

SMA NEWS



(Standing L-R): Dr Yeo Sow Nam Alex, Dr Tan Sze Wee, A/Prof Chin Jing Jih, Dr Bertha Woon, Dr Tan Yia Swam, Prof Wong Tien Yin, Dr Lee Pheng Soon, Dr Ho Kaiwei
(Seated L-R): Dr Wong Tien Hua, Dr Tammy Chan, Dr Wong Chiang Yin, Dr Chong Yeh Woei, Dr Toh Choon Lai, Dr Abdul Razakjr Omar, Dr Lee Yik Voon (Absent: Dr Toh Han Chong)

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SELAMAT DATANG KE FRASER'S HILL

After three years at the helm of the Singapore Medical Association (SMA), Dr Wong Chiang Yin stepped down as President of the 49th SMA Council at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 5 April 2009 in the Alumni Auditorium. Dr Wong has been serving on the Council since 1995 and continues his term on the 50th Council as the 1st Vice President.

Taking over the leadership of SMA is Dr Chong Yeh Woei, who was 1st Vice President from 2006-2009, and was first elected to the Council in 1998. Dr Chong is a physician with the Singapore Medical Specialist Centre.

Dr Toh Choon Lai, an orthopaedic surgeon in private practice, was re-elected as 2nd Vice President.

The Council welcomed a familiar face, Prof Wong Tien Yin, MBBS (1992), MMed (Ophth), FRCSE, FRANZCO, MPH, PhD (Johns Hopkins). Prof Wong was previously elected to the Council for the terms 1994-1998 and 2002-2004, during which he was Honorary Assistant Secretary from 1995-1996; Honorary Secretary from April to June 1996; and Honorary Editor of the *SMA News* from 2002-2004. Prof Wong is presently Professor, National University of Singapore; Director, Singapore Eye Research Institute; and Senior Consultant, Vitreo-Retinal Service, Singapore National Eye Centre.

The Council also expressed its deep appreciation to Dr Raymond Chua, who retired from the Council after five years, during which he had served as Honorary Secretary from 2005-2008 and Secretary General of the Medical Associations of South East Asian Nations (MASEAN) from 2006-2009, as well as contributed to various SMA committees.

The Installation Ceremony for the 50th SMA Council was conducted after the AGM on the same day, in the SMA Conference Room.

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The following are other highlights of the Annual General Meeting.

SMA HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

We are pleased to announce that Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong was elected to the SMA Honorary Membership by acclamation at the AGM, in accordance with Article IV Section (iv) of the SMA Constitution. The Honorary Membership will be conferred during our Annual Dinner on 16 May 2009 at The Fullerton Hotel. Prime Minister Lee will also be attending as our Guest-of-Honour.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

In view of the lack of quorum at the AGM, the proposed amendments to the SMA Constitution, which were circulated to the membership earlier prior to the AGM, were not discussed.

CHARITY TRUSTEES

The House approved the appointment of the following as Charity Trustees for the SMA Trust Fund for a three-year term from 2009 to 2012:

- Dr Khoo Chong Yew (Chairman)
- Prof Low Cheng Hock
- Dr Low Lip Ping
- Dr Tan Kok Soo
- Dr Tan Yew Ghee

A vote of thanks was recorded to Prof Arthur Lim, who had stepped down as Charity Trustee.

PROFESSIONAL AUDITORS

Members present unanimously agreed to reappoint BP Yap & Company as the Professional Auditors for the ensuing year.