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Master's Message

The last 6 months have been eventful for the Academy.



First, in October 2008 we moved to our current and fifth home at the NKF Centre. This will be our home for the next 18 years. Some of you may recall our first home at the Alumni Medical Centre where we had a little room with only two full-time staff from 1957 to 1986. For a short time, we were in a temporary premise at Harrower Hall before moving to the College of Medicine Building in 1987. Our last home was at 142 Neil Road where we stayed for 7 years from 2001 to October 2008 because it was getting too small to accommodate 25 AMS staff and 19 JCST staff. On 6 February 2009, AMS held an Open House cum Chinese New Year celebration and a total of 150 Fellows attended the Open House. I am delighted to see such strong support from our Fellow Academicians.

Second, as part of our efforts to go paperless and enhance the benefits of our Fellows, we are launching the AMS membership card. The card comes with a barcode that is unique to each individual member. With this card, Fellows now no longer need to sign on the forms for CME points at ALL AMS events and conferences. Simply present your card to the staff for scanning and the information will be updated into the computer for transmission to SMC. All Fellows will be issued with this card and I strongly encourage each of you to support AMS "green" effort by going paperless and using this card.

Third, the AMS website has been revamped and the new AMS website is more user-friendly and most importantly provides an on-line e-forum where members can login and share their feedbacks with the fellow academicians in a dynamic fashion.

Fourth, in my last communication in September 2008, I mentioned that the next priority was to form standing committees to carry out activities that fulfill the objectives of the Academy. Most of these new standing committees* have met and they will be submitting an official report to the Council every half-yearly. The founding Fellows have set noble objectives for the Academy: the primary objective being to develop postgraduate specialist education and training in Singapore. Some 50 years later, the vision of the Academy was reworded at the Council Meeting on 7 January 2008 to "to be a leading institution for postgraduate medical education in the region". Along with this, the council further widens the scope of its mission to include a public role. The mission of the Academy is to "advance the art and science of medicine through (a) postgraduate specialist training, (b) maintenance of high standards of competency and ethical integrity through continuous professional development, and (c) generation and dissemination of information and knowledge to the public on health issues. The challenge now is for the current and future generations of academicians to work together towards realising the vision of the Academy. We look forward to the contributions that all Fellows can make to uphold the high ideals of the Academy and to work towards their attainment.

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*Available at: www.ams.edu.sg/council.asp

Also, look out for the first tripartite congress entitled “44th Malaysia-Congress of Medicine/1st AMM-AMS-HKAM Tripartite Congress” that would be held in Hong Kong in 2010. At the first Working Meeting of the 1st AMM-AMS-HKAM Tripartite Congress which was held in Hong Kong on 14 November 2008, the Academy of Medicine of Malaysia, AMS and Hong Kong Academy of Medicine agreed that a Tripartite Congress be held every 3 years, to be hosted by the 3 academies by rotation. This Tripartite Congress would not interrupt with the annual Malaysia-Singapore Congress of Medicine. The second tripartite congress would be held in 2013 to coincide with the 47th Singapore Malaysia Congress of Medicine hosted by Singapore. An MOU is being prepared for the tripartite relationship. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the best in 2009.

Finally, please mark 6-8 August 2009 on your calendar for the 43rd Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine (SMCM) in Singapore at the Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel. The theme is “Conquering Morbidity and Mortality in the Next Decade”. I hope that all Fellows will turn up in full force in support of the Academy.

Fock Kwong Ming
Master, 2008-2009
Council



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INDUCTION COMITIA
11 Nov 2008



This year, the Academy held its Induction Comitia at the auditorium of the NKF Centre on 11 November 2008. The Guest of Honour was Mr Hawazi Daipi, Senior Parliamentary Secretary (Manpower & Health).

Event highlights:

- Presentation of Past Master Medallion to Prof Ho Lai Yun
- Presentation of Council Medal to Prof Gilbert Chiang
- Distinguished Academician Lecture 2008 delivered by Prof Stephen Robson
- Induction of 57 new Fellows

HEALTH MINISTER'S VISIT, DEC 2008



Minister of Health, Dr Khaw Boon Wan made an unofficial visit to the Academy's premises on 11 December 2008. Master, Assistant Master, Past Master and General Manager, AMS gave a quick tour of the premises followed with a presentation of AMS by Master.

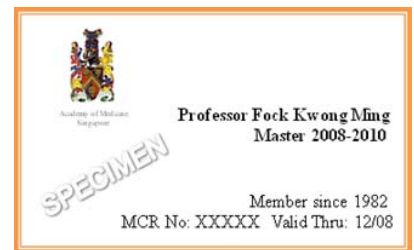
AMS CELEBRATES YEAR OF THE OX

Around 150 Fellows and guests attended the AMS open house to usher in the Year of the Ox at the AMS new premises at NKF Centre on Friday, 6 February 2009. The event was a great opportunity for the members to meet up with old friends and fellow academicians. The main highlight of the evening was the collection of the **AMS 25th year silver medal** by members who have been with the Academy for 25 years and above. Members were delighted and teasingly enquiring for a gold medal. In addition, members also received the newly launched **AMS membership card**. Fellows will no longer need to fill in their particulars and sign in their attendance at all AMS events and conferences for CME points. The evening's programme also included the launch of the **AMS new website** by Ms Yong Ying-I, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health Singapore.

Members and guests participated in the traditional Singapore Chinese New Year "Loh Hei" and ended the day with the performance of the Chinese lion dance.



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"Good show! Do it Again!" Dr Sim Wee Kiat, CDS

"Great idea – will treasure it!" Dr Geh Min, CSS

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

<i>Diplomas (Staff Registrar Scheme)</i>	<i>Organiser</i>	<i>Commencement date</i>
Diploma in Cardiothoracic Surgery	Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons, College of Surgeons, Singapore and the Academy of Medicine	October 2008.
Diploma in Cardiology	Chapter of Cardiologists, College of Physicians, Singapore and the Academy of Medicine, Singapore	December 2008.
Diploma in Neurology	Chapter of Neurologists, College of Physicians, Singapore and the Academy of Medicine, Singapore	January 2009
Diploma in Palliative Medicine	Section of Palliative Care Physicians, College of Physicians, Singapore and the Academy of Medicine, Singapore	February 2009

INAUGURAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE COLLEGE OF OPHTHALMOLOGISTS, ACADEMY OF MEDICINE, SINGAPORE

The College of Ophthalmologists held its Inaugural General Meeting (IGM) on 20 January 2009 at the Academy of Medicine. The College would like to thank all its members for their support and presence at the IGM. An Interim Council (former Chapter Board) appointed at the IGM are:

Interim Council 2009-2010 of the College of Ophthalmologists

- President - A/Prof Lim Tock Han
- Vice-President - A/Prof Ong Sze Guan
- Honorary Secretary - Dr Lim Li
- Honorary Treasurer - A/Prof Heng Wee Jin
- Council Member - Dr Adrian Koh
- Council Member - Dr Lee Hung Ming
- Council Member (Co-opted) - A/Prof Aung Tin



The College will concentrate on the academic and professional development of its members.

A group of local eye care professionals has published a hard-cover coffee-table book entitled "Primary Eye Care in Singapore: Looking Back, Looking Forward" to commemorate the legislation of optometry and opticianry in Singapore. Fellows who would like to receive a complimentary copy of the book can contact: Singapore International Eye Cataract Retina Centre, 3 Mount Elizabeth #07-04, Mount Elizabeth Medical Centre, Singapore 228510. Tel: (65) 6887 2020; Fax: (65) 6887 2021; Email: aekg@eyecataractretina.com

EVENTS AND CONFERENCES

<p>Academy of Medicine, Singapore</p>	<p>43rd Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine 6 to 8 August 2009, Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel.</p> <p>The Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine is an annual meeting alternating between Singapore and Malaysia since 1966. The meeting provides a platform for the exchange of new and old experiences amongst the academicians and also from leaders in the respective specialties.</p> <p>The theme of this year's Congress is "<i>Reducing Morbidity and Mortality in the Next Decade</i>".</p> <p>The highlight of the meeting this year includes Name Lectures (Gordon Arthur Ransome Oration, Runme Shaw Memorial Lecture, Seah Cheng Siang Memorial Lecture, and College of Physicians' Lecture), 2 Main Sessions (Curing Heart Disease and Improving Cancer Cure), 12 parallel sessions organized by various Colleges, 2 subspecialty symposia with subspecialty societies, several Pre- and Post-Congress Teaching Courses and Workshops (e.g. College of Physicians Medicine Review Course 2009). For more information, please visit: www.ams.edu.sg</p>
<p>College of Radiologists</p>	<p>18th Singapore Radiological Society Annual Scientific Meeting, co-organised with the Singapore Radiological Society and the Medical Ultrasound Society, Singapore</p> <p>28-29 March 2009, Tan Tock Seng Hospital</p> <p>Over the years, this annual scientific meeting has established itself as a regional event. This 2-day scientific conference will have "Musculoskeletal imaging and intervention" as the theme. In addition, there will be pre-conference workshops from 26 to 27 March 2009 which include hands-on musculoskeletal ultrasound as well as musculoskeletal MRI reading and interpretation.</p> <p>The annual F Y Khoo lecture will also be held as part of the meeting and this year, Dr Boey Hong Khim from Singapore General Hospital is invited to deliver this lecture. For more information, please visit www.srs.org.sg</p>
<p>College of Anaesthesiologists</p>	<p>17th General Scientific Meeting - Anaesthesia and Pain Reloaded jointly organised with the Singapore Society of Anaesthesiologists</p> <p>21-24 May 2009 Pan Pacific Hotel, Singapore</p> <p>The theme "<i>Anaesthesia & Pain... Reloaded</i>", emphasises our constant need to relook old practices and embrace new knowledge to improve quality & safety of care to patients. For more information, please visit www.ssa.sg/17qsm.</p>
<p>Chapter of Emergency Physicians</p>	<p>HSA Focus Group Discussion with Emergency Physicians on proposed amendments to the Medicines (Clinical Trials) Regulations, 17 March 2009, 5.30pm</p> <p>Tutorial Room, Department of Emergency Medicine Block 1 Rooftop Level, Singapore General Hospital</p> <p>43rd SMCM; 8 August 2009, Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel, Singapore</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symposium on Advances in Resuscitation (1430 hrs-1600 hrs) • Symposium on Hot Topics in Emergency Care (1630 hrs-1800 hrs)

<p>College of Physicians</p>	<p>4th Annual Chapter of Dermatologists Lecture</p> <p>4 Dec 2008, National Skin Centre</p> <p>The Chapter was honoured to have Professor Virginia Sybert, Clinical Professor, Division of Medical Genetics, Department of Medicine, University of Washington, Seattle, USA, as lecturer for the 4th Chapter of Dermatologists Lecture. Her lecture topic titled "<i>Clinical Diagnosis and Management of Inherited Disorders of Hypo- and Hyperpigmentation</i>" was well-received.</p>
	<p>4th Annual Chapter of Neurologists Lecture in conjunction with 4th Congress of the International Society for Vascular Behavioural and Cognitive Disorders (VAS-COG)</p> <p>15 Jan 2009, Suntec International Convention & Exhibition Centre, Singapore</p> <p>The Chapter was honoured to have Professor Vladimir Hachinski, distinguished university professor, University of Western Ontario and Vice-President of the World Federation of Neurology to give the lecture entitled: "<i>Cerebrovascular and Alzheimier Disease: Fellow Travellers or Partners in Crime?</i>"</p>
	<p>Chapter of Gastroenterologists - MOH-Mayo Clinic Update jointly organised with the Ministry of Health and the Mayo Clinic</p> <p>16-17 Jan 2009 College of Medicine Building</p> <p>The 2-day postgraduate review programme involving international speakers from Mayo Clinic as well as local fellows encompassed lectures pertaining to gastrointestinal issues, Crohn's Disease, Obesity, Pancreatitis and Hepatology. The local experts were able to provide local perspectives for this event which were invaluable to specialists in Gastroenterology, Internal Medicine and Surgery.</p>
	<p>3rd Medical Oncology Review Course in conjunction with the Asian Oncology Summit 2009.</p> <p>3-5 Apr 2009, Suntec Singapore International Convention & Exhibition Centre</p> <p>This international event will encompass didactic lectures, case discussions, expert debate and consensus development in 6 main areas in oncology namely haemato-oncology, breast, gastrointestinal, gynaecological, head & neck and lung cancer.</p>
	<p>College of Physicians, Singapore: Medicine Review Course 2009,</p> <p>5-6 Aug 2009, Tan Tock Seng Hospital</p> <p>Pre- 43rd SMCM, the College of Physicians Singapore will conduct a 2-day workshop, the College of Physicians, Singapore: Medicine Review Course 2009. Twelve specialties will be involved in this workshop. The workshop will comprise mainly of interactive sessions and case studies. All Fellows are welcomed to register.</p>
	<p>6th Annual Scientific Meeting in conjunction with the 43rd Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine,</p> <p>6-8 Aug 2009, Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel, Singapore</p> <p>The College of Physicians will be conducting several sessions during the Congress, including the 19th Seah Cheng Siang Memorial Lecture and the 6th College of Physicians Lecture. Professor Victor Lin Kai Yu, Professor of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh, has been invited to be the speaker for the 19th Seah Cheng Siang Memorial Lecture. Dr Thirumoorthy Thamothersampillai, Senior Consultant, Department of Dermatology, Singapore General Hospital, will be the speaker for the 6th College of Physicians Lecture.</p>

AMS welcomes our New Fellows

College of Radiologists	College of Physicians	Chapter of Emergency Physicians
Pua Uei	Yeo Poh Shuan, Daniel	Amila Punyadasa
Kei Pin Lin	Soon Chao Yang	Goh Hsin Kai
College of Surgeons	Chong Yu, Eric Silvio	Chapter of Pathologists
Wong Nan-Yaw	Tay Lik Wui, Edgar	Chew Wee Chern, Ivy
Narayanan Gopalakrishna Iyer	Chen Yuan Tud	Chapter of PHOP
Ganesan Naidu	Tan Hui Hui	Lim Fung Yen, Jeremy
Siow Hua Ming	Thia Teck Joo, Kelvin	Lee Jian Ming, Vernon
Mark Hon Wah, Ignatius	Low How Cheng	College of Dental Surgeons
Ong Lin Yin	Chang Pik Eu, Jason	Seah Yang Howe
Ong Yee Siang	Yeo Chong Meng	Yong Loong Tee
Tan Ying Chien	Chan Peng Chew, Mark	Lai Juen Bin
Wong Thien Chong, Marcus	Tan Huei Nuo	Seah Tian Ee
Chong Shih Jian	Julie George	Wong Chung Wen, Raymond
Ong Chin Hu	Ashish Anil Sule	Ho Chee Wai, Henry
Poh Beow Kiong	Chong Yong Yeow	Oh Sin Yin, Geraldine Simone
Teo Chang Peng, Colin	Yong Wern Hui	Tang Sin Yee, Anna
College of Ophthalmologists (wef 1 Jan 2009)		Toh Siew Luan
Augustinus Laude		Lee Hui Jing, Helena
Chan Tat Keong		College of Paediatrics and Child Health
Cheng Ching Lee, Bobby		Lam Ching Mei, Joyce
Lee Yoon Chiang, Kelvin		Lee Chi Wai, Anselm
Ang Pek Kiang, Leonard		Liew Woei Kang
Shen Yu, Sunny		

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Obituary

It is with deep sadness that we note the passing of the following Fellows:

1. Dr Yeoh Kean Hong (Retired Fellow - Orthopaedic Surgeon)
2. Dr Teh Ben Hoo, Tony (Fellow - Obstetrician and Gynaecologist)
3. Dr Seow Li Jin (Retired Fellow - Otorhinolaryngologist)
4. Dr James Mark Jeyasebinga Supramaniam (Retired Fellow - General Physician)
5. Dr Wong Hock Boon (Retired Fellow - Paediatrician)
6. Dr Tan King Twok (Retired Fellow - Cardiothoracic Surgeon)

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43rd Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine 2009

“Reducing Morbidity and Mortality in the Next Decade”

6 – 8 August 2009, Singapore

Grand Copthorne Waterfront, Singapore

MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN, ORGANISING COMMITTEE

My dear friends and colleagues,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, I extend a warm invitation to you to participate in the **43rd Singapore Malaysia Congress of Medicine**, which will be held from 6th to 8th August 2009 in Singapore.

Although we are specializing in our own field of medicine, our patients, especially the elderly, may have other concomitant diseases. Some of these diseases such as cancer, cardiovascular/cerebrovascular disorders and degenerative diseases have higher morbidity and mortality if not treated appropriately. In order to provide up-to-date treatment of these diseases, make timely referral to our colleagues, and render more holistic care to our patients, we need to actively engage in learning medicine outside our own specialty.

For this Congress, we have chosen “**Reducing Morbidity and Mortality in the Next Decade**” as the Theme, applicable to Fellows, trainees and other healthcare providers. We will review the leading causes of morbidity and mortality in the next decade and discuss the strategies to reduce them.

We look forward to your support and attendance at this Congress.

Yours Sincerely,

Dr Lim Shih-Hui
Chairman, Organizing Committee

43rd Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine

Important Dates:

Abstracts submission
deadline

30 June 2009

Early Bird registration
deadline:

1 May 2009

For more information on the meeting,
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