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39th Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine *Celebrating 100 Years of Medical Education* 30 June – 3 July 2005

The **Opening and Induction Ceremony** took place on Thursday, 30 June 2005 at the Shangri-La Hotel Singapore. Mr Khaw Boon Wan, Minister of Health, was the Guest-of-Honour. Distinguished guests, Council of the Academy of Medicine of Malaysia, a number of Overseas Presidents (listed below), their representatives and Fellows of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore graced the Ceremony:

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| 1 Hong Kong Academy of Medicine | Prof Grace Tang |
| 2 College of Physicians and Surgeons Pakistan | Prof M S Farooqui |
| 3 American College of Physicians | Dr C A Hedberg |
| 4 Hong Kong College of Physicians | Prof Lai Kar Neng |
| 5 Royal College of Physicians of Ireland | Prof T Joseph McKenna |
| 6 Royal Australasian College of Physicians | Dr Jillian Sewell |
| 7 Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia | Dr Vince Caruso |
| 8 Royal College of Psychiatrists | Dr Mike Shooter |
| 9 Royal Australian & New Zealand College of Psychiatrists | Prof Philip Boyce |
| 10 Hong Kong College of Radiologists | Dr Lilian Leong |
| 11 Royal Australasian College of Surgeons | Dr Stephen Deane (VP) |
| 12 Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists | Prof Allan Templeton |
| 13 Royal College of Physicians (London) | Dame Prof Carol Black |

Masters of both Academies and Dean, Faculty of Medicine, National University of Singapore delivered their messages. We welcomed 14 distinguished Overseas Presidents (including 5 from the Colleges of the Academy of Medicine of Malaysia) and 101 Fellows into the fold of the Academy. A/Prof Yeo Jin Fei was the recipient of the Council Medal, having served on Council for more than 8 years. A sumptuous Banquet was held immediately after the Ceremony.

The **Scientific sessions** were held from 1 to 3 July 2005 at the Grand Hyatt, Singapore. The programme was arranged in parallel sessions for the various specialties on their respective current issues.



From left to right: Master, Academy of Medicine of Malaysia and President of the Congress, Prof Dato' (Mrs) ST Kew; Minister of Health, Mr Khaw Boon Wan; Dean, Faculty of Medicine, National University of Singapore, Prof John Wong; Master, Academy of Medicine, Singapore, Prof Low Cheng Hock; and Chairman, Organising Committee, A/Prof Tan Kok Chai.



Minister being introduced to some of the Overseas Presidents.



Prof Low Cheng Hock (left) presenting the Council Medal to A/Prof Yeo Jin Fei (right).



Dr Asok Kurup led the Inductees to take the Pledge.

The tone was set by Prof Lim Pin, the Centennial Lecturer, with a lecture entitled “*Celebrating Milestones Achieved and Pondering the Road Ahead*”; other named lectures delivered at the Congress are listed on page 4 under the subheading of “*Academy of Medicine, Singapore Awards 2005*”. Most of these lectures will be published in the *Annals, Academy of Medicine, Singapore*.

More on the 39th SMCM on pages 2 & 3

Message from Master

My dear Fellow Academician,

39th Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine (SMCM)

In this Newsletter you will find an update of the recently completed 39th SMCM, celebrating 100 years of medical education. Thank you for your kind support and we are extremely grateful to A/Prof Tan Kok Chai and his committee and the secretariat for their hard work. If you were unable to participate, the report of the 39th SMCM will give you an impression of the social and scientific programme. During the Congress, 101 new inductees were admitted into the fold of the Academy and we were also honoured to induct 14 distinguished Presidents and Fellows of our sister overseas colleges into the family of the Academy. A/Prof Yeo Jin Fei was awarded the Council Medal for his long service on the Council of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore.

Academy's CME/CPD Programme

The Council would like to develop and strengthen the Academy's CME/CPD programme. Towards this end, the Colleges/Chapters of the Academy have undertaken the task to form a more permanent Education Committee within each College/Chapter for continuity.

Maintenance of Certification (MOC): I wish to thank all of you for your feedback on the MOC. Taking into account your comments, the AM Committee on MOC (with representatives from the private hospitals) has met again recently to finalise a concept paper which has been forwarded to the Singapore Medical Council. This concept paper will give a general guideline for all the specialties within the Academy's purview. Fellows who wish to access the minutes of the AM Committee on MOC may do so through the Member Login secured area via the Academy's website at www.ams.edu.sg using their MCR/DBR number and password. I want to emphasise again that we hope to work out a system that is effective, realistic, achievable and useful, and meets the need of everyone.

Distance Learning Programme (DLP): I am pleased to inform you that the Singapore Medical Council has given their approval to the Academy's DLP. The DLP will be launched anytime soon. Each doctor is allowed several attempts per module and 2 CME points will be awarded per module for each specialty. Fellows have access to the DLP through the Member Login secured area via the Academy's website at www.ams.edu.sg using their MCR/DBR number and password. This DLP will form a component of the MOC Programme for Specialists in Singapore.

Last but not least, I would like to thank all those who have served on the Council and the various committees during my term of office. Please continue to support the Master-Elect, A/Prof Ho Lai Yun, who is taking office as Master in May 2006. My wish is for the Academy to continue to flourish as we work together for the improvement of our fraternity.

With warmest regards, Low Cheng Hock



From left to right: Prof John Wong, Dean, Faculty of Medicine, National University of Singapore; Prof Lim Pin who delivered the Centennial Lecture entitled "Celebrating Milestones Achieved and Pondering the Road Ahead"; Mr and Mrs Khaw Boon Wan; and Prof Sir David J Weatherall who delivered the 2005 Runme Shaw Memorial Lecture entitled "Training Doctors for the 21st Century a Global Perspective".



Golf trophies were presented to the winners during the Banquet. Dr Chua Yang (top) from Academy of Medicine, Singapore won the Academy of Medicine, Singapore Trophy, donated by Dr Chew Chin Hin, for individual championship; and the Malaysian team won the Tan Sri Dato' Abu Bakar Academy of Medicine Trophy, donated by Tan Sri, for team championship.





From left to right: Prof Low Cheng Hock, A/Prof Ho Tew Hong, President, College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists and Prof Allan Templeton.

2nd College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists Lecture and Dinner, 2 July 2005

The **College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Singapore** Lecture and Dinner was held at the Grand Hyatt, Singapore. Prof Low Cheng Hock, Master of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore was the Guest-of-Honour. Prof Allan Templeton, President, Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists delivered the lecture entitled "*The Developing Clinical Use of Anti-Progestosterone*".



From left to right: Dr Lim Shih Hui, President, College of Physicians; Dr Chan Kin Ming, Honorary Treasurer; Dr Ng Keng Yeen, Vice-President; recipients of Fellowship, Dr Anderson Hedberg, Prof Dato' (Mrs) ST Kew, Dame Prof Carol Black; and recipient of Honorary Fellowship, Dr Chew Chin Hin.

College of Physicians Named Lectures and Inaugural Conferment Ceremony, 2 July 2005

The **College of Physicians, Singapore** and **College of Paediatrics and Child Health, Singapore** held their Inaugural Conferment Ceremony on 2 July 2005 at the Grand Hyatt Singapore. Four Overseas Presidents of sister Colleges received Fellowships of the respective Colleges. Dr Chew Chin Hin was conferred Honorary Fellowship of the College of Physicians. Prof Roger Williams was the 15th Seah Cheng Siang Lecturer and Dame Prof Carol Black was the 2nd College of Physicians Lecturer.



Dr Lim Shih Hui presenting a token of appreciation to Prof Roger Williams.



Prof Quak Seng Hock, President, College of Paediatrics and Child Health conferring Fellowship of the College on Dr Jill Sewell, President, Royal Australasian College of Physicians.

College of Surgeons

Highlights from the **College of Surgeons, Singapore** include the Inaugural College of Surgeons Lecture delivered on 2 July 2005 by Prof K Satku, Director of Medical Services, Ministry of Health Singapore with a lecture entitled "*Of Role and Role Model*", and the 10th Yahya Cohen Memorial Lecture delivered by Dr Hsu Pon Poh.



Dr Colin Song presenting a token of appreciation to Prof K Satku.

The 6 Colleges & 3 Chapters of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore (**Dental Surgeons, Pathologists and Psychiatrists**) had their scientific sessions at the Congress.

Council News

Congratulations to:

- A/Prof Ho Lai Yun on being elected Master-Elect. His term of office for 2 years as Master will begin in May 2006.
- Prof Fock Kwong Ming on being elected Assistant Master.

Congratulations and welcome to:

- Dr Chan Siew Luen on being newly elected Chairman, Chapter of Dental Surgeons.
- Dr Yap Hwa Ling on being newly elected Chairperson, Chapter of Psychiatrists.

A note of thanks to A/Prof Yeo Jin Fei who stepped down as Council member in May 2005.

Induction Ceremony 2006

Council has agreed to hold an Induction Ceremony some time in April or May of 2006. Further details will be circulated to Fellows.

Obituary

It is with deep sadness that we note the passing of the following Fellows:

- Dr Wee Kim Wee (Honorary Fellow)
- Dr Wang Tiak Lim (Emergency Medicine Physician)
- Dr Lim Kim Siong (College of Anaesthesiologists)
- Dr Sivakami Devi (College of Physicians)
- Dr Cheong San Thau (College of Surgeons)
- Dr Ronald George Albuquerque (College of Surgeons)

Calendar of Events

January 2006

Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd

College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists

6th Regional MRCOG Part II Examination Course. Please visit these websites for more information www.rcog.org.uk OR www.kkh.com.sg OR www.ams.edu.sg

Venue: KK Women's and Children's Hospital, Singapore

For further enquiries, please email: cogs@ams.edu.sg

August 2006

Thursday 24th to Sunday 27th

Academy of Medicine of Malaysia and Academy of Medicine, Singapore

40th Malaysia-Singapore Congress of Medicine

Theme: Coming to Terms with Acute Care Medicine

Venue: Kuala Lumpur

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May 2007

Sunday 27th to Thursday 31st

Chapter of Pathologists, Academy of Medicine, Singapore

5th Asia Pacific International Academy of Pathology Congress and Chapter of Pathologists Annual Scientific Meeting

Theme: Globalisation of Pathology

Venue: Singapore

For further information, please contact Congress Secretariat, Academy of Medicine, Singapore, 142 Neil Road, Runme Shaw Building, Singapore 088871.

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IMPORTANT

NOTICE

Issuance of FAMS Certificate for Fellows Admitted Prior to 1991

The designation of AM (Academician of Medicine) was replaced by FAMS (Fellow of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore) in 1991. Those who were admitted as members of the Academy prior to 1991 may write in to request to replace their membership certificate with the FAMS Certificate.

Minutes of Meetings of the AM Committee on Maintenance of Certification (MOC)

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Prof K Shanmugaratnam, the 2005 Distinguished Academician Lecturer with Dr Tan Puay Hoon, the 2005 Galloway Memorial Lecturer.

Update from the Chapter of Dental Surgeons

With the impending implementation of compulsory Continuing Professional Education (CPE), the Singapore Dental Council (SDC) recognises the need to offer adequate quality and beneficial activities to all dental practitioners in Singapore. The SDC has invited the Chapter of Dental Surgeons under the Academy of Medicine, Singapore to apply for accreditation as a CPE provider. A list of CPE activities planned by the Chapter for the next 6 months was submitted together with the application as supporting document. The list of activities includes planned lectures and distance-learning programmes for the various dental specialties identified by the Chapter.

Academy of Medicine, Singapore Awards 2005

Runme Shaw Memorial Lecturer

Professor Sir David J Weatherall

Distinguished Academician Lecturer

Professor K Shanmugaratnam

Galloway Memorial Lecturer

Dr Tan Puay Hoon

15th Seah Cheng Siang Memorial Lecturer

Professor Roger Williams

2nd College of Physicians Lecturer

Dame Professor Carol Black

2nd College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists Lecturer

Professor Allan Templeton

Inaugural College of Surgeons Lecturer

Professor K Satku

10th Yahya Cohen Memorial Lecturer

Dr Hsu Pon Poh

Young Investigator's Award Winner

Dr Masliza Mahmud (Malaysia)

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