

IMPERIAL COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF SINGAPORE

Secretary's Report for September 2001 -- August 2002

Dear Fellow ICAAS Members,

For ICAAS, the past year has been an active one indeed. A summary is provided below.

Social activities

The year began with the ICAAS-MBA Masterclass held on 25th September 2001. The special guest of the dinner-cum-lecture event was Prof. Sue Birley from IC who delivered a lecture on entrepreneurship. The event was organized under the leadership of ICAAS Exco member Dr. Lee Hing Yan. Supporting him were ICAAS President Mr. Raymond Kwok (and his ``angels'') and other ICAAS members Messrs. Mark Wong, Timothy Toh, Lee Hiang Meng, and Jayson Goh. Sponsors for the event were Prentice-Hall and World Scientific Publishing.

ICAAS wrapped up an eventful year with a poolside BBQ at Watten Estate Condominium on 8th December 2001, courtesy of Mr. Raymond Kwok who provided the venue for the event. Mr. Chew Chun Liang organized the event successfully with a good turnout of members and their spouses and friends. This event would become our signature event in the fourth quarter of every calendar year in future.

On 16th January 2002, ICAAS held its inaugural ICAAS Networking Nite, an informal get-together cum talk among members to kick off the new calendar year. For this first event, we were joined by Dr Tidu Maini, IC Pro Rector for Public and Corporate Affairs. Dr Maini, responsible for, *inter alia*, fund raising and commercialisation of IC's intellectual properties, gave an informative and inspiring update on the latest technological developments at IC. This event was organized by Messrs Raymond Kwok, Ng Beng Tiong, Mark Wong, Jayson Goh and of course, with the assistance of Mr Kwok's "angels"

An informal breakfast session with Lord Oxburgh, IC's ex-Rector, was hosted by ICAAS President Mr. Raymond Kwok on 12th April 2002 at the Shangri-la Hotel. The event was attended by several ICAAS Exco members.

In June, ICAAS Youth Wing member Mr. Toh Poh Joo organized an extremely popular session for ICAAS members to watch the FIFA World Cup Final between Germany and Brazil at the SAFRA Town Club. Poh Joo also organized a bowling tournament for ICAAS members at the Cathay Bowl Chevron on 17th August 2002.

Our active Youth Wing members have continued the Imperial College Alumni Feedback Group (ICAF) activities. A second feedback session with Minister Mr. David Lim was held at MITA on 6th July 2002. A lively discussion was held with members in attendance enjoying the session. The session was made possible by Mr Raymond Kwok who arranged the meeting with Mr. Lim while Messrs. Mark Wong, Ashvin and Lee Hiang

Meng prepared a feedback paper to set the discussion going, and Mr. Toh Poh Joo as well as Mr Kwok's "angels" took care of logistics. We must also thank Mr Lim and MITA for providing the food and room arrangement for the session.

Following discussion among Exco members to provide a wider networking platform for ICAAS members, a new bi-monthly drinks session would be held on the first Friday of every even month of the year, starting with a first session held at Paulaner Brahaus, Millenium Walk on 2 August 2002. Members are encouraged to bring along their spouses and friends. It is hoped that as the event becomes more popular, we could book an entire pub for exclusivity and invite speakers to talk on topical issues. More importantly, the get-togethers could help to renew friendships and fresh graduates to tap into the job market.

IC-related activities

IC participated in a recruitment exhibition in Singapore on 16th and 17th March 2002. The IC team was led by Ms. Sue Stone. Many ICAAS members lent their hands at this event, including Mr. George Ong, Dr. Lee Hing Yan, Mr. Keat Ong and Mr. William Ku.

During Dr Maini's visit to Singapore in January 2002, he announced the conferment of the IC Fellowship award to SM Lee Kuan Yew and the acceptance thereof by SM Lee. This award is a recognition of two great "institutions" coming together, and all of us at ICAAS are proud to be associated with both SM Lee and IC. SM Lee would formally receive the award in London in October 2002.

Public activities

The collaboration between ICAAS and the Singapore National Library Board on the public lecture series on Life Sciences has continued. The following talks were organized under the leadership of ICAAS VP Dr. Wong Limsoon:

18 Sep 01

Prof. Dhanjoo Ghista, Nanyang Technological University

Just a Spoonful of Bioengineering can make Medicine more Effective

16 Oct 01

Dr. Ng See Kiong Principal Investigator, Kent Ridge Digital Labs

Laboratories of the future

20 Nov 01

Dr. Guna Rajagopal Acting Director, Bioinformatics Institute of Singapore

The Bits and Bytes of Life :The Impact of Information Technology on Biomedicine

19 Feb 02

Prof. Edison Liu Executive Director, Genome Institute of Singapore
Medicine in the Genomic Age and What it Means for Singapore?

19 Mar 02

Dr Lim Seng Gee Head, Division of Gastroenterology, NUH
Genes, Dreams and Disease: Hype and Hope

16 Apr 02

Prof. Louis Lim Executive Director, Biomedical Research Council, A*STAR
Biomedical Research on the Move

21 May 02

Dr. Patrick Tan Principal Investigator, National Cancer Centre
Cancer on a Chip

16 Jul 02

Dr. Lily Chan General Manager, Biomedical Sciences Investments Pte Ltd
Investing in Biotech - Genomics is Just The Beginning

20 Aug 02

A/P Venkatesh Byrappa Principal Investigator, IMCB
Fugu and the Human Genome

ICAAS has also continued its collaboration with the Singapore National Library Board series of public lectures on information technology. The credit for this series went to ICAAS Exco member Dr. Lee Hing Yan. Supporting him was ICAAS ex-president Mr. George Ong.

28 Aug 01

Mr. Varun Arora, Senior Director, Planning & Development, Edgematrix
Accessible Everywhere: The Emergence of an Uninterrupted Internet

25 Sep 01

Mr. Jae Park, ASEAN Industry Manager, Financial Services, SUN Microsystems
Purchasing Things Over the Internet: Is It Safe?

23 Oct 01

Dr. Looi Chee Kit, Senior Programme Director, Institute of Systems Science, NUS
e-Learning: Is it Really Effective?

27 Nov 01

Mr. Joe Ngoi, CEO & Founder, dotcomerp

Building Technology upon Technology - e-Business extensions for the ERP system

22 Jan 02

Dr. Lai Kok Fung, CEO & Co-Founder, BuzzCity

The Impact of Short Message Service (SMS) on Your Lifestyle

26 Feb 02

Dr. Gareth Lourdon, Programme Manager, Ericsson Cyberlabs Singapore, Ericsson Research

What can 3rd Generation Mobile Services Really Offer?

7 May 02

Mr. Mike Mobley, Managing Director, IPS Associates Asia

IT Related Project Benefits Management - Capability to Perform

4 Jun 02

Dr. Paul Wu, CEO & Founder, Mustard Technology

How Searching Can be More Friendly - a Human Logic Approach

2 Jul 02

Mr. Hui Kwok Leong, CEO & Co-Founder, Nexusedge

Leveraging Internet for e-business: X-Internet, the New Paradigm

6 Aug 02

Mr. Harish Pillay, President, Linux Users' Group (Singapore)

The Licencing Trap and Linux

Others

ICAAS Exco is working with a credit card issuer on an affinity card programme. Under this programme, members would be issued with a credit card with ICAAS' name and this card would also serve as our membership card. This initiative is led by Mr. Raymond Kwok and his "angels". An appropriate announcement would be made to our members once details are finalised.

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