



IMPERIAL COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF SINGAPORE

Patron: Teo Chee Hean, Minister for Defence

Advisor: Mr. J. Y. Pillay, Chairman, Singapore Exchange Pte Ltd

Report by President (September 2008 to August 2009)

2008-2009 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.

Alumni Business

1. Annual General Meeting (05 Sep 2008)
The 31st AGM were held at the Multi-Purpose Hall (Level 6), NTU Alumni Club @ one-North, 11 Slim Barracks Rise (Off North Buona Vista Road).
2. Annual Lecture (05 Sep 2008)
The inaugural Annual Lecture was given by Prof. Bertil Andersson FIC (present provost of Nanyang Technological University), as part of the AGM.
3. ICAAS Joins DUAL (Dec 2008)
ICAAS members can henceforth participate in the activities of the Distinguished Universities Alumni League (DUAL) in a reciprocal arrangement established in late 2008.
4. Newsletters
An ICAAS newsletter is issued regularly to keep ICAAS members regularly updated on the latest events and activities.
5. Membership (as of time of writing)
There has been a slight increase in the number of Life Members, up from 138 to 144 in the last 12 months, with 6 new Life Members. There were also 4 new Ordinary Members.

Notables

6. Patron Became Deputy Prime Minister
Alumnus Teo Chee Hean became Deputy Prime Minister of Singapore with effect from 1 Apr 2009. He continues as Defence Minister. Teo received his MSc degree (with distinction) in Computing from IC in 1977.
7. Alumnus Conferred FCGI

Singapore politician and businessman, Wee Siew Kim, was awarded the Fellowship of the City & Guilds Institute. Wee graduated with a 1st class honour degree in Aeronautical Engineering from IC and is Deputy CEO and President (Defence Business) at Singapore Technologies Engineering.

Social and Recreational Activities

8. Tiger Brewery Tour & Social Networking (09 Apr 2009)
A tour of the Tiger Brewery operated by the Asia Pacific Breweries was organised by Yap Tiong Peng. It was followed by drinks at the Tiger Tavern.
9. BBQ Social (07 Aug 2009)
An Alumni Get-Together cum BBQ, organized by Lee Yew Wei, took place at the East Coast Park. Among the participants were several IC students back in Singapore for the summer vacation as well as graduating students.
10. Pub Night (04 Sep 2009)
In cooperation with the British Alumni, ICAAS organised a pub night at the British Club, Bukit Tinggi Road, as a social for members of both alumni associations.
11. 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.

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12. Dinner with David Phillips (23 Feb 2009)
A private dinner in honour Emeritus Prof. David Phillips and his wife was hosted by Prof. K K Phua (ICAAS founding president) at the Summer Palace Chinese Restaurant, Regent's Hotel.
13. Back in South Kensington (24 Mar 2009)
Alumnus Dr. Kuan Tek Seang (also honorary auditor of ICAAS) returned to IC and paid a courtesy visit to the Office of Alumni & Development.
14. An Evening with Imperial Ambassadors (07 Apr 2009)
A dinner was hosted by ICAAS in honour of Sir Roy Anderson in his capacity as Rector since taking office last summer. Held at the Staff Centre, Singapore Polytechnic, the event attracted 65 alumni and guests.
15. Lunch with Anne Benjamin (23 Apr 2009)
Several Business School alumni met with their former Management Science lecturer, Ms. Anne Benjamin, at the Tang Dian Wang Shanghai Restaurant in Suntec City.

16. Dinner with IC Rector (31 Jul 2009)
A private dinner with Sir Roy Anderson and Prof. Mary Ritter was held at the Clay Oven, Dempsey Hills. Sir Roy led a delegation of IC medical faculty for discussions with their Singapore counterparts.

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.

17. MBA Talk (29 Jul 2009)
Organized by the MBA Wing, the MBA talk on “Demystifying the Alternative Investments Industry” by Dr. Bernard Lee (Visiting Practice Associate Professor of Economics & Deputy Director, Sim Kee Boon Institute for Financial Economics, Singapore Management University and IC alumnus).

Awards & Bursary Scheme

18. 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 last award was presented to George Ong by President S R Nathan at the IC Centenary Gala Dinner on 30 Nov 2007. There was no winner in 2008 and 2009.
19. 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 Alfonso Tan-Garcia, with Rajesh Vasandani as finalist. The candidates are nominated by ICSS and selected by the ICAAS Awards Committee. The interviews of this year’s candidates were conducted on 29 Aug 2009 and the award will be presented at the ICAAS AGM.
20. 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 Gregory Lau Kang Ruey of the NUS High School. This year’s winner will receive the award at the ICAAS AGM.
21. 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 IC by providing a bursary of GBP1000. Last year’s winner was Ms. Ang Chieh Hwee. This year’s applicants were interviewed on 29 Aug 2009 and the award will be made at the ICAAS AGM.

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 Paul Brandeis and Toh Poh Joo, who are stepping down from the Exco, for their valuable contributions. We also thank our honorary auditors, Dr. Kuan Tek Seang and Benjamin Wong.

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

31 August 2009

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“Thank You” from Imperial College London ...

“Imperial College London thanks the following alumni who have given generously to the Imperial College Annual Fund between 01 August 2008 and 31 July 2009.

Mr Ann L Chew (Electrical and Electronic Engineering, 2001)

Ms S Ho (Electrical and Electronic Engineering, 1999)

Ms Isabella Loh (Aeronautics, 1981)

Mr Heong W Seah (Electrical and Electronic Engineering, 2000)

Mr Wey Lin Tang (Mechanical Engineering, 2005)

Mr Kiat K Wong (Electrical and Electronic Engineering, 1986)

Throughout this period, money has been raised for the Student Opportunities Fund, the Imperial College Union Building Redevelopment Fund, Imperial Racing Green, the Junior Research Fellowships and the Rector’s Fund. Thank you!

Since the inception of the Annual Fund in 2003, just over £1.9 million has been raised thanks to the generosity of more than 3,900 Imperial alumni, staff and friends. The Annual Fund provides a constant stream of philanthropic income to key College projects. Donations to the Annual Fund help the College continue to provide a world-class educational experience for both current and future students.”