

2007-2008 Committee Members



Seated, from left to right:

Dr Kenneth Choy (Vice-chairman), Dr Derrick Heng (Chairman), Dr Eugene Shum (Honorary Secretary)

Standing, from left to right:

Dr Lee Lay Tin (Committee Member), Dr Pwee Keng Ho (Committee Member), Dr Jeffery Cutter (Co-opted Member), Dr Raymond Chua (Committee Member), Dr Adeline Seow (Committee Member)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 26th Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of Public Health & Occupational Physicians was held on Wednesday, 25 April 2007 at 6.00pm at the Learning Corner, College of Medicine Building, 16 College Road, Singapore 169854.

The Office-bearers for the year 2007-2008 were elected as follows:

Chairman	:	Dr Derrick Heng
Vice-Chairman	:	Dr Kenneth Choy
Honorary Secretary	:	Dr Eugene Shum
Committee Members	:	Dr Lee Lay Tin
		Dr Adeline Seow
		Dr Pwee Keng Ho
		Dr Raymond Chua
Co-opted Member	:	Dr Jeffrey Cutter

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Chapter stands at 103 (as of 31 December 2007).

NEW FELLOWS

The following Academicians were admitted to Fellowship of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore (Public Health and Occupational Physicians) for the year 2007:

Dr Teoh Yee Leong
Dr Wong Chiang Yin
Dr Chua Swee Boon Raymond

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

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The 2007 – 2008 Committee held three Committee Meetings from 25 April 2007 to 31 December 2007.

ACTIVITIES

41st Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine (SMCM)

The Chapter held the following talks in conjunction with the 41st SMCM.

- **Clinical Practice Guidelines: The Role of Professional Organisations in Clinical Practice Development**
Co-chairs: A/Prof Mabel Yap & Prof Dato' A E Dellikan
Speakers: Dr Sara Twaddle, Dr Sheamini Sivasampu
Panelists: Dr Sara Twaddle, Dr Sheamini Sivasampu,
Dr Pwee Keng Ho, A/Prof Lim Shih Hui,
A/Prof Goh Lee Gan
- **Globalisation of Healthcare: International Collaboration on Occupational Health & Safety**
Chairperson: Dr Ho Sweet Far
Speaker: Dr Lee Hock Siang
- **Evaluation of Health Promotion Programmes**
Chairperson: Dr Derrick Heng
Speakers: A/Prof Wong Mee Lian, Dr Annie Ling
- **New Focus in Occupational Medicine: Moving beyond Factories, Health Hazards in Hotels and Restaurants**
Chairperson: Dr Lee Lay Tin
Speakers: Dr Lucy Leong, Dr Sylvia Teo

In addition, the Chapter co-organised the following symposium with the College of Physicians, Singapore.

- **Infectious Diseases Symposium**

Co-chairs: Dr Lyn James & A/Prof Leo Yee Sin
Speakers: Dr Ooi Eng Eon, Dr Jamal I-Ching Sam,
Prof Trish Perl

Continuing Medical Education

The following Continuing Medical Education events were organised.

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

5 January 2007

Lost in Transition: Bridging the Chasm of Care Between the Hospital and the Community

Dr Lee Kheng Hock

Adjunct Assistant Professor

Department of Community, Occupational and Family Medicine, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore

Chairperson: Adjunct Associate Professor Cheong Pak Yean

15 January 2007

The Framingham Study: Past, Present & Future

Dr Guo Chao-Yu

Research Assistant Professor at Boston University, USA

Chairperson: Professor Chia Kee Seng

19 January 2007

Introduction to Outcomes Research

Dr Suchin Virabhak

Senior Outcomes Research Associate

Pfizer Pte Ltd

Chairperson: Associate Professor Lim Meng Kin

26 January 2007

Recent Advances in Colorectal Cancer Genetics and Diagnostics

Dr Cheah Peh Yean

Senior Scientist/Head

Colorectal Cancer Research Lab

Department of Colorectal Surgery

Singapore General Hospital

Chairperson: Assistant Professor Shen Han Ming

9 March 2007

Health Outcomes and Evidence-Based Medicine: Translating Research into Practice
Associate Professor Michael H Fox
Department of Health Policy & Management
University of Kansas Medical Center, School of Medicine, USA
Chairperson: Associate Professor Phua Kai Hong

16 March 2007

Cigarettes and Caffeine-Containing Beverages in Relation to Parkinson's Disease: The Singapore Chinese Health Study
Dr Koh Woon Puay
Assistant Professor
Department of Community, Occupational and Family Medicine
Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine
National University of Singapore
Chairperson: Professor Lee Hin Peng

23 March 2007

Whole Genome SNP Genotyping and Copy Number Polymorphism Analysis using the Illumina Infinium Arrays
Dr Ram Laxman
Illumina Asia-Pacific
Chairperson: Asst Prof Shen Han-Ming

26 March 2007

Type 2 Diabetes in Asians: A New Frontier for Epidemiology and Global Health
Associate Professor Mark Andrew Pereira
Division of Epidemiology & Community Health
University of Minnesota, USA
Chairperson: Asst Prof Koh Woon Puay

13 April 2007

Competing Models for Competing Risks
Professor John David Kalbfleisch, PhD
Department of Statistics & Applied Probability
National University of Singapore &
Department of Biostatistics, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA
Chairperson: Associate Professor Tai Bee Choo

11 May 2007

Updating 'International Travel and Health' for the World Health Organization
Prof Annelies Wilder-Smith
Adjunct Associate Professor
Department of Community, Occupational and Family Medicine
Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine,
National University of Singapore
Chairperson: Adj Assoc Prof Kenneth Hughes

25 May 2007

Prevalence and Etiology of Allergic Rhinitis
Prof Wang De Yun
Research Associate Professor
Department of Otolaryngology
National University of Singapore
Chairperson: Associate Prof Chia Sin Eng

7 June 2007

Diabetes and Driving – Do's and Don'ts
Dr Lee See Muah
Adjunct Assistant Professor
Department of Community, Occupational and Family Medicine
Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine
National University of Singapore
Chairperson: Prof David Koh

6 July 2007

Evidence Beyond Clinical Trials – The Role of Epidemiological Modelling
Prof Danny Liew Yearn-Hian
Senior Lecturer
Department of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine
Monash University Central & Eastern Clinical School, Australia
Chairperson: Prof Lee Hin Peng

25 July 2007

Outbreak Investigation
Prof Trish M Perl
Professor, Director of Hospital Epidemiology and Infection Control
John Hopkins Hospital
Baltimore, Maryland, USA
Chairperson: A/Prof Paul Anantharajah Tambyah

16 August 2007

Communication for Social Change Around the World
Ms Denise Gray-Felder
President and Chief Executive Officer
Communication for Social Change Consortium
Chairperson: A/Prof Wong Mee Lian

17 August 2007

The Environment and Emerging Diseases
Professor David Koh
Head, Department of Community, Occupational and Family Medicine
Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine
National University of Singapore
Chairperson: Associate Professor Adeline Seow

24 August 2007**The Health Impact of Ambient Air Pollution in Singapore**

Dr Stefan Ma

Senior Biostatistician

Biostatistics and Research Branch

Ministry of Health

Chairperson: Associate Professor Tai Bee Choo

11 September 2007**TNF-induced Activation of the Nox1 NADPH Oxidase and its Role in the Induction of Necrotic Cell Death**

Dr You-Sun Kim, PhD

Research Fellow

National Cancer Institute, NIH

Chairperson: Associate Professor Shen Ha Ming

14 September 2007**Drug Development Process: A Journey from Clinical Trial to Product Registration**

Dr Teoh Yee Long

Director

Clinical R&D and Medical Affairs

Singapore/ Malaysia

GlaxoSmithKline Biologicals

Chairperson: Associate Professor Adeline Seow

19 September 2007**Social Epidemiology as a Tool for Research, Program Planning and Community Interventions in Public Health – Examples from Women's Health**

Professor Julie Miriam Goldsmith Cwikel

Founder and Director

The Center for Women's Health Studies and Promotion

Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Beer Sheva, Israel

Chairperson: Associate Professor Wong Mee Lian

19 October 2007**Prevention of HIV in Rural China: Challenges and Pitfalls**

Professor Liow Chee Hsiang

Director

HIV Department

Bless China International (Xishaungbanna Division)

Chairperson: Associate Professor Annelies

Wilder-Smith

26 October 2007**Mathematical Modelling of Dengue in Singapore**

Professor Eduard Massad

Courage Fund Visiting Professor

Infectious Disease and Epidemiology

University of Sao Paulo, Brazil

Chairperson: Associate Professor Annelies

Wilder-Smith

5 November 2007**Global Health and The Conduct of World wide Prevalence Surveys**

Dr Leon Ellwein

Principal Investigator

WHO RESC Studies National Eye Institute &

Dr Pierre Huguet

Medical Officer NMH/ CHP/ CPM/ PBD

World Health Organization

Switzerland

Chairperson: Associate Professor Saw Seang Mei

15 November 2007**Community Health Education Among Marginalized People Groups**

Dr Tan Lai Yong

Clinical Lecturer

School of Public Health

Kunming Medical College

Yunnan, China

Chairperson: Associate Professor Adeline Seow

27 November 2007

Fads, Fallacies and Foolishness in Medical Care Policy and Management

Professor Theodore R Marmor
Professor Emeritus of Public Policy and Management &
Professor Emeritus of Political Science
Yale University, USA
Chairperson: Associate Professor Lim Meng Kin

3 December 2007

What Happened With Vioxx?

Professor John A Baron
Professor of Medicine, and of
Community & Family Medicine
Biostatistics & Epidermiology
Evergreen Centre, USA
Chairperson: Professor Chia Kee Seng

CME seminar co-organised with Occupational and Environmental Health Society

23 January 2007

“Asbestos –Hazard from a Bygone Era”

Dr Alan Rogers
Industrial Hygienist

CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES

The Chapter provided feedback to the guidelines on “Management of Poisoning”. The guidelines were submitted to the Ministry of Health for the prioritisation exercise on Clinical Practice Guidelines Development.

DISTANCE-LEARNING PROGRAMME (DLP)

The Chapter of Public Health & Occupational Physicians submitted four DLP modules in year 2007. The modules are:

1. Prophylactic Human Papillomavirus Vaccines
2. Ergonomics, Musculoskeletal Disorders and Computer Work
3. Work Stress in the Etiology of Coronary Heart Disease - A Meta-analysis
4. Nanotechnology and the Occupational Physician: Occupational Medicine

APPRECIATION

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

December 2007
Dr Eugene Shum
Honorary Secretary
2007-2008 Chapter of Public Health and Occupational Physicians