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(Standing L-R) Dr Ho Yuen, Prof John Wong & Dr Lee Pheng Soon.
(Seated L-R) Dr Oon Chiew Seng, Prof Aline Wong, Mr Khaw Boon Wan, Mrs Khaw BW & Mrs Lee PS.

SMA Annual Dinner

Members of the profession and invited guests of the Singapore Medical Association gathered on 30 April 2005, Saturday, at the Raffles Town Club's Dunearn Ballroom for the SMA Annual Dinner. The Association was once again honoured to have Mr Khaw Boon Wan, Minister for Health as Guest-of-Honour.

The SMA Council and Organising Committee were also pleased that Dr Ho Yuen, the 4th SMA President (1963-64), was among our invited guests.

This year, the SMA Honorary Membership was conferred on Dr Oon Chiew Seng and Prof Aline Wong. The citations were delivered by Dr Chee Phui Hung, another SMA Honorary Member and a familiar figure at the Alumni Medical Centre, and Dr Tan Sze Wee, SMA Council Member and Nominated Member of Parliament, respectively (see pages 4 and 5).

It was also an evening of affirmation and appreciation. The SMA Council decided to acknowledge the contributions of the eight Past Editors of the Singapore Medical Journal by presenting them with tokens of appreciation. They are Dr Gwee Ah Leng (1960-1971), Dr Tan Kheng Khoo (1971-1975), Prof Lim Pin (1975-1978), Prof Feng Pao Hsui (1978-1987), Prof Chee Yam Cheng (1987-1995), Prof Tan Choon Kim (1995-1996), Prof Kua Ee Heok (1996-1999) and Prof C Rajasoorya (1999-2003).

Other awards presented included the SMA Merit Awards, SMA Long Service Awards and the SMJ Best Research Paper Awards.

SMA MERIT AWARDS 2005

The SMA Merit Awards, which were launched at the Annual Dinner on 16 November 2003, are presented annually, in recognition of the recipients' significant contributions to the Association or medical profession, social service to the community, or commendable personal achievements. The recipients may be SMA Members, doctors, or non-medical professionals.

The recipients of this year's SMA Merit Awards are:

DR LILY NEO, Member of Parliament for Jalan Besar GRC, and Chairman of GPC Health

The Award was presented in recognition of Dr Neo's significant contributions and invaluable services to the community.

DR CHAN KAH POON, Editorial Board Member of SMA News (1987-2005)

The Award was presented to Dr Chan posthumously, in recognition of significant contributions and invaluable services



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The Guest-of-Honour with the 46th SMA Council, Honorary Members and Members of Parliament: (Back L-R) Dr Tan See Leng, Dr Chong Yeh Woei, Dr Tham Tat Yean, Dr Chin Jing Jih, Dr Tan Sze Wee, Dr Michael Lim, Dr Yue Wai Mun, Dr Wong Tien Hua, Dr Toh Han Chong & Dr Wong Chiang Yin. (Front L-R) Dr Ben Neo, Dr Lily Neo, Mrs Khaw BW, Mr Khaw Boon Wan, Dr Lee Pheng Soon, Dr Oon Chiew Seng, Prof Aline Wong & Prof John Wong.

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Emcee for the night, Dr Raymond Chua, who is also Honorary Secretary of the 46th SMA Council, entertained audience with his quick wit.



Oriental chic:
(L-R) Ms Tan Wee King, Dr Lily Neo & Ms Susie Kong.

to the SMA. The award was received by his wife, Mrs Elizabeth Chan. Dr Chan, who passed away on 21 February this year, was a regular columnist in the *SMA News*, and went by the pseudonym *Garfield*. Dr Chan entertained readers with his insightful and at times, satirical, but always humorous views on the medical profession for almost 20 years. From January 1986 to September 2004, he wrote 88 articles. A selection from these articles is being compiled and will be published as a book to be released later in the year.

DR MYINT SOE, SMA Honorary Legal Advisor (1982-present)

The Award was presented to Dr Myint Soe, in recognition of significant contributions and invaluable services to the SMA.

SMA LONG SERVICE AWARDS

This year's SMA Long Service Awards were presented to three members of the 46th Council who have served in various SMA Exco positions during the past 10 years. **DR WONG CHIANG YIN**, currently serving the third consecutive year as 1st Vice President, was 2nd Vice President for 2 years and Honorary Secretary for 4 years. Dr Wong has served in the SMA Council for 10 years. **DR YUE WAI MUN** served as Honorary Secretary for 3 years, Honorary Treasurer for 1 year, and Council Member for 5 years. **DR TAN SZE WEE**, who is also the SMA Spokesperson, had served as Honorary Treasurer for 3 years, Honorary Assistant Treasurer for 2 years and Honorary Assistant Secretary for 3 years. All three awardees first joined the SMA Medical Officers Committee in 1994/95.



(L-R) Dr Zaw Myint, Prof Wilfred Peh & Dr Yeo Tiong Cheng.



(Standing L-R) Mr Lek Siang Pheng, Dr Myint Soe, Mr Edwin Tong, Dr Lawrence Ng, Dr Tan Kok Soo & Dr Terence Tan. (Seated L-R) Mrs Lek SP, Mrs Myint Soe, Mr Chan Zhi Ming & Mrs Elizabeth Chan.



(Standing L-R) Dr Khoo Bee Sim, Dr Toh Choon Lai, Dr Wong Chiang Yin, Dr Tan Chong Hiok, Mrs Tan CH & Dr Chin Jing Jih.
(Seated L-R) Dr Yong Nen Khiong, Mrs Yong NK, Dr Samuel & Dr Patricia Ng.



(Standing L-R) Prof Tan Kok Chai, Dr Tan Sze Wee, A/Prof Cheong Pak Yean, Dr Lim Suet Wun & Dr Thean Tsin Pao. (Seated L-R) Mrs Tan KC, Dr Ben Neo, Dr Lily Neo, Dr Michael Lim & Mrs Thean TP.



(L-R) Dr Tan See Leng and Dr Patrick Tseng (President, SDA).

SMJ BEST RESEARCH PAPER AWARD

The Singapore Medical Journal (SMJ) Best Research Paper Award was launched in 2003 to give due recognition to local and regional researchers for good research papers published in the SMJ.

For the SMJ Best Research Paper Award 2004, 53 original articles published in the SMJ January to December 2004 issues were considered. The criteria adopted by the distinguished panel of judges, Prof Chee Yam Cheng, Prof Lee Seng Teik and

Prof Tan Chorh Chuan, in determining the winning articles included the following: (1) the paper with potentially the most impact on healthcare; (2) most rigorous study design/research methodologies; (3) comprehensive data analysis and balanced discussion; and (4) data interpretation.

The winners of the SMJ Best Research Paper Award 2004 were:
First Prize – S\$5,000 cash award, sponsored by Pfizer Pte Ltd.

Dr Hong Ching Ye, A/Prof Chia Kee Seng, A/Prof Kenneth Hughes and Dr Ling Sing Lin for their paper: "Ethnic differences among Chinese, Malay and Indian patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus in Singapore."

Second Prize – S\$3,000 cash award, sponsored by the SMA.

Dr Teck-Onn Lim and Dr Zaki Morad from the Hypertension Study Group for their paper: "Relevance, awareness, treatment and control of hypertension in the Malaysian adult population: Results from the National Health and Morbidity Survey 1996."



Mrs Khaw Boon Wan presents Mr Lim Yong Chin, Vice President of the NUS Medical Society, with the 1st Prize of the Lucky Draw.



(Standing L-R) Prof Arthur Lim, Mr Tan Kin Lian (CEO, NTUC Income), Dr Lawrence Ng, Prof Fock Kwong Ming, Dr Yue Wai Mun & Mrs Yue WM. (Seated L-R) Mrs A Lim, Mrs Tan KL, Dr Chew Chin Hin, Prof Lee Yong Kiat & Mrs Lee YK.



(Standing L-R) Mrs Lam KM, Dr Lam Kian Ming (Medical Advisor, Pfizer), Prof Wilfred Peh, Prof Chee Yam Cheng & Dr Tan See Leng. (Seated L-R) Mrs W Peh, Mrs Lily Peh, Dr Chow Wan Cheng & Mrs Chee YC.



A toast to the evening: (L-R) Mr Khaw Boon Wan, Prof Arthur Lim & Dr Chee Phui Hung.



The SMA Secretariat: (Standing L-R) Angeline, Angie, Rini, Miranda, Gek Eng, Krysanja, Wee Fong & Nirmal. (Seated L-R) Mohari, Resan, Madam Lui, Karen & Liena. (Absent: Regina)

Third Prize – S\$2,000 cash award, sponsored by the SMA.

Dr Adrian Low Fatt How, Dr Ng Wai Lin, A/Prof Lim Yean Teng and Dr Yeo Tiong

Cheng for their paper: "The impact of diabetes mellitus on the prognostic value of a normal dobutamine stress echocardiogram in patients with intermediate to high cardiovascular risk."

All winners also received a commemorative trophy and certificate.

The SMA and SMJ would like to thank Pfizer Pte Ltd for their generous sponsorship of the S\$5,000 cash award for the first prize.

STAFF 5-YEAR SERVICE AWARDS

Four Secretariat staff received the Staff 5-year Service Awards. They are: **MS NG WEE FONG**, Manager, Professional Development Services & Conference Organising; **MS REGINA CHIN**, Manager, Business Development & Webmistress; **MS KAREN TEO**, Executive, Indemnity Services & Course Administration; and **MR RESAN BALAKRISHNAN**, Senior Administrative Assistant, Indemnity Services & Course Administration. ■