

CHAPTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH & OCCUPATIONAL PHYSICIANS

2008 – 2009 Office-bearers

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HIGHLIGHTS

3rd Singapore Public Health & Occupational Medicine Conference

The 3rd Singapore Public Health & Occupational Medicine Conference was held in conjunction with the **19th Asian Conference on Occupational Health** on 16 and 17 September 2008 at the Suntec International Convention & Exhibition Centre. The theme "Public Health and Occupational Medicine in a Borderless World" was chosen to reflect the challenges of a globalised world. Professor Tan Chorh Chuan, President of the National University of Singapore, was the Guest-of-Honour at the opening of the conference. The conference with a keynote lecture, two plenary lectures, three symposiums and free papers presentation sessions drew enthusiastic responses from the 140 doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals who attended the conference.

Continuing Medical Education

During the year, the Chapter contributed actively in Continuing Medical Education (CME) lectures:

Co-organiser: Department of Community, Occupational and Family Medicine, National University of Singapore

7 January 2008

Universal Coverage With Private Health Insurance:

The Dutch Experiment
Chairman: Professor Lee Hin Peng

Prof Christian Gericke
Professor of Public Health Policy & Director, Adelaide Centre for Health Technologies
& Services Research, University of Adelaide, Australia

18 January 2008

Essential Public Health Functions and Services

Chairman: Assoc Professor Annelies Wilder-Smith

Assoc Prof Robert Bernstein
Expert Advisor, Internal Medical & Public Health Activities
Office of Business & International Development
Singapore Health Services
Adjunct Associate Professor of Global Health,
Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University, USA

15 February 2008

Research Informed Service Improvement

Chairman: Professor Lee Hin Peng

Prof John Ovretveit
Director of Research, Medical Management Centre
Karolinska Institutet, Sweden
and Professor of Health Management, Faculty of Medicine
Bergen University, Norway

22 February 2008

Molecular Epidemiology of Neisseria Meningitis Before the Introduction of Serogroup C Conjugate Vaccines

Chairman: Professor Annelies Wilder-Smith

Dr Stuart Clarke
Visiting Senior Research Fellow, Molecular Microbiology Group
Division of Infection, Inflammation and Repair
University of Southampton Medical School

29 February 2008

The Effect of Problem-Based Learning (PBL) During Medical School on Physician Competency: A Systematic Review

Chairman: Assoc Professor Wong Mee Lian

Dr Gerald Koh
Assistant Professor
Department of Community, Occupational and Family Medicine
Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine
National University of Singapore

6 March 2008

Occupational Health Services for Healthcare Workers

Chairman: Professor David Koh

Dr David Snashall
President of Faculty of Occupational Medicine
Royal College of Physicians, London &
Clinical Director of Occupational Health Services in Guy's and St
Thomas' NHS Trust

10 March 2008

Cancer Survival in Developing Countries

– Lessons for Public Health
Chairman: Professor Chia Kee Seng

Dr R Sankaranarayanan
Head, Screening Group
Pathogenesis and Prevention Cluster
International Agency for Research on Cancer

14 March 2008

International Patent Laws and Access to HIV Treatment

Chairman: Assoc Professor Annelies Wilder-Smith

Dr Arlene Chua
ID Consultant
National University Hospital

28 March 2008

The Attitudes, Concerns, Perceived Impact, Coping Strategies, Knowledge and Preparedness of Primary Care Health Personnel for Avian Influenza (AI): A Cross-Sectional Study of Indonesia and Singapore

Chairman: Assoc Professor Chia Sin Eng

Dr Gerald Koh
Assistant Professor
Department of Community, Occupational & Family Medicine
Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine National University of Singapore

30 May 2008

Environmental Determinants of Health Behaviours and Outcomes: What can be Learned from the US Food and Alcohol Retail Markets?

Chairman: Professor Lee Hin Peng

Dr Khoa Truong, PHD
Research Fellow, RAND Corporation
USA

25 June 2008

Hospital Epidemiology That Works – Controlling Central Line Related Bloodstream Infections

Chairman: Associate Professor Annelies Wilder-Smith

Professor Trish Perl
Courage Fund Visiting Professor
Director of Hospital Epidemiology & Infection Control
John Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland, USA

25 July 2008

National Long Term Care Severe Disability Insurance (LTCDI): The Need for Social, Rehabilitative, Cost of Care, Life Expectancy and Public Policy Considerations

Chairman: Professor Lee Hin Peng

Dr Gerald Koh
Assistant Professor
Department of Community, Occupational Family Medicine
Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine
National University of Singapore

29 July 2008
Health Futures – The Challenges for Academic Medical and Health Science Centres

Chairman: Professor Lee Hin Peng

Prof John Wyn Owen
Chairman, University of Wales Institute, Cardiff
Formerly Director of NHS Wales and
Director-General, NSW Health Department

30 July 2008
Mental and Physical Health Consequences of Repatriation for Vietnamese Returnees

Chairman: Associate Professor Annelies Wilder-Smith

Prof Mark J Vanlandingham
Thomas C Keller Professor
Tulane University's School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine
USA

12 September 2008
Midterm Evaluation of Community Based HIV Prevention Project in Rural China

Chairman: Assoc Professor Wong Mee Lian

Assoc Prof Annelies Wilder-Smith
Dr Felicia Chang
Ms Karen Cheong

31 October 2008
The Predictors of Rehabilitation Efficiency and Effectiveness of All Patients Admitted to a Community Hospital: A 10-Year Study

Chairman: Professor Lee Hin Peng
Dr Gerald Koh
Assistant Professor
Department of Community, Occupational & Family Medicine
Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine
National University of Singapore

27 November 2008
Health Promotion Strategies for an Ageing Workforce

Chairman: Assoc Professor Lee See Miah
Dr Gerald Koh
Assistant Professor
Department of Community, Occupational & Family Medicine
Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine
National University of Singapore

1 August 2008
Causes of Infectious Disease Emergence: An Interdisciplinary Perspective

Chairman: Assoc Professor Annelies Wilder-Smith
Co-organisers: Department of Community, Occupational & Family Medicine, National University of Singapore and The Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology of Singapore
Prof Bruce Wilcox
Professor and Director of the Asia-Pacific Center for Infectious Disease Ecology
Asia-Pacific Institute of Tropical Medicine and Infectious Diseases
University of Hawaii

Feedback on National Medical Specialty Centres

During the year, the Chapter contributed feedback and recommendations to the Committee on Strategy for National Medical Specialisation Centres, Ministry of Health, Singapore on National Medical Specialty Centres for Public Health & Occupational Medicine.



*Standing left to right:
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