

College of Family Physicians Singapore



29th
Annual Report
1999 - 2000

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 29th Annual General Meeting of the College of Family Physicians, Singapore, will be held on:

Sunday, 14 May 2000
at 1.30pm
College of Medicine Building, Lecture Room 1
16 College Road, Singapore 169854

AGENDA

1. President's Address
2. Minutes of the 28th Annual General Meeting held on Sunday, 23 May 1999.
3. Matters arising from the minutes of the 28th Annual General Meeting.
4. Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 24 September 1999.
5. Matters arising from the minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting.
6. Annual Report of the 17th Council for the year ended 31 March 2000
7. Audited accounts for the year ended 31 March 2000
8. Appointment of Honorary Auditor and Legal Advisor
9. Nomination and election of Honorary Fellows/ Fellows/ Albert and Mary Lim Award
10. Graduate Diploma in Family Medicine.
11. Independent Family Medicine Department & College Research Centre
12. College premises- long term plans & finances
13. Changes to entry criteria for College membership
14. Any other business

Dr Lee Kheng Hock
Honorary Secretary
17th Council (1999-2001)

MINUTES OF THE 28TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Sunday 23 May 1999

Minutes of the 28th Annual General meeting of the College of Family Physicians, Singapore, held in the Lecture Theatre, College of Medicine Building, 16 College Road, Singapore 160854, on Sunday 23 May 1999.

The following members were present:

Fellows

1. Dr **Cheong** Pak Yean
2. A/Prof **Goh** Lee Gan
3. Dr **Lee** Suan Yew
4. Dr **Lim** Lean Huat
5. Dr **Loh** Wee Tiong, Alfred
6. Dr **Soh** Cheow Beng
7. Dr Moti **Vaswani**
8. Dr **Wong** Heck Sing

Diplomate Members

1. Dr **Chan** Beng Leong
2. Dr **Lau** Hong Choon
3. Dr **Lee** Kheng Hock
4. Dr Bina **Kurup**
5. Dr **Ng** Chee Lian, Lawrence
6. Dr **Yii** Hee Seng

Ordinary Members

1. Dr **Chin** Koy Nam
2. Dr **Chua** Pong Kuan
3. Dr **Kwan** Yew Seng
4. Dr **Leong** Chee Lum
5. Dr **Lim** Hock Kuang, David
6. Dr **Lim** Soon Beng
7. Dr **Ng** Hee
8. Dr **Ng** Joo Ming Matthew
9. Dr **Ng** Mong Hoo Richard
10. Dr **Tan** Chee Beng
11. Dr **Tan** Chin Lock, Arthur
12. Dr **Tan** Kok Soo
13. Dr **Tan** See Leng

Associate Members

1. Dr **Cheong** Kwok Keong
2. Dr **Lim** Wei Liang Daniel
3. Dr **Lim** Lee Kiang Julian

In attendance

Ms Yvonne **Chung**

INTRODUCTION

The 28th Annual General Meeting (AGM) was called to order by Dr Alfred Loh, President of the College, at 1.30pm. He welcomed all those members present and thanked them for attending the AGM on a Sunday afternoon.

As there was no quorum, the President adjourned the meeting until 2.00pm.

ITEM 1 PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

1.0 The president reconvened the AGM at 2.00pm.

1.1 The President reported that he would brief the House on the activities of the College that have happened in the past year and also on some of the future task ahead. The past year has been a productive and fruitful one. The full reports of the various activities are found in the body of the 28th Annual Report (1998-99).

1.2 REGULAR COLLEGE ACTIVITIES

1.2.1 CME Activities

1.2.1.1 The College continues to have an active CME programme, ably led by the Dr Richard Ng who chairs the CME Committee. He is commended for his contribution and time devoted to this Committee to promoting CME to members via seminars, courses and hands-on skills training. More details of these events are found below.

1.2.2 3rd Annual Surgical Update

1.2.2.1 The Annual Surgical Update is beginning to garner a reputation of its own. **The 3rd Annual Surgical Update for Family Practice** was held on 23-24 January 1999, at Le Meridien Singapore, Orchard Road. Taking into account of participants' feedback from the previous two surgical updates, the **3rd Annual Surgical Update** was extended to one and a half days instead of just two afternoons. The themes were: Degenerative Joint Disorders in Orthopaedics (day 1) and Upper GIT Diseases (day 2). The programme included a hands-on session on joint injections using life-like synthetic tissue models, and an interactive session. This involved the use of a hand held computerised system and participants were asked to express their own opinions on certain clinical issues. The answers gathered were analysed and displayed immediately.

1.2.2.2 The event was well attended with some 160 participants registered for the event.

1.2.3 Family Medicine Teaching Programme

1.2.3.1 The Family Medicine Teaching Programme continues to be one of the core activities of the College, under the directorship of A/Prof Goh Lee Gan.

1.2.4 Undergraduate Teaching

1.2.4.1 The College continues to assist the National University of Singapore in the training of medical students.

1.2.5 Increased areas of cooperation with MOH

1.2.5.1 The President reported that there was increased cooperation with the Ministry of Health (MOH). There is College representation in many of the MOH committees; they include:

- i) National Medical Ethics Committee
- ii) Concept Plan for Primary Health Care in the year 2020
- iii) Committee on Women's Health
- iv) Geriatric Screening Workgroup
- v) Working Committee in Breast Cancer
- vi) Committee on Clinical Guidelines on the Use of Antibiotics
- vii) Committee on Guidelines on Respiratory infections
- viii) Data Administration Committee
- ix) National Medical Audit Programme
- x) National Surveillance Programme: Returns on GP Clinics
- xi) Board of Visitors to Woodbridge Hospital

1.2.6 Ultrasound Course

1.2.6.1 The President updated the House on the progress of the course leading to award of the Graduate Diploma in Basic Ultrasonography (Obstetrics and Gynaecology).

1.2.6.2 The course is jointly organised by the College and the Graduate School of Medical Studies, NUS, and is to be launched on 18 July 1999. The course also has substantial input from senior members of the Obstetrics and Gynaecology Departments of the National University Hospital, the Singapore General Hospital and the Kangkar Kerbau Women's and Children's Hospital.

1.2.6.3 The Ultrasound Committee has limited the initial intake for the course to 14 participants. This will enable the close monitoring of course and test the supporting logistics and teaching facilities as the course progresses.

1.2.7 Minor Surgery Course

1.2.7.1 The Organising Committee headed by Dr Richard Ng Mong Hoo, is finalising the syllabus for the proposed Minor Surgery Course. The aim is to have a highly practical hands-on course on surgical procedures that can be done by GPs/ Family Physicians in the clinic setting.

1.2.7.2 The initial intention to collaborate with the Royal College of General Practitioners in the UK has been abandoned as the Organising Committee felt that it was better for the College to organise and conduct the course by itself. The College would be able to tailor the course to suit the needs of doctors in the local context. The UK College has, however, produced a CD-Rom that could be useful as

course material. Permission would be sought from the UK College should the Organising Committee decide to include it in the course material.

1.2.8 Advance Family Medicine

1.2.8.1 The Family Medicine Fellowship Programme by assessment, leading to the award of *Fellow of the College of Family Physicians, Singapore (FCFPS)*, will be launched on 9 October 1998. This will be a two-year programme aimed to develop the Family Physician in the areas of clinical practice, teaching and research so that he/she can take on the leadership role in Family Medicine.

1.2.8.2 The Graduate Family Medicine Centre will be opened on 9 October 1998. The centre will be located on the second floor of Dr Cheong Pak Yean's clinic at 76 Jalan Jurong Kechil.

1.2.9 College Website

1.2.9.1 After much hard work and effort by the Research and Information Committee headed by Dr Lee Kheng Hock, the College Website was launched on Saturday 22 May 1999. The College Website address is: www.cfps.org.sg

1.2.9.2 At the launch, Dr Lee Kheng Hock gave a demonstration of the website, which has the following features:

- College history and milestones
- College Council and committees
- CME on-line
- Forum page for the exchange of views between College members
- Family Medicine Teaching Programme
- Full text articles of from the Singapore Family Physician journal
- College Mirror
- The Sreenivasan Orations
- Links with other Colleges around the world.

1.3 INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

1.3.1 Family Medicine Training in Indonesia

1.3.1.1 A team of three doctors comprising Dr Alfred Loh in his capacity as President of the College, Dr Cheong Pak Yean, President of the Singapore Medical Council, and A/Professor Goh Lee Gan, representing the Department of Community, Occupational and Family Medicine, National University of Singapore, formed the Singapore International Foundation's Specialist Team on Family Medicine.

1.3.1.2 The team was part of the Singapore Volunteers Overseas programme, which enables professional Singaporeans to share their skills and knowledge with counterparts in developing countries.

1.3.1.3 The team helped the Indonesian counterparts launch their inaugural nation-wide seminar on Family Medicine in Jakarta on 11 November 1998, and helped prepare Indonesian Family Physicians participate in their managed health care system.

1.3.1.4 A second training programme was scheduled in February 1999 for the team to travel to Jakarta, but due to social unrest, the team did not participate in this particular trip.

1.3.2 Bid to host WONCA World Conference in 2004

1.3.2.1 The WONCA World Conference is held once every three years, and colleges wishing to host this conference in their country need to bid six years in advance. The last time that the College and Singapore played host to this world conference was in 1983. The bid usually take place at the WONCA Executive Committee Meetings held just before the world conference of that year.

1.3.2.2 In July 1998, the delegation from the College led by Dr Tan See Leng went to Ireland, where the 15th WONCA World Conference was being held, to bid for the WONCA World Conference 2004. The bid took place in Killarney, and the College was up against a formidable opponent - the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), who bid to hold the same conference in Orlando, Florida. Despite a very slick and hi-tech presentation, the College narrowly lost out to the Americans by a small number of votes and an element of 'money politics'; the AAFP guaranteed US\$250,000 in conference levies to WONCA, regardless of the outcome of the conference.

1.3.2.3 The College has been asked to bid again to host the 2007 world conference in Singapore. If the Council decides to do so, this bid will take place in 2001 at the WONCA World Conference in Durban, South Africa.

1.3.3 WONCA Asia Pacific Regional Conference

1.3.3.1 The following members of the College participated in the WONCA Asia Pacific Regional Conference held in Taipei on 6-10 March 1999: A/Professor Goh Lee Gan, Dr Alfred Loh, Dr Kwan Yew Seng and Dr Julian Lim Lee Kiang

1.4 TASKS FOR THE FUTURE COUNCIL

1.4.1 Membership Drive

1.4.1 Although membership has been increasing slowly over the past years, there needs to be a concerted effort to encourage more GPs/Family Physicians to become members and to participate in College activities.

1.4.2 College Premises

1.4.2.1 The College no longer enjoys nominal rental of S\$1 per month. We now have to pay commercial rent at almost S\$9,000 per month. In the long term, the acquisition of our own premises is the better solution.

1.4.3 Financial Self Sufficiency

1.4.3.1 In connection to the above paragraph 1.4.2, the College needs to secure steady income for its long term survival and to purchase its own premises. Due to the high rental, the College is in deficit of some S\$100,000, as shown by the accounts. We cannot eat into the College's reserves without replenishing it.

1.4.4 Continuity and Viability of College Website

1.4.4.1 With the commitment and hard work of both Dr Lee Kheng Hock and A/Prof Goh Lee Gan, the website was launched on 22 May 1999, the challenge ahead is ensuring continuity and viability. Keeping the website updated would require the contribution and commitment from other College members.

1.4.5 Restoration of the 10% CFP cut to staff

1.4.5.1 It is hoped that the next Council will look at the restoration of the 10% Employer's CFP cut to the secretariat staff, due to the economic downturn.

1.5 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO SECRETARIAT STAFF

1.5.1 As the out-going President, Dr Alfred Loh wanted to state on record his thanks and gratitude to Ms Yvonne Chung, Administrative Manager, for her efficient and excellent work and support to the Council, to Ms Katy Chan and the other part time staff who have helped maintain the high volume and smooth flow of work in the College Secretariat. Given the large amount of work that has been accomplished and the few number of staff, the Secretariat office has been highly productive.

ITEM 2 MINUTES OF THE 27TH AGM HELD ON 24 MAY 1998

2.1 Chairman asked the House for any amendments to be made on the minutes of the 27th AGM held on 24 May 1998.

2.2 There were no amendments. The minutes were proposed for adoption by Dr Tan See Leng and seconded by Dr Lawrence Ng Chee Lian. There were no objections.

ITEM 3 MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Future IT projects with NCB & PSB

3.1.1 Chairman explained that the after six meetings with representatives from both the National Computer Board (NCB) and the Productivity Standards Board

(PSB), and after finding out that most group practices and individual Family Physicians have their own software programmes, there did not seem to be a common software programme that could unify all practices to increase the productivity of GP clinics in Singapore.

- 3.1.2 PSB commissioned Arthur Andersen to do a feasibility study on the project. It would cost in the region of S\$150,000. To date, the College has not heard anything more from NCB or PSB regarding further developments.

3.2 Rental of Premises

- 3.2.1 Chairman reported that due to the economic climate, the rental paid by the College to the Ministry of Health for the premises it occupies has been reduced from some S\$9,000 per month to S\$6,500 per month.
- 3.2.2 Dr Wong Heck Sing asked what has happened to the Ministry's agreement to 'set off' the rental that the College pays with their payment for the Family Medicine Teaching Programme of MOH FM Trainees.
- 3.2.3 Chairman explained that the fee of S\$280 per trainee per module has been reduced to S\$230 per trainee per module.

3.3 Reuben Meyer Library

- 3.3.1 Chairman reported that the College is still waiting for the Ministry of Health to renovate the part of the building that the Reuben Meyer Library occupies before we can go ahead and create the proposed Postgraduate medical Library for Family Medicine. The S\$739,000 funds from the former Postgraduate Medical Library are in fixed deposits. The interest earned from this sum will be used to run the library.

ITEM 4 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE 16TH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1999: HOUSE DISCUSSIONS

- 4.0 One amendment was recorded on para.3, p. 28 on "Membership". The sentence should read: "In the year under review, the membership strength was 704 as at 31 March 1999" (not 1998).

4.1 Visit of Mr Moses Lee (2 PS Health) (refer to paragraph 2.1.2, p.24)

- 4.1.1 Chairman reported that during Mr Moses Lee's visit to the College on 20 May 1998, he assured the Council that the Ministry was very keen for the College to remain in its current premises.
- 4.1.2 Chairman also reported on the relatively sudden withdrawal of the free car parking facilities for Council Members and Secretariat staff in the MOH red lots behind the College of Medicine Building (COMB). A letter from the Director of Corporate and Financial Management, dated 25 February 1999, was sent to the College notifying us that this would take effect from 1 April 1999. College Council Members and staff would need to apply to the Urban

Redevelopment authority (URA) for season parking and pay the appropriate charges if they wished to continue parking in the COMB car park.

- 4.1.3 The College appealed to the Ministry to reconsider its decision and to consider a request for the use of only two parking lots – one for the College President and one for the Administrative Manager. The appeal was made on the basis that the College is a tenant and pays market rent for the premises as well as contributing substantially to the cost of security services for the building and grounds. The use of the car park by Council Members was only minimal and for official College business that usually took place outside office hours.
- 4.1.4 The appeal was completely rejected by the Ministry. The one Secretariat staff would have to pay monthly season parking charges for use of the car park during office hours. However, College Council members could use both the public lots and the MOH red lots **after** office hours, free of charge.
- 4.1.5 The unhappiness caused as a result of this car parking issue was raised with Mr Moses Lee as constructive feedback during his visit to the College.

4.2 Family Medicine Project in Indonesia
(refer to para. 2.4, p.26)

- 4.2.1 Dr Lee Suan Yew congratulated and commended the College representatives on their part in contributing to the development of Family Medicine in Indonesia.

4.3 Ultrasound Course
(refer to para. 2.6, p.26)

- 4.3.1 Chairman informed the House that the course leading to a Graduate Diploma in Basic Ultrasonography (Obstetrics and Gynaecology) will be launched on 18 July 1999. The brochure has been finalised and sent out to GPs/Family Physicians. The deadline for applications is 14 June 1999. The response has been very positive with many enquiries coming from overseas doctors as well.
- 4.3.2 The course syllabus is a rigorous and challenging one with a high practical content and the requirement of the logging of 400 scans. The course has been designed to meet international standards.
- 4.3.3 Chairman reported that the Ultrasound Committee has decided that the intake of overseas doctors would only be considered after two to three years' time.

4.4 Family Medicine Fellowship Programme
(refer to para. 2.9, p. 27)

- 4.4.1 Chairman reported that there are eight trainees pursuing the Family Medicine Fellowship Programme (launched on 9 October 1998), leading to the award of the Fellowship of the College of Family Physicians, Singapore (FCFPS).

4.5 Representation in National Committees

(refer to para. 2.11, p.29-30)

- 4.5.1 Chairman gave an update on the work of another MOH committee that has been set up to look at screening of the elderly. The Ministry has proposed a national screening programme that would capture 65% of the elderly population (140,000 persons). They would require the assistance of the College to train GPs/Family Physicians in the correct screening procedures.
- 4.5.2 It is estimated that such a programme would cost in the region of S\$5.5 million. The Ministry is currently looking at ways of funding the programme.

4.6 General Comments from the Floor

- 4.6.1 Dr Wong Heck Sing commended the 16th Council in its composition of Council Members. He noted that it was good to see a mixture of younger members taking on the duties of the College under the guidance of the more senior members, and a good mixture of doctors from both the private and public sectors. He hopes that future Councils will also maintain this trend.
- 4.6.2 Dr Lee Suan Yew congratulated the Council on a "splendid job" in planning good CME programmes tailored to the needs of GPs/Family Physicians such as the hands-on courses, having good working relationships with the National University of Singapore and the Ministry of Health, and enhancing our international relations with other sister Colleges and world organisations. It is clearly a case of putting the College and Family Medicine in Singapore on the map.

4.7 Report of the Censors' Board

(refer to pages 31-33).

- 4.7.1 One amendment was recorded to the third paragraph of point (c), page 32, under "Fellowship of the College". The word "academic" should be inserted before the word "equivalent" so that it reads as follows:

*"The Fellowship is given to Family Physicians who hold the MCGPS, Masters of Medicine (Family Medicine) or **academic** equivalent, and who have contributed to the College".*

- 4.7.2 A/Prof Goh Lee Gan informed the House that the out of the 28 candidates who sat the Master of Medicine (Family Medicine) examination, 24 candidates were successful.
- 4.7.3 With regards to the Family Medicine Fellowship programme, he was planning to have the second intake of trainees in September 1999.
- 4.7.4 A/Prof Goh Lee Gan recommended the nomination of Dr Lau Hong Choon as the next Censor-in-Chief of the 17th Council (1999-2001). The House agreed to the recommendation.
- 4.7.5 A/Prof Goh LG proposed to the House to accept the recommendation of awarding an Honorary Fellowship to A/Prof Chee Yam Cheng for his substantial contribution to start the vocational training programme in Family Medicine. The House accepted the recommendation.

- 4.7.6 A/Prof Goh LG proposed that a College Merit Award be awarded to members who meet the following criteria:
- i) College Member
 - ii) Contributed substantially to the College
 - iii) Member of a College Committee
 - iv) Served 3 terms (6 years) or more in the Council.
- 4.7.7 The House agreed to the recommendation of awarding the College Merit Award to Dr Richard Ng Mong Hoo and Dr Arthur Tan Chin Lock.
- 4.7.8 Dr Moti Vaswani asked for clarification on the College Merit Award. Is it given to those members who do not hold higher degrees?
- 4.7.9 Chairman explained that this award is given to those members who have contributed substantially to the College, regardless of the qualification they hold. This would be the College's highest award for merit. The Fellowship, on the other hand, is awarded for academic contributions.
- 4.7.10 Chairman reminded the House that the Albert Lim Award was the College's original merit award. During his recent discussions with Dr Wong Heck Sing (the son-in-law of the late Dr Albert Lim), he proposed that the College should not issue a new merit award but to reinstate the Albert Lim Award which has not been awarded many years, as the College's Merit Award. Dr Wong Heck Sing's family members are keen to donate the necessary funds for this award.
- 4.7.11 Such being the case, the recommendation of Dr James Chang to receive the proposed College Merit Award is not appropriate. This is because he has already been bestowed with the Albert Lim Award in the past.
- 4.7.12 In keeping with the prestige of the award, a plaque should be made and the recipients' names engraved on it. This plaque would be displayed in the College premises.
- 4.7.13 With regards to the MCGP(S) qualification (now known as the MCFP(S) after the College changed its name), Dr Moti Vaswani asked whether this was on par with the MMed (FM) qualification and what would happen to all the Diplomate Members.
- 4.7.14 Chairman stated that as far as the MCGP(S)/MCFP(S) and MMed (FM) are concerned, they are equal. When the MCGP(S) was in place, this was the higher qualification in Family Medicine at that time. The examination was set by the College and the qualification was awarded by the College. The MCGP(S) was then superseded by the MMed(FM) which is awarded by the National University of Singapore. The Singapore Medical Council recognises both the MCGP(S)/MCFP(S) and MMed(FM) as higher degrees that are registrable and displayable.
- 4.7.15 Dr Lawrence Ng commented that the College should retain its right to award its own qualifications. The MCGP(S) was awarded by the College; the College should retain its right to continue awarding its own diploma. At this point, Dr L Ng asked for permission to table the following motion:

“ The College Censors’ Board to look into the setting up of a programme leading to the award of the College MCFP(S) and explore with the Graduate School of Medical Studies, NUS, to accept the MCFP(S) as part of the entry requirements for the MMed(FM) examination”.

- 4.7.16 The proposed motion by Dr L Ng was seconded by Dr Cheong Pak Yean.
- 4.7.17 Dr Cheong PY suggested that the motion should be in the context of whether the College will award the MCFP(S) in a different form.
- 4.7.18 A discussion then ensued on the rationale behind the existing MCGP(S)/MCFP(S) in comparison with the MMed(FM) and how this is the evolutionary process in the development of the Family Medicine. Dr Lee Suan Yew explained that the MCGP(S) must be viewed in a positive light. He cited examples of how the previous LMS qualification was superceded by the MBBS and the Raffles College Diploma was superceded by the university degree. Current MCGP(S)/MCFP(S) holders should not feel “short changed”, they should be proud of this qualification.
- 4.7.19 Some of the younger members suggested that the future MCFP(S) should be an intermediate award for those doctors who are not able to pursue the MMed(FM), as it was very rigorous and demanding.
- 4.7.20 Dr Soh Cheow Beng raised the point that if this is the case, then the term “Diplomate” with the letters MCGP(S)/MCFP(S) should not and cannot be used as this term is already recognised by the SMC to refer to the former examination set and awarded by the College before the MMed (FM) was in place.
- 4.7.21 A/Prof Goh LG suggested that the MCGP(S)/MCFP(S) should be a reserved name that cannot be recycled. He proposed that the intermediate award be named “**Diploma in Family Medicine**”.
- 4.7.22 After further discussions on whether this intermediate award should be called a diploma or a certificate in Family Medicine, the House agreed to the amended motion proposed by Dr L Ng to read as follows:

“The incoming Censor’s Board to look into the setting up of a programme leading to a College examination award, the Diploma in Family Medicine, and to explore with the Graduate School of Medical Studies that this award allows the recipient to be exempted from certain parts of the MMed(FM) requirements”

- 4.7.23 This was seconded by Dr Cheong Pak Yean.
- 4.7.24 Chairman asked for members to vote on the resolution. The results were as follows:

In favour:	14 votes
Against:	9 votes
Abstentions:	3 votes

- 4.7.25 The House passed the resolution. This means that the incoming Censors' Board will have to present a report at the next (29th) AGM.
- 4.7.26 Dr Soh Cheow Beng raised the issue regarding the existing 73 Diplomate Members. Many of these have been in Family Practice for 15-20 years. He suggested that the incoming Censors' Board should upgrade these Diplomate Members to Fellows of the College, based on experience. This will enable them to improve themselves.
- 4.7.27 Dr Soh Cheow Beng said that the criteria for awarding Fellowships based on Family Physicians who hold the MCGP(S), MMed(FM) or equivalent, is a radical move by the Censors' Board. This would exclude some of the College's own members from ever being awarded a Fellowship simply because they do not hold a higher qualification. Dr Soh CB proposed that there should be an "Others" category.
- 4.7.28 A/Prof Goh LG explained that the criteria have been devised to make the Fellows a more homogenous group of people. At the same time by proposing the reinstatement of the Albert Lim Award, this would be given to recipients in recognition of their non-academic achievements and contributions to the College.
- 4.7.29 There were no further comments or objections. The House thanked A/Prof Goh Lee Gan for his report.
- 4.8 **CME Committee Report**
(refer to pages 34-37)
- 4.8.1 The House commended Dr Richard Ng, Chairman of the CME Committee and the past year's programme.
- 4.8.2 Chairman informed the House that through his discussions with the Professor Tan Chorh Chuan, who heads the Education Committee that oversees CME, the CME system is going to be revamped. Chairman has stressed to Prof Tan CH that the College should maintain its role in being the accrediting body for CME for Family Physicians. Chairman urged the incoming Council to pursue this matter. If need be, a small sub-committee could be set up to vet all CME organised for Family Physicians.
- 4.8.3 There were no further comments or objections. The House thanked Dr Richard Ng Mong Hoo for his report.
- 4.9 **Report of the Family Medicine Teaching Programme**
(refer to page 38)
- 4.9.1 A/Prof Goh LG updated the House on further developments of the FMTP. The modules, which used to consist of 8 Saturday afternoon sessions, will now be condensed into 4 sessions. The modules will be available on-line via the College's website.
- 4.9.2 There were no further comments or objections. The House thanked A/Prof Goh Lee Gan for his report.

4.10 Report of the Undergraduate Teaching Committee
(refer to pages 39-40)

4.10.1 The House went through the report of the Undergraduate Teaching Committee.

4.10.2 There were no further comments or objections. The House thanked Dr David Lim for his report.

4.11 Report of the Research and Information Committee
(refer to page 41)

4.11.1 Chairman updated the House on the Hepatitis B study. It is still in its planning stage. The funds required to conduct this study is estimated to be S\$2.5 million. The committee planning this project is applying to the appeal to Glaxo Wellcome (or any other large pharmaceutical companies) for funds before the confirmation of this project.

4.11.2 The House commended Dr Lee Kheng Hock for his commitment and dedication to getting the College Archive Project off the ground. During the past year, he has been interviewing the past presidents and very senior members of the College to capture 28 years of College history and to archive it. Once the groundwork has been done, he hopes to put the information onto CD-ROM.

4.11.3 The House also commended Dr Lawrence Ng, who's been assisting Dr Lee KH in the project and Dr Tan Lip Hong (who's not a College member).

4.11.4 There were no further comments or objections. The House thanked Dr Lee Kheng Hock for his report.

4.12 Report of the Publications Committee
(refer to page 42)

4.12.1 The Singapore Family Physician Journal and the College Mirror has gone a transformation and now has a new look under the editorship of Dr Lau Hong Choon.

4.12.2 There were no further comments or objections. The House thanked Dr Lau Hong Choon for his report.

4.13 Report of the Practice Management Committee
(refer to page 43)

4.13.1 Chairman reported that it was an honour for the College to be asked by the SAF to visit and review their medical centres.

4.13.2 The College will be inviting the SAF doctors to attend the College's Scientific Conference at a reduced registration fee. The SAF have supported the College in the past, we hope to gain their support in the future.

4.13.3 There were no further comments or objections. The House thanked Dr Tan See Leng for his report.

4.14 Report of the Finance Committee
(refer to page 46).

4.14.1 The House went through the report. There were no further comments or objections.

4.14.2 The House thanked Dr Arthur Tan Chin Lock for his report.

4.15 Adoption of the Reports

4.15 With no further comments, the Report of the 16th Council and the respective reports of the Standing Committees were proposed for adoption by Dr David Lim Hock Kuang and seconded by Dr Tan Chee Beng.

ITEM 5 AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1999
(refer to pages 47-55)

- 5.1 Chairman drew the House's attention to the rental of the College premises which is the highest item of expense at almost S\$110,000.
- 5.2 Under Miscellaneous Income (12a), page 52, there is an income of S\$74,077 for the Family Medicine Teaching Programme by the Ministry of Health for its FM trainees. Compared with the rental of almost S\$110,000, there is still a deficit of almost S\$36,000. This means that the College still has to pay out some S\$3000 per month from its reserves.
- 5.3 The coming financial year will likely see a drop in the income paid by the Ministry of Health as the number of trainees has fallen and also, the Ministry has requested a reduction in the fees from S\$280 per trainee per module to S\$230 per trainee per module. This request is made as a result of the corresponding reduction in rental.
- 5.4 On page 49, the interest on fixed deposit was S\$21,369 in 1998 and S\$53,577 in 1999. This is despite the low interest rates in the last couple of years. This was achieved by Dr Arthur Tan's good financial management by moving the funds out of the Citibank Account, which only gave some 3% interest, into an account with Overseas Union Trust (OUT) which gave 6% interest.
- 5.5 Chairman drew the House's attention to page 50 regarding the College's paintings and pottery. The book values of the items have remained very low. Chairman has tried to get experts to assess the value. After some enquiries, there seems to be a lack of such expertise in Singapore. One company quoted a fee of some S\$5000 just to do a valuation, which is a high fee.
- 5.6 Dr Lee Suan Yew suggested that Marjory Chu, an art dealer, may be able to help.
- 5.7 With regards to Page 53, the research fee went up from S\$546 in 1998 to S\$10,123 in 1999. This is the money put up to start the College Website.

The future maintenance fee of the Website would be some S\$10,000. Per year.

- 5.8 Dr Lee Suan Yew asked for clarification on the S\$15,000 given to the NUS Endowment Fund.
- 5.9 Chairman explained that this is for the College Gold Medal that will be awarded to the top MMed (FM) candidate who achieves a distinction each year. The College had to donate a minimum of S\$15,000 to the NUS Endowment Fund to start this award.
- 5.10 Dr Soh Cheow Beng raised the point about the payment of security services for the College of Medicine Building. This cost should be borne by the landlord (MOH), not the tenant (College).
- 5.11 Chairman explained that we have already written to the Ministry about this issue. The payment for security services has remained.
- 5.12 Dr Lee Suan Yew suggested that we should think on a long-term basis and seek alternative accommodation, perhaps with the Singapore Medical Association or the Alumni. Even though the College has benefited from the close proximity to the Ministry of Health, it has been at a very high price.
- 5.13 Chairman reported that he had informal discussions with the National University of Singapore to see whether there was land available to construct a building to be used by the medical organisations such as the College, the Academy, the Alumni and the Singapore Medical Association.
- 5.14 With no further questions from the floor, the audited accounts for the year ended 31 March 1999 were proposed for acceptance by Dr Lawrence Ng Chee Lian and seconded by Dr Moti Vaswani.

ITEM 6 APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR AND HONORARY LEGAL ADVISOR

- 6.1 Chairman recommended to the House to keep the appointment of Messrs V P Kumaran & Co as the auditors and Messrs Lim Chor Pee and partners as the honorary legal advisors.
- 6.2 The House accepted the above recommendation.

ITEM 7 NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF HONORARY FELLOWS

- 7.1 The Censors' Board has recommended the nomination of A/Professor Chee Yam Cheng as an Honorary Fellow for his outstanding contribution to vocational Family Medicine.
- 7.2 The House accepted the nomination.
- 7.3 The Censors' Board recommended that the reinstated Albert Lim Award be made to Dr Richard Ng Mong Hoo and Dr Arthur Tan Chin Lock in recognition of their support and contributions to the College.
- 7.4 The House accepted the two nominations.

- 7.5 The House also agreed to the withdrawal of the recommendation of Dr James Chang Ming Yu for the Albert Lim Award as he has received this award in the past.
- 7.6 Dr Lee Kheng Hock brought the House's attention to the fact that Professor SS Ratnam should be nominated for an Honorary Fellowship.
- 7.7 The House was surprised that Professor SS Ratnam was not already an Honorary Fellow as he had done much to promote Family Medicine. It was pointed out that the College Constitution requires nominations to come from the Censors' Board and not from the floor during an AGM. This means that the next Censor's Board needs to recommend the nomination of Professor SS Ratnam at the next (29th) Annual General Meeting in 2000. This would be appropriate as Professor Ratnam will be retiring from his position as Director of the Graduate Medical Studies at the end of 1999.

ITEM 8 ELECTION OF 17th COUNCIL (1999-2001) OFFICE BEARERS

- 8.1 The following members were nominated as office bearers for the following positions:

Dr Lim Lean Huat Proposed by: Dr Tan Chee Beng Seconded by: A/Prof Goh Lee Gan	President
Dr Arthur Tan Chin Lock Proposed by: Dr Alfred Loh Seconded by: Dr Richard Ng Mong Hoo	Vice President
Dr Lee Kheng Hock Proposed by: A/Prof Goh Lee Gan Seconded by: Dr Alfred Loh	Honorary Secretary
Dr Richard Ng Mong Hoo Proposed by: Dr Alfred Loh Seconded by: Dr Arthur Tan Chin Lock	Honorary Treasurer
Dr Alfred Loh Wee Tiong Proposed by: Dr Tan Chee Beng Seconded by: A/Prof Goh Lee Gan	Council Member
A/Prof Goh Lee Gan Proposed by: Dr Lee Kheng Hock Seconded by: Dr Soh Cheow Beng	Council Member
Dr David Lim Hock Kuang Proposed by: Dr Richard Ng Mong Hoo Seconded by: Dr Lim Lean Huat	Council Member
Dr Tan See Leng Proposed by: Dr Arthur Tan Chin Lock Seconded by: Dr Richard Ng Mong Hoo	Council Member

Dr Kwan Yew Seng **Council Member**
Proposed by: Dr Alfred Loh
Seconded by: Dr Lau Hong Choon

Dr Lawrence Ng Chee Lian **Council Member**
Proposed by: Dr Cheong Pak Yean
Seconded by: Dr Lee Suan Yew

Dr Matthew Ng Joo Ming **Council Member**
Proposed by: Dr Tan See Leng
Seconded by: Dr Cheong Pak Yean

- 8.2 The positions of Censor-in-Chief and Honorary Editor were by appointment by the incoming Council.
- 8.3 Dr Lau Hong Choon agreed to take the office of the Censor-in-Chief, if appointed. Dr Tan Chee Beng agreed to be the Honorary Editor, if appointed.
- 8.4 With no further nominations from the floor, Dr Moti Vaswani proposed that the nominations for the 17th Council office bearers be closed. This was seconded by Dr Lee Suan Yew.
- 8.5 The House accepted the above nominations for the 17th Council 1999-2001.

ITEM 9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 9.1 The House agreed that the items contained under "Any Other Business" have already been adequately covered and discussed during the course of this Annual General meeting.
- 9.2 With no other matters to discuss, the Chairman called the 28th Annual General Meeting to close at 4.45pm. Dr Lawrence Ng and Dr Lee Suan Yew both proposed a vote of thanks to the Chair.
- 9.3 Chairman thanked all those members who had made an effort to attend the meeting and appealed for their continued support to the new Council and the College.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Ms Yvonne Chung, Administrative Manager

Minutes vetted by Dr Lee Kheng Hock, Honorary Secretary (17th Council 1999-2001)

REPORT OF THE 17TH COUNCIL

1 April 1999 – 31 March 2000

- 1.0 The composition of the 17th Council (1999-2001) is as follows:
- 1.1 **Council**
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|--------------------|--------------------------|
| President | A/Prof Lim Lean Huat |
| Vice President | Dr Arthur Tan Chin Lock |
| Censor-in-Chief | Dr Lau Hong Choon |
| Honorary Secretary | Dr Lee Kheng Hock |
| Honorary Treasurer | Dr Richard Ng Mong Hoo |
| Council Member | Dr Alfred Loh Wee Tiong |
| Council Member | A/Prof Goh Lee Gan |
| Council Member | Dr David Lim Hock Kuang |
| Council Member | Dr Tan See Leng |
| Council Member | Dr Kwan Yew Seng |
| Council Member | Dr Lawrence Ng Chee Lian |
| Council Member | Dr Mathew Ng Joo Ming |
| Honorary Editor | Dr Tan Chee Beng |
- 1.2 **Board of Censors**
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|------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Censor-in-Chief: | Dr Lau Hong Choon |
| Censors: | Dr Tan Chee Beng
Dr Chan Nang Fong |
| Advisors: | A/Prof Goh Lee Gan
A/Prof Cheong Pak Yean |
- 1.3 **Secretariat**
- | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Administrative Manager: | Ms Yvonne Chung |
| Administrative Assistant: | Ms Katy Chan |
| Part time staff: | Mdm Pang Kong In
Ms Alice Goh
Ms Belinda Fok |
- 1.4 **Auditors** Messrs V P Kumaran & Co
- 1.5 **Honorary Legal Advisors** Mr Chan Swee Teck
Mr Lim Chor Pee
- 1.6 Six Standing Committee were formed to oversee the various activities of the College:
- Continuing Medical Education Committee**
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|-------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Chairman: | Dr Richard Ng Mong Hoo |
| Secretary: | Dr Kwan Yew Seng |
| Members: | Dr Tan Chee Beng
Dr Julian Lim Lee Kiang |
| Librarian: | Dr Gerard Low Mun heng |
| Ex-officio: | Dr Lau Hong Choon |

Research and Information Committee

Chairman: Dr Kwan Yew Seng
Members: Dr Lee Kheng Hock
Dr Julian Lim Lee Kiang
Ex-officio: A/Prof Goh Lee Gan

Publications Committee

Chairman &
Honorary Editor: Dr Tan Chee Beng
Administrative Editor: Ms Yvonne Chung
Section Editors: Dr Lau Hong Choon
A/Prof Goh Lee Gan
Dr Lee Kheng Hock
Dr Paul Goh Soo Chye
Dr Julian Lim Lee Kiang
Dr Tay Ee Guan
Dr Helen Leong Soh Sum
Dr Tan Ngiap Chuan
College Mirror Editor: Ms Yvonne Chung
Editorial Assistant: Ms Katy Chan

Finance Committee

Chairman: Dr Richard Ng Mong Hoo
Members: Dr Alfred Loh Wee Tiong
Dr Arthur Tan Chin Lock
Ex-officio: A/Prof Lim Lean Huat

Undergraduate Teaching Committee

Chairman: Dr David Lim Hock Kuang
Secretary: Dr Lawrence Ng Chee Lian
Member: Dr Cheong Pak Yean
Ex-officio: Dr Arthur Tan Chin Lock

Practice Management Committee

Chairman: Dr Tan See Leng
Secretary: Dr Matthew Ng Joo Ming
Member: Dr Lawrence Ng Chee Lian

1.7 **Attendance at Council Meetings**

Eleven Council Meetings were held on a monthly basis between May 1999 (when the 17th Council was elected) to March 2000. The attendance of the Council Members is as follows:

President	A/Prof Lim Lean Huat	11
Vice President	Dr Arthur Tan Chin Lock	10
Censor-in-Chief	Dr Lau Hong Choon	9
Honorary Secretary	Dr Lee Kheng Hock	10
Honorary Treasurer	Dr Richard Ng Mong Hoo	11
Council Member	Dr Alfred Loh Wee Tiong	10

Council Member	A/Prof Goh Lee Gan	10
Council Member	Dr David Lim Hock Kuang	7
Council Member	Dr Tan See Leng	9
Council Member	Dr Kwan Yew Seng	10
Council Member	Dr Lawrence Ng Chee Lian	10
Council Member	Dr Mathew Ng Joo Ming	10
Honorary Editor	Dr Tan Chee Beng	9
Administrative Manager	Ms Yvonne Chung	11

2 COLLEGE AND COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

2.1 Launch of College Website: 22 May 1999

2.1.1 The revamped College Website was launched on 22 May 1999 as one of the events in a symposium on continuing education for doctors. This event was jointly organised by the College, the Faculty of Medicine, the School of Graduate Medical Studies and the Medical Informatics Programme (MIP) of the National University of Singapore (NUS).

2.1.2 The Website was created as early as 1994. Lack of funding and technical support, caused it to languish at our free site with Sembawang Media. The new site was developed with technical assistance from the Medical Informatics Programme, NUS. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed with NUS to provide the hosting and technical support for a period of two years ending in May 2001 at a nominal cost of \$10,000 per year.

2.1.3 Recently, most of the projects developed by the Medical Informatics Programme have been transferred to HealthAnswers International which is a web portal company based in the United States. The College has since signed a novation agreement whereby the responsibilities undertaken by the National University of Singapore through the MIP is transferred to this new party. Up till now, the transfer has been satisfactory and the new vendor has performed above our requirement. The College is currently in negotiation with other web portal companies to develop an enhanced on-line CME programme that would involve the use of multimedia such as streaming video and real time video conferencing. This is in anticipation of the rapid introduction of new technology such as broadband internet access that would greatly enhance the internet as an effective tool in medical education.

2.2 Launch of Graduate Diploma in Basic Ultrasonography: 18 July 1999 (Also see CME Committee report)

2.2.1 In response to the demand for more hands-on courses that have practical applications in clinical practice, the College developed and launched the **Graduate Diploma in Basic Ultrasonography (Obstetrics and Gynaecology) course** in July 1999. This is a very rigorous and challenging course where candidates are required to log a substantial amount actual clinical experience in the use of ultrasound. The College will be developing more such diploma courses in the future.

2.3 **Extraordinary General Meeting: 24 September 1999: Proposal to set up a Department of Family Medicine**

2.3.1 An extraordinary general meeting was held at the College on the 24 September 1999. The agenda was to deliberate on three resolutions proposed by the 17th Council of the College. The proposed resolutions were:

Resolution 1

That the College initiates the move to set up a Department of Family Medicine at the National University of Singapore

Resolution 2

That the College spearheads the fund raising towards a target sum of S\$3million for the Endowment Fund for the Chair in Family Medicine.

Resolution 3

That a donation of S\$500,000 be made by the College from its existing funds to the proposed Endowment Fund for the Chair in Family Medicine.

2.3.2 During the meeting, the general body was informed that preliminary meetings and discussions have been carried out to explore the idea of setting up an independent Department of Family Medicine with its own chair. The document proposing this idea was submitted to the Vice-Chancellor of the National University of Singapore on 7 January 1999. This document has also been presented to the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine.

2.3.3 Various proposals came from the other members. The majority was supportive of Resolution 1 and Resolution 2 but were similarly concerned about whether the College could afford to pay such a large sum of money proposed in Resolution 3.

2.3.4 During the voting, Resolution 1 was passed unanimously with 38 votes in favour. Resolution 2 was passed with 37 votes in favour and 1 abstention.

2.3.5 Before voting on Resolution 3, Dr Lee Suan Yew proposed to *amend* Resolution 3 to say the following:

“That a donation commensurate with the means of the College be made to the proposed Endowment Fund for the Chair in Family Medicine.”

2.3.6 Dr Lee Suan Yew’s proposal to amend Resolution 3 was seconded by Dr Soh Cheow Beng.

2.3.7 Some members felt that a definite sum should be stated to show the College’s commitment. Dr Alfred Loh counter proposed with the following amendment:

“That a donation of at least S\$250,000 be made by the College from its existing funds to the proposed Endowment Fund for the Chair in Family Medicine at the National University of Singapore.”

- 2.3.8 The amended Resolution 3 was passed with 30 votes in favour, 1 vote against and 2 abstentions.
- 2.3.9 Many exploratory meetings were held subsequent to the Extraordinary General Meeting, including one with Professor SS Ratnam of the Graduate School of Medical Studies. The interim plan was to implement the setting up of the independent department in two phases. In the first phase, we would set up a Chair in Family Medicine in the Department of Community, Occupational and Family Medicine. After 3 years, when the discipline has gained greater acceptance and recognition, a fully independent Department of Family Medicine would be set up in the second phase.
- 2.3.10 Representatives of the College also met with Professor Lee Hin Peng of the Department of Community, Occupational and Family Medicine (COFM) on 16 November 1999. The proposal from his department was for the College to send \$1,000,000 when raised, to the COFM Department. This would then be used to set up an Endowment Fund with the NUS Bursar’s Office. A Research Chair would then be set up with a selection committee to appoint the Chair. The College will have 2 out of 5 seats in this proposed committee headed by Professor Lee. The person appointed to the chair could be on a part-time basis or even from another country.
- 2.3.11 In view of this development, which is contrary to the expectations of the College and our members, it was decided to delay implementing the plan until a better proposal could be negotiated.

2.4 **7th Scientific Conference & 8th Meditech Exhibition: September 1999**
(Also see Organising Chairman’s report)

- 2.4.1 Continuing the tradition of the College, the 7th Scientific Conference and 8th Meditech Exhibition was held at the College of Medicine Building on 25th-26th September 1999. This year’s theme was “Family Medicine: Facing Demographic Change”.

2.5 **17th Sreenivasan Oration**

- 2.5.1 Dr Tan Cheng Bock, a practising family physician and a Member of Parliament for Ayer Rajah, delivered the 17th Sreenivasan Oration on the 25th September 1999 on the occasion of the Opening Ceremony of the 7th Scientific Conference. The topic for this oration was “Medicine and Politics – Do They Mix?” Dr Tan gave a moving personal account of a family physician in the world of politics.

2.6 **The Albert & Mary Lim Award: September 1999**

- 2.6.1 The Albert Lim Award, first presented in 1974, was re-instituted as *The Albert and Mary Lim Award*, in memory of the late Dr Albert Lim Liat Juay and his wife Mrs Mary Lim. The family members of the late

Dr Lim have donated a total of \$25,000 towards this award. The members are:

Dr and Mrs Wong Heck Sing
Dr and Mrs Chee Phui Hung
Dr and Mrs Koh Eng Kheng
Dr and Mrs Jerry Lim
Dr Margaret Lim Toan Keng

2.6.2 This highest accolade, awarded for contribution and services rendered to the College and to the discipline of Family Medicine, was awarded to Dr Arthur Tan Chin Lock and Dr Richard Ng Mong Hoo. Both recipients are well known to College members for their long and dedicated service to the cause of the College.

2.7 **Honorary Fellowship**

(Also see Censors' Board report)

2.7.1 Associate Professor Chee Yam Cheng was awarded the Honorary Fellowship in recognition for his contribution to Family Medicine. He actively supported the College's effort in developing the Masters of Medicine (Family Medicine) programme. During his term as the Director of Manpower in the Ministry of Health, he introduced the rotational postings for Family Medicine trainees in the various specialist disciplines in the hospitals. Although he is trained and practicing outside the field of Family Medicine, he had the foresight and the wisdom to realize the importance of raising the standard of Family Medicine in Singapore, and took the initiative to actively promote a programme to train doctors in Family Medicine.

2.8 **Visit of the Minister of Health: 15 October 1999**

2.8.1 The Minister of Health, Mr Lim Hng Kiang, visited the College and met with the College Council to discuss a range of issues concerning primary health care. Mr Chan Soo Sen (Parliamentary Secretary, Health), Mr Moses Lee (Permanent Secretary, Health), Mr Willie Tan (Deputy Secretary), Dr Chen Ai Ju (Director of Medical Services), Dr Lam Sian Lian (Deputy Director of Medical Services), Dr Ling Sing Lin (Deputy Director of Medical Services) and Dr Mimi Choong (Director, Policy and Planning) were also at the meeting. The issues discussed included the role of the College in CME, the accreditation and recognition of doctors who have undergone training in Family Medicine, and the restrictive use of new drugs by Family Physicians. The Minister expressed his support for the College's effort in raising the standard of Family Medicine in Singapore and advised the Council to raise and discuss the issue of the restriction on the use of new drugs with the Medicine Advisory Committee.

2.9 **4th Annual Surgical Update for Family Practice: 4-5 March 2000** **Minor Surgical Procedures Course for Family Physicians: 11-12 March 2000** (Also see the CME Committee report)

2.9.1 The College's 4th Annual Surgical Update for Family Practice was held over the weekend of 4-5 March 2000. This annual course has improved in quality and sophistication over the past four years. The

enthusiasm of both the teaching faculty and the participants remain as strong as when it was first launched in January 1997.

2.9.2 The follow-up course in Minor Surgical Procedures on the subsequent weekend of 11-12 March 2000, was oversubscribed. This course was jointly organised with the Singapore General Hospital. It was highly hands-on and included a transmission of live surgery via a two way audio video link between the surgeons in the operating theatre and the course participants in the lecture theatre. This is strong evidence that a good and relevant CME programme is the best way to encourage response and participation. The College will continue to work towards developing more such programmes.

2.10 **WONCA Activities: Search for CEO and bid to host WONCA Secretariat in Singapore**

2.10.1 The College has officially submitted its bid to host the WONCA Secretariat in Singapore. The proposal documents were handed to Professor Wes Fabb, the present CEO for WONCA, whilst he was in transit in Singapore on 12 June 1999. Professor Fabb will be retiring in 2001. The College Council has nominated and fully supports Dr Alfred Loh Wee Tiong as the candidate for the post of CEO of WONCA, and the relocation of the WONCA Secretariat to Singapore. In this regard, the College has also obtained the full support of the Ministry of Health, the Singapore Medical Association, the Academy of Medicine, the Graduate School of Medical Studies, NUS, and the Pharmaceutical Society of Singapore.

2.10.2 For information, the United States of America is also bidding to host the WONCA Secretariat in the USA. At the time of printing, the WONCA Executive Committee is in the final stages of deliberating between Singapore's and the USA's bids.

2.11 **Visitors to the College**

2.11.1 The external examiners for the MMed (FM) examination, Professor Nigel Stott and Dr Neil Spike, visited the College on 7 October 1999. Professor Stott is the Professor of General Practice at the University of Wales College of Medicine, United Kingdom. Dr Spike is the Executive Director of Standards at the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners. We took the opportunity of inviting them to give a lecture on continuing professional development. The evening lecture was very well received.

2.11.2 Mr Tek Leng Soeu, a World Health Organisation (WHO) Fellow from Cambodia, visited the College in November 1999. The College hosted part of his fellowship programme and arranged for a visit and attachment to a family practice clinic in a housing estate.

2.12 **Proposed Graduate Diploma in Family Medicine**
(Also see Censors' Board Report)

2.12.1 The College is in the process of developing a course leading to the award of Graduate Diploma Family Medicine. It is proposed that this will be jointly run by the College and the Graduate School of Medical

Studies. This is a two-year course on a part-time basis, designed to meet the core vocational requirements of doctors practicing as Family Physicians. The aim is to train such doctors to practise Family Medicine at an enhanced level that cannot be fulfilled by the basic MBBS qualification alone. Preparations for the course are on schedule. It should be launched in July 2000 and the first examination is planned for 2002. The College has written to the Singapore Medical Council seeking recognition for this new qualification.

2.13 Representation in National Committees and National Programmes

2.13.1 During the course of the year, Council Members have represented the College in various national committees and programmes:

- i) MOH Committee on Women's Health
A/Prof Lim Lean Huat
- ii) MOH Working Committee on Breast Cancer
Dr Alfred Loh Wee Tiong
- iii) Working Committee on Osteoporosis
Dr Richard Ng Mong Hoo
- iv) MOH Geriatric Screening Workshop
Dr Alfred Loh Wee Tiong
- v) National Medical Ethics Committee
Dr Alfred Loh Wee Tiong
- vi) MOH Committee on Clinical Guidelines on the Use of Antibiotics
*Dr Alfred Loh Wee Tiong, A/Professor Goh Lee Gan
Dr Lee Kheng Hock, Dr Soh Cheow Beng*
- vii) MOH Committee on Clinical Guidelines for Respiratory Infections
Dr Lee Kheng Hock
- viii) MOH Data Administration Committee
Dr Lee Kheng Hock
- ix) MOH Information Technology in Healthcare: Focus Group on Research, Professional Education and Development
Dr Lee Kheng Hock
- x) MOH Advisory Committee on Family Medicine
*A/Prof Lim Lean Huat
Dr Alfred Loh Wee Tiong*
- xi) Singapore Medical Council CME Coordinating Committee
Dr Alfred Loh Wee Tiong
- xii) Board of Visitors to Woodbridge Hospital
Dr Alfred Loh Wee Tiong

3.0 COLLEGE MEMBERSHIP

3.1 The membership strength was **718** as at 31 March 2000. The distribution by membership type is as follows:

Honorary Fellows	12
Fellows	18
Diplomate	72
Ordinary Members	390
Associate Members	170
Overseas Members	4
Retired Members	52

Total	718

4.0 ACTIVITIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES

4.1 Please refer to the reports from the respective Chairmen of the Standing Committees found in this publication.

5.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

5.1 The 17th Council places on record its thanks to all Council Members, College Members, and fellow colleagues in the medical community who have contributed and supported the College in one way or another to the success of the past year's activities. Special thanks and acknowledgement are given to Ms Yvonne Chung, Administrative Manager, and her staff for the efficient and excellent administrative support rendered to the Council and members of the College.

Dr Lee Kheng Hock
Honorary Secretary
17th Council (1999-2001)

Dr Tan Boon Yeow, who scored the highest overall mark and reached distinction, is awarded the College of Family Physicians, Singapore, Gold Medal.

3 GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN FAMILY MEDICINE (GDFM)

The Graduate Diploma in Family Medicine is planned for implementation in mid 2000. It is a vocational training certification to train primary care doctors to practise Family Medicine at an **enhanced** level that is able to meet the needs of the young child, the adolescent, the adult and the elderly. The diploma training programme and the examination emphasises diagnostic and management skills in the various clinical disciplines. The entry requirements include a basic degree of the MBBS or equivalent qualification that is registrable with the Singapore Medical Council (SMC), and at least three years' registration with the SMC.

The course consists of:

- Distance-learning and workshops (FMTP)
- Tutorials
- Family Medicine Skills Courses
- Elective Short Clinical Courses

The Family Medicine content is organised into 8 modules to be covered in 2 years. One module is covered in 3 months. The content is organised into 3 parts - whole person medicine, disease management by body systems, and practice management. Four Saturday afternoon workshops are conducted for every module.

The course will be organised jointly by:

- Graduate School of Medical Studies, National University of Singapore
- College of Family Physicians, Singapore
- The two public sector healthcare clusters

The main teaching faculty will include Family Medicine teachers from the National University of Singapore, the public sector and the private sector, including those involved in the teaching of the Master of Medicine (Family Medicine) degree. The course is on a part-time basis and the majority of candidates will not need to take leave or time off from their regular work, except for the Basic Clinical Skills Course. The course must be completed within 24 months. Any candidate who has not completed the course at the end of this period may seek approval for an extension. Each diploma trainee would be attached to a tutorial group of up to 6 trainees, under an appointed tutor who must possess at least a Master of Medicine (Family Medicine) degree or equivalent. One tutorial will be conducted each quarter, corresponding to the topics in the current module of learning.

Family Medicine Skills Courses

Four Family Medicine Skills courses to emphasise basic clinical diagnostic and management skills essential to general practice will be conducted in the two years. Attendance is compulsory. These are communication and counselling, medico-legal skill, data interpretation and basic clinical skills.

Elective Short Clinical Courses

These short clinical courses will emphasise basic clinical diagnostic and management skills essential to general practice. They will be conducted by the clinical departments and accredited as courses for the GDFM. The course participant is expected to attend at least one a year in the area of his or her choice. The participants will also be issued with a logbook in which they will be required to log the FMTP modules, the tutorials and the short courses attended.

Examination structure

There are three parts to the examination

- 50%: Written examinations consisting of an MCQ paper and short answer/modified essay question paper
- 50%: Skills Assessment by OSCE (Objective Skills Clinical Examination)

The 2-year programme is targeted to start in July 2000 with an initial intake of up to 120 students. In the event that the course is over-subscribed, priority will be given to practising Family Physicians and members of the College of Family Physicians, Singapore.

Dr Lau Hong Choon
Censor-in-Chief

REPORT OF THE CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1 April 1999 – 31 March 2000

Chairman:	Dr Richard Ng Mong Hoo
Secretary:	Dr Kwan Yew Seng
Members:	Dr Tan Chee Beng Dr Julian Lim Lee Kiang
Librarian:	Dr Gerard Low Mun Heng
Ex-Officio:	Dr Lau Hong Choon

The Continuing Medical Education (CME) Committee continues to be one of the busiest standing committees of the College. The period 1 April 1999–31 March 2000 marked some important milestones in the College's CME calendar.

On a related and broader issue, the administration of the national Singapore Medical Council - Continuing Medical Education (SMC-CME) Programme, successfully carried out by the College on behalf of the SMC-CME Committee since 1993, was taken back by the SMC on 1 January 2000. This is in line with the SMC's launch of their new on-line CME system. The College continues to be represented in the SMC's Education Committee which now oversees the new national CME programme, and plays an important and vital role in the accreditation of CME programmes for GPs/ Family Physicians.

Courses and conferences

In recognition of the need for practical and relevant CME, the College launched a number of courses to provide value added CME that will contribute directly to the practice of Family Physicians.

i) Graduate Diploma in Basic Ultrasonography (Obstetrics and Gynaecology)

After some three years of planning and preparation, the course leading to the Graduate Diploma in Basic Ultrasonography (Obstetrics and Gynaecology) was launched on 18 July 1999 by the College and the Graduate School of Medical Studies, National University of Singapore.

The organising committee and core teaching faculty have designed a programme that would meet international standards and be on par with other internationally recognised courses in ultrasonography.

The aim of the course is to enable GPs/Family Physicians (FPs) to be proficient in the use of ultrasonography in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, and to use this diagnostic tool appropriately and competently in the primary care setting. The course is structured in modules with a large distance learning component, an appropriate blend of hands-on training, log work, formative and summative assessment. Taking into consideration of the Family Physician's busy schedule, candidates have been allowed a maximum of 24 months to complete the course. The diploma will be awarded on passing all sections of the examination, consisting of a viva based on the logbook, written paper and skills assessment, and on completion of 400 logged scans.

The initial intake was limited to 14 candidates. This was a deliberate choice made by the teaching faculty to enable the close monitoring of the course and to test the supporting logistics and teaching facilities as the course progresses.

The College is very fortunate to have the support of very senior members from the departments of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of the National University Hospital, the Singapore General Hospital and the KK Women's and Children's Hospital in the core teaching faculty, as well as senior members of the Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Family Medicine fraternities in private practice. The College would like to especially acknowledge its gratitude to Emeritus Professor SS Ratnam (then Director of the Graduate School of Medical Studies) for his unflinching support, encouragement, advice and guidance to see the fruition of the course.

ii) Family Medicine: Facing Demographic Change

As part of the College's 7th Scientific Conference and 8th Meditech Exhibition held on 25 – 26 September 1999, the Organising Committee decided to address the wide range of issues on caring for the elderly. Topics included: health screening in the elderly, dementia, Alzheimer's disease, depression, osteoporosis, sexual dysfunction, orthopaedics medicine for the elderly, falls and pitfalls, urinary incontinence and palliative care.

More details can be found in the Conference Organising Committee Chairman's report in this Annual Report.

iii) 4th Annual Surgical Update for Family Practice

With the continued support of College members and other GPs/ Family Physicians, the Annual Surgical Update as a regular CME event has built up a reputation of its own. The 4th Annual Surgical Update for Family Practice was held on 4-5 March 2000, focussing on Surgical Oncology and Gynaecologic Surgery. Some 130 participants registered for the 2-day programme.

Accommodating the feedback from previous delegates, the Surgical Update was modified to extend day 1 into the evening. This enabled registrants to participate in the workshop demonstrations in the evening on: lumps and bumps; mammograms, imaging and biopsies; gynaecological procedures; and endoscopies. Day 2 started in the afternoon which enabled the doctors to attend the whole of the programme without disrupting their morning clinics.

iv) Minor Surgical Procedures Course for Family Physicians

In conjunction with the 4th Annual Surgical Update, the College's inaugural Minor Surgical Procedures Course was held on the weekend of 11–12 March 2000. This was a highly intensive hands-on programme with live surgery viewing of the various procedures via a two-way audio video link between the course participants and the surgeons in the operating theatre. The procedures demonstrated included excision of a sebaceous cyst,

subcutaneous lipoma, papilloma, wedge excision of an ingrown toe nail, avulsion of an ingrown toe nail, band ligation and injection of haemorrhoids.

The participants were also given practical tips on the appropriate selection and handling of instruments, correct incision, excision and undermining techniques, correct knot tying and suturing techniques, wound closure and methods of haemostasis.

The Organising Committee specifically designed the course so that it would contribute directly to the Family Physician's practice. Given its very practical nature, the course was limited to 40 participants. This enabled each participant to have his/her own set instruments, sutures and life-like and anatomically correct tissue models to practice the various procedures, with close tutoring and supervision from the teaching faculty.

Within 10 days of the 1st announcement of the Minor Surgical Procedures Course, it was oversubscribed. Many members have already asked to be placed on the list of interested participants for the next course. Given the large amount of planning and coordinating required for such an intense hands-on course between the teaching faculty, operating theatre, logistical support and patients cases, the College is planning to hold the second course in the 1st quarter of 2001.

From the feedback of the participants for this first course, they enjoyed and benefited tremendously from this hands-on course. The good rapport between the GPs/FPs and specialist colleagues could clearly be seen.

v) **Self Study CME**

Aware of the busy schedules of GPs/ FPs, the College has sought to make CME more achievable by introducing *The Columbia University Home Doctor Study Program: Estrogen Deficiency and the Menopause*. This is a structured distance learning course comprising 8 modules, offering a comprehensive coverage of the menopause, and built around a series of patient management problems, serving as the basis for discussion of the relevant medical issues and practices.

Since its launch in January 2000 to date (31 March 2000) some 140 participants have registered for the course.

Nominally sponsored/co-organised CME events with other professional organisations and societies.

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|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 10 April 1999 | The role of the Family Physician in the management of external genital warts. |
| 11 April 1999 | A shared care approach to cardiac care. |
| 17 April 1999 | Stand up to osteoporosis. |
| 24 April 1999 | Male pattern hair loss, androgenic alopecia, the psychological effects. |

15 May 1999	Update on neck and low back pain for General Practitioners.
12 June 1999	Cardioprotective effects of HRT.
17 July 1999	Update on the management of Acne Vulgaris.
18 September 1999	Dual protection in a world in motion (Hepatitis A & B).
9 October 1999	Practical approach to acne, including hormonal treatment.
23 October 1999	Recent advances in HRT.
26 February 2000	Influenza management in the 21 st Century
18 March 2000	Recent advances in type 2 diabetes.
25 March 2000	Clinical management of neuropathic pain.

Acknowledgements

I would like place on record my thanks and appreciation to members of the CME Committee, the support and commitment of the various teaching faculties, organising committees, staff of the College Secretariat and participants, for making all the above events possible and successful.

Dr Richard Ng Mong Hoo
 Chairman
 Continuing Medical Education Committee

REPORT ON THE FAMILY MEDICINE TEACHING PROGRAMME

1 April 1999 to 31 March 2000

In the year under review, the move to Internet based reading materials was started with Module 5 of the Family Medicine Teaching Programme (FMTP). At the time of filing this report, Module 7 has been completed.

Each module now consists of 8 sessions of distance learning material that is accessible to participants who register on the course over the Internet through the use of a password. This arrangement allows participants to read the material at their own time.

There are now 4 face-to-face teaching sessions compared to the 8 in the past. As before, the teaching sessions are conducted on Saturday afternoons but the approach is different. They are devoted to discussions on the case studies given out with the Internet based course materials. The formative assessment of the course is through MCQs, ten for each session studied.

Like all new efforts, there are some teething problems. These are being sorted out and we look forward to enhancing the content with video clips in the future. For the time being, however, the challenge is to get the standard text version of the modular teaching materials out.

In the year under review, 74 - 107 doctors enrolled in the Family Medicine Teaching Programme. Three modules of the FMTP were conducted in the period from 1 April 1999 to 31 March 2000. The attendance figures comprising the different category of doctors are shown below.

Module	Period	Family Physicians	PPS Trainees	MOH Trainees	TOTAL
5	3 July – 28 Sept 1999	3	15	89	107
6	27 Nov – 18 Dec 1999	6	8	60	74
7	19 Feb 2000- 25 Mar 2000	7	8	59	74

Thanks are due to the chairmen and resource persons for their contributions in the teaching programme. Thanks are also due to Ms Yvonne Chung, Ms Katy Chan and Ms Belinda Fok for their administrative and secretarial support.

Associate Professor Goh Lee Gan
Course Director
Family Medicine Teaching Programme

REPORT OF THE UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING COMMITTEE

1 April 1999 to 31 March 2000

Chairman:	Dr David Lim Hock Kuang
Members:	A/Prof Cheong Pak Yean Dr Lawrence Ng Chee Lian
Ex-Officio:	A/Prof Lim Lean Huat

The Undergraduate Teaching Committee continues to work closely with the National University of Singapore (NUS). In the past year, it co-organised the following activities with the Department of Community, Occupational and Family Medicine (COFM), NUS

1) **COMMUNICATION SKILLS WITH PATIENTS MODULE (26 April 1999 to 31 May 1999)**

The following Family Medicine tutors taught 2nd year medical students at their clinics as well as holding teaching sessions at the National University Hospital wards:

Dr F Alsogoff
A/Professor Cheong Pak Yean
Dr Hong Ching ye
Dr Jason Yap
Dr Ajith Damodaran
Dr Robin Elizabeth Teoh
Dr Lau Waun Kei

2) **GENERAL PRACTITIONER TUTORS FOR FAMILY MEDICINE POSTINGS AT CLINICS**

The following GP/ Family Physician tutors took in 3rd year medical students for clinical attachments at their respective clinics in February 2000.

Dr Ajith Damodaran	Dr Lim Priscilla
Dr Ang Boon Kiang, Steven	Dr Loh Wee Tiong, Alfred
Dr Bina Kurup	Dr Lok Yin Fang
Dr Chan Swee Mong, Paul	Dr Loo Choo Woon, Daniel
Dr Chan Teng Mui, Tammy	Dr Loong Tze Wey
Dr Cheong Bernard	Dr Low Chee Wah, Mark
Dr Chew Khek Kah	Dr Low Kee Hwa
Dr Chok Ching Chay	Dr Low Mun Heng, Gerald
Dr Chow Yew Choong, Vincent	Dr Lu Mark
Dr Chua Hua Eng, Daniel/Dr Yap Lee	Dr Mao Fong Hao
Dr Chua Pong Kuan	Dr N K Virabhak
Dr Gabriel Seow Hoong Wei	Dr Ng Joo Ming, Matthew
Dr Gan Tek Kah	Dr Omar Bin Saleh Taib
Dr Goh Ming Kiong	Dr Pang Sze Kang, Jonathan

Dr Gong Swee Choo
Dr Hia Kwee Yang
Dr Hwang Teng Ben, Winston
Dr Jason Pang Wui Chi/Dr Ho Jee Meng
Dr John Hui Keem Peng
Dr Kan Siew Yoong
Dr Kong Eng Kheng/Dr Kevin Koh
Dr Kwek Soon Kiat, Eric
Dr Lee Chon Sham/Dr Tan Kee Guan
Dr Lee Hew Mun, John
Dr Lee Kheng Hock
Dr Lee Kok Keng
Dr Lee Tang Yin/Dr Chong Lay Hwa
Dr Lim Geok Leong
Dr Lim Hock Kuang, David
Dr Lim Jit Biaw, Benny
Dr Lim Khai Liang, John
Dr Lim Kim Leong
A/Prof Lim Lean Huat
Dr Lim Lee Kiang, Julian

Dr Soh Cheow Beng, Aloysius
Dr Tan Kee Wang
Dr Tan Kok Eng
Dr Tan See Leng
Dr Tan Swee Lian, Cecilia
Dr Tan Teck Hong
Dr Tan Tze Lee
Dr Tan Yu Sing/Dr Phoon Chiu Yong
Dr Thio Yauw Leng, Bernard
Dr Tong Jia Jong, Stephen
Dr Wee Chee Chau
Dr Wee Sip Leong, Victor
Dr Wong Kum Hoong
Dr Wong Ming
Dr Wong Tack Keong, Michael
Dr Wong Wee Nam
Dr Wong Weng Yew
Dr Yap Soo Kor, Jason
Dr Yeo Peng Hock, Henry
Dr Yii Hee Seng

3) **GENERAL PRACTITIONER POSTINGS, BRIEFINGS AND FEEDBACK/
DISCUSSION**

This year's annual gathering of the General Practitioner Tutors was held on Friday, 14 January 2000 in Lecture Theatre 30, National University Singapore. There was a feedback session followed by a lecture on "What is Evidence-Based Medicine" by Dr Saw Seang Mei. A/Prof Goh Lee Gan then spoke on "Evidence-Based Medicine in URTI". This was followed by a panel discussion.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all Family Medicine practitioners for their continued hard work and effort in making this programme a success every year.

Dr David Lim Hock Kuang
Chairman
Undergraduate Teaching Committee

REPORT OF THE RESEARCH & INFORMATION COMMITTEE

1 April 1999 – 31 March 2000

Chairman:	Dr Kwan Yew Seng
Members:	Dr Lee Kheng Hock Dr Julian Lim Lee Kiang
Ex-officio:	A/Prof Goh Lee Gan

Launch of College Website

The College website was officially launched on 22 May 1999. The website address is <http://www.cfps.org.sg>

The website contains the following:

- CME on-line
- Forum page for the exchange of views between members
- The College Mirror newsletter
- Full text articles of the Singapore Family Physician journal
- The Sreenivasan Oration – a series of lectures on philosophy and directions of Family Medicine
- College Council and its Committees
- College history and milestones

The syllabus on Family Medicine is preserved as a 8-module programme consisting of 3 sub-modules covering:

- Care of specific population groups like child health, adult health, women's health and health for the elderly
- Systematic approach to medical disorders important in the Primary Care setting, ranging from cardiovascular and respiratory disorders to metabolic and nutritional disorders
- Practice management covering topics from medical records to quality assurance

There are also articles for the doctor to read, case studies to challenge his/her diagnostic and management skills, and MCQ assessments.

The website also provides convenient links to websites of Family Medicine Colleges around the world.

The Achilles Research Project

A survey of foot pathology in primary care was conducted between 1 February 1999 to 31 March 1999. The results were analysed and presented at the College's 7th Scientific Conference and 8th Meditech Exhibition on 25-26 September 1999.

A total of 54 clinics participated in this study. The study found that foot pathologies were less common in Singapore compared to other Asia-Pacific countries and European countries. The prevalence of foot conditions was 36%. The commonest predisposing factor was trauma. The major problems were callosities, eczema and fungal infection. A handbook on the diagnosis and management of foot conditions is in the process of being printed. The project was sponsored by a research grant from Janssen-Cilag.

Dr Kwan Yew Seng
Chairman
Research and Information Committee

REPORT OF THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

1 April 1999 – 31 March 2000

Chairman:	Dr Tan Chee Beng
Administrative Editor:	Ms Yvonne Chung
Section Editors:	Dr Lau Hong Choon A/Prof Goh Lee Gan Dr Lee Kheng Hock Dr Paul Goh Soo Chye Dr Julian Lim Lee Kiang Dr Tay Ee Guan Dr Helen Leong Soh Sum Dr Tan Ngiap Chuan
College Mirror Editor:	Ms Yvonne Chung
Editorial Assistant:	Ms Katy Chan

It was a fruitful year for the Singapore Family Physician and the College Mirror. The strategy of inviting resource persons from popularly attended CME talks, seminars and workshops to contribute to the journal had worked well. Many of the resource persons have responded favourably and have taken the extra effort to contribute to our journal. Currently we are to date and have a sizable number of articles waiting to be published.

The Singapore Family Physician has continued to keep to a thematic approach in both organisation and content. The focus of our journal is on practical approaches and clinical updates. The journal will continue to serve as an important avenue for family physicians to keep themselves updated with the current trends and practices of Family Medicine.

The College Mirror, with its colour and glamour, has served well in keeping members informed of the latest College news, activities and announcements. We have received positive feedback on its presentation and style.

Although there are over 100 MMed (Family Medicine) graduates, only a small number have contributed articles to *The Singapore Family Physician*. There is a need to work on this group of well-trained Family Physicians to contribute more to the journal. This will be one of the objectives for the Publications Committee next year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the authors for their contribution to the journal. I would also like to thank the Administrative Editor and the Editorial Assistant for their commitment and dedication in making *The Singapore Family Physician* and *The College Mirror* a success.

Dr Tan Chee Beng
Honorary Editor

REPORT OF THE PRACTICE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

1 April 1999 – 31 March 2000

Chairman: Dr Tan See Leng
Secretary: Dr Matthew Ng Joo Ming
Member: Dr Lawrence Ng Chee Lian

The year started with the decision to appoint myself as the chairman of this committee for one year (1-4-1999 to 31-3-2000) followed by Dr Matthew Ng as chairman in the second year (1-4-2000 to 31-3-2001). The purpose of this is to inject new blood into the various committees of the College.

This was an eventful year with the launch of the much awaited course leading to the award of the Graduate Diploma in Basic Ultrasonography (Obstetrics and Gynaecology) in July 1999. The programme got off to roaring start with more than the quota of participants and the course is well underway. The second intake of trainees will be scheduled for mid 2000.

The Practice Management Committee also participated in College's 7th Scientific Conference and 8th Meditech Exhibition held over two days on 25-26 September 1999. The conference opened amidst much fanfare and was graced by the presence of Mr Chan Soo Sen, Parliamentary Secretary for Health, who officially opened event.

The committee also continued to participate in visits to the various SAF medical centres. Two visits were made: the first was to the Sembawang Airbase Medical Centre on 27 May 1999 by Dr Alfred Loh and myself; the second visit was to Sungei Gedong (Armour) Medical Centre on 18 January 2000 by Dr David Lim and myself.

Our terms of reference were to:

- Provide professional feedback on the quality of health services provided by SAF Medical Centres
- To make recommendations to improve the level of primary health care in the SAF

The members of the Practice Management Committee also participated in the Medical Technology and Standards committee under the Productivity and Standards Board. They were actively involved in the adoption of the ISO certification procedures for medical devices and equipment. I was also appointed to chair a technical committee to adopt a set of ISO certification standards for portable home blood glucose monitoring.

It is envisaged that in the coming years, the Practice Management Committee will continue to actively participate in many such activities to improve the practice of Family Physicians.

Dr Tan See Leng
Chairman
Practice Management Committee

**REPORT ON THE 7TH SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE
AND 8TH MEDITECH EXHIBITION**

1 April 1999 – 31 March 2000

Organising Committee

Chairman:	Dr Kwan Yew Seng
Vice-Chairman:	Dr Tan Chee Beng
Secretary:	Dr Matthew Ng
Treasurer:	Dr Arthur Tan
Scientific Programme Chairman:	Dr Tan Chee Beng
Scientific Programme Committee:	A/Prof Lim Lean Huat Dr Richard Ng Dr Julian Lim
Exhibition Chairman:	Dr Tan See Leng
Ex-Officio:	Dr Alfred Loh A/Prof Goh Lee Gan
Conference Co-ordinator:	Ms Yvonne Chung
Secretariat staff:	Ms Katy Chan

The College held its 7th Scientific Conference and 8th Meditech Exhibition on 25-26 September 1999.

The theme of the conference was "Family Medicine: Facing Demographic Change". This theme was specially chosen to reflect the growing importance of Family Physicians to be well-trained in managing the problems of an ageing population. The scientific programme included lectures, symposia and workshops on a range of topics: health screening in the elderly, dementia, Alzheimer's disease, depression, osteoporosis, sexual dysfunction, othopaedic medicine for the elderly, urinary incontinence and palliative care. We were honoured to have the late Professor Chao Tzee Cheng share his expertise and experience with us in a special feature entitled "Falls and Pitfalls in the Elderly".

Mr Chan Soo Sen, Parliament Secretary, Ministry of Health, was the Guest of Honour and he gave the opening address. Dr Tan Cheng Bock, a practising Family Physician and a Member of Parliament for the Ayer Rajah Constituency, delivered the 17th Sreenivasan Oration entitled "Medicine and Politics: Do they mix?".

A special feature at the conference's Opening Ceremony was the awarding of the Albert and Mary Lim Award to Dr Arthur Tan Chin Lock and Dr Richard Ng Mong Hoo for their outstanding contribution and services to the College and Family Medicine.

Associate Professor Chee Yam Cheng was conferred an Honorary Fellowship of the College for his distinguished contribution to Family Medicine in Singapore and to the College.

The 8th Meditech Exhibition saw a wide spectrum of companies from the medical trade industry taking part.

The one and a half day conference ended with a College's Dinner at the Westin Plaza. Among the invited guests included colleagues from the Ministry of Health, and specialists from various teaching faculties and other medical bodies.

We extend our gratitude and thanks to the Conference Organising Committee and to the Secretariat staff for their hard work. Special acknowledgements are accorded to Glaxo Wellcome, Janssen Cilag, Merck Sharp & Dohme and Schering for their respective sponsorships, and also to the trade exhibitors. The conference was able to generate surplus funds of some \$33,000.

Dr Kwan Yew Seng
Chairman
Organising Committee
7th Scientific Conference and 8th Meditech Exhibition

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

1 April 1999 – 31 March 2000

Chairman: Dr Richard Ng Mong Hoo
 Members: Dr Alfred Loh Wee Tiong
 Dr Arthur Tan Chin Lock
 Ex-Officio: A/Prof Lim Lean Huat

The College Council did its utmost to organise numerous activities, chalking up a gross income of S\$301,871.00, but in spite of this, our annual accounts still show a deficit of S\$42,147.00. However, the effort has resulted in a reduction of this year's deficit by 56%, through a 5% increase in income and a 10.7% decrease in annual expenditure as compared to the previous year.

Rental and staff cost remained the two biggest items of expenditure for the year, at S\$80,249.00 and S\$86,638.00 respectively, although there was a 26.5% reduction in rent after repeated appeals, while staff cost had increase by a marginal 7%. In addition, subscription income was reduced by 36.7% over the previous year (from S\$102,382.00 to S\$64,825.00), due to outstanding payments from members, some stretching over a number of years. Hence, the negative balance is insurmountable due to the high commercial rent, staff cost, our organisation not being commercially geared to cope with such commercial expenditures, and our fear of reduced support by members should we increase the cost for our activities/courses.

The four major activities organised this year yielded the following financial outcome:

Activity	Income (S\$)	Expenditure (S\$)	Balance (S\$)
FMTP (on-going)	61,310.00	5,742.00	55,568.00
Annual Surgical Update	14,023.00	11,262.00	2,761.00
Minor Surgical Procedures Course	7,840.00	9,642.00	(1,832.00)
Scientific Conference	44,250.00	25,180.00	19,070.00
Meditech Exhibition	17,110.00	4,160.00	12,950.00

High income yield was possible for the 1999 Scientific Conference and Meditech Exhibition because of sponsorship by pharmaceutical companies while the deficit for the Minor Surgical Procedures Course was due to the high capital cost of purchasing the surgical models. Some of these, however, are re-useable in subsequent courses that the College will conduct as, being hands-on courses, they are popular amongst our younger members. The organising committee will be adjusting future course fees to ensure we cover the costs.

The table below shows the financial performance of the College for the past 8 years:

Summary of Income & Expenditure from 1992 to 2000

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Gross Income	11,4740	137,922	166,953	290,988	258,645	266,866	291,244	289,518	301,871
Gross Expenditure	156,452	174,888	132,667	136,526	198,296	312,705	485,833	385,319	344,018
BALANCE	(41,712)	(36,966)	34,286	154,462	60,349	(45,839)	(194,589)	(95,801)	(42,147)

Dr Richard Ng Mong Hoo
 Honorary Treasurer

COLLEGE OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS SINGAPORE

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST MARCH, 2000

**AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
COLLEGE OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS SINGAPORE**

We have audited the accompanying balance sheet as at 31st March, 2000, and the income and expenditure account for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.


We conducted our audit in accordance with Singapore Standards on Auditing. Those Standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements are properly drawn up in accordance with the rules and Statements of Accounting Standard, and so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the College of Family Physicians Singapore at 31st March, 2000 and of the results of the College of Family Physicians Singapore for the year then ended on that date.

Singapore,
19th April, 2000



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COLLEGE OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS SINGAPORE

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2000

	<u>NOTE</u>	S\$	<u>2000</u> S\$	S\$	<u>1999</u> S\$
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>					
Balance at 31st March, 1999			(137,767)		(41,966)
(Add): Net (deficit) for the year			<u>(42,147)</u>		<u>(95,801)</u>
			(179,914)		(137,767)
<u>OTHER FUNDS</u>					
Journal fund	(2)	33,919		32,750	
College Development and Research fund	(3)	773,276		746,627	
Victor Louis Fernandez Fellowship fund	(4)	27,182		26,245	
Postgraduate Family Medicine Library fund	(5)	824,741		796,318	
Albert and Mary Lim award	(6)	18,871		-	
Family Medicine fund (Myanmar)	(7)	1,705		-	
Columbia University Home Study Programme	(8)	<u>11,060</u>	<u>1,690,754</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,601,940</u>
			1,510,840		1,464,173
			<u>11,975</u>		<u>-</u>
			<u>1,522,815</u>		<u>1,464,173</u>
<u>REVALUATION RESERVE</u>					
REPRESENTED BY:					
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>	(9)		38,284		28,601
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>					
Stock of postage stamps		142		142	
Fixed deposit	(10)	1,445,091		1,408,231	
Cash in hand and at bank	(11)	65,496		63,821	
Sundry receivable	(12)	11,300		11,300	
Deposits	(13)	<u>1,000</u>		<u>1,000</u>	
			<u>1,523,029</u>	<u>1,484,494</u>	
<u>LESS: CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>					
Advance for fellowship programme		-		6,000	
Advance for advertisement		6,240		-	
Accrued charges	(14)	<u>32,258</u>		<u>42,922</u>	
		<u>38,498</u>		<u>48,922</u>	
Net current assets			<u>1,484,531</u>		<u>1,435,572</u>
			<u>1,522,815</u>		<u>1,464,173</u>

See accompanying notes to the accounts

COLLEGE OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS SINGAPORE

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2000

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>NOTE</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
		S\$	S\$
Subscription		64,825	102,382
Entrance fees		1,250	650
Miscellaneous income	(15a)	229,199	186,486
Wonca bid fund		<u>6,597</u>	<u>-</u>
		301,871	289,518
 <u>LESS: EXPENDITURE</u>			
Salaries, bonus and allowance		86,638	81,042
Provident fund and skill development levy		8,454	13,932
Rental of office premises		80,249	109,182
Conference		-	3,541
Printing and stationery		6,968	5,672
Telephone charges		1,505	857
Postages		10,471	9,182
Transport		857	163
Insurance		847	847
Water and electricity		2,098	2,266
Repairs and maintenance		658	549
Miscellaneous expenses	(15b)	140,181	140,067
Auditors' remuneration		700	700
Depreciation of fixed assets		<u>4,392</u>	<u>17,319</u>
Net (deficit) for the year		<u><u>(42,147)</u></u>	<u><u>(95,147)</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the accounts

COLLEGE OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS SINGAPORE

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31ST MARCH, 2000

1) GENERAL

The accounts of the college are expressed in Singapore dollars.

2) JOURNAL FUND

<u>1999</u>		<u>2000</u>
S\$		S\$
30,400	Balance at 31st March, 1999	32,750
2,350	Add: Interest on fixed deposit	1,169
<u>32,750</u>	Balance at 31st March, 2000	<u>33,919</u>

3) COLLEGE DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH FUND

<u>1999</u>		<u>2000</u>
S\$		S\$
692,950	Balance at 31st March, 1999	746,627
100	Add: Donations during the year	-
53,577	Interest on fixed deposit	26,649
<u>746,627</u>	Balance at 31st March, 2000	<u>773,276</u>

4) VICTOR LOUIS FERNANDEZ FELLOWSHIP FUND

<u>1999</u>		<u>2000</u>
S\$		S\$
24,361	Balance at 31st March, 1999	26,245
1,884	Add: Interest on fixed deposit	937
<u>26,245</u>	Balance at 31st March, 2000	<u>27,182</u>

5) POSTGRADUATE FAMILY MEDICINE LIBRARY FUND

<u>1999</u>		<u>2000</u>
S\$		S\$
739,168	Balance at 31st March, 1999	796,318
57,150	Add: Interest on fixed deposit	28,423
<u>796,318</u>	Balance at 31st March, 2000	<u>824,741</u>

6) ALBERT AND MARY LIM AWARD

<u>1999</u>		<u>2000</u>
S\$		S\$
-	Funds brought in during the year	18,871

7) FAMILY MEDICINE FUND (MYANMAR)

<u>1999</u>		<u>2000</u>
S\$		S\$
-	Funds brought in during the year	1,705

8) COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY HOME STUDY PROGRAMME

<u>1999</u>		<u>2000</u>
S\$		S\$
-	Funds brought in during the year	11,060

9) FIXED ASSETS

<u>2000</u>	AT COST AT 31-03-1999	ADDITION/ REVALUATION	ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	DEPRECIATION FOR THE YEAR	NET VA
	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Furniture and fittings	81,657	-	81,275	190	
Tapes and library books	54,688	-	54,688	-	
Office equipment	69,643	-	67,541	2,102	
Computers	55,154	2,100	57,254	2,100	
Chubb alarm system	4,264	-	4,264	-	
Paintings	11,525	-	-	-	1
Potteries	12,300	11,975	-	-	2
	289,231	14,075	265,022	4,392	3

<u>1999</u>	AT COST AT 31-03-1998	ADDITION	ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	DEPRECIATION FOR THE YEAR	NET VA
	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Furniture and fittings	81,657	-	81,085	190	
Tapes and library books	54,688	-	54,688	-	
Office equipment	69,643	-	65,439	2,102	
Computers	40,127	15,027	55,154	15,027	
Chubb alarm system	4,264	-	4,264	-	
Paintings	11,525	-	-	-	1
Potteries	12,300	-	-	-	1
	274,204	15,027	260,630	17,319	2

No depreciation is provided for paintings as they appreciate in value. The potteries have been revalued during the year.

10)	<u>FIXED DEPOSIT</u>		
	<u>1999</u>		<u>2000</u>
	S\$		S\$
	32,750	Journal fund	33,915
	746,627	College Development and Research fund	773,276
	26,245	Victor Louis Fernandez Fellowship fund	27,182
	796,318	Postgraduate Family Medicine Library fund	824,741
	(193,709)	General fund	(214,023)
	<u>1,408,231</u>		<u>1,445,091</u>
11)	<u>CASH IN HAND AND AT BANK</u>		
	<u>1999</u>		<u>2000</u>
	S\$		S\$
	851	Cash in hand	901
	49,196	Cash at Overseas Union Bank-a/c. No.1	32,529
	5,914	Cash at Overseas Union Bank-a/c. No.2	5,914
	5,686	Cash at Overseas Union Bank-a/c. No.3	3,649
	2,174	Cash at Citibank-Maxisave	22,503
	<u>63,821</u>		<u>65,496</u>
12)	<u>SUNDRY RECEIVABLE</u>		
	<u>1999</u>		<u>2000</u>
	S\$		S\$
	10,690	Subscription in arrears	10,690
	610	Singapore Family Physician advertisers	610
	<u>11,300</u>		<u>11,300</u>
13)	<u>DEPOSITS</u>		
	<u>1999</u>		<u>2000</u>
	S\$		S\$
	1,000	Security deposit	1,000

14) ACCRUED CHARGES

<u>1999</u>		<u>2000</u>
S\$		S\$
700	V.P.Kumaran & Co.	700
5,625	Renovation and upgrading	5,625
30,000	Journals	25,933
6,597	Wonca bid	-
<u>42,922</u>		<u>32,258</u>

15a) MISCELLANEOUS INCOME

<u>1999</u>		<u>2000</u>
S\$		S\$
-	Advance for Fellowship Programme	6,000
-	Achilles project	10,000
-	Rental of booth	15,000
-	Meditech exhibition	2,110
-	Scientific Conference	44,250
9,440	Advertisement in publications	8,500
29,385	SMC-CME	22,263
1,256	Sundry income	815
74,077	Family Medicine Teaching Programme	61,310
-	Minor Surgical Precedures	7,840
2,105	Journal Fund-Singapore Family Physician	480
7,150	Ophthalmology and Gynaecology course	-
35,290	Mailing & despatch fee	36,608
27,783	Annual Surgical Update	14,023
<u>186,486</u>		<u>229,199</u>

15b) MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES

<u>1999</u>		<u>2000</u>
S\$		S\$
10,123	Research fee	1,324
-	Meditech Exhibition	4,160
2,854	Journal	-
9,820	Family Medicine Teaching Programme	5,742
1,742	Refreshment	1,925
2,641	Sundries	2,132
15,000	Donations-NUS Endowment Fund	-
16,995	Security charges	16,995
4,093	Photocopying	4,586
12,500	The Singapore Family Physician	25,673
4,200	Accounting charges	4,200
-	Minor Surgical Procedures	9,672
21,209	Annual Surgical Update	11,262
9,150	Scientific Conference	25,180
-	O & G Ultrasound	3,030
29,740	SMC-CME	24,300
<u>140,067</u>		<u>140,181</u>

16) INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSIT

<u>1999</u>		<u>2000</u>
S\$		S\$
114,961	Citibank - Maxisave	57,178
2,350	Less: Transferred to Journal fund	1,169
53,577	Transferred to College Development and Research fund	26,649
1,884	Transferred to Victor Louis Fernandez fellowship fund	937
57,150	Transferred to Postgraduate Family Medicine Library Fund	28,423
<u>114,961</u>		<u>57,178</u>
-	As shown in income and expenditure account	-

17) COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform with the current year's presentation.

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