

2010-2011 Council



Standing (from left to right):

A/Prof Marion Aw (Council Member), Dr Steven Ng (President-Elect), CI A/Prof Samuel Rajadurai (Council Member), Dr Low Kah Tzay (President), A/Prof Daniel Goh (Vice-President), A/Prof Fabian Yap (Honorary Treasurer) & A/Prof Daisy Chan (Honorary Secretary).

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 6th Annual General Meeting of the College of Paediatrics & Child Health, Singapore was held on 6 May 2010, 7:00 pm at the Lecture Theatre, Level 3, Gleneagles Hospital, 6A Napier Road, Singapore 258500.

The following office-bearers for the year 2010 – 2011 were elected:

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

A/Prof Aw nee Chia Hui-Yong Marion Margaret, A/Prof Goh Yam Thiam Daniel, Clin A/Prof Victor Samuel Rajadurai and A/Prof Yap Kok Peng Fabian will retire at the next Annual General Meeting. All were eligible for re-nomination. Dr Low Kah Tzay will step down as President and serve on the Council as Immediate Past President, while Dr Ng Chin Yuen Steven will take office as President from 2011 to 2013.

MEMBERSHIP

The total membership of the College stands at 174 (as at 31 December 2010).

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 5 meetings during the year 2010.

AMS INDUCTION COMITIA, 27 OCTOBER 2010

The Academy held an Induction Comitia on 27 October 2010 at the Galleria Ballroom of the Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel, Singapore. The following Fellows were admitted under CPCHS: Dr Lim Ching Wen Darryl and Dr Wedekind Charlotte Geb Gebauer.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

The following Continuing Medical Education (CME) Lectures were organised:

15 April 2010

Probiotics: Its Increasing Importance Especially After C-Section Deliveries
(Co-organised with Obstetrical & Gynaecological Society of Singapore/OGSS)

Speaker: Dr Jean-Pierre Chouraqui
Head, Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology & Nutrition Unit, University Hospital of Grenoble, France.

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

16 April 2010

Combined Neonatal Meeting: *VLBW Infants Born Small for Dates: Incidence, Risk Factors and Outcome*
(Co-organised with the Department of Neonatal Medicine SGH)

- Presentation by Department of Neonatology, KKH
Speaker: Dr Pratibha Agarwal, Senior Consultant
- Presentation by Department of Neonatology, NUH
Speaker: Dr Lin Bing-yuan Jeremy, Medical Officer Trainee
- Presentation by Department of Neonatal & Dev Medicine, SGH
Speaker: Dr Chiou Fang Kuan, Medical Officer
- Lecture: *Health Outcomes of Children Born SGA: Growth, Metabolic and Reproductive System Changes.*
Speaker: A/Prof Yap Kok Peng Fabian, Head & Senior Consultant, Endocrinology Service, KKH

Chairperson: A/Prof Yeo Cheo Lian (Head & Senior Consultant, Department of Neonatal & Developmental Medicine, SGH)

6 May 2010 (Seminar)

Topic: *Tummy Lumps in Children: A Contemporaneous Approach*

Speaker: Dr Chui Chan Hon
Pediatric Surgeon
Surgery Centre for Children Pte Ltd, Mount Elizabeth Medical Centre, Singapore

Topic: *Metabolic Screening in Children: The Good, Bad & Ugly*

Speaker: Dr Tan Ee Shien
Consultant Paediatrician
Genetic Service, Department of Pediatrics, KKH

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

14 October 2010

(Co-organised with the Department of Child Development, KKH & Singapore Paediatric Society)

Topic: *Exploring the Role of the White Matter in Thinking & Language Skills: Studies of Children Born Prematurely*

Speaker: Prof Heidi M Feldman
Ballinger-Swindells Endowed Professorship in Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics
Stanford University School of Medicine; Medical Director, Developmental & Behavioral Pediatric Programs at Lucille Packard Children's Hospital, California, USA

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



Token of Appreciation: A/Prof Daisy Chan (left) with Prof Heidi M Feldman

PEDIATRIC TOTAL NUTRITION THERAPY (PTNT) COURSE

The College supported the PTNT program that was introduced as a non-commercial educational course to equip paediatricians with up-to-date information regarding appropriate nutritional therapy for babies and children. A/Prof Marion Aw, Senior Consultant, Department of Paediatrics, University Children's Medical Institute (UCMI), National University Hospital (NUH) & Associate Professor at the YLL-School of Medicine, National University of Singapore, was appointed the Course Director. The lecturers and facilitators were: Dr Chan Poh Chong, Senior Consultant and Head, Ambulatory and Adolescent Pediatrics, NUH; Dr Chu Hui Ping, Associate Consultant, Department of Paediatrics, KKH; A/Prof Lee Yung Seng, Senior Consultant, Pediatric Endocrinology and Diabetes, NUS; Dr Francisco Jose Rosales, Clinical Group Manager, R & D, Abbott Nutrition, Columbus, USA & Clinical and Nutrition Director, Abbott Nutrition, Pacific Asia R & D, Biopolis, Singapore; and Dr Yvonne Ng Peng Mei, Consultant, Department of Neonatology, NUH. The program was launched in April-May 2010, with a second run planned in early 2011.



*A/Prof Marion Aw
Programme Director*



*Dr Francisco Jose Rosales
Lecturer/Facilitator*



*Course Participants
Group Photo*

MEETING WITH AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS (AAP) – 22 JUNE 2010

Representatives of CPCHS (Dr Low Kah Tzay/President & Prof Ho Lai Yun/Fellow), Singapore Paediatric Society (A/Prof Daniel Goh) and AAP (Dr John Forbes/Chief Operating Officer) met at a breakfast meeting on 22 June 2010, 8:00 am - 9:30 am at the Foyer Room, Level 4, Holiday Inn Atrium Hotel Singapore. The meeting was held to discuss the: a) contribution of CPCHS in facilitating recruitment of more international paediatricians from South East Asia into the AAP; b) participation of the AAP at the forthcoming 14th ASEAN Paediatric Federation Congress (APC) that would be held on 14 - 17 April 2011 at Suntec Singapore International Convention & Exhibition Services. The organisers of the Congress are SPS, CPCHS & the Asian Pediatric Otolaryngology Group with participation from Singapore Nurses Association (Paediatric/Neonatal Chapter) & AAP.

CONSUMER ASSOCIATION OF SINGAPORE (CASE) SEMINAR ON TOY SAFETY

Both CPCHS and Academy of Medicine, Singapore (AMS) were invited by CASE to participate in a Seminar on Toy Safety held on 23 October 2010 at the Singapore Post Theatre. A/Prof Ng Kee Chong (Head & Senior Consultant/Department of Emergency Medicine/KKH; Co-Chairman, MOH CPG on Toxicology/2009-2011) was nominated to deliver a lecture on 'The Mechanics and Chemistry of Toy Safety'.

DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAMME (DLP)

In 2010, the College submitted 2 modules under the Distance Learning Programme (DLP):

- i. Developmental Screening in the General Paediatrics Clinic
- ii. Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG) on Autism Spectrum Disorders in Pre-School Children

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 & passwords.

2010 SAMPLE CORE CALENDAR - LIST OF PRE-ACCREDITED CME ACTIVITIES

CPCHS reviewed the 2010 Sample Core Calendar – List of Pre-accredited CME Activities for Category 1A/1B/1C/2/3A & 3B (Paediatric Medicine), provided by the Singapore Medical Council (SMC) through the Education & Training Department/AMS.

CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES (CPG)

i. CPG on “Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) In Pre-School Children”.

The College, the Academy and MOH jointly drafted the CPG on “Autism Spectrum Disorders in Pre-School Children”. The CPG was officially launched by the Director of Medical Services, Ministry of Health, at the Auditorium (Level 7) of Health Promotion Board on 17 April 2010, in association with its publication and distribution. The topics/speakers were:

- *Why CPG on Autism?* (Prof Ho Lai Yun)
- *Development and Utilization of the CPG* (A/Prof Lim Sok Bee/Chairperson)
- *Surveillance for ASD* (Dr Derek Tse, SingHealth Polyclinics)
- *Screening and diagnosis of ASD* (A/Prof Daisy K L Chan)
- *Complementary Alternative Therapies for ASD* (Dr Sylvia Choo)



Workgroup Committee Members: AMS-MOH CPG for ASD

ii. CPG on “Management of Food Allergy”

CPCHS, College of Family Physicians, Singapore (CFPS), MOH, Asthma & Allergy Association, Allergy and Clinical Immunology Society and the Singapore Paediatric Society jointly drafted an AMS-MOH CPG on ‘Management of Food Allergy’. The CPG was officially launched on 31 July 2010 at the Auditorium, Level 1, College of Medicine Building. Guest-of-Honour was Professor Tan Kok Chai (Master, Academy of Medicine, Singapore). Topics/speakers/moderators were:

- *Why CPG on Food Allergy* (Prof Lee Bee Wah)
- *How to Diagnose Food Allergy* (Dr Leong Khai Phang)
- *The Management & Prevention of IgE-Mediated Food Allergy* (Dr Chiang Wen Chin)
- *Non-IgE & Mixed IgE/Non-IgE Food Allergy & Eczema* (Dr Anne E N Goh, Dr Marion Aw & Prof Hugo Van Bever);
- *Case Studies - Interactive Sessions* (Dr Liew Woei Kang & Dr Leong Khai Phang)

A Question & Answer (Q & A) session was held at the end of the programme.

Independent Medical Expert (IME) Opinion

The College received 1 request for an Independent Medical Expert Opinion 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 through the AMS Professional Department in reply to MOH who had requested for:

- Evidence of efficacy of treatments provided by the ‘BioResonance Therapy Centre’;
- Recommendations in Screening Children as part of the “Steering Test Review Committee” Report, including screening for glucose-6-phosphate, dehydrogenase deficiency, congenital hypothyroidism, universal newborn hearing and retinopathy of prematurity;
- Information on the professionalism of physicians who prescribed vitamin, mineral and amino acid supplements in the course of their professional consults.

Staff Registrar Scheme (SRS)

The Staff Registrar Scheme (SRS) was initiated by CPCHS in 2007. Information on the scheme is available on the CPCHS website.

• Diploma in Paediatrics and Child Health (DPCH)

Three candidates who had enrolled for the 2008 (2nd) intake of DPCH attended an oral-cum-MCQ examination held on 11 June 2010 at the Lee Kong Chian Board Room, AMS. The 3 candidates were: Dr Castillo Leodivica Taboy, Dr Dimatatac Doris Mae & Dr Garcia Ofelia Matutina, who are all from KKH.

• Diploma in Neonatology (DN)

An interview was held on 26 April 2010 by a CPCHS-appointed panel of paediatricians comprising CI A/Prof Victor Samuel Rajadurai, A/Prof Lee Jiun and A/Prof Daisy K L Chan for the first intake of the Diploma in Neonatology Course. Three candidates were enrolled into the programme commencing on 1 June 2010: Dr Shrenik Vora (KKH), Dr V. Kalaimathy Birapan (NUHS) and Dr Roshan Ramchand Bharani (NUHS).

• Diploma in Paediatric Cancer Care (DPCC)

A “Diploma in Paediatric Cancer Care” program that is jointly administered by the CPCHS and Academy of Medicine Singapore (AMS), has been approved by the Singapore Medical Council (SMC) on 20 December 2010. The commencement date for the program is May 2011.

APPRECIATION

The College wishes to express its sincere appreciation to all Fellows for their unfailing support and efforts rendered in the past year for ongoing projects and activities.