

# Imperial College Alumni Association of Singapore



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### Annual General Meeting

The AGM was held at the NEA Tavern, the ENV Sports & Recreation Centre on 18 September 2007 (Tuesday), accompanied by a buffet dinner and followed by a karaoke session. A new Executive Committee was elected. For the line-up, please see the side-bar of the office bearers on the left column of this page. We wish to thank members who have stepped down for their past contributions to ICAAS; they are Kan Wei Jin, Lim Zhisheng and Zhang Weihan.

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Above: Evergreen Chen Hung belting it out in a duet with Wendy Liu in karaoke.

Left & below: The folks at the AGM, with Alex Fung and Dennis Ling getting their Lucky Draw prizes donated by Diners Club.



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## ***Annual Meet on First Sunday in October***

Since they graduated from IC several years ago, a group of 40 alumni has pledged to meet on the first Sunday of every October for an annual reunion. This year, they met at China Royal at the exclusive Raffles Hotel on 7 October 2007 (Sunday) for their yearly gathering. The ring leaders were Toh Poh Joo and Kuen Leun.

## ***Lost & Found***



Two long-lost friends eventually met after 26 years. They first made acquaintance in 1978 as freshman in Computing. They last saw each other after completing their bachelor degree's course in 1981. An article, written by their common friend on the IC Centenary web site, led to the renewal of ties and a face-to-face meeting in Singapore on 04 September 2007. The opportunity arose when Beijing-based William So, who works as COO of China Netcom (HK) Operations, was in town to attend conference. Hopefully, their next meeting will not be in another 26 years' time ...

L-R: William So and Dr. Lee Hing Yan after a dinner at Makan Sutra Glutton Bay.

## ***News from Bangkok***

Prof. Wong Limsoon, who was in Bangkok in early October, took the opportunity to meet up with fellow ICAAS member, Oh Lock Soon, who is now working there, and Dr Viphandh Roengpithya (affectionately known as Dr Vip), fellow IC alumnus, President of Asian University, Thailand, and President/Founder of the Thai Imperial College Alumni Association.

Lock Soon is doing well as Chief Operating Officer of TCC CapitaLand. He has just been elected as the Chairman of the Singapore-Thai Chamber of Commerce. Over a sumptuous meal at Coca steamboat, Dr. Vip provided a very interesting discourse and book review of a very interesting book titled "Genghis Khan: And the Making of the Modern World" by Jack Weatherford. If you'd like to consult Dr. Vip on the very many interesting facts from the book, you can do so at the upcoming IC Centenary Year Management Symposium (on 29 November 2007) where he is one of our esteemed guest speakers. Check the ICAAS website at [www.icaas.org](http://www.icaas.org) for more details on the event.

## ***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.

## ***Dinner with Mary Ritter***



Prof. Mary Ritter (Pro-Rector for Graduate & International Affairs, Imperial College London) was in Singapore on 16 – 20 October to attend a meeting of the A\*STAR Graduate Academy International Advisory Panel. Dr. Lee Hing Yan (ICAAS President), Elsie Lee, and George Ong (ICAAS life member) hosted her for dinner at the Churchill Room at the Tanglin Club on 19 October.

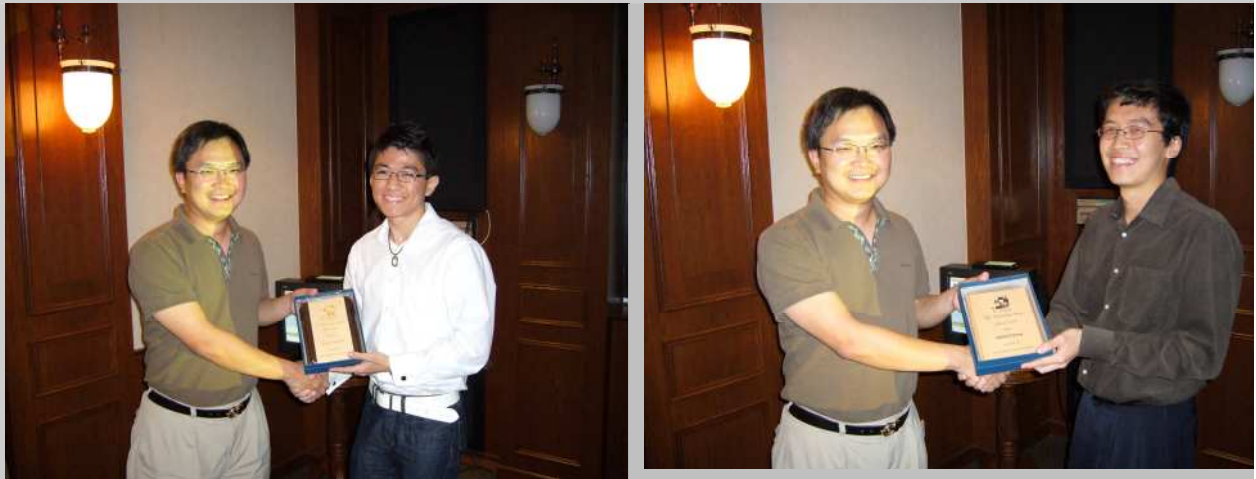
## ***Judging of Best JC Science Student***

Each year, ICAAS partners with the Ministry of Education and the World Scientific Publishing Company (WSPC) to select the Best Junior College Science student in Singapore. The winner will be sponsored to represent Singapore to attend the Nobel Prize Presentation Ceremony and participate in a science fair in Sweden. The closed session of interviews was held on 26 September 2007 at the National University of Singapore (NUS). The panel of judges, chaired by Prof. Wong Limsoon (Computer Science & Pathology, NUS) comprised:

IC alumni – A/Prof. Chin Wei Ngan (Computer Science, NUS), Prof. Sam Ge (Electrical & Computer Engineering, NUS), A/Prof. Simon Yu (Mechanical Engineering, NTU), Dr. Lee Hing Yan (President, ICAAS), and Prof. K. K. Phua (Chairman, World Scientific Publishing Company). Others – Prof. Hong Wan Jin (Deputy Executive Director, Institute of Molecular & Cellular Biology), A/Prof. Lee Seng Gee (Head of Gastronomy, NUS Medicine), and Prof. Lim Hock (Director, Temasek Labs, NUS).

We would like to thank the chair and members of the panel for their time and contributions. The winner will be announced at the Centenary Year Gala Dinner on evening of 30 November 2007.

## ***MOSA Handed Out***



At the AGM 2007, the ICAAS Most Outstanding Student Award (MOSA) was presented to Wong Chong Wai. The two finalists were Gabriel Cheong and Huang Chongyong. For the first time, the ICAAS Bursary was awarded; the winner was Lu Jiaxun.

Above (left): MOSA winner Wong Chong Wai received his plaque from Prof. Wong Limsoon.

Above (right): Gabriel Cheong, a MOSA finalist, was presented with his plaque.

## ***Planning for a Reunion***

We have commenced taking reservations for the Centenary Year gala dinner on 30 November 2007. Start contacting your alumni cohort to form a table for that annual get-together. The registration form can be found at the back of this newsletter.

## ***Change of Email Address***

In order that you continue to receive updates on ICAAS activities, please inform us of your new email address. Do send the information to Prof. Wong Limsoon ([wongls@comp.nus.edu.sg](mailto:wongls@comp.nus.edu.sg)), who has kindly been maintaining the ICAAS mailing list and web site.

## ICAAS-UMAAS Talk on Wellness



With the University of Manchester Alumni Association of Singapore (UMAAS), we have kicked off a joint talk series on Wellness in May 2007. The fifth talk was given by Ms. Carolina Lee (Physiotherapist & Aqua-Physiotherapist, Assistant Rehabilitation Manager, West Point Hospital), who spoke on “Moving with Ease in Water – Physiotherapy & You!” at the Bedok Community Library on 21 September 2007. Photo caption (right above) J-R: Anthony Seow (NLB), Yap Tiong Peng (ICAAS life member), Carolina Lee (UMAAS), and Elsie Lee.

The final talk was given by Ms. Elsie Tan (Director, Imperial Lifestyle), who spoke on “A Gentle Introduction on Hydrotherapy” at the Bedok Community Library on 12 October 2007. With that, we wrapped up the 6-talk series on Wellness.

## Join the Google Game

The Republic Polytechnic is organizing a talk to be given by an IC alumna, with support from ICAAS.

Title: **“The Google Game: How Maps, Media and Mobility are Changing Mass Marketing for Ever”**

Speaker: Dr. Angela Hey (Founder & President, Techviser)

Date: 20 November 2007 (Tuesday)

Time: 5:30 pm

Place: Ngee Ann Auditorium, Asian Civilization Museum

Google rose from a research project in Stanford University to a US\$10 billion company in 10 years. The technology is good, but the marketing is great. Google goes beyond eyeballs and advertisers. It leverages the web, globally and locally. It makes savvy acquisitions to propel its astonishing growth. The speaker will show how Google's services are changing the competitive landscape for buyers, sellers, friends and foes. Whether you are accessing the web on your mobile phone, running a multinational marketing department or investing in online startups, this talk will discuss Google's influence.



Dr. Angela Hey, founder of a Silicon Valley high technology consulting and marketing firm, Techviser, which does business development and marketing. She brings experience in wireless equipment, mobile devices, document management and enterprise software ventures. Her current interests are wireless sensor networks, RFID, electronic payments, optimization and the semantic web. She is also the technology reporter for the Mountain View Voice. Her career began at Bell Laboratories and AT&T, where she pioneered UNIX software marketing and helped telecommunications companies standardize interfaces between operations systems in telecommunications companies. She holds an MSc (MBA equivalent) in Management with Corporate Finance option and a PhD in Management Science (Operations Research) from Imperial College London. She also has degrees computer science and mathematics from University of Waterloo and University of Cambridge.

To register, please send an email to: [sit\\_events@rp.sg](mailto:sit_events@rp.sg). The info should include: Name, Designation, Organization, Contact No., Email address <http://events.sit.rp.sg/>; and Title of talk.

## ***Forthcoming Events in 2007***

- 20 Nov "The Google Game: How Maps, Media and Mobility are Changing Mass Marketing For Ever"  
@ Ngee Ann Auditorium, Asian Civilization Museum (5:30 pm)  
[organized by Republic Polytechnic & supported by ICAAS]  
By Dr. Angela Hey (Founder & President, Techviser)
- 28 Nov IC Centenary Symposium: Science, Engineering & Medicine in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century @ Biopolis (9 am)  
URL: [www.imperial.ac.uk/centenary/singapore](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/centenary/singapore)
- 29 Nov IC Centenary Alumni Seminar: Developments in Science, Technology & Healthcare @ NLB Building (9 am)  
URL: [www.imperial.ac.uk/alumni/singaporeseminar](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/alumni/singaporeseminar)
- 29 Nov UK Distinguished Visiting Speaker Series @ Eden Hall (6 pm)  
[organized by British High Commission & by invitation only]  
By Sir Richard Sykes (Rector, Imperial College London)
- 30 Nov Asia Convocation @ University Cultural Centre, NUS (2 pm)  
[by invitation only]
- 30 Nov Gala Dinner @ Noble House (7 pm)  
[Please see attached registration form]
- 01 Dec MBA Networking Event @ TBA



## *IC Centenary Year & ICAAS 30<sup>th</sup> 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 VIPs, officials from Imperial College London participating in the Asia Convocation, IC graduates, fellow alumni, friends and guests. The gala dinner will be officiated by President S R Nathan and attended by guests that include J Y Pillay (ICAAS Advisor), Paul Madden (British High Commissioner), Eunice Crook (Director, British Council), Sir Richard (IC Rector) & Lady Sykes, and honorary doctorate conferees (to be announced earlier in the afternoon)..

### **Tentative Programme**

- 1900 Networking Reception  
1930 Arrival of VVIPs  
Welcome by Emcee  
Speech by Dr. Lee Hing Yan (President, ICAAS)  
Speech by Sir Richard Sykes (Rector, Imperial College London)  
Speech by His Excellency Paul Madden (British High Commissioner)  
Dinner Commences  
2015 Presentation of Awards  
Dinner Continues  
Light Entertainment  
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

Wine (including GST and corkage charge)

- Taltarni Fiddleback Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2004 white wine
  - S\$40 nett per bottle (prepaid only)
- Morambro Cabernet Sauvignon 2003 red wine
  - S\$45 nett per bottle (prepaid)
  - S\$55 nett per bottle (cash payment at dinner)

To reserve your table or seat, please complete the Reply Slip on the following page and return it ASAP. We look forward to see you at the Gala Dinner.

### **Accommodation**

Please ensure all accommodation is booked as soon as possible as the November / December period is particularly busy in Singapore as hotel rooms may not be easily available. ICAAS has secured special accommodation rates for the Asia Convocation and related events. A list of hotels is given at URL: <http://www3.imperial.ac.uk/aboutimperial/events/graduationceremonies/asiaconvocation#content6>

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ICAAS 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Dinner*

**Reply Slip**

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.

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Email \_\_\_\_\_

Tel (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (O) \_\_\_\_\_ (Handphone) \_\_\_\_\_

IC Graduate: Degree, Year & Dept. \_\_\_\_\_

No. of tables \_\_\_\_\_ No. of seats \_\_\_\_\_

No. of bottles of white wine \_\_\_\_\_ No. of bottles of red wine \_\_\_\_\_

Cheque No. \_\_\_\_\_

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