

Annual Report of the 2002-2003 Council

1 THE COUNCIL

The following Council Members were elected to the 2002-2004 Council at the 24th Annual General Meeting held on 29 June 2002:

Dr Abhilash Balakrishnan
Dr Gilbert S C Chiang
Dr Fock Kwong Ming
Dr Christopher H K Goh
Dr Kandiah Satkunanantham
Dr Tan Kok Chai

Dr Chen Fun Gee, Dr Cheng Jun, Dr Ho Lai Yun, Dr Loh Keh Chuan, Dr Walter T L Tan and Dr Yeo Jinn Fei will retire at the next Annual General Meeting.

2 OFFICE-BEARERS

Dr K Satkunanantham was elected as Master at the 24th Annual General Meeting. Other office-bearers were elected at the first meeting of the 2002-2003 Council on 1 July 2002. They are:

Assistant Master	Dr Gilbert S C Chiang
Scribe	Dr Tan Kok Chai
Bursar	Dr Ho Lai Yun
Censor-in-Chief	Dr Fock Kwong Ming
Immediate Past Master	Dr Walter T L Tan
Censors	Dr Abhilash Balakrishnan Dr Chen Fun Gee Dr Cheng Jun Dr Christopher H K Goh Dr Loh Keh Chuan Dr Yeo Jinn Fei
Editor, <i>Annals, Academy of Medicine, Singapore</i>	Dr Felix Sundram

3 CHAIRMEN OF CHAPTERS

The following were elected/re-elected Chairmen of the respective Chapters at the Chapter Annual General Meetings:

Anaesthesiologists	Dr Koh Kwong Fah*
Dental Surgeons	Dr Chung Kong Mun*
Obstetricians and Gynaecologists	Dr Chang Tou Choong
Paediatricians	Dr Quak Seng Hock*
Pathologists	Dr Lim-Tan Soo Kim
Physicians	Dr Lim Shih Hui*
Psychiatrists	Dr Ang Yong Guan*
Public Health and Occupational Physicians	Dr Arthur S C Chern*
Radiologists	Dr Tan Bien Soo*
Surgeons	Dr Colin Song

*re-elected.

4 COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Council met at least once a month to consider the business and affairs of the Academy. At the time of writing the Annual Report, the 2002-2003 Council had met 11 times, including a joint meeting of the Council of the Academy of Medicine of Malaysia which was held in Singapore during the 36th Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine.

5 ADMINISTRATION

- 5.1 In order to build a secretariat of greater strength, 5 divisions were created within the secretariat, each headed jointly by a member of the secretariat and a Council member. This restructuring of the Secretariat was effective 1 January 2003.

The Specialist Training Division oversees the development of residency training programmes currently under the Academy.

Council member in charge:
Dr K Satku (Master)

Staff members:
Ms Kay Quah (Project Executive and Head)
Ms Chua Woon Leng (Project Executive, from 15 July 2002)
Ms Rita Kumari (Project Executive, from 2 January 2003)
Ms Audrey Phang (Project Executive, from 2 January 2003)

The Professional Development Division oversees the development of the CME programme, quality assurance programme for specialists, and other related programmes.

Council member in charge:
Dr Gilbert S C Chiang (Assistant Master)

Staff members:
Ms Lee Foong Yin (Senior Project Executive and Head)
Ms Koh Ai Ling (Project Executive, from 15 July 2003)

The Publications Division continues to develop the *Annals* as the leading publication of our Academy. It is also responsible for publications such as clinical guidelines and booklets on the Academy for new Academicians.

Council member in charge:
Dr Felix Sundram (Editor, *Annals*)

Staff members:
Ms Yong Bee Choon (Senior Editorial Assistant and Head)
Ms Sheila Ng (Editorial Assistant)

The Corporate and Congresses Division deals with the organisation of conferences, and supports the Chapters in their relations with specialist societies.

Council member in charge:
Dr Tan Kok Chai (Scribe)

Staff members:
Ms Michelle Choy (Project Executive and Head)
Ms Marianne Yee (Project Executive)
Ms Nicole Choe (Project Executive)
Ms Shanita d/o Nadarajan (Administrative Assistant)

The Planning and General Administration Division manages general affairs of Fellows, finance, personnel and developments within the Academy.

Council member in charge:
Dr Ho Lai Yun (Bursar)

Staff members:
Ms Sophia Wong (Chief Administrator and Head, from 3 March 2003)
Mr Adzharen Ahmad (Accounts Officer)
Mr Mohd Bin Haji Omar (Despatch Clerk)
Ms Kwek Hwee Buay (Casual Administrative Assistant, from 1 April 2003)

- 5.2 During the year, the following staff members left:

Executive Director	Ms Monica Wong (till 2 December 2002)
Project Executive	Ms Fiona Goh (till 15 March 2002)
Project Executive	Ms Yem Ai Lin (till 6 July 2002)
Project Executive	Ms Rita Kumar (till 17 August 2002, re- employed from 2.1.2003)
Project Executive	Ms Tham Lai Paik (14 November 2002)

6 MEMBERSHIP

6.1 During the period 71 new Fellows were admitted. The Council records with sadness the demise of Dr Choo Jim Eng, Dr Yahya Cohen, Dr S Doraisingham, Dr Ng Kim Swee and Dr Alexandre Chao.

6.2 Mr Shaw Vee King of Shaw Foundation was conferred Honorary Fellowship and 16 Presidents of fraternal Colleges/Academies were conferred Fellowship at the Opening Ceremony of the 36th Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine on 1 August 2002.

6.3 The total membership of 1929 comprises:

Local Fellows	1780
Overseas Fellows	40
Honorary Fellows	26
Presidents of Royal Colleges (Fellows)	83

6.4 Local Fellows are grouped under Chapters, as follows:

Anaesthesiologists	112
Dental Surgeons	128
Obstetricians and Gynaecologists	205
Paediatricians	145
Pathologists	49
Physicians	460
Psychiatrists	60
Public Health and Occupational Physicians	93
Radiologists	88
Surgeons	440

7 DISTINGUISHED ACADEMICIANS

7.1 Professor Giorgina Mieli-Vergan, Alex Mowat Professor of Paediatric Hepatology, King's College Hospital, London, United Kingdom was appointed the 2001 Distinguished Academician. During her visit, Professor Mieli-Vergan participated actively at the 36th Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine held from 1-4 August 2002 and delivered the 2001 Distinguished Academician Lecture entitled "Autoimmune Liver Disease in Childhood".

7.2 Professor Michael Cohen, Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, Paediatrics, Community Health and Epidemiology, Health Services Administration, Sociology and Social Anthropology, Dalhousie University, Nova Scotia, Canada was appointed the 2002 Distinguished Academician. Professor Cohen was the plenary lecturer at the 11th International Association of Oral Pathologists (IAOP) Biennial Meeting, International Congress on Oral Pathology and Medicine (ICOPM) held from 5-8 August 2002 and delivered the 2002 Distinguished Academician Lecture entitled "Craniofacial Anomalies: Clinical and Molecular Perspectives".

8 VISITING ACADEMICIANS

8.1 The Chapter of Anaesthesiologists appointed one Visiting Academician: Dr Kester Brown, Director of Department of Paediatrics Anaesthesia, Royal Children's Hospital, Victoria, Australia. He gave a public lecture entitled "Training and Anaesthesia – Doing It Better" on 6 July 2002.

8.2 The Chapter of Radiologists appointed one Visiting Academician: Dr K Kian Ang, Professor of Radiation Oncology, Gilbert H Fletcher Chair in Radiation Oncology, The University of Texas, M.D. Anderson Cancer Centre, Houston, Texas, USA. He gave a public lecture entitled "Molecular Prediction and Modulation on Tumour

Response” on 19 February 2003.

9 VISITING LECTURERS AND OTHER DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

The Academy received numerous visitors during the year which included representatives of sister Colleges/Academies, specialists coming to deliver CME lectures under the aegis of various Chapters and/or helping as external assessors in exit assessments of specialist trainees.

10 COMITIAS

10.1 The 2002 Annual Induction Comitia was held on 1 August 2002, during the Opening Ceremony of the 36th Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine. 80 new Fellows were admitted to the Academy. The Induction Ceremony was held in the Raffles City Convention Centre. Dr Quah Thuan Chong gave a reply on behalf of the new inductees.

10.2 The 2003 Annual Induction Comitia has been scheduled for the later part of 2003. A total of 71 new Fellows will be admitted.

11 STRENGTHENING THE MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL BODIES

The Academy of Medicine, Singapore together with the Singapore Medical Association and the College of Family Physicians wrote to the Minister of State, Dr Balaji Sadasivan, with a proposal on how to strengthen the medical professional bodies. The proposal includes the following:

- To be entrusted with the tasks of setting standards and developing CME content,
- To co-ordinate and oversee CME programme activities,
- To work and make CME affordable,
- To be responsible for members' verification and accreditation of CME for the SMC Compulsory CME Programme, and
- To encourage all medical practitioners to be members of one or more of the three bodies voluntarily.

The three medical professional bodies also informed the Minister of State that the support from the following bodies is essential:

- MOH's mandate for the three bodies to be verification and accreditation bodies for CME activities for medical practitioners in Singapore.
- SMC's support of the three bodies as providers, verifiers and accreditators of CME, and
- IDA's support in providing the appropriate funding for the proposed Medical Hub.

12 RESTRUCTURING OF THE ACADEMY

The Council members, and in particular the Chapter chairpersons, are currently engaged in transforming some of the Chapters of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore to Colleges. Chapter chairpersons are in contact with Specialty Societies to secure their cooperation in developing the Colleges into the main academic body representing each specialty or group of specialties. Almost all surgical and medical specialty societies have indicated their support.

The Colleges will remain subsidiaries of the Academy but will have a greater degree of autonomy.

The reasons for restructuring include:

- a) to stimulate and allow for an enhanced role of the Chapters in Training, Examination and Continuing Professional Development of specialists.
- b) to allow like specialists eg. Physicians to interact with their colleagues internationally through similar bodies that already exists in their countries.

13 REPRESENTATION AT ANNUAL MEETINGS OF FRATERNAL COLLEGES

13.1 The Master represented the Academy at the following two meetings:

- Annual Conference of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, held from 26-28 September 2002, Ottawa;
 - Annual Session of the American College of Physicians-American Society of Internal Medicine, held from 3-5 April 2003, San Diego, California.
- 13.2 Dr Lim Shih Hui, Chairman, Chapter of Physicians, will be representing the Academy at the Annual Scientific Meeting of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians, held from 25 to 28 May 2003, Hobart, Tasmania.
- 13.3 The Master has received the following invitations:
- 28th Royal College of Surgeons of Thailand Annual Scientific Meeting, 24-28 August 2003, Bangkok;
 - 37th Malaysia-Singapore Congress of Medicine, Academy of Medicine of Malaysia, 4-7 September 2003, Kuala Lumpur;
 - Annual Conference, The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, 11-13 September 2003, Halifax;
 - Clinical and Scientific Meeting, Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, 5-7 November 2003;
 - 10th Anniversary Congress, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine, 28-30 November 2003, Hong Kong

14 CONGRESS OF MEDICINE

14.1 **36th Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine held in celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the Singapore Paediatric Society and in conjunction with the 36th Annual Combined Surgical Meeting, 1- 4 August 2002, Singapore**

The Academy of Medicine, Singapore hosted the 36th Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine from 1 to 4 August 2002, in celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the Singapore Paediatric Society, one of the oldest medical societies in Singapore, and in conjunction with the 36th Annual Combined Surgical Meeting.

The Chairman of the Organising Committee was Dr Ho Lai Yun and the Co-Chairman was Dr Christopher H K Goh. The organisation of the Congress was the joint efforts of the Chapter of Paediatricians with the Singapore Paediatric Society, chaired by Dr Quak Seng Hock and the Chapter of Surgeons, chaired by Dr Eu Kong Weng.

The theme of the Congress was "Achieving Gold Standards in Child Health and Surgical Rejuvenation". The scientific programme included named/plenary lectures on "Neonatology in Singapore – The way we were, the way forward", "HIV/AIDS in Children", "Autoimmune Liver Disease in Childhood", "Antiepileptics", "A View of surgery – Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow", "Day Surgery", "Significance of the Lateral Physeal Plate of the Acetabulum to Hip Joint Stability", "Modern Management of Colorectal Polyps – Are They all Premalignant?"; 5 Paediatric symposia covering Paediatric Nursing, Transplantation, Paediatric Intensive Care, Paediatric Nutrition, Paediatric Orthopaedic, Oncology and Infections; 7 Surgical symposia covering Transplant Surgery, Difficult Surgical Issues, New Techniques in Surgery, Genes, Cancer and Surgery, Orthopaedic Surgery, Advances in Paediatric Surgery, Plastic Surgery. In addition, there were 4 pre- and post-Congress workshops on Sentinel Node Biopsy in Breast Cancer, Endoscopy, Day Surgery and GI Anastomosis.

A highlight of the Congress was the 16th Gordon Arthur Ransome Oration entitled "Navigating in the Sea of Science and Technology" delivered by Professor Lim Pin, Professor at the Department of Medicine, NUS, former Vice-Chancellor, NUS and Past Master.

For the first time, the Academy held its annual induction of new Fellows during the Opening Ceremony.

A pre-Congress Inter-Academy golf tournament was held on 21 July 2002 at the Tiara Golf and Country Club. Some 32 golfers from the two Academies took part in the tournament. Dr Ng Swee Choon won the Academy of Medicine, Singapore Trophy, donated by Dr Chew Chin Hin for individual champion and the Singapore team won the Tan Sri Abu Bakar Academy of Medicine Trophy, donated by Tan Sri Dato' for team champion.

14.2 **37th Malaysia-Singapore Congress of Medicine**

The 37th Malaysia-Singapore Congress of Medicine is being planned by the Academy of Medicine of Malaysia to be held from 4-7 September 2003 at the Hotel Istana, Kuala Lumpur. The theme of the Congress is "Cancer". There will be symposia on epidemiology, genetics and environment in cancer; infectious agents and cancer; psychosocial

impact of cancer; advances in cancer therapy; palliative care and pain management; complementary and alternative therapy in cancer. The highlights of the Congress include the 15th Tun Dr Ismail Oration and 4th Tun Hussein Onn Lecture.

15 DIVISION OF GRADUATE MEDICAL STUDIES

The Board of Graduate School of Medical Studies has been renamed as the Advisory Committee of the Division of Graduate Medical Studies, National University of Singapore. The following members represent the Academy:

Dr K Satku (Master) (ex-officio)
Dr Chee Yam Cheng
Dr Fock Kwong Ming
Dr Walter T L Tan

16 DIVISION OF GRADUATE DENTAL STUDIES

The Board of Graduate School of Dental Studies was dissolved in July 2002. Since July 2002, the Graduate School of Dental Studies has been renamed Division of Graduate Dental Studies which is now subsumed under the Faculty of Dentistry, National University of Singapore.

17 POSTGRADUATE TRAINING PROGRAMMES

The Lee Foundation/Tan Sri Dr Runme Shaw Fellowships in Orthopaedic Surgery

The 2002 Lee Foundation/Tan Sri Dr Runme Shaw Fellowships in Orthopaedic Surgery were awarded to :

January - June	Dr Razak Sulaiman Abdul (Malaysia) Dr Nolasco Rizaldy S (Philippines)
July - December	Dr Khare Rahul (India) Dr Anung Budi Satriadi (Indonesia)

The 2003 Fellowship recipients are:

January – June	Dr Ajay Aggarwat (Indonesia) Dr Shri Krishna Guri (India)
July – December	Dr Ashok Marundanayagam (India) Dr Bhijeet Wahegaonkar (India)

18 JOINT COMMITTEE ON SPECIALIST TRAINING (JCST)

In September 2000, consequent upon efforts to streamline the administration of the local specialist training system, the Specialist Accreditation Board (SAB) formally appointed a Joint Committee on Specialist Training (JCST) with the Master of the Academy and the Director of the School as Co-chairman and representatives from the School and the Academy on its Executive Committee. The JCST is responsible to the SAB for setting professional standards for specialist training for all the 35 specialties and for establishing mechanisms for assuring the quality of specialist training in Singapore. It oversees all 35 Specialist Training Committees (STCs) and provides them with professional direction and secretariat support. With input of the respective STC, JCST aims to establish for each specialty a structured training programme and the formats and standards for exit certification. Through its Accreditation/Audit Subcommittee, JCST has established criteria and process for accreditation of training departments and institutions and would devise a system for auditing training programmes. The new structure has provided a more stable framework for the administration of specialist training programmes.

Matters on hand include finalisation of accreditation reports arising from site inspections of selected training hospitals/centres; drawing up of specific accreditation guidelines for each specialty modelled after The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada; review of each individual training programme, to provide for flexibility in the training format and duration and to move from a time-based structure to a competence-based one; establishment of a formal system for auditing training programmes; and setting up of a central on-line system for more effective administration.

Exit certification assessments were conducted during the year, in accordance with the general guidelines set by the Standing Committee. From 1 March 2002 to 28 February 2003, a total of 59 advanced trainees under the charge of the Academy have been certified by the Specialist Training Committees for satisfactory completion of advanced training in their respective specialities.

At the General Meeting of STC Chairmen on 13 December 2002, a number of changes to the training, entry and exit requirements were announced, one of which was the removal of the requirement for a first-authored publication in a refereed journal. For details on the changes, please refer to the JCST Circular 03/01.

19 STANDING COMMITTEES

19.1 Finance and Establishment Review Committee

The Finance and Establishment Review Committee was set up to review matters pertaining to finance and personnel developments. The Committee held its first meeting in September 2002. The Committee is chaired by Dr K Satku (Master) with Dr Gilbert S C Chiang (Assistant Master), Dr Tan Kok Chai (Scribe), Dr Ho Lai Yun (Bursar) and Dr A Balakrishnan (Censor) as Members. At the time of writing the Annual Report, the Committee had met 4 times.

19.2 Constitution Review Committee

The Constitution Review Committee is chaired by Dr Cheng Jun, with Dr A Balakrishnan, Dr Chen Fun Gee and Dr Lim Shih Hui as Members and Dr Chew Chin Hin as Advisor. A major undertaking of the Committee was to review the Bye-Laws and Regulations, and the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore. Amendments to the Memorandum and Articles have been drawn up and will be proposed at the forthcoming AGM.

19.3 Standing Committee on Archives

Dr Chew Chin Hin is Chairman of the Standing Committee on Archives. This committee co-ordinates the documentation of the history of the Academy, its achievements and its plans for future developments. The document will form the basis of a multimedia production on the Academy.

19.4 Standing Committee on Congresses

The Standing Committee on Congresses comprises Dr Gilbert S C Chiang (Chairman), Dr Tan Kok Chai (Secretary), Dr Yeo Jinn Fei (Member) and Dr K Satku (Ex-officio).

Sponsorship of Meetings: nominal sponsorship was approved for the NHG Annual Scientific Congress to be held on 4 and 5 October 2003.

Travel Assistance: Dr Lee Seng Teik received travel assistance from the Academy of Medicine, Singapore for attending the Royal Australian College of Surgeons' Annual Scientific Meeting from 11-15 May 2002 in Adelaide, Australia. Dr Lee was invited as a speaker. His lecture was entitled "The Rationale and Techniques of Oriental Cleft Rhinoplasty".

19.5 Research/Travelling Fellowships Committee

The Research/Travelling Fellowships Committee is chaired by the Master, Dr K Satku with the Bursar, Dr Ho Lai Yun as Member.

In addition to the vetting of applications for the named Research/Travelling Fellowships, the Committee has also assisted in reviewing submissions for the Tun Abdul Razak Research Award, for recommendation to the Award Committee of the Academy of Medicine of Malaysia.

19.6 Advisory Committee to Council

The Advisory Committee to Council comprises all Past Masters with the incumbent Master as convenor to advise the Council on specific matters. During the year Past Masters have been consulted on the proposed restructuring of the Academy with upgrading of Chapters to College status and the creation of Faculties for specialities/subspecialties within the College.

19.7 Education Committee

The Education Committee is chaired by the Assistant Master, Dr Gilbert S C Chiang, with Dr Christopher H K Goh and Dr Lim Shih Hui as Members and one representative from each Chapter. The Committee has been

charged with the responsibility of advising the Council on all aspects of maintenance of professional standards for Fellows.

Professional Development Division

The Professional Development Division was created in January 2003 to oversee the development of the CME programmes and the quality assurance programmes for specialists. Dr Gilbert S C Chiang spearheaded the development and progress of the Professional Development Division. As this is a major undertaking of the Academy, two secretariat staff members have been assigned to support the Division and its Education Committee.

SMC-CME Coordinating Committee

The Academy of Medicine, Singapore is represented by Dr Gilbert S C Chiang and Dr Christopher H K Goh on the SMC-CME Coordinating Committee.

Accreditation of Specialist CME Activities

The Education Committee of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore advises the Singapore Medical Council (SMC) on the accreditation of core specialty and non-core specialty CME activities.

Sample Calendars for Core CME Activities

The Academy has compiled sample calendars of approved Core CME activities for all the 35 specialties listed below. These sample calendars are posted at the Academy's website to help Fellows to plan their own individual schedules.

Anaesthesiology	Internal Medicine	Plastic Surgery
Cardiology	Medical Oncology	Psychiatry
Cardiothoracic Surgery	Neurology	Public Health Medicine
Dermatology	Neurosurgery	Rehabilitation Medicine
Diagnostic Radiology	Nuclear Medicine	Renal Medicine
Emergency Medicine	Obstetrics & Gynaecology	Respiratory Medicine
Endocrinology	Occupational Medicine	Rheumatology
Gastroenterology	Ophthalmology	Therapeutic Radiology
General Surgery	Orthopaedic Surgery	Urology
Geriatric Medicine	Otorhinolaryngology/ ENT Surgery	
Haematology	Paediatric Medicine	
Hand Surgery	Paediatric Surgery	
Infectious Diseases	Pathology	

Distance-Learning Programme for Specialists

The Academy is in the process of developing a distance-learning programme for specialists. This programme will provide specialists, who are unable to attend CME activities, with another option to meet their CME requirements. It will be implemented in phases by specialties.

A subcommittee, comprising of Dr Christopher H K Goh (Chairman), Dr Gilbert S C Chiang and Dr Lim Shih Hui, has been formed to look into delivering the programme. Members are also being co-opted to develop the content.

Circular Correspondence

Fellows are now given the option to receive circular correspondences such as CME notices from the Academy either by postal mail or e-mail. The Academy is looking into licensing a mass e-mailing software to deliver circulars

to Fellows through e-mail. This will help reduce cost and expedite the dissemination of CME and other information to Fellows.

As of 13 January 2003, the High-tech Committee came under the Education Committee's purview.

19.8 **Committee of Management for Minimal Access Therapy Training (MATT)**

The MATT courses have been developed by the Royal College of Surgeons of England and are held in the UK. With the approval and assistance of the College, the Academy is pleased to be able to "transfer" these systematic training programmes for minimal access procedures using modern technology and proven educational techniques to Singapore for surgeons practising in Singapore and in this region. The courses offered locally have joint certification by the Academy of Medicine, Singapore and the College of Surgeons of England.

The first joint MATT course, *Basic Techniques in Safe Arthroscopic Surgery* was launched in April 1998. Since then a series of both basic and advanced arthroscopy courses have been held. Arthroplasty courses in knee replacement have been introduced from December 2000 and hip replacement courses from May 2001. All MATT courses are conducted at the Clinical Skills Laboratory of the Department of Surgery, Singapore General Hospital. Course participants included local trainees and orthopaedic surgeons from neighbouring countries of China, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines and Thailand.

The Academy of Medicine, Singapore acknowledges the generous support given by Johnson & Johnson Medical Singapore and Zimmer Private Limited in sponsoring the Arthroplasty courses.

20 **ANNALS, ACADEMY OF MEDICINE, SINGAPORE**

The members of the 2002 Editorial Board were Dr Felix X Sundram (Editor & Chairman), Dr Vernon M S Oh (Deputy Editor), Dr Chia Kee Seng (Associate Editor), Dr Alexandre K H Chao (from 20 January 2003), Dr Cheah Jin Seng, Dr Terrance S J Chua, Dr Ho Yik Hong (until 15 January 2003), Dr Fock Kwong Ming, Dr Wilfred C G Peh, Dr K Satku, Dr A Vathsala, Dr Yap Hui Kim and Dr Lee Seng Teik (Immediate Past Editor).

The following issues were published and planned for 2002/2003:

Published

Vol 31 No 1 January 2002	Osteoporosis Guest Editors: Drs Leonard K H Koh, Leong Keng Hong, David C E Ng
Vol 31 No 2 March 2002	Free Papers
Vol 31 No 3 May 2002	Medical Disorders in Pregnancy Guest Editor: Dr Tay Sun Kuie
Vol 31 No 4 July 2002	Chronic Disease Management Guest Editors: Drs Jason Cheah, Shanta Emmanuel, Heng Bee Hoon
Vol 31 No 5 September 2002	Orthopaedics Guest Editors: Drs Low Yin Peng, K Satku
Vol 31 No 6 November 2002	Internal Medicine Guest Editors: Drs Roland Chong, Lim Shih Hui
Vol 32 No 1 January 2003	Adolescent Health Guest Editor: Dr Loke Kah Yin
Vol 32 No 2 March 2003	Cancer Surgery Guest Editors: Drs Ho Yik Hong, London Lucien Ooi

Planned

Vol 32 No 3 May 2003	Perinatal Medicine Guest Editor: Dr V S Rajadurai
Vol 32 No 4 July 2003	Imaging: Diagnosis & Intervention Guest Editor: Dr Wilfred C G Peh

Vol 32 No 5 Recent Advances in Obstetrics &
September 2003 Gynaecology
 Guest Editors: Drs Chang Tou Choong,
 A Illancheran

Vol 32 No 6 Geriatric Medicine
November 2003 Guest Editors: Drs Philip W J Choo,
 Pang Weng Sun

The number of free paper submissions for the year was 143.

Resignation of Board Member

Dr Ho Yik Hong resigned as Annals Editorial Board member in January 2003 and joined the International Advisory Panel.

New Board Members

Dr Alexandre K H Chao joined the Annals Editorial Board in January 2003.

Members of the Specialist Advisory Panel 2002

The members of this Panel are Drs Chen Fun Gee, Charles Wah Hak N S Chan, Chang Tou Choong, Alexandre K H Chao (until January 2003), Rethy K Chhem (until December 2002), Khoo Kei Siong, Dennis T H Lim, Ling Moi Lin, Mak Koon Hou, Aziz Nather, V S Rajadurai, Saw Seang Mei, Tan Bien Soo, Tan Eng King and Ti Teow Yee. All except Dr Rethy K Chhem have agreed to serve on the Panel for another 2-year term, i.e. January 2003 to December 2004.

Members of the International Advisory Panel 2002

The members remained unchanged in 2002 and they were Drs Paul W Brandt-Rauf, Peter J Ell, Richard N Fine, Ashley Grossman, Richard Horton, Richard H Hunt, Arthur K C Li, Edison Liu, Harvey Marcovitch, Albert Singer and R C N Williamson. Dr Ho Yik Hong resigned as Board member in January 2003 and joined the International Advisory Panel.

ISI Science Citation Index

Since January 2002, the Annals has been indexed in the Science Citation Index-Expanded, ISI Alerting Services, and Current Contents"/Clinical Medicine. The journal will receive its Impact Factor in early 2004.

The Editorial Board records its appreciation to all Guest Editors and Expert Reviewers who gave their invaluable time and expertise to help further the international standing of the Annals. The Editorial Board also acknowledges the generous support of the Lee Foundation, the Shaw Foundation and the Pesi B Davar Memorial Charitable Trust for the year 2002. With their continued interest and assistance, the Annals will continue to be an effective vehicle for advancing Medical Education and Research in Singapore and the region.

21 SEAH CHENG SIANG RESEARCH/TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIPS

No award was made for 2002.

22 GALLOWAY MEMORIAL LECTURESHIP

The Galloway Memorial Lectureship was instituted in 1959, in memory of the late Sir David Galloway, for award annually to all Academicians and practitioners of Medicine and its allied fields. Only original work will be considered, preference being given to clinical and/or scientific papers, which contribute to new knowledge. No award was made for 2002.

23 CHAPTER OF SURGEONS LECTURE

Dr Tan Ngho Chuan, Past Master, Academy of Medicine, Singapore delivered the 2002 Chapter of Surgeons Lecture, thirteenth in the series, during the 36th Annual Combined Surgical Meeting of the Chapter of Surgeons held in conjunction with the 36th Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine. The title of the lecture was "A View of Surgery – Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow".

24 CHAPTER OF PAEDIATRICIANS LECTURE

Dr Ho Nai Kiong who is in private practice delivered the 2002 Chapter of Paediatricians Lecture, third in the series, at the 36th Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine. The title of the lecture was "Neonatology in Singapore – The

Way We Were, The Way Forward”.

25 SEAH CHENG SIANG MEMORIAL LECTURE

Dr Ng Han Seong, Head, Department of Gastroenterology, Singapore General Hospital delivered the 12th Seah Cheng Siang Memorial Lecture entitled “Inflammatory Bowel Disease: Are We Different from the West?” at the 21st Annual Scientific Meeting of the Chapter of Physicians.

26 YAHYA COHEN LECTURE

Dr Sarbjit Singh, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Tan Tock Seng Hospital delivered the 7th Yahya Cohen Lecture entitled “Significance of the Lateral Physal Plate of the Acetabulum to Hip Joint Stability” during the 36th Annual Combined Surgical Meeting of the Chapter of Surgeons held in conjunction with the 36th Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine.

27 O & G RESEARCH AWARD

The O & G Research Award is tenable every three years. Dr Fong Yoke Fai, Associate Consultant, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, National University Hospital was awarded the 2002 O & G Research Award for his submission entitled “Potential of Slow Release Progestin Systems for the Long Term Treatment of Pelvic Pain Secondary to Endometriosis”. The result of this research project will be published in the *Annals, Academy of Medicine, Singapore*.

28 CHAPTER OF SURGEONS' TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIP

The Chapter of Surgeons' Travelling Fellowship was initiated in 1997 by Dr V K Pillay, a Past Master, who in addition to his own donation, had raised funds from the World Orthopaedic Concern, the Lee Foundation and the Shaw Foundation. The Travelling Fellowship is to enable young surgeons in speciality training to participate in a teaching programme in the Asia Pacific region or to collaborate with medical institutions/colleges in this region in clinical research. No award was made for 2002.

29 MEDALS/BOOK PRIZE FOR MMED/BDS EXAMINATIONS

29.1 G A Ransome Gold Medal

The G A Ransome Gold Medal was established in 1978, in memory of the late Emeritus Professor Sir Gordon Arthur Ransome. The Medal is awarded annually to the candidate who has distinguished himself in the Examination leading to the degree of Master of Medicine (Internal Medicine). Dr Phua Ghee Chee was the recipient for the year 2002.

29.2 Academy of Medicine Gold Medal

The Academy of Medicine Gold Medal was established in 1989. The Medal is awarded annually to the best student who has successfully completed the Second Professional BDS Examination with a distinction in Pathology and Microbiology. No award was made for the Medal in 2002. However, a Book Prize named after the medal was awarded to Mr Lum Jing Li.

29.3 Chapter of Surgeons Gold Medal

The Chapter of Surgeons Gold Medal was established from proceeds of the 23rd Annual Combined Surgical Meeting. The Medal is awarded annually to the top candidate in the Examination leading to the degree of Master of Medicine (Surgery). No award was made in 2002.

29.4 Seah Cheng Siang Gold Medal

The Seah Cheng Siang Gold Medal was established from the Seah Cheng Siang Memorial Fund. The Medal is awarded annually to the most outstanding candidate who has highest marks in the clinical section of the Examination leading to the degree of Master of Medicine (Internal Medicine). No award was made in 2002.

30 PRACTICE GUIDELINES

The Academy, as a responsible body for education and maintaining standards, has taken the lead to issue to its Fellows practice guidelines defining the criteria for the proper use of certain procedures and practices that involve high-technology medicine, and specifying who are qualified to perform them, what training they shall have and the optimal facilities required to use them.

Guidelines on the following have been published:

- (a) Diagnostic Radiologists performing percutaneous peripheral angioplasty, peripheral and visceral embolizations and neurovascular interventions
- (b) Gastrointestinal Endoscopy
- (c) Laparoscopy and Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy
- (d) Management of Pre-term Labour.
- (e) Pharmaceutical Companies and Doctors in Singapore
- (f) Practice of Mammography
- (h) Safe Practice for Investigation and Intervention Procedures
- (g) Surgical Induction of Labour
- (h) Use of Antibiotics
- (i) Use of Antibiotics in Paediatric Care
- (j) Use of Lasers in Medicine
- (k) Use of Ultrasound in Medicine

The following are under preparation:

- (a) Autopsy
- (b) Breast Biopsy using Vacuum assisted Devices (such as Mammotome)
- (c) Ethics of Laboratory Practice
- (d) IV Contrast
- (e) Hormone Replacement Therapy
- (f) Obesity
- (g) PET-CT
- (h) Radiosurgery and Stereotactic Radiotherapy
- (i) Review of Use of Antibiotics in Adults
- (j) Revision on Magnetic Resonance Imaging in Clinical Medicine (to revise the 1997 version)
- (k) Termination of Pregnancy

31 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BUILDING FUND

The Building Fund comprises pledges from members and donations from philanthropic bodies. At the time of writing the Annual Report, the Building Fund has \$1,400,850 paid up by 1563 Fellows. A further pledge of \$215,681.50 is collectable from 340 Fellows. Fellows are encouraged to pay up the balance of their pledges.

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