

## 2007-2008 Committee Members



**Standing (Left to Right):**

**A/Prof Leslie E C Lim (Honorary Secretary), Dr Calvin S L Fones (Vice-Chairman) and Dr Ng Beng Yeong (Co-opted Member)**

**Seated (Left to Right):**

**Dr Yap Hwa Ling (Chairperson) and Dr Angelina O M Chan (Co-opted Member)**

**Absent:**

**A/Prof Chong Siow Ann (Co-opted Member), A/Prof Rathi Mahendran (Co-opted Member), A/Prof Ong Thiew Chai (Committee Member), Dr Parvathy d/o Pathy (Co-opted Member) and Dr R M Winslow (Committee Member)**

## 21ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of Psychiatrists was held on 18 April 2007 in Van Gogh, Level 3, Negara on Claymore Hotel, 10 Claymore Road, Singapore 229540.

The following office-bearers for the year 2007 – 2008 were elected:

Chairperson	: Dr Yap Hwa Ling
Vice-Chairperson	: Dr Calvin S L Fones
Honorary Secretary	: A/Prof Leslie E C Lim
Committee Members	: A/Prof Ong Thiew Chai Dr R M Winslow
Co-opted Members	: Dr Angelina O M Chan A/Prof Chong Siow Ann A/Prof Rathi Mahendran Dr Ng Beng Yeong Dr Parvathy d/o Pathy

## MEMBERSHIP

The total membership of the Chapter as at 31 December 2007 stands at 87.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Committee held 4 meetings during the year 2007.

## ACTIVITIES

### 1. Continuing Medical Education (CME)

#### 1.1 The Chapter co-organised the following lectures with Mount Elizabeth-Charter Behavioural Health Services:

6 March 2007

#### **Sleep Disorders**

Dr Ng Beng Yeong  
Head & Senior Consultant  
Department of Psychiatry  
Singapore General Hospital

Chairperson: Dr Brian K L Yeo

10 April 2007

#### **Updates on Dementia**

Dr Ng Li-Ling  
Senior Consultant  
Division of Psychological Medicine  
Changi General Hospital

Chairperson: Dr Paul W Ngui

15 May 2007

#### **Updates on the EPIP Program**

A/Prof Chong Siow Ann  
Senior Consultant & Chief  
Department of Early Psychosis  
Intervention & Director of Research,  
Institute of Mental Health

Chairperson: Dr Tay Liam Kai

7 June 2007

#### **Psycho-analytical Psychotherapy**

Dr George Fernandez  
Consultant  
Department of General Psychiatry  
Institute of Mental Health

Chairperson: Dr Douglas S G Kong

3 July 2007

#### **COPEs Programme for Schools**

Dr Daniel S S Fung  
Senior Consultant & Chief  
Department of Child & Adolescent  
Psychiatry  
Institute of Mental Health/Woodbridge  
Hospital

Chairperson: Dr Tan Chue Tin

14 August 2007

#### **Updates on ADHD in Children & Adult**

Dr Lionel C C Lim  
Consultant Psychiatrist  
Mount Elizabeth Medical Centre

Chairperson: Dr Phuah Huan Kee

12 September 2007

#### **3rd Wave of the Behavioural Therapies: Mindfulness-Based CBT (MCBT) & AC T Acceptance & Commitment Therapy)**

Dr Low Bee Lee  
Consultant Psychiatrist  
Mount Elizabeth Medical Centre

Chairperson: Dr Ang Yong Guan

2 October 2007

#### **Clinical Hypnosis**

A/Prof Ong Thiew Chai  
Senior Consultant  
Department of Psychological Medicine  
Tan Tock Seng Hospital

Chairperson: Dr Brian K L Yeo

1.2 The Chapter co-organised the following lecture with the Department of Psychiatry, Singapore General Hospital:

6 November 2007

**Depression in Later Life: The Potential of Community Wide Prevention**

Prof Sube Banerjee  
Professor of Mental Health & Ageing  
Section of Mental Health & Ageing,  
PO26 Health Services Research Department  
Institute of Psychiatry, King's College London  
University of London, England, United Kingdom

Chairperson: Dr Ng Beng Yeong

## 2 Quarterly Professional Lectures 2007

The following Professional Lectures were organised:

2.1 29 January 2007 (Co-organised with the Department of Psychiatry, Singapore General Hospital)

**1st Professional Lecture – Why Can't There Be A Universal Code of Ethics in Psychiatry?**

Dr Michael Robertson (FRANZCP)  
Director of Psychiatry, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital & Sydney South West Area Health Service (Eastern Sector) & Clinical Lecturer, Psychological Medicine, The University of Sydney, New South Wales, Australia

Chairperson: Dr Yap Hwa Ling

2.2 18 April 2007 (Chapter was the main organiser)

**2nd Professional Lecture – One Stone Many Birds**

Dr Chee Kuan Tsee  
Emeritus Consultant  
Department of General Psychiatry II, Institute of Mental Health/Woodbridge Hospital, Singapore

Chairperson: Dr Ng Beng Yeong

2.3 13 June 2007 (Co-organised with the Mental Wellness Service, Division of Medicine, KK Women's & Children's Hospital)

**3rd Professional Lecture – Perinatal Psychiatry: A Perspective of Women's Mental Health**

Dr Margaret Oates  
Consultant Perinatal Psychiatrist, Queen's Medical Centre & Honorary Senior Lecturer, The University of Nottingham, Nottingham, England, United Kingdom

Chairperson: Dr Calvin S L Fones

2.4 25 July 2007 (Chapter was the main organiser)

**4th Professional Lecture – The Madwoman in the Attic: The Role of Literature in Medical & Psychiatric Education**

Prof Femi Oyeboode  
Head of Department of Psychiatry, University of Nottingham & Consultant Psychiatrist, Queen Elizabeth Psychiatric Hospital, Birmingham, England, United Kingdom

Chairperson: A/Prof Leslie E C Lim

3. **Plenary Lecture, 22nd July 2007 – 41st Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine, 19 – 22 July 2007**

The Chapter of Psychiatrists organised a Plenary Lecture on 22 July 2007 in conjunction with the 41st 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 lecture was held from 1.00 pm to 1.45 pm in the same congress venue at the Sophia Room. The invited speaker was Prof K Ranga Krishnan, Professor & Chairman, Department of Psychiatry, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, North Carolina, USA & Executive Vice-Dean for Clinical Research, Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School Singapore. He delivered a lecture on "Mild Cognitive Impairment – An Update". The Chairperson was Dr Yap Hwa Ling. The lecture was well-attended with 65 registrants.

## ARTICULATION ON THE ROLE OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

The Allied Health Branch, Manpower Standards & Development Division, Ministry of Health, Singapore had invited the Chapter to articulate on the Role of Psychologists & expected competencies for the healthcare sector in Singapore. The Chapter submitted its views to MOH for their consideration.

## COLLEGE OF PSYCHIATRISTS

The 2007 to 2008 Committee has decided not to form a College of Psychiatrists.

## **FEEDBACK ON THE DRAFT NEW MENTAL CAPACITY BILL**

A Subcommittee of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore was formed to address the Feedback on the Draft New Mental Capacity Bill. Members from the Chapter of Psychiatrists who sat on this committee were: Dr Ng Beng Yeong (Subcommittee Chairman & Co-opted Member/2007-2008 Committee), Drs Kok Lee Peng, Stephen B C Phang & Yap Hwa Ling (Chairperson/2007-2008 Committee). The feedback was submitted by the Professional Affairs Division, AMS to the Elderly, Disability & Gambling Safeguard Division, Ministry of Community Development, Youth & Sports, Singapore for their consideration.

## **NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR MENTAL HEALTH: TEACHING COLLABORATION BETWEEN CAMBODIA & SINGAPORE**

Dr Angelina O M Chan (Chapter's Coordinator & Co-opted member/2007 – 2008 Committee) had reported that the National Program for Mental Health: Teaching Collaboration between Cambodia & Singapore received a good response. Training was provided for the following topics on Neuroanatomy & Neurotransmitters, Bipolar Disorder & Forensic Psychiatry to the Cambodian psychiatric residents/nurse trainees as well as CME for psychiatrists/nurses. The Chapter had sent in a letter of request (dated 13 September 2007) to obtain approval from the Academy of Medicine, Singapore in supporting the program for a further 2 years. The matter was approved by the Council at the Academy's fifth meeting of 8 October 2007.

## **APPRECIATION**

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

December 2007  
A/Prof Leslie E C Lim  
Honorary Secretary  
2007-2008 Chapter of Psychiatrists