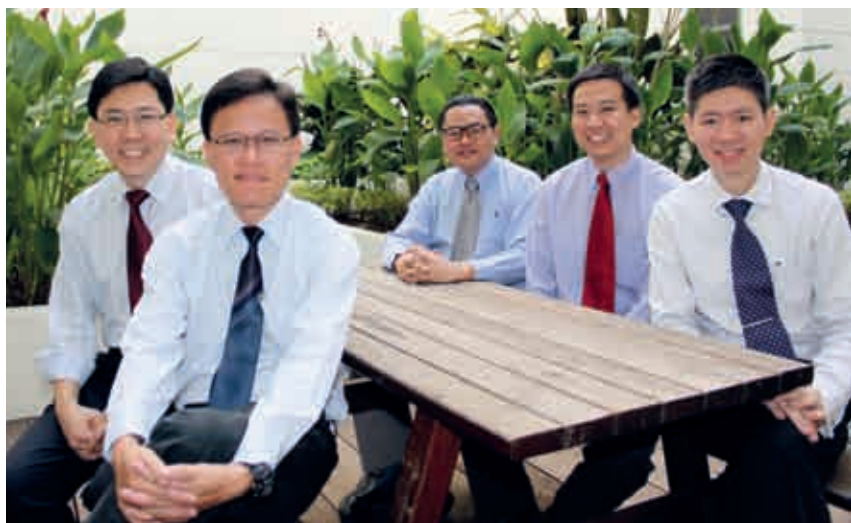


EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2010 – 2011



From Left to Right: Dr Jeffery Cutter (Treasurer), Dr Kenneth Choy (Chairman), Dr Pwee Keng Ho (Committee Member), Dr Jeremy Lim (Secretary, from November 2010), Dr Eugene Shum (Vice-Chairman)

Not in picture: Dr Vernon Lee (Secretary, May – October 2010), Dr Matthias Toh (Committee Member)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 29th Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of Public Health & Occupational Physicians was held on 20 May 2010.

The following office bearers for the year Committee term 2010 - 2011 were elected:

Chairman:	Dr Kenneth Choy
Vice-Chairman:	Dr Eugene Shum
Secretary*:	Dr Vernon Lee
Treasurer:	Dr Jeffery Cutter
Committee Members:	Dr Jeremy Lim
	Dr Pwee Keng Ho
	Dr Matthias Toh

**Dr Jeremy Lim took over the role of the Secretary from Dr Vernon Lee with effect from November 2010 due to Dr Vernon Lee's overseas posting.*

MEMBERSHIP

The Membership of the Chapter stood at 110 as of 31 December 2010.

The Chapter's Membership consisted of 104 Local Fellows, 4 Overseas Fellows and 1 Ordinary Member.

New Fellows

The following person was admitted to the Fellowship of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore (Public Health & Occupational Physicians) for the year 2010:

- Dr Liew Wan Choo Fereen

The Chapter would like to take this opportunity to welcome Dr Fereen Liew.

ACTIVITIES

5th Singapore Public Health & Occupational Medicine Conference and 4th Asian Regional Health Technology Assessment Conference

The event was held on 19 and 20 August 2010 at Orchard Hotel, with the theme "Evidence-Based Practice in Public Health & Occupational Medicine".

The conference attracted a good turnout of almost 250 participants, of which 17 came from outside Singapore, mainly from the Asian region. Countries which the participants hailed from include: Canada, Germany, Hong Kong, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Nepal, Taiwan and Vietnam. A panel of 32 renowned local and overseas speakers were invited to share their wealth of experience and expertise on behavioural sciences, occupational rehabilitation, return to work, systematic reviews and meta-analysis, and health services research.

Through a wide array of 4 plenary lectures, 10 symposium sessions and 6 workshops, the speakers and workshop facilitators equipped the participants with a good understanding of the methods that can be used to harness the wealth of information in the public domain, and the techniques that are available for developing better research.

In addition, five pre-conference workshops were held on 18 August to provide participants with the opportunity to have focused learning experiences.

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Continuing Medical Education Lectures

The following lectures were co-organised with the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, National University of Singapore:

<p>JANUARY Date: 6 January 2010 Topic: Global Health/Public Health – What Should We Be Thinking About? Speaker: Prof Alfred Sommer Dean Emeritus and Professor of Epidemiology Ophthalmology, and International Health The John Hopkins Bloomberg of Public Health USA Chairperson: Assoc Prof Saw Seang Mei</p>	<p>Date: 24 February 2010 Topic: Dengue: The Challenges and Opportunities of Globalization Speaker: Prof Duane Gubler Head, Emerging Infectious Diseases Program DUKE-NUS Chairperson: Assoc Prof Annelies Wilder-Smith</p>
<p>Date: 7 January 2010 Topic: Lessons Learned from The United States Scientific Registry for Transplant Recipients Speaker: Dr Robert Merion President Arbor Research Collaborative for Health Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA Chairperson: Prof Chia Kee Seng</p>	<p>Date: 26 February 2010 Topic: Singapore Burden of Disease Study 2004 Speaker: Ms Chua Ai Vee Senior Statistician Epidemiology & Disease Control Division Ministry of Health Singapore Chairperson: Dr Stefan Ma</p>
<p>Date: 7 January 2010 Topic: Linkage of Large National Databases in The United States Health Care System Speaker: Mr David Dickinson Vice President, Information and Operations Arbor Research Collaborative for Health, USA Chairperson: Prof Chia Kee Seng</p>	<p>MARCH Date: 16 March 2010 Topic: A Genome Wide Search For Genes Influencing Risk To Cleft Lip With/Without Cleft Palate Speaker: Prof Terri H Beaty , PhD Dept of Epidemiology Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University USA Chairperson: Assoc Prof Saw Seang Mei</p>
<p>FEBRUARY Date: 5 February 2010 Topic: Which Domains of Health Status Predict Mortality? A Longitudinal Population-Based Study Speaker: Dr David Feeny (PHD) Senior Investigator & Assistant Program Director Center for Health Research Kaiser Permanente Northwest in Portland Oregon, USA Chairperson: Prof Lee Hin Peng</p>	<p>Date: 19 March 2010 Topic: Public Private Partnerships in Global Health: The Flour Fortification Initiative Speaker: Mr Greg Harvey CEO of InterFlour Co-chair of East Asia Leaders' Group of the Flour Fortification Initiative Chairperson: Assoc Prof Annelies Wilder-Smith</p>
<p>Date: 18 February 2010 Topic: A Journey to Public Health Advocacy Speaker: Dr Leung Ting Hung Head of the Surveillance and Epidemiology Branch Centre for Health Protection, Department of Health in Hong Kong, China Chairperson: Assoc Prof Adeline Seow</p>	<p>Date: 23 March 2010 Topic: Connecticut Population-based Case-control Studies of Cancer Speaker: Assoc Prof Herbert Yu Department of Epidemiology and Public Health Yale University School of Medicine USA Chairperson: Assoc Prof Koh Woon Puay</p>
<p>Date: 19 February 2010 Topic: Why We Need Multinational Randomised Trials in The Asia-Pacific Region Speaker: Prof David Machin (PHD, CSTAT) Emeritus Professor of Clinical Trial Research University of Sheffield, UK Chairperson: Assoc Prof Tai Bee Choo</p>	<p>Date: 24 March 2010 Topic: Genetics of Cardiovascular Disease and Associated Conditions: Past, Present and Future Speaker: Dr Erik Ingelsson Associate Professor of Epidemiology Department of Medical Epidemiology and Biostatistics Karolinska Institutet Sweden Chairperson: Prof Chia Kee Seng</p>

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<p>Date: 31 March 2010</p> <p>Topic: Challenges For Public Health Researchers: Insights From A Cambodian Community Health Intervention On Turning Data Into Practice And Advocacy Into Policy</p> <p>Speaker: Prof Ian Lubek Professor, Psychology, University of Guelph Canada and Visiting Professorial Fellow, International HIV/AIDS Program School of Public Health and Community Medicine University of New South Wales, Australia</p> <p>Chairperson: Assoc Prof Wong Mee Lian</p>	<p>AUGUST</p> <p>Date: 17 August 2010</p> <p>Topic: Statistical Analysis of Protein – Protein Interaction Data</p> <p>Speaker: Dr Choi Hyungwon Post-doctoral Research Fellow Department of Pathology University of Michigan Medical School USA</p> <p>Chairperson: Assoc Prof Teo Yik Ying</p>
<p>APRIL</p> <p>Date: 13 April 2010</p> <p>Topic: Patient Delay for Medical Care for Cancer Symptoms in the UK: What Explains the Help-Seeking Pathway?</p> <p>Speaker: Dr Jennifer NW Lim Senior Research Fellow Academic Unit of Psychiatry and Behavioural Sciences Leeds Institute of Health Sciences Faculty of Medicine and Health University of Leeds United Kingdom</p> <p>Chairperson: Assoc Prof Adeline Seow</p>	<p>Date: 18 August 2010</p> <p>Topic: Long-Term Financial Incentives and Investment in Daughters</p> <p>Speaker: Dr Joanne Yoong Associate Economist Rand Corporation, USA</p> <p>Chairperson: Dr Luo Nan</p>
<p>Date: 14 April 2010</p> <p>Topic: Benefits of Treating Cardiovascular Risk Factors Among Older Americans</p> <p>Speaker: Dr Yuhui Zheng, PhD Postdoctoral Research Fellow National Bureau of Economic Research USA</p> <p>Chairperson: Dr Luo Nan</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER</p> <p>Date: 13 September 2010</p> <p>Topic: Work and Health in Finland: A Novel Strategy for FIOH</p> <p>Speaker: Prof Harri Vainio Director General Finnish Institute of Occupational Health Finland</p> <p>Chairperson: Prof David Koh</p>
<p>Date: 15 April 2010</p> <p>Topic: A Genome Wide Search For Genes Influencing Risk To Cleft Lip With/Without Cleft Palate</p> <p>Speaker: Prof Terri H Beaty, PhD Dept of Epidemiology Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University USA</p> <p>Chairperson: Assoc Prof Annelies Wilder-Smith</p>	<p>OCTOBER</p> <p>Date: 18 October 2010</p> <p>Topic: Decreasing Child Mortality Rates and Progress Towards The Millennium Development Goals: How Much Do We Actually Know</p> <p>Speaker: Assistant Professor Leontine Alkema Department of Statistics and Applied Probability National University of Singapore</p> <p>Chairperson: Assoc Prof Annelies Wilder-Smith</p>
<p>MAY</p> <p>Date: 7 May 2010</p> <p>Topic: Statistical Perspectives on Key Ideas in High-Throughput Data Analyses</p> <p>Speaker: Prof Yudi Pawitan Department of Medical Epidemiology and Biostatistics Karolinska Institutet Sweden</p> <p>Chairperson: Dr Agus Salim</p>	<p>Date: 20 October 2010</p> <p>Topic: Minimising the Invisible Wounds of War - Can Research Help?</p> <p>Speaker: COL (Dr) Geoffrey Ling Programme Manager Trauma and NeuroScience Defense Sciences Office DARPA</p> <p>Chairperson: Dr Eric Yap</p>

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NOVEMBER

Date: 18 November 2010
Topic: **What Has Mathematical Modeling Done for Public Health?**
Speaker: Dr Maceij Boni
Hospital for Tropical Diseases
Wellcome Trust Major Overseas Programme
Oxford University Clinical Research Unit
Vietnam
Chairperson: Assoc Prof Teo Yik Ying

Date: 26 November 2010
Topic: **Innovation Opportunities in Global Health**
Speaker: Dr Gurinder Shahi
Course Coordinator On Global Health
University of Southern California
USA
Chairperson: Assoc Prof Annelies Wilder-Smith

Date: 19 November 2010
Topic: **From Integrative Genomics To Biological Insights**
Speaker: Dr Michael Tadao Inouye, PhD
NHMRC Postdoctoral Fellow
The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical
Research, Parkville, Victoria
Department of Medical Biology, University of
Melbourne
Australia
Chairperson: Assoc Prof Teo Yik Ying

DECEMBER
Date: 3 December 2010
Topic: **Adolescent Resiliency: Theory, Research, and Practice**
Speaker: Prof Marc A Zimmerman
Professor and Chair
Health Behavior and Health Education
Center for Human Growth and Development
Michigan School of Public Health
USA
Chairperson: Prof Chia Kee Seng

Support for 58th International Congress of Aviation and Space Medicine

The Chapter lent its support to the 58th International Congress of Aviation and Space Medicine by encouraging participation by Occupational Medicine Practitioners in the congress. Organised by the Society of Aviation Medicine, Singapore, the event was held on 10 – 14 October 2010 at Marina Bay Sands.

SCREENING TEST REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Ministry of Health had formed a Screening Test Review Committee under the auspices of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore. The Committee was chaired by a senior member of the Chapter, Prof Lee Hin Peng.

PLANS FOR 2011

Travel Fund

The Chapter would be setting up a Travel Assistance Fund with the objective of supporting members of the Chapter to attend overseas conferences and meetings. Through the participation in these activities, the Chapter aimed to: (a) develop ties and collaboration with public health chapters/colleges in other countries; and (b) promote the Chapter's annual Public Health and Occupational Medicine conference.

Public Health and Occupational Medicine (PHOM) Award

The Chapter intends to give out a PHOM Achievement Award yearly to Chapter Members who had made significant contribution to the field of Public Health and/or Occupational Medicine over a number of years. The awardee would be determined by a nomination panel consisting of Members of the Chapter Committee and senior members of the Public Health and Occupational Medicine community.

Dinner with Residents

To reach out to the Public Health and Occupational Medicine Residents, the Chapter would be hosting a dinner with them on 13 May 2011.

APPRECIATION

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