

NEWS FROM THE COUNCIL

The office-bearers of the 1997/98 Council of the Academy of Medicine are as follows:

Master		Dr Tan Ser Kiat
Assistant Master	:	Dr Chee Yam Cheng
Scribe		Dr Gilbert S C Chiang
Bursar		Dr Tay Boon Keng
Censor-in-Chief	:	Dr Fock Kwong Ming
Censors		Dr Low Cheng Hock
		Dr K Satkunanantham
		Dr Felix Sundram
		Dr Clarence T T Tan
		Dr Walter T L Tan
		Dr Tan Wan Cheng
		Dr Yeo Jinn Fei

The following office-bearers have been elected for the 1997/98 term of office on the respective chapter committees:

Chapter of Anaesthetists

Chairman		Dr Chen Fun Gee
Vice-Chairman	:	Dr Eugene Y R Chin
Honorary Secretary	:	Dr Koh Kwong Fah
Committee Members	:	Dr Jane George
		Dr Rachael Pereira
		Dr Shani S W Tan

Chapter of Community & Occupational Physicians

Chairman		Dr Ooi Peng Lim
Vice-Chairman	:	Dr David S Q Koh
Honorary Secretary	:	Dr Adeline Seow
Committee Members	:	Dr Chew Pin Kee
		Dr Kenneth Hughes
		Dr Ng Tze Pin

Chapter of Dental Surgeons

Chairman		Dr George Y W Soh
Vice-Chairman	:	Dr Chung Kong Mun
Honorary Secretary	:	Dr Keson B C Tan
Committee Members	:	Dr Victor C L Ho
		Dr Varawan Sae-Lim
		Dr David K L Tay

Chapter of Obstetricians & Gynaecology

Chairman	Dr Yeo Seow Heong
Vice-Chairperson :	Dr Yu Su Ling
Honorary Secretary :	Dr Selina P K Chua
Committee Members :	Dr Chang Tou Choong
	Dr A Ilancheran
	Dr Lim Fang Kan

Chapter of Paediatricians

Chairman	Dr Phua Kong Boo
Vice-Chairperson :	Dr June Lou
Honorary Secretary :	Dr Anne EK Goh
Committee Members :	Dr Ho Lai Yun
	Dr Elizabeth S A Khor
	Dr Tan Cheng Lim

Chapter of Pathologists

Chairman		Dr Wee Keng Poh
Vice-Chairman	:	Dr Clarence T T Tan
Honorary Secretary	:	Dr Angela P Y Chong
Committee Members	:	Dr Chong Yap Yee
		Dr Tan Puay Hoon
		Dr Mavis G C Yeo

Chapter of Physicians

Chairman		Dr Howe Hwee Siew
Vice-Chairman	:	Dr Michael W L Chee
Honorary Secretary	:	Dr Pang Weng Sun
Committee Members	:	Dr Cheong Pak Yean
		Dr Lee Kang Hoe
		Dr Yeoh Khay Guan

Chapter of Psychiatrists

Chairman	Dr Lionel C C Lim
Vice-Chairperson :	Dr Kok Lee Peng
Honorary Secretary :	Dr Yap Hwa Ling
Committee Members :	Dr Fong Yeng Hoi
	Dr Simon H C Siew
	Dr Tan Chue Tin

Chapter of Radiologists

Chairman		Dr Ng Fook Cheong
Vice-Chairman	:	Dr Chua Eu Jin
Honorary Secretary	:	Dr Joseph T S Wee
Committee Members	:	Dr Ang Ee Sin
		Dr Png Meng Ai
		Dr Edward T L Yang

Chapter of Surgeons

Chairman		Dr Tan Kok Chai
Vice-Chairman	:	Dr A Balakrishnan
Honorary Secretary	:	Dr Sarbjit Singh
Committee Members	:	Dr Denis M P Cheong
		Dr Agnes B H Tan
		Dr Tan Kai Chah

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

Chapter of Pathologists

16.9.97 Jointly organised with the Singapore Society of Pathology

Developmental Neuropathology

Dr M V Squier

Chairman Dr Wee Keng Poh

26.9.97 Jointly organised with the Singapore Society of Pathology

Molecular Epidemiology of Salmonella typhi

Professor Tikki Pang

Chairperson Dr Mavis Yeo

10.10.97 Jointly organised with the Singapore Society of Pathology

Experiences as a Volunteer Pathologist in the Tropics

Dr Stephen Weinstein

Chairperson Dr Inny Busmanis

Chapter of Radiologists

17.9.97 Jointly organised with the Singapore Radiological Society

Ultrasound and MR of the Shoulder

Dr David J Wilson

Chairperson Dr Png Meng Ai

19.9.97 Jointly organised with the Singapore Radiological Society

Imaging in Haemophilia

Dr David J Wilson

Chairman Dr Thomas Chee

6.10.97 Jointly organised with the Singapore Radiological Society

New Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technique in Stroke Diagnostics

Dr Jeroen van der Grond

Functional Evaluation and Blood Flow Measurements of the Cardiovascular System

Dr Roderic I Pettigrew

Chairman Dr Samuel Ng

9.10.97 Jointly organised with the Department of Diagnostic Radiology, Singapore General Hospital and the Singapore Radiological Society

The Role of MR Spectroscopy in Future Medical Applications

Professor Richard R Ernst

Chairman Dr Tan Kim Ping

Chapter of Surgeons

13.10.97 *Vascular Compression of the Cranial Nerves and BrainStem in Local and Systemic Illness*

Dr Peter J Janetta

Chairman Dr Ong Peck Leong

MONTHLY COMBINED CLINICAL MEETING

Chapter of Surgeons

20.9.97 *Neuroendoscopy*

Dr Ng Puay Yong

Dept of Neurosurgery, TTSH

Chairman Dr Balaji Sadasivan

Endoscopic Surgery for the Spine

Dr Wong Hee Kit

Dept of Orthopaedic Surgery, NUH

Chairman Dr Low Yin Peng

CONGRESSES AND SYMPOSIA

Ano-Rectal Reconstruction Workshop (5 – 6 November 1997)

Organised in conjunction with the 31 st Annual Combined Surgical Meeting of the Chapter of Surgeons, this pre-meeting Workshop focuses on various aspects of fecal incontinence including an up-to-date account of the surgical treatment of incontinence and anal reconstruction.

The faculty members are drawn from surgeons well known in this area of work. Overseas expert, Dr J W Milsom, has extensive experience in pelvic anatomy, anal sphincter reconstruction and endo-anal ultrasonography. For more information, please contact the Academy's Secretariat*.

Sixth Advanced Course in Head and Neck Surgery (3 – 6 November 1997)

Organised by the Chapter of Surgeons and the Singapore Society for Head & Neck Surgery, the theme of this year's course is "Management Problems in Head and Neck Surgery — A Practical Approach". Highlights of the meeting include problem-orientated case presentations and a Live Surgery Workshop. The international panel of renowned experts include Dr Ronald Spiro, Dr Chris O'Brien, Dr Patrick Guillaune and Dr Louis B Harrison. For further information, please contact the Academy's Secretariat*.

31 st Annual Combined Surgical Meeting (6 – 8 November 1997)

Organised by the Chapter of Surgeons with joint participation from the College of Surgeons of Malaysia and the Indonesians Surgeons Association, this year's theme is "Technological Advances in Surgery".

The highlights of the meeting include the Chapter of Surgeons' Lecture, the Yahya Cohen Lecture, the Young Surgeon's Lecture, Plenary Lectures, Symposia and Free Paper presentation. There will also be Pre- and Post-meeting workshops in various subspecialties such as Head and Neck Surgery, Orthopaedic Surgery and Liver Surgery.

The Organising Committee invites participants to submit scientific papers for oral or poster presentation. The deadline for submission is 1 September 1997. For details and forms, please contact the Academy's Secretariat*.

Singapore Orthopaedic Oncology Workshop (10 – 12 November 1997)

Organised in conjunction with the 31st Annual Combined Surgical Meeting of the Chapter of Surgeons, this post-meeting Workshop will cover both clinical and histopathological aspects of musculoskeletal bone and soft tissue tumours. Histopathology slides during laboratory sessions will also be demonstrated and discussed with the Workshop Faculty members. For more information, please contact the Academy's Secretariat*.

Advanced European Bioethics Course: Ethics and Genetics (20 – 22 November 1997)

This new course will take place from 20 to 22 November 1997 in Nijmegen, the Netherlands.

Specialists from various countries will discuss ethical aspects of genetics. The subjects offered are Ethics and the Human Genome Project, Genetic Counselling, Genetic Screening, Human Gene Therapy, and Geneticization. All lectures and plenary sessions will be held in English. For more information, please contact:

Dr B Gordijn
Catholic University Nijmegen
232 Department of Ethics, Philosophy and
History of Medicine
P O Box 9101, 6500 HB Nijmegen
Tel: (31) 24-3615320 Fax: (31) 24-3540254
e-mail: b.gordijn@efg.kun.nl

7th Annual Scientific Meeting (14 – 15 February 1998)

Jointly organised by the Chapter of Radiologists and the Singapore Radiological Society, the theme of the 7th Annual Scientific Meeting is "Head and Neck Imaging". The Organising Committee has formulated a three pronged approach to benefit each attending

delegate. Firstly, there will be a comprehensive series of "How I Do It" talks, emphasising the radiographic aspects of the latest imaging. Secondly, the Scientific Paper Presentation will be structured to reflect a complete coverage of the radiological spectrum. Another highlight is the refresher course, with ORL imaging as its theme. The faculty will include 2 internationally renowned head and neck radiologists, Drs Lawrence Ginsberg and Suresh Mukherji.

The programme also includes the Young Radiologist's Award, which is open to all radiologists below the age of 35 years (as at 1 Jan 1998) who are members of the Singapore Radiological Society. For further information, please contact the Academy's Secretariat*.

9th Annual International Colorectal Disease Symposium (19 – 21 February 1998)

The Cleveland Clinic Florida will be sponsoring this postgraduate course entitled "Colorectal Disease in 1997: An International Exchange of Medical and Surgical Concepts", to be held from 19 to 21 February 1998 in Fort Lauderdale.

Popular areas such as laparoscopy, colorectal carcinoma screening and genetics, inflammatory bowel disease, and pouch surgery form the cornerstones of this year's programme. In addition, video techniques will be liberally shown throughout the programme to assist in acquiring "hands-on" knowledge. For further information, please contact:

Cleveland Clinic Florida
Department of Education
2950 West Cypress Creek Road
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309-1743, USA
Tel: (954) 9785056 Fax: (954) 9785539
e-mail: jagels@cesmtp.ccf.org

23rd World Congress of Medical Technology (28 June – 3 July 1998)

The Singapore Association for Medical Laboratory Sciences, under the auspices of the International Association of Medical Laboratory Technologists, is organising the Congress from 28 June to 3 July 1998. The theme of the Congress is "Medical Laboratory Technology – The Next Centennial". Topics include Forensic DNA Science Technology, Tumour Markers, Legal Aspects of Blood Banking, AIDS and Related Diseases, and Paradigm Shift in Clinical Laboratory. For more information, please contact the Academy's Secretariat*.

9th ASEAN Paediatric Federation Conference (9 – 12 July 1998)

Held in conjunction with the Joint Scientific Meeting of the Chapter of Paediatricians and the Singapore Paediatric Society, the Conference's theme will be on "New Frontiers in Child Health—An ASEAN Perspective".

Conference highlights include the Inaugural Chapter of Paediatricians Lecture, Country Reports on dengue haemorrhagic fever, and a Special Plenary Session by the pioneers of paediatrics in ASEAN. There will also be pre-Conference workshops on asthma and a course on Advanced Paediatric Life Support. For further information, please contact the Academy's Secretariat*.

32nd Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine (13 – 16 August 1998)

The theme for the Congress in 1998 is "An Integrated Approach Towards Medicine". In addition to updating participants on the latest advances in specialist care, the Congress aims to highlight the importance of an integrated approach in patient management. Topics to be addressed at the Congress include Impact Advances in Clinical Care, such as endocrine and hormone replacement therapies, Geriatric Care Medicine, Adolescent Health issues, Cancer and Transplantation among others.

Other highlights include the 14th Gordon Arthur Ransome Oration, the 1998 Runme Shaw Memorial Lecture, the 9th Chapter of Surgeons Lecture, the 8th Seah Cheng Siang Memorial Lecture, the 3rd Yahya Cohen Lecture and the Young Investigator's Award. Pre- and Post-Workshops include an Advanced Trauma Life Support Course, an Endoscopy Workshop and a Live Surgery Workshop. For further information, please contact the Academy's Secretariat*.

1st Asian Conference on Emergency Medicine (22 – 25 October 1998)

The Scientific Committee is planning a comprehensive programme that covers areas of interest to the emergency medical care provider. The proposed scientific programme includes a Keynote Address on "Evolution of Trauma Care Systems" and workshops on Focused Ultrasound for the Emergency Physician Advanced Airway Management and Local Anaesthesia Techniques. This Conference will also see the official launch of the Asian Society of Emergency Medicine. For further information, please contact the Academy's Secretariat*.

Hong Kong Academy of Medicine First International Congress (26 – 29 November 1998)

The main theme of the First International Congress is "Challenges to Specialists in the 21st Century". Eminent speakers will be invited to give plenary lectures on this main theme while the 15 constituent Colleges of the Academy will organise symposia during the Congress. There will also be a "Best Papers Competition" for young investigators. The deadline for submission of abstracts is 31 May 1998. For more information, please contact: The Congress Secretariat, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine, First International Congress, 9/F, Multicentre Block A, Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital, 3 Lok Man Road, Chai Wan, Hong Kong. Tel: (852) 2515 5755 Fax: (852) 2505 3149

APASL Commemorative International Congress on Viral Hepatitis, Prevention and Control (16 – 20 February 2000)

The Asian Pacific Association for the Study of Liver and the Academy of Medicine, Singapore are organising the Year 2000-APASL Commemorative International Congress on Viral Hepatitis, Prevention and Control from 16 to 20 February 2000, which will be held in Singapore.

This special meeting will review, among others, the global programmes on the epidemiology, the basic molecular sciences of hepatitis viruses, new viruses, vaccines (old and new), etc. Post-graduate teaching sessions on liver transplantation, liver cancer and portal hypertension, and oesophageal/gastric varices are also planned. For more information, please contact the Academy's Secretariat*.

* Academy of Medicine, Singapore
16 College Road
#01-01 College of Medicine Building
Singapore 169854
Tel: (65) 223 8968
Fax: (65) 225 5155
e-mail: monicaw@pacific.net.sg

Erratum

Ann Acad Med Singapore 1997; 26:54-9.

An Overview of Recent Developments in the Management and Research of Trauma
by Z G Wang

Pg 54: Under Introduction, last line

The figure should be 71 843 instead of 271 843.

Ann Acad Med Singapore 1997; 26:401-4

Photorefractive Keratectomy for the Treatment of Compound Myopic Astigmatism Using the Ablatable Mask by W J Heng et al

Pg 403: The caption for figure 4 should be the caption for figure 5 and vice versa.