

CHAPTER OF PSYCHIATRISTS

Executive Committee 2012-2013

Chairperson:	Dr Ng Beng Yeong
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26th Annual General Meeting

The 26th Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of Psychiatrists was held on 25 May 2012, 8:30 pm in Lecture

Activities

Continuing Medical Education

The following sessions were organised:

a) 16 March 2012

'Better Remission for Better Functionality in Major Depressive Disorder'

Dr Ruth Baruch (MD, FRCPC)
Medical Director, Community Mental Health Program,
Department of Psychiatry
Toronto East General Hospital, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Chairperson: Dr Adrian CC Wang

b) 25 May 2012 (Seminar)

i. Lecture: 'Genetics & Neuroimaging in Understanding Brain Signalling Mechanisms of Psychiatric Disorders'

Dr Tan Hao Yang
Visiting Consultant, Department of Psychological Medicine
National University Hospital

ii. Journal Presentation: 'Long-term Antipsychotic Treatment and Brain Volumes: A Longitudinal Study of First-Episode Schizophrenia'

Dr Poon Shi Hui
Medical Officer, Department of Psychiatry, Singapore
General Hospital

iii. Panel Discussion – 'Antipsychotics and Brain Shrinkage'

- Dr Christopher CS Cheok
Head, Department of Psychological Medicine, Khoo Teck Puat Hospital
- Dr Tan Hao Yang, Dr Ang Yong Guan
Consultant Psychiatrist, Paragon Medical Singapore
- Dr Yap Hwa Ling
Chapter Chairperson & Chief, Department of
Psychological Medicine, Changi General Hospital
Chairperson: Dr Yap Hwa Ling

Room 1, Postgraduate Medical Institute (PGMI), Block 6, Level 1, Singapore General Hospital, Outram Road, Singapore 169608.

Membership

The Chapter had a total membership of 90 Fellows as at 31 December 2012.

The Academy held its Induction Comitia on 23 August 2012 at the Auditorium of the Health Promotion Board, Singapore. Dr Liew Hwee Sen Alvin was admitted under the Chapter of Psychiatrists.

Committee Meetings

At the time of writing the Annual Report, the Chapter had convened one meeting.

c) 18 July 2012

(Co-organised with the Department of Psychiatry, SGH)
'Behavioral and Psychological Symptoms of Dementia'

Dr James Warner
Clinical Director, Older Adults Services, CNWL Foundation Trust & Honorary Reader in Psychiatry, Imperial College, London, UK
Chairperson: A/Prof Ng Beng Yeong

d) 20 July 2012

'New Knowledge of Bipolar Disorders and Advancement in Treatment'

A/Prof Gerald A. Maguire (MD, DFAPA)
Associate Professor of Clinical Psychiatry
Kirkup Endowed Chair in Stuttering Treatment, Department of Psychiatry & Senior Associate Dean, Medical Education, University of California
Irvine School of Medicine, Irvine, California, USA
Chairperson: A/Prof Ng Beng Yeong

e) 17 September 2012

(Co-organised with the Department of Psychiatry, SGH)
Theme: 'Updates in Psychiatry'

i. Lecture – 'Latest Developments in Body Dysmorphic Disorder'

Dr David Veale
Consultant Psychiatrist, Maudsley Hospital & Visiting Senior Lecturer
Institute of Psychiatry, King's College, London, England, UK

ii. Lecture – 'HIV-associated Neurocognitive Disorders (HAND) in a Southeast Asian Population'

Dr Chan Lai Gwen
Registrar, Department of Psychological Medicine, Tan Tock Seng Hospital

Chairperson: Dr Chan Hern Nieng

f) 1 November 2012**'Treatment Options for Primary Insomnia with a Focus on Patients with Circadian Rhythm Disorders'**

Dr Patrick Lemoine

Medical Director of CLINEA-ORPEA, France

Chairperson: Dr Joshua Gooley

g) 28 November 2012**i. Lecture – 'Self-Harm Patients in General Hospital: Maladaptive Personality Traits and its Association with Suicide Intent Severity'**

Dr Andre Tay

Associate Consultant, Department of Psychological Medicine, Changi General Hospital

ii. Lecture – 'Suicide in Singapore'

Dr Chia Boon Hock

Consultant Psychiatrist, Dr Chia Boon Hock Clinic
Tanglin Shopping Centre, Singapore

Chairperson: A/Prof Ng Beng Yeong

Survey of Psychiatrists on Forensic Psychiatric Assessments in Singapore

The 'Survey of Psychiatrists on Forensic Psychiatric Assessments in Singapore' has been published in the ASEAN Journal of Psychiatry, volume 13, issue 2 (July to December 2012). Fellow Psychiatrists are able to access it at:

<http://www.aseanjournalofpsychiatry.org/index.php/aseanjournalofpsychiatry/article/view/97/78>

Staff Registrar Scheme - Diploma in Psychiatry Course

The Chapter endorsed the draft proposal of the above course prepared by the Institute of Mental Health which was submitted to the Academy's Education & Training Department for approval.

Independent Medical Expert (IME) Opinion

The Chapter received one request for IME Opinion in Psychiatry from the Singapore Police Force through the Professional Affairs Department, AMS.

Ministry of Health Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPGs)

A Workgroup was formed and chaired by A/Prof Daniel S S Fung (Chairman, Medical Board, Institute of Mental Health) to develop a CPG for 'Attention Deficit on Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)'. It had been accepted for publication by MOH as part of its Prioritisation Exercise for Development of Topics FY2012. The deadline for completion was targeted in August and to be launched by end of 2012.

Mental Capacity Assessment for Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) & Court Appointed Deputy

The Chapter submitted its opinion on 'Mental Capacity Assessment for Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) & Court Appointed Deputy' through Dr Aaron Ang (Head & Consultant, Department of Psychological Medicine, Tan Tock Seng Hospital) to A/Prof Thomas Lew (Chairman Medical Board).

Psychiatry Resident in-Training Examinations

The Academy conducted the Psychiatry Resident In-Training Examinations (PRITE) for 17 registered Psychiatry residents in Singapore on 27 September (16 candidates were present and 1 absent) at the Institute of Mental Health.