

# HIGHLIGHTS

## FROM THE HONORARY SECRETARY

### MEMBERSHIP CONVERSION FOR HOUSE OFFICERS

Medical students enjoy complimentary SMA Membership throughout their undergraduate years. Final year students from NUS Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine and Duke-NUS Medical School will be eligible for conversion of their SMA Student Membership to Ordinary Membership at a special doctors in training rate upon graduation. Some of the items included in the HO Conversion Package are the latest edition of the House Officer's Handbook (preview version: <https://goo.gl/gZHwX>) stored in a 32GB SMA USB thumb drive, as well as a MIMS Drug Reference Guidebook.

### SMJ WEBSITE UPGRADING AND NEW ACCESS POLICY

The *Singapore Medical Journal* (SMJ) is in the process of upgrading its website to enhance its search functions, web navigation and mobile responsiveness. With this upgrade, SMJ will be changing its access policy to encourage more readers to access the journal electronically. Starting 1 July 2016, the journal will be offered online-only (ie, electronic access) with the need to opt in for hard copy if desired. This means that if you are receiving hard copy and wish to continue to do so, you will need to opt in for hard copy delivery by 30 June 2016 at <https://www.sma.org.sg/smjoptin>. Online access is a great resource; we hope that with the enhanced SMJ website, more members will choose to access the journal electronically.

### SIG DANCE SPRING CELEBRATION

More than 90 SMA members and guests put on their brightest attire and dancing shoes for our Sensory Interest Group (SIG) Dance Spring Celebration event on 9 April 2016. The Best Dressed Female and Male prizes were awarded to Dr Mary Yang and Mr Hudson, respectively, while Dr Anthony Goh and Dr Lim Hui Ling were coined the Best Dressed Couple. The next SIG Dance event will be taking place in August 2016.

### SEMINAR ON TAX OBLIGATIONS

The SMA Seminar: Tax Obligations on Medical Practice held on 9 April 2016 at M Hotel Singapore, saw over 80 doctors and clinic assistants in attendance. Sponsor booths by DBS Treasures Private Client, Summit Planners Pte Ltd and McLaren were also set up to showcase their services.

Mr Shajahan and Ms Elyn Hong from the Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore presented on tax obligations and the Productivity and Innovative Credit Scheme which will lapse after YA 2018.

Following the Singapore Budget 2016, announced on 24 March 2016, Ms Koh Puay Hoon from RSM Tax Pte Ltd discussed the updates and explained the implications.

The seminar closed with Mr Stephan Chew from Summit Planners Pte Ltd, who shared his expertise on tax planning and advised how a business can be more profitable by having a sole proprietorship business owned by a private limited company.

The next practice management seminar "Going into Private Practice" is scheduled on 23 July 2016. ◆

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