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### IC Alumni Win IT Leader Awards

At the annual IT Leader Awards & gala dinner of the Singapore Computer Society held on 23 March 2007, attended by the Minister for Information, Communications and the Arts, Dr. Lee Boon Yang, two IC alumni were among the winners.



Mr. Stephen Lim (above left), chief executive and managing director of software firm SQLView, was named **IT Person of the Year**, for his part in championing local IT companies. He holds an MSc degree in Management Science from Imperial College London.



Mr. William Liu (above right), director of Green Dot Capital and an IT veteran with 37 years in the industry, was inducted into the **IT Hall of Fame**, for his role in spearheading IT education and training initiatives. He obtained an MSc degree in Operational Research & Management Studies from IC.

The first IC alumnus to win an IT Leader Award was Koh Boon Hwee. Described by many as a technopreneur, architect, strategist, trouble shooter, angel, contrarian and netizen, he was **Hall of Fame** winner in 2002. He was recognized as one of Singapore's most prominent leaders in the country's IT, electronics and telecom landscape. He holds a BSc degree with first class honours in Mechanical Engineering from IC.

Mr. Lim, Mr. Liu and Mr. Koh are all ICAAS life members. Our heartiest congratulations to the deserving winners!



The logo on the left has been specially designed to mark ICAAS's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary since it was founded in 1977. We will be using this logo design in our publicity and marketing collaterals this year.

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## Recent MBA Events



On 11 April 2007, Dr. Thomas Lawton (Director of Joint Honours Programmes & Senior Lecturer in Strategic Management, Tanaka Business School, IC) gave an insightful talk on "Breakout Strategy: Meeting the Challenges of Double-Digit Growth" at The Pod, Level 16, NLB Building. His latest co-authored book, with the same title as the talk, is published by McGraw-Hill, New York.

The event was organized by the MBA Wing of ICAAS and supported by the National Library Board. The enthralled audience was rapt attention for 90 minutes until the library closing time. There were also opportunities to network and mingle around a buffet dinner prior to the lecture.

Left: Dr. Thomas Lawton with his 2 x 2 matrix.



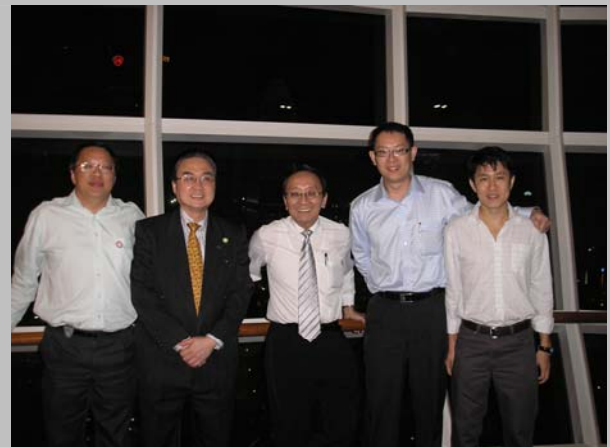
Six days after the above event, the MBA Wing held a Networking Evening, with Mr. Lim Hua Min (IC alumnus as well as founder and chairman of Phillip Capital) as the guest-of-honour. Mr. Lim gave an insightful talk based on his 35 years of working in management and in the financial industry. It was followed by a useful exchange of view from the floor.

Also held at The Pod on Level 16 of NLB Building, the event was attended by Anne Benjamin and Robin Hewin (both of the Tanaka Business School, IC).

Left: Mr. Lim sharing his thoughts atop the 16-storey NLB Building.



L-R: Anne Benjamin, Lim Hua Min, and Robin Hewin.

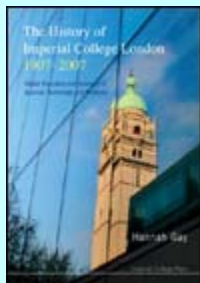


L-R: Dr. Lee Hing Yan, Raymond Kwok, Lim Hua Min, Dennis Ling, and Ted Chan.

## 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.

## Exclusive Offer of 30% Discount to All ICAAS Members



### **The History of Imperial College London, 1907-2007, Higher Education & Research in Science, Technology & Medicine**

By Hannah Gay (Imperial College London, UK)

If you wish to purchase a copy of this book, you can enjoy a 30% discount for purchase at the World Scientific online store at <http://www.worldscibooks.com/histsci/p478.html>. Email ICAAS President for the discount code to provide with your purchase.

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.

## Forthcoming Events in 2007

21 April	Joint ICAAS-UIAAS Technology Innovation Symposium @ Possibility Room, Level 5, NLB Building (9 am – 4 pm)
19 May	Joint ICAAS-UMAAS Wellness Talk at library @ orchard (3 pm) "Bright Eyes – Improving Eyesight and Guarding against Reading Difficulties" By Mr. Yap Tiong Peng (Senior Consultant Optometrist, IGARD)
07 June	MBA Lecture: Blue Ocean Strategy @ The Pod, Level 16, NLB Building (7 pm) By Mr. Tan Kee-Hian (Co-founder, MAC Partnership)
09 June	Joint ICAAS-UMAAS Wellness Talk @ Woodlands Regional Library (3 pm) "Lutein Supplementation in Prevention of Age-related Eye Diseases" By Dr. Koh Hui Hiang (Senior Consultant Optometrist, IGARD)
08 August	An Evening with Imperial Ambassador By Dame Julia Higgins (Principal, Faculty of Engineering, IC)
August	MBA Lecture: TBA @ The Pod, Level 16, NLB Building (7 pm)
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

## 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 about 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](mailto: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/icaasuias\\_innovation\\_symposiu.html](http://dl.nlb.gov.sg/victoria/2007/04/icaasuias_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, Infocomm Development Authority)

**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, 3HPArchitects Pte Ltd)

**CEPAS and the Multi-Application Smartcard** by Silvester Prakasam (Project Director, Land Transport Authority)

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

## New Mini-Series on Wellness

ICAAS, in partnership with the University of Manchester Alumni Association of Singapore (UMAAS) and the National Library Board, will kick off a new talk mini-series on Wellness related issues. The monthly talk will commence in May 2007. The first two talks have been scheduled as follows:

**19 May 2007 (Saturday), 3.00 - 4.30 pm at library@orchard**

The inaugural talk, entitled "Bright Eyes – Improving Eyesight and Guarding against Reading Difficulties", will be given by IC and UM alumnus Yap Tiong Peng. He is a senior consultant optometrist with IGARD and a research fellow in ophthalmology & visual science with the Alexandra Hospital.

**09 June 2007 (Saturday), 3.00 - 4.30 pm at Woodlands Regional Library**

The second talk will focus on "Lutein Supplementation in Prevention of Age-related Eye Diseases." The speaker is UM alumnus Dr. Koh Hui Hiang, who is senior consultant optometrist with IGARD and a visiting consultant optometrist with the Singapore Polytechnic Optometry Centre.