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### IC Centenary Year & 30<sup>th</sup> ICAAS Anniversary Gala Dinner



Singing the birthday song. (L-R) Dr. Lee Hing Yan (President, ICAAS), J Y Pillay (Advisor, ICAAS), President S R Nathan, and Sir Richard Sykes (Rector, Imperial College London).

### Meeting Sir Eric Ash



Between his busy business schedule and catching a flight back to London, Sir Eric Ash found time to have drinks and dinner with Dr. Lee Hing Yan and George Ong at The Tavern @ Tanglin Club on 4 December 2007. The latter was ICAAS president when Sir Eric was the Rector of Imperial College. Coincidentally, they were instrumental for organizing the first Presentation of Graduates ceremony held in 1992, some 15 years before the same ceremony was hosted in Singapore on 30 November 2007.

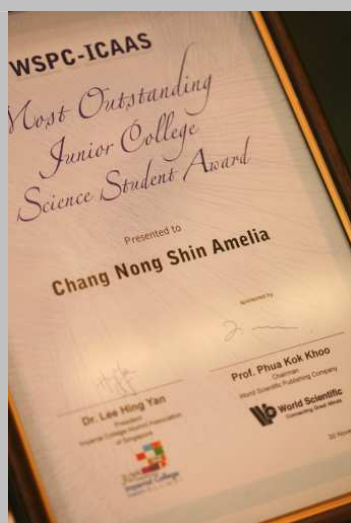
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## **ICAAS Distinguished Service Award Winner – George Ong**



The IDSA is the highest recognition awarded by ICAAS to its members for sustained and outstanding contributions and services to the alumni association and the community at large. Under George Ong's leadership, ICAAS became one of the most active alumni associations in Singapore. Among the many events he helmed, the most impressive and successful one was the 1992 Graduate Presentation held in Singapore. Even after serving his six years of ICAAS presidency, George continues active participation, imparting his experience and guidance to succeeding Exco.

## **WSPC-ICAAS Most Outstanding JC Science Student Award**



This award, supported by the Ministry of Education, is presented annually to an outstanding JC science student who has the best academic achievement in science, the best ability to explain scientific results, and the best attitude to address difficult problems and issues. The winner receives the highly coveted right to participate in and attend the Nobel Prize Ceremony and the Stockholm International Youth Science Seminar, fully sponsored by World Scientific Publishing Company (WSPC). Amelia Chang has shown great passion, creativity, and initiative in her multiple research projects spanning chemistry, microbiology, and genetic diagnosis. This is a very strong and productive track record indeed. Furthermore, in spite of her accomplishments, she is a humble person, with an engaging personality, who readily renders assistance to those in need.

# Gala Dinner @ Noble House



The President arrived at UIC Building, greeted by a welcome party comprising J Y Pillay, Sir Richard Sykes, and Dr. Lee Hing Yan.



Chen Hung, the evergreen emcee, kept everyone entertained with his wise cracks and jokes.





And so, we completed a year-long double celebrations marking the Centenary Year of Imperial College London and the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of ICAAS. There will, doubtlessly, be many more good years ahead. We are confident that the alumni community in Singapore will continue to build upon its strong foundations and with the continued rejuvenation through the active contribution and participation of young alumni, we can only expect an even stronger ICAAS in future.

## **Photo Order**

The Gala Dinner photos used in this newsletter are provided courtesy of Jingle & Ejun of Anamics Creative Group Pte Ltd ([www.anamics.com](http://www.anamics.com)). If you are interested to view their entire collection of shots taken at the Asia Convocation and the Gala Dinner on 30 November 2007, please peruse the photos at: <http://www.ejunlow.com/pgs/imperial/imperial01.htm>. Should you wish to place order to purchase the photos, please liaise directly with the Anamics folks.

Another collection of photos was taken at the Gala Dinner by Gabriel Aloysius. At press time, the photos are not ready yet. We will provide further details in the next newsletter.

## **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.

## **IC Centenary Alumni Seminar: Presentation Slides**

We received many requests for copies of the presentation slides from the IC Centenary Alumni Seminar held on 29 November 2007. We have been able to secure permission from several, although not all, speakers to make their presentation materials available from the ICAAS web site at [www.icaas.org](http://www.icaas.org). Please peruse the materials by selecting 'Link' on the home page and then selecting 'Records of Collaboration' with NLB.

**We are taking a well-deserved break in December.**

**Have a Blessed Christmas & Happy New Year!**

## **Call for Nominations**

### **IDSAs**

The ICAAS Distinguished Service Award is the highest form of recognition offered by the alumni association. Past IDSAs winners are Prof. K K Phua, Raymond Kwok, Prof. Wong Limsoon, and George Ong.

### **Honorary Membership**

According to the ICAAS Constitution, this recognition is given to "persons distinguished by eminence in public life or by service rendered to the College/Association shall be eligible to be conferred Honorary Membership." This recognition has not previously been given out.

See the criteria at [www.icaas.org](http://www.icaas.org) under Awards. The Award Committee, chaired by ICAAS President, comprises Han Neng Hsiu (vice president), Prof. Wong Limsoon (past president), Toh Poh Joo (Youth Wing), and Alex Fung (MBA Wing). The period of nomination is 1 January - 31 March 2008.