

# CHAPTER OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS

## 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of Emergency Physicians was held on 16 June 2011 in the Tutorial Room, Department of Emergency Medicine, Block 1, Level 3 (Rooftop), Singapore General Hospital, Outram Road, Singapore 169608.

The Office-Bearers for the year 2011 to 2012 were:

Chairperson:	Prof V. Anantharaman
Vice-Chairperson:	A/Prof Goh Siang Hiong
Secretary:	A/Prof Lim Swee Han
Treasurer:	Dr Lee Wee Yee
Committee Members:	A/Prof Marcus E H Ong Dr Peng Li Lee A/Prof Eillyne Seow
Co-opted Member:	Dr Quek Lit Sin

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Chapter convened two meetings for the year 2011.

## MEMBERSHIP

The total membership of the Chapter as at 31 December 2011 stands at 49.

## ACTIVITIES

### Continuing Medical Education (CME)

The Chapter co-organised a lecture with the National Resuscitation Council (NRC) Singapore on 13 April 2011, at the Auditorium, DUKE-NUS Graduate Medical School Singapore. The speaker was Prof Hideharu Tanaka (Professor, Sports & Medical Science and Vice-Chairman, Graduate School of Emergency Medical Systems, Kokushikan University, Tokyo, Japan). He delivered a lecture on 'Increasing Layperson Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) & Defibrillation: Japan's Experience'. The Session Chairperson was A/Prof Marcus E H Ong (Senior Consultant, Director of Research & Clinician Scientist, Department of Emergency Medicine, Singapore General Hospital & Associate Professor, Office of Clinical Sciences, Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School Singapore). The lecture was well-attended by doctors, nurses pharmacists and other medical professionals.

### Closed Door Meeting

A closed door meeting on 'Teaching Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) & Defibrillation in Schools & THE Community' was held on 13 April 2011, at the Ministry of Health, Singapore. The meeting commenced with an opening address from Prof V. Anantharaman followed by a short overview presentation from Prof Hideharu Tanaka of his experience on 'Teaching CPR in Japanese Schools'. A discussion took place at the end of the meeting. The panellists were: Prof Hideharu Tanaka (Guest Speaker, Kokushikan University, Tokyo, Japan), Prof Tan Kok Chai (Master, Academy of Medicine, Singapore), Prof V. Anantharaman (Chapter Chairperson & Chairman of NRC Singapore), A/Prof Marcus E H Ong (Organising Chairperson & Chapter Ex Co Member), Dr K. Vijaya (Director, Youth Division, HPB, Singapore), Mr Wong Hen Jeng (Assistant Director, School Safety Unit) & Mr Teo Kok Hong (Officer, Schools Division), MOE, Singapore, Dr Vineta Bhalla (Director) & Dr Michael Mitakidis (Deputy Director), MOH, Singapore, Prof Goh Lee Gan (Chairman, NFAC, Singapore), Mr Bobby Yap (Director, Emergency Preparedness Division) & Mr Gerard Han (Assistant Director, Emergency Preparedness, Community Engagement), PA Singapore, Mr Vernon Kang (CEO) & Ms Jeslin Sin (Senior Manager, Community Education, Fund Raising & Heart Safe), SHF, Mr Christopher Chua (Secretary General) & Ms Faiszah A Hamid (Head, Red Cross Training Centre), SRCS. The event was jointly organised by the Chapter and the NRC Singapore.

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## Controversies & Innovation in Emergency Medicine

The Chapter organised a half-day symposia comprising two tracks on 'Controversies & Innovation in Emergency Medicine', on 23 July 2011 in conjunction with the 45th Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine (SMCM). It was held at the Suntec Singapore International Convention & Exhibition Centre. Dr Irwani Ibrahim, Consultant, Emergency Medicine Department, NUH, was the Organising Chairperson. The topics, speakers & chairpersons were:

<b>Symposium 1</b> <i>(Chairperson: Dr Irwani Ibrahim)</i>	<b>Symposium 2</b> <i>(Chairperson: Dr Steven H C Lim)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Innovation Resuscitation/Pre-hospital Care</b> A/Prof Marcus E H Ong Senior Consultant, Director of Research &amp; Clinician Scientist, SGH</li> <li>• <b>Telestroke</b> Dr Camlyn Tan Consultant, Department of Accident &amp; Emergency, CGH</li> <li>• <b>Early Goal Directed Therapy: Controversies &amp; Current Opinion</b> A/Prof Malcolm Mahadevan Senior Consultant &amp; Head, Emergency Medicine Department, NUH</li> <li>• <b>Crisis Standard of Care</b> Dr Steven H C Lim Consultant, Department of Accident &amp; Emergency, CGH</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Design of the Emergency Department of the Future</b> Dr Quek Lit Sin Head, JGH</li> <li>• <b>Challenges in Observation Medicine</b> Dr Lim Ghee Hian Senior Consultant, Department of Accident &amp; Emergency, CGH</li> <li>• <b>Emergency Ultrasound: How it Changed ED Practise</b> Dr Toh Hong Chuen Associate Consultant, Department of Acute &amp; Emergency Care Centre, KTPH</li> <li>• <b>Acute Non-Invasive Ventilation</b> Dr Irwani Ibrahim Consultant, Emergency Medicine Department, NUH</li> </ul>

## Inaugural Preparatory Course for M Med (Emergency Medicine)/MCEM (UK) Parts B & C Exams

The Inaugural Preparatory Course for M Med (Emergency Medicine)/MCEM (UK), Parts B and C Exams was organised by the Chapter from 25 to 30 July 2011 in Singapore at the following hospitals: Changi General Hospital (CGH), KK Women's & Children's Hospital (KKH), KhooTeck Puat Hospital (KTPH), National University Hospital (NUH), Singapore General Hospital (SGH) & Tan Tock Seng Hospital (TTSH). The Organising Committee comprised Dr Kenneth W J Heng (Convenor) and Hospital Coordinators: Dr Michael Y C Chong (TTSH), Dr Rahul Goswami (CGH), Dr Keith W H Ho (NUH), Dr Jeremy C P Wee (SGH), Dr Francis C Y Lee & Dr Toh Hong Chuen (KTPH), Dr Amila Punyadasa (AH-JHS) and Dr Peter C Y Wong (KKH). Registration comprised seven local and three overseas trainees and eight DEM candidates of the fourth and fifth intakes. The faculty comprised 13 lecturers and 42 Practical Assessment of Clinical Examination Skills (PACES) facilitators.

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

A total of eight candidates were enrolled into the fifth intake of the Diploma in Emergency Medicine Course which commenced on 14 April 2011. Dr Steven H C Lim was appointed as the new Programme Director for two years from 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2013. Four candidates graduated from the third intake of the course: Dr Daguman Devie Romano, Dr Faizal bin Kassim, Dr Michael Lisondra Ebuna and Dr Thajudeen Mohammed Zuhary. They were awarded with certificates during the opening of the 45th Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine and Annual Induction Comitia presentation ceremony for the Staff Registrar Scheme Diplomas on 21 July 2011. The event was held at Marina Mandarin Singapore.

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

A workgroup was formed on 28 July 2011 to develop a position paper on 'The State of Emergency Medical Care in Singapore'. A charter had been drawn up to guide the workgroup in all areas of the project. The timeline was forecasted for a duration of a year. The hierarchy structure consisted of the Main, Sub & Editorial Committees, Independent Reviewers, Advisors & Key Stakeholders. The Chair and Co-Chairmen are: Dr Steven H C Lim & A/Prof Malcolm Mahadevan.

## Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPGs)

The Chapter submitted its endorsement through the Academy's Professional Affairs Department, to MOH for the CPG on 'Management of Drug Overdose & Poisoning'.