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In September 2005, the ICAAS Exco set for itself the target of achieving a 20% increase in life membership. That target was met a year later. Once again, the Exco has aimed for another 20% increase for 2006 - 2007.

The administrative overheads of collecting annual membership fees and ordinary membership renewal have motivated the Exco to encourage IC alumni in Singapore to sign up for life membership. With less than 10% of the alumni community signing up as life members, our work is definitely cut out for us.

As a reward to our life members for their loyalty, the Exco has decided to give each one a copy of the book "The History of Imperial College London, 1907-2007, Higher Education & Research in Science, Technology & Medicine" written by Hannah Gay (Imperial College London, UK) and published by World Scientific Publishing Company (WSPC), as a Centenary Year gift. The retail price of this 856-page tome is S\$168 for hardcover and S\$81 for softcover.

The book is now available and can be collected at ICAAS events. This special offer has been made possible by Prof. K K Phua, ICAAS founding president and Chairman of WSPC.

As an incentive, all new life membership applications approved between now and the end of the Centenary celebrations will be given the above book as well, while stock lasts.

Ordinary and associate members, who are keen to purchase the book, may do so by contacting ICAAS president to obtain a discount code to qualify for a 30% discount on the WSPC online site at <http://www.worldscibooks.com/histsci/p478.html>.

Current students of IC can take advantage of a standing offer to sign up as associate members at no charge and enjoy a special discount of S\$270 when they join as life members upon graduation (instead of the normal S\$300).

We welcome your suggestions on how to improve our membership recruitment drive.

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Education Fair & Refreshing the SKK Link



Marvin Lee (IC alumnus) had a busy time fielding questions from an interested crowd at the Conrad Hotel on 3 – 4 March 2007. Imperial College London was one of the four London universities that continues to hold an education fair, along side the MOE Careers Fair held at Suntec City.



L-R: Prof. Wong Limsoon (ICAAS life member), Dr. Lee Hing Yan (ICAAS President), Elsie Lee, Dr. Piers Baker (Director, International Office, IC), Dr. Lorraine Craig (Academic Tutor, Dept. of Earth Science & Engineering, IC), and Dr. Sharon Bolton (International Officer, International Office, IC).



L-R: George Ong (ICAAS life member), Dr. Piers Baker (Director, International Office, IC), and Dr. Lee Hing Yan (ICAAS President) after enjoying dinner at the Tanglin Club on 15 March 2007.

The opportunity provided the ICAAS and IC to plan and firm up on the Centenary Year celebration events to be held in Singapore at end November 2007.



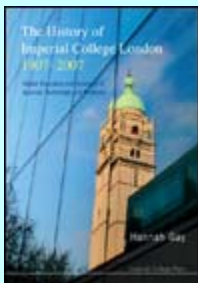
L-R: Prof. Shinichi Nakamura (VP, SKK), Prof. Wong Limsoon (ICAAS life member), and Prof. Masato Tanaka (President, SKK) on 12 March 2007 in Tokyo.

Prof. Wong Limsoon met Exco members of South Kensington Kai (IC alumni association in Japan) at the aptly chosen Imperial Hotel at Hibiya. They exchanged information on their respective activities. With about 400 members residing in all over Japan, the main event is the annual SKK dinner, usually held in October or November, which Prof. Tanaka has extended an invitation to ICAAS members visiting Tokyo at that time.

We seek your contributions...

If you have had a class or year reunion recently, do drop us a few lines and/or send us a photo to share with others in the newsletter. This is a great way to catch up and/or locate long lost friends.

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By Hannah Gay (Imperial College London, UK)

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This is the first major history of Imperial College London. The book tells the story of a new type of institution that came into being in 1907 with the federation of three older colleges. Imperial College was founded by the state for advanced university-level training in science and technology, and for the promotion of research in support of industry throughout the British Empire. True to its name, the college built a wide number of Imperial links and was an outward looking institution from the start. Today, in the post-colonial world, it retains its outward-looking stance, both in its many international research connections, and with staff and students from around the world. Connections to industry and the state remain important. The College is one of Britain's premier research and teaching institutions, including now medicine alongside science and engineering. This book covers both governance and academic activity within the larger context of political, economic and socio-cultural life in twentieth-century Britain.

IDSA - Call for Nominations

The ICAAS Distinguished Service Award is the highest form of recognition offered by the association. Once again, ICAAS is issuing a Call for Nomination. See the criteria at www.icaas.org under Awards. The Award Committee, chaired by ICAAS President, comprises Oh Lock Soon (vice president), Prof. Wong Limsoon (past president), Lee Yew Wei (Youth Wing), and Ms. Ip Siok Hui (MBA Wing). The period of nomination is 1 January - 31 March 2007.

Forthcoming Events in 2007

11 April	MBA Lecture : Breakout Strategy @ The Pod, Level 16, NLB Building (7pm) By Dr. Thomas Lawton (Senior Lecturer, Tanaka Business School, IC)
17 April	MBA Networking Evening @ The Pod, Level 16, NLB Building (7 pm) Guest of Honour: Mr. Lim Hua Min (Founder & Chairman, Phillip Securities)
21 April	Joint ICAAS-UIAAS Technology Innovation Symposium @ Possibility Room, Level 5, NLB Building (9 am – 4 pm)
07 June	MBA Lecture: Blue Ocean Strategy @ NLB Building By Mr. Tan Kee-Hian (Co-founder, MAC Partnership)
08 August	Evening with Imperial Ambassador By Dame Julia Higgins (Principal, Faculty of Engineering, IC)
August	MBA Lecture: TBA @ NLB Building
September	Annual General Meeting & Dinner
29 November	Management Symposium @ NLB Building Technology Symposium @ NLB Building
30 November	Asia Convocation @ University Cultural Centre, NUS Gala Dinner @ Noble House

MBA Lecture: “Breakout Strategy: Meeting the Challenges of Double Digit Growth”

By Dr. Thomas Lawton (Tanaka Business School, IC)
7pm on 11 April 2007 @ The Pod, Level 16, NLB Building

Dr. Thomas C. Lawton is Director of Joint Honours Programmes and Senior Lecturer in Strategic Management at Tanaka Business School, Imperial College London. He has led executive and graduate programs on corporate strategy, leadership, and international business dynamics at universities and corporations in North America, Europe, the Middle East, and Asia. He has worked with a wide range of international companies and organizations in developing their present and future strategic leaders, among them the Arab Air Carriers Organization, Bombardier Transportation, IBM, the International Air Transport Association, Total and Trans4m. He has also been Academic Director of the global Executive MBA in International Financial Services Management for JP Morgan Asset Management.



Dr Lawton’s research and consulting expertise focuses on strategic leadership and market breakout, the process and practice of strategy and corporate internationalisation. He is a leading authority on aviation management and the competitive dynamics of the global airline business. He is also the author or editor of five books, including *Strange Power* (2000) and *Cleared for Takeoff* (2002) and recently compiled a reference volume on *Strategic Management in Aviation* due to be published in 2007. His latest co-authored book, *Breakout Strategy: Meeting the Challenge of Double-Digit Growth*, is published by McGraw-Hill, New York.

Cost (includes buffet dinner), to be held in adjoining area, is S\$8 for ICAAS members & S\$12 for non-members (nett).

Payment should be made by crossed cheque and payable to “ICAAS”. Please register by 13 April and send your payment to: ICAAS c/o National Grid Office, 21 Heng Mui Keng Terrace, Singapore 119613. If you need further information, please email to icaas2006@gmail.com. Please note that registration is a commitment to pay.

MBA Networking Evening

Guest of Honour: Mr. Lim Hua Min (IC Alumnus, Founder & Chairman of Phillip Securities)
7pm on 17 April 2007 @ The Pod, Level 16, NLB Building

Come and join us! The evening’s programme comprises an address by Guest of Honour and a buffet dinner. Ms. Anne Benjamin from the Tanaka Business School will be present.

The Business School is committed to developing its regional networks around the world. It is delighted to co-sponsor this event with the MBA Wing of ICAAS to provide an ideal opportunity to catch up with your cohort and network with graduates from other cohorts and programmes.



The Guest of Honour is Mr. Lim Hua Min, an alumnus of Imperial College London, who is founder and chairman of Philip Securities. He graduated with a MSc degree in Operations Research & Management Studies from Imperial College in 1969. Mr. Lim is concurrently the Executive Chairman of the PhillipCapital Group of Companies. He began his career holding senior positions in the Stock Exchange of Singapore and the Securities Research Institute. He has served on a number of committees and sub-committees of the Stock Exchange of Singapore. In 1997, he was appointed Chairman of the Stock Exchange of Singapore (“SES”) Review Committee, which was responsible for devising a conceptual framework to make Singapore’s capital markets more globalised, competitive and robust. For this service, he was awarded the Public Service Medal in 1999 by the Singapore Government. He has served as a board member in the Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore and as a member in the Resource Panel of the Government Parliamentary Committee for Finance & Trade & Industry.

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2nd Joint Symposium on Technology Innovation



This event is organized as a public service by ICAAS, the University of Illinois Alumni Association (UIAAS), and the National Library Board (NLB). The day-long symposium will be held on 21 April 2007 (Saturday) to share technology and innovations. The speakers at the symposium are well-known experts and practitioners drawn from alumni community of Imperial College, University of Illinois, as well as their contacts.

The ICAAS speakers are Assoc. Prof. Seah Hock Soon (Chair, School of Computer Engineering, NTU) and Chen Hung (Vice Chairman, 3HPArchitects).

Admission is free and all are welcome. Please register before 12 noon on Friday, 20 April 2007, by emailing nlprogrammes@nlb.gov.sg and to include "ICAAS-UIAAS Innovation Symposium" in the subject field. Places are limited and will be distributed on a first-come, first serve basis.

For more details, please see URL: http://dl.nlb.gov.sg/victoria/2007/04/icaasuiaas_innovation_symposiu.html

Opening Address by Dr. Lee Hing Yan (President, ICAAS & UIAAS)

Invited Address - Overview of iN2015 by Dr. Tan Geok Leng (CTO / Senior Director of Technology & Planning, IDA)

The State of the Art in Computer Assisted Cel Animation by A/Prof. Seah Hock Soon (Chair, School of Computer Engineering, NTU)

Pursuing Defence Technology Innovations by Chan Hian Lim (Assistant Director, Surveillance System Office, DSTA)

Central Data Depository for National Weather Study Project by Dr. Lim Hock Beng (Program Director, Intelligent Systems Lab, NTU)

H2O Contaminants - Opportunities & Challenges by Prof. Michael Saunders (Head, Division of Environment Science & Engineering, NUS)

A Dirty Story - Cleaning Up the Singapore River by Chen Hung (Vice Chairman, 3HPA Pte Ltd)

CEPAS and the Multi-Application Smartcard by Silvester Prakasam (Project Director, LTA)

MonicPRT – An Automated Way Out of Transportation Woes by Tan Lien Chiow (CEO, MonicPRT Pte Ltd)