

CHAPTER OF PATHOLOGISTS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Chapter held its 25th Annual General Meeting on 4 August 2011 at Library Room, #03-16, Department of Pathology, Singapore General Hospital.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2011 - 2012

Chairman: Dr Cuthbert Teo
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MEMBERSHIP

The total membership of the Chapter as at 31 December 2011 stood at 58.

NEW FELLOW

The following was admitted as Fellow of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore (Pathology) in 2011:

- Dr Chan Kian Sing

The Chapter would like to take this opportunity to welcome Dr Chan Kian Sing.

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: **Legal Aspects/Legal Cases in Clinical Microbiology**
Date: 10 January 2011
Presenter: **Mr John Rottinghaus, J.D.**
Partner with Wagstaff & Cartmell, United States
Moderator: **Dr Sng Li-Hwei**
Senior Consultant
Department of Pathology, SGH

Topic: **Bacterial Vaginosis**
Date: 21 March 2011
Presenter: **Dr Carol A. Spiegel**
Professor (CHS)
Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Moderator: **Dr James Sim**
Registrar
Department of Pathology
Singapore General Hospital

Topic: **Verification & Validation in Clinical Microbiology**
Date: 18 April 2011
Presenter: **Dr Mike Loeffelhioz**
Associate Professor, Department of Pathology;
Director, Clinical Microbiology Division
University of Texas Medical Branch
Moderator: **Dr Ng Tong Yong**
Registrar
Department of Pathology
Singapore General Hospital

Topic: **Role of the Microbiology Laboratory in Diagnosis and Management of Pharyngitis**
Date: 23 May 2011
Presenter: **Dr Paul Bourbeau**
Director of Microbiology
Geisinger Medical Laboratories
Geisinger Medical Center
Moderator: **Dr Cecilia Ngan**
Senior Consultant
Department of Pathology
Singapore General Hospital

Topic: **Yeast Susceptibility Testing**
Date: 22 August 2011
Presenter: **Gerri Hall**
Section Head of Clinical Microbiology, Cleveland Clinic and Professor of Pathology, Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine Case Western Reserve University
Moderator: **Dr Tan Ai Ling**
Senior Consultant
Department of Pathology
Singapore General Hospital

Topic: **Why Order Shiga Toxin Tests**
Date: 3 October 2011
Presenter: **Brent Barrett**
Public Health and Medical Microbiologist
Public Health and Clinical Labs
Indianapolis, Indiana Area
United States of America
Moderator: **Dr Koh Tse Hsien**
Senior Consultant
Department of Pathology
Singapore General Hospital

Topic: **Group B Streptococcus Testing**
Date: 14 November 2011
Presenter: **Dr Roberta Carey**
Director, Laboratory Quality Management Program
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Moderator: **Dr Chan Kian Sing**
Associate Consultant
Department of Pathology
Singapore General Hospital

- Molecular Diagnostics and Targeted Therapies in Solid Tumours - Current Status (27 Sep)
- Updates in Molecular Haematology Testing (27 Sep)
- Molecular Diagnostics and Targeted Therapies in Solid Tumours – Future Targets (28 Sep)
- Validation and Verification of Diagnostic Molecular Tests (28 Sep)
- Role of Molecular Diagnostics in Genetics Testing and Pharmacogenetics (29 Sep)
- HER2 FISH and IHC testing (29 Sep)
- Quality Control and Monitoring of Molecular Tests (29 Sep)
- Overview Of Current Molecular Diagnostic Methods and Emerging Molecular Technologies (30 Sep)

HMDP Visiting Expert Lectures

Date: 26 – 30 September 2011

The Chapter, together with Singapore General Hospital; Singapore Society of Pathologists and Singapore Association of Clinical Biochemists, organised a series of lectures by HMDP Visiting Expert in Molecular Pathology, Professor Gregory James Tsongalis. Professor Tsongalis who was from the Department of Pathology, Dartmouth Medical School, delivered the following lectures:

- Advances in Molecular Diagnosis of Infectious Diseases (26 Sep)
- Bringing New Molecular Tests into the Clinical Laboratory (26 Sep)
- Molecular Pathology Using Paraffin-Embedded Tissue and Cytological Samples (27 Sep)

Visiting Lecturer

Professor Elaine Jaffe, Chief of the Haematopathology Section, National Cancer Institute, was appointed as Visiting Lecturer. A highly respected haematopathologist and talented teacher, Prof Jaffe delivered two lectures on 31 October 2011 at the Singapore General Hospital. The lectures titled “Pathology of NK and T-cell lymphoma” and “Anaplastic T Cell Lymphoma” were held as part of the Singapore General Hospital Hematolymphoid Pathology Course.

SPONSORSHIP OF EVENTS

The Chapter sponsored the following activities in 2011:

SGH Histopathology Course

1 – 5 August 2011

The course, which covered 10 pathology subspecialties, comprised a mixture of slide quizzes, multi-header microscopic instruction and didactic lectures. About 25 case studies were discussed each day and the participants were given access to study the glass slides in advance. The types of cases selected encompassed both benign and malignant pathology and were suited for candidates taking the FRCPA/FRCPath Examination.

The Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia (RCPA) Visiting Lecturer

7 & 8 December 2011

Professor Roger Byard, Marks Professor of Pathology at the University of Adelaide, was the RCPA Visiting Lecturer for 2011. A total of four lectures were delivered over the two days.

7 December 2011

- The Autopsy and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome
- Sudden Death in Childhood

8 December 2011

- Injuries in Childhood
- Life as an Academic Pathologist

NOMINAL SPONSORSHIP

Singapore General Hospital Breast Pathology Course 2011

4 & 5 November 2011

The course focused on challenges and pitfalls of preoperative diagnosis of breast conditions using core biopsy and cytology. A hands-on microscopy workshop and a series of lectures were part of the course. Dr Ian Ellis, a professor at the University of Nottingham, United Kingdom; Dr Fernando Schmitt, from the Medical Faculty of Porto University, Portugal and Dr Gary Tse, from the Chinese University of Hong Kong were invited to share their valuable expertise at the course.

Singapore General Hospital Hematolymphoid Pathology Course 2011

31 October – 3 November 2011

The course 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 Dr Kevin Gatter, from the Nuffield Department of Clinical Laboratory Sciences at Oxford University and Dr Elaine Jaffe, the Academy's Visiting Lecturer.

STAFF REGISTRAR SCHEME

The Chapter is pleased to announce that the following candidate of the Staff Registrar Scheme had graduated with the Advanced Diploma in Pathology:

- Dr Ana Richelia Jara-Lazaro

The diploma is jointly awarded by the Chapter and the Academy of Medicine, Singapore.