

PATH TALK



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Dear members,



The Commemorative Book – Celebrating 40 Years of Pathology Advocacy

The coffee table book to commemorate 40 years of pathology advocacy was officially launched on 3 June 2016, after the Annual K. Prathap Memorial Lecture, at the Pullman Putrajaya Lakeside Hotel. The launch was by Tan Sri Dr M. Jegathesan who was the Founding Treasurer of the Malaysian Society of Pathologists. The book is not for sale and the publication team will be sending a copy to all the members after we have checked the accuracy of the home or office address of each of the member. Please write in if you have not updated your email or home/office address to facilitate the delivery.

15th Annual Scientific Meeting of the CPathAMM

The theme of this year annual scientific meeting (ASM) was “Updates and Dilemmas in Pathology”. Once again, members of the College have an opportunity to update themselves on various disciplines of pathology and meet colleagues who took times off from their busy schedules. This year the meeting is special as we are also celebrating the Golden Jubilee of the Academy of Medicine. We are thankful for the support of our sister colleges. The Royal College of Pathologists (United Kingdom) sponsored the RCPATH(UK) Bhagwan Singh Fellow, Prof. Dr Cyril Fisher of the Royal Marsden, who delivered the plenary lecture entitled: “Molecular Pathology and Immunohistochemistry in Diagnosis of Soft Tissue Tumours”. We look forward to closer collaboration with the UK Council and interaction with members of the RCPATH(UK), now that the UK citizens had voted to leave the European Union. Every year, without fail, the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia (RCPA), would sponsor a fellow of the RCPA to deliver some lectures and meet with his/her counterparts in Malaysia, Singapore and Hong Kong. This year, the visit was timed with our ASM. Dr John Coakley, a paediatric chemical pathologist from the Westmead Hospital Australia, delivered the K. Prathap Memorial Lecture, entitled: “Lipid Problems in Children”. The 2016 ASM was attended by more than 200 participants. The Council would like to thank Prof. Dr Cheah Phaik Leng (Chair) and Assoc. Prof. Dr Nazarina Abdul Rahman (Co-Chair) and their organising committee members for putting up such a splendid programme. Special thanks to Dr Teoh Kean Hooi for chairing the Scientific Committee which put together timely updates and thought-provoking deliberations. We would also like to thank all members who came for the meeting and our industry partners who generously support our annual conference.

The Golden Jubilee Celebration

The Academy of Medicine will be celebrating its 50th year in existence this year. The grand celebration will be held on 19 - 21 August 2016, at the Shangri-la Hotel Kuala Lumpur. Please mark your calendar and register yourself for the occasion. Details are available at the following URL: <http://50anniversaryamm2016.org/>. See you there !

*With best wishes,
Emeritus Professor Dr SK Cheong,
President,
26 June 2016.*



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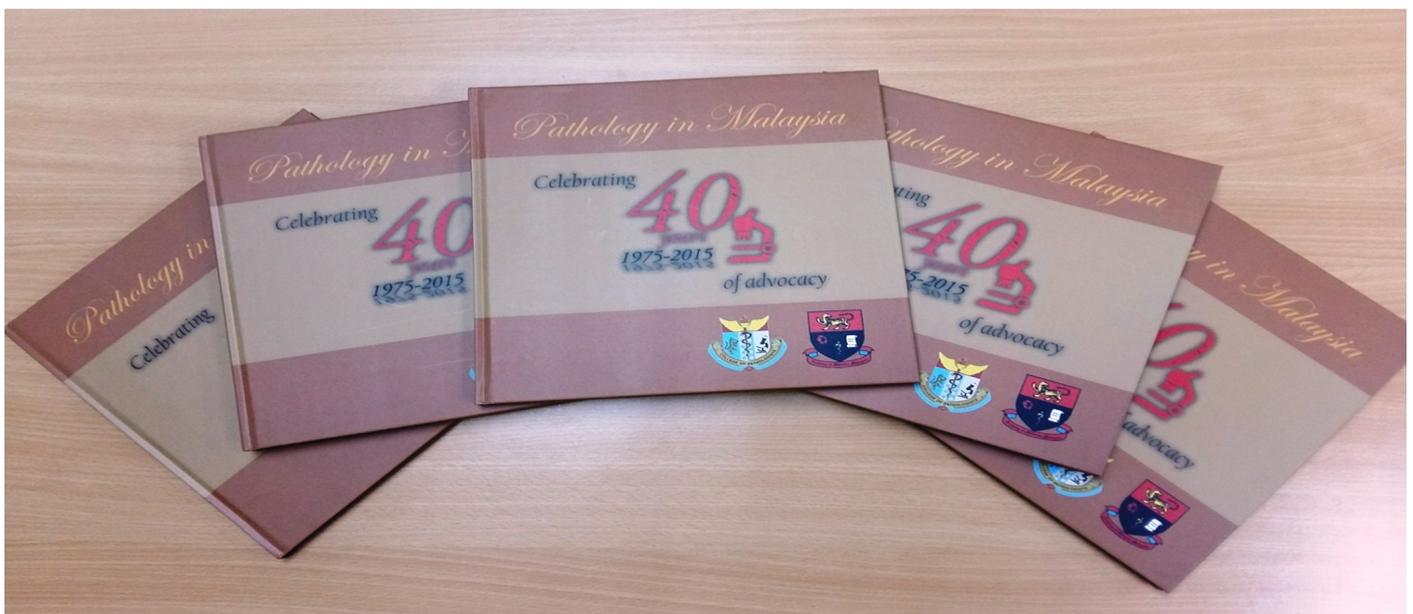
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Pathology Commemorative Book Launch
Pullman Putrajaya Lakeside Hotel
3 June 2016

Pathology advocacy in Malaysia started modestly when a group of pathologists got together and formed the Malaysian Society of Pathologists (MSOP) in 1975. MSOP subsequently merged with the Chapter of Pathologists, Academy of Medicine of Malaysia to form a new entity called the College of Pathologists, Academy of Medicine of Malaysia (CPathAMM) in 1999. In 2015, the CPathAMM celebrated its 40th anniversary of pathology advocacy. Over the span of 40 years, members have come forward to serve the College tirelessly and without a break by organising its annual scientific meetings and other activities.

To commemorate this momentous milestone, the Council of CPathAMM appointed Professor Datuk Dr Ainoon Othman to lead a team to compile a commemorative book to document the formation of the CPathAMM from the early history of MSOP to the College in its present state. The editorial team worked tirelessly and with the help of other members of the College, the book was successfully published on 15 December (ISBN 978-967-13857-0-8). On the 3 June 2016, in conjunction with the Annual K. Prathap Memorial Lecture, the commemorative book was officially launched by Tan Sri Dr M. Jegathesan, the Founding Treasurer of the MSOP.

Path Talk, on behalf of the College, would like to thank the editorial team for their hard work over the last two years. We would also like to record our utmost appreciation to all contributors and industry sponsors for their generous support.





Distinguished guests at the book launch ceremony.



Emeritus Prof. Cheong SK delivered the opening speech.



Pathology Commemorative Book officially launched by Tan Sri Dr. M. Jegathesan.



Emeritus Prof. Cheong SK presented Tan Sri Dr. M. Jegathesan with a copy of the book as token of appreciation.



Book Advisor & Chief Editors with distinguished guests. From left: Assoc. Prof. Leong CF, Prof. Datuk Dr Looi LM, Emeritus Prof. Cheong SK, Tan Sri Dr. M. Jegathesan, Puan Sri Tan Lee Hong & Prof. Datuk Ainoon Othman.



Book Editors: Dr Zetti Zainol Rashid (far right) & Dr Eusni Rahayu Mohd. Tohit (centre) with guest at the book launch dinner.

NEWS & EVENTS

Smart Partnership Programme

The College of Pathologists, Academy of Medicine of Malaysia (CPathAMM), in smart partnership with the Department of Standards Malaysia (DSM), organised a series of workshops late last year to provide training for laboratory accreditation.

1. **Workshop on Understanding the MS ISO/IEC 17043** (for PT/EQA provider) on 30 - 31 October 2015 at Berjaya Times Square Hotel. The objectives of this 2-day workshop were to create better understanding on the requirements of ISO/IEC 17043 and to promote accreditation of the proficiency testing or external quality assurance programme providers. Dr Tony Badrick, the Chief Executive of RCPA QAP Australia conducted the workshop. Total participants 25.
2. **Seminar on Managing Quality in Medical Laboratories.** It was held on 27 - 28 November 2015 at Berjaya Times Square Hotel. The 2-day seminar enhanced the understanding on selected aspects of quality management in medical laboratory and improved the handling of common and recurrent quality issues. In addition, participants were also introduced to the concept of performance measurement and provided with guidance in setting the appropriate quality indicators. Total participants 106.
3. **Workshop on ISO 15189 In Concept: Comparison on 2007 & 2012 Versions.** It was held on 10 - 11 December 2015. The 2-day workshop provided participants with better understanding on the requirements of ISO 15189 version 2012. In addition, participants learnt how to maximise the roles of Quality & Technical Managers. Dr Pandda Silva from Thailand conducted this workshop. Total participants 60.

Path Talk, on behalf of the College, would like to thank Dr Tengku Norita Tengku Yazid and her team for organising the three workshops. We would also like to record our utmost appreciation to DSM and all the speakers for their generous support.

ICCR Datasets

The International Collaboration on Cancer Reporting (ICCR), a collaboration of the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia (RCPA), the European Society of Pathology (ESP), the Royal College of Pathologists UK, the College of American Pathologists (CAP), and the Canadian Association of Pathologists (CAP-ACP) in association with the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer (CPAC), has been formed to develop common, internationally standardised and evidence-based cancer datasets for surgical pathology specimens. Using the best international approaches, and leveraging the knowledge and experience of world-leading pathologists, the ICCR aims to ensure that all cancer reports, will be of the same high quality; ensuring completeness, consistency, clarity, conciseness and above all, clinical utility.

The ICCR has published five cancer datasets to date. These datasets are posted to: <http://www.iccr-cancer.org/datasets>. The full list of genitourinary cancer datasets being developed by the ICCR is as follows:

- Testis/external genitalia (*under consultation*): Orchidectomy, Retroperitoneal Lymphadenectomy (RPLND)
Penile resection
- Prostate: Core needle biopsy, Transurethral resection (TURP), Radical prostatectomy
- Urinary tract: Transurethral resection and biopsy, Cystectomy, cystoprostatectomy and diverticulectomy, Urethrectomy, Ureterectomy and Nephroureterectomy
- Kidney: Nephrectomy and Renal biopsy



UPCOMING EVENT



The International Academy of Pathology Malaysian Division (IAPMD) in collaboration with the Global Engage is organising the 2nd Digital Pathology Congress: Asia which will be held from **22 August to 23 August 2016** at **Renaissance Kuala Lumpur Hotel**.

The Congress will be officially opened by Yang Bahagia Dato' Dr Azman Abu Bakar, the Director of Medical Development Division, Ministry of Health Malaysia. The event will explore Digital Pathology across the following areas:

- **Digital Pathology - Strategy and Technology**
- **Virtual Microscopy & Digital Image Analysis**
- **Digital Pathology Applications and Research Case Studies**
- **Pathology Informatics**

Participants will be able to hear presentations and case studies from the senior level academic and industry experts such as:

- Toby Cornish (Associate Professor and Director of Pathology Informatics) from Colorado University
- Jianyu Rao (Professor of Pathology Epidemiology) from UCLA

For further details, kindly browse the following website:
<http://www.globalengage.co.uk/digital-pathology-asia.html>. Early bird registration is available



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.