MASTER’S MESSAGE

I would like to thank all members and Council of the Academy for their support. During my tenure as the Master of the Academy, I have appreciated even more the groundwork laid by my predecessors.

The highlight of 2011 is the Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine (SMCM), a bi-annual event, alternating between Malaysia and Singapore. We are honoured to have Mr Gan Kim Yong, Minister for Health, as the Guest of Honour at the recent 45th SMCM.

During the opening ceremony, Dr York Chow, Secretary for Food and Health of Hong Kong, delivered the 20th Gordon Arthur Ransome Oration. His lecture on “Bridges and Gaps in Healthcare” resonated with our own practice here in Singapore. This is mainly due to both systems being derived during the British Colonial Rule. The healthcare has been similar to ours in terms of structure of administration, delivery of care to the public, and government funding. We have since evolved our own system with the 3-M safety net over the years. With a rapidly aging population and increasingly expensive healthcare cost, there are many challenges in healthcare in the future. Singapore healthcare providers are not spared of these new challenges.

The Hong Kong Academy of Medicine will be a regular participation in the Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine. The 1st Tripartite Meeting between the three Academies was held in November 2010 in Hong Kong. The next tripartite meeting will be held in 2013 in Singapore. Dr Wong Kok Seng has been appointed as Chairman of the meeting. I believe the organising committee will come up with an exciting programme for all Academicians.

It has been an increasing challenge to be able to attract participants in meetings such as the SMCM which was seen as a generalist forum. The positive feedback which we have gathered from the 45th SMCM was the Medico-legal Symposium. Recent decisions of the Singapore Medical Council and Courtroom regarding professionalism of medical practices in Singapore were presented and discussed. Consensus was the new landmark decisions involving cases by colorectal surgeon for inform consent was highlighted.

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INDUCTION COMITIA 2011

This year’s Induction Comitia was held in conjunction with the Opening Ceremony of the 45th Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine 2011 (SMCM) at the Marina Mandarin, Singapore. The Minister for Health, Singapore, Mr Gan Kim Yong was present to grace the event as the Guest-of-Honour.

The Academy witnessed the formal admission of 20 new Fellows and the conferment of 16 FAMS to Presidents of Overseas Colleges. That evening also saw the celebration of the achievements of 11 graduates who have successfully completed their diplomas under the Staff Registrar Scheme. They were graduates from the Diploma in Emergency Medicine, Diploma in Neurology, Diploma

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The “Deans Medical and Surgical Pearls” forum has also managed to attract many medical students and we hope more young doctors will attend such future forums which the Academy will organise. They will be our future members.

The Screening Tests Review Committee (STRO) of the Academy and the Ministry of Health announced support population screening for breast cancer and colorectal cancer. After approval by Parliament for usage of medisave, the College of Radiologists, College of Surgeons and College of Physicians have assisted with the guidelines for patients before this scheme was operationalized by the hospitals. I would like to thank the STRO for their continuing effort in this programme. There will be an annual review of this programme by Prof Lee Hin Peng, Chairman of STRO, with a committee from MOH.

The residency programme for medical specialists training has commenced. The Academy’s role in Joint Committee for Specialists Training (JCST) and Specialist Training Committee (STC) will also evolve when STC becomes RAC. This change will have an impact on our future graduates. I urge all Academicians to be involved as teachers, mentors and examiners. The Academy has a major role in the training of medical specialists for Singapore for now and the future.

We will be launching a fund-raising event for the continuation of the Gordon Arthur Ransome Oration fund. Sir Gordon Arthur Ransome is our founder Master of the Academy. He has left a legacy of being mentor to many of our medical leaders in Singapore.

We hope to have enough funds to perpetuate this GAR lectureship. Past Orators include Dr Goh Keng Swee, Mr S Rajaratnam, Mr Tan Boon Teik, Professor Leslie A Turnberg, YAB Dato Seri Dr Mahathir bin Mohamad, Mrs Anson Chan and Dr Chew Chin Hin. A committee has been formed and we hope all Academicians will be generous towards this worthy cause.

I look forward to your active participation in the Academy’s upcoming activities. On behalf of the Council, my best wishes to you and your family for the new year.

Professor Tan Kok Chai

Dr York Chow (left) receiving the Gordon Arthur Ransome Gold Medal from Master Tan Kok Chai.
Integration, Innovation and Holistic Care

The 45th Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine was held on 21-23 July 2011 at Suntec Singapore with the theme “Integration, Innovation and Holistic Care”. Into its 45th year, the joint congress is a testament to the strong bonds between the Academy of Medicine, Singapore and the Academy of Medicine of Malaysia, with the recent participation of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine.

This year, sessions on “Dean Medical Pearls” and “Deans Surgical Pearls” were newly introduced to reach out to trainees, post graduates and general audience. Deans from the schools of Medicine were invited to share their valuable lessons. These sessions received good participation from the audience.

Another new highlight was the “Forum on Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)”. The forum, which was well-attended, debated on the US training and examination system and the way forward for Singapore in specialist training and examination.

Winners of Poster and Oral Presentations

Best Poster Presentation Winner:
- Vivien Lim (Khoo Teck Puat Hospital)

Poster Presentation Merit Winners:
- Yong Min Hui (Duke NUS Graduate Medical School)
- Reuben Foo Chao Ming (NUS Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine)

Best Oral Presentation Winner:
- Eric Chong (Jurong Health Services)

Oral Presentation Merit Winners:
- Dr Gary Ang (National Healthcare Group)
- Dr Chan Ling Ling (Singapore General Hospital)

The following named lectures were also presented during the Congress:

- **GORDON ARTHUR RANSOME ORATION 2011**
  Bridges and Gaps in Healthcare
  York Chow
  Secretary for Food and Health of Hong Kong SAR

- **RUNME SHAW MEMORIAL LECTURE 2011**
  Liver Transplant: Yesterday’s Dream, Today’s Reality, Tomorrow’s Platform Towards Excellent Patient Care
  Chao-Long Chen
  Professor of Surgery, Chang Gung Memorial Hospital, Kaoshiung, Taiwan
  Superintendent of Chang Gung Memorial Hospital Kaoshiung
  Academician, Chinese Academy of Engineering

- **GALLOWAY MEMORIAL LECTURE 2011**
  What Ails The Populace: The Singapore Mental Health Study
  Chong Siow Ann
  Associate Professor & Senior Consultant Psychiatrist, Institute of Mental Health, Singapore

- **SEAH CHENG SIANG MEMORIAL LECTURE 2011**
  Improving Survival Outcomes for Gastric Cancer
  Yee Khay-Guan
  Associate Professor, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore
  Senior Consultant, Department of Gastroenterology, National University Hospital

- **COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS SINGAPORE LECTURE 2011**
  Palliative Care in Singapore – Good Medicine given with Compassion
  Cynthia Goh
  Associate Professor & Head, Department of Palliative Medicine, National Cancer Centre Singapore

- **COLLEGE OF OPHTHALMOLOGY LECTURESHIP 2011**
  The Singapore Malay Eye Study – Key Findings, Public Health Messages and Clinical Implications
  Wong Tien Yin
  Professor and Head, Department of Ophthalmology, National University of Singapore
  Director, Singapore Eye Research Institute
  Senior Consultant, Singapore National Eye Centre and National University Hospital
The annual Annals Appreciation Dinner 2011 was held in Tung Lok Seafood on 23 May 2011. Guests who graced this occasion included Platinum and Gold reviewers, winners of the inaugural Annals, Academy of Medicine (AAMS) Best Publication Award 2010, and members of the AMS Council.

The Annals Platinum and Gold Award acknowledges the contributions of reviewers who have completed quality reviews; and have provided insightful advice to the Editorial Board throughout 2010.

The AAMS Best Publication Award recognizes the contributions of authors in areas of excellent clinical research and their outstanding published works in the Annals in 2010.

Winners of the AAMS Best Publication award are as follows:

**GOLD**

Risk Factors and Clinical Outcomes for Contrast-induced Nephropathy After Percutaneous Coronary Intervention in Patients with Normal Serum Creatinine

Eric Chong, Kian Keong Poh, Shen Liang, Huay Cheern Tan

**SILVER**

Pathological Video-Gaming among Singaporean Youth

Hyekyung Choo, Douglas A Gentile, Timothy Sim, Dongdong Li, Angeline Khoo, Albert K Liau

**BRONZE**

Urotensin 2 and Retinoic Acid Receptor Alpha (RARA) Gene Expression in IgA Nephropathy

Keng Thye Woo, Yeow Kok Lau, Yi Zhao, Kim Yoong Puong, I-whee Boon Tan, Stephanie Fook-Chong, Kok Seng Wong, Choong Meng Chian

**Visiting Academicians**

**Christian Stohler**
Dean, University of Maryland School of Dentistry Baltimore College of Dental Surgery
Orofacial Pain Research
29 October 2011, Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel
Organiser: College of Dental Surgeons, Singapore

**Sol Silverman**
Oral Medicine Specialist, Professor of Oral Medicine
University of California, San Francisco School of Dentistry
Oral Complications of Cancer Treatments (Personalised Oral-Cancer Care)
29 October 2011, Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel
Organiser: College of Dental Surgeons, Singapore

**Eric Andrew Taylor**
Emeritus Professor of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, King’s College London
Life trajectories of common childhood disorder – ADHD, bipolar and early psychosis
7 March 2011, York Hotel
Organiser: Chapter of Psychiatrists

**Tan Seang Lin**
James Edmund Dodds Professor and Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at McGill University
Treatment of Infertility and Fertility Preservation for Cancer and Non-Cancer Patients
7 May 2011, Suntec Singapore International Convention and Exhibition Centre
Organiser: College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists, Singapore

**Visiting Lecturers**

**David Felix**
Consultant, Department of Oral Medicine, Glasgow Dental Hospital and School
Dean, Faculty of Dental Surgery.
The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh
Advances in Oral Medicine
30 October 2011, Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel
Organiser: College of Dental Surgeons, Singapore

**Elaine Jaffe**
Chief of the Haematopathology Section, National Cancer Institute and Clinical Professor of Pathology at George Washington University
Pathology of NK and T-Cell Lymphoma and Anaplastic Large Cell Lymphoma
31 October 2011, Singapore General Hospital
Organiser: Chapter of Pathologists, Singapore General Hospital

**Eric Whaites**
Senior Lecturer/Honorary Consultant
Head of Department, Dental and Maxillofacial Radiological Imaging
Guy’s Hospital Dental School, London
Recent Advances in Oral & Maxillofacial Radiology
30 October 2011, Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel
Organiser: College of Dental Surgeons, Singapore
CPR and Defibrillation

A closed door meeting on ‘Teaching Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) & Defibrillation in Schools & THE Community’ took place on 13 April 2011 by the Chapter and the National Resuscitation Council (NRC) Singapore, at Ministry of Health, Singapore.

Panellists of the discussion were:

- Prof Hideharu Tanaka (Guest Speaker, Kokushikan University, Tokyo, Japan)
- Prof Tan Kok Chai (Master, Academy of Medicine, Singapore)
- Prof V. Anantharaman (Chairperson/Chairman, Chapter of Emergency Physicians, AMS & NRC Singapore)
- A/Prof Marcus E H Ong (Organising Chairperson & Chapter Ex Co Member)
- Dr K. Vijaya (Director, Youth Division, HPB, Singapore)
- Mr Wong Hen Jeng (Assistant Director, School Safety Unit, MOE, Singapore)
- Mr Teo Kok Hong (Officer, Schools Division, MOE, Singapore)
- Dr Vineta Bhalla (Director) & Dr Michael Mitakidis (Deputy Director), Hospital Services Division, MOH, Singapore
- Prof Goh Lee Gan (Chairman, NFAC, Singapore)
- Mr Bobby Yap (Director, Emergency Preparedness Division) & Mr Gerard Han (Assistant Director, Emergency Preparedness, Community Engagement), PA Singapore
- Mr Vernon Kang (CEO) & Ms Jeslin Sin (Senior Manager, Community Education, Fund Raising & Heart Safe), SHF
- Mr Christopher Chua (Secretary General) & Ms Faiszah A Hamid (Head, Red Cross Training Centre), SRCS

Inaugural Preparatory Course for M Med (Emergency Medicine)/MCEM (UK)

The Inaugural preparatory course for M Med (Emergency Medicine)/MCEM (UK) for Parts B and C exams was organised by the Chapter on 25 - 30 July 2011 at the following hospitals: Changi General Hospital (CGH), KK Women’s & Children’s Hospital (KKH), Khoo Teck Puat Hospital (KTPH), National University Hospital (NUH), Singapore General Hospital (SGH) & Tan Tock Seng Hospital (TTSH).

The Organising Committee comprised Dr Kenneth W J Heng (Convener) & Hospital Coordinators: Dr Michael Y C Chia (TTSH), Dr Rahul Goswami (CGH), Dr Keith W H Ho (NUH), Dr Jeremy C P Wee (SGH), Dr Francis C Y Lee & Dr Toh Hong Chuen (KTPH), Dr Amila Puranadasa (JGH) and Dr Peter C Y Wong (KKH).

Registration comprised seven local and three overseas trainees and eight Diploma in Emergency Medicine candidates of the 4th & 5th intakes. The faculty comprised 13 lecturers and 42 PACES facilitators.

Diploma in Emergency Medicine

A total of eight candidates were enrolled into the fifth intake of the Diploma in Emergency Medicine which commenced on 14 April 2011. Dr Steven H C Lim was appointed as the new Programme Director for two years from 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2013.

Four candidates graduated from the third intake of the course: Dr Daguman Devie Romano, Dr Faizal bin Kassim, Dr Michael Lisondra Ebuna and Dr Thajudeen Mohammed Zuhary. They were awarded with certificates during the opening of the 45th Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine & Annual Induction Comitia presentation ceremony for the Staff Registrar Scheme Diplomas on 21 July 2011. The event was held at Marina Mandarin Singapore.

Position Paper - ‘The State of Emergency Medical Care in Singapore’

A workgroup was formed on 28 July 2011 to develop a position paper on ‘The State of Emergency Medical Care in Singapore’. A charter had been drawn up to guide the workgroup in all areas of the project. The timeline was forecasted for a duration of a year. The hierarchy structure consisted of the Main, Sub & Editorial Committees, Independent Reviewers, Advisors & Key Stakeholders. The Chair & Co-Chair are: Dr Steven H C Lim & A/Prof Malcolm Mahadevan.
Controversies & Innovation in Emergency Medicine
A half-day symposia comprising of two tracks on ‘Controversies & Innovation in Emergency Medicine’ was held on 23 July 2011 in conjunction with the 45th Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine. It was held at the Suntec Singapore International Convention & Exhibition Centre.

Dr Irwani Ibrahim, Consultant, Emergency Medicine Department, NUH, was the Organising Chairperson.

**Symposium I**  
Chairperson: Dr Irwani Ibrahim  
- Innovation Resuscitation/Pre-hospital Care  
  A/Prof Marcus E H Ong (Senior Consultant, Director of Research & Clinician Scientist, SGH)  
- Telestroke  
  Dr Camlyn Tan (Consultant, CGH)  
- Early Goal Directed Therapy: Controversies & Current Opinion  
  A/Prof Malcolm Mahadevan (Senior Consultant & Head, NUH)  
- Crisis Standard of Care  
  Dr Steven H C Lim (Consultant, Department of Accident & Emergency, CGH)

**Symposium II**  
Chairperson: Dr Steven H C Lim  
- Design of the Emergency Department of the Future  
  Dr Quek Lit Sin (Head, JGH)  
- Challenges in Observation Medicine  
  Dr Lim Ghee Hian (Senior Consultant, CGH)  
- Emergency Ultrasound: How it Changed ED Practise  
  Dr Toh Hong Chuen (Associate Consultant, Department of Acute & Emergency Care Centre, KTPH)  
- Acute Non-Invasive Ventilation  
  Dr Irwani Ibrahim

HMDP Visiting Expert Lectures
The Chapter, together with the Singapore General Hospital; Singapore Society of Pathologists and Singapore Association of Biochemists, organised a series of lectures by HMDP Visiting Expert in Molecular Pathology, Professor Gregory James Tsongalis. Professor Tsongalis who is from the Department of Pathology, Dartmouth Medical School, delivered a total of 11 lectures from 26 to 30 September at the Singapore General Hospital.

Visiting Lecturer – Professor Elaine Jaffe
Professor Elaine Jaffe, Chief of the Haematopathology Section, National Cancer Institute, was appointed as Visiting Lecturer. A highly respected haematopathologist and talented teacher, Prof Jaffe delivered two lectures on 31 October 2011 at the Singapore General Hospital. The lectures titled “Pathology of NK and T-cell lymphoma” and “Anaplastic T Cell Lymphoma” were held as part of the Singapore General Hospital Hematolymphoid Pathology Course.

CME Courses
As part of its continuing medical education programme, the Chapter lent its support to the following programmes organised by the Singapore General Hospital:

**Hematolymphoid Pathology Course**  
This course, held from 31 Oct - 3 Nov 2011, comprised didactic lectures with a microscopic session that incorporated histopathology, immunohistochemistry, as well as results of fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH) and clonality analysis by PCR. The course was conducted by Dr Kevin Gatter from the Nuffield Department of Clinical Laboratory Sciences at Oxford University and Dr Elaine Jaffe, the Academy’s Visiting Lecturer.

**Breast Pathology Course**  
The course, held on 4 & 5 Nov 2011, focused on challenges and pitfalls of preoperative diagnosis of breast conditions using core biopsy and cytology. A hands-on microscopy workshop and a series of lectures were part of the course. Dr Ian Ellis, a professor at the University of Nottingham, United Kingdom; Dr Fernando Schmitt, from the Medical Faculty of Porto University, Portugal and Dr Gary Tse, from the Chinese University of Hong Kong were invited to share their valuable expertise at the course.
Visiting Academician Y2011 and First Professional Lecturer

Professor Eric Andrew Taylor, Emeritus Professor of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry at King's College, London, was Visiting Academician Y2011 of the Academy and the Chapter of Psychiatrists. He delivered the First Professional Lecture to Fellow Academicians on 7 March 2011 at York Hotel Singapore. His lecture was entitled ‘Life Trajectories of Common Childhood Disorder – ADHD, Bipolar & Early Psychosis’.

A/Prof John C M Wong (Vice-Chairman, Medical Board and Head, Department of Psychological Medicine, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine) chaired the session.

MOH Consultation Paper – ‘Proposed Measures to Monitor Errant Prescribing of Benzodiazepines (BZs)’

A meeting for the MOH Consultation Paper on ‘Proposed Measures to Monitor Errant Prescribing of Benzodiazepines (BZs)’, was convened for FAMS Psychiatrists on 5 October 2011 at Postgraduate Medical Institute, Singapore General Hospital. An official letter of reply containing feedback from members present during the above session was submitted to MOH on 19 October 2011.

Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG) on Depression

The Chapter submitted its feedback for the draft Clinical Practice Guidelines on Depression in September 2011 through the Academy to MOH.

Workshop on ‘Courtroom Skills’

The Institute of Mental Health (IMH) and the Chapter co-organised a Workshop on ‘Courtroom Skills’ on 14 September 2011 at IMH. The programme comprised two cases: one for Civil on PTSD and the second was a Criminal presentation. The Organising Chairperson was Dr Goh Hern Yee Jerome, Chief & Consultant, Department of General & Forensic Psychiatry, IMH.

A panel discussion was held at the end of the session, chaired by Dr Nicholas Chew (Consultant, Department of Psychological Medicine, TTSH).

Seminar on ‘Forensic Psychiatric Assessments: Pitfalls & Problems’

The Chapter and the Department of Psychological Medicine, Tan Tock Seng Hospital (TTSH) were joint collaborators to a seminar on ‘Forensic Psychiatric Assessments: Pitfalls & Problems’, held on 3 June 2011 at TTSH.

The programme comprised the following speakers:

- **The Lawyer’s Perspective: ‘What Lawyers want from a Psychiatric Report’**
  Mr Nicholas Cheong
  Advocate & Solicitor, Singapore; Advocate, England & Wales; Honorary Secretary, Medico-Legal Society of Singapore & Partner, Lim Soon Peng & Co LLP

- **The Psychiatrist’s Perspective – ‘Difficulties in Forensic Psychiatric Assessments’**
  A/Prof Calvin S L Fones
  Consultant Psychiatrist, Fones Clinic-Psychological Medicine, Gleneagles Medical Centre, Singapore

  Dr Tor Phern Chern
  Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Psychological Medicine, National University Health System, Singapore
6th Singapore Public Health & Occupational Medicine Conference

The conference was held with much success on 24 – 26 August 2011 at Furama Riverfront, Singapore. The theme for this year’s conference was “Innovations in Public Health and Occupational Medicine - The Next Frontier”.

Various topics such as use of new media in public health, innovative health financing models, mental health promotion and workplace wellness were discussed at the four plenary lectures and 13 symposia. Overall, the interesting lectures and wide array of topics in the scientific programmes were well-received by participants.

The conference was attended by about 230 delegates. The invited faculty included speakers from the United States, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Thailand, India and Singapore.

Two pre-conference workshops were held on 24 August 2011-Fatigue Risk Management System and Economic Evaluations in Clinical Practice Guidelines. Both workshops had a good turnout of 25 participants each.

Chapter of Public Health & Occupational Physicians Achievement Award 2011

This award is given to an individual who had made sustained and significant contributions to the field of Public Health and/or Occupational Medicine on both the local and international scene. The Chapter conferred its inaugural Achievement Award on Professor Lee Hin Peng at the opening ceremony of the 6th Singapore Public Health & Occupational Medicine on 25 August 2011. During the Fellows lunch at the conference, Professor Lee Hin Peng delivered an inspiring speech to the Chapter members and the Preventive Medicine residents.

Chapter Get-Together Session

The Chapter organised a get-together session for its members on 11 October 2011 at Khoo Teck Puat Hospital.

Chapter members were joined by the Preventive Medicine residents and the Public Health & Occupational Medicine trainees. Members had a great time interacting with the residents and trainees at this social event. Through this event, the Chapter aimed to pull the different communities closer.

Chapter of Public Health & Occupational Physicians Travel Assistance Fund

The Chapter had set up a travel assistance fund to sponsor its members to attend overseas meetings and conferences. Funding may include registration fee for the meeting, return economy class airfare and accommodation.

The full set of guidelines on travel fund can be found at the Chapter’s webpage at: www.ams.edu.sg. Chapter members who are interested in applying for funding can download the application form at the webpage and submit it to the Chapter’s Executive Committee at least one month before the date of the meeting.

The following are some of the upcoming meetings that would be held overseas:

- Annual meeting of the American College of Preventive Medicine
  Date: 22 – 25 February 2012, Venue: Orlando, Florida, USA

- 18th World Congress on Ergonomics
  Date: 12 – 16 February 2012, Venue: Racie, Brazil

- 30th International Congress on Occupational Health
  Date: 18 – 23 March 2012, Venue: Cancun, Mexico

- 1st Asia Pacific Clinical Epidemiology and Evidence Based Medicine Conference
  Date: 6 – 8 July 2012, Venue: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Pushing the Anaesthesia Envelope

The 19th General Scientific Meeting (GSM) of Anaesthesiologists 2011, with the theme “Pushing the Anaesthesia Envelope”, was held on 13-14 August 2011 at The Sheraton Towers, Singapore.

The two-day scientific programme was supported by an impressive panel of world renowned speakers from the USA, Canada, Europe, Australia, Hong Kong and Malaysia. The conference included three plenary lectures and 12 symposia.

PLENARY LECTURES
- Challenges and Opportunities for Anaesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine are Here Now!
  Dr John Ulatowski, John Hopkins Medical Institutions, USA
- Pushing the Limits of Anaesthesia for Ambulatory Surgery
  Dr Frances Chung, University of Toronto, Canada
- Redefining Boundaries of Anaesthesiology
  Dr Neville Gibbs, University of Western Australia, Australia

The event was organised by the College of Anaesthesiologists, Singapore and Singapore Society of Anaesthesiologists.

As part of the 19th GSM, a half-day Regional Anaesthesia workshop was held on 14 August 2011 to provide a platform for both the novice and regional anaesthesia enthusiasts to come together to learn more about the current state of the art in using ultrasound to aid the performance of regional blocks.

Anaesthesia Refresher Course IV: Anaesthesia Revisited

With the theme “Anaesthesia Revisited”, the Anaesthesia Refresher Course IV was held on 14 May 2011 at the Traders Hotel.

Achieving Nirvana in Sedation
– Not Too Much, Not Too Little, Just Right!
Chairperson: A/Prof Hwang Nian Chih, Singapore General Hospital

Sedation in Children – Issues & Challenges
- A/Prof Agnes Ng, KK Women’s & Children’s Hospital

Moderate Sedation Protocol in TTSH
- A/Prof Kwek Tong Kiat, Tan Tock Seng Hospital

Propofol Infusion: Use & Abuse
- Dr Boey Wah Keong, Gleneagles Hospital

Death of the ETT
- Dr Kenneth Tan, Mount Elizabeth Hospital

New and Old – The Verdict
Chairperson: Dr Ho Kok Yuen, Raffles Hospital

The Use of Oxycodeone in Clinical Practice
- Dr Tay Kwang Hui, National University Hospital

Remifentanil – Do We Need Another Short Acting Opioid?
- Dr June Goh, Singapore General Hospital

Pethidine – Friend or Foe?
- Dr Yeo Sow Nam, Mount Elizabeth Hospital

The 4th Biennial Update in Ophthalmology 2011

The College of Ophthalmologists participated in the 45th Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine held on 21-23 July 2011 at Suntec Singapore. Professor Wong Tien Yin, Head, Department of Ophthalmology, National University of Singapore and Director of Singapore Eye Research Institute delivered the 2nd College of Ophthalmology Lectureship entitled “The Singapore Malay Eye Study – Key Findings, Public Health Messages and Clinical Implications.” The lecture comprised reports on the prevalence and causes of vision impairment and major eye diseases, such as diabetic retinopathy, age-related macular degeneration, glaucoma and cataract amongst the Malays. The important epidemiologic findings from the study were deemed pertinent to patient care and would significantly influence clinical practice. The public health level, the study results might be useful in guiding policy or decision makers to better allocate and prioritize resources in eye diseases management. This scientific meeting was attended and well received by both local and regional delegates.

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The scientific program also included a “Thyroid Eye Disease Workshop” chaired by Associate Professor Seah Lay Leng from Singapore National Eye Centre. This workshop provided an update to the general Ophthalmologists and physicians on this common eye disease. It emphasized crucial points in the staged management of this complex condition with orbital decompression, strabismus (squint) surgery and eyelid mal-position correction. A physician was also invited to lecture on advances in the medical treatment of this condition.

Upcoming Local & Overseas Conferences
- The 27th APAO Congress, 13-16 April 2012, Busan, Korea
- The Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) Annual Meeting, 6-10 May 2012, USA
- 2012 Annual Meeting of American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO), 10-13 Nov 2012, Chicago, USA

College of Ophthalmology Lectureship 2011

The College of Ophthalmologists participated in the 45th Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine held on 21-23 July 2011 at Suntec Singapore. Professor Wong Tien Yin, Head, Department of Ophthalmology, National University of Singapore and Director of Singapore Eye Research Institute delivered the 2nd College of Ophthalmology Lectureship entitled “The Singapore Malay Eye Study – Key Findings, Public Health Messages and Clinical Implications.” The lecture comprised reports on the prevalence and causes of vision impairment and major eye diseases, such as diabetic retinopathy, age-related macular degeneration, glaucoma and cataract amongst the Malays. The important epidemiologic findings from the study were deemed pertinent to patient care and would significantly influence clinical practice. The public health level, the study results might be useful in guiding policy or decision makers to better allocate and prioritize resources in eye diseases management. This scientific meeting was attended and well received by both local and regional delegates.

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Conferment Ceremony
The College held its 2\textsuperscript{nd} Conferment Ceremony on 2 June 2011 at Alumni Medical Centre. Professor Tan Kok Chai, Master of the Academy and Guest-of-Honour, presented each Fellow with a College certificate and collar pin. A total of 15 Fellows of the College were conferred.

IOS – CDSS Mid-year Convention
The College, together with the Indian Orthodontic Society (IOS) organised a one-day convention on 13 July 2011. This mid-year convention had been held in various Asian countries such as Macau, Thailand and Hong Kong previously and the College had the honour to host it in Singapore this year. An impressive list of speakers from IOS and the College were invited to deliver lectures on various Orthodontic and related topics. In addition, there was an e-poster competition by post-graduate students who provided the audience with exciting insights into dentistry research and case studies.

Visiting Academicians
Dr Christian Stohler and Prof Sol Silverman were appointed as Visiting Academicians by the Academy. Both delivered lectures at the IADR-SEA Division Annual Scientific Meeting on 29 October 2011:

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  \item \textbf{Orofacial Pain Research}
  Dr Christian S Stohler  
  \textit{Dean, University of Maryland School of Dentistry}
  \textit{Baltimore College of Dental Surgery}

  \item \textbf{Oral Complications of Cancer Treatments (Personalised Oral Cancer Care)}
  Dr Sol Silverman  
  \textit{Professor Emeritus of Oral Medicine}
  \textit{School of Dentistry}
  \textit{University of California, San Francisco}
\end{itemize}

Visiting Lecturers
Dr David Felix and Dr Eric Whaites were appointed Visiting Lecturers by the Academy. They were also the invited speakers of the IADR SEA Division Annual Scientific Meeting and gave the following presentations on 30 October 2011:

\begin{itemize}
  \item \textbf{ Advances in Oral Medicine}
  Dr David Felix  
  \textit{Consultant, Department of Oral Medicine}
  \textit{Glasgow Dental Hospital and School}

  \item \textbf{Recent Advances in Oral & Maxillofacial Radiology}
  Dr Eric Whaites  
  \textit{Senior Lecturer/Honorary Consultant}
  \textit{Head of Department}
  \textit{Dental and Maxillofacial Radiological Imaging}
  \textit{Guy’s Hospital Dental School, London}
\end{itemize}
The College hosted the 25th International Association for Dental Research (IADR) Southeast Asia Division Annual Scientific Meeting and 22nd Southeast Asia Association for Dental Education (SEAADE) Annual Meeting on 29 – 30 October 2011 at Grand Copthorne Waterfront. A pre-congress SEAADE Meeting was held at the Faculty of Dentistry on 28 October 2011.

The 25th IADR SEA Division Annual Scientific Meeting and 22nd SEAADE Annual Meeting are held annually to allow dental researchers from the Asian regions to meet and exchange research findings and inspiring ideas in the field of Dentistry. A pre-congress SEAADE Meeting was held at the Faculty of Dentistry on 28 October 2011.

Several poster presentation and oral communication competition sessions on a broad range of dental research topics were held. There were also plenary lectures, symposia and a workshop conducted by a host of renowned overseas and local speakers.

A gala dinner was held on 29 October where Travel Awards were presented to the winners of IADR / Unilever Hatton Divisional (Southeast Asia) Award competition. The award money is designed to be spent by the recipient to attend the main IADR meeting that will be held in Brazil in 2012.

The meeting was well attended by almost 400 local and overseas delegates. Most of the delegates came from Asian countries such as Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, Vietnam, China, Hong Kong and Taiwan. The meeting also recorded one of the best ever attendance in the annals of the IADR SEA Division Meeting and SEAADE Meeting.

The 11th MRCOG Part 2 examination course was held on 20 - 23 January 2011 at KKH. Places for this course filled up rapidly. This year, two senior RCOG examiners, Dr Ed Neale (Chairman MRCOG Part 2 OSCE Committee 2010) and Dr John Duthr (RCOG Examiner and Co-convenor of MRCOG Part 2 Revision course) conducted this course. Trainees get to experience the full-scale mock exam before sitting for the actual exam in the UK.

The 7th International Society of Ultrasound in Obstetrics & Gynaecology Outreach course was held at the Singapore Suntec convention centre on 6 – 8 May 2011 with the theme "Common Borderline Ultrasound Findings – Where an expert opinion makes a difference". The focus is on common borderline ultrasound findings, many of which lack clear clinical information for counselling. This year, a group of internationally renowned experts on ultrasounds came to the region to give their expert views on issues commonly encountered in daily practices. A total of 266 participants attended the course.

The 8th College Lecture and Dinner was held on 6 May 2011 at the Pan Pacific Singapore. The guest lecturer for the event was Prof Tan Seang Lin, James Edmund Dodds Chair in Obstetrics and Gynaecology at McGill University, Canada and the founding Medical Director of Montreal Reproductive Centre. Prof Tan shared his thought on “The Present and Future of IVF”. Prof Lim Shih Hui was the Guest-of-Honour for the dinner.

The topic for this year’s World Fertility Awareness Month 2011 was “How can Advances in Medical Technologies help a couple start a family”. The talk was held on 26 June 2011 at KKH auditorium. The speakers were Dr Cho Li Wei, Dr Matthew Lau, Dr Yu Su Ling, Dr Suresh Nair and Dr Stephen Chew. Topics covered were “Polycystic Ovaries - How does it Affect you and your Fertility”; “How to Optimize Sperm Count and Quality?”; “Understanding Ovulation, Fertility Window and Ovarian Reserves”; “Endometriosis Fibroids and Cysts - Will it affect your Fertility? What can be done?” and “Advances in Assisted Reproductive Techniques (Test Tube Baby)”. 
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.

14th ASEAN Paediatric Congress

The 14th ASEAN Paediatric Congress (APC) and 3rd Asian Paediatric Otolaryngology (APOG) Meeting was held at the Suntec Singapore International Convention & Exhibition Centre from the 14-17 April 2011. With the theme ‘Trends, Issues and Priorities in Paediatrics (TIPS)’, it had an international panel of speakers from all over the world. Highlights of the social programme included business meetings with the American Academy of Paediatrics (AAP), APOG, APC, Asia Pacific Paediatric Nurses Association (APPNA) and a gala dinner held at Megu of the Singapore Flyer. About 43 sponsors participated in the trade exhibition. The Congress attracted a crowd of 1272 delegates, mainly paediatricians, neonatologists, residents, nurses, allied health professionals and administrators. The Congress was co-organised with the Singapore Paediatric Society (SPS), CPCHS & APOG, held under the auspices of APF, with joint participation from the Singapore Nurses Association-Paediatric & Neonatal Chapter & AAP.

HK College of Paediatricians 20th Anniversary Celebration

In celebration of the 20th Anniversary of HK College of Paediatricians, 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’.

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

Winner of Young Investigator’s Award, Ms Quah Phaik-Ling with APOG Chairman, A/Prof Henry Tan.

Symposium on ‘Recent Advances in Paediatrics’ held in Hong Kong.

Dr Steven C Y Ng, President of the College (right) and Prof Ng Pak Cheung (President of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians) exchanging gifts at the Admission Ceremony.
Continuing Medical Education
Quarterly Combined Paediatric Updates – Four sessions were held in 2011:

**Bronchial Asthma in Children – Current Updates**
19 February 2011, Traders Hotel, Singapore
- Management of Asthma Exacerbations by A/Prof Anne Goh, Head & Senior Consultant of Allergy Service, Department of Paediatrics, KKH
- Prevention of Asthma – What is the Evidence? by Dr Jenny P L Tang, Consultant Paediatrician, SBCC Baby & Child Clinic - Asthma, Lung, Sleep & Allergy Centre, Gleneagles Medical Centre
- Phenotypes of Asthma – Do They Exist? by Prof Lee Bee Wah, Consultant Paediatrician & Clinical Paediatric Immunologist & Allergist, NUH & Mount Elizabeth Medical Centre

Chairperson: Dr Low Kah Tzay (President, CPCHS)

**Ethical Perspectives in Paediatrics**
12 November 2011, The Pines
- Experience of the Paediatric Palliative Care Team by Adj A/Prof Chan Mei Yoke, Senior Consultant, Paediatric Haematology, Oncology, Department of Paediatric Subspecialties, KKH
- The Limits of Viability of the Extremely Preterm Neonate by A/Prof Roy Joseph, Senior Consultant, Department of Neonatology, NUHS; Chairman, National Medical Ethics Committee & Chairman of the Clinical Bioethics Committee
- Medico-Legal Ethics of Paediatric Medicine by Mr Lek Siang Pheng, Partner with Rodyk & Davidson LLP

Chairperson: Dr Steven C Y Ng (President, CPCHS)

**Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) in Children: Current Updates**
14 May 2011, The Pines
- Challenges in the Diagnosis of ASD in Children by Dr Chong Shang Chee, Consultant, Department of Paediatrics, UCMI, NUHS
- Of ASD & MMR Controversy by A/Prof Lynette Shek, Senior Consultant, Department of Paediatrics, UCMI, NUHS
- Complimentary Alternative Medicine in ASD by A/Prof Daisy K L Chan, Visiting Senior Consultant, Department of Child Development, KKH

Chairperson: Dr Low Kah Tzay (President, CPCHS)

**Eating Disorders in Children & Adolescents**
30 July 2011, The Pines
- Eating Disorders in Adolescents by Dr Lee Huei Yen, Director, Eating Disorder Programme & Senior Consultant, Department of Psychiatry, SGH.
- Obesity by A/Prof Lee Yung Seng, Department of Paediatrics, UCMI, NUHS
- Management of Failure to Thrive by A/Prof Marion Aw, Department of Paediatrics, UCMI, NUHS

Chairperson: A/Prof Marion Aw (Honorary Treasurer, CPCHS)

**Behavioural/Emotional Problems & Language Delay in Young Children: Assessment & Outcome Lecture,**
26 May 2011, KKH
- ASEBA Approach to Assessment of Child & Adolescent Psychopathology by Prof Thomas Max Achenbach, Recipient of Angrier Prize for Research in Psychology; Professor of Psychiatry & Psychology, University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont, USA
- Clinical Applications of the ASEBA for Children Aged 1½ to 5 years by Prof Leslie Resscorla, Professor of Psychology & Director, Child Study Institute, Bryn Mawr College, Pennsylvania, USA

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

The Department of Child Development (DCD), KKH & the Child Guidance Clinic (CGC), IMH co-organised the lecture along with CPCHS.
Staff Registrar Scheme

Diploma in Neonatology (DN)
Entry interviews were held in 2011 for two intakes.

a) 2nd Intake, 1 June 2011. Two candidates 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)

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 Aviash 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)
– is a new programme organised by CPCHS & 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 Mari or 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), Dr Chan Mei Yoke (Senior Consultant, Paediatric Haematology / Oncology / Department of Paediatric Subspecialities), A/Prof Allen E J Yeoh (Senior Consultant, Department of Paediatrics) and Dr Tan Poh-Lin (Senior Consultant, Division of Paediatric Oncology (BMT), Department of Paediatrics) from NUHS.

Inaugural Singapore Paediatric & Perinatal Annual Congress
Together with the Singapore Paediatric Society and Perinatal Society of Singapore, CPCHS will jointly co-organize 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 is being planned. Highlights include the following: SPS Stuart Gan Lecture, plenary lectures, concurrent symposia, Best Oral Paper/Poster Award and the 7th CPCHS Lecture. A gala dinner and trade exhibition would be held in conjunction with the Congress. Minister for Health, Mr Gan Kim Yong, will be the Guest-of-Honour.

MOH Request on Genetic Predictive Tests
The College forwarded the views of A/Prof Goh Li Meng Denise (Senior Consultant & Head, Division of Genetics, Department of Paediatrics, NUHS) to the Professional Affairs Department of the Academy in July 2011 in response to the above 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, Private Practice) and A/Prof Ng Kee Chong (Head & Senior Consultant, Department of Emergency Medicine, KKH) were nominated as representatives of CPCHS.
Seah Cheng Siang Memorial Lecture
45th Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine 2011
23 July 2011, Suntec Singapore

Improving Survival Outcomes for Gastric Cancer
Prof Khay-Guan Yeoh, Assoc Professor, Department of Medicine, NUS

The Seah Cheng Siang Memorial Lecture has been held annually since 1991 in memory of the late Professor Seah Cheng Siang. This year, it was held in conjunction with the 45th Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine 2011.

Seah Cheng Siang Memorial Lecture
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Palliative Care in Singapore – Good Medicine given with Compassion
A/Prof Cynthia Goh, Senior Consultant and Head of the Department of Palliative Medicine at the National Cancer Centre Singapore

In March 1994, the Annals of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore for the first time devoted a whole issue of the journal to Hospice and Palliative Care. The title of this talk is taken from the Editorial to that issue, written by the joint editors, Dr VK Sethi and the speaker herself.

CPS Conferment Ceremony
45th Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine 2011
23 July 2011, Suntec Singapore

This year, the College Fellowship was conferred to Dr Patrick Li, President of the Hong Kong College of Physicians.

DSS-Chapter Clinical Pathological Conference
11 August 2011, NSC Lecture Theatre

This was a combined Chapter-Dermatological Society of Singapore Clinical Pathological Conference. The Chapter’s award for best candidate for the Dermatology Exit Examination 2011 was also presented at the meeting.

Chairperson: Prof Roy Chan
Pathologist-in-charge: Dr Joyce Lee, Consultant Dermatologist, National Skin Centre

5th Chapter of Renal Physicians Lecture
27 August 2011, Grand Copthorne Waterfront

The Chapter of Renal Physicians Lecture is an annual lectureship awarded by Chapter of Renal Physicians, College of Physicians, Singapore. Fellows of the Chapter of Renal Physicians were invited to nominate distinguished members of the professional community (local as well as overseas). A Committee appointed by the Chapter Specialty Board has made the selection from the nominations and the Council of the College of Physicians made the final approval.

My Passion
Speaker: Dr Gordon Ku, Consultant Nephrologist & Physician
Essentials Skills In Rheumatology Course
3 & 17 September 2011, TTSH and NUH respectively

The ESR course was held to differentiate in amnatory from non-in amnatory joint symptoms through a good history, detailed examination and relevant investigations, to differentiate different types of arthritis by careful clinical examination of real patients, to perform simple joint aspirations and injections as well as to manage common conditions such as osteoarthritis, gout and soft tissue rhematism. There were clinical sessions held on the second half of each of the two days’ course.

Medicine Review Course 2011
17 & 18 September 2011, KTPH Auditorium

The Organising Committee, together with the specialty Program Directors from the various Chapters of the CPS, had put together exciting lectures, updates, practical clinical approaches and interactive sessions in the various specialties of Internal Medicine, delivered by excellent local speakers who are Fellows of the College. The programme was planned to cover a wide spectrum of common and important topics in Internal Medicine with the main focus on latest developments in each field and evidence-based approaches to assist us in daily clinical practice. This course comprised 12 symposiums with 36 speakers in total.

Inter-Chapter Meeting on HIV and viral hepatitis B & C
12 October 2011, Shangri-La Hotel

The Chapters of Gastroenterologists and Infectious Diseases Physicians, College of Physicians and the Academy jointly organised a seminar on viral hepatitis.

Human immunodeficiency virus and viral hepatitis B/C
Speaker: Dr Lin Li, Consultant, Department of Infectious Diseases, TTSH

Update on treatment of viral hepatitis B/C
Speaker: Associate Professor Chow Wan Cheng, Senior Consultant, Department of Gastroenterology, and Head, Department of Internal Medicine, SGH

Update on Psychodermatology
13 October 2011, National Skin Centre

The Chapter of Dermatologists organised a meeting to provide updates on Psychodermatology and invited speakers to provide perspectives from a dermatologist, which was presented by Asst Prof Liu Tsun Tsien from CGH and perspectives from a psychiatrist, which was presented by Dr Chan Keen Loong, Senior Consultant, Psychological Medicine at Alexandra Health.

Coagulation Laboratory Assessments in Clinical Practice Seminar
15 October 2011, HSA Auditorium

The Chapter of Haematologists and the Health Sciences Authority, Singapore co-organized this seminar which targeted at approximately 140 participants. Distinguished speakers from the specialty were involved in the seminar.

Symposium on Drug Hypersensitivities
19 November 2011, National Skin Centre

The Chapter of Dermatologists, in collaboration with National Skin Centre, organized a one-day symposium on drug Hypersensitivities and Allergies. The symposium includes an expert panel discussion highlighting practical management issues. The topics covered range from common adverse drug reactions like NSAID intolerance to severe drug reactions, including Drug-Induced Hypersensitivity Syndrome, Stevens-Johnson Syndrome and Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis. In addition, the programme places special emphasis on the clinical approach to patients with adverse cutaneous drug reactions and when to consider skin tests that are appropriate and useful.

6th Chapter of Dermatologists Lecture cum Annual Dinner
19 November 2011, National Skin Centre

Drug hypersensitivity: much achieved, but still more to do
Speaker: Professor Werner Aberer
Professor and Chairman, Department of Dermatology and Venerology, Medical University of Gaz, Austria

This was an annual lecture that the Chapter organised in conjunction with a one-day symposium, and the Annual Lecture and Dinner is only open to all Fellows of the Academy.
Forum on Careers in Radiology
The College organised the Forum at Tan Tock Seng Hospital which was attended by 54 participants comprising final year medical students, house officers and medical officers.

The programme held on 16 July included short presentations from different specialities:
- Diagnostic Radiology
- Interventional Radiology
- Radiation Oncology
- Nuclear Medicine
- Radiological Research

Programme directors for the upcoming Diagnostic Radiology Residency Programme Dr Daniel Wong (TTSH), Dr Lynette Teo (NUH) and A/Prof Tay Kiang Hiong (SGH) were also in attendance to answer queries on the upcoming programme.

After the presentation, the participants were brought on a tour to the Departments of Diagnostic Radiology and Radiation Oncology.

45th SMCM - Symposium on Radiological Advances in Oncology
The College organised a symposium on 22 July 2011 as part of the 45th SMCM which was well-attended.

Speakers and topics for this symposium were as follows:
- Can National Radiotherapy Reorganisation Lead to a better outcome?
  - Dr Jane Barrett, President, The Royal College of Radiologists
- An Overview of Breast Cancer Imaging
  - Dr Humairah Samad-Cheung, President, College of Radiology, Academy of Medicine of Malaysia
- Temporal Lobe Necrosis Following Radiotherapy for Nasopharyngeal Carcinoma - 30 years of Experience in Combined Clinical Oncology - Neurology Clinic at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Hong Kong
  - Dr Law Chun Key, Chief of Service, Clinical Oncology, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, & President, Hong Kong College of Radiologists, Hong Kong SAR
- Advances of Interventional Radiology in Oncology
  - Dr Yasuaki Arai, Director, National Cancer Center Hospital, Tokyo, Japan

Workshops in Interventional Radiology Education Singapore (WIRES) 2011: Update on Interventional Oncology
This one-day program, held at Singapore General Hospital, focused on providing an update on radiological interventions involved in the management of cancer patients. The workshop encompassed basic techniques to latest advances in interventional therapies. The target audience for the workshop included physicians and other healthcare professionals involved in managing these patients. The program was also targeted towards residents, medical students and those interested in training in interventional oncology in future.

Speakers included local faculty and overseas faculty such as Dr Arai Yasuaki (National Cancer Centre, Tokyo), Dr Chen Chun-Ku (Taipei Veterans General Hospital, Taipei) and Dr Komgrit Tanisaro (Bangkok Hospital, Bangkok). A total of 135 participants attended the workshop.

The Phnom Penh Ultrasound Workshop - Back to Basics
The workshop was jointly organised by the Sihanouk Hospital Center of HOPE, the Department of Imaging & Interventional Radiology, The Chinese University of Hong Kong and the College of Radiologists, Singapore, and was held from 30 to 31 July 2011 at the Sihanouk Hospital Center of HOPE, Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

This workshop was an outreach initiative by our College, targeted at countries where our expertise would benefit the local radiological community. Two fellows from our College were involved in this inaugural course, Dr Tan Bien Soo, as Course Co-Director, and Dr Richard Lo as one of the teaching faculty. It was attended by more than 60 participants. It is envisaged that this course will be held two to three times a year.
Chapter of Hand Surgeons

1st Hand & Wrist Arthroplasty Course & Cadaveric Workshop
22-23 September 2011, Tan Tock Seng Hospital
Course Organising Chairmen: Dr Vincent Tay & Dr Winston Chew

The Chapter of Hand Surgeons together with the Department of Hand & Micro Surgery Section, Tan Tock Seng Hospital organised the 1st Hand & Wrist Arthroplasty Course & Cadaveric Workshop. These courses aim to impart skills on implant procedures and knowledge on the various approaches for each procedure. The course was well-attended by a total of 36 participants.

Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists

1st Thyroid & Parathyroid Ultrasound Course
4 September 2011, Tan Tock Seng Hospital
Course Convener: Dr Jeevendra Kanagalingam

The Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists together with the Department of Otorhinolaryngology, Tan Tock Seng Hospital collaborated in organising the 1st Thyroid & Parathyroid Ultrasound Course 2011. The aim of the course is to impart practical knowledge and essential information of ultrasound usage in the treatment of thyroid and parathyroid conditions, with target participants from all ENT surgeons, General surgeons, Endocrinologists, trainees and other clinicians. There was an ultrasound demonstration by Prof Anil T Ahuja, Chairman & Chief of Service, Department of Imaging & Interventional Radiology, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong. The course was well-attended.

Chapter of General Surgeons

4th Exit Examination Preparatory Course
28 June - 3 July 2011
Khoo Teck Puat Hospital, Tan Tock Seng Hospital, National University Hospital, Singapore General Hospital
Course Convener: Dr Tan Kok Yang

The Exit Exam Preparatory Course enters its fourth year with more changes to make it clinical and exam-oriented. The course featured key topic reviews and clinical discussions and culminates in a mock viva session. A total of nine trainees attended the course.

3rd Chapter Dinner Lecture
22 September 2011, Tanglin Club

The 3rd Chapter Dinner Lecture, which was supported by Small Bones Innovation, attracted a total of 40 participants. The guest lecturer was Dr Amit Gupta, Louisville Arm & Hand, Norton Healthcare Boulevard.

He delivered a lecture on ‘The Leonardo Code in the Hand’.

Dr Amit Gupta (left) & Dr Vincent Tay

Ultrasound Demo by Prof Anil T. Ahuja

Dr Amit Gupta (left) & Dr Vincent Tay

Chapter of Hand Surgeons Dinner Lecture Group Photo

Cadaveric Workshop

Chapter of Hand Surgeons Dinner Lecture Group Photo
Staff Registrar Scheme
There are currently 17 active Staff Registrar Scheme programmes out of a total of 23 that has been launched since 2007.

Diplomas
• The College of Radiologists, Singapore and the Academy launched the Diploma in Radiation Oncology. This course commenced in November 2011.
• The Chapter of Urologists, College of Surgeons, Singapore and the Academy launched the Diploma in Urology. This course commenced in August 2011.
• The College of Paediatrics and Child Health, Singapore and the Academy launched the Diploma in Paediatric Cancer Care. This course commenced in May 2011.
• The Advanced Diploma in Pathology completed its first intake in August 2011.

National Occupational Medicine Training Programme
The Academy recently took over the administration for the National Occupational Medicine Training Programme from National University Hospital in early 2011. There are currently five trainees enrolled under this training program which complements the AST training for the specialty of Occupational Medicine under the Joint Committee on Specialist Training.

In-Training Examinations
The Academy administers the In-Training Examinations (ITEs) for specialties under the phase 1 & 2 residency scheme every year. For 2011, the Academy administered a total of eight ITEs, an increase from three ITEs in 2010.

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PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE ORGANISATION
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New Framework for Health Screening Tests

The Academy released the first evidence-based best practice guidelines on Screening Tests in Singapore in February 2011. A Screening Test Review Committee (STRC), consisting of representatives from the Academy of Medicine, Singapore and Health Promotion Board, was set up to provide expert opinion on the appropriate use of specific screening tests for the early detection of disease. The Screening Test framework was developed with the aim of providing clear guidance to healthcare professionals and members of the public about the value of specific screening tests and clinical indications, given the wide range of medical conditions for which screening is being offered, to aid the clinical judgement of physicians.

The Screening Tests guidelines have been made available to all medical practitioners and healthcare professionals via the Academy of Medicine, Singapore website: www.ams.edu.sg/guidelines2.asp. The committee met in November 2011 to review the contents and look through the recent evidence and developments that are available.

Clinical Practice Guidelines

There are currently three Clinical Practice Guidelines in development since 2009.

- College of Dental Surgeons, Singapore is spearheading the development of a clinical practice guideline on the Management of Edentulism with Dental Implants that is due for publication in early 2012.
- College of Paediatrics and Child Health are also in the process of developing a CPG on Infertility - Prevention, Investigation and Treatment at the Primary Care Level which will be published in 2012.
- Chapter of Psychiatrists proposed a CPG on Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and is in the early stages of developing the guidelines which is also due for publication in late 2012.

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IN MEMORIAM

The Academy records with sadness the demise of the following Fellows in 2011:
- Dr Yau Meng Choy, Arthur (Orthopaedic Surgery)
- (Col) Ret James Dennis Cormack (General/Internal Medicine)
- Dr John Anantharajah Tambyah (Endocrinology)
- Dr Fung Guan Swee, William (Orthopaedic Surgery)
- Dr Chew Seck Blow (Respiratory Medicine)