

News from SMA Council

By Dr Yue Wai Mun, Honorary Secretary

1. 45TH SMA COUNCIL – RESIGNATION & CO-OPTION

At the first meeting of the 45th SMA Council on 12 May 2004, Council accepted Prof Low Cheng Hock's decision to step down from the SMA Council, in view of his appointment at the Academy of Medicine. We wish to congratulate Prof Low on his being elected as the Master of the Academy of Medicine.

In view of the vacancy in the Council, it was agreed to co-opt **Dr Raymond Chua Swee Boon** for the remaining term of 2004-2005 in accordance with Article X, Section 4 of the SMA Constitution. Dr Chua has accepted Council's co-option.

Dr Chua, MBBS(S), MSc(Public Health)(Lond), DLSHTM, is currently the Assistant Director, Clinical Audit, Clinical Quality Branch, Health Regulation Unit, MOH. He is also Chairman of the Health Family Health Promotion Committee, MOH.

2. CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES

The University Awards are a celebration of excellence, a hallmark of the National University of Singapore (NUS). They honour and recognise members of the NUS community who through their consistently high performance and resolute commitment set new benchmarks in the University's core competencies in education, research and service. The awards are given out annually.

The SMA Council congratulate the following SMA Members who were honoured at the University Awards 2004, held at the University Cultural Centre on 12 May 2004.

i. Emeritus Professor Kanagaratnam Shanmugaratnam

– Outstanding Service Award

ii. Associate Professor Rajendran Kanagasutharam

– Outstanding Educator Award

iii. Dr Wong Tien Yin

– Outstanding Researcher Award

3. LAUNCH OF SMJ CATEGORY 3B CME PROGRAMME

The SMA Council is pleased to announce that the SMJ (Category 3B) CME Programme has been successfully launched in its June 2004 issue. This is a distance-learning programme with verifiable self-assessment, and is accredited for non-core CME points for a period of two years. Multiple choice questions will be placed at the end of two articles of general educational value to the medical profession, identified in each issue of the SMJ for the Category 3B CME Programme. Answers may be submitted by post, fax or online at the SMJ CME website (<http://www.sma.org.sg/cme/smj>). We wish to invite members to participate actively in this new Category 3B CME programme and to send us your views, if any. ■