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An Evening with Sir Roy Anderson

Soon after he landed in Singapore on late Sunday afternoon (15 June 2008), Sir Roy Anderson (incoming IC Rector) joined several IC alumni for dinner at the Churchill Room in the Tanglin Club. We enjoyed small talk over wine and beer before dinner. Sir Roy updated us about the many exciting developments at South Kensington. Topics were wide-ranging, from the Atacama Desert Crossing and grid services provisioning to coexistence of polytechnics with universities, China's economic growth, and regional consulting business.



Caption (L-R): Christopher Tan (British High Commission), Toh Poh Joo, Tan Hang Cheong, Dr. Lee Hing Yan, Sir Roy Anderson, Prof. K K Phua, Mrs. Doreen Phua and George Ong.

Pub Nite with British Alumni Association Presidents

The evening of 18 June 2008 saw presidents of several British university alumni associations meeting at Penny Black, Boat Quay, to discuss how best to organize events that benefit all British university alumni, without disrupting the activities of their respective alumni associations. There was general agreement that we should start on a modest scale, before attempting larger projects.

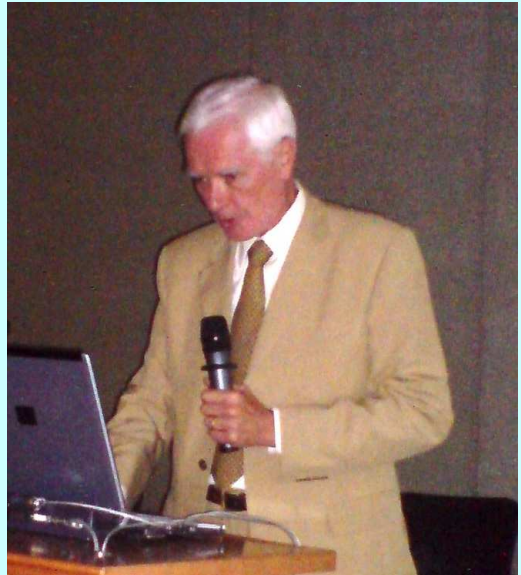


The Future of Grid Computing – in the Clouds?

IC alumnus, Dr. Martin Antony Walker (HPC segment Manager for Scientific Research, Hewlett-Packard, EMEA), provided an insight into the future of Grid Computing and shared his thoughts on whether it will evolve into Cloud Computing on 20 May 2008 (Tuesday) at the NLB Building. The talk was organized in partnership with the National Grid Office, Singapore Grid Forum, and National Library Board, with light refreshment sponsored by Hewlett-Packard Singapore.

Dr. Walker leads HP's engagement in peta-scale computing in Europe. He was Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Open Grid Forum until August 2007. He serves on the External Advisory Committee of the Baltic Grid Project and on the Technical Advisory Board of the South Eastern Europe Research & Education Network. He advises the HP-UNESCO anti brain-drain projects in South East Europe and Africa, and is a reviewer for the HP Philanthropy Technology for Teaching program.

Dr. Walker received a DIC and PhD in mathematics and physics from Imperial College (University of London) in 1970.



Entrepreneurial Pursuit from Start Up to IPO - VC Perspective



The MBA Wing is organizing its second MBA Talk this year. It will be given by IC alumnus Eugene Wong (Founder & Managing Director, Sirius Venture Consulting Pte Ltd) on 26 June 2008 (Thursday) at 1915 hours at The Pod, Level 16, NLB Building, 100 Victoria Street.

Admission is FREE but registration is required. Please register before 12 noon 25 June 2008 via email to Anthony_SEOW@nlb.gov.sg and include "ICAAS Talk on Entrepreneurship Pursuit" in the subject field. Places are limited and will be distributed on a first-come, first serve basis.

Abstract

It is not an easy task for entrepreneurs to raise capital for their ventures. However, an entrepreneur could increase his chances by understanding a venture capitalist's (VC) perspective. Using his experiences as the founder of Sirius Venture Consulting, Eugene will share his analysis in the process of business building from his point of view. Providing case studies for illustration, he resolves oft-raised doubts by entrepreneurs with regards to issues such as fund-raising, business relations after an investment, and exit strategies for VC firms and entrepreneurs. The process from start-up to IPO would be substantially simpler with the aforementioned information.

Biodata

Eugene Wong is Founder and Managing Director of Sirius, a boutique venture capital and venture consulting company that consults and invests in Small and Medium Sized (SME) companies. It helps SMEs to develop their growth strategies as well as funds them. Sirius has worked with more than 30 SMEs and invested in over 10 companies. Sirius has a S\$20 million angel fund in collaboration with SPRING Singapore that invests in high growth innovative early stage companies as well as a growth fund of S\$30 million to invest in growing SMEs.

Eugene is Vice-Chairman of Singapore Venture Capital & Private Equity Association (SVCA) and a board member of Business Network of South East Asia Angels (BANSEA). He sits on the boards of several public listed companies such as Ajisen China Holdings Limited listed on HKSE, Haike Chemical Group listed in UK AIM and Yaan Security Technology Ltd listed in Singapore. He is also active in social entrepreneurship sitting on YMCA – Citibank Youth for Cause Program and Singapore Accounting Standard Council Executive Committee. Eugene is Adjunct Lecturer at Nanyang Technological University, Singapore Management University and National University of Singapore (NUS) teaching subjects like New Venture Finance, Venture Capital Finance, and Entrepreneurial Finance. He is book author of "Entrepreneurial Finance – Start up to IPO". Eugene graduated with a BBA (first class honours) from NUS and an MBA from Imperial College London and attended an Executive Program for Growing Companies at Stanford Business School. He is a Chartered Financial Analyst.

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), who has kindly been maintaining the ICAAS mailing list and web site.

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.

Forthcoming Events in 2008

- 26 Jun MBA Talk on "Entrepreneurial Pursuit from Start Up to IPO - VC Perspective" @ The Pod, NLB Building (7:15 pm)
By Eugene Wong (Founder & Managing Director, Sirius Venture Consulting Pte Ltd)
- Aug MOSA and Bursary Award Interviews (tbc)
- Aug "Best JC Science Student Award" Interviews (tbc)
- 10 Sep MBA Talk @ The Pod, NLB Building (7:15 pm)
By Ku Swee Yong (Director, Marketing & Business Development, Savills Singapore)
- Sep Annual General Meeting (tbc)
- 5 Oct First Sunday of October Reunion Luncheon @ Royal China, Raffles Hotel

Game for Singapore Marathon 2008?

Have you been thinking of accomplishing one full marathon in your lifetime? Be part of the ICAAS marathon team to take part in this year's Singapore Marathon. Meet enthusiastic ICAAS members to train for this year's marathon. Trainings commence in July. If you are interested to take part in the 10 km, 21 km and 42 km run, please contact Poh Joo at tohpohjoo@hotmail.com.

Royal China Dim Sum Luncheon



Missed the Royal China dim sum in Queensway in London when you were a student in Imperial College? Reminisce your student experience with us at the Royal China at Raffles on the first Sunday of every October.

For reservations and details, please contact Poh Joo at tohpohjoo@hotmail.com.