



IMPERIAL COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF SINGAPORE

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Report by President (September 2007 to August 2008)

2007-2008 was another eventful and fruitful year for the Imperial College Alumni Association of Singapore (ICAAS). Besides celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the founding of ICAAS, we also celebrated the Centenary Year of Imperial College. The main activities organised or participated by ICAAS this year are summarised below.

Social and Recreational Activities

1. ICAAS Annual General Meeting (18 Sep 2007)
The 30th AGM were held at the ENV Sports & Recreation Club, Scotts Road, followed by a lucky draw and a karaoke session.
2. Dragon Boat Race (03 Nov 2007)
Five members of the ICAAS Youth Wing combined force with the Komodo team to participate in the Singapore River Regatta. The team did not win in a photo finish.
3. Evening at the Races (25 Jul 2008)
ICAAS members and guests were treated to a delightful evening hosted by alumnus Simon Leong at the Singapore Turf Club, Kranji.
4. ICAAS group on Facebook
There are 2 groups on Facebook where ICAAS members can be found; these are "Imperial College of London (Singapore Alumni)" and "Tanaka Business School (AKA Imperial College MBA)." Despite its generic name, the latter is an overseas MBA group. Feel free to join.

Keep in Touch with Imperial College London

5. Social Get-Together (28 Nov 2007)
Several Exco members met IC staff from the International Relations and Office of Alumni & Development to finalize plans ahead of the IC Centenary celebrations and to get to know each other better. The meeting was held at Club 72 @ New Asia Bar in Stamford Swissotel.
6. Dinner with Sir Eric Ash (30 Nov 2007)
Several ICAAS alumni had dinner with Sir Eric (former Rector), who was in Singapore to attend a business meeting, at the Tavern, Tanglin Club.

7. Staying in Touch (06 Mar 2008)
While on a stop-over in Singapore, Emma Jones (Alumni Relations Manager, Office of Alumni & Development) had an informal meeting with Exco members to discuss about organizing alumni activities.
8. Evening with Sir Roy (15 Jun 2008)
Soon after he landed in Singapore on late Sunday afternoon (15 June 2008), Sir Roy Anderson (incoming IC Rector) joined several IC alumni for dinner at the Churchill Room, Tanglin Club. We enjoyed small talk over wine and beer before dinner. Sir Roy updated us about the many exciting developments in South Kensington.
9. Careers Fair in Singapore (05 Sep 2008)
For the first time, the Careers Advisory Service at Imperial College organises a careers fair at Suntec City in Singapore for returning Singaporean and Malaysian students. This is being organised collaboratively with London School of Economics, Oxford and Cambridge. This is one of a series of overseas events, with three further fairs in Hong Kong, Shanghai and Beijing. Participating employers included Arthur D Little, Bain & CO, Barclays Capital, Citi, Credit Suisse, IE Singapore, Lee & Lee, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Trade & Industry, Oliver Wyman, P&G, Schlumberger, Singapore Economic Development Board, Standard Chartered and BNP Paribas.
10. Graduate Schools Transferable Skills programme (01 – 05 Sep 2008)
The programme organised by IC, involving 40 students including several Imperial students as well as students from NUS, NTU and A*STAR, was held at the Nanyang Executive Centre, NTU. Four IC alumni (Teo Swee Lian, Tan Hang Cheong, Lim Peng Hong, and Prof. Wong Limsoon) shared career insight at a dinner buffet on 2 Sep.

Public Service

Tapping on the depth and breadth of its alumni base and contacts, ICAAS organizes joint talks for the layman as a public service to the larger community.

11. Mini Talk Series on Wellness (12 Oct 2007)
ICAAS joined hands with the UMAAS to organize a mini-series of 6 public talks at the community and regional libraries. The last talk held was entitled “A Gentle Introduction to Hydrotherapy” by Ms. Elsie Tan (Imperial Lifestyle).
12. Talk on Technology (02 Apr 2008)
Prof. Richard Parker (Director of Research & Technology, Rools-Royce Group & IC alumnus) spoke on “Blue Skies to Green Skies – Aeroengine Technology to Reduce the Impact of Aviation on the Environment” at the Jurong Regional Library.

13. Talk on Technology (20 May 2008)
Dr. Martin Walker (Manager, Hewlett-Packard EMEA and IC alumnus) gave a talk on “Future of Grid Computing – In the Clouds?” in the Possibility Room at the NLB Building.
14. MBA Talks
Organized by the MBA Wing, the following talks were held:
 - 03 Mar 2008 – “Competing in the Global Marketplace – Lessons Learnt & Future Perspective” by Dr. Joseph Cheng (Professor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign).
 - 26 Jun 2008 – “Entrepreneurial Pursuit from Start Up to IPO – VC Perspective” by Eugene Wong (Founder & Managing Director, Sirius Venture Consulting Pte Ltd & IC alumnus).
 - 10 Sep 2008 – “What’s with the Bad News?” by Ku Swee Yong (Director, Marketing, Savills Singapore & IC alumnus).

Awards & Bursary Scheme

15. ICAAS Distinguished Service Award (IDSA)
The IDSA is the highest form of recognition given to an ICAAS member who has rendered outstanding contributions to the society. The winner in 2007 was George Ong. The award was presented to George Ong by President S R Nathan at the IC Centenary Gala Dinner on 30 Nov 2007.
16. 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. Last year’s winner was Wong Chong Wai, with Huang Changyong and Gabriel Cheong as finalists. The candidates are nominated by ICSS and selected by the ICAAS Awards Committee. The interviews of this year’s candidates were conducted on 30 Aug 2008 and the award will be presented at the ICAAS AGM on 05 Sep 2008.
17. 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. Last year’s winner was Amelia Chang Nong Shin. This year’s winner will received the award at the ICAAS AGM on 05 Sep 2008.
18. 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. Last year’s winner was Liu Jiakuan. The applicants were interviewed on 30 Aug 2008 and the award will be made at the ICAAS AGM on 05 Sep 2008.

Centenary Year Activities

19. Centenary Year Target
To mark the 30th Anniversary of ICAAS founding and the Centenary Year, the Exco organized 30 public lectures with the National Library Board (NLB) to bring the total number they jointly organized to 100. This target was achieved by end Nov 2007.
20. Asia Convocation 2007 (30 Nov 2007)
The Asia Convocation was held at the NUS University Cultural Centre. Mr. Philip Yeo (Chairman, SPRING Singapore) was conferred an honorary doctorate degree by IC in recognition of his outstanding contributions to Singapore's economic growth.
21. Centenary Year Gala Dinner 2007
ICAAS organized a gala dinner at Noble House in the evening of 30 Nov 2007, attended by nearly 300 people. It was officiated by President S R Nathan. Other distinguished guests included Sir Richard Sykes, J Y Pillay (Chairman, SGX and IC advisor), Paul Madden (British High Commissioner), and Eunice Crook (Director, British Council). The event chair was Lee Yew Wei.
22. Centenary Year Management Symposium 2007
A half-day management symposium was held at the NLB Building in the morning of 29 Nov 2007. It featured 5 speakers from the alumni community and IC. The event chair was Dennis Ling.
23. Centenary Year Technology Symposium 2007
A half-day management symposium was held at the NLB Building in the afternoon of 29 Nov 2007. It featured 5 speakers from the alumni community and IC. The event chair was Prof. Wong Limsoon.
24. Celebrating with ICAAS (24 Nov 2007)
Several ICAAS Exco members attended the IC Centenary Dinner organized by the alumni association across the causeway at the Impiana Banquet Hall, Impiana KLCC Hotel & Spa in Kuala Lumpur.

Other Activities & Updates

25. Sponsorships by ICAAS Members
Several ICAAS members (Prof. Wong Limsoon, Dr. Lee Hing Yan, Tang Wey Lin and Chen Hung) provided a sponsorship of S\$1,200 towards alumnus Toh Poh Joo's expenses incurred in participating in the Atacama Desert Crossing.
26. Sponsorships Received
ICAAS received advertisement support from World Scientific Publishing Company, DSO National Labs, British Council and Institute of Infocomm Research to underwrite the cost of producing the ICAAS 30th Anniversary Magazine. J Y Pillay made a donation towards the IC Centenary Gala Dinner,

while Tang Wey Lin underwrote the cost of engaging a photographer for the same event.

27. UK Alumni Presidents' Networking Event (18 Jun 2008)
Several Exco members attended the event held at Penny Black, Boat Quay. The function, organized by the British Alumni (BA), sought to facilitate increased interactions among the UK alumni associations and BA.
28. ICAAS Newsletters
A monthly ICAAS newsletter is issued to keep ICAAS members regularly updated on the latest events and activities.
29. ICAAS Membership
There has been a slight increase in the number of Life Members, up from 132 to 138 in the last 12 months.

Looking Forward ...

On behalf of the ICAAS Exco, I would like to thank our members for their fervent support and generosity in time, effort, and money. I would like to register our heartfelt thanks to Oh Lock Soon, Han Neng Hsiu and Dennis Ling, who are stepping down from the Exco, for their valuable contributions; they have been posted overseas recently. We also thank our honorary auditors, Prof. Wong Limsoon and Timothy Toh.

Last, but by not means least, we deeply appreciate the strong support received from our alma mater, Imperial College London.

Dr. Hing-Yan Lee
President, ICAAS

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