



IMPERIAL COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF SINGAPORE

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Report of the Honorary Secretary (September 2005 to August 2006)

This was another eventful and fruitful year for the Imperial College Alumni Association of Singapore (ICAAS). The main activities organised or participated by ICAAS this year are summarised below.

Social and Recreational Activities

1. ICAAS Annual Dinner and AGM (16 Sep 2005)
The ICAAS Annual Dinner and 28th AGM were held at Tanglin Club. The Guest-of-Honour was Mr. Teo Chee Hean, Minister for Defence and ICAAS Patron.
2. ICAAS Ocktoberfest (1 Oct 2005)
A guided tour of the microbrewery followed by food, drinks and music was held at Paulaner Brauhaus. The event was organised by Mr. Malte Schuldt.
3. ICAAS Breakfast with Sir Richard Sykes (15 Nov 2005)
A breakfast meeting was held at Fullerton Hotel with Sir Richard Sykes, Rector of Imperial College. The meeting discussed the latest developments at the college and areas of collaboration. The event was organised by Prof. Wong Limsoon.
4. ICAAS Evening of Gems and Wines (25 Nov 2005)
Participants spent a pleasant evening engaging two experts on gems and wines – Mr. Tay Thye Sun, President of Far East Gem Lab, and Mr. Clinton Ang, Managing Director of Hock Tong Bee. The event was held at the Legends Fort Canning and organised by Mr. Han Neng Hsiu.
5. Imperial College Alumni Asian Golf Retreat (1-4 Dec 2005)
Members from the Imperial College alumni associations of Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand enjoyed a 4-day retreat in Pattaya and Bangkok. They played several golf games, shared about their alumni activities and visited the Asian University of Science and Technology. The event was organised by Mr. Chen Hung and Dr. Viphandh Roengpithya (President of the Asian University).
6. ICAAS Dinner with Sir Eric Ash (6 Dec 2005)
A dinner was held at Chef Chan's Restaurant with Sir Eric Ash, former Rector of Imperial College. The event brought together six past and present Presidents of ICAAS.

7. ICAAS Dinner with Prof. David Ewins (24 Jan 2006)
A dinner was held at Kent Ridge Guild House with Prof. David Ewins, Pro rector for International Relations, Imperial College and his wife.
8. ICAAS-NLB Lecture Series on Life Sciences (Feb 2006)
The lecture series comprised workshops, public lectures and panel discussions on the theme of “Body Part: The Science of Human Reconstruction”. The series culminated in a networking session and panel discussion on the topic “The Six Million Dollar Man” on 23 Feb 2006. This final session was graced by Mr. Gan Kim Yong, Minister of State for Education and Manpower. The lecture series attracted 250 participants and was organised by Prof. Wong Limsoon.
9. ICAAS-NLB-National Grid Office (NGO) Lecture Series (Feb – Nov 2006)
A new lecture series on Grid Computing with the theme “Grid is Good: Unleashing Grid Computing to Power Business, Education and Life” was launched on 7 Feb 2006 by Rear-Admiral (Ret.) Richard Lim, Chairman of the National Grid Steering Committee and Chief Executive of the Defence Science & Technology Agency. The first lecture was on “Grid Computing – New Frontiers” by Dr. Ruediger Berlich from the Institute for Scientific Computing, Germany. The lectures are held on a monthly basis and organised by Dr. Lee Hing Yan.
10. ICAAS Outing to Crazy Horse (24 Feb 2006)
An evening outing to watch the Crazy Horse Paris revue at Clarke Quay was organised by Mr. Han Neng Hsiu.
11. ICAAS Dinner with Prof. Mary Ritter (31 Mar 2006)
A dinner was held at No Signboard Restaurant at Esplanade with Prof. Mary Ritter, Pro Rector of Postgraduate and International Affairs, Imperial College. The group discussed the latest developments and new initiatives at the college.
12. ICAAM 11th Anniversary Gala Dinner (7 Apr 2006)
ICAAS members were invited to attend the ICAAM Gala dinner in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The Guest-of-Honour was Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Badawi. There were also other events like golf games and a lecture series. The ICAAS delegation was led by Mr. Oh Lock Soon.
13. ICAAS-NUSS Talk by Prof. David Hand (10 Apr 2006)
An interesting talk on “Lotteries, Luck and Why Lightning Does Strike Twice” was given by Prof. David Hand, Head of Statistics, Department of Mathematics, Imperial College. The event was held at the Suntec City Guild House and was organised by Dr. Lee Hing Yan.
14. ICAAS Dinner with Anne Benjamin (19 Apr 2006)
A dinner was held at Hotel M with Ms. Anne Benjamin, Director of the Singapore MBA programme of Imperial College. The event was hosted by Dr. Lee Hing Yan.
15. ICAAS Dinner and Talk by Dr. Ruth Graham (2 May 2006)
A talk on EnVision 2010 was given by Dr. Ruth Graham, Director of EnVision 2010 of Imperial College. EnVision 2010 is a major initiative focusing on the way the Faculty of Engineering educates its undergraduates and prepares them for their future

careers. It aims to build on the Faculty's international reputation to ensure that Imperial College's position within the top five institutions for engineering education in the world would be sustainable and recognised by 2010. The event was organised by Dr. Lee Hing Yan.

16. ICAAS Dinner with Prof. Jeff Kramer (17 May 2006)
A dinner was held at Jumbo Seafood Restaurant at East Coast Parkway with Prof. Jeff Kramer, Department of Computing, Imperial College and his wife. The dinner was hosted by Mr. Chen Hung.
17. ICAAS Visit to the Turf Club (24 Jun 2006)
Several ICAAS Exco members and their spouses spent a delightful afternoon at the races at Kranji Turf Club.
18. ICAAS-UIAAS Innovation Symposium (26 Aug 2006)
ICAAS-UIAAS (University of Illinois Alumni Association of Singapore) Innovation Symposium was held at NLB and attracted more than 55 people. The event aimed to share Made-in-Singapore innovations and entrepreneurship. There were seven lectures, with the keynote address was delivered by Dr. Francis Yeoh, COO of the National Research Foundation. NLB sponsored the tea refreshments. The event was organised by Dr. Lee Hing Yan.
19. ICAAS Dragon Boat Team
The ICAAS dragon boat team trains regularly and participates in competitive races. The team is part of the Singapore Dragon Boat Association. The team competed in the Inter-Business Houses and Clubs (open) category in the Singapore Dragon Boat Festival held at Bedok Reservoir on 1 Jul 2006.

Awards and Schemes

20. ICAAS Distinguished Service Award (IDSA)
The IDSA is the highest form of recognition given to an ICAAS member who has made outstanding contributions to the society. Nominations were open from 1 Jan to 31 Mar 2006. The IDSA Committee conducted the selection process and the award will be presented at the ICAAS Annual Dinner and AGM on 8 Sep 2006.
21. ICAAS Most Outstanding Student Award (MOSA)
The MOSA is awarded to a current Imperial College Singapore Society (ICSS) member who has made significant contributions to the student community. The candidates are nominated by ICSS and selected by an ICAAS panel. The interviews were conducted on 26 Aug 2006 and the award will be presented at the ICAAS Annual Dinner and AGM on 8 Sep 2006.
22. ICAAS-WSPC Most Outstanding JC Science Student Award
The award recipient gets the invaluable opportunity to attend the Nobel Prize Award Ceremony in Stockholm, Sweden. This awarded is sponsored by World Scientific Publishing Company, with the selection process conducted by the Ministry of Education and ICAAS. The award will be presented at the ICAAS Annual Dinner and AGM on 8 Sep 2006.

23. ICAAS Bursary Scheme
The scheme was launched at the ICAAS Annual Dinner and AGM on 16 Sep 2005. The objective is to assist deserving and needy undergraduates at Imperial College. No award was made this year as the Award Committee felt that the applicants did not meet the criteria.
24. ICAAS-ICSS Mentorship Scheme
A new mentorship scheme has been established to enable ICSS students to tap on ICAAS mentors for professional and career advice. The first group of mentors and students have been linked up and the scheme will be launched at the ICAAS Annual Dinner and AGM on 8 Sep 2006.

Other Activities and Updates

25. ICAAS-NUSS Memorandum of Understanding
An MOU was signed with the National University of Singapore Society (NUSS) on 15 Dec 2005 to enhance alumni relations and collaboration between ICAAS and NUSS. This would include mutual exchange of information, as well as invitations to official events and social activities. The first event was a jointly organised talk by Prof. David Hand on 10 Apr 2006. ICAAS members have also been invited to participate in NUSS' regular badminton and bowling sessions.
26. Imperial College Student Recruitment (24-26 Feb 2006)
ICAAS members rendered assistance to Imperial College's student recruitment efforts during the EDB seminar on 24 Feb 2006 and the Education Fair at Conrad Centennial Hotel on 25-26 Feb 2006. They assisted Mrs Sue Stone, Assistant Registrar of Postgraduate Admissions, Imperial College.
27. Imperial College Singapore MBA Graduation Ceremony (29 Jul 2006)
The ICAAS Exco represented ICAAS at the MBA graduation ceremony at Orchard Hotel. Mr. Kyle Lee (IC alumnus), Senior Partner (Advisory) of PwC, was the Guest-of-Honour. The ICAAS Best MBA Student book prize was awarded to Mr. Kenneth Kaw Jon Qium for being the best all-round final year student.
28. Imperial College Singapore MBA Alumni Networking Evening (1 Aug 2006)
A networking event was held at Orchard Hotel with Mr. Baey Yam Keng (Member of Parliament and ICAAS Life member) as the Guest-of-Honour.
29. Benefits for ICAAS Members
World Scientific Publishing Company offered a 15% discount to ICAAS members for the book "Little Red Dot". In addition, a 20% discount was offered to ICAAS members for tickets to a multilingual adventure comedy entitled T.K.K. by Ms. Lim Hai Yen, wife of Mr. Baey Yam Keng (ICAAS Life member).
30. Sponsorships by ICAAS Members
ICAAS continued to support ICSS activities. Prof. Wong Limsoon, Dr. Lee Hing Yan, Ms. Rosanna Quek, and Mr. Wong Kiat Kong provided sponsorship to ICSS' charity musical ROJAK! on 18 Mar 2006 to raise funds for Children in Crisis. Prof. Wong Limsoon and Oh Lock Soon also provided sponsorship in the name of ICAAS for a charity go-karting event on 3 Jun 2006. Prof. Wong Limsoon also donated a

sum in ICAAS's name for Mr. Mervin Loi (ex-President of ICSS) who participated in the London Marathon on 23 Apr 2006 in aid of the National Autistic Society.

31. ICAAS Newsletters

A monthly ICAAS newsletter has been introduced to keep ICAAS members regularly updated on the latest events and activities. These informative newsletters are compiled by Dr. Lee Hing Yan.

32. Asia Centennial Convocation 2007

Preparations are in progress to organise the Asia Centennial Convocation scheduled to be held in Singapore in Nov/Dec 2007. Meetings were held with Mr. Babington-Smith and Ms. Carol Marsh of Imperial College. The event would coincide with the 100th anniversary of Imperial College and the 30th anniversary of ICAAS.

33. ICAAS Membership

There has been a 20% increase in the number of Life Members, up from 100 to 120 in the last 12 months.

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