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New Rector for Imperial College



When ICAAS hosted Sir Roy Anderson for dinner on 10 December 2006, little did we know that he will succeed Sir Richard Sykes to become the 14th Rector of Imperial College London. Sir Roy will take over from Sir Richard in the summer of 2008, when the latter retires after leading IC for eight years. Professor Sir Roy Anderson is a distinguished epidemiologist and currently Chief Scientific Adviser to the UK Ministry of Defence.

Sir Roy has held Imperial's Chair in Infectious Disease Epidemiology since 2000. Becoming Rector will crown a 40-year association with the College, which began when he was admitted as a zoology undergraduate in 1965. Sir Roy is regarded as one of the world's leading authorities on the epidemiology and control of infectious diseases including the tropical parasitic infections, BSE and vCJD, SARS, AIDS, influenza and foot and mouth. He has frequently advised governments and international agencies on public health and biomedical research issues.

At the Queen's Birthday Party 2007



Dr. Lee Hing Yan (seen here with Ms. Eunice Crook, Director of the British Council) represented the alumni association at an evening reception held at Eden Hall to mark the Queen's birthday on 14 June 2007. Eden Hall is the official residence of the British High Commissioner in Singapore. Prior to his current posting as High Commissioner to Singapore, Paul Madden was a member of the Court of IC.

Other IC alumni who attended the function in their respective capacities were Prof. K K Phua, William Liu, Prof. Lam Khin Yong, and Mohan Balagopal.

Planning for a Reunion?

We have commenced taking registration for the year-end Centenary Year gala dinner, to be held in conjunction with the Asia Convocation. So mark the date of 30 November 2007 down on your calendar. Start contacting your alumni mates to form a table or two for that get-together you have always wanted to organize but never did. The Centenary Year dinner is the perfect time and place. The registration form can be found on Page 4 of this newsletter.

Change of Email Address?

To receive updates on ICAAS activities, please inform us of your new email address. Please send the information to Prof. Wong Limsoon (wongls@comp.nus.edu.sg), who maintains the ICAAS mailing list and web site.

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MBA Talk on “Blue Ocean Strategy”



The third MBA talk was given by IC alumnus Kee-Hian Tan on 07 June 2007 (Thursday) at the Pod, level 6, NLB Building. The event attracted an audience of 60. The speaker is a Senior Global Expert at the Blue Ocean Strategy Network, co-founded by the creators of Blue Ocean Strategy, Professors Chan Kim and Renee Mauborgne. Kee-Hian was a Shell Scholar and graduated with First Class Honours in Engineering from IC. Blue Ocean Strategy is a new approach to strategy and innovation designed to deliver on the “holy grail” of sustained, performance growth, with a correspondingly higher probability of success and greater impact. The strategy approach is based on certain strategic logic and key principles to generate innovation ideas that truly deliver value to the buyers and users.

Hosting Visitors from IC

Prof. Wong Limsoon (immediate past president, ICAAS) hosted a dinner at Hua Ting Restaurant (Orchard Hotel) on 08 June 2007 (Friday) for two IC faculty members who were invited speakers at GridAsia 2007 in Singapore. The visitors were Prof. Yike Guo and Dr. Colin Richardson (Internet Economist) from the Department of Computing. Donny Soh, a PhD student under the joint supervision of Limsoon and Yike, was also present.



Dr. Colin Richardson speaking on “The Grid Service Market: Economics of the Next Generation Internet & Grid” at the UK-Singapore Partners In Science Meeting on e-Science & Grid Computing, held as part of GridAsia.



(L-R) Dr. Colin Richardson, Dr. Lee Hing Yan, Prof. Yike Guo, Prof. Wong Limsoon, Donny Soh, and Low Suk Qun.

ICAAS-UMAAS Talk on Wellness



With University of Manchester Alumni Association of Singapore (UMAAS), we have kicked off a joint talk series on Wellness in May 2007. The second talk was given by Dr. Koh Hui Hiang, a senior consultant optometrist at IGARD, who obtained her PhD from UMIST. Entitled “Lutein Supplementation in Prevention of Age-related Eye Diseases,” the talk was held on 09 June 2007 at Woodlands Regional Library.

The next talk will be given by Dr. Antony Tam, a general practitioner, who will speak on “Optimal health and Preventing Diseases” on 19 July 2007 at the Bedok Community Library.

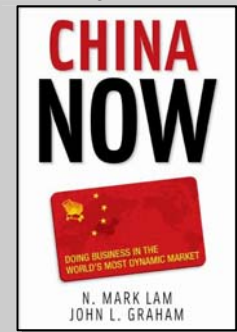
MBA Talk on “The Chinese Negotiation”



The fourth MBA talk this year was given by Mark Lam on 20 June 2007 (Wednesday) at the Auditorium at Air Transport Training College. It was organized by the MBA Wing of ICAAS, jointly with the British Alumni (Singapore).

Mark Lam is Chairman, Executive Committee and CEO of Live365. He has just completed a book by McGraw Hill – “China Now” - with Professor John L. Graham, an authority in international marketing and negotiation, on doing business with China. Attendees were able to buy the book at 20% discount after the talk.

Executives doing business with China typically prepare themselves with etiquette tips. These may get them started, but a much deeper understanding of Chinese culture is needed to sustain business relationships over the longer term. The central cause of communication breakdowns is due to a cultural ignorance. To help remedy this dangerous lack of knowledge, Lam explained the four cultural threads that have shaped Chinese thinking over thousands of years. These cultural underpinnings explain eight elements that define the Chinese negotiating style.



Forthcoming Events in 2007

19 July	Joint ICAAS-UMAAS Wellness Talk @ Bedok Community Library (7 pm) “Optimal Health and Preventing Diseases” By Dr. Antony Tam (General practitioner)
08 August	An Evening with Imperial Ambassador By Dame Julia Higgins (Principal, Faculty of Engineering, IC)
17 August	Joint ICAAS-UMAAS Wellness Talk @ Bedok Community Library (7 pm) “Disease-Free Ageing” By Dr. Elizabeth Ho (Longevity & Anti-Aging Center)
21 August	MBA Talk: “Seduced by Success: How the Best Companies Survive the 9 Traps of Winning” @ The Pod, Level 16, NLB Building (7 pm) By Robert Herbold (MD, Herbold Group & former COO, Microsoft Corp.)
September	Annual General Meeting & Dinner
29 November	Management & Technology Symposium @ NLB Building
30 November	Asia Convocation @ University Cultural Centre, NUS Gala Dinner @ Noble House (7 pm)

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.



IC Centenary Year & ICAAS 30th Anniversary Gala Dinner

30 November 2007 (Friday)

The Noble House

5 Shenton Way, #06-13 UIC Building, Singapore 068808

Spend an exciting evening of drinks, networking, and gala dinner with our Guest of Honour, officials from Imperial College London participating in the Asia Convocation, distinguished fellow alumni and friends.

Programme

1900 Networking Reception
1930 Arrival of Guest of Honour
1930 Welcome by Emcee
Speech by ICAAS President
Speech by IC representative
1945 Dinner Commences
2130 Dinner Ends

Attire Formal (suit & tie for men)

Cost	ICAAS Members	S\$88 pax	S\$808 per table of 10
	Non Members	S\$100 pax	S\$999 per table of 10

Please complete and return the slip below with your payment. Your cheque should be crossed and payable to "ICAAS". The completed form and payment should be sent to ICAAS Gala Dinner Committee, c/o 22 Carpmael, Singapore 429769.

Name _____

Address _____

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Email _____ No. of tickets _____

Tel (H) _____ (O) _____ (Handphone No.) _____

IC Graduate: Degree, Year & Dept. _____

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