

## COLLEGE OF PAEDIATRICS



The Chapter of Paediatrics under the Academy of Medicine was set up in 1995 to promote the professional development of the field of paediatrics in Malaysia, with Professor Dato' Dr Mohd Sham Kasim as its first President. Four years later, in concordance with the other chapters in the Academy, it was renamed the College of Paediatrics. Professor Dr Lin Hai Peng who was the President then announced the term AMMCOP (Academy of Medicine of Malaysia College of Paediatrics) was coined and a logo was designed which is still in use today. One of the earlier objectives was to extend the age limit of the patient in "Paediatrics" in Malaysia from 12 years to 18 years in keeping with international guidelines.

Under the leadership of other past Presidents of AMMCOP which included Professor Dato' Dr Raja Khuziah, Emeritus Professor Dr Boo Nem Yun, Professor Dr Lee Way Seah and the current President, Professor Dr Thong Meow Keong, many significant milestones were achieved over the past 20 years. The College worked closely with the local universities in the Paediatric Conjoint Board in the development of the local post-graduate paediatric education. Together

with the Ministry of Health (MOH), it also played a pivotal role in the drawing up of criteria for the credentialing and privileging of paediatricians and the 17 paediatric sub-specialities under the National Specialist Register (NSR) launched in 2006 which saw the NSR registration of 775 paediatricians nation-wide by the beginning of 2016. Other major achievements included the development of clinical practice guidelines and organising preparatory and training workshops for both post-graduate examinations (Masters of Paediatrics / Master of Medicine and the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health UK examinations), in conjunction with University of Malaya and the national paediatric research conferences which have just concluded its 8<sup>th</sup> in the series, in Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia Medical Centre, Kuala Lumpur, in conjunction with the National Neonatal Transport workshop.

In addition, AMMCOP has begun to collaborate with Malaysian Paediatric Association and Malaysian Association of Adolescent Health to co-organise the Paediatric Palliative Care workshop and "Training of the Trainers in Adolescent Health", respectively in Universiti Sains Malaysia, Kota Bharu, on December 2013 and with the Perinatal Society of Malaysia and Department of Paediatrics, University of Malaya, in co-organising major conferences, namely the 9<sup>th</sup> Congress of Asian Society of Pediatric Research in Kuching, Sarawak, in May 2013, and the Kuala Lumpur International Neonatology Conference in November 2015.

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The Academy of Medicine of Malaysia (AMM), represented by the College of Paediatrics and the main council, signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at the Medical Academies Building, Kuala Lumpur. This MoU sets out the principles for the conduct and administration of the MRCPCH in Malaysia and that the AMM and the RCPC would work in partnership to offer the MRCPCH examination in Malaysia. AMMCOP was also invited by the Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons (BCPS) to send external examiners for the FCPS Part II Examinations in Paediatrics held in Dhaka, Bangladesh, starting from July 2014. Professor Dr Thong Meow Keong was the first external examiner, followed by Professor Dr Wan Ariffin Abdullah (January 2015), Professor Dr Zabidi Azhar Mohd Hussin (July 2015), and Professor Dr Zilfalil Alwi (January 2016).

Towards the end of 2015, there are 153 members in the AMMCOP, with 42 being Fellows. To enhance communication between our members and to increase the growth in the membership of the College of Paediatrics, we had already planned to launch a separate homepage for the College of Paediatrics with links to the AMM website, which will serve as a 'hub' to centralise membership information and on-line membership payments, on-line journals access, as well as CPD and CME programmes for members, and establishing databases for various uses including research collaborations. Other current developments

included the development of Continuous Medical Education (CME), as well as Continuous Professional Development (CPD) programmes for members and the academic input in the National Paediatrics curriculum.

## SELECTED PHOTOGRAPHS OF ACTIVITIES OF THE COLLEGE OF PAEDIATRICS



*Executive Council Members, College of Paediatrics 2015/ 2016. Left to right: Professor Dr Zilfalil Alwi, Professor Dr Cheah Fook Choe, Dr Winston Yong Sin Chuen (Hon Secretary), Professor Dr Thong Meow Keong (President), Dato' Dr Jimmy Lee Kok Foo (Vice-President), Dr Chee Siok Chiong (Hon Treasurer) and Dr Ang Hak Lee*



*Winners of the 8<sup>th</sup> National Paediatric Research Conference, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2016, flanked by Professor Dr Cheah and Professor Dr Thong*

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Invited speakers of the Neonatal Transport workshop 2016.



Kuala Lumpur International Neonatology Conference (KLINC), 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015, Opening Ceremony, co-organised by University of Malaya, Perinatal Society of Malaysia and College of Paediatrics, Academy of Medicine of Malaysia.



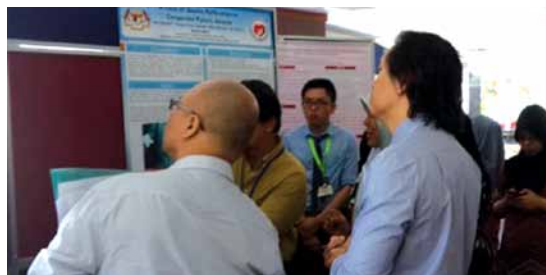
Post MRCPCH Examiners' Dinner attended by all examiners, Professor Dr Thong Meow Keong and Secretariat staff members on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

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Post MRCPCH Examiners' Dinner attended by all examiners, Professor Dato' Dr P Kandasami, Professor Dr Thong Meow Keong and Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, the Director-General of Health Malaysia.



Poster judging session of the 7<sup>th</sup> National Paediatric Research Conference, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2015.



Signing of Memorandum of Understanding between the Academy of Medicine of Malaysia with the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health United Kingdom, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2014.