

## 2007-2008 Committee Members



**Standing (Left to Right):**

**Dr Mark K F Leong (Committee Member) and Dr Mohan Tiruchittampalam (Committee Member)**

**Seated (Left to Right):**

**Clin A/Prof Shirley B S Ooi (Committee Member), Prof Venkataraman Anantharaman (Chairman) and Dr Goh Siang Hiong (Honorary Secretary)**

**Absent:**

**A/Prof Eillyne Seow (Vice-Chairperson)**

### INAUGURAL PROTEM MEETING

The Inaugural Pro Tem Meeting of the Chapter of Emergency Physicians took place on 20 July 2006 at the Lee Kong Chian Room, Basement, Main Office, Academy of Medicine, Singapore, 142 Neil Road, Runme Shaw Building, Singapore 088871.

The following office-bearers of the Pro Tem Committee (20 July 2006 to 13 November 2007) were elected:

Chairman	:	Prof Venkataraman Anantharaman
Vice-Chairperson	:	A/Prof Eillyne Seow
Honorary Secretary	:	Dr Goh Siang Hiong
Committee Members	:	Dr Francis Y C Lee A/Prof Shirley B S Ooi Dr Evelyn Wong

## PROTEM COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Pro Tem Committee held 5 meetings for the period 20 July 2006 to 13 November 2007.

## MEMBERSHIP

The total membership of the Chapter as at 31 December 2007 stands at 39.

## ACTIVITIES

### 1. Forum on Clinical Trials Regulations in Emergency Situations

The Chapter of Emergency Physicians organised a Forum on Clinical Trials Regulations in Emergency Situations. It was held on Thursday, 18 January 2007, 5.00 pm to 6.30 pm at the Lecture Theatre, Block 6, Level 9, Singapore General Hospital. The programme comprised of 2 lectures. Dr Lisa Tan of the Clinical Trials Branch Centre for Drug Administration, Health Sciences Authority, Singapore spoke on "Current Clinical Trials Regulations Regarding Emergency Situations". The second speaker Prof Ian G. Steill, Professor & Head, Department of Emergency Medicine, University of Ottawa, Canada, spoke on "Clinical Trials in Emergency Situations in Canada". A panel discussion took place with the participation of the Health Sciences Authority, Singapore, local representatives of hospital Institution Review Boards & the Chapter of Emergency Physicians, Academy of Medicine, Singapore. Prof V. Anantharaman chaired the panel discussion.

### 2. Half-day Symposia, 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2007 – 41<sup>st</sup> Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine, 19 – 22 July 2007

The Chapter of Emergency Physicians organised a half-day symposia on 22 July 2007. It was held in conjunction with the 41<sup>st</sup> Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine hosted by the Academy of Medicine, Singapore from the 19 to 22 July 2007, Level 4, Raffles City Convention Centre, Singapore. The Symposium on Evidence Based Emergency Medicine was held from 1.00 pm to 3.20 pm in the same congress venue at the Olivia Room. The following topics were covered:

- How Evidence Based Medicine Has Changed Our Practices – A/Prof Shirley B S Ooi, Chief & Senior Consultant, Emergency Medicine Department, National University Hospital.
  - The New ACLS Guidelines: The Science Behind the Changes – A/Prof Lim Swee Han, Head, Department of Emergency Medicine, Singapore General Hospital.
  - Clinical Decision Rules Based on Evidence – Dr Marcus E H Ong, Consultant, Department of Emergency Medicine, Singapore General Hospital.
  - Disaster Management Based on Evidence – Dr Mark K F Leong, Deputy Head, & Senior Consultant, Department of Emergency Medicine, Singapore General Hospital.
- Prof V. Anantharaman was the Symposium Chairperson. The meeting was well-attended with 41 registrants.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Symposium on Geriatric Emergency Medicine was held from 3.45 pm to 6.05 pm in the Olivia Room. The following topics were covered:

- Geriatric Medicine: An Oxymoron? – Dr Foo Chik Loon, Consultant, Emergency Department, Tan Tock Seng Hospital.
- Injury Prevention in the Elderly – Dr Lee Sock Koon, Associate Consultant, Emergency Medicine Department, National University Hospital.
- Toxicology in the Elderly – Dr Gregory Cham, Consultant, Emergency Department, Tan Tock Seng Hospital.
- Old Age Emergency Medicine, the New Age Specialty: Delivering Care in the Community – Dr Dilip P Menon, Consultant, Department of Emergency Medicine, Wrexham-Maelor Hospital, UK.

Dr Chan Kim Chai was the Symposium Chairperson. The meeting was well-attended with 21 registrants.

### 3. Diploma in Emergency Medicine

The Chapter of Emergency Physicians is the main organiser of the Diploma in Emergency Medicine. This programme supports the Staff Registrar Scheme of the Ministry of Health, Singapore. The duration of the course is for 2 years from 12 April 2007 to 2 April 2009. The Programme Director is A/Prof Tham Kum Ying, Senior Consultant/Emergency Department & Associate Dean/Director, Clinical Training, Tan Tock Seng Hospital. The 2007 first intake has a total of 11 candidates. The syllabus comprises of 24 modules planned over 4 semesters of lectures/tutorials/seminars & practicum/hands-on workshop. Candidates (from overseas non-traditional source universities) who hold a temporary/conditional/full registration license with the Singapore Medical Council, & have at least 1 year's clinical working experience in the Emergency Department (at the time of enrolment), are nominated by their respective Head/Chief of Department with endorsement from the Institution/Hospital Human Resource Department, to enrol for the course. The Chapter imposes a supplementary fee to enrolled candidates & the Academy imposes annual fees to the candidate's sponsoring institution. A candidate who has successfully completed the course & obtained a pass for his/her final grade will be conferred the Diploma in Emergency Medicine by the Academy of Medicine, Singapore. The course will run its second intake from April 2008 to April 2010.

### INAUGURAL GENERAL MEETING

The Inaugural General Meeting of the Chapter of Emergency Physicians was held on 13 November 2007 at the Tutorial Room, Department of Emergency Medicine, Block 1, Rooftop Level, Singapore General Hospital.

The following office-bearers of the 2007 – 2008 Executive Committee were elected:

Chairperson	:	Prof Venkataraman Anantharaman
Vice-Chairperson	:	A/Prof Eillyne Seow
Honorary Secretary	:	Dr Goh Siang Hiong
Committee Members:		Dr Mark K F Leong
		A/Prof Shirley B S Ooi
		Dr Mohan Tiruchittampalam

### ACTIVITIES

#### 1. Continuing Medical Education (CME)

1.1 The Chapter organised the following lecture:

**10 December 2007**

#### **Emergency Medicine & Public Health**

Dr Gautam G. Bodiwala

President, International Federation for  
Emergency Medicine;

International Coordinator, College of  
Emergency Medicine (UK);

Former Head, Emergency Department, Leicester  
Royal Infirmary,

University Hospitals of Leicester, NHS Trust, UK

Chairperson: Prof V. Anantharaman

### APPRECIATION

The Chapter wishes to record its appreciation and thanks to all members and the secretariat for their kind support.

December 2007

Dr Goh Siang Hiong

Honorary Secretary

2007-2008 Chapter of Emergency Physicians