Paediatrics,  
National University Hospital*

*Chairperson: Dr Victor Samuel Rajadurai  
Senior Consultant & Head, Department of Neonatology,  
KK Women's and Children's Hospital*

19 July 2006

#### **DHA: Beyond Vision and Maturation**

(co-organised with Singapore Paediatric Society)

Dr Carlos H Lifschitz

*Associate Professor*

*Children's Nutrition Research Centre*

*Chairperson: A/Prof Lee Bee Wah  
Consultant Paediatrician  
Mount Elizabeth Medical Centre & Adjunct Professor  
Department of Paediatrics, NUS*

28 and 29 September

#### **Milk Allergy in Children**

(co-organised with Singapore Paediatric Society & Perinatal Society of Singapore)

Dr Bill MacLean

*Clinical Professor, Department of Paediatrics  
The Ohio State University*

*Chairperson: A/Prof Lee Bee Wah  
Consultant Paediatrician  
Mount Elizabeth Medical Centre & Adjunct Professor  
Department of Paediatrics, NUS*

24 November 2006

The Changing Face of Child Health: Paediatrics at the Bio-Psycho-Social Interface

(co-organised with Singapore Paediatric Society)

A/Prof Michael McDowell

Associate Professor, Department of Paediatrics and Child Health

University of Queensland

Chairperson: Dr Daisy Chan

Senior Consultant, Department of Neonatal & Developmental Medicine

Singapore General Hospital

## 5. 41<sup>ST</sup> SINGAPORE-MALAYSIA CONGRESS OF MEDICINE 19 - 22 JULY 2007

The College of Paediatrics and Child Health, Singapore will be planning a half-day session on 22 July 2007 at the Raffles City Convention Centre, Singapore. This will be held in celebration of the golden jubilee of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore.

The Congress includes the 3<sup>rd</sup> College of Paediatrics and Child Health Lectureship to be delivered by Dr Loke Kah Yin, as well as interesting symposia topics. The theme for the symposia is "Current Topics in Paediatrics". Dr Daniel Goh and Dr Samuel Rajadurai will represent the College of Paediatrics and Child Health, Singapore as part of the congress organising committee members.

## 6. JOURNAL: PAEDIATRICS, CHILD AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH (PCH)

To date, the Editorial committee has published 3 volumes of the journal. The name of the journal was changed from "Paediatrics and Child Health, formerly: Singapore Paediatric Journal" to "Paediatrics, Child and Adolescent Health". The new name avoids confusion with a similarly named journal published elsewhere and better reflects the scope of research in Singapore. The committee hopes that readers of the journal enjoy the articles therein and continue to contribute original articles for publication in future issues.

## 7. ANNUAL SINGAPORE PAEDIATRIC CONGRESS (ASPC) 2006

The Annual Singapore Paediatric Congress was held on 19 - 20 Aug 2006 at the Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel and was co-organised with the Singapore Paediatric Society. The theme for this congress was "Challenges in Modern Paediatrics". It was well attended by 180 delegates. Prof Ho Lai Yun, Master of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore was Guest-of-Honour for the Congress. The 2<sup>nd</sup> College Lecture entitled "The Wheezy Child" delivered by A/Prof Chay Oh Moh was well-received. Prof Andrew Kemp delivered the 4<sup>th</sup> Stuart Gan Lecture entitled "Polysaccharide Antibody Response Immunodeficiency in Childhood". Dr Yeo Wee-Song emerged as the winner of the Best Free Paper Award.

A banquet dinner was held on Saturday, 19 August 2006. All attendees had a fun time and enjoyed the entertainment. Many lucky draw prizes were given away. A post-congress workshop on "Advanced Resuscitation in Children" was held at KK Women's and Children's Hospital from 21-22 August.

## 8. DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAMME (DLP)

The Distance Learning Programme (DLP) was launched in November 2005. To date, the College of Paediatrics and Child Health, Singapore has submitted three modules for the programme as follows:

1. Kawasaki Disease: An Evidence Based Approach to Diagnosis, Treatment and Proposals for Future Research
2. Long-Term Consequences of Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis in Children
3. The United Kingdom Infantile Spasms Study (UKISS) Comparing Hormone Treatment with Vigabatrin on Developmental and Epilepsy Outcomes to Age 14 Months: A Multicentre Randomized Trial

Fellows who wish to access the DLP may do so through the Member Login secured area via the Academy's website at [www.ams.edu.sg](http://www.ams.edu.sg) using their MCR/ DCR number and password.

## 9. STAFF REGISTRAR SCHEME (SRS)

The above scheme was introduced to enable career progression through participation in a structured training programme leading to a diploma that is recognized by the Singapore Medical Council. It serves as an avenue for healthcare institutions to train doctors receiving temporary registration by Singapore Medical Council.

The programme lasts 2 years. Upon completion of the course, candidates would be awarded with an "Advanced Diploma in Paediatrics and Child Health (ADPCH), Singapore".

The Academy of Medicine and the College of Paediatrics and Child Health, Singapore will be developing the training curriculum and administering the programme. The first intake is in March/April 2007.

## 10. APPRECIATION

The College wishes to express its heartfelt thanks to all members for their unfailing support of ongoing projects and activities during the past one year, as well as record a note of appreciation for the kind support of the secretariat.

December 2006

Dr Chan Kwai Lin, Daisy

Honorary Secretary

On behalf of 2006-2007 Council, College of Paediatrics and Child Health, Singapore



◀ Picture taken at the Annual Singapore Paediatric Congress at Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel, Singapore on 19 & 20 August 2006.  
(from left to right): Associate Prof Quak Seng Hock (President, CPCHS), Associate Prof Chay Oh Moh (2<sup>nd</sup> CPCHS Lectureship Lecturer) and Prof Ho Lai Yun (Master, AMS).

Annual Singapore Paediatric Congress at Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel, Singapore on 19 & 20 August 2006. ▶  
Prof Andrew Kemp delivering the 4<sup>th</sup> Stuart Gan Lecture.



◀ CME Lecture by A/Prof Michael McDowell at KK Women's and Children's Hospital on 24 November 2006.  
Dr Daisy Chan (Honorary Secretary, CPCHS) presenting a token of appreciation to A/Prof Michael McDowell at KK Women's and Children's Hospital on 24 November 2006.

**COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS, SINGAPORE  
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## 2006-2007 Council



Photograph taken at the Lee Kong Chian Room, Academy of Medicine, Singapore on 4 April 2007

### Standing (Left to Right)

Dr Alan Ng WK, Chairman, Chapter of Respiratory Physicians, Dr Christopher Chen, Chairman, Chapter of Neurologists, Dr Leong Keng Hong, Chairman, Chapter of Rheumatologists, Dr Vernon Oh MS, Chairman, Chapter of General Physicians

### Seated (Left to Right)

Dr Khoo Kei Siong, Honorary Secretary, Dr Ng Keng Yeen, President-Elect, Dr Lim Shih Hui, President, Dr Julian Thumboo, Honorary Treasurer, Dr Roland Chong SE, Council Member

### Absent with apologies

Dr Chan Kin Ming, Vice-President, Dr Terrance Chua SJ, Council Member, Dr Ho Kheng Thye, Chairman, Chapter of Cardiologists, Dr Roy Chan KW, Chairman, Chapter of Dermatologists, Dr C Rajasoorya, Chairman, Chapter of Endocrinologists, Dr Richard Guan, Chairman, Chapter of Gastroenterologists, Dr Philip Choo WJ, Chairman, Chapter of Geriatricians, Dr Patrick Tan HC, Chairman, Chapter of Haematologists, Dr Wong Sin Yew, Chairman, Chapter of Infectious Disease Physicians, Dr Toh Han Chong, Chairman, Chapter of Medical Oncologists, Dr Kong Keng He, Chairman, Chapter of Rehabilitation Physicians, Dr Wong Kok Seng, Chairman, Chapter of Renal Physicians, Dr Cynthia Goh, Chairman, Section of Palliative Medicine

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the College of Physicians, Singapore ("the College") will be held on Saturday, 28 April 2007 at 2.00pm at the Lecture Theatre, Level 3, National Heart Centre, Mistri Wing, 17 Third Hospital Ave., Singapore 168752 to transact the following business:

### Agenda

1. To receive and adopt the Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the College held on 24 June 2006.
2. To review Matters Arising from the Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the College held on 24 June 2006.
3. To receive and adopt the Annual Report of the 2006-2007 Council of the College for the period 1 January to 31 December 2006.
4. To review Matters Arising from the Annual Report of the 2006-2007 Council of the College for the period 1 January to 31 December 2006.
5. To receive and adopt the Audited Accounts of the College for the financial year ended 31 December 2006.
6. To appoint Dr Ng Keng Yeen as President of the College for 2007-2009.
7. To elect the 2007-2009 Council Members of the College. By closing time on 12 February 2007 at 5.30pm, the following nominations to the 2007-2009 Council were received and accepted:

Nominee	Proposer	Secunder
Chan Kin Ming	Roland Chong	Tan Tiong Har
Ng Wei Keong, Alan	Terrance Chua	Ng Keng Yeen
Wong Kok Seng	Lim Shih Hui	Terrance Chua

8. To appoint the 2007-2009 Chapter Chairmen of the College as Appointed Council Members. The following were elected as Chairmen of the 14 Chapters:

<i>Chapter of Cardiologists</i>	Dr Ho Kheng Thye
<i>Chapter of Dermatologists</i>	Dr Tay Yong Kwang
<i>Chapter of Endocrinologists</i>	Dr Daphne Khoo
<i>Chapter of Gastroenterologists</i>	Dr Roland Chong
<i>Chapter of General Physicians</i>	Dr Tay Jam Chin
<i>Chapter of Geriatricians</i>	Dr Philip Choo
<i>Chapter of Haematologists</i>	Dr Lee Lai Heng
<i>Chapter of Infectious Disease Physicians</i>	Dr Leo Yee Sin
<i>Chapter of Medical Oncologists</i>	Dr Kong Hwai Loong
<i>Chapter of Neurologists</i>	Dr Christopher Chen
<i>Chapter of Rehabilitation Physicians</i>	Dr Chan Kay Fei
<i>Chapter of Renal Physicians</i>	Dr Wong Kok Seng
<i>Chapter of Respiratory Physicians</i>	Dr Alan Ng
<i>Chapter of Rheumatologists</i>	Dr Lau Tang Ching

9. To re-appoint Messrs Geetha A & Associates as Auditors of the College.
10. Other business, notice of which shall be given in writing to the Company Secretary at least seven (7) days prior to such Meeting.

Lunch will be served at 1.00pm.

Dr Khoo Kei Siong  
Honorary Secretary  
13 April 2007

## 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

College of Physicians, Singapore

Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the College of Physicians, Singapore held on Saturday, 24 June 2006 at 2.00pm Lecture Theatre, Block 6 Level 9, Singapore General Hospital, Outram Road, Singapore 169608.

The following members were present:

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|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Dr Asok Kurup               | 13. Dr Ong Wai Choung        |
| 2. Dr Chan Kin Ming            | 14. Dr Ong Yong Yau          |
| 3. Dr Chan Kum Wah, Roy        | 15. Dr Pang Weng Sun         |
| 4. Dr Chua Siang Jin, Terrance | 16. Dr Pavanni Ratnagopal    |
| 5. Dr Cynthia Goh              | 17. Dr Seah Boon Heng, Alvin |
| 6. Dr Richard Guan             | 18. Dr Sum Chee Fang         |
| 7. Dr Khoo Kei Siong           | 19. Dr Paul Tambyah          |
| 8. Dr Kwok Wing Kuen, Bernard  | 20. Dr Tan Keng Yew, Adrian  |
| 9. Dr Leo Yee Sin              | 21. Dr Tay Jam Chin          |
| 10. Dr Lim Shih Hui            | 22. Dr Thomas Colleen        |
| 11. Dr Ng Keng Yeen            | 23. Dr Julian Thumboo        |
| 12. Dr Oh Min-Sen, Vernon      | 24. Dr Wong Kok Seng         |

Absent with apologies

- |                                 |                                 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Dr Ang Chee Beng             | 15. Dr Lim Yean Teng            |
| 2. Dr Christopher Chen Li-Hsian | 16. Dr Loh Ngai Kun             |
| 3. Dr Chew Chin Hin             | 17. Dr Low Lip Ping             |
| 4. Dr Chio Tze-Wei, Martin      | 18. Dr NV Ramani                |
| 5. Dr Chong Siang Eng, Roland   | 19. Dr Ng Ang Lee, Richard      |
| 6. Dr Choo Wee Jin, Philip      | 20. Dr Ng Kwok Choy             |
| 7. Dr Ee Chye Hua               | 21. Dr Ong Kian Chung, Benjamin |
| 8. Dr Ho Choon Heng, Benjamin   | 22. Dr Tan Huat Chye, Patrick   |
| 9. Dr Ho Kheng Thye             | 23. Dr Tan Khai Tong            |
| 10. Dr Kong Keng He             | 24. Dr Tan Yeang Tin            |
| 11. Dr Lee Onn Kei, Angel       | 25. Dr Tham Siew Nee            |
| 12. Dr Lim Ai Chi, Peter        | 26. Dr Tien Sim Leng            |
| 13. Dr Lim Cheok Peng           | 27. Dr Wong Hon Yip, Raymond    |
| 14. Dr Lim Poh Heng             | 28. Dr Wong Sin Yew             |

In attendance:

Ms Sharon Loo, Executive Secretary  
College of Physicians, Singapore

Mr Daniel Goh, Accountant  
Academy of Medicine, Singapore

## 1. PREAMBLE

- 1.1 The President of the 2005-2006 Council, Dr Lim Shih Hui, called the meeting to order at 2.10pm.
- 1.2 The House rose and observed one minute of silence in memory of Dr William Chan, who passed away in October 2005 and Dr Gwee Ah Leng, who passed away in March 2006.
- 1.3 It was noted that due to an unexpected delay by our previous Auditors, our College's audited accounts were not ready when we held our scheduled 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 29 April 2006. After seeking legal advice and consulting with our Company Secretary, the Council of the Academy and Presidents of the three involved Colleges decided that the previously held AGMs would have to be considered void. As such, an AGM has to be held by the respective Colleges to pass the audited accounts.

## 2. MINUTES OF 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 25 JUNE 2005

The House adopted the minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 25 June 2005, as proposed by Dr Khoo Kei Siong and seconded by Dr Ng Keng Yeen.

## 3. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### 3.1 Membership

- a. As of 24 June 2006, there were 674 registered specialists in the field of internal medicine with the Specialist Accreditation Board (SAB). The College had a total of

481 fellows, while there were 510 Fellows of the Academy of Medicine (FAMS) who were physicians. It was stated in the College's Memorandum and Articles of Association article 7(b)(iii), "At the time when the College is incorporated, admission to Fellowship shall be automatic for Fellows of the Academy of Medicine who have settled all monies due by them to the Academy." Those FAMS who were not transferred to the College had not settled their dues to the Academy.

- b. Dr Lim highlighted that in general, the main outstanding due was payment towards the Building and Endowment Fund.
- c. Dr Lim commented that at the coming 28<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Academy, the Bursar would highlight that the Academy has to pay GST. It had not done so in the past. One of the solutions to avoid paying GST would be to have Fellows pay their annual subscriptions directly to the Colleges. The Colleges would then transfer a certain percentage of these funds to the Academy. This would help to reduce the amount that the Academy and the Colleges receive per year.

- d. The creation of the College has been accompanied by the creation of 14 Specialist Chapters. These Chapters are important professional groups, and with their own finance and human resources, the Chapters could further develop the professional aspects of the specialties under the umbrella of the College. Dr Lim encouraged all Chapters to find ways to increase their membership.

### 3.2 Seah Cheng Siang Memorial Lecture Fund and Medal

- a. Dr Lim informed the House that there are three components in the Seah Cheng Siang Memorial Fund:
  - i. Seah Cheng Siang Gold Medal
  - ii. Seah Cheng Siang Memorial Fund
  - iii. Seah Cheng Siang Research Fund
- b. Dr Lim informed the House that the Seah Cheng Siang Gold Medal fund had been transferred to the Division of Graduate Medical Studies (DGMS) of the National University of Singapore.
- c. The House noted that the College is now administering the Seah Cheng Siang Memorial Lecture Fund.
- d. The Seah Cheng Siang Memorial Research/Travelling Fellowship Fund was set up in memory of the late Dr Seah Cheng Siang, a great academician. The Council of the Academy of Medicine would administer the fund and find ways to grow it. By year 2008, if the fund has not grown, our College might be tasked to administer and grow this fund.
- e. In response to Dr Khoo KS's query on the formation of the committee to oversee the fund, Dr Lim SH answered that the committee has not been formed yet.

### 3.3 Update On Continuing Professional Development Programme (CPD) & Maintenance Of Certification (MOC)

- a. The House noted that the Academy has received input from its six Colleges and four Chapters for drafting the proposal for MOC. The consolidated proposal has been submitted to the Singapore Medical Council (SMC) MOC Committee. The SMC-MOC Committee viewed MOC as Maintenance of Competency. However, the Academy has proposed Maintenance of Certification in its proposal.
- b. The SMC-MOC Committee met once but no decision has been made yet. Due to the delay in submission of proposals from the College of Family Physicians Singapore (CFPS) and Singapore Medical Association (SMA), the current two-year cycle system would continue. The 2<sup>nd</sup> two-year cycle would end this year and the 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle would start in 2007. The MOC might be put on hold for the next 1-2 years.
- c. Dr Lim commented that it is important for the College to develop good CPD programmes regardless of the status of the MOC.

## 4. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE 2005-2006 COUNCIL

The House adopted the Annual Report of the 2004-2005 Council, as proposed by Dr Asok Kurup and seconded by Dr Sum Chee Fang.

## 5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE 2005-2006 COUNCIL

### 5.1 Council Meetings

The Council met once every two months to discuss matters that required input from the various Chapter Chairmen. The Council had met five times. At times when the Council could not meet, discussion and decisions were effected via email.

### 5.2 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting

- a. The College's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting was successfully held in conjunction with the 39<sup>th</sup> Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine on 1-2 July 2005.
- b. The 1<sup>st</sup> College Conferment Ceremony was also held in conjunction with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting. Dr Chew Chin Hin was conferred Honorary Fellowship in recognition of his contributions not just to the College of Physicians, but also to the Academy of Medicine and the medical profession.
- c. Three Presidents of fraternal Colleges also received Fellowships from the College. These overseas Colleges' Presidents would play an important role in helping the College to develop in the future years. Such conferment is important to build links with overseas Colleges.

### 5.3 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM)

- a. Dr Sum Chee Fang, Chairman of the Organising Committee, informed the House that the final announcement had been sent to all Fellows of the College. The College's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting would be held on 22-23 July 2006, at the Theatre at Tan Tock Seng Hospital.
- b. Besides the 16<sup>th</sup> Seah Cheng Siang Memorial Lecture and 3<sup>rd</sup> College of Physicians Lecture, there would be five symposia. The programme was planned in two tiers; #1 reviews and approaches would attract trainees and specialists who are not in the specialty being discussed; #2 advances and controversies are meant to attract both specialists and trainees.
- c. Dr Sum reported that five sponsors had confirmed their participation. There would not be any registration fee for Fellows of the College and Basic and Advanced Specialist Trainees (BST and AST). However, there would be a nominal charge for non-Fellows of the College, non-trainees and General Physicians.

- d. Dr Lim thanked Chapter Chairmen Drs Philip Choo and Alan Ng for helping to book the Theatre at Tan Tock Seng Hospital without charge; this helped the College to save on costs.
- e. Dr Lim informed the House that the College had written to the STC Internal Medicine Chairman asking this STC to support the annual scientific meeting as part of the national training program for BSTs and ASTs. The STC had decided that they would make the ASM compulsory for the trainees next year. Notices had been sent to the trainees via email.
- f. In response to Dr Tambyah's question on the number of trainees who had registered for the ASM, Dr Sum replied that 11 BSTs and 4 ASTs had registered.
- g. Dr Sum informed the House that further publicity of the ASM would be made through various hospitals.
- h. Dr Lim informed the House that the College's ASM would be held in conjunction with the Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine on alternate years. Otherwise, the College would hold its own stand-alone ASM. In future, the College might consider holding its ASM with professional bodies such as the specialist societies or other Colleges/Chapters.

### 5.4 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting

- a. The Academy of Medicine would be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2007. The College's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting would be held in conjunction with the 41<sup>st</sup> Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine in 2007.
- b. The following six Chapters would be involved in the three-day program:
  - i. Chapter of Cardiologists
  - ii. Chapter of Gastroenterologists
  - iii. Chapter of General Physicians
  - iv. Chapter of Medical Oncologists
  - v. Chapter of Respiratory Physicians
  - vi. Chapter of Rheumatologists

Other Chapters would also contribute to the programs.

- c. Dr Fock Kwong Ming is the Chairman of the Organising Committee of the 41<sup>st</sup> Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine. Prof Vernon Oh is the Chairman of the organising committee of the College's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting. He and two other members, Drs Tan Eng King and Ling Lieng Hsi, would represent the College in the main Organising Committee of the 41<sup>st</sup> Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine. It was noted that the topics selected would be general and cross-disciplinary.

### 5.5 CPS' 1<sup>st</sup> Strategic Planning Session

- a. The 1<sup>st</sup> Strategic Planning Session was held on 17 September 2005, attended by elected and appointed Council Members, representatives from Chapter Specialty Boards and STC members.

- b. Dr Lim referred the House to item 10.2.4 of the Annual Report 2005. He highlighted that the College would concentrate on implementing the following six strategic priorities:
  - i. Provide and strengthen Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programmes
  - ii. Augment postgraduate training and specialist certification
  - iii. Promote the practice of and sustain interest in general internal medicine
  - iv. Improve the College's standing nationally and internationally
  - v. Attract and maintain membership
  - vi. Increase college revenue and build financial reserves
- c. Arising from the six strategic priorities, six main committees would be formed. These main committees would be supported by other committees.
- d. The CPD program would cater to the needs of the Fellows who are specialists. It might also be used to augment the national training programme for trainees.
- e. The Postgraduate Training & Certification (PTC) committee could hopefully be the same as STC in the very near future. This committee will be formed after the appointment of the next batch of STCs by SAB. To take over the job of training, the Academy needs to have power and resources. As such there was an intention for the Academy to become a statutory board. If the Academy becomes a statutory board, the College will benefit. Dr Lim opined that there might be a possibility that the College might conduct the MRCP (Part 1, 2A and PACES) exams in the years to come.
- f. The General Medicine committee headed by Dr Ng Keng Yeen had met once. Dr Ng would put up a paper to the Ministry of Health (MOH) on how to promote the practice of and sustain interest in general internal medicine.
- g. Dr Lim informed the House that every Chapter would be given \$1,000 a year to subscribe to at least one online journal. It was noted that \$1,000 might not be enough to subscribe to one online journal. The Chapter would have to source for additional funds to pay the balance needed for subscription. The Chapters could ask for donations. This would be a useful value-added service that the College can provide as it helps Fellows to keep up to date. This project would be headed by Dr Chan Kin Ming under the Membership Committee.

## 5.6 Annual Meetings of the Overseas Colleges

- a. Dr Lim reported that he attended the Congress of The Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) in May and Dr Vernon Oh attended the Annual Session of the American College of Physicians (ACP) in April.
- b. The Hong Kong College of Physicians would be celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in October 2006. It has invited our College's President to attend its Anniversary Scientific Meeting.

- c. The Ceylon College of Physicians also invited our College to send a representative to participate at its Annual Scientific Sessions in September 2007.
- d. Dr Lim commented that such exchanges with fraternal overseas colleges are important for our College to move further in the next few years.

## 6. AUDITED ACCOUNTS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2005

- a. Dr Chan KM highlighted that the main difference between the unaudited accounts (presented at the voided AGM) and the audited accounts was in the subscription amount. Dr Chan informed the House that the main income of the College in 2005 was from subscriptions. The income from the events of S\$5,800 was from the profit sharing of the 39<sup>th</sup> Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine.
- b. The operating expenses were S\$15,027. The major expense was for tailoring of the College gowns. Dr Lim added that it is important for the College to have its own identity. The gowns would be worn by the office bearers at important events.
- c. The operating surplus was S\$27,593. The total net assets are S\$192,735.
- d. Dr Chan commented that there are two main ways for the Chapters to earn revenue. One way is through receiving subscription from the Fellows. The amount received will increase with the increase in the number of fellows in the Chapter. Another way is to organise more activities. The surplus made from organising activities would be kept with the respective Chapter. If the Chapter raises funds on its own, it could keep the money in its account for funding of its future activities.
- e. Dr Lim highlighted that out of the three multi-specialty colleges within the Academy, only our College splits the funds to the 14 Chapters, i.e. 25% of the transferred funds from the subscriptions received from the Academy of Medicine. In doing so, the College looks after the interests of all Chapters.
- f. Dr Lim informed the House that the College set aside at least S\$500 as seed money for each Chapter to organise educational activities. Regardless of whether the Chapter uses seed money or not, the College would "tax" a certain percentage according to guidelines set by the College, on the net profits made by the Chapter from organising activities such as conferences, meetings and workshops. The purpose is for the College to accumulate funds to be used as seed money for Chapters that are not strong financially to help and organise CPD programmes.
- g. It was noted that the College has to spend 80% of the revenue earned. Tax would be imposed if 80% of the revenue was not spent.



- h. Dr Lim informed the House that the Council would decide how to spend the money. One good way to spend the money would be to subscribe to online journals for the Fellows. Dr Lim recommended that online journals should be fairly general and good enough for practice use.
- i. Dr Khoo KS asked if the funds apportioned to the 14 Chapters were not reflected in the quantum of the subscription. Dr Lim confirmed that those funds that were transferred to the Chapters were not reflected in the quantum of subscription of the main account. He stressed that funds transferred to the Chapters should be reflected in the quantum of the subscription in the main account for auditing purpose from next year onwards.
- j. Mr Daniel Goh informed the House that he had checked with the tax advisor and was advised that the College was being registered as a charity; thus the chances of being tax exempt are high.
- k. In response to Dr Khoo KS' comments on re-thinking ways of distributing funds, Dr Lim recommended that the Chapters could set up lectureships for a specific purpose.
- l. In response to Dr Roy Chan's query, Mr Daniel Goh clarified that if no income is received for the year under the lectureship funds, the lectureship funds would only be reflected in the balance sheet and not the income and expenditure statement.

## 6.1 Adoption of Accounts

The House adopted the audited accounts as at 31 December 2005, as proposed by Dr Roy Chan and seconded by Dr Vernon Oh.

## 7. ELECTION OF THE 2006-2008 COUNCIL

The House understood that an election by postal ballot was carried out for the first time and declared the duly elected councillors to the 2006-2008 Council, as follows:

Dr Chong Siong Eng, Roland  
 Dr Chua Siang Jin, Terrance  
 Dr Khoo Kei Siong

### 7.1 President-Elect 2006-2007

The House noted that only one nomination to the President-Elect 2006-2007 was received prior to closing time and was accepted by the 2005-2006 Council. Dr Ng Keng Yeen was declared the President-Elect for 2006-2007.

### 7.2 Office Bearers 2006-2007

The elected Council had held the 1<sup>st</sup> Council Meeting and decided on the following office bearers 2006-2007:

<i>President</i>	Dr Lim Shih Hui
<i>President-Elect</i>	Dr Ng Keng Yeen
<i>Vice-President</i>	Dr Chan Kin Ming
<i>Honorary Secretary</i>	Dr Khoo Kei Siong
<i>Honorary Treasurer</i>	Dr Julian Thumboo
<i>Council Member</i>	Dr Chong Siong Eng, Roland
<i>Council Member</i>	Dr Chua Siang Jin, Terrance

## 8. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

Dr Lim SH informed the House that the Academy and the other five Colleges would appoint the same auditor. The House agreed to the recommendation to appoint Geetha A & Associates.

## 9. ANY OTHER MATTERS

### 9.1 Ministry of Health (MOH)

- a. Dr Lim SH commented that MOH has increasingly asked the College for input on various issues. MOH had asked the College for professional opinions and endorsement for the following Clinical Practice Guidelines:
  - i. Use of Antibiotics in Adults
  - ii. Lipids (Review) Clinical Practice Guidelines
  - iii. Clinical Practice Guidelines on Osteoarthritis of the Knee.
- b. MOH had also written to the College to ask for professional opinions on the issue of restrictions on prescription of antiviral medications for treatment of hepatitis B. The College had submitted its recommendations to MOH.
- c. The Academy of Medicine (AMS) and Colleges have been asked by MOH to nominate committee members for the next Specialist Training Committees (STCs) for the term 2006-2008. Our College had submitted the list of nominees to MOH. It was noted that in the past the nomination of STC committee members was done by DGMS, AMS and STC Chairmen. This is the first year that the College is involved in the nomination.

### 9.2 Company Secretary

The House noted that the Company Secretary for year 2006 would be Gokki Management Services (G.M.S.).

Dr Lim SH thanked all Fellows who were present for attending the College's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting.

There being no other matters, the meeting ended at 3.05pm.

Minutes recorded by Ms Sharon Loo (Executive Secretary)  
 Vetted by Dr Julian Thumboo (Honorary Secretary)  
 Approved by Dr Lim Shih Hui (President)

## Annual Report of the 2006-2007 Council

### 1. 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the College of Physicians, Singapore was held on Saturday, 24 June 2006 at the Lecture Theatre, Block 6, Level 9, Singapore General Hospital, Outram Road, Singapore 169608.

### 2. THE COUNCIL

After the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting on 24 June 2006, an elected councillors' meeting was held to elect the office-bearers. The office-bearers for the 2006-2007 Council are:

<i>President</i>	: Dr Lim Shih Hui
<i>President-Elect</i>	: Dr Ng Keng Yeen
<i>Vice-President</i>	: Dr Chan Kin Ming
<i>Honorary Secretary</i>	: Dr Khoo Kei Siong
<i>Honorary Treasurer</i>	: Dr Julian Thumboo
<i>Council Members</i>	: Dr Terrance Chua Tju Siang Dr Roland Chong Siang Eng

### 3. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT-ELECT 2006-2007

The first nomination for the post of President-Elect 2006-2007 was called for by the President in April 2006. Dr Ng Keng Yeen was elected as the President-Elect 2006-2007 and he shall take office on completion of the term of the incumbent President at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting in April 2007.

### 4. CHAIRPERSONS OF CHAPTERS

The following elected Chairmen took office as the Chairmen of their respective Chapters for 2006-2007:

Cardiologists	Dr Ho Kheng Thye
Dermatologists	Dr Roy Chan Kum Wah
Endocrinologists	Dr C Rajasoorya
Gastroenterologists	Dr Richard Guan
General Physicians	Dr Vernon Oh
Geriatricians	Dr Philip Choo
Haematologists	Dr Patrick Tan
Infectious Diseases Physicians	Dr Wong Sin Yew
Medical Oncologists	Dr Toh Han Chong
Neurologists	Dr Christopher Chen Li Hsian
Rehabilitation Medicine	Dr Kong Keng He
Renal Physicians	Dr Wong Kok Seng
Respiratory Physicians	Dr Alan Ng Wei Keong
Rheumatologists	Dr Leong Keng Hong

### 5. MEMBERSHIP

5.1 As of 31 December 2006, the College had a total of 497 Fellows.

5.2 The total membership of 497 comprises:

Local Fellows	484
Overseas Fellows	13

5.3 Local and Overseas Fellows are grouped under the Chapters as follows:

Cardiologists	83
Dermatologists	52
Endocrinologists	39
Gastroenterologists	43
General Physicians	43
Geriatricians	29
Haematologists	20
Infectious Diseases Physicians	11
Medical Oncologists	24
Neurologists	38
Rehabilitation Medicine	16
Renal Physicians	27
Respiratory Physicians	48
Rheumatologists	24

### 6. COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Council met once every two months to conduct the business and affairs of the College. At the time of writing the Annual Report, the 2006-2007 Council had met six times.

### 7. 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

The College held its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting on 22-23 July 2006 at the Theatre, Tan Tock Seng Hospital. The program for the College's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting was as follows:

Saturday, 22 July 2006

#### **16<sup>th</sup> Seah Cheng Siang Memorial Lecture Changing Face of Cardiology Practice, Training and Research in Singapore**

Prof Chia Boon Lock  
*Emeritus Professor & Senior Consultant, Cardiac  
Department, National University Hospital*

Citation by: Dr Ho Kheng Thye

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> College of Physicians Lecture Translational Research - From Bench to Bedside and from Bedside to Bench**

Prof Woo Keng Thye  
*Emeritus Consultant, Department of Renal Medicine,  
Singapore General Hospital*

Citation by: Dr Wong Kok Seng

## Symposium 1: Dilemmas in Internal Medicine

- **Dilemmas in the Management of Atrial Fibrillation**  
Dr Hsu Li Fern  
*Consultant, Department of Cardiology, National Heart Centre*
- **Metastatic Disease of Unknown Primary - What to do about it?**  
Dr Simon Ong  
*Senior Consultant, Department of Medical Oncology, National Cancer Centre*

Chairperson: Dr Chan Kin Ming & Dr Jackie Tan

Sunday, 23 July 2006

## Symposium 2: BST Corner

- **A Review of Therapeutic Options in Chronic Hepatitis B and C**  
Dr Yang Wei Lyn  
*Consultant, Department of Gastroenterology, Tan Tock Seng Hospital*
- **A Series of Unfortunate ID Events: An Interactive Session**  
A/Prof Paul Ananth Thambyah  
*Associate Professor, Department of Medicine, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore*
- **Sleep Apnoea**  
Dr Yap Wee See  
*Consultant, Department of Respiratory Medicine, Tan Tock Seng Hospital*

Chairperson: Dr Asok Kurup

## Symposium 3: Controversies in Medicine (Debates)

- **Stroke Physicians Should Manage Stroke Patients**  
Protagonist: Dr NV Ramani  
*Senior Consultant, National Neuroscience Institute*  
Antagonist: Dr Christopher Lien Tsung Chien  
*Head & Consultant, Division of Geriatric Medicine, Changi General Hospital*
- **CT Angiography Should be Used as a First Line Test in the Diagnosis of Ischaemic Heart Disease**  
Protagonist: Dr Robert Kwok  
*Chief Consultant Radiologist, Radiology Department, Mount Elizabeth Hospital*  
Antagonist: Dr Terrance Chua  
*Deputy Medical Director, National Heart Centre, Head & Senior Consultant, Department of Cardiology*
- **Should Beta-Blockers Still Be Used as Initial Antihypertensive Agents in Uncomplicated Hypertension?**  
A Renal Physician's Perspective: Dr Akira Wu  
*Consultant Nephrologist, Wu Nephrology & Medical Clinic*

A Cardiologist's Perspective: Dr Low Lip Ping  
*Consultant Cardiologist, Low Cardiology Clinic*

Chairperson: Prof Vernon Oh & A/Prof Ng Keng Yeen

## Symposium 4: Updates in Internal Medicine

- **Management of Itch**  
Prof Malcolm Greaves  
*Emeritus Professor of Dermatology, National Skin Centre*
- **Use of Disease Modifying Anti-Rheumatic Drugs in the Management of Inflammatory Arthritis**  
Dr Leong Keng Hong  
*Consultant Rheumatologist, Leong Keng Hong Arthritis & Medical Clinic*
- **A New Staging System for Chronic Kidney Disease**  
Dr Wong Kok Seng  
*Head & Senior Consultant, Department of Renal Medicine, Singapore General Hospital*

Chairperson: A/Prof Alan Ng & A/Prof Julian Thumboo

## Symposium 5: How I Do It?

- **Lipid Lowering Therapy -How Far Should We Go & In Which Patients?**  
Dr Tai E Shyong  
*Consultant, Department of Endocrinology, Singapore General Hospital*
- **How I Initiate Therapy for Patients with Parkinson's Disease?**  
Dr Tan Eng King  
*Senior Consultant & Clinician Scientist, Department of Neurology, Singapore General Hospital*

Chairperson: Dr Sum Chee Fang & Dr June Tan

## 8. 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

- 8.1 The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting is scheduled to be held on 20-21 July 2007 in conjunction with the 41<sup>st</sup> Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine at the Raffles City Convention Centre. In celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore, the 14 Chapters and one Section will present "Advances & Innovations in Internal Medicine Specialty" and "50 Years of Progress in Internal Medicine in Singapore".
- 8.2 The 17<sup>th</sup> Seah Cheng Siang Memorial Lecture entitled "Chronic Disease Management - Lessons Learnt from Treatment of Diabetic Nephropathy" will be delivered by Professor Napier Thomson, President, The Royal Australasian College of Physicians at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting.
- 8.3 The 4<sup>th</sup> College of Physicians Lecture, entitled "Postgraduate Medical Training & Certification - Where Do We Go From Here?" will be delivered by Professor Neil Douglas, President, The Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting.

## 9. SEAH CHENG SIANG MEMORIAL MEDAL

The Seah Cheng Siang Memorial Medal was established from the Seah Cheng Siang Memorial Fund. The Gold Medal is awarded annually to the top candidate in the M Med (Internal Medicine) Examination. No award was made for 2006.

## 10. REVAMPED WEBSITE AND SUBSCRIPTION TO ONLINE JOURNAL

As part of the College's strategy to provide and strengthen Continuing Professional Development (CPD) program for physician specialists, the College Council decided to leverage on information technology and set up its own website. The new URL of the website is <http://cps.ams.edu.sg>

Decision was made to subscribe to Harrisons Online which is useful for all 14 specialty Fellows. In addition, each Chapter will subscribe to at least one specialty-specific online journal or textbook, all of which will be accessible to physician Fellows. It is hoped that access to online journals and textbooks through the College website will not only enhance Fellows' life-long learning but also add value to their Academy's and College's membership.

## 11. DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAM (DLP)

To date, the College has submitted the following six modules for the DLP:

- i. The Role of Capsular Distention in Adhesive Capsulitis
- ii. Guidelines for the Management of Pemphigus Vulgaris
- iii. Radionuclide Therapy of Hepatocellular Carcinoma
- iv. Development of Autoantibodies Before the Clinical Onset of Systemic Lupus Erythematosus
- v. Hydralazine for Treatment of Severe Hypertension in Pregnancy: Meta-Analysis
- vi. Essential Tremor - The Most Common Movement Disorder in Older People

Fellows who wish to access the DLP may do so through the member login secured area via the Academy's website [www.ams.edu.sg](http://www.ams.edu.sg) using their MCR/DCR number and password.

## 12. CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES

The College provided feedback on and endorsed the following clinical practice guidelines:

- i. Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
- ii. Glomerulonephritis
- iii. Diagnosis and Management of Epilepsy in Adults
- iv. Use of Antibiotics in Adults
- v. Use of Corticosteroids in General Practice

## 13. FEEDBACK ON RESTRICTION OF USE OF DRUGS TO SPECIALISTS

The College was asked by the Ministry of Health (MOH) in March to give the view of a professional body on the

restriction of the use of Entacavir for patients with Hepatitis B Infection. The College collated views from Council Members as well as the Chapter of Gastroenterologists and the Chapter of Infectious Disease Physicians and replied to MOH in May.

## 14. ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE OVERSEAS COLLEGES

14.1 Dr Vernon Oh, Chairman, Chapter of General Physicians, represented the CPS at the Annual Session of the American College of Physicians (ACP) from 6-8 April 2006 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

14.2 Dr Lim SH as President of CPS was invited by The Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) to attend the 2006 RACP Congress from 7-10 May 2006 at Cairns Convention Centre. He was conferred Honorary Fellowship of the RACP at the College Ceremony.

14.3 The Hong Kong College of Physicians celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2006. Dr Lim SH as President of CPS was invited to attend the Anniversary Scientific Meeting from 14-15 October 2006. A congratulation message from CPS was published in the Anniversary Issue of Synapse.

## 15. SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP TO THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF INTERNAL MEDICINE (ISIM)

CPS was accepted as a new Society Member of ISIM in September 2006. ISIM was founded in 1948 in Basle, Switzerland. Its purpose is to promote scientific knowledge and unity in Internal Medicine, to further the education of young internists and to encourage friendship between physicians in all countries. The main activity of ISIM is the organisation of the bi-annual International Congress of Internal Medicine.

## 16. FINANCE OF THE COLLEGE

16.1 The main income of the College is from the annual subscription of College Fellows to the Academy of Medicine. The Academy continued to transfer 25% of these subscriptions to the College.

16.2 The College's Institution of a Public Character (IPC) status was renewed in July 2006, for another year. With the renewal of the IPC status, the College could continue to raise funds to enhance its effort in CPD.

16.3 The College has also established its own financial framework to facilitate its 14 Chapters to carry out CPD activities. Each Chapter has been allocated seed money to organize educational activities including meetings, at a minimum of \$500 per calendar year or up to 25% of membership subscription. There is also profit sharing between the College and its Chapters.

## 17. CONCLUDING REMARKS

The College has taken 4 decades to establish itself in

Singapore. Though still in its infancy, the College has high ambitions to achieve more. Like Singapore, the College will not be constrained by its physical size or the number of Fellows each Chapter has. With vision, passion, strategies and dedication, the College aims to accomplish its goals and objectives, which are to ensure high quality care for patients by improving standards and influencing policy and practice in modern medicine. The College is determined to set high standards for clinical practice, establish education and training programs for physicians, support its fellow doctors in their practice of medicine, participate in the conduct of postgraduate examinations, and advise the Government, public and the profession on important healthcare issues.

## **18. APPRECIATION**

The College wishes to record its appreciation to all our Fellows for their support and efforts rendered in the past year, and for ongoing projects, and to the College's Executive Secretary for the secretariat support.

December 2006

Dr Khoo Kei Siong

Honorary Secretary

On behalf of 2006-2007 Council, College of Physicians,  
Singapore



From left to right:  
 Dr Ho Kheng Thye, Chairman of Chapter of Cardiologists, Prof Chia Boon Lock, 16<sup>th</sup> Seah Cheng Siang Memorial Lecturer, Dr Lim Shih Hui, President of College of Physicians, Singapore, Dr Ho Lai Yun, Master of Academy of Medicine, Singapore, Prof Woo Keng Thye, 3<sup>rd</sup> College of Physicians Lecturer and Dr Wong Kok Seng, Chairman of Chapter of Renal Physicians at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of College of Physicians, Singapore.



Prof Woo Keng Thye (right), 3<sup>rd</sup> College of Physicians Lecturer, with Dr Lim Shih Hui, President.



Dr Lim Shih Hui (left), President, with Prof Chia Boon Lock, 16<sup>th</sup> Seah Cheng Siang Memorial Lecturer.



Prof Sewon Kang, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter of Dermatologists Lecturer, receiving a token of appreciation from Dr Tay Yong Kwang, Vice-Chairman of Chapter of Dermatologists.

## CHAPTER OF CARDIOLOGISTS

### 1. 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of Cardiologists was held on Monday, 17 April 2006 at the CSO 5A Meeting Room, TTSH Medical Centre, Level 5, 11 Jalan Tan Tock Seng, Singapore 308433.

### 2. THE CHAPTER SPECIALTY BOARD

The 2006-2007 office-bearers were:

<i>Chairman</i>	: Dr Ho Kheng Thye
<i>Vice-Chairman</i>	: Dr K Gunasegaran
<i>Honorary Secretary</i>	: Dr Susan Quek Swee San
<i>Board Members</i>	: Dr Lim Yean Teng Dr Ng Kheng Siang

Dr Koh Tian Hai, President, Singapore Cardiac Society was also invited to sit on the Board.

### 3. MEMBERSHIP

As of 31 December 2006, the Chapter had a total of 83 Fellows.

### 4. SPECIALTY BOARD MEETING

The Chapter Specialty Board met once to conduct the business and affairs of the Chapter for the year 2006.

### 5. CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME)

5.1 The Chapter was a nominal sponsor for the following:

#### **11-13 August 2006**

Cardiology Update @ Singapore 2006

*Organised by: National Heart Centre  
Course Director: Prof Koh Tian Hai*

### 6. SINGAPORE CARDIAC CT COURSE

Singapore Cardiac CT Course was held on 14-15 January 2006. The 2-day course provided up-to-date and comprehensive information for new and advanced clinical users of cardiac CT, as well as researchers, scientists and engineers working in the field. The invited faculty included renowned local and overseas speakers.

### 7. GUIDELINES ON CARDIAC CT IN SINGAPORE (2006)

The Guidelines on Cardiac CT in Singapore (2006) was published jointly by the Chapter of Cardiologists, College of Physicians, Singapore, College of Radiologists, Singapore and Academy of Medicine, Singapore. Prof Satku, Director of Medical Services, officiated the launch of the guidelines on 15 January 2006 at the Singapore Cardiac CT Course.

### 8. CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES

The Chapter provided feedback on and endorsed the guidelines on Lipids (Review) Clinical Practice Guidelines. The guidelines were published in June 2006.

### 9. FEEDBACK ON AED PROGRAM

The Chapter presented its views to the Ministry of Health (MOH) on the AED program.

December 2006  
Dr Susan Quek  
Honorary Secretary  
2006-2007 Chapter of Cardiologists

## CHAPTER OF DERMATOLOGISTS

### 1. 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of Dermatologists was held on Thursday, 2 March 2006 at the Auditorium, National Skin Centre, 1 Mandalay Road, Singapore 308205.

### 2. THE CHAPTER SPECIALTY BOARD

The 2006-2007 office-bearers were:

<i>Chairman</i>	: Dr Roy Chan
<i>Vice-Chairman</i>	: Dr Tay Yong Kwang
<i>Honorary Secretary</i>	: Dr Ang Por
<i>Board Members</i>	: Dr T Thirumorthy Dr Giam Yoke Chin Dr Cheong Wai Kwong
<i>Co-opted Member</i>	: Dr Goh Chee Leok

### 3. MEMBERSHIP

As of 31 December 2006, the membership stands at 52.

### 4. SPECIALTY BOARD MEETING

The Chapter Specialty Board met twice to conduct the business and affairs of the Chapter for the year 2006.

### 5. CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME)

5.1 The Chapter organised the following CME lectures:

Saturday, 6 May 2006

**Symposium: Controversies Surrounding the Use of Topical Calcineurin Inhibitors: Pimecrolimus (Elidel<sup>®</sup>) & Tacrolimus (Protopic<sup>®</sup>)**

- **Current Use of Topical Calcineurin Inhibitors: Review of Evidence for Licensed Use**  
Dr Chan Yui Chew  
*Consultant, National Skin Centre*
- **Current Use of Topical Calcineurin Inhibitors: Review of Evidence for Off Label Use**  
Dr Patricia Ng  
*Consultant, National Skin Centre*
- **Cancer Risk of Topical Calcineurin Inhibitors: Review of Evidence**  
Prof Malcolm Greaves  
*Senior Consultant, National Skin Centre*
- **Role of HSA in Risk Assessment and Communication for Emerging Drug Safety Concerns of TCI**  
Ms Chan Cheng Leng  
*Head, Pharmacovigilance/Information & Research, Centre for Drug Administration, HSA*

- **Practical Use of TCI in the Management of Atopic Eczema**

Dr T Thirumorthy

*Consultant Dermatologist, Singapore General Hospital*

- **Managing Patients Concerns Regarding TCI**

- **Communication**

- **Managing Uncertainties**

A/Prof Giam Yoke Chin

*Senior Consultant, National Skin Centre*

5.2 In collaboration with National Skin Centre, the Chapter co-organised the following CME lectures:

Saturday, 25 February 2006

**Dermatology Update 2006**

**Symposium On Paediatric Dermatology:**

- **The Role Of Foods In Childhood Atopic Dermatitis**

Prof Hugo van Bever

*Professor in Paediatrics (Paediatric Allergy & Immunology) & Head of the Children's Allergy Clinic at Department of Paediatrics, National University Hospital, National University of Singapore*

- **Genodermatoses - A New Look**

A/Prof Giam Yoke Chin

*Senior Consultant, National Skin Centre*

- **Haemangiomas - What's New And How To Manage Them**

Dr Chan Yui Chew

*Consultant, National Skin Centre*

**Symposium On Immunodermatology:**

- **Chronic Cutaneous LE - Subsets & Therapy**

Dr Chua Sze Hon

*Senior Consultant, National Skin Centre*

- **IVIG And Newer Immunosuppressive Agents**

Dr Mark Tang

*Associate Consultant, National Skin Centre*

- **Desmoglein ELISA - A Useful Tool In Pemphigus**

Dr Patricia Ng

*Consultant, National Skin Centre*

**Lunchtime Symposium On Melasma**

**NSC Lecture:**

**The Keratin Cytoskeleton And Skin Fragility Disorders**

Prof Ellen Birgitte Lane

*Centre for Molecular Medicine*

**Free Paper Sessions:**

Paper 1 to 4

Case Report 1 to 4



## Symposium On Eczema / Dermatitis:

- **Immunology of Contact Dermatitis**  
Dr Ng See Ket  
*Senior Consultant, National Skin Centre*
- **An Update On Contact Allergens**  
Dr Anthony Goon  
*Consultant, National Skin Centre*
- **What's New In Occupational Dermatoses**  
Dr Leow Yung Hian  
*Senior Consultant, National Skin Centre*
- **Itch - Update on Mechanisms and Therapy**  
Prof Malcolm Greaves  
*Senior Consultant, National Skin Centre*

Saturday, 25 February 2006

## Symposium On Psoriasis/Phototherapy/Vitiligo:

- **Update On Biologics In Psoriasis**  
Dr Wong Su-Ni  
*Consultant, National Skin Centre*
- **Update On Phototherapy For Dermatological Conditions**  
Dr Colin Theng  
*Associate Consultant, National Skin Centre*
- **Update On Vitiligo**  
Dr Prasad Kumarasinghe  
*Senior Consultant, National Skin Centre*

## Symposium On Cutaneous Infections:

- **Killer Rashes - Skin Signs Of 5 Deadly Infections**  
Dr Tan Hiok Hee  
*Consultant, National Skin Centre*
- **Mycology - Update For 2006**  
Dr Seow Chew Swee  
*Senior Consultant, National Skin Centre*
- **Update On Anti-Retroviral Therapy**  
A/Prof Roy Chan  
*Director, National Skin Centre*

## Clinicopathologic Challenge:

- **Case 1 to 5**  
Dr Joyce Lee  
*Associate Consultant, National Skin Centre*
- **Case 6 to 10**  
A/Prof Giam Yoke Chin  
*Senior Consultant, National Skin Centre*
- **Case 11 to 15**  
Dr Tan Suat Hoon  
*Deputy Director, National Skin Centre*

## Symposium On Sexually Transmitted Infections:

- **Syphilis - A Practical Update**  
Dr Tan Hiok Hee  
*Consultant, National Skin Centre*
- **STIs In Women**  
Dr Priya Sen  
*Associate Consultant, National Skin Centre*
- **Improving Diagnosis and Management of Genital HSV**  
Dr Simon E Barton  
*Consultant & Clinical Director in Genitourinary and HIV Medicine, Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, UK and Chair of the Clinical Audit for the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital Trust*

## Symposium On Dermatologic Surgery:

- **Fillers - Spoilt For Choice**  
Dr Priya Sen  
*Associate Consultant, National Skin Centre*
- **Botulinum Toxin A - Beyond Removing Wrinkles**  
Dr Wong Su-Ni  
*Consultant, National Skin Centre*
- **Skin Tightening Devices: Facelift Without Surgery**  
Dr Chua Sze Hon  
*Senior Consultant, National Skin Centre*
- **Lasers & Light Devices For Skin Rejuvenation: An Update**  
Prof Goh Chee Leok  
*Senior Consultant, National Skin Centre*

Thursday, 2 March 2006

## The Scientific Basis for Interaction between HSV and HIV

Dr Simon Barton  
*Clinical Director in GUM and HIV, Chelsea & Westminster Hospital, London, UK*

Thursday, 7 December 2006

## Update on Immunobullous Diseases

Prof Victoria Patricia Werth  
*Chief, Division of Dermatology, Veterans Administration Hospital, Philadelphia*

- 5.3 As part of the Chapter's CPD program, the Dermatology Symposia were held in conjunction with the National Healthcare Group (NHG) Annual Scientific Congress 2006:

Saturday, 30 September 2006

## Stressful Skin Conditions: Skin Conditions that reduce the Quality of Life Disfiguring Pigmentary Disorders

Dr Goh Boon Kee  
*Associate Consultant, National Skin Centre*

## **Severe Psoriasis**

Dr Chong Wei Sheng  
*Associate Consultant, National Skin Centre*

## **Psychodermatological Affliction**

A/Prof Giam Yoke Chin  
*Senior Consultant, National Skin Centre*

## **Critical Skin Conditions: Skin Conditions that Threaten Lives Angioedema**

Prof Malcolm Greaves  
*Senior Consultant, National Skin Centre*

## **Drug Hypersensitivity Syndrome and Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis**

Dr Ng See Ket  
*Senior Consultant, National Skin Centre*

## **Life-Threatening Paediatric Skin Conditions**

Dr Chan Yui Chew  
*Consultant, National Skin Centre*

## **6. 2<sup>ND</sup> CHAPTER OF DERMATOLOGISTS LECTURE**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter of Dermatologists Lecture entitled "Pathophysiology & Treatment of Skin Aging" delivered by Prof Sewon Kang, Director, Clinical Pharmacology Unit, Department of Dermatology, University of Michigan Medical Center was held on Friday, 13 October 2006 at the Auditorium, National Skin Centre.

## **7. POSITION STATEMENT**

The Chapter launched its 2<sup>nd</sup> position statement "Position Statement on the Use of Topical Calcineurin Inhibitors" and "Report on Symposium on Topical Immunomodulator Inhibitors" on 7 June 2006. Both the statement and report had been circulated to all Fellows and posted on the website.

December 2006  
Dr Ang Por  
Honorary Secretary  
2006-2007 Chapter of Dermatologists

## CHAPTER OF ENDOCRINOLOGISTS

### 1. 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of Endocrinologists was held on Thursday, 6 April 2006 at Board Room, Alexandra Hospital, 378 Alexandra Road, Singapore 159964.

### 2. THE CHAPTER SPECIALTY BOARD

The 2006-2007 office-bearers were:

*Chairman* : Dr C Rajasoorya  
*Vice-Chairman* : Dr Yeoh Swee Inn  
*Honorary Secretary* : Dr Lee Chung Horn  
*Board Members* : Dr Daphne Khoo  
Dr Lee Kok Onn  
*Co-opted Members* : Dr Michelle Jong  
Dr Lim Heok Seng

### 3. MEMBERSHIP

As of 31 December 2006, the Chapter had a total of 39 Fellows.

### 4. CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES

The Chapter provided feedback on and endorsed the guidelines on "Lipids (Review) Clinical Practice Guidelines". The guidelines were published in June 2006.

December 2006  
Dr Lee Chung Horn  
Honorary Secretary  
2006-2007 Chapter of Endocrinologists

## CHAPTER OF GASTROENTEROLOGISTS

### 1. 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of Gastroenterologists was held on Tuesday, 28 February 2006 at Seminar Room 2, Level 3, Tan Tock Seng Hospital, 11 Jalan Tan Tock Seng, Singapore 308433.

### 2. THE CHAPTER SPECIALTY BOARD

The 2006-2007 office-bearers were:

Chairman : Dr Richard Guan  
 Vice-Chairman : Dr Lim Chee Chian  
 Honorary Secretary : Dr Widjaja Luman  
 Board Members : Dr Fock Kwong Ming  
                           Dr Ho Khek Yu  
                           Dr Tan Chi Chiu  
                           Dr Teo Eng Kiong

### 3. MEMBERSHIP

As of 31 December 2006, the membership stands at 43.

### 4. CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME)

4.1 The Chapter co-organised the following events with The Gastroenterological Society of Singapore:

Tuesday, 7 February 2006

#### **Endoscopic Diagnosis & Treatment for Early Gastric Cancer: Current Status & Future Expectations**

Dr Takuji Gotoda  
 National Cancer Centre Hospital, Japan

Chairperson: A/Prof Wong Wai Keong

Saturday-Sunday, 25-26 February 2006

#### **GIHep Singapore 2006**

The Chapter co-organised the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of The Gastroenterological Society of Singapore which was held in conjunction with the annual GIHep Singapore.

Course Director: Dr Yim Heng Boon  
 Scientific Chairman: Dr Chua Tju Siang

Friday, 17 March 2006

#### **Introducing a New Class of Immunobiotic Therapy: Lactobacillus reuteri.**

**Application to Gastroenterology, Paediatric and O&G Practice**

Dr Eamonn Connolly, PhD  
 Biogaia AB, Sweden

Saturday-Sunday, 1-2 April 2006

#### **SP EDGE: Education for Family Physician Annual Scientific Symposium Programme**

Chairman: Prof Feng Pao Hsii

Wednesday, 21 June 2006

#### **Optimising Acid Suppression**

Dr James YW Lau

Director of Endoscopy Centre, Prince of Wales Hospital, Hong Kong

Chairperson/Panel: A/Prof Wong Wai Keong  
 Dr Yim Heng Boon

Wednesday, 19 July 2006

#### **The New GERD Definition: A Global Evidence Based Consensus**

Prof Nimish Vakil

Clinical Professor of Medicine, University of Wisconsin Medical School

Chairperson: A/Prof Lawrence Ho Khek Yu

Saturday, 8 July 2006

#### **AsiaHep GP Seminar 2006**

#### **Doing the Appropriate Hepatitis Serology Tests Can Liver Cancer be Prevented?**

Dr Tan Chee Kiat

Consultant Gastroenterologist, Singapore General Hospital

Saturday, 12 August 2006

#### **AsiaHep GP Seminar 2006**

- **Yellow Eyes and Dark Coloured Urine: A Clinical Approach**

Dr Desmond Wai

Consultant, National University Hospital

- **Hepatitis C Infection Can be Fatal and Can be Cured**

Dr Richard Guan

Consultant Gastroenterologist, Mount Elizabeth Medical Centre

Saturday, 9 September 2006

#### **AsiaHep GP Seminar 2006**

- **Do All Patients with Chronic Hepatitis B Need Treatment? What are the Available Treatment Options?**

A/Prof Chow Wan Cheng

Consultant Gastroenterologist, Singapore General Hospital

- **Fatty Liver Causes Cancer? Is This True?**

Prof Ng Han Seong

Senior Consultant Gastroenterologist, Singapore General Hospital

Saturday, 14 October 2006

**AsiaHep GP Seminar 2006**

- **Liver Cirrhosis: What can be Done at Primary Health Care Level?**  
Dr Teo Eng Kiong  
*Consultant Gastroenterologist, Changi General Hospital*
- **Abnormal Liver Biochemistry, What are the Possible Causes? When Should We Worry?**  
Dr Yang Wei Lyn  
*Consultant Gastroenterologist, Tan Tock Seng Hospital*
- **The Extra-Esophageal Manifestation of GERD**  
**The Impact of GERD: Broadening the Perspective**  
A/Prof Lawrence Ho  
*Chief, Department of Medicine, National University Hospital*
- **GERD and Asthma: What is the Relationship?**  
Dr Tan Keng Leong  
*Senior Consultant Respiratory Physician, Singapore General Hospital*

*Chairperson: Prof Fock Kwong Ming*

Saturday, 2 December 2006

**Symposium on Portal Hypertension**

**Hepatic Venous Pressure Measurement**

Dr Lui Hock Fong

*Consultant Gastroenterologist, Gleneagles Hospital*

**Management of Ascites in Cirrhosis**

Dr Lee Yin Mei

*Consultant, National University Hospital*

**Management of Variceal Bleeding**

Dr Steven Mesenas

*Senior Consultant, Singapore General Hospital*

**Hepatopulmonary Syndrome and Portopulmonary Hypertension**

Dr Teo Eng Kiong

*Chief, Department of Medicine, Changi General Hospital*

*Chairperson: Dr Lui Hock Fong*

**5. FEEDBACK ON RESTRICTION OF USE OF DRUGS TO SPECIALISTS**

The Chapter presented its views and suggestions to the Ministry of Health (MOH) on the restriction of use of three drugs: adefovir, lamivudine and entacavir.

December 2006

Dr Widjaja Luman

Honorary Secretary

2006-2007 Chapter of Gastroenterologists

## CHAPTER OF GENERAL PHYSICIANS

### 1. 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of General Physicians was held on Saturday, 18 March 2006 at Lee Kong Chian Room, Basement, Academy of Medicine, Singapore, Runme Shaw Building, 142 Neil Road, Singapore 088871.

### 2. THE CHAPTER SPECIALTY BOARD

The 2006-2007 office-bearers were:

*Chairman* : Dr Vernon Oh  
*Vice-Chairman* : Dr Tay Jam Chin  
*Honorary Secretary* : Dr Cynthia Goh  
*Board Members* : Dr Noreen Chan  
                               Dr Cheong Pak Yean  
                               Dr Ronan Philip Kelly  
                               Dr Tan Hooi Hwa

### 3. MEMBERSHIP

As of 31 December 2006, the Chapter had a total of 43 Fellows.

### 4. CHAPTER'S PARTICIPATION IN ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC CONGRESS OF THE NATIONAL HEALTHCARE GROUP (NHG)

Dr Vernon Oh, as both Chairman of the Chapter and Senior Consultant in Department of Medicine, National University Hospital (NUH) was a member of the Scientific Program Committee of the Annual Scientific Congress of NHG held from 30 September to 1 October 2006 at the Raffles City Convention Centre.

### 5. FUTURE PLANS OF THE CHAPTER

The Chapter will co-organise clinical education seminars with the Singapore Hypertension Society (SHS) in 2007.

December 2006  
 Dr Cynthia Goh  
 Honorary Secretary  
 2006-2007 Chapter of General Physicians

## CHAPTER OF GERIATRICIANS

### 1. 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of Geriatricians was held on Tuesday, 11 April 2006 at CSO 4B Meeting Room, Level 4, Tan Tock Seng Hospital, 11 Jalan Tan Tock Seng, Singapore 308433.

### 2. THE CHAPTER SPECIALTY BOARD

The 2006-2007 office-bearers were:

*Chairman* : Dr Philip Choo  
*Vice-Chairman* : Dr Pang Weng Sun  
*Honorary Secretary* : Dr Tan Thai Lian  
*Board Members* : Dr Ding Yew Yoong  
                               Dr James Low  
                               Dr Ee Chye Hua  
                               Dr Christopher Lien

### 3. MEMBERSHIP

As of 31 December 2006, the Chapter had a total of 29 Fellows.

### 4. CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME)

The Chapter co-organised the Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) of the Society of Geriatric Medicine Singapore on 16-17 September 2006.

### 5. DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAMME (DLP)

The Chapter submitted one module titled "Essential Tremor-The Most Common Movement Disorder in Older People" for the DLP in October 2006.

### 6. CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES

The Chapter reviewed the MOH Nursing Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG) on the "Prevention of Falls in Hospitals and Long Term Care Institutions". The guidelines were launched on 16 February 2006.

December 2006  
 Dr Tan Thai Lian  
 Honorary Secretary  
 2006-2007 Chapter of Geriatricians

## CHAPTER OF HAEMATOLOGISTS

### 1. 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of Haematologists was held on Thursday, 20 April 2006 at Room ACR, level 2, Mount Elizabeth Medical Centre, 3 Mount Elizabeth, Singapore 228510.

### 2. THE CHAPTER SPECIALTY BOARD

The 2006-2007 office-bearers were:

<i>Chairman</i>	: Dr Patrick Tan
<i>Vice-Chairman</i>	: Dr Tien Sim Leng
<i>Honorary Secretary</i>	: Dr Mickey Koh
<i>Board Members</i>	: Dr Koh Liang Piu Dr Ting Weng Chang
<i>Co-opted Member</i>	: Dr Ponnudurai Kuperan

### 3. MEMBERSHIP

As of 31 December 2006, the Chapter had a total of 20 Fellows.

### 4. SPECIALTY BOARD MEETING

The Chapter Specialty Board met once to conduct the business and affairs of the Chapter for the year 2006.

### 5. CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME)

The Chapter organised the following CME activities:

Monday, 23 October 2006

#### **Immune Regulation: Striking a Balance in Bone Marrow Transplantation**

Prof Robert S. Negrin

*Professor of Medicine, Stanford University Medical Center*

*Chairperson: Dr Mickey Koh*

Monday, 8 January 2007

#### **Haematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation from Alternative Donors**

Dr Nelson Chao

*Professor of Medicine and Immunology, Director, Stem Cell Transplantation, Duke University Medical Center, USA*

*Chairperson: Dr Koh Liang Piu*

December 2006

Dr Mickey Koh

Honorary Secretary

2006-2007 Chapter of Haematologists



## CHAPTER OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE PHYSICIANS

### 1. 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of Infectious Disease Physicians was held on Saturday, 14 January 2006 at the Grange Room, Level 6, Four Seasons Hotel Singapore, 190, Orchard Boulevard, Singapore 248646.

### 2. THE CHAPTER SPECIALTY BOARD

The 2006-2007 office-bearers were:

<i>Chairman</i>	: Dr Wong Sin Yew
<i>Vice-Chairman</i>	: Dr Paul Tambyah
<i>Honorary Secretary</i>	: Dr Lee Cheng Chuan
<i>Board Members</i>	: Dr Lam Mun San Dr Lim Poh Lian Dr Helen Oh
<i>Co-opted Member</i>	: Dr Asok Kurup

### 3. MEMBERSHIP

As of 31 December 2006, the Chapter had a total of 11 Fellows.

### 4. SPECIALTY BOARD MEETING

The Chapter Specialty Board met twice to conduct the business and affairs of the Chapter for the year 2006.

### 5. CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME)

5.1 The Chapter co-organised the following with the Society of Infectious Disease (Singapore):

Saturday, 14 February 2006

#### **Singapore OPAT Symposium**

*Chairperson: Dr Lim Poh Lian*

#### **New Developments & Antimicrobials in OPAT**

A/Prof Alan D Tice

*Director, Outpatient Parental Antimicrobial Therapy (OPAT)*

*Outcomes Registry*

#### **The Singapore OPAT Experience**

Dr David Lye

*Associate Consultant, Tan Tock Seng Hospital*

Dr Asok Kurup

*Consultant, Singapore General Hospital*

A/Prof Dale Andrew Fisher

*Consultant, National University Hospital*

Dr Wong Sin Yew

*Consultant, Gleneagles Medical Centre*

#### **Practical Issues in OPAT**

a. Financing OPAT

Dr Lim Poh Lian

*Consultant, Tan Tock Seng Hospital*

b. Problem-Solving Pumps & PICC Lines

SSN Esther Poon

*Senior Staff Nurse, Tan Tock Seng Hospital*

c. OPAT @ Home

SSN Zuraidah

*Senior Staff Nurse, National University Hospital*

5.2 The Chapter co-organised the following with the College of Family Physicians Singapore:

Saturday, 23 September 2006

#### **Seminar on Adult Vaccination**

### 6. MOH CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES

The members of the Chapter participated in the review of the content of and endorsed the "Use of Antibiotics in Adults - MOH Clinical Practice Guidelines". A scientific meeting to launch the guidelines was organised by the MOH and the Chapter on Saturday, 22 April 2006.

### 7. FEEDBACK ON RESTRICTION OF USE OF DRUGS TO SPECIALISTS

The Chapter presented its views and suggestions to the Ministry of Health (MOH) on the restriction of use of three drugs - adefovir, lamivudine and entecavir.

### 8. JOURNAL OF COLLEGE OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS

The Chapter contributed the following topics to the Journal of the College of Family Physicians Singapore:

Influenza by Dr Wong Sin Yew

Prevention of Hepatitis A and B by Dr Helen Oh

Vaccinations for Health Care Workers by Dr Asok Kurup

### 9. FUTURE ACTIVITIES IN 2007

The Society of Infectious Disease (Singapore) had invited the Chapter to be a nominal sponsor of the 6<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Antimicrobial Agents and Resistance (ISAAR) which will be held on 7-9 March 2007.

December 2006

Dr Lee Cheng Chuan

Honorary Secretary

2006-2007 Chapter of Infectious Disease Physicians

## CHAPTER OF MEDICAL ONCOLOGISTS

### 1. 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of Medical Oncologists was held on Thursday, 27 April 2006 at Function Room, Level 4, National Cancer Centre, 11 Hospital Drive, Singapore 169610.

### 2. THE CHAPTER SPECIALTY BOARD

The 2006-2007 office-bearers were:

<i>Chairman</i>	:	Dr Toh Han Chong
<i>Vice-Chairman</i>	:	Dr Lim Hong Liang
<i>Honorary Secretary</i>	:	Dr See Hui Ti
<i>Board Members</i>	:	Dr Tan Yew Oo Dr Wong Zee Wan
<i>Co-opted Members</i>	:	Dr Joanna Lin

### 3. MEMBERSHIP

As of 31 December 2006, the Chapter had a total of 24 Fellows.

### 4. 1<sup>ST</sup> SINGAPORE MEDICAL ONCOLOGY REVIEW COURSE

The Singapore Medical Oncology Review Course was organised jointly by the Chapter of Medical Oncologists and the Singapore Society of Oncology on 26-27 January 2007. The co-chairmen were Dr Toh Han Chong and Dr Lim Soon Thye. The main objective of the course is to provide a critical review of the latest developments and guidelines in medical oncology to both practicing oncologists and oncology trainees. The invited faculty included renowned local and overseas speakers.

### 5. CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME)

The following activity has been organised by the 2006-2007 Specialty Board:

Monday, 22 January 2007

#### **Insights from UK Colorectal Clinical Trials**

Dr Philip Quirke BM

*Yorkshire Cancer Research Centenary Professor of Pathology, Head of Pathology and Tumour Biology, School of Medicine, University of Leeds*

### 6. COLLABORATION WITH IOS & SINGAPORE SOCIETY OF ONCOLOGY (SSO)

The Chapter signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with IOS and Singapore Society of Oncology (SSO) on 19 January 2006 for continuing development of ASEAN Medical Oncology in training, education, research and clinical practice.

December 2006

Dr See Hui Ti

Honorary Secretary

2006-2007 Chapter of Medical Oncologists

## CHAPTER OF NEUROLOGISTS

### 1. 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of Neurologists was held on Friday, 31 March 2006 at the Lecture Theatre, Block 6, Level 9, Singapore General Hospital, Outram Road, Singapore 169608.

### 2. THE CHAPTER SPECIALTY BOARD

The 2006-2007 office-bearers were:

Chairman	: Dr Christopher Chen
Vice-Chairman	: Dr Adrian Tan
Honorary Secretary	: Dr Andrew Pan
Board Members	: Dr Louis Tan Dr Einar Wilder-Smith
Co-opted Members	: Dr Chang Hui Meng Dr Lim Shih Hui Dr N V Ramani

### 3. MEMBERSHIP

As of 31 December 2006, the Chapter had a total of 38 Fellows.

### 4. SPECIALTY BOARD MEETING

The Chapter Specialty Board met formally twice during the course of the year to conduct the business and affairs of the Chapter for the year 2006.

### 5. CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME)

#### 5.1 The Chapter organised the following updates:

Saturday, 10 June 2006

**Update for Practicing Clinicians: Updates in Epilepsy**  
(Co-organisers: Singapore Epilepsy Society & Clinical Neuroscience Society)

**AED-Induced Hypersensitivity Syndrome (HSS), Psychological Adverse Effects and Seizure Exacerbation**

Dr Lim Shih Hui  
Senior Consultant, Department of Neurology, Singapore General Hospital

- i. Which AEDs for Geriatric Patients?
- ii. MRI-Negative but PET-Positive Focal Epilepsy: A Chance for Surgery?  
Dr Nigel Tan  
Consultant, Department of Neurology, National Neuroscience Institute

- i. Selecting AEDs During Puberty & Pregnancy
- ii. Surgery Failures: Re-operation or Otherwise?  
Dr Andrew Pan  
Consultant, Department of Neurology, Singapore General Hospital

- i. Impact of Epilepsy in Developing Mind
- ii. Long-term Seizure & Cognitive Outcome After Surgery  
Dr Ong Hian Tat  
Senior Consultant, Department of Paediatrics, National University Hospital

- i. Update on Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy (SUDEP)
- ii. Seizures & Cardiac Dysarrhythmia  
A/Prof Einar Wilder-Smith  
Associate Professor, Division of Neurology, National University Hospital

Chairperson: Dr Lim Shih Hui

Saturday, 19 August 2006

**Clinical Update on Use of Steroids in Neurological Disorders**

(Co-organiser: Clinical Neuroscience Society)

**Inflammatory Myopathies**

Dr Josiah Chai  
Consultant, Department of Neurology, National Neuroscience Institute

**Ocular and Generalised Myasthenia Gravis**

Dr Lo Yew Long  
Senior Consultant, Department of Neurology, Singapore General Hospital

**Demyelinating Neuropathy (AIDP, CIDP,MMN)**

Dr T Umapathi  
Senior Consultant, Department of Neurology, National Neuroscience Institute

**Bell's Palsy**

Dr Chan Yee Cheun  
Associate Consultant, Division of Neurology, National University Hospital

**Optic Neuritis**

Dr Alvin Seah  
Consultant, Department of Neurology, Singapore General Hospital

**Multiple Sclerosis**

A/Prof Benjamin Ong  
Head/Senior Consultant, Division of Neurology, National University Hospital

**Primary and Secondary Brain Tumor**

Dr See Siew Ju  
Consultant, Department of Neurology, Singapore General Hospital

Chairpersons: Drs Adrian Tan & Lim Shih Hui

- 5.2 The Chapter co-organised the following event with the Singapore Epilepsy Society:

Thursday, 12 January 2006

**Symposium on Epilepsy: Towards a More Pragmatic Management of Epilepsy**

Professor Elinor Ben-Menachem

*Professor in Neurology and Epilepsy at Sahlgrenska Academy, Goteborg University, Sweden*

*Chairperson: Dr Lim Shih Hui*

- 5.3 The Chapter also co-organised the following events with the Clinical Neuroscience Society, Singapore:

Tuesday, 28 February 2006

**Stroke Prevention by Aggressive Cholesterol Lowering: What will SPARCL Tell Us?**

Professor Pierre Amarenco

*Professor & Chairman, Department of Neurology & Stroke Centre, Bichat University Hospital, Denis Diderot, University and Medical School, Paris, France*

*Chairperson: Dr Christopher Chen*

- 5.4 The Chapter was a nominal sponsor for the following events:

Saturday, 29 April 2006

**Atherothrombosis Summit**

*Chairperson: Dr Low Lip Ping*

Saturday, 16 September 2006

**8th Singapore Stroke Conference: Updates in Stroke Management**

*(Organised by National Neuroscience Institute)*

*Coordinators: Dr Chiang Hui Meng & Ms Jennie Lee*

## 6. CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES

The Chapter provided feedback on and endorsed the following clinical practice guidelines:

Use of Corticosteroids in General Practice Diagnosis and Management of Epilepsy in Adults

The two guidelines were published in 2006. MOH will hold the launch events for the guidelines in 2007.

December 2006

Dr Andrew Pan

Honorary Secretary

2006-2007 Chapter of Neurologists

## CHAPTER OF REHABILITATION PHYSICIANS

### 1. 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of Rehabilitation Physicians was held on Thursday, 23 February 2006 at Lecture Theatre, Block 6, Level 9, Singapore General Hospital, Outram Road, Singapore 169608.

### 2. THE CHAPTER SPECIALTY BOARD

The 2006-2007 office-bearers were:

Chairman : Dr Kong Keng He  
 Vice-Chairman : Dr Chan Kay Fei  
 Honorary Secretary : Dr Sherry Young  
 Board Members : Dr Karen Chua  
 Dr Peter Lim

### 3. MEMBERSHIP

As of 31 December 2006, the membership stands at 16.

### 4. CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME)

4.1 The Chapter co-organised the following events with the Rehabilitation Medicine Service, Changi General Hospital.

Saturday, 14 January 2006

#### **Low Back Pain Secondary to Sacroiliac Joint Dysfunction and Piriformis Syndrome: Assessment and Management**

A/Prof Norman A. Broadhurst

Senior Lecturer, Department of Orthopedics, Flinders University of South Australia

4.2 The Chapter co-organised the following events with the Rehabilitation Medicine Specialist Training Committee for the Advanced Specialist Trainees (AST):

Saturday, 25 March 2006

#### **Spasticity, State of Art Management**

Dr Ng Yee Sien

Consultant, Department of Rehabilitation Medicine, Singapore General Hospital

Saturday, 29 July 2006

#### **Practical Aspects of Spinal and Lower Limb Orthotics**

Mr Daryl Lim & Staff of FLC

Saturday, 9 September 2006

#### **Updates on Exercise Physiology**

Dr Roslyn McLean

Consultant, Rehabilitation Medicine Service, Changi General Hospital

December 2006

Dr Sherry Young

Honorary Secretary

2006-2007 Chapter of Rehabilitation Physicians

## CHAPTER OF RENAL PHYSICIANS

### 1. 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of Renal Physicians was held on Thursday, 6 April 2006 at Blk 6, Level 9, Singapore General Hospital, Outram Road, Singapore 169608.

### 2. THE CHAPTER SPECIALTY BOARD

The 2006-2007 office-bearers were:

<i>Chairman</i>	: Dr Wong Kok Seng
<i>Vice-Chairman</i>	: Dr Evan Lee
<i>Honorary Secretary</i>	: Dr Grace Lee
<i>Board Members</i>	: Dr Anantharaman Vathsala Dr Lina Choong
<i>Co-opted Members</i>	: Dr Gordon Ku Dr Tan Seng Hoe

### 3. MEMBERSHIP

As of 31 December 2006, the Chapter had a total of 27 Fellows.

### 4. SPECIALTY BOARD MEETING

The Chapter Specialty Board met twice to conduct the business and affairs of the Chapter for the year 2006.

### 5. CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME)

5.1 The Chapter co-organised the following CME activities with the Singapore Society of Nephrology :

Saturday, 4 March 2006

#### **Symposium on Diabetic Nephropathy and Implications for Your Patients**

##### **Pathophysiology of Renal Disease**

Dr Chan Choong Meng

*Consultant Nephrologist, Department of Renal Medicine, Singapore General Hospital*

##### **Principles of Treatment of Diabetic Nephropathy**

Dr Norman Chan

*Clinical Director*

*Qualigenic Diabetes Center, Hong Kong*

##### **Asian Health economics of Renal Disease**

Dr Wong Kok Seng

*Senior Consultant & Head, Department of Renal Medicine, Singapore General Hospital*

*Chairperson: Dr Wong Kok Seng*

Saturday, 12 August 2006

#### **1st Scientific Meeting of Advanced Specialty Trainees in Nephrology**

*Chairperson: Dr Grace Lee*

Thursday, 14 September 2006

#### **An Afternoon with Goldstein Fluid-Electrolyte, Acid-Base Workshop Techniques to Salvage AV Fistulae**

Dr Marc Goldstein

*Emeritus Professor of Medicine, University of Toronto*

*Medical Director, Diabetes Comprehensive Care Program, St Michaelis Hospital*

*Chairperson: Dr Grace Lee*

5.2 The Chapter was a nominal sponsor for the following:

Monday, 24 July 2006

#### **New Definitions for the Nephrotic Diseases: The Podocytopathies**

Prof William Schnaper

*Professor of Pediatrics, Feinburg School of Medicine, Northwestern University, Chicago*

*Organised by National Healthcare Group*

*Chairperson: Prof Yap Hui Kim*

### 6. CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES

The Chapter provided feedback on and endorsed the clinical practice guidelines "Glomerulonephritis".

### 7. NATIONAL ROAD MAP FOR NEPHROLOGY

The Chapter submitted its proposed National Road Map for Nephrology to the Ministry of Health (MOH). Comments and input were collated from the feedback of the Fellows.

### 8. FEEDBACK ON CHRONIC HAEMODIALYSIS

The Chapter presented its views and suggestions to the (MOH) on the delivery of chronic haemodialysis services in the community.

December 2006

Dr Grace Lee

Honorary Secretary

2006-2007 Chapter of Renal Physicians

## CHAPTER OF RESPIRATORY PHYSICIANS

### 1. 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of Respiratory Physicians was held on Friday, 7 April 2006 at CSO 5B, Medical Centre, Level 5, Tan Tock Seng Hospital, 11 Jalan Tan Tock Seng, Singapore 308433.

### 2. THE CHAPTER SPECIALTY BOARD

The 2006-2007 office-bearers were:

*Chairman* : Dr Alan Ng  
*Vice-Chairman* : Dr Loo Chian Min  
*Honorary Secretary* : Dr Pek Wee Yang  
*Board Members* : Dr Hui Kok Pheng  
Dr Khoo Kay Leong  
*Co-opted Members* : Dr Azman Johan  
Dr Cheong Tuck Hong

### 3. MEMBERSHIP

As of 31 December 2006, the membership stands at 48.

### 4. CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME)

The Chapter was a nominal sponsor for the following:

Thursday, 9 March 2006

#### **TB: A Global Perspective**

Organised by Singapore TB Elimination Program & TB Control Unit

8-9 April 2006

#### **Pleura and Pleuroscopy Workshop**

Organised by Department of Respiratory Medicine, Tan Tock Seng Hospital and the Singapore Thoracic Society

### 5. CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES

The Chapter provided feedback on and endorsed the guidelines on "Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)". The guidelines were published in October 2006.

December 2006

Dr Pek Wee Yang

Honorary Secretary

2006-2007 Chapter of Respiratory Physicians

## CHAPTER OF RHEUMATOLOGISTS

### 1. 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of Rheumatologists was held on Thursday, 23 March 2006 at Lee Kong Chian Room, Academy of Medicine, Singapore, 142 Neil Road, Runme Shaw Building, Singapore 088871.

### 2. THE CHAPTER SPECIALTY BOARD

The 2006-2007 office-bearers were:

<i>Chairman</i>	: Dr Leong Keng Hong
<i>Vice-Chairman</i>	: Dr Lau Tang Ching
<i>Honorary Secretary</i>	: Dr Bernard Thong
<i>Board Members</i>	: Dr Ng Swee Cheng Dr Eugene Lim
<i>Co-opted Members</i>	: Dr Fong Kok Yong Dr Sheila Vasoo

### 3. MEMBERSHIP

As of 31 December 2006, the membership stands at 24.

### 4. SPECIALTY BOARD MEETING

The Chapter Specialty Board held two Board Meetings during the period 2005-2006 and three Board Meetings during the period 2006-2007.

### 5. CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME)

The following activities have been organised in the past year:

Friday, 24 February 2006

#### **Update on Biologic Response Modifiers**

Prof Fan Peng Thim

*NHG Visiting Expert*

*Clinical Professor of Medicine, UCLA School of Medicine*

*Co-organised with Singapore Society of Rheumatology*

*Chairpersons: Dr Leong Keng Hong & Dr Kong Kok Ooi*

Monday, 31 July 2006

#### **State of the Art in Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis**

Prof Thomas Lehman

*Chief, Division of Pediatric Rheumatology, The Hospital for Special Surgery, New York*

*Co-organised with Singapore Society of Rheumatology & Singapore Society of Paediatrics*

*Chairperson: Dr Lynette Shek*

Thursday, 18 January 2007

#### **The Antiphospholipid Syndrome: Controversies and Current Concepts for the Rheumatologist**

Prof Mark Crowther

*Professor, Department of Medicine, McMaster University*

*Academic Division Director for the Division of Hematology, McMaster University*

*Chairperson: Dr Bernard Thong*

### 6. CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES ON OSTEOARTHRITIS OF THE KNEES

This has been completed and will be launched in 2007.

### 7. THEME ISSUE IN ANNALS, ACADEMY OF MEDICINE, SINGAPORE

The Chapter Specialty Board will coordinate the theme issue "Clinical Immunology and Rheumatology" which will be published in February 2007. The guest editors were Dr Leong Keng Hong and Prof Fong Kok Yong.

### 8. 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Chapter will hold its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting in March 2007.

December 2006

Dr Bernard Thong

Honorary Secretary

2006-2007 Chapter of Rheumatologists



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President



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Medicine Physicians



**Dr Samuel Ng**  
Chairman, Chapter of  
Diagnostic Radiologists



**Dr Chua Eu Tiong**  
Chairman, Chapter of  
Radiation Oncologists

## 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the College of Radiologists, Singapore and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the 3 Chapters (Diagnostic Radiology, Radiation Oncology and Nuclear Medicine Physicians) will be held as follow:

Day/Date : Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2007

Time : 12.30pm  
(Lunch will be served before the AGMs)

Venue : Amadeus Room, Level 3, Gallery Hotel,  
76 Robertson Quay, Singapore 238254

### Agenda

1. Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 27 April 2006
2. Annual Report of the 2006 - 2007 Council
3. Presentation of the Audited Accounts as at 31 December 2006
4. Duly Elected Councillors
5. Appointment of President
6. Reappointment of Auditors
7. Updates of Roadmaps
8. Other business, notice of which shall be given in writing to the Honorary Secretary at least seven days prior to such meeting

Do note that each Chapter will be presenting their AGM sequentially, in the following order: Nuclear Medicine Physicians, Radiation Oncology and Diagnostic Radiology. The AGM of the College of Radiologists will be held subsequently.

20 March 2007  
Dr Gregory Kaw  
Honorary Secretary

## 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

College of Radiologists, Singapore

Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the College of Radiologists, Singapore held on Thursday, 27 April 2006 at 7.00pm, Conference Room A and B, Department of Diagnostic Radiology, Blk 2, Level 1, Singapore General Hospital

### Present:

A/Prof Thomas Chee	Dr Ng Boon Keat
Dr Chua Eu Tiong	Dr Angeline Poh
Dr Fong Kam Weng	Dr Quek Swee Tian
Dr Anthony Goh	Dr Sim Shao-Jen
Dr James Khoo Boon Keng	Dr Terence Tan
Dr Gregory Kaw	Dr Diana Tan Yuen Lan
Dr Khoo Tan Hoon Seng	Dr Tan Kim Ping
Dr Khoo Teng Kew	Dr Andrew Tan Gee Seng
Dr Kho Kwang Mui	Dr Tan Bien Soo
Dr Lee Khai Mun	Dr Tan Soo See, Susanna
Dr Lee Kim Shang	Dr Tay Kiang Hiong
Dr Tchoyoson Lim	Dr Ian Tsou
Dr Susan Loong	Dr Vijay Sethi
Dr David Ng	Dr Gervais Wan

### Absent with apologies:

Dr Michael Back	Dr Mahmood Shahid
Dr Chang Sew Kee	Dr Ng Fook Cheong
Dr Lionel Cheng	Dr Pay Khim Hui
Dr Chin Wah Seng	Dr See-Toh Cheong Wah
Dr Chong Bee Kiang	Dr Anne Tan Kendrick
Dr Chng Soke Miang	Dr Grace Tan
Dr Elizabeth Fok	A/Prof Wang Shih-Chang
Dr Jeffrey Goh	Dr Wong Lea Choung
Dr Robert Kwok	
Dr Kwek Jin Wei	

### In attendance:

Mr Tjan Wen Jie  
Project Executive  
Academy of Medicine, Singapore

Mr Daniel Goh  
Accountant  
Academy of Medicine, Singapore

## Preamble

Dr Tan Kim Ping called the meeting to order at 7.00pm

### 1. Welcome from the chairman

Dr Tan Kim Ping welcomed all to the 2<sup>nd</sup> College of Radiologists, Singapore Annual General Meeting.

### 2. Moment of silence for Dr Eric Wong

A moment of silence was observed for the passing of Dr Eric Wong.

### 3. Confirmation of 1<sup>st</sup> AGM minutes

The Fellows of College of Radiologists, Singapore accepted the minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> AGM as a true record.

Proposer: Dr Kho Kwang Mui

Secunder: Dr Quek Swee Tian

### 4. Confirmation of College Annual Report

The Fellows of College of Radiologists, Singapore accepted the College Annual Report as a true record.

Proposer: Dr Kho Kwang Mui

Secunder: Dr Khoo Tan Hoon Seng

### 5. President-Elect

Being the solely nominated council member for the post of President-Elect, Dr Vijay Sethi is elected to the post of President-Elect.

### 6. Audited Accounts and Report

Dr Tan Kim Ping announced that the College company secretary and auditor have resigned. A new company secretary and auditor are being sourced by the Academy of Medicine, Singapore to replace them.

*Post meeting: The new company secretary and auditor appointed by CRS are Gokki Management Services (G.M.S) and Geetha A & Associates, respectively.*

Wen Jie went forth to present the audited accounts to the Fellows during the AGM.

A question was raised with regard to the showing of the 15<sup>th</sup> SRS ASM accounts in the College accounts was highlighted during the meeting. To address this issue, Dr Tan Bien Soo stated that it has been a practice for the accounts of the SRS ASM to be shown in the Annual report. In fact, the accounts for the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> SRS ASM were reflected in the previous Academy of Medicine annual reports.

In addition, since the 15<sup>th</sup> SRS ASM was jointly organised by the SRS and CRS together, it is logical that the accounts should be reflected.

Mr Daniel Goh further explained that having the accounts to be reflected under the CRS accounts, better control over the accounts could be monitored.

Dr Tan Kim Ping also supported the notion by stating that since the accounts are done under the College of Radiologists, Singapore, the accountant from the Academy of Medicine did the accounts for the 15<sup>th</sup> SRS ASM free of charge.

### Increasing revenue

Dr Tan Kim Ping commented that the 39<sup>th</sup> Singapore Malaysia Congress of Medicine (SMCM), which was held in Singapore, gained a profit for the College. He mentioned that Dr Gervais Wan is the chairman who is representing CRS for the upcoming 41<sup>st</sup> SMCM and he asked the Fellows to give him the support he would need to make the congress a success. The 41<sup>st</sup> SMCM will be another source of income for the CRS.

Another source of income for CRS will be the proficiency test for teleradiology. It is noted that Ministry of Health paid a sum of money for the services that CRS rendered for MOH's enterprise for teleradiology.

With that, the Fellows of College of Radiologists, Singapore accepted the accounts as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005 as a true record.

Proposer: Dr Tan Bien Soo

Secunder: Dr Anthony Goh

## 7. Roadmaps

### a. Roadmap for Public Education

Dr Kenneth Sheah is appointed as the chairman for the steering committee for public education.

Dr Suzanna Tan Soo See proposed that the goal for 2010, "Promote public interest in careers in radiology including radiography, science and technology research and application", should be brought forward earlier. She commented that CRS should jump on the life science bandwagon to achieve that goal.

Agreeing to the proposal, Dr Tan Kim Ping suggested pushing the goal forward to 2007.

Dr Anthony Goh suggested having a public affair website where the public can learn more about diseases and cancers and how radiology plays a part in curing and diagnosing the illnesses.

### b. Roadmap for Manpower

Dr Vijay Sethi is appointed to be the chairman for the steering committee for Manpower.

One of the main ways of increasing the headcount of radiology would be using teleradiology to increase jobs.

**c. Roadmap to initiate and sustain intercollegiate relationship among College of Radiologists, Singapore, Hong Kong and Malaysia**

Dr Tan Kim Ping is appointed to be the chairman for the steering committee for Manpower.

**d. Roadmap for enlarging College of Radiologist membership**

The STC is appointed to oversee the roadmap for enlarging CRS membership.

The College planned to shift the training programme to be under the wing of CRS. Thus making it compulsory for all trainees to join the Academy as ordinary members. In this way, the College will have a better supervision on the training and the trainees.

**e. Research Roadmap**

Dr Tchoyoson Lim is appointed to be the chairman for the steering committee for Research

An appeal is made to the younger radiologists to be more involved in research and to give their support to Dr Tchoyoson Lim.

**f. Roadmap for Professional Standards**

Dr Kwek Boon Han is appointed to be the chairman for the steering committee for Professional Standards.

**8. Any Other Business**

Dr Tan Kim Ping announced that with the coming threat of teleradiology, CRS has decided to set up a teleradiology centre in Singapore to compete with sending films overseas to be read.

Dr Kho Kwang Mui was appointed to chair the teleradiology task force.

Dr Lee Kim Shang questioned the main aim of the teleradiology centre. He queried whether the centre seeks to earn more money or to prevent more films from being outsourced to Bangalore. If the centre seeks to earn more money, then it would be better that CRS sets up other businesses to earn money rather than having a teleradiology centre.

It was assured to all Fellows that the main aim of the teleradiology centre is to prevent more films from being outsourced to Bangalore or any other countries.

**9. Note of appreciation**

Dr Tan Bien Soo gave a word of appreciation and thanks on behalf of CRS to Tjan Wen Jie, the current executive secretary for College of Radiologists, Singapore.

There being no other matters, the meeting ended at 8.00pm

Minutes recorded by: Tjan Wen Jie  
Project Executive  
Academy of Medicine

Vetted by : Dr Tan Kim Ping  
President  
College of Radiologists, Singapore

Dr Gregory Kaw  
Honorary Secretary  
College of Radiologists, Singapore

## Annual Report of the 2006-2007 Council

### 1. 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the College of Radiologists was held on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> April 2006 at Conference Room A and B, Blk 2 Level 1, Department of Diagnostic Radiology, Singapore General Hospital, Outram Road, Singapore 169804.

#### 1.1 Office Bearers

The following Council Members were elected to the 2006 - 2007 Council

<i>President</i>	: Dr Tan Kim Ping
<i>Vice-President</i>	: Dr Vijay Kumar Sethi
<i>Honorary Secretary</i>	: Dr Gregory Kaw
<i>Treasurer</i>	: Dr Tan Bien Soo
<i>Council Members</i>	: A/Prof Wang Shih-Chang A/Prof Thomas Chee Dr Chua Eu Tiong (Chairman, Chapter of Radiation Oncologists) Dr Anthony Goh (Chairman, Chapter of Nuclear Medicine Physicians) Dr Samuel Ng (Chairman, Chapter of Diagnostic Radiologists)

#### 1.2 Specialty Chapters

In accordance to the Constitution of the College of Radiologists, Singapore, the specialty chapters are to serve a 2 year term. The Committee Members of the 3 Chapters of the College (2006 - 2007) are as follows:

##### Chapter of Diagnostic Radiologists

<i>Chairman</i>	: Dr Samuel Ng
<i>Vice-Chairman</i>	: Dr Ong Chiou Li
<i>Secretary</i>	: Dr Ian Tsou
<i>Committee Members</i>	: Dr Kwek Boon Han Dr Tchoyoson Lim Dr Quek Swee Tian Dr Tay Kiang Hiong

##### Chapter of Radiation Oncologists

<i>Chairman</i>	: Dr Chua Eu Tiong
<i>Vice-Chairman</i>	: Dr Lee Khai Mun
<i>Secretary</i>	: Dr Susan Loong
<i>Committee Members</i>	: Dr Lee Kim Shang Dr Terence Tan Dr Edward Yang Tuck Long

##### Chapter of Nuclear Medicine Physicians

<i>Chairman</i>	: Dr Anthony Goh
<i>Vice-Chairman</i>	: Dr Mahmood Shahid
<i>Secretary</i>	: Dr David Ng
<i>Committee Members</i>	: Dr Gilbert Keng Dr Ong Seng Chuan Dr Wong Wai Yin

### 2. COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Council met once every 2 months to conduct the business and affairs of the College. At the time of writing the Annual Report, the 2006-2007 Council had met 6 times, which includes the AGM.

### 3. MEMBERSHIP

Fellowship to the College of Radiologists, Singapore is automatic for all Fellows from the previously called Chapter of Radiologists, upon fulfilling their pledges for the Building Funds including full settlement of the Academy's annual subscription. The total membership of the College as at 31 December 2006 comprises:

Active	114
Retired	8

Breakdown of the distribution of Fellows according to specialties:

Diagnostic Radiologists	(95 Fellows)
Nuclear Medicine Physicians	(10 Fellows)
Radiation Oncologists	(17 Fellows)

We would also like to congratulate the following Fellows who have joined the College of Radiologists, Singapore in the year 2006

Dr Koh Wan Lin	(Diagnostic Radiology)
Dr Si-Hoe Cheng Kit	(Diagnostic Radiology)

### 4. MESSAGE FROM COLLEGE PRESIDENT

Dr Tan Kim Ping has penned 3 messages to the Fellows, as a means of keeping Fellows updated on College matters. Fellows can request copies of them from the project executive at crs@ams.edu.sg

### 5. FORWARD PLANNING

Since the strategic retreat on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2005, the College has embarked on a journey to redefine and shape the course and future of radiology in Singapore. Roadmaps were formulated and planned accordingly. Actions were taken as soon as possible to improve radiology beyond our wildest dreams.

Steering committees were formed to ensure the smooth execution of the targets in the respective roadmaps.

#### a) Steering Committee for Education and Specialty Training

<i>Chairman</i>	: A/Prof Wang Shih-Chang
<i>Members</i>	: Dr Ong Chiou Li Dr Angeline Poh

The education committee has come up with a proposal for a seamless system, which allows trainees to undergo

a continuous 5 year radiology training programme. In this programme, trainees are allowed the flexibility to attempt exams and subsequently to proceed to AST training without any disruption. It is currently being considered by the Specialist Training Committee and may be submitted later for approval by MOH

## b) Steering Committee for Professional Standards

*Chairman* : Dr Kwek Boon Han  
*Members* : Dr Andrew Tan  
 Dr Quek Swee Tian  
 Dr Lionel Cheng  
 Dr Judy Tan Sock Pheng  
 Dr Angeline Poh

## c) Steering Committee for Public Education

*Chairman* : Dr Kenneth Sheah

With regard to public education on radiology, Dr Kenneth Sheah came up with a plan to set up a website about radiology. An editorial company was also hired to write articles on various general medical topics, with an emphasis on imaging, to raise public awareness of the role the Radiologist plays in healthcare. Radiologists are encouraged to submit articles which are deemed interesting and informative for publication on the website. A stipend will be given for each article accepted for publication.

## d) Steering Committee for Research

*Chairman* : Dr Tchoyoson Lim

As part of an initiative to stimulate interest in research amongst radiologists, Dr Tchoyoson Lim organised a series of lectures by radiological researchers.

Attendance for lectures organised was good and showed that there was a small, but growing group of future radiological researchers. The series of research lectures are listed below:

4 April 2006

### **The Singapore Biomedical Sciences Initiative and Biomedical Imaging Consortium: Current Status and Future Directions**

*Speakers* : Prof Sir George Radda  
*Chairman*  
*Singapore Bioimaging Consortium (SBIC)*

Dr Andre Wan  
*Director*  
*Biomedical Research Council*  
*A\*Star*

*Chairperson:* Dr Tchoyoson Lim

15 August 2006

### **CORS research Symposium "Radiology Research - What is the scope? Lab and collaborative Radiology research"**

*Speaker* : A/Prof Wang Shih-Chang

*Chairperson* : Dr Tchoyoson Lim

## e) Steering Committee for Manpower

*Chairman* : Dr Vijay Sethi

## f) Steering Committee for Intercollegiate relationship

*Chairman* : Dr Tan Kim Ping

Efforts were made to foster closer relationships with the Hong Kong and Malaysia College of Radiologists. Both the Hong Kong and Malaysian Colleges were invited to present several lectures at the 41<sup>st</sup> SMCM. In order to further strengthen this bond, CRS representatives would be selected to attend or/and even present some Singaporean radiological works and research.

## 6. EUROPEAN CONGRESS OF RADIOLOGY 2006 (ECR 2006)

Singapore has been invited by the 18<sup>th</sup> ECR Committee to host one of the 'ECR meets...' programme. Responding to this invitation, Dr Tan Bien Soo led a 30 strong contingent from the College of Radiologists, Singapore and the Singapore Radiological Society to represent Singapore. The team put up an impressive programme: a booth which showcased the wonders of Singapore, a Singaporean scientific programme and lastly, an enchanting 'Singapore Evening' at the Semper Depot that had a spread of delectable Singaporean cuisine.

## 7. TELERADIOLOGY PANEL

*Chairman* : Dr Khoo Teng Kew  
*Members* : Dr Ng Fook Cheong  
 Dr Robert Kwok  
 Dr Vijay Kumar Sethi  
 Dr Jeffrey Goh

The Teleradiology Panel has been advising the MOH on the correct procedures for accrediting foreign teleradiology providers. Guidelines are being formulated to ensure the quality of films being read by local and foreign teleradiology providers. An audit programme will also be planned and implemented to ensure a safety assurance for films being read locally and overseas. Last but not least, the panel will also advise MOH on Teleradiology issues whenever the need arises.

## 8. TELERADIOLOGY TASK FORCE

*Chairman* : Dr Kho Kwang Mui  
*Members* : Dr Jeffrey Goh  
 Dr Si-Hoe Cheng Kit  
 Dr Chan Lai Peng  
 Dr Tchoyoson Lim  
 Dr Teh Hui Seong

The Teleradiology Task Force has been tasked to find a suitable teleradiology solution for a local teleradiology company. So far, 6 proposals have been received and are undergoing consideration. Whether a local teleradiology entity could be set up by CRS is also being considered.

## 9. CARDIAC CT LEVEL 2 ACCREDITATION

Following the huge success in the Cardiac CT course conducted in Jan 2007, CRS has created a programme to accredit radiologists up to level 2 for cardiac CT reading. The following are the members in the committee:

*Chairman* : Dr Tan Kim Ping  
*Training Coordinators* : Dr Yeong Kuan Yuen  
 Dr Gavin Tseng  
 Dr Robert Kwok  
 Dr Michael Teo  
 Dr Kwek Boon Han  
 Dr Kevin Chen  
 Dr Gregory Kaw

The accreditation is conducted in these various locations: Radiologic Clinic, Mount Elizabeth Medical Centre, Radlink, Asiamedic, Tan Tock Seng Hospital and Raffles Hospital. Trainees are expected to complete 50 cardiac CT cases and 25 angio correlated cases. The 25 angio correlated cases are to be done at Raffles Hospital. For fees, Fellows, who have no arrears, will only be charged \$300 for the accreditation. Non-Fellows are to be charged \$3000. Fellows, who want to attend the course, are encouraged to clear their arrears before attending.

Radiologists, who are interested in getting accreditation for level 2, are to contact crs@ams.edu.sg for registration.

## 10. CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

### (a) The following lectures were conducted in 2006:

20 February 2006

#### **Role of Iodine-131 MIBG in Paediatric Oncology**

*Speaker* : Dr Mark Nicholas Gaze  
*Consultant Clinical Oncologist*  
 Middlesex Hospital  
 University College London Hospitals

*Chairperson* : Dr Anthony Goh

5 April 2006

#### **Application of OnyxLiquid Embolic Agent in Cerebrovascular Lesion**

*Speaker* : Dr Andrew Molyneux  
*Consultant Neuroradiologist*  
 Frenchay Hospital  
 Bristol, United Kingdom

*Chairperson* : Dr Winston Lim

18 April 2006

#### **Practical Issues in the Management of Thyroid Cancer**

*Speaker* : Prof Paul Ladenson  
*Professor of Radiology,*  
 Johns Hopkins Thyroid Tumor Center

*Chairperson* : Dr Anthony Goh

21 June 2006

#### **Angioplasty and Stenting of Intracranial Atherosclerotic Stenosis: Acute Treatment, Results and Follow-up Analysis from the WINGSPAN Study**

*Speaker* : Prof Marius Konstantin Hartmann  
*Head of the Division of Interventional*  
*Neuroradiology,*  
 University of Heidelberg Medical Centre,  
 Germany

*Chairperson* : Dr Francis Hui

4 July 2006

#### **The MSK System: Imaging beyond the boundaries**

*Speaker* : Prof Rethy Chhem  
*Professor of Radiology and Anthropology,*  
*Chair of Diagnostic Radiology and*  
*Nuclear Medicine*  
 Schulich School of Medicine  
 University of Western Ontario, Canada

*Chairperson* : Dr Chan Lai Peng

27 September 2006

#### **Anchor/scaffold technique for embolotherapy: Keep it simple**

*Speaker* : Professor Robert I. White Jr.  
*Professor and Director,*  
 Vascular Malformation Group,  
 Yale, University School of Medicine

*Chairman* : Dr Tay Kiang Hiong

16 October 2006

#### **Advancement in the Management of Dialysis Fistulas and Grafts**

*Speaker* : Dr Dheeraj Rajan,  
*Head and Assistant Professor,*  
 Division of Vascular & Interventional  
 Radiology,  
 Department of Medical Imaging,  
 University of Toronto

*Chairman* : Dr Tay Kiang Hiong

**(b) The following AST CME lectures were conducted in 2006:**

5 January 2006

**Role of Breast Ultrasound**

Speakers : Dr Juliana Ho  
Dr Ching Boon Chye

2 February 2006

**Obstetric Fetal Anomaly Scans**

Speakers : Dr Ong Chiou Li  
Dr Bertrand Ang

6 April 2006

**Practical Spine Imaging**

Speakers : Dr Ian Tsou  
Dr Tan Kok Chye

4 May 2006

**Imaging of the larynx**

Speakers : Dr Tan Tiong Yong  
Dr Lee Yeong Shyan

8 June 2006

**Updates on TIPS**

Speakers : Dr Lau Te Neng  
Dr Howe Tse Chiang

6 July 2006

**Coronary CTA - lessons from catheter correlation**

Speakers : Dr Toh Kok Hong  
Dr Judy Tan Sock Pheng

24 August 2006

**Paediatric abdominal imaging**

Speakers : Prof David Stringer  
Dr Law Yan Mee

7 September 2006

**Breast Screening: Concepts, Approaches, Pitfalls and Outcomes**

Speakers : A/Prof Wang Shih-Chang  
Dr Eugene Ong Mun Wai

5 October 2006

**Musculoskeletal Intervention**

Speakers : Dr Chandra Mohan  
Dr Lee Yien Sien

2 November 2006

**Imaging of Potential Live Renal and Liver Donors**

Speakers : Dr Albert Low  
Dr Elizabeth Chan

7 December 2006

**CT scan for the abdomen - Early and Late**

Speakers : Dr Andrew Tan  
Dr Ng Keng Sin

**(c) The following workshops were conducted:**

13 and 14 March 2006

**New Frontiers in Interventional Neuroradiology Seminar and Live Neuro Workshop**

Speakers : Prof Jacques Moret  
Professor of Radiology  
University Bichat Beaujon,  
Paris, France

Mr Stefan Roggeveen  
CV Business Development Director Asia  
Pacific, Philips Medical Systems

Chairperson: Dr Francis Hui  
Dr Robert Kwok

**(d) Distance Learning Programme (DLP)**

CRS has been very diligent at uploading DLP for the Fellows. The DLP articles uploaded and the contributing radiologists are listed below:

Title	Contributor
Cortical Lesions of the Tibia: Characteristic Appearances at Conventional Radiography	Dr Quek Swee Tian
CT and MR Imaging of Benign Hepatic and Biliary Tumors	Dr Thng Choon Hua
Imaging-Based Nodal Classification for Evaluation of Neck Metastatic Adenopathy	Dr Julian Goh
Endovascular Treatment of Extracranial Carotid Artery Stenosis: Update on Carotid Angioplasty and Stenting	Dr Tchoyoson Lim

**11. 5<sup>TH</sup> REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON MEDICAL WRITING FOR RADIOLOGISTS 16 - 17 FEBRUARY 2006**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Regional Workshop on Medical Writing for Radiologists was held in conjunction with the 15<sup>th</sup> SRS Annual Scientific Meeting. Prof Wilfred Peh was the chairman of the workshop.

The workshop's main aim was to teach the essentials medical writing and stimulate research and publication among the radiology community in this part of Asia.

Boasting internationally reknowned lecturers, the workshop attracted approximately 50 participants.



## 12. 15<sup>th</sup> SRS ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING, 18 - 19 FEBRUARY 2006

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting was well-attended, attracting approximately 275 international and local participants. Jointly organised by the College of Radiologists, Singapore and the Singapore Radiological Society, the theme of the Meeting was 'Abdominal Imaging and Intervention'. Prof David Stringer was the chairperson of the meeting.

Recipients of awards during the meeting are listed below:

### Young Radiologist Award

Winner: Dr Gerald Tan

### Oral Paper Award

Winner: Dr Gavin Tseng

### Best Poster Award

Winner: Dr Sudhakar Venkatesh

### Film Quiz Award

Winner: Dr Tan Cher Heng

### Social Quiz Award

Winner: Dr Mark Gaze

## 13. 3<sup>RD</sup> F Y KHOO MEMORIAL LECTURE

Professor Adrian K Dixon presented the 3<sup>rd</sup> FY Khoo Memorial Lecture. The lecture, titled "Education, Professionalism, Outsourcing and the Future of Radiology", was delivered during the 15<sup>th</sup> Singapore Radiological Society Annual Scientific Meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> of February 2006. Dr Tan Kim Ping chaired the session and Prof David Stringer delivered the citation. Addressing the changing face of radiology with the rapid progress of technology, the lecture presented to the audience the rapid evolution of radiology and ideas on how they should respond to the challenges.

## 14. 40<sup>th</sup> MALAYSIA-SINGAPORE CONGRESS OF MEDICINE (40<sup>th</sup> MSCM), 24 - 27 AUGUST 2006

This Congress was held in Sunway Lagoon, Kuala Lumpur from 24 to 27 August 2006. Dr Tan Kim Ping represented the College of Radiologists, Singapore and was conferred Honorary Fellowship of the Malaysian College of Radiologists.

## 15. CAREERS IN RADIOLOGY: YOUR CUP OF TEA? (RADIOLOGY FORUM)

The Careers in Radiology Forum was held on the 28<sup>th</sup> of October 2006 at York Hotel. There was a huge turnout of 56 housemen and medical officers for the forum and high tea. 6 radiologists presented their lectures to entice these young doctors to take up the challenge of becoming a radiologist.

Speaker	Topic
Dr Ian Tsou	Diagnostic Radiology
Dr Tay Kiang Hiong	Interventional Radiology
Dr John Low	Radiation Oncology - Overview of specialty - development and available training - schemes
Dr Keith Lim	Radiation Oncology - The FRANZCR experience
Dr Anthony Goh	Nuclear Medicine
A/Prof Wang Shih-Chang	Radiological Research

## 16. APPRECIATION

The College wishes to record its appreciation and thanks to all Fellows and the project executive, Mr Tjan Wen Jie, for their invaluable support.

December 2006

Dr Gregory Kaw

Honorary Secretary

On behalf of the 2006-2007 Council, College of Radiologists, Singapore

## CHAPTER OF DIAGNOSTIC RADIOLOGISTS ANNUAL REPORT 2006

### 1. 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of Diagnostic Radiologists was held on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> April 2007 at the K W Chow Conference Room, Department of Diagnostic Radiology, Blk 2, Level 1, Singapore General Hospital. It was held in conjunction with the College of Radiologists, Singapore AGM.

### 2. The Chapter Specialty Board

The following Chapter Specialty Board continued to serve their office for a term of 2 years from 2005 - 2007.

<i>Chairman</i>	: Dr Samuel Ng
<i>Vice-Chairperson</i>	: Dr Ong Chiou Li
<i>Honorary Secretary</i>	: Dr Ian Tsou
<i>Board Members</i>	: Dr Tchoyoson Lim
	Dr Kwek Boon Han
	Dr Quek Swee Tian
	Dr Tay Kiang Hiong

The Chapter met 4 times to conduct the business and affairs of the Chapter for the year 2006.

### 3. MEMBERSHIP

As of the latest point of time, the Chapter has a total of 95 Fellows.

### 4. DISTANT LEARNING PROGRAMME (DLP)

The Chapter Specialty Board submitted 4 DLPs in the year 2006. The DLPs are on a quarterly basis. Those DLPs were uploaded and recorded in CRS 2006 annual report. The DLPs are ahead in time for submission till the month of September 2007 currently.

The DLPs are intended for general radiologists for further education and to obtain some CME points from the convenience of wherever there is internet.

The Chapter would also like to thank Dr Ong Chiou Li, Dr Tay Kiang Hiong and Dr Andrew Tan for submitting their DLP submissions for the year 2007.

### 5. CME LECTURES

The Chapter has been active in organising CME lectures for the benefit of the radiological community. CME lectures that were organised are recorded in CRS 2006 annual report.

The Chapter would like to thank the Singapore Radiological Society for co-organising the CME lectures together with the Chapter and CRS.

### 6. AST CME LECTURES

In order to further train the ASTs and future radiologists, the Chapter set a monthly AST CME lecture programme whereby ASTs will be required to present a topic given to them. A moderator will be attached to them to aid them in the lecture.

The main aim of the AST CME lectures is to expose the AST to various topics across the breadth and depth of radiology, with input from local experts. In addition, the AST could gain an opportunity for public speaking and presentation.

The Chapter would like to thank the moderators who have volunteered their precious time to guide the radiology ASTs and give a presentation. The list of AST CME lectures titles and speakers are recorded in CRS 2006 annual report.

The Chapter would like to thank the Singapore Radiological Society for co-organising the AST CME lectures together with the Chapter and CRS.

### 7. STRATEGIC ROADMAPS

The Chapter has been actively planning and executing the various roadmaps to further advance radiology in Singapore.

#### a) Steering Committee for Education and Specialty Training

*Chairman* : A/Prof Wang Shih-Chang  
*Members* : Dr Ong Chiou Li  
Dr Angeline Poh

#### b) Steering Committee for Professional Standards

*Chairman* : Dr Kwek Boon Han  
*Members* : Dr Andrew Tan  
Dr Quek Swee Tian  
Dr Judy Tan Sock Pheng  
Dr Angeline Poh  
Dr Lionel Cheng

#### c) Steering Committee for Public Education

*Chairman* : Dr Kenneth Sheah

#### d) Steering Committee for Research

*Chairman* : Dr Tchoyoson Lim

- e) **Steering Committee for Manpower**  
*Chairman* : Dr Vijay Sethi
- f) **Steering Committee for Intercollegiate relationship**  
*Chairman* : Dr Tan Kim Ping

## 8. FUTURE PROJECTS

The Chapter will plan

- Cross specialty collaboration with radiation oncologists and nuclear medicine physicians, as well as other medical specialties.
- Additional guidelines for clinical practice and research.

- Maintenance of present guidelines.
- Further training for ASTs.

For guidelines, Dr Kwek Boon Han and the steering committee for professional standards will be aiding in the maintenance and addition of guidelines. They will obtain information and resources from local and foreign expertise as needed.

December 2006  
Dr Ian Tsou  
Honorary Secretary  
2006 - 2007 Chapter of Diagnostic Radiologists

## CHAPTER OF RADIATION ONCOLOGISTS ANNUAL REPORT 2006

### 9. 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of Radiation Oncologists was held on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> April 2006 at the K W Chow Conference Room, Department of Diagnostic Radiology, Blk 2, Level 1, Singapore General Hospital. It was held in conjunction with the College of Radiologists, Singapore AGM.

### 10. THE CHAPTER SPECIALTY BOARD

The following Chapter Specialty Board continued to serve their office for a term of 2 years from 2005 - 2007.

<i>Chairman</i>	: Dr Chua Eu Tiong
<i>Vice-Chairperson</i>	: Dr Lee Khai Mun
<i>Honorary Secretary</i>	: Dr Susan Loong
<i>Board Members</i>	: Dr Lee Kim Shang
	Dr Terence Tan
	Dr Edward Yang

The Chapter met 2 times to conduct the business and affairs of the Chapter for the year 2006.

### 11. CME LECTURES

The Chapter has been active in organising CME lectures for the benefit of the radiological community. CME lectures that were organised are recorded in CRS 2006 annual report.

### 12. STRATEGIC ROADMAPS

The Chapter has been actively planning and executing the various roadmaps to further advance radiation oncology in Singapore.

### 13. FUTURE PROJECTS

The Chapter will plan

- Cross specialty collaboration with diagnostic radiologists and nuclear medicine physicians, as well as other medical specialties.
- Take part in the Singapore Cancer Society Public Forum.

December 2006  
Dr Susan Loong  
Honorary Secretary  
2006 - 2007 Chapter of Radiation Oncologists

**CHAPTER OF NUCLEAR MEDICINE PHYSICIANS  
ANNUAL REPORT 2006****14. 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of Diagnostic Radiologists was held on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> April 2007 at the K W Chow Conference Room, Department of Diagnostic Radiology, Blk 2, Level 1, Singapore General Hospital. It was held in conjunction with the College of Radiologists, Singapore AGM.

**15. THE CHAPTER SPECIALTY BOARD**

The following Chapter Specialty Board continued to serve their office for a term of 2 years from 2005 - 2007.

Chairman : Dr Anthony Goh  
Vice-Chairperson : Dr Mahmood Shahid  
Honorary Secretary : Dr David Ng  
Board Members: Dr Gilbert Keng  
Dr Ong Seng Chuan  
Dr Wong Wai Yin

The Chapter met 2 times to conduct the business and affairs of the Chapter for the year 2006.

**16. CME LECTURES**

The Chapter has been active in organising CME lectures for the benefit of the radiological community. CME lectures that were organised are recorded in CRS 2006 annual report.

**17. STRATEGIC ROADMAPS**

The Chapter has been actively planning and executing the various roadmaps to further advance nuclear medicine in Singapore.

**18. FUTURE PROJECTS**

The Chapter will plan

- Cross specialty collaboration with diagnostic radiologists and radiation oncologists, as well as other medical specialties.
- Take part in the Singapore Cancer Society Public Forum.

December 2006  
Dr David Ng  
Honorary Secretary  
2006 - 2007 Chapter of Nuclear Medicine Physicians

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(INCORPORATED IN THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE)  
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## 2006-2007 Council



### *Standing (Left to Right)*

*Dr Lim Beng Hai (Chairman, Chapter of Hand Surgeons), Dr Vincent Yeow (Chairman, Chapter of Plastic Surgeons), Dr Adrian Leong (Chairman, Chapter of General Surgeons), Dr Chua Yeow Leng (Chairman, Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons), Dr David Consigliere (Chairman, Chapter of Urologists), Dr Wong Sen Chow (Honorary Treasurer), Dr Chumpon Chan (Chairman, Chapter of Neurosurgeons), Dr Low Yin Peng (Chairman, Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons), Dr Lim Tock Han (Chairman, Chapter of Ophthalmologists)*

### *Seated (Left to Right)*

*Dr Prema Raj Jeyaraj (Honorary Secretary), Dr Billy Tan BH (Council Member), Dr T. Ravintharan (Vice-President, Education), Dr Anthony Heng (President), Dr Chan Heng Thye (President-Elect), Dr Tong Ming Chuan (Council Member)*

### *Absent with apologies*

*Dr Siow Jin Keat (Chairman, Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists), Dr Anette Jacobsen (Chairman, Chapter of Paediatric Surgeons)*

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the College of Surgeons, Singapore will be held on Friday, 25 May 2007 at 6.00pm at the Lecture Theatre, Gleneagles Hospital, 6A Napier Road, Singapore 258500. Refreshments will be served from 5.30pm to 6.00pm. Complimentary car park coupons will be given upon request.

### AGENDA

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 30th June 2006.
2. Matters Arising.
3. Report of the 2006-2007 Council.
4. Presentation of the Audited Accounts as at 31 December 2006.
5. Election of the 2007-2009 Council.  
The following nominations to the 2007-2009 Council have been received and accepted:

Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Dr Low Yin Peng	Dr Anthony Heng	Dr Chan Heng Thye
Dr Leong Peng Kheong, Adrian Francis	Dr Anthony Heng	Dr Chan Heng Thye
Dr Tan Khiaw Ngiap, James	Dr Prema Raj Jeyaraj	Dr Tharmalingan Ravintharan

6. Appointment of the President 2007-2009.
7. Re-appointment of the Auditors & Company Secretary.
8. Review of the criteria of the following Funds under the purview of the College of Surgeons, Singapore:
  - DWC Gawne Fund
  - Lee Foundation / Tan Sri Dr Runme Shaw Foundation/  
World Orthopaedic  
Fellowships in Orthopaedic Surgery
  - College of Surgeons Travelling Fellowship Fund
  - Yahya Cohen Memorial Lecture Fund
9. Other business, notice of which shall be given in writing to the Company Secretary at least seven days prior to such meeting.

4 May 2007  
Dr Prema Raj Jeyaraj  
Honorary Secretary

## 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting held on Friday, 30 June 2006 at 6.00 pm at Lecture Theatre (Level 3) at Gleneagles Hospital, 6A Napier Road, Singapore 258500

*Present:*

Dr Ang Sze Wee, Erik  
 Dr Chan Heng Thye  
 Dr Chan Siew Chee  
 Dr Chua Yeow Leng  
 Dr Consigliere, David Terrence  
 Dr Fu Raw Yueh, Esther  
 Dr Heng, Anthony  
 Dr Hoe Nan Yuh, Michael  
 Dr Huang Shoo Chyuan  
 Dr Jacobsen, Anette Sundfor  
 Dr Jeyaraj, Prema Raj  
 Dr Lim Beng Hai  
 Dr Lim Chong Sian  
 Dr Lim Tock Han  
 Dr Lee Kiam-Yiu, Timothy  
 Dr Leong Hoo Kwong  
 Dr Low Yin Peng  
 Dr Murugasu, Euan  
 Dr Phua Cheng Chee, Raymond  
 Dr Sayampanathan, Sarvaselan R E  
 Dr See Chye Heng, Andrew  
 Dr Siow Jin Keat  
 Dr Tan Ban Hock, Billy  
 Dr Tan Kim Siang, Luke  
 Dr Tan Mak Yong  
 Dr Tharmalingan Ravintharan  
 Dr Tay Kah Phuan  
 Dr Tong Ming Chuan  
 Dr Wong Sen Chow  
 Dr Wong Soong Kuan  
 Dr Woon Yng Yng, Bertha  
 Dr Yap Peng Leng, Karen

*Absent with apologies:*

Dr Ang Chong Lye  
 Dr Caleb Michael George  
 Dr Chan Kong Thoe  
 Dr Chacha Pesi Bejonji  
 Dr Cheah Wei Keat  
 Dr Chee Tien Yen, Christopher  
 Dr Cheng Wai Sam, Christopher  
 Dr Cheng Wei Nien  
 Dr Chua Ee Chek  
 Dr Chuah Chee Leng, Gerard  
 Dr Chumpon Chantharakulpongsa  
 Dr Daruwalla, Jimmy Shiovux  
 Dr Eu Kong Weng  
 Dr Esuvaranathan Kesavan  
 Dr Fareed Husain Yusuf Kagda  
 Dr Gangadhara Sundar JK  
 Dr Geh Min  
 Dr Goh Kong Yong  
 Dr Goh Yu-Ching, Keith  
 Dr Ho Choon Kiat  
 Dr Ho Kee Wai, Tony

Absent with apologies (cont'd):

Dr Ho Soon Teck  
 Dr K. Satku  
 Dr Khoo Chee Min, James  
 Dr Ko Eng Suan, Suwandi  
 Dr Koong Heng Nung  
 Dr Kuek Bak Khim, Leslie  
 Dr Lau Chee Chong  
 Dr Lee Chong Hwa, James  
 Dr Lee Yew Chung, Peter  
 Dr Leong Peng Kheong, Adrian Francis  
 Dr Leong Hin Seng  
 Dr Li Man Kay  
 Dr Lim Huat Chye, Peter  
 Dr Lim Wee Kiak  
 Dr Loh Choo Kiat, Robert  
 Dr Loh Ser Kheng, Dale Lincoln  
 Dr Low Cheng Ooi  
 Dr Mack On Pui, Peter  
 Dr Madhukumar Preeetha  
 Dr Mok Kan Hwei, Paul  
 Dr Ong Nai Theow  
 Dr Pan Chuan-Hsin, James  
 Dr Pang Ah San  
 Dr Pillay Vettivaloo Kandasamy  
 Dr Sen Benoy Kumar  
 Dr Seow Wan Tew  
 Dr Shanker Pasupathy  
 Dr Sim Richard  
 Dr Soin Kanwaljit Kaur d/o Gurnam Singh  
 Dr Tan Eng Choon  
 Dr Tan Hong Kiat  
 Dr Tan Nghoh Chuan  
 Dr Tan Poh Choo, Mona  
 Dr Tan Tiang Hwee, Donald  
 Dr Tan Yu-Meng  
 Dr Tan Tin Kiat, Robert  
 Dr Tay Tze-Hsin, Marc  
 Dr Tang Choong Leong  
 Dr Teh Peng Hooi  
 Dr Tung Kean Hin  
 Dr Wong Hee Kit  
 Dr Wong Wai Keong  
 Dr Wee Siew Bock  
 Dr Wong Ee Pui  
 Dr Wong Siang Yih, Andrew  
 Dr Yeoh Kian Hian  
 Dr Yeow Kok Leng, Vincent  
 Dr Yong Chee Kong

In attendance:

Ms Geetha d/o Ammaiyappan  
*Auditor, Geetha A. & Associates*  
 Mr Daniel Goh  
*Accountant, Academy of Medicine, Singapore*  
 Ms Marianne Yee  
*Secretariat by appointment,*  
*Orient Explorer (S) Pte Ltd*  
 Ms Teresa Cheng  
*Project Executive*  
*Academy of Medicine, Singapore*

**PREAMBLE**

Dr Anthony Heng, President of the Council of the College, called the meeting to order at 6.00 pm. He welcomed and thanked Fellow surgeons for attending the 2<sup>nd</sup> College Annual General Meeting.

**1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE 1st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 2 JULY 2005**

Dr Wong Sen Chow highlighted that his name was not reflected in the attendance list in the last Minutes. Other than this error, the Minutes was adopted as true and correct as proposed by Dr Chan Heng Thye and seconded by Dr Sayampanathan, Sarvaselan R E.

**2. REPORT OF THE 2005-2006 COUNCIL**

The House adopted the Annual Report of the Council for the year 2005 as proposed by Dr Bertha Woon and seconded by Dr Sayampanathan, Sarvaselan R E.

**3. CONFIRMATION OF THE AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR 2005**

The House

- a) received from the Honorary Treasurer Dr Wong Sen Chow, a verbal presentation, with the aid of illustrations from slides where appropriate, of the audited accounts of the College as at 31 December 2005;
- b) Dr Wong reminded the House that the College of Surgeons currently has 456 members - 393 locals, 8 overseas and 55 retired. Currently, 25% of the collected annual subscription fees of Fellows in the College are credited from the Academy of Medicine, Singapore to the College's account;
- c) heard that there was a revenue of S\$5,013 last year due to the share of profits earned from the 39th Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine event;
- d) noted that the bulk of the operating expenses was for the rental of AV equipment for the 37th Annual Combined Surgical Meeting and the rest of the expenses were for the professional fees for College's Institute of Public Character registration, the auditor & company secretary fees and the printing of stationeries/brochures;
- e) noted that there was an operating surplus of S\$32,198 for the year ended 31 December 2005;
- f) heard that the following specialty related funds amounting to a total of S\$756,138 is currently under the purview of the College of Surgeons:
  - Accumulated funds of S\$47,823 - this is cash on hand used for daily operating purpose.
  - DWC Gawne Fund of S\$2,686 - this fund is currently inactive.



- Chapter of Surgeons Travelling Fellowship Fund of S\$233,699 - this is used to fund young surgeons to overseas for attending of meetings / events.
- Shaw Foundation Fund of S\$186,744 and Lee Foundation fund of S\$160,072 - this is used to fund overseas surgeons to Singapore for a one-year fellowship.
- Yahya Cohen Memorial Lecture Fund of S\$119,666 - this is used for the annual Yahya Cohen Memorial Lecture in awarding a gold medal and cash prize to the winning paper.
- MRSC Course Fund of S\$5,448

Dr Wong highlighted that the objectives for which the funds were originally set up for must be honoured and adhered to. Hence, the funds in these specific funds must not be used for any other purposes. However, due to the low interest earned in the Savings accounts for all these funds, Dr Wong & Dr Heng will suggest to Dr Tan Kim Ping (Executive Director of the Academy of Medicine) to place all funds into Fixed Deposit accounts at a three monthly intervals to earn a higher interest.

The College Council accepted the appointment of the newly appointed Auditor, Geetha A. & Associates for the year ending 31 December 2006. The House accepted and passed the audited accounts as proposed by Dr Bertha Woon and seconded by Dr Sayampanathan, Sarvaselan R E.

#### 4. CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF 17 COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR 2005-2007

Dr Anthony Heng mentioned that all the present 17 College Council Members shall continue to sit on the Board for 2006-2007, with the re-nomination and acceptance of Council members Dr Tong Ming Chuan and Dr Billy Tan.

#### 5. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS & COMPANY SECRETARY

Dr Anthony Heng highlighted that the previous auditor, G S Tan has resigned in a short timeframe and the Academy of Medicine has engaged a new auditor, Geetha A. & Associates for year ending 31 December 2006. Under the agreement of the Academy, all Colleges shall be using

the same auditor and company secretary. Dr Heng welcomed and introduced Ms Geetha to the House and hoped that the new auditor and the College can work in close collaborations to better manage the College's accounts.

#### 6. ANY OTHER MATTERS

6.1 Dr Anthony Heng announced to the House of the following:

- a) The American College of Surgeons has opened its International Guest Scholarships to overseas young surgeons aged 35-44 for application and the deadline is by 1<sup>st</sup> July 2006.
- b) The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh will be sending a team of 4 examiners to Singapore for the MMED and exit exams from 14-18 August 2006. The College of Surgeons, Singapore has agreed to sponsor one of the distant lecturer to give a Royal College Lecture on one of the days.

6.2 Dr T Ravintharan and Dr Siow Jin Keat suggested to circulate the list of current office-bearers and the Chapter committees to the College members again for their information. Most members were unsure of the College's Council Board members and the Chairman of all the Chapters were unsure of their own committee members due to a lapse in the administrative support.

There being no further matters, the meeting ended at 6.30 pm.

Minutes recorded by:

Ms Teresa Cheng  
Project Executive (Academy of Medicine, Singapore)  
with inputs from Ms Marianne Yee  
Secretariat by appointment (Orient Explorer (S) Pte Ltd)

Vetted by:

Dr Prema Raj Jeyaraj (Honorary Secretary)

Approved by:

Dr Anthony Heng (President)

## Annual Report of the 2006-2007 Council

### 1. 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the College of Surgeons, Singapore was held on Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2006 at 6.00pm in Lecture Theatre (Level 3) at Gleneagles Hospital, 6A Napier Road, Singapore 258500.

#### 1.1 The College Council

The following Council Members were elected to the 2006-2007 Council after the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting:

*President*

Dr Anthony Heng

*President-Elect*

Dr Chan Heng Thy

*Vice-President, Education*

Dr Ravintharan Tharmalingam

*Honorary Secretary*

Dr Prema Raj Jeyaraj

*Honorary Treasurer*

Dr Wong Sen Chow

*Council Members*

Dr Tan Ban Hock, Billy

Dr Tong Ming Chuan

*Chairman, Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons*

Dr Chua Yeow Leng

*Chairman, Chapter of General Surgeons*

Dr Leong Peng Kheong, Adrian Francis

*Chairman, Chapter of Hand Surgeons*

Dr Lim Beng Hai

*Chairman, Chapter of Neurosurgeons*

Dr Chumpon Chantharakulpongsa

*Chairman, Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists*

Dr Siow Jin Keat

*Chairman, Chapter of Ophthalmologists*

Dr Lim Tock Han

*Chairman, Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons*

Dr Low Yin Peng

*Chairman, Chapter of Paediatric Surgeons*

Dr Anette Jacobsen

*Chairman, Chapter of Plastic Surgeons*

Dr Yeow Kok Leng, Vincent

*Chairman, Chapter of Urologists*

Dr David Terrence Consigliere

### 1.2 Board of Specialty Chapters

The Board of the various Specialty Chapters has been elected as follows after the first Board Meeting:

#### Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Chairman : Dr. Chua Yeow Leng  
 Vice-Chairman : Dr. Wong Poo Sing  
 Honorary Secretary : Dr. Lim Chong Hee  
 Members : Dr. Michael George Caleb  
 Dr. Lim See Lim  
 Dr. Tan Yong Seng

#### Chapter of General Surgeons

Chairman : Dr. Leong Peng Kheong,  
 Adrian Francis  
 Vice-Chairman : Dr. Swaminathan Ikshuvanam  
 Honorary Secretary : Dr. Lim Teck Hock, Dennis  
 Members: Dr. Cheah Wei Keat  
 Dr. Kum Cheng Kiong  
 Dr. Chan Hsiang Sui

#### Chapter of Hand Surgeons

Chairman : Dr. Lim Beng Hai  
 Vice-Chairman : Dr. Tan Soo Heong  
 Honorary Secretary : Dr. Tan Ter Chyan  
 Members : Dr. Chin Yuan Hui, Andrew  
 Dr. Chong Khin Sze, Alphonsus  
 (in replacement of Dr. Aymeric Lim)

#### Chapter of Neurosurgeons

Chairman : Dr. Chumpon Chantharakulpongsa  
 Vice-Chairman : Dr. Ong Peck Leong  
 Honorary Secretary : Dr. Seow Wan Tew  
 Members : Dr. Hwang Ying Khai, Peter  
 Dr. John Thomas  
 Dr. Tan Kheng Kooi

#### Chapter of Ophthalmologists

Chairman : Dr. Lim Tock Han  
 Vice-Chairman : Dr. Ong Sze Guan  
 Honorary Secretary : Dr. Aung Tin  
 Members: Dr. Fam Han Bor  
 Dr. Heng Wee Jin  
 Dr. Lim Li

#### Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons

Chairman : Dr. Low Yin Peng  
 Vice-Chairman : Dr. Chang Wei Chun  
 Honorary Secretary : Dr. Jimmy Shiavux Daruwalla  
 Members : Dr. Chan Heng Thy  
 Dr. Wong Hee Kit

#### Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists

Chairman : Dr. Siow Jin Keat  
 Vice-Chairman : Dr. Leong Hoo Kwong  
 Honorary Secretary : Dr. Huang Shouu Chyuan  
 Members : Dr. Chee Wang Cheng, Nelson  
 Dr. Euan Murugasu  
 Dr. Tan Kim Siang, Luke  
 Dr. Yeo Seng Beng

## Chapter of Paediatric Surgeons

Chairman : Dr. Anette S. Jacobsen  
 Vice-Chairman : Dr. Loh Ser Kheng, Dale Lincoln  
 Honorary Secretary : Dr. Chui Chan Hon  
 Members: Dr. Prabhakaran Krishnan  
 Dr. Low Yee  
 Dr. Ong Nai Theow

## Chapter of Plastic Surgeons

Chairman : Dr. Yeow Kok Leng, Vincent  
 Vice-Chairman : Dr. Lim Jiun, Ivor  
 Honorary Secretary : Dr. Ang Sze Wee, Erik  
 Members: Dr. Khoo Kian Ming, Andrew  
 Dr. Wu Tze-Liang, Woffles  
 Dr. Yeap Choong Lieng

## Chapter of Urologists

Chairman : Dr. David Terrence Consigliere  
 Vice-Chairman : Dr. Chia Sing Joo  
 Honorary Secretary : Dr. Tan Peng Kok  
 Members : Dr. Cheng Wai Sam, Christopher  
 Dr. Foo Keong Tatt  
 Dr. Ng Foo Cheong  
 Dr. Tan Eng Choon

## 2. MEMBERSHIP

The total membership as of 31 December 2006 now stands at 456 Fellows comprising of 450 Local Fellows and 6 Overseas Fellows.

## 3. COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Council met once every two months to conduct the business and affairs of the College. At the time of writing the Annual Report, the 2006-2007 Council had met four times.

## 4. CHAPTER BOARD MEETINGS

At the time of writing the Annual Report, the Board of the various Specialty Chapters have met a total of fifteen times.

## 5. COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

At the time of writing the Annual Report, Dr Anthony Heng, the College President, has written three College Newsletters that serves as a communication tool to update all Fellows of College matters and activities.

## 6. CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

Prof. Ernst Wolner, Head of Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery, Medical University of Vienna delivered an interesting lecture on "Future of Cardiac Surgery" in the Inaugural Dinner Lecture organised by the Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons on Tuesday, 7 November 2006 at Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel. Coupled with a sumptuous five-course western set dinner, Dr Saw Huat Seong also shared on "Brief History of Cardiac Surgery"

with the audience that mainly comprised Members from the Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons, other heart surgeons and nurses from both National Heart Centre and National University Hospital. This Inaugural Dinner Lecture was chaired by Dr Chua Yeow Leng and cited by Dr Lim Chong Hee.

## 7. PRESTIGIOUS LECTURE

Mr John A R Smith, President of The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh (RCSEd) delivered a Prestigious Lecture on "Quincentenary & Beyond" on 16 August 2006 at the Trader's Hotel and chaired by Dr Anthony Heng. Mr Smith provided a brief history of RCSEd, updated the audience on the celebration of the Quincentenary week of RCSEd - a celebration of 500 years of establishment & beyond - and also spoke on the future of surgical training in United Kingdom and overseas.

## 8. RACS LECTURE

Dr Pam Montgomery, Director of Fellowship & Standards of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) delivered a lecture on the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Programme of RACS on 8 December 2006 at the Gleneagles Hospital and chaired by Dr Chan Heng Thye. Dr Montgomery has also spent some time with the College Council on the discussion of the partnership of the CPD Programme between RACS and the College of Surgeons, Singapore.

## 9. 11<sup>TH</sup> YAHYA COHEN MEMORIAL LECTURESHIP

The paper entitled "Comparative Study of the Ability of Mesenchymal Stem Cells Derived from Bone Marrow, Periosteum, and Adipose Tissue in Treatment of Partial Growth Arrest in Rabbit" submitted by A/Prof James Hui Hoi Po (Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons) has been selected for the 11<sup>th</sup> Yahya Cohen Memorial Lecture Award and A/Prof James Hui will be recognised as the Yahya Cohen Memorial Lecturer. The presentation of the winning paper and the award ceremony will take place in the 41<sup>st</sup> Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine in July 2007 so as to attract a bigger audience and to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore.

## 10. COLLEGE OF SURGEONS TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIP

The College has awarded the College of Surgeons Travelling Fellowship in Year 2006 to the following Council Members who have attended meeting/events representing the College:

1. Dr Ravintharan Tharmalingam for attending the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons Annual Scientific Congress in Sydney from 15-19 May 2006.
2. Dr Leong Peng Kheong, Adrian Francis for attending the Conjoint Scientific Congress jointly organised by the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh and the

College of Surgeons of Hong Kong in Hong Kong from 10-13 October 2006.

## 11. REPRESENTING ACADEMY IN ATTENDANCE OF MEETINGS INVITED BY FRATERNAL COLLEGES

The following Council Members have represented the Master of the Academy in attendance of the meetings/ events invited by fraternal Colleges:

1. Dr Chan Heng Thye for attending the International Association of College & Academy Presidents Meeting organised by the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh in Hong Kong on 12 October 2006.
2. Dr Low Yin Peng for attending the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Clinical Congress organised by the Philippine College of Surgeons in Philippines from 3-6 December 2006.

## 12. DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAMME

The Distance Learning Programme allows Fellows to attempt Continuing Medical Education modules online with flexibility and at their own convenient time to gain CME points.

The Chapter of Plastic Surgeons has submitted the module on "Achieving a Zero Percent Re-operation Rate at 3 Years in a 50-Consecutive-Case Augmentation Mammoplasty Pre-market Approval Study".

Fellows who wish to access the Distance Learning Programme may do so by using their MCR number and password to login at the member secured login area at the Academy of Medicine's website.

## 13. ENDORSEMENT OF EVENTS

The College has endorsed the below events in 2006:

1. Advanced/Metastatic Breast Cancer Symposium held on 15 November 2006 at Trader's Hotel.
2. SSO-Novartis Retina Forum to be held on 12 January 2007 at The Regent Hotel, Singapore.
3. Prophylaxis against Venous Thrombosis in Orthopaedic and Other Surgical Patients - Questions and Evidence from an Asian Perspective Lecture to be held on 17 January 2007 at Sheraton Towers Hotel.

## 14. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT-ELECT 2006-2007

As at the nomination deadline of 11 October 2006 at 5.30 pm, one nomination has been received and accepted:

Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Dr Chan Heng Thye	Dr Low Yin Peng	Dr Anthony Heng

The President-Elect shall take office as the President in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the College on the completion of the term of the incumbent President.

## 15. APPRECIATION

The College wishes to record its appreciation to all Fellows and the Secretariat Staff of the College for their support rendered in the past year and look forward to their ongoing support for future projects.

December 2006  
 Dr Prema Raj Jeyaraj  
 Honorary Secretary  
 On behalf of 2006-2007 Council, College of Surgeons,  
 Singapore



Members of Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons with distinguished guests, Dr Anthony Heng (College President) & Prof. Ho Lai Yun (Master of AMS).



Dr Anthony Heng, College President presenting a token of appreciation to Mr John A R Smith.



Dr Pam Montgomery of RACS with Prof. Ho Lai Yun (Master), Dr Anthony Heng (College President) & Dr T. Ravintharan (VP, Education).



*Standing (left to right):*

*Ms Pamela Hwee, Ms Wendy Siew, Ms Kirat Kaur, Ms Tan Lay Hoon, Ms Theresa Cheng, Ms Clare Teo, Ms Nancy Chew, Ms Sharon Loo, Ms Shanita Nadarajan*

*Seated (left to right):*

*Mr Daniel Goh, Mr Tjan Wen Jie, Dr Tan Kim Ping, Mr Cheong Kah Seng, Ms Yong Bee Choon*

*Absent:*

*Ms Koh Ai Ling*



*Staff and Dr Tan Kim Ping having lunch at Capital Restaurant.*



1957 – 1959	Gordon A Ransome
1959 – 1960	C Elaine Field
1960 – 1961	DWC Gawne
1961 – 1964	Gwee Ah Leng
1964 – 1966	Khoo Oon Teik
1966 – 1968	K Shanmugaratnam
1968 – 1970	Yahya Cohen
1970 – 1973	Seah Cheng Siang
1973 – 1975	Chew Chin Hin
1975 – 1978	Robert C K Loh
1978 – 1980	V K Pillay
1980 – 1982	Lim Pin
1982 – 1984	Chow Khuen Wai
1984 – 1987	Lawrence K C Chan
1987 – 1990	Tan Ngoh Chuan
1990 – 1992	Raj Nambiar
1992 – 1995	Chao Tzee Cheng
1995 – 1998	Tan Ser Kiat
1998 – 2000	Dr Chee Yam Cheng
2000 – 2002	Walter T L Tan
2002 – 2004	K Satku
2004 – 2006	Low Cheng Hock
2006 – 2008	Ho Lai Yun