

## Membership Privileges Feb 2001

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### MEMBERS' CORNER

[www.sma.org.sg](http://www.sma.org.sg)

Locum Online is very successful. It is a user-friendly online service that fulfills the placement needs of clinics. Doctors seeking or hiring locums place short ads online themselves. To date, 294 Members have successfully entered the Members' Corner, and 67 Members are now frequent users of Locum Online. 38 Members emailed "webmaster@sma.org.sg" to request for assistance in Login. All requests were attended to within 48 hours. Locum Online is free for all SMA Members.

In this new Members' Corner, members can look forward to more products and services, and to participate in the forthcoming Discussion Forum.

### INTERNET TRAINING FEB 2001

As of 10 Feb, 48 Members have successfully completed their Basic Internet Training courses; 32 Members will attend the training in late Feb. These 48 Members are now able to surf the Internet, email, search for online information, upload and download files, and participate in the Newsgroups.

Based on feedback from participants, we have taken note of how we could further improve the classes for example improving access speed and hardware provided. We shall certainly do that by the next Internet Training session scheduled

for May 2001. We are exploring the use of NUS training facilities with 10Mbps high-speed network connectivity and also engaging more qualified instructors in the coming sessions.

### SMA COMPUTER USERS' GROUP

Due to the increasing number of SMA Members, especially the younger doctors, using Palm Handhelds or other Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) and also avidly surfing the net today, we hope to reactivate the SMA Computer User group. The User Group has its roots in the 1980s where doctors meet regularly to talk shop and exchange information.

For a start, we will focus on the medical use of palm-tops. A special section will be created on the SMA Website <http://www.sma.org.sg> to cater to the medical needs of doctors using palm-tops. On this website, you may download programmes such as Clinical Neurology, Diabetic Flowsheet, Drug Book, DSM Axis I & II Diagnosis, Folstein Exam, ICD-9 and Procedure Codes for Family Practice 2001, Immunisation Schedule and Surgical Procedure Log.

Interested in joining this new SMA Computer Users' Group? Just drop us an email at "computer@sma.org.sg" with your full name, MCR number, email, and contact numbers. If you are interested in getting a Palm Handheld, please call 1800-

2955567 or visit <http://www.siliconhorizon.com/SMA> as we have negotiated with Palm for special rates for our Members.

Look out for the announcement for the first Users' Group meeting.

### LIFESTYLE PRIVILEGES

This month, we have arranged the following lifestyle privileges specially for you. Please look out for them in the circulars enclosed with this issue of SMA News:

- 1) SCV MaxOnline & MaxTV - special rates for Members (you will receive the circular in early March). IT Roadshow by SCV on 31 March at Raffles Town Club.
- 2) FinatiQ, OCBC - a financial talk on Unit Trusts, Fixed Deposits, Online Financial Planning, Savings Plans, Insurance, Mortgages, Lending, etc. Details in enclosed circular.
- 3) Independent Life Planners - a seminar on personal finance planning by Mr Joshua Ng.

More upcoming membership privileges in the pipeline are Tung Lok Group Restaurants dining vouchers, Grand Bigwin golf clubs and accessories, Banyan Tree Gallery gift vouchers, Hewlett Packard scanners and printers, IBM Thinkpads, etc etc... so do keep a sharp lookout for them!

- Brought to you by the SMA Membership & IT Committees. ■