

PATH TALK



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Dear members,

The Commemorative Book – Celebrating 40 Years of Pathology Advocacy

After more than a year of relentless effort, the coffee-table book to commemorate 40 years of voluntary works to promote the pathology profession, started by our founders back in 1975, was finally ready for print on 15th December 2015. The Editorial Team had made every effort to document the historical events and include all the pathologists who had participated in this journey; our sincere apology if there are inadvertent omissions. We wish to thank all members who passed to us those memorable photographs of past events, and the pairs of discerning eyes which helped to identify who was who in the pictures. In addition, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to our generous sponsors in supporting the project.

About Standards and Quality Assurance

Members of the College continue to play an active role in promoting quality practices, not only in the day to day work, but also as assessor in quality scheme. The College recently with the support of the Department of Standards of Malaysia organised three workshops on related themes in succession. The College would like to thank the Vice-President, Dr. Tengku Norita, in taking a leading role in making the workshops a reality and Datuk Dr. Roshida Hassan in assisting to conduct these educational activities.

MCPATH QAP Sdn. Bhd. is a private company established by the College to provide affordable external quality assurance programmes to subscribing pathology laboratories. Basic programmes for clinical chemistry, serology and haematology are now available; more are in the pipeline. We do hope our members could recommend our EQA programmes to their respective laboratory.

International Pathology Day 2015

This year, the International Pathology Day was celebrated by many pathology laboratories across Malaysia. The main celebration took place in the National Cancer Institute at Putrajaya. The event was organised by Dr. Muhammad Arif Mohd. Hashim, the current Head of National Pathology Services, with the theme – “Pathology: The Key to Your Health”. The occasion was graced by the Minister of Health of Malaysia, Datuk Seri Dr. S. Subramaniam. In his speech, he encouraged pathologists to be actively involved in patient care activities such as ward rounds with the clinicians, rather than working in the laboratories all the time. He recalled his encounters with the late Professor Dr. Reginald Hall, the renowned endocrinology physician scientist of the Newcastle University in Newcastle, England, and later the University of Wales College of Medicine in Cardiff, Wales. Professor Hall looked up the clinician in charge of the patient personally and held discussion about the patient by the bedside. It is something every pathologist should emulate.

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Community Outreach

On 16th October 2015, Associate Prof. Dr. Wan Zaidah Abdullah, our Regional Representative of the East Coast, led a team to visit the Pasir Tumboh Primary School, located in rural Gua Musang, Kelantan, about 3-hr drive from Kota Bharu. They brought along various textbooks and reference books to furnish the library whose stock was completely destroyed by the serious flood in December 2014. These books were donated by the College. We called upon pathologists working in different states to carry out more of these community outreach programmes. Pathologists should go beyond providing laboratory services to our clients; we must engage the communities and inform the public on the roles of the pathologists in health and disease.

*With best wishes,
Emeritus Professor SK Cheong,
President,
26th December 2015.*

UPCOMING EVENT



MEDLAB Asia Pacific Congress

The Sands Expo & Convention Centre, Singapore

22nd - 24th March, 2016

Accredited by the Academy of Medicine, Singapore, MEDLAB Asia Pacific Congress features the following CME-accredited conferences: Laboratory Management (22nd March), Clinical Chemistry (23rd March), Molecular Diagnostics (23rd March), Research & Development (23rd March), Infectious Diseases (24th March), Haematology (24th March) and Oncology (24th March).

For further information on the conferences and registration, please visit the following website: <http://www.medlabasia.com/>.

In the Spotlight: Professor Datuk Dr. Looi Lai Meng Recipient of the Gold-Headed Cane Award, WASPaLM 2015

Professor Datuk Dr. Looi Lai Meng, was recently awarded the Gold-Headed Cane by the World Association of Societies of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine (WASPaLM). The award ceremony took place at the 28th World Congress of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine in Cancun, New Mexico on the 18th November 2015. The Gold-Headed Cane is the highest honour awarded by the World body, for outstanding leadership and contribution to Pathology at the global level.

Path Talk, on behalf of the College, congratulates Professor Datuk Dr. Looi on her outstanding achievement.



Receiving the award from Professor Masami Murakami, WASPaLM President 2015-2017.



Being congratulated by Professor Harald zur Hausen, Nobel Laureate in Medicine or Physiology 2008.



International pathology leaders at the Award Ceremony.



Community Outreach by CPath-AMM

On 16th October 2015, **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Wan Zaidah Abdullah**, East Coast Regional Representative, led a team to visit the Sekolah Rendah Pasir Tumboh, Gua Musang, Kelantan. The purpose of the one-day visit was to deliver books donated by the College to the poor students in the school and also to help refurbish the school library which was badly damaged by the previous big flood in December 2014. The contribution of the College was highly appreciated by the school members, students and local residents. Path Talk, on behalf of the College, would like to thank Assoc. Prof. Dr. Wan Zaidah Abdullah and her team for their great effort.



CPathAMM membership subscription fee is essential to ensure various education and community outreach activities can be carried for continuous professional development of all members. The College would like to remind all current members to keep up to date in terms of subscription fee payment as action will be taken against the defaulters. To check payment status, kindly email to pathtalk@gmail.com.