

## CHAPTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH & OCCUPATIONAL PHYSICIANS ACADEMY OF MEDICINE, SINGAPORE

### 2009 – 2010 Office-bearers

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### HIGHLIGHTS

#### 4th Singapore Public Health & Occupational Medicine Conference

The Chapter held its 4th Singapore Public Health & Occupational Medicine Conference on 27 & 28 August at the Orchard Parade Hotel with the theme "Public Health & Occupational Medicine in Challenging Times". A wide range of Public Health and Occupational Medicine issues were discussed including topics such as the H1N1 pandemic, training of Public Health specialists and challenges in the implementation of the Workplace Safety and Health Act. The conference attracted about 200 participants, including a delegation of students from Kunming Medical University.

#### Continuing Medical Education

During the year, the Chapter contributed actively in Continuing Medical Education (CME) lectures:  
Co-organiser: Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, National University of Singapore

#### 12 January 2009

##### New Insights on the Genes for Myopia

*Chairperson: Assoc Professor Saw Seang Mei*

Assoc Professor Paul Baird  
Head, Ocular Genetics Unit  
Centre for Eye Research Australia  
University of Melbourne

#### 14 January 2009

##### Diet and the Prevention of Type 2 Diabetes: Insights from Epidemiological and Experimental Studies

*Chairperson: Assoc Professor Chia Sin Eng*

Dr Rob M Van Dam, PHD  
Assistant Professor of Medicine  
Channing Laboratory  
Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School  
& Assistant Professor in the Department of Nutrition  
Harvard School of Public Health

#### 23 January 2009

##### Research Capacity Building in Resource-Limited Settings

*Chairperson: Assoc Professor Annelies Wilder-Smith*

Professor John Bartlett  
Associate Director for Research  
Duke University Global Health Institute  
Durham, USA

#### 12 February 2009

##### 10 Things a Statistician Will Tell You To Do (or Not To Do) in Investigator Initiated Clinical Trials

*Chairperson: Assoc Professor Tai Bee Choo*

Professor David Machin  
Emeritus Professor of Clinical Trials Research at the University of Sheffield & Visiting Professor of Clinical Trials Methodology at the University of Leicester, United Kingdom

#### 24 February 2009

##### Using Health-Related Quality of Life Measures in Clinical Practice

*Chairperson: Dr Luo Nan*

Professor David Feeny  
Professor of Economics  
Professor of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences  
Professor of Public Health Sciences  
Adjunct Professor (McMaster University)  
Ph.D, University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA

#### 27 February 2009

##### Post-stroke Functional Recovery in Older Persons: A 1-Year Cohort Study

*Chairperson: Assoc Professor Koh Woon Puay*

Dr Gerald Koh  
Assistant Professor  
Department of Epidemiology and Public Health  
Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine  
National University of Singapore

#### 4 March 2009

##### Respiratory Infections of Military Importance

*Chairperson: Assoc Professor Eric Yap*

Dr Kevin L Russell  
MD, MTM&H, FIDSA  
CAPT, Med Corps, US Navy  
Armed Forces Health Surveillance Centre  
Division of Global Infections Surveillance and Response System

#### 12 March 2009

##### FEM-PREP: A Multi-Disciplinary Approach to an Oral Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis HIV Prevention Clinical Trial

*Chairperson: Assoc Professor Wong Mee Lian*

Dr Christina Misa Wong  
Research Associate  
Family Health International  
USA

#### 20 March 2009

##### Getting to the "Core" – What can Mathematical Models Tell Us About the Epidemiology of Sexually Transmitted Infections?

*Chairperson: Assoc Professor Wong Mee Lian*

Dr Mark Chen  
Medical Epidemiologist  
Communicable Disease Centre  
Tan Tock Seng Hospital

#### 25 March 2009

##### Risk Determinants of Lung Cancer in Smokers – Findings From Singapore and Shanghai Cohort

*Chairperson: Professor Lee Hin Peng*

Assoc Professor Jian-Min Yuan, MD, PHD  
Division of Epidemiology and Community Health  
School of Public Health  
University of Minnesota, USA

3 April 2009

**Towards Community Development: From Imperialism to Participation**

*Chairperson: Assoc Professor Annelies Wilder-Smith*

Mr Jeff Palmer  
Director and CEO  
BGR International  
Singapore

21 April 2009

**Mid-Term Evaluation of a TB Program in Thailand**

*Chairperson: Assoc Professor Annelies Wilder-Smith*

Dr Aung Naing Win & Dr Sandi Chit Lwin  
MPH Candidates  
Department of Epidemiology & Public Health  
National University of Singapore

28 April 2009

**The US Quality Measure Development Initiative: With an Example from ESRD Measures**

*Chairperson: Professor Chia Kee Seng*

Dr Sylvia Ramirez, MD, MPH, MBA  
Vice President, Global Research and Development  
Arbor Research Collaborative for Health Ann Arbor  
Michigan, USA

15 June 2009

**Rubber, Latex and Health Effects**

*Chairperson: Adj Assoc Professor Lee See Muah*

Assoc Professor Naesinee Chaiear  
Department of Community Medicine  
Faculty of Medicine,  
Khon Kaen University  
Thailand

10 July 2009

**The Singapore Genome Variation Project**

*Chairperson: Professor Chia Kee Seng*

Dr Teo Yik Ying  
Statistical Geneticist  
Wellcome Trust Centre for Human Genetics  
Associate Lecturer, Department of Statistics, University of  
Oxford

14 July 2009

**Molecular Epidemiology of Group B Streptococcus**

*Chairperson: Professor Chia Kee Seng*

Professor Betsy Foxman, PhD  
Professor of Epidemiology  
Director, Center for Molecular and Clinical Epidemiology  
of Infectious Diseases and Interdisciplinary Program in  
Infectious Diseases

23 July 2009

**The Swedish Esophageal and Cardia Cancer (SECC) Register – An Example of a Nationwide Clinical Register for Research Purposes**

*Chairperson: Dr Mikael Hartman*

Dr Mats Lindblad  
Consultant, Upper Abdominal Surgery  
Center of Gastrointestinal Surgery, Karolinska University  
Hospital  
Post-doc, Upper Gastrointestinal Research (UGIR)  
Department of Molecular Medicine and Surgery  
Karolinska Institutet, Sweden

14 August 2009

**SCANDAT – A comprehensive Tool for Long-Term Hemovigilance**

*Chairperson: Dr Mikael Hartman*

Dr Gustaf Edgren, PhD  
Department of Medical Epidemiology and Biostatistics  
Karolinska Institutet  
Stockholm, Sweden

21 August 2009

**What is Rationale for Pre-Pandemic Vaccines?**

*Chairperson: Professor Goh Lee Gan*

Assoc Professor Annelies Wilder Smith  
Department of Epidemiology and Public Health  
Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine  
National University of Singapore

15 October 2009

**Accessing Evidence on New Methods of Cervical Cancer Prevention**

*Chairperson: Assoc Professor Adeline Seow*

Dr Marc Arbyn  
Unit of Cancer Epidemiology Belgian Cancer Centre  
Scientific Institute of Public Health, Brussels, Belgium

16 October 2009

**Dietary Patterns and Cancer Risk in The Singapore Chinese Health Study**

*Chairperson: Assoc Professor Koh Woon Puay*

Dr Leslie Butler  
Assistant Professor  
Colorado State University, USA

23 October 2009

**Genetic Determinants of Retinal Microcirculation: Data from CHARGE Consortium**

*Chairperson: Assoc Professor Saw Seang Mei*

Dr Mohammad Kamran Ikram  
Erasmus University, Rotterdam  
The Netherlands

6 November 2009

**Economics of Obesity and the Role of Incentives to Induce Behavior Change**

*Chairperson: Professor Chia Kee Seng*

Assoc Professor Eric Finkelstein  
Duke-NUS GMS

1 December 2009

**The Importance of Diplomacy in Global Health**

*Chairperson: Dr Adrian Ong*

Dr David L Heymann  
Chair, Health Protection Agency, UK &  
Visiting Professor, Department of Epidemiology & Public Health

2 December 2009

**ALMA ATA Revisited**

*Chairperson: Assoc Professor Goh Lee Gan*

Assoc Professor Annelies Wilder-Smith  
and  
Mr Jayendra Sharma  
Department of Epidemiology & Public Health  
National University of Singapore

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