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Celebrating Imperial College's Centenary Year in Singapore

We are very excited that the Asia Convocation will be held in Singapore on 30 November 2007 (Friday), as part of the Centenary celebrations next year. Students will have a choice of graduating in the Royal Albert Hall in London or at the University Cultural Centre in Singapore. Only students due to graduate in 2007 will be able to attend the ceremony in Singapore.

The ICAAS Exco is planning several activities to be held in conjunction with the Asia Convocation. The major one will be a gala dinner on Friday evening, open to the graduands, their families and guests, IC faculty and alumni alike.

We also plan to hold a one-day symposium on 29 November 2007 (Thursday), with a focus on management and technology. More details will be announced in due course.

These activities are in addition to our endeavor to achieve 100 public lectures through our partnership with the National Library Board in 2007. Hitherto, we have reached 70 public lectures. If you have suggestions for the Centenary Year, do let us know.



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Joint Pub Nite @ Eski Bar with UMAAS



The evening of 19 October saw members from ICAAS and the University of Manchester Alumni Association of Singapore (UMAAS) having a joint pub outing at Eski Bar along Boat Quay. It provided a great opportunity for networking and for welcoming recent graduates who recently returned to Singapore upon completion of their studies in the UK.

Left (L-R): Dr. Lee Hing Yan (ICAAS President) with newly made friends from University of Manchester Alumni Association. They are: Kris Loy, Christopher Tan (UMAAS President), Caroline Lee, Yap Tiong Peng (also ICAAS life member), Andrew, and Justin Lim.



(L-R): Tan Hang Cheong (an ICAAS founder and Deputy Principal of Ngee Ann Polytechnic), Dr. Lee Hing Yan, and Lee Yew Wei.



(L-R): Kevin Lim and Ng Bingrong are recent IC graduates.

Planning for the Year Ahead



The ICAAS Exco held its first meeting on 10 October 2006 at the SuperBowl, Boat Quay, to discuss plans for next year's activities.

(L-R): Paul Brandeis (Hon. Secretary), Han Neng Hsiu, Dr. Lee Hing Yan (ICAAS President), Alex Fung (Hon. Treasurer), Oh Lock Soon (Vice President), Prof. Wong Limsoon, Dennis Ling, and Mark Wong. Chen Hung just left the meeting while Kan Wei Jin, Tang Wey Lin, Lim Zhisheng and Zhang Weihai were absent.

Establishing the MBA Wing in ICAAS



The ICAAS Exco began discussion with the Tanaka Business School to form an MBA Wing within the alumni association to champion business related activities and to be a part of the Tanaka Business School network of regional alumni clubs. After several email exchanges, a meeting was held with Anne Benjamin on 8 November 2006 at the Sheraton Hotel. The effort will be spearheaded by MBA alumni, with its launch scheduled for April 2007.

(L-R) Dr. Lee Hing Yan (ICAAS President), Ms. Anne Benjamin (Tanaka Business School), Kan Wei Jin (ICAAS Exco member), Dennis Ling (ICAAS Exco member), Tang Wey Lin (ICAAS Exco member), and Dominic Soon (Wey Lin's friend).

Meeting a Good Friend



Prof. K K Phua (Chairman, World Scientific Publishing Company & ICAAS founding president) hosted a private dinner in honour of Sir Eric Ash (former Rector, IC) on 16 November 2006 at the Man Fu Yuan Restaurant. Sir Eric was in Singapore to attend a business meeting.

(L-R) Seated: Mrs. Doreen Phua, Sir Eric Ash, Prof. K K Phua (ICAAS life member), and Mrs. Max Phua. Standing: Chen Hung (ICAAS Exco member), Dr. Lee Hing Yan (ICAAS President), George Ong (ICAAS life member), Dr. Guoxiong Wu (IC alumnus & Director, Academic Committee, National Key Laboratory of Numerical Modeling for Atmospheric Sciences & Geophysical Fluid Dynamics, Chinese Academy of Science), Dr. Lim Hock (Director, Temasek Labs, NUS), and Max Phua.

Grid Is Good: Unleashing Grid Computing To Power Business, Education & Life

[This title is a spin on Michael Douglas' line "Greed is good" in the movie 'Wall Street']

With the National Library Board and National Grid Office, ICAAS organizes a monthly lecture series on Grid Computing. The lectures are held at 7pm in Visitors' Briefing Room, Level 1, the NLB Building, 100 Victoria Street. Admission is Free. All are Welcome.



The 10th and final lecture in the series was given by Dr. Lim Hock Beng, Program Director, Intelligent Systems Center, Nanyang Technological University on 10 November 2006. The title was "Sensors, Sensors Everywhere: A Peek into the Next IT Revolution."

Recent advances in technology have created a new class of small, low-cost, low-power, and intelligent sensor devices with sensing, computation, and wireless communication capabilities. In the future, such intelligent sensor devices will be extensively embedded into our living environment. Wireless sensor networks and sensor Grids are exciting emerging technologies with great potential to revolutionize many segments of the economy and our life. In this talk, the speaker introduced the concept of wireless sensor networks and outlined some of their important applications. He also explained the concept of sensor Grids, which extend the Grid computing paradigm to the sharing of sensor resources in wireless sensor networks. Finally, he discussed the relevance of wireless sensor networks and sensor Grids to the future IT landscape in Singapore.

This last lecture in the 10-part series, which started in February 2006, concluded our partnership with the NLB for this year. Hitherto, we have jointly organized a total of 70 lectures with the NLB since January 2001. As part of the Imperial College's Centenary celebration in 2007, we aim to organize another 30 lectures to reach the target of 100. We look forward to your continued support.

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.