

# News from SMA Council

## 1. 48<sup>TH</sup> SMA COUNCIL – RESIGNATION & CO-OPTION

Following Dr Oh Jen Jen's recent resignation from the 48<sup>th</sup> SMA Council as a result of increased work commitments, it was decided to co-opt **Dr Tan Yia Swam** for the remaining two terms of 2007-2009, in accordance with Article X, Section 4 of the SMA Constitution. The Council would like to record its appreciation to Dr Oh for her contributions.

Dr Tan Yia Swam, MBBS (S) (2004), is a third year Medical Officer who is presently attached to the Department of Colorectal Surgery in Singapore General Hospital.



*Dr Tan Yia Swam*

## 2. COUNCIL DIALOGUE WITH MEMBERS

We would like to thank the 15 members who took time off on the Saturday afternoon of 27 October 2007 to attend the dialogue. Council Members present were Dr Wong Chiang Yin, Dr Chong Yeh Woei, Dr Wong Tien Hua, Dr Lee Yik Voon and Dr Tammy Chan.

It was a productive session with members giving feedback on familiar topics like itemisation of bills, chronic disease management and managed care. Council also updated members

on its communication with MOH and relevant parties, as well as initiatives to address these issues. Further updates will be made available to members in due course.

The next dialogue will be held on **15 January 2008 (Tuesday) at 6pm**, and the proposed discussion topic is **“Insurance and Medical Reports”**. Further notices will be sent out closer to the date.

## 3. IN AID OF NEEDY MEDICAL STUDENTS

We are pleased to report that donations have started to come in for the **SMA Medical Students' Assistance Fund** and we are heartened by the warm response and generosity from the medical fraternity. If you have not contributed but would like to do your part for the future of our medical profession, look out for the donation and booking forms in this month's mailbag or call the Secretariat at 6223 1264.

**All donations will go directly to needy students to cover their basic living expenses and will not become part of an endowment fund. Monetary donations in any amount will also qualify for double tax deduction.**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine for their partnership, as well as the generous support of the NUS Development Office. ■



*Prof John Wong presents Ms Yong Ying-I with a commemorative stamp as a token of appreciation.*



*Mr Oh Han Boon receives a copy of Baileys Surgery from Dr Wong Chiang Yin.*

## ADOPT-A-BOOK CAMPAIGN

As part of fundraising activities for the SMA Medical Students' Assistance Fund, the Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine launched the Adopt-A-Book Campaign on 20 August 2007 at the ST Lee Atrium, NUS Museum. The Guest-of-Honour was Ms Yong Ying-I, Permanent Secretary for Health, who also made a personal donation to launch the initiative.

In his welcome address, Prof John Wong, Dean, acknowledged that books were integral to the learning process, and as such, a portion of all donations to the SMA Medical Students' Assistance Fund would cover the cost of textbooks for needy students.

SMA adopted a medical text *Baileys Surgery* for \$3000. SMA President Dr Wong Chiang Yin presented the book to Mr Oh Han Boon, President of the NUS Medical Society.