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### 2007 Times Higher Education Supplement – University Rankings

Released in early November 2007, the annual survey by the Times Higher Education Supplement and careers and education group Quacquarelli Symonds (THES-QS) ranks universities based on several factors including the opinions of academics and of companies employing graduates, international student and staff numbers, and research.

Imperial College London improves its ranking from 9<sup>th</sup> in the previous year to rise to 5<sup>th</sup> spot in this year's ranking.

Britain's performance in a league table of the world's top universities has improved, but USA continues to dominate. Four of the top 10 are British while the rest are American. MIT was joint 4th last year but falls to 10th place, while Stanford falls from 6th position to 19th.

The Top 10 ranking list is:

- 1 Harvard University (US)
- 2 University of Cambridge (UK)
- 2 University of Oxford (UK)
- 2 Yale University (US)
- 5 Imperial College London (UK)**
- 6 Princeton University (US)
- 7 California Institute of Technology (US)
- 7 University of Chicago (US)
- 9 University College London (UK)
- 10 Massachusetts Institute of Technology (US)

### ICAAM Presents The Rector's Address



On 24 November 2007, our counterpart alumni association in Malaysia held its IC Centenary Dinner at the Impiana Banquet Hall, Impiana KLCC Hotel & Spa in Kuala Lumpur. Sir Richard Sykes, Rector of Imperial College London, gave the address.

Dr. Lee Hing Yan and Timothy Toh represented ICAAS at the 8-course Chinese dinner and continued the traditional good relationship with ICAAM members.

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## Dragon Boat Team in Action



Five members of the ICAAS Youth Wing participated in the Singapore River Regatta on 3 November 2007. What an exciting and eventful dragon boat race! At least two boats went really off course across multiple lanes. Our boat - the Komodo - got through the race in good shape. Unfortunately, in the photo finish, we did not win. The ICAAS rowers were: Ong Ee Leong, Chan Tze Hoe, Matthew Lim, Chew Chee Keong, and Ong Ee Hock.

Story & photos by Limsoon Wong



## The Google Game

The Republic Polytechnic organized a talk by Dr. Angela Hey (IC alumna), with support from ICAAS. She spoke on the topic "The Google Game: How Maps, Media and Mobility are Changing Mass Marketing for Ever" on 20 November 2007 at the Ngee Ann Auditorium, Asian Civilization Museum.

Dr. Angela Hey is founder of a Silicon Valley high technology consulting and marketing firm, Techviser, which does business development and marketing. She holds an MSc in Management with Corporate Finance option and a PhD in Management Science (Operations Research) from Imperial College London. She also has degrees in computer science and mathematics from University of Waterloo and University of Cambridge.



## 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.

## 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.

## Forthcoming Events in 2007

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| 28 Nov | IC Centenary Symposium: Science, Engineering & Medicine in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century @ Biopolis (9 am)<br>URL: <a href="http://www.imperial.ac.uk/centenary/singapore">www.imperial.ac.uk/centenary/singapore</a>                              |
| 29 Nov | IC Centenary Alumni Seminar: Developments in Science, Technology & Healthcare @ Possibility Room, Level 5, NLB Building (9 am)<br>URL: <a href="http://www.imperial.ac.uk/alumni/singaporeseminar">www.imperial.ac.uk/alumni/singaporeseminar</a> |
| 29 Nov | UK Distinguished Visiting Speaker Series @ Eden Hall (6 pm)<br>[organized by British High Commission & by invitation only]<br>By Sir Richard Sykes (Rector, Imperial College London)  |
| 30 Nov | Asia Convocation @ University Cultural Centre, NUS (2 pm)<br>[by invitation only]   |
| 30 Nov | Gala Dinner @ Noble House (7 pm)<br>[Please see attached registration form]   |



## *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), 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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**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.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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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