HIGHLIGHTS

EOGM, 22 August 2009
An EOGM was convened on 22 August 2009 at 7 pm in Ballroom 2, Level 2, Grand Hyatt Singapore where the amendments to the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the College were tabled for approval. The House passed the amendments to Clause 5, Article 79 and new heading “Specialty Chapters and Sections” to new Articles 50 to 59.

Events

International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual Disability (IASSID) Congress—24 to 27 June 2009
The College was a co-organiser of the IASSID 2nd Asia-Pacific Regional Congress from the 24 to 27 June 2009 at the Furama River-front Hotel, Singapore and the theme was “Creating Possibilities for an Inclusive Society”. The other co-organisers were: The Association for Person with Special Needs (APSN), Down Syndrome Association Singapore, ISAAC, Movement for the Intellectually Disabled of Singapore (MINDS), St. Andrew’s Mission Hospital, Social Service Training Institute (SSTI) of the National Council of Social Service (NCSS) Academy and the National Institute of Education (NIE) were the other co-organisers and endorsed by the Autism Resource Centre, Singapore & RMIT University.

American Academy of Paediatrics (AAP), 7 August 2009
A dinner meeting was hosted for the AAP delegation comprising of Dr John Forbes, Dr Jonathan Klein & Mr Spencer Li on 7 August 2009 at the Holiday Inn Atrium, Singapore. The purpose of the meeting was to build a professional rapport between AAP and Singapore - Malaysia professionals to promote good health for children in future.

5th CPCHS Lecture & SPS Annual Dinner – 22 August 2009
The 5th CPCHS Lecture was held on 22 August 2009 at 6.00 pm in Ballroom 2 (Level 2) of the Grand Hyatt Singapore. About 100 Fellows attended the event. The 5th CPCHS Lecturer was Clinical Professor Phua Kong Boo, Senior Consultant Paediatrician, KKH Clinical Professor with NUS, who delivered a lecture on “Evolution of Paediatric Gastroenterology in Singapore”. The Singapore Paediatric Society (SPS) held its Annual Dinner the same night at the Grand Ballroom, attended by 260 guests. The Dinner included an entertaining social program and lucky draw with numerous prizes. The event was supported through an educational grant from GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) Pte Ltd.

Journal: Paediatrics, Child & Adolescent Health (PCAH)
The College has plans to make the Pediatrics, Child & Adolescent Health (PCAH) Journal (a joint publication of SPS & CPCHS) online at a later date.

Distance Learning Programme (DLP)
Topics contributed by the College in 2009:

• “How to Manage Massive Bleeding”
• “Preschool Wheezing: To Label as Asthma?”

Clinical Interest Groups
The College uploaded a list of sub-specialties on the E-Specialists’ Directory, including Ambulatory Paediatrics, Developmental Paediatrics, Cardiology, Critical Care (PICU), Children’s Emergency, Endocrinology, Gastroenterology & Hepatology, Genetic & Metabolic Diseases, Infectious Diseases, Haematology-Oncology, Neonatology, Nephrology, Neurology, Respiratory & Sleep Medicine. It is hoped that the sub-specialties would spur the formation of clinical interest groups within the Paediatric Medicine community.

Staff Registrar Scheme (SRS)

Diploma in Paediatrics and Child Health (DPCH)
The “Diploma in Paediatrics and Child Health” (DPCH) Course was initiated by CPCHS as part of the SRS in 2007. Since its inception, 2 candidates had graduated (Dr Imelda Lustestica Ereno and Dr Vidya Ramasamy) while 5 other candidates are currently undergoing training.

Diploma in Neonatology
The College will launch a “Diploma in Neonatology” Course under the auspices of AMS as part of the Staff Registrar Scheme (SRS). The first intake of the 2-year course will commence in May 2010. The Program Director is Clin A/Prof Victor Samuel Rajadurai. Interested staff may obtain information through the College website.

Clinical Practice Guidelines
The College, AMS and MOH jointly drafted Clinical Practice Guidelines on “Autism Spectrum Disorders in Pre-School Children” and “Management of Food Allergy in Adults and Children” to be launched in 2010.

Endorsement of Management of Obstetric and Paediatric Patients with Influenza A H1N1 Guidelines
The College met with MOH, Singapore to endorse guidelines on “Management of Obstetric and Paediatric Patients with Influenza A H1N1”. The meeting was held on 9 July 2009 at the Auditorium, Level 2, College of Medicine Building.
Participation at International and Local Conferences

13th Asian-Pacific Congress of Pediatrics (APCP) & 3rd Asian Pacific Congress of Pediatric Nursing (APCPN), Shanghai International Convention Center, China, 14—18 October 2009

Prof Lee Bee Wah (Immediate Past President) received “The Outstanding Paediatrician Award” in recognition of her outstanding contribution towards Pediatrics in Singapore & the Asia-Pacific region, from the Asian Pacific Pediatric Association at the 13th APCP & 3rd APCPN, held from the 14-18 October 2009 in Shanghai, China.

During the year, the College contributed actively in continuing medical education programmes:

3 February 2009
i) “The Child with Joint Pains and State of the Art Treatment in JIA” (Co-organised with Singapore Paediatric Society (SPS) & Singapore Society of Rheumatology)

Speaker: Prof Thomas Lehman
Chief, Division of Pediatric Rheumatology, Hospital for Special Surgery, New York; Professor of Clinical Pediatrics, Cornell University Medical College, New York, USA

Chairperson: Dr Shek Pei Chi Lynette
Associate Professor (Paediatrics) & Consultant Paediatrician University Children’s Medical Institute (UCMI), National University Health System, Singapore

ii) “Infectious Disease Considerations in Internationally Adopted Children” (Co-organised with the SPS)

Speaker: Prof Margaret Kendrick Hostetter
Jean McLean Wallace Professor & Chair in Pediatrics, Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, USA

Chairperson: Dr Chan Kwa Lin, Daisy
Senior Consultant, Department of Neonatal & Developmental Medicine, Singapore General Hospital, Singapore

19 March 2009
“Late Presentation of Congenital Heart Disease: Problems, Complications, Strategies” (Co-organised with Department of Paediatrics, University Children’s Medical Institute (UCMI) & SPS)

Speaker: Dr Parvathi U. Iyer
Associate Director, Department of Paediatric and Congenital Heart Surgery, Escorts Heart Institute & Research Centre, New Delhi, India

Chairperson: Dr Ngiam Siew Pei, Nicola
Consultant, Department of Paediatrics, UCMI, National University Health System, Singapore

29 April 2009
Scientific Meeting: “Allergy Prevention: Where are We Now & The Challenges of Tomorrow?” (Co-organised with Obstetrical & Gynaecological Society of Singapore (OGSS) and the SPS)

Topic: “Allergy Prevention in Infancy: What is the Role of Dietary Manipulation in Reducing the Risk?”

Speaker: Associate Professor Peter Kenneth SmithGriffiths University & Bond University, Australia

Topic: “Allergy Prevention During Pregnancy: Can it be Prevented Prenatally?”

Speaker: Professor Hugo Van Bever
Senior Consultant, Department of Paediatrics, UCMI, National University Health System, Singapore

Chairperson: Dr Suresh Nair, President, OGSS

13 May 2009
Symposium: “Scientific Advances in Paediatric Feeding Difficulties” (Co-organised with SPS)

Topic: “Identification & Management of Children with Feeding Difficulties”

Guest Speaker: Dr Russell Merritt
Medical Director, Nutrition Support & Medical Director, Intestinal Rehabilitation, Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California, USA

Topic: “Treatment of Applications in Day-to-day Clinical Practice”

Guest Speaker: Dr Thomas Linscheid
Clinical Associate Professor of Paediatrics, Ohio-State University Children’s Hospital, Columbus, Ohio, USA

Chairperson: A/Prof Lee Bee Wah
Consultant Paediatrician, Mount Elizabeth Medical Centre; Adjunct Professor of Paediatrics, National University of Singapore

21 May 2009 (Seminar) (CPCHS was the main organiser)
Topic: “Dentistry for Kids - How Do We Do It?”

Speaker: Dr Rashid Tahir
Dental Specialist in Paediatric Dentistry, The Kids Dentist, Camden Medical Centre, Singapore

Topic: “Stress in Children and Adolescents: Managing the Threshold”

Speaker: Dr Wong Chee Meng John
Adjunct Associate Professor/Visiting Consultant Psychiatrist, Department of Psychological Medicine, National University Health System

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

18 July 2009
Symposium: “Personalising Childhood Asthma Management: A Practical Series for the Practitioners” (Co-organised with SPS)

Topic: “Introduction of Spectrum of Asthma in Childhood”

Speaker: A/Prof Goh Yam Thiam Daniel
Head & Senior Consultant, Paediatric Pulmonary and Sleep Service, National University Health System, Singapore

Topic: “Viral Induced Wheeze/Asthma in Pre-school Children”.

Speaker: A/Prof Prof Lee Bee Wah
Adjunct Professor, Department of Paediatrics, National University of Singapore

Concurrent Workshops: “Asthma Prophylaxis – Which Child will Benefit”

Case A: “Identifying Spectrum of Childhood Asthma – Phenotypes”

Presenter: Dr Tang Wern Ee
Head, Clinical Research Unit National Healthcare Group; Polyclinic Senior Family Physician, Bukit Batak Polyclinic, National Healthcare Group, Singapore

Discussions: A/Prof Goh Yam Thiam Daniel
Head & Senior Consultant, Paediatric Pulmonary and Sleep Service, National University Health System
Case B: “Viral Induce Asthma/Wheeze: Seasonal Epidemics of Asthma in Children”

Presenter: Dr Tan H Yung, David
Family Physician, Jurong Polyclinic, National Healthcare Group Polyclinics, Singapore

Discussant: Adj Prof Lee Bee Wah
Adjunct Professor, Department of Paediatrics, National University of Singapore

27 August 2009

“Scientific Update on the Effect of Prebiotics on Immune System Development” (CPCHS was the main organiser)

Speaker: Dr Leong Knipps
Senior Scientist, Department of Immunology & Allergy, Danone Research Centre for Specialised Nutrition, Wageningen, Netherlands

Chairperson: Adj Prof Lee Bee Wah
Adjunct Professor, National University of Singapore; Visiting Consultant Paediatrician, National University Hospital, Singapore & Paediatrician, Mount Elizabeth Medical Centre, Singapore

28 August 2009

Combined Neonatal Meeting: “Retinopathy of Prematurity – A Case-Control Study” (Co-organised with the Neonatal Department of KK, NUH, SGH)

Presentation by Department of Neonatology, KKH, Singapore
Speaker: Dr Yvonne Chew, Medical Officer Specialist

Presentation by Department of Neonatology, NUH, Singapore
Speaker: Dr Ngiam Xin Ying, Medical Officer

Presentation by Department of Neonatal and Developmental Medicine, SGH, Singapore
Speaker: Dr Michaela Seng, Registrar

Chairperson: Dr Lee Jian
Chief & Senior Consultant, Department of Neonatology, NUH, Singapore

29 August 2009 (Symposium)

“The Role of Bacterial Infections in Influenza Outbreaks: Potential Reduction of Morbidity and Mortality with the Use of Anti-Bacterial Vaccines” (Co-organised with SPS)

Topic: “Role of Vaccines as One Option for Reducing Morbidity and Mortality in an Influenza Pandemic (audio-visual presentation)

Speaker: Prof Arthur Reingold
Chair, Department of Epidemiology, UC/Berkeley & Chair, WHO/SAGE Working Group on Pneumococcal Vaccines, California, USA.

Topic: “Findings and Recommendations of the Singapore Hospital Influenza Workgroup on the Role of Antibacterial Vaccines in Pandemic Preparedness & Response”.

Speaker: Dr Chiew Yoke Fong
Clinical Microbiologist, Alexandra Hospital (AH), Singapore.

Topic: “Influenza and Superimposed Bacterial Infections – Are these significant?”

Speaker: A/Prof Chong Chia-Yin
Head & Senior Consultant, Department of Paediatrics, KKH, Singapore.

Topic: “Prevention, Surveillance & Control of Healthcare-Associated Transmission of H1N1 Influenza and Other Respiratory Pathogens”.

Speaker: Dr Julian Tang
Consultant, Infectious Diseases, NUH, Singapore.

Chairmen:
1) A/Prof Goh Yam Thiam, Daniel Head and Senior Consultant, Department of Paediatrics, UCMI, NUH

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

7 November 2009 (Symposium)

“Advances in the Development of Cognition and Immunity in Young Infants and Children” (Co-organised with SPS)

Topic: “Paediatric Nutrition Therapy Training Programme: An Overview”

Speaker: Dr Yvonne Ng Peng Mei
Consultant, Department of Neonatology, NUH, Singapore


Speaker: Prof Fernando Gómez-Pinilla, Ph.D.
Professor of Neurosurgery and Physiological Sciences, University of California, USA.

Topic: “Immunity and Gut Health, Function of Prebiotics and Probiotics in Young Children”.

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

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

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