

COLLEGE OF PAEDIATRICS & CHILD HEALTH, SINGAPORE

7TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 7th Annual General Meeting of the College of Paediatrics & Child Health, Singapore was held on 14 May 2011, 4:00 pm in the Pines Room (Upper Level), The Pines, 30 Stevens Road, Singapore 257840.



2011-2012 COUNCIL

The following office-bearers for the year 2011 – 2012 were elected:

President: Dr Ng Chin Yuen Steven
Immediate Past President: Dr Low Kah Tzay
Vice-President: A/Prof Goh Yam Thiam Daniel
Honorary Secretary: A/Prof Chan Kwai Lin Daisy
Honorary Treasurer: A/Prof Aw Nee Chia Hui-Yong Marion Margaret
Council Members:
Dr Liew Woei Kang
Clin A/Prof Victor Samuel Rajadurai
A/Prof Yap Kok Peng Fabian

A/Prof Chan Kwai Lin Daisy will retire at the 8th AGM and is eligible for re-nomination to serve on the Council for a further (last) term until the next (9th) AGM in 2013, after which she must retire from her post but may seek re-election after a lapse of two years in 2015. Dr Low Kah Tzay will be completing his one-year term as Immediate Past President & will retire at the 8th AGM. He will not be eligible for re-nomination.



*(Left to right) A/Prof Marion Aw, A/Prof Fabian Yap, Dr Liew Woei Kang, Dr Steven Ng, A/Prof Daniel Goh & A/Prof Daisy Chan
Absent: Dr Low Kah Tzay & A/Prof Samuel Rajadurai*

MEMBERSHIP

The total membership of the College stands at 180 (as at 31 December 2011).

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Council met to consider the business and affairs of the College. At the time of writing the Annual Report, the Council held 6 meetings during the year 2011.

INDUCTION COMITIA

The Academy held its Induction Comitia in conjunction with the Opening Ceremony of the 45th Annual Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine on 21 July 2011 at Marina Mandarin Singapore. The following Fellow was admitted under CPCHS: Dr Poon Woei Bing.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

A) The following lectures were organised:

(i) 1 April 2011

'Allergy Prevention from Knowledge to Clinical Practices'

Speaker: Prof Sybille Koletzko
Head of the Division of Paediatric Gastroenterology & Hepatology
Dr. v. Haunersches Kinderspital, Ludwig Maximilians University
Munich, Germany

Chairperson: Dr Low Kah Tzay
President, CPCHS & Neonatologist Paediatrician
Anson International Paediatric & Child Development Clinic, Paragon Medical Centre, Singapore

(ii) 15 April 2011

'Importance of Aggressive Nutrition for Preterm Infants: In Hospital and Post-Discharge' [Co-organised with PSS & SPS]

Speaker: Prof Ekhard E. Ziegler, Professor of Paediatrics, University of Iowa, USA

Chairperson: Dr Steven C Y Ng
Consultant Paediatrician & Neonatologist,
Steven's Baby & Child Clinic
Gleneagles Medical Centre, Singapore

(iii) 26 May 2011

[Co-organised with the Department of Child Development, KKH & Child Guidance Clinic, IMH]

Theme: 'Behavioural/Emotional Problems & Language Delay in Young Children: Assessment & Outcome'

Topic: 'ASEBA Approach to Assessment of Child & Adolescent Psychopathology'

Speaker: Prof Thomas Max Achenbach, Recipient of Angrier Prize for Research in Psychology;
Professor of Psychiatry & Psychology, University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont, USA

Topic: 'Clinical Applications of the ASEBA for Children Aged 1 ½ to 5 years'

Speaker: Prof Leslie Rescorla, Professor of Psychology & Director, Child Study Institute
Bryn Mawr College, Pennsylvania, USA

Chairperson: A/Prof Daisy K L Chan (Honorary Secretary, CPCHS)



Left to Right: Prof Thomas Achenbach, Prof Leslie Rescorla, Dr Sylvia H T Choo (DCD, KKH), Adj A/Prof Daisy Chan and Adj A/Prof Ooi Yoon Phaik (P.h.D.), CGC, IMH.

(iv) 29 June 2011

Symposium: 'Latest Updates on Constipation, Digestive Discomforts & Role of Prebiotics' [Co-organised with SPS]

Topic: 'Latest Development on the Management of Constipation and Digestive Discomforts in Infancy and Early Childhood'

Speaker: Dr Marc Benninga, Department of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition
Emma Children's Hospital, Academic Medical Centre, Amsterdam, Netherlands

Topic: 'Role of Unique Prebiotic Mixture (scGOS/lcFOS) in Digestive Discomforts, Gut Health and Immune System Development'

Speaker: Dr Kaouter Ben Amor, Head, Gut Microbiology, Danone Research – Centre for Specialised Nutrition, Singapore

Chairperson: Prof Quak Seng Hock
Head and Senior Consultant, Paediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Liver Transplantation
University Children's Medical Institute, National University Hospital

(v) 25 October 2011

'The Influence of Maternal Nutrition on the Cognitive Function of Infants and Toddlers'

Speaker: Dr Carol L Cheatham, Ph.D.
Developmental Cognitive Neuroscientist & a Member of the Nutrition & Brain Development Team at the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill Nutrition Research Institute (NRI) on the North Carolina Research Campus, USA

Chairperson: A/Prof Daisy Chan
Senior Consultant, Department of Neonatal & Developmental Medicine
Singapore General Hospital & Visiting Senior Consultant, Department of Child Development
KK Women's & Children's Hospital; Honorary Secretary, CPCHS

(vi) 5 November 2011

Symposium: 'Feeding Intolerance in Young Children - Critical Diagnostic Skills for Effective Recommendation'

Topic: 'Varied Clinical Entities and Presentations of Cow's Milk Allergy'

Speaker: Dr Liew Woei Kang, Consultant Paediatrician
Special Interest in Allergy & Immunology, SBCC Baby & Child Clinic
President, Asthma & Allergy Association

Topic: 'Gastrointestinal Tolerance of Infant Feedings'

Speaker: Dr Larry Williams, Senior Medical Director, Abbott Nutrition
Columbus, Ohio, USA

Chairperson: Dr Steven C Y Ng
President, CPCHS & Consultant Paediatrician and Neonatologist
Steven's Baby & Child Clinic, Gleneagles Medical Centre, Singapore

B) The College organised four Quarterly Combined Paediatric Update sessions:

(i) 19 February 2011

Theme: 'Bronchial Asthma in Children – Current Updates'

Topic: Management of Asthma Exacerbations

Speaker: A/Prof Anne Goh, Head & Senior Consultant of Allergy Service
Department of Paediatrics, KKH, Singapore

Topic: Prevention of Asthma – What is the Evidence?

Speaker: Dr Jenny P L Tang, Consultant Paediatrician, SBCC Baby & Child Clinic - Asthma, Lung, Sleep & Allergy Centre, Gleneagles Medical Centre, Singapore

Topic: Phenotypes of Asthma – Do They Exist?

Speaker: Prof Lee Bee Wah, Consultant Paediatrician and Clinical Paediatric Immunologist & Allergist, NUH & Mount Elizabeth Medical Centre, Singapore

Chairperson: Dr Low Kah Tzay
President, CPCHS and Consultant Paediatrician & Neonatologist
Anson International Paediatric & Child Development Clinic, Paragon Medical Centre, Singapore

(ii) 14 May 2011

Theme: 'Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) in Children: Current Updates'

Topic: 'Challenges in the Diagnosis of ASD in Children'

Speaker: Dr Chong Shang Chee, Consultant, Department of Paediatrics, UCMI, NUHS, Singapore

Topic: 'Of ASD & MMR Controversy'

Speaker: A/Prof Lynette Shek, Senior Consultant, Department of Paediatrics, UCMI, NUHS, Singapore

Topic: 'Complimentary Alternative Medicine in ASD'

Speaker: A/Prof Daisy K L Chan, Senior Consultant, Department of Neonatal & Developmental Medicine, SGH & Visiting Senior Consultant Department of Child Development, KKH, Singapore

Chairperson: Dr Low Kah Tzay
President, CPCHS and Consultant Paediatrician & Neonatologist
Anson International Paediatric & Child Development Clinic, Paragon Medical Centre, Singapore

(iii) 30 July 2011

Theme: 'Eating Disorders in Children & Adolescents'

Topic: 'Eating Disorders in Adolescents'

Speaker: Dr Lee Huei Yen, Director, Eating Disorder Programme & Senior Consultant Department of Psychiatry, SGH

Topic: 'Obesity'

Speaker: A/Prof Lee Yung Seng, Senior Consultant, Department of Paediatrics UCMI, NUHS, Singapore.

Topic: 'Management of Failure to Thrive'.

Speaker/Chairperson: A/Prof Marion Aw, Senior Consultant, Department of Paediatrics UCMI, NUHS, Singapore & Honorary Treasurer, CPCHS



'Eating Disorders in Children & Adolescents'
From left to right: Dr Steven Ng, A/Prof Lee Yung Seng and A/Prof Marion Aw

(iv) 12 November 2011

Theme: 'Ethical Perspectives in Paediatrics'

Topic: 'Experience of the Paediatric Palliative Care Team'

Speaker: Dr Chan Mei Yoke, Senior Consultant, Paediatric Haematology/Oncology Department of Paediatric Subspecialties, KKH, Singapore

Topic: 'The Limits of Viability of the Extremely Preterm Neonate'

Speaker: A/Prof Roy Joseph, Senior Consultant, Department of Neonatology, NUHS; Chairman, National Medical Ethics Committee & Chairman of the Clinical Bioethics Committee, Singapore

Topic: 'Medico-Legal Ethics of Paediatric Medicine'

Speaker: Mr Lek Siang Pheng, Partner with Rodyk & Davidson LLP

Chairperson: Dr Steven C Y Ng
President, CPCHS & Consultant Paediatrician and Neonatologist
Steven's Baby & Child Clinic, Gleneagles Medical Centre, Singapore



'Ethical Perspectives in Paediatrics'
Left to right: Dr Steven Ng, Dr Chan Mei Yoke, A/Prof Roy Joseph and Mr Lek Siang Pheng.

6TH COLLEGE OF PAEDIATRICS AND CHILD HEALTH LECTURE

The 6th College of Paediatrics and Child Health, Singapore (CPCHS) Lecture was held on 17 April 2011 at Suntec Singapore International Convention & Exhibition Centre. The 6th College Lecturer was Prof Low Poh Sim (Senior Consultant Paediatrician & Chairman, University Children's Medical Institute, NUHS, Singapore). She delivered a lecture on 'A Walk through the History & Development of Paediatric Neurology in Singapore'. In recognition of the lecture, Prof Low received a plaque and honorarium from the College President, Dr Low Kah Tzay. The well-attended lecture was held in conjunction with the 14th ASEAN Paediatric Congress.



Plaque Presentation Ceremony of the 6th College Lecture.
Prof Low Poh Sim (left) with Dr Low Kah Tzay.

14TH ASEAN PAEDIATRIC CONGRESS

The 14th Asean Paediatric Congress and 3rd Asian Paediatric Otolaryngology Meeting was held at Suntec Convention Centre, Singapore from 15 - 17 April 2011. Jointly organised by CPCHS, Singapore Paediatric Society and Asian Paediatric Otolaryngology Group, under the auspices of the Asean Paediatric Federation and with the participation of Singapore Nurses Association and American Academy of Paediatrics, it attracted more than 1200 participants from 48 countries, including paediatricians, neonatologists, paediatric surgeons, ENT surgeons, residents, nurses, allied health professionals and health administrators. With a congress theme of "Trends, Issues, Priorities in Paediatrics" (TIPs), 18 symposia were held. The five plenary lectures were:

1. "Changing Trends in Global Paediatric Care" by Dr Marion Burton, American Academy of Paediatrics, USA
2. "Nutritional Management of Preterm and Low Birth Weight Infants" by Dr Ekhard E. Ziegler, University of Iowa, USA
3. "Integrated Paediatric Care – The Model for Child Health Delivery of the Future" by Dr Steven Altschuler, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, USA
4. "Disseminated BCG Infection – Time to review Universal Vaccination" by Dr Jean-Laurent Casanova, The Rockefeller University, USA
5. "Adolescent Health and Preventive Care" by Dr Jonathan D. Kline, The American Academy of Paediatrics, USA



Young Investigator's Award - Ms Quah Phaik-Ling
(Winner) with A/Prof Henry Tan (APOG Chairman)

The Young Investigator's Award, held on 15 April 2011, was awarded to Ms Quah Phaik-Ling who gave an interesting presentation on "Association between Early Childhood Non-Atopic Wheeze and Innate Cytokine Responses in Cord blood Mononuclear cells to Phytoheameagglutinin (PHA) Mitogen". In keeping with the tradition of past Asean Paediatric Congresses, residents from the Asean countries were invited to participate in an MCQ quiz on 16 April 2011. The eventual winner of the "Resident's Quiz" was Dr Hlaing Chaw Su from Myanmar who walked away with a prize of S\$500. Besides the lectures and symposia, participants were given the opportunity to ride on the Singapore Flyer as part of an exciting social program, followed by an entertaining gala dinner at the Megu Ballroom. Congress participants enjoyed themselves thoroughly, both in the scientific and social programs.

HK COLLEGE OF PAEDIATRICIANS 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

In celebration of the 20th Anniversary of HK College of Paediatrics, CPCHS was invited to the following: Welcome Dinner (9 December 2011), Admission of New Fellows, Members Ceremony, Scientific Meeting cum HM Lui Memorial Fund 10th Anniversary Symposium & Celebration Dinner (10 December 2011). Representing the CPCHS, Dr Steven C Y Ng (President) spoke at a Paediatric session of the scientific meeting on 'The Importance of Optimizing Nutritional Status of Preterm Babies'.



Symposium on 'Recent Advances in Paediatrics' held in Hong Kong.



Dr Steven C Y Ng, President of the College (right), with Prof Ng Pak Cheung (President of the Hong Kong College of Paediatrics), exchanging gifts at the Admission Ceremony.

INAUGURAL SINGAPORE PAEDIATRIC & PERINATAL ANNUAL CONGRESS

Together with the Singapore Paediatric Society and Perinatal Society of Singapore, CPCHS will jointly co-organise the Inaugural Singapore Paediatric & Perinatal Annual Congress on 7 July 2012. The congress will be held at the Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel Singapore. A scientific programme has been planned. Highlights include the following: SPS Stuart Gan Lecture, plenary lectures, concurrent symposia, Best Oral Poster Award and the 7th CPCHS Lecture. A gala dinner and trade exhibition would be held in conjunction with the Congress.

DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAMME (DLP)

CPCHS contributed one module under the Distance Learning Programme (DLP):

Intravenous Maintenance Fluid Therapy in Children: What is Appropriate?

The pass rate for each module is 60%. Each doctor is allowed up to two attempts for each module. Two CME points are awarded per module. Members are welcome to participate by visiting the url: <https://www.cpchs.sg/cme.aspx> and logging in through the member login secured area using their individual MCR/DCR numbers and passwords.

INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXPERT (IME) OPINION

The College received two requests for Independent Medical Expert Opinions in Paediatric Medicine from the Singapore Police Force through the Professional Affairs Department/AMS.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH (MOH) REQUEST

The College provided her professional opinion on 'Genetic Predictive Tests' through the Academy's Professional Department in reply to MOH's request.

MOH TASKFORCE FOR GUIDELINES ON "SEDATION BY NON ANAESTHETISTS"

MOH Singapore sought the opinion of the Academy regarding the use of sedatives by Non-Anaesthesiologists in Medical Clinics. Chairman of the taskforce, Dr Chong Jin Long, had invited the College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists, College of Paediatrics & Child Health, College of Physicians and College of Surgeons to nominate representatives to the taskforce. Dr Irene L Y Chan (Consultant Paediatrician, iKids Paediatric Practice Pte Ltd, Paragon Medical Centre) and A/Prof Ng Kee Chong (Head & Senior Consultant, Department of Emergency Medicine, KKH) were nominated as representatives of CPCHS.

STAFF REGISTRAR SCHEME (SRS)

• Diploma in Neonatology (DN) Course

Entry interviews were held in 2011 for two intakes.

- a) 2nd Intake, 1 June 2011. Two candidates were enrolled into the course which commenced on 1 July 2011. They are Dr Maria Chona Badillo and Dr Buendia Flynn Monzon, both from the Department of Neonatology, KKH.
- b) 3rd Intake, 4 November 2011. One candidate, Dr Kristine Calinao, Department of Neonatology, KKH was interviewed by a CPCHS-appointed panel comprising Prof Quak Seng Hock (Programme Director, Diploma in Paediatrics & Child Health), Clin A/Prof Victor Samuel Rajadurai (Programme Director, DN Course) and A/Prof Yeo Cheo Lian (Head, Department of Neonatal & Developmental Medicine, SGH).

• Diploma in Paediatrics & Child Health (DPCH) Course

- a) Exit Examination for DPCH 2009 (3rd intake) and 2010 (4th Intake) was held on 28 October 2011, at the Academy's premise for two candidates, Dr Causapin Daniel Panaligan and Dr Simantini Avinash Bhagwat (Department of Emergency Medicine, KKH). The examiners were Prof Quak Seng Hock (NUH) & Prof Tan Cheng Lim (KKH).
- b) Entry Interview 2011 (5th Intake) was conducted on 4 November 2011 at the Academy's premise. One candidate, Dr Joselino Caraos (Department of Emergency Medicine, KKH) was interviewed by a CPCHS appointed panel comprising Prof Quak Seng Hock (Programme Director, DPCH Course), Clin A/Prof Victor Samuel Rajadurai (Programme Director, DN Course) and A/Prof Yeo Cheo Lian (Head, Department of Neonatal & Developmental Medicine, SGH).

• Diploma in Paediatric Cancer Care (DPCC) Course

A new programme initiated by CPCHS and jointly administered with AMS. Entry interviews are conducted every April and October for new intakes in May and November. Each intake spans over a duration of two years. An entry interview for the 2011 first intake (1 May 2011 - 30 April 2013) was conducted on 22 March 2011 at Shangri-la Hotel Singapore. Two candidates, Dr Mariflor Villegas (Department of Paediatrics, NUH) and Dr D Khawn Tawng (Paediatric Haematology, Oncology Division, Department of Paediatrics, KKH) were interviewed by a CPCHS appointed panel comprising A/Prof Quah Thuan Chong (Programme Director, DPCC Course), Adj A/Prof Tan Ah Moy (Head, Paediatric Haematology, Oncology Service) and A/Prof Chan Mei Yoke (Senior Consultant, Paediatric Haematology/Oncology/Department of Paediatric Subspecialties) from KKH, A/Prof Allen E J Yeoh (Senior Consultant, Department of Paediatrics) and Dr Tan Poh-Lin (Senior Consultant, Division of Paediatric Haematology/Oncology/Bone Marrow Transplantation, Department of Paediatrics) from NUHS.