

CHAPTER OF PATHOLOGISTS

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Annual General Meeting

The Chapter held its 26th Annual General Meeting on 27 July 2012 at Library, Room 03-16, Department of Pathology, Singapore General Hospital.

Membership

The total membership of the Chapter as at 31 December 2012 stood at 57.

New Fellow

Dr Ng Tong Yong was admitted as Fellow of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore (Pathology) in 2012. The Chapter would like to take this opportunity to welcome Dr Ng Tong Yong.

Activities

South Central Association of Clinical Microbiology Audio-conference

The Chapter co-organised the following CD-recorded Audio-conference sessions with the Singapore Society of Pathology and the Department of Pathology, Singapore General Hospital:

Topic:	Detection of Blood Stream Infections
Date:	26 March 2012
Presenter:	Dr Donna Walk Department of Pathology, University of Arizona
Moderator:	Dr RN Deepak Department of Pathology, Singapore General Hospital

Topic:	Antimicrobial Resistance in Gram Negative Rods
Date:	30 April 2012
Presenter:	Dr Paul Schreckenberger PhD D (ABMM) Professor of Pathology Director of the Clinical Microbiology Laboratory Associate Director for Diagnostic Molecular Pathology, Department of Pathology Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine
Moderator:	A/Prof Koh Tse Hsien Department of Pathology, Singapore General Hospital

Topic:	Melanized Fungi in Human Diseases
Date:	28 May 2012
Presenter:	Dr Deanna A. Sutton PhD Assistant Professor Administrative Director Fungus Testing Laboratory Department of Pathology The University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio, TX
Moderator:	Dr Tan Ai Ling Senior Consultant Department of Pathology, Singapore General Hospital

Topic:	The Clinically Important Aerobic Actinomycetes - A Review and Update
Date:	16 July 2012
Presenter:	Dr Michael A. Saubolle PhD D.(ABMM) Director, Infectious Diseases Division Laboratory Sciences of Arizona/ Sonora Quest Laboratories; Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine University of Arizona College of Medicine
Moderator:	Dr Tan Yen Ee Registrar Department of Pathology, Singapore General Hospital

Topic:	Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing (AST) of Gram Positive Bacteria
Date:	27 August 2012
Presenter:	Janet Hindler, MCLS MT(ASCP) Sr. Specialist, Clinical Microbiology UCLA Health System Los Angeles, California
Moderator:	Dr James Sim Associate Consultant Department of Pathology, Singapore General Hospital

Topic:	Hepatitis C: Latest Update on Diagnosis and Treatment
Date:	5 November 2012
Presenter:	Melissa B. Miller, PhD, D(ABMM) Associate Professor, Pathology & Laboratory Medicine Director, Clinical Molecular Microbiology Laboratory Associate Director, Clinical Microbiology- Immunology Laboratory UNC School of Medicine, Chapel Hill, NC
Moderator:	Dr Chan Kian Sing Associate Consultant Department of Pathology, Singapore General Hospital

Topic:	MALDI-TOF
Date:	17 December 2012
Presenter:	Nathan A. Ledebor, PhD, D(ABMM) Medical Director, Clinical Microbiology Assistant Professor of Pathology Medical College of Wisconsin DynaCare Laboratories Milwaukee, WI
Moderator:	Dr Jamie Tan Department of Pathology, Singapore General Hospital

Visiting Academician

Professor Alastair Burt, Dean of Clinical Medicine and Professor of Pathology, Clinical Deanery, Faculty of Medical Sciences, Newcastle University, was appointed as the Visiting Academician for 2012. Prof Burt delivered a lecture on 'Autoimmune Liver Diseases: Variation Upon a Theme' during the 1st Singapore Pathology Conference held on 20 October 2012 at Grand Copthorne Waterfront Singapore Hotel.

Professor Randy Gascoyne, BSc, MD (UBC) Clinical Professor Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine University of British Columbia Hematopathologist, BC Cancer Agency Research Director, Centre for Lymphoid Cancer Distinguished Scientist – BC Cancer Research Centre, was also appointed as Visiting Academician in 2012. Prof Gascoyne delivered lectures on the 30 July - 2 August as part of the SGH Hematolymphoid Pathology Course 2012.

Visiting Lecturer

Dr Marc J. van de Vijer, Head Department of Pathology, The Netherlands Cancer Institute, was appointed as Visiting Lecturer. Dr Marc J. van de Vijer delivered two lectures on 8-9 October 2012 at the Singapore General Hospital. The lectures titled 'Basal-like breast cancers – what's the significance?' and 'Hormone receptor and HER2 evaluation – challenges, pitfalls and future' were held as part of the Singapore General Hospital 3rd SGH Breast Pathology Course 2012.

Sponsorship of Events

The Chapter sponsored the following activities in 2012:

SGH Histopathology Course

The SGH Histopathology Course, held on 26-30 March, was opened to all Histopathology trainees and residents in Singapore mainly from SingHealth. Topics included soft tissue pathology, gynaecological pathology, gastrointestinal pathology, cytopathology and dermatopathology.

3rd SGH Breast Pathology Course

Dr Marc J. van de Vijer, Head Department of Pathology, The Netherlands Cancer Institute, was the Visiting Lecturer for 2012. The 3rd SGH Breast Pathology Course, held on 8-9 October, was opened to all practising pathologists, pathology fellows and residents, and clinicians managing breast conditions. The Chapter sponsored tea-breaks for one day of the course.

Nominal Sponsorship

Thyroid Academic Forum 2012

The Chapter was the nominal sponsor for the Thyroid Academic Forum held on 19 June. The multi-disciplinary forum was attended by pathologists, radiologists and endocrinologists.

Singapore General Hospital Hematolymphoid Pathology Course 2012

The course, held on 30 July-2 August, comprised didactic lectures with a microscopic session that incorporated histopathology, immunohistochemistry, as well as results of fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH) and clonality analysis by PCR. The course was conducted by Prof Randy Gascoyne, Visiting Academician, and a clinician-scientist at the BCCA/BCCRC and a Clinical Professor at the University of British Columbia.