

# CHAPTER OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS

## Executive Committee 2012-2013

Chairperson:	Prof V. Anantharaman
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Treasurer:	Dr Lee Wee Yee
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	Dr Peng Li Lee
	A/Prof Eillyne Seow
Co-opted Member:	Dr Quek Lit Sin

## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of Emergency Physicians was held on 14 June 2012, 6:30 pm in the Tutorial Room, Department of Emergency Medicine, Block 1, Level 3 (Rooftop), Singapore General Hospital (SGH).

## Committee Meetings

At the time of writing the Annual Report, the Executive Committee had one face-to-face meeting. Most of the work of the Committee was done through emails.

## Membership

The Chapter had a total membership of 49 Fellows as at 31 December 2012.

## Activities

### Continuing Medical Education (CME)

The Chapter organised the following sessions:

#### 23 February 2012

'Beyond Traditional Clinical Research in Emergency Medicine: Becoming an Expert'

Speaker: Prof Amal Mattu

Professor of Emergency Medicine & Director, Emergency Medicine Residency Program, University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore, Maryland, USA.

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#### 14 June 2012

'Our Man at Everest: Challenges for Emergency Care' (*Picture 3*)

Speaker: Dr Rasappan Kumaran

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#### 30 August 2012

(Co-organised with the Toxicology Society of Singapore)

'Traditional Chinese Medicine Poisoning – The Critical Ones'

Speaker: Dr Ricky Lau Fei Lung (*Picture 1*)

Chief of Service, Department of Clinical Toxicology United Christian Hospital & Director of Poison Information Centre, Hong Kong

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## Master of Medicine (Emergency Medicine) Exams/MCEM (UK) Preparatory Course

The 2012 Preparatory Course for Emergency Medicine (EM) Examinations/MCEM (UK) Part B & Part C was organised from 23 to 28 July 2012 in Singapore at the following six hospitals:

- National University Hospital (NUH)
- Tan Tock Seng Hospital (TTSH)
- Changi General Hospital (CGH)
- Alexandra Hospital, Jurong Health Services (AH, JHS)
- KK Women's & Children's Hospital (KKH)
- Singapore General Hospital (SGH)

The Organising Committee comprised:

Chairman/Convener	Dr Jeremy C P Wee
Hospital Coordinators	Dr Keith W H Ho (NUHS)
	Dr Rafael Saclolo (TTSH)
	Dr Thng Shin Ying (CGH)
	Dr Amila Punyadasa (AH, JHS)
	Dr Arif Tyebally (KKH)
	Dr Cheah Si Oon (SGH)

It was very successful as 20 candidates registered for the course: 7 Local Basic Specialist Trainees/Residents, 6 Local and 7 Overseas Other Participants. The faculty comprised 10 Lecturers and 45 PACES (Practical Assessment of Clinical Examination Skills) Facilitators/Examiners. Prof Colin A. Graham (External Visiting Lecturer) from Chinese University of Hong Kong delivered five lectures:

- How to Ace the MCEM – Examiner's Tips
- How to Handle the Communications Station
- Therapeutic & Diagnostic ED Procedures
- Update & Revision on Resuscitation Guidelines
- Common Mistakes made by Candidates in the MCEM

He participated in the five-and-a-half-day PACES (23 to 27 July) and Mock PACES (28 July) sessions. In recognition of his educational contributions, Prof Graham received an honorarium, plaque and tie from the Chapter Chairman Prof V. Anantharaman, during the Appreciation Dinner held on 24 July 2012 at the Margaritas restaurant (*Picture 2*).

## Diploma in Emergency Medicine (DEM) Course–Staff Registrar Scheme (SRS)

An entry interview for the 2012 6<sup>th</sup> Intake was convened on 5 April 2012 at AMS. The panel of interviewers were:

- Dr Steven H C Lim (Programme Director)
- Prof V. Anantharaman (Chapter Chairman)
- A/Prof Malcolm Mahadevan (Head, Emergency Department, National University Hospital)
- Dr Kenneth Heng (Senior Consultant, Emergency Department, Tan Tock Seng Hospital)

Eleven potential candidates were interviewed for enrolment. Three candidates of the 2010 4<sup>th</sup> and seven of the 2011 5<sup>th</sup> Intakes sat for their Final Assessment Examinations/ Semester Two PACES (Practical Assessment of Clinical Examination Skills) on 28 April 2012 at Changi General Hospital. Nine Examiners were present.

## Position Paper – the State of Emergency Medical Care in Singapore

The Workgroup convened thirteen meetings in 2012 (Picture 4). It planned to publish a White Position Paper, an Executive Summary and Coffee Table Book on ‘The State of Emergency Care in Singapore’ before the end of the year. An article would be published as a supplementary issue with the Annals, AMS.

The Chapter has been in active discussion with the College of Emergency Medicine (UK), to adopt the UK’s e-learning Continuing Professional Development program as the Chapter’s official Continuing Professional Development program. A draft MOU has been drafted and the Chapter is in the final stages of preparation for finalisation of arrangements for the launch of the program in Singapore.

## Ministry of Health Requests

The Chapter provided her opinions through AMS, in reply to the Ministry of Health’s requests for:

- Foreign Doctor Providing Advice/Consultation to Overseas Patients
- Prioritisation of Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPGs) Masterplan FY2012

## MOH CPG

The Chapter submitted its proposed topic on ‘Treatment of Cyanide Poisoning’ for CPG development (FY2013), through AMS Professional Affairs Department to MOH in March 2012.



Picture 1:  
Prof V Anantharaman (left) presenting a token of appreciation to Dr Ricky Lau.



Picture 2:  
Prof V. Anantharaman (left) presenting the honorarium and tokens of appreciation to Prof Colin Graham.



Picture 3:  
Participants in Q&A with Dr R. Kumaran (far left) and Prof V. Anantharaman.



Picture 4:  
Group photo of the workgroup members.