

CHAPTER OF PATHOLOGISTS

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Chapter held its 24th Annual General Meeting on 11 August 2010 at the Conference Room, Department of Pathology, Singapore General Hospital.

MEMBERSHIP

The total membership of the Chapter as at 31 December 2010 stood at 61.

New Fellow

The following was admitted as Fellow of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore (Pathology) in 2010:

- **Dr Sathiyamoorthy Selvarajan**

The Chapter would like to take this opportunity to welcome Dr Sathiyamoorthy Selvarajan.

ACTIVITIES

21st Combined Annual Scientific Meeting

The 21st Combined Annual Scientific Meeting, co-organised by the Chapter and the Singapore Society of Pathology, was held on 25 September 2010 at Hilton Hotel. The theme for the Meeting was “The Meeting point of Man, Machine, Microbe, and Medicine”.

Fourteen (14) speakers were invited to share their valuable knowledge and expertise at the half-day Meeting. The scientific programme consisted of three tracks – Clinical Chemistry & General Laboratory; Microbiology & Infectious Diseases and Anatomic Pathology.

The Meeting attracted a good turnout of about 130 participants.

Visiting Academician Lecture, 1 November 2010

The Chapter held the Visiting Academician Lecture by Professor John Rasko on 1 November 2010. Professor John Rasko who is from the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital & Centenary Institute of Cancer Medicine & Cell Biology, University of Sydney, delivered a lecture on “Extensional Elasticity Preserves Stem Cells” at the Health Sciences Authority. Professor Rasko is also the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia Visiting Professor for the year 2010.

Visiting Lecturer

Professor Bruce Smoller, the Visiting Lecturer of the Chapter and the Academy of Medicine, Singapore, delivered a lecture titled “Mycosis Fungoides and Mimics” on 10 November at the Department of Pathology, Singapore General Hospital. Professor Smoller is Aubrey J. Hough Endowed Chair of Pathology and Professor of Pathology and Dermatology at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, USA.

Haematopathology Slide Seminar

The Chapter co-organised the yearly Haematopathology Slide Seminar together with the Chapter of Haematologists, College of Physicians; Singapore Society of Pathology and the Singapore Society of Haematology. Speakers from Singapore General Hospital, National University Hospital and Tan Tock Seng Hospital were invited to present and discuss several blood and marrow cases. The event was held on 24 November 2010 at Tan Tock Seng Hospital and it was well-attended by more than 50 participants.

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 & the Department of Pathology, Singapore General Hospital:

Topic: Laboratory Acquired Infections	Topic: Consequences at the Interface of Humans, Animals, and the Environment – or, 101 ways You Consume Animal Faeces
Date: 22 March 2010	Date: 24 May 2010
Presenter: Dr Michael Miller, Ph.D President Microbiology Consultants, LLC	Presenter: Dr Michael Miller, Ph.D President Microbiology Consultants, LLC
Moderator: Dr James Sim	Moderator: Dr Ng Tong Yong
Topic: Incorporation of LEAN into a Clinical Microbiology Laboratory	Topic: 2010 CLSI AST Update
Date: 26 April 2010	Date: 5 July 2010
Presenter: Carol Mulder MLS(ASCP) Clinical Laboratory Scientist St. Joseph's Hospital-HealthEast, St. Paul, MN	Presenter: Dr Richard Van Enk Director of Infection Control and Epidemiology and Infection Control Officer Bronson Methodist Hospital, Kalamazoo, Michigan
Moderator: Dr RN Deepak	Moderator: Dr Koh Tse Hsien

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Topic: **Antibiotic Stewardship Program**
Date: 16 August 2010
Presenter: Dr Daryl DePestel
Clinical Associate Professor of Pharmacy
Department of Clinical, Social, & Administrative Sciences
University of Michigan College of Pharmacy
Clinical Pharmacist
Infections Diseases & Co-Director Antimicrobial Stewardship Program
University of Michigan Health System
Moderator: Dr Ling Moi Lin

Topic: **Risk Assessment in Clinical Microbiology Laboratories**
Date: 1 November 2010
Presenter: Mary DeMartino, BS MT(ASCP) SM
Microbiology Supervisor / BT Technical Specialist
Department of Primary Microbiology
University of Iowa
Moderator: Dr Lynette Oon

Lectures

Topic: **History of Microbiology (Part 1)**
Date: 29 March 2010
Speaker: Dr Matthias Maiwald
Consultant in Microbiology
Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine
KK Women's and Children's Hospital

Topic: **History of Microbiology (Part 2)**
Date: 5 April 2010
Speaker: Dr Matthias Maiwald
Consultant in Microbiology
Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine
KK Women's and Children's Hospital

Topic: **Role of MicroRNAs in Breast Cancer Pathogenesis**
Date: 27 May 2010
Speaker: Dr Martin Götte
Head of Research Laboratories and Senior Lecturer in Medicine
Department of Gynecology & Obstetrics,
Münster University Hospital, Germany

SPONSORSHIP OF EVENTS

The Chapter sponsored the following activities with the Singapore Society of Pathology in 2010:

SGH Histopathology Course

Organised by the Department of Pathology, Singapore General Hospital, the course comprised a mixture of slide quizzes, multi-header microscopic instruction and didactic lectures.

Two Histopathology courses, with each lasting a week, were held in 2010. The first course was held on 1 to 5 February 2010 and the second course was held on 27 September to 1 October 2010.

Singapore General Hospital Breast Pathology Course

The Breast Pathology Course was held on 12 & 13 November 2010. Day one of the course comprised a Microscopy Workshop where participants were provided with light microscopes and/or virtual microscopy stations to evaluate breast lesions. Lectures on breast lesions and breast tumors were the highlights on the second day of the course.

NOMINAL SPONSORSHIP

The Department of Pathology, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University Health System organised a series of lectures by Professor Bruce Smoller on 9 November 2010. The Chapter was a nominal sponsor for the event. Professor Bruce Smoller who is Aubrey J. Hough Endowed Chair of Pathology and Professor of Pathology and Dermatology at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, USA delivered the following lectures:

- Melanoma and Mimics
- Pathology of Pilosebaceous Tumours
- Apocrine and eccrine neoplasms – A Rational Approach
- Appendageal Tumours Slide Seminar

PROFESSIONAL OPINION AND FEEDBACK

During the year, the Chapter contributed feedback on:

- Expert opinion on blood analysis (Private Hospitals and Medical Clinics Act)
- Nano Energy Booster (NeB) - Diagnostic & Treatment Claims
- Screening Tests Review
- Live Blood Analysis (LBA)
- Efficacy of Alkaline Water in Human Body

APPRECIATION

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