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Evening at Night Races

ICAAS members and guests were treated to a delightful evening hosted by alumnus Simon Leong at the Singapore Turf Club, Kranji, on 25 July 2008.



Standing (L-R): Lim Eng Hai, Dr. Lee Hing Yan, Kevin Goh, Simon Leong, Sherine Wong & Jean-Louis Morin. Seated (L-R): Chen Hung, Mark & Carolynn Wong, Low Suk Quan & Prof. Wong Limsoon.

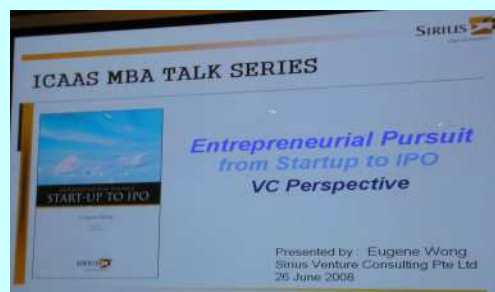
With Sir Gordon Conway



(L-R): Mok Ly Yng, Dr. Lee Hing Yan, Sir Gordon Conway and Mohan Balagopal.

IC alumni, Mohan Balagopal (president of British Alumni) and Dr. Lee Hing Yan (ICAAS president) attended a Distinguished Visitor Lecture on "How to Feed the World" and the launch of the Singapore Branch of the Royal Geographical Society (RGS-IBG) by Sir Gordon Conway, president of RGS-IBG on 27 June 2008 at Eden Hall, the residency of the British High Commissioner. The lecture was followed by a reception. Sir Gordon was Professor of Environmental Technology at Imperial College London in 1970 – 1986.

Entrepreneurial Pursuit from Start Up to IPO - VC Perspective



The MBA Wing organized its second MBA Talk. Preceded by light refreshment, the presentation was given by IC alumnus Eugene Wong (Founder & Managing Director, Sirius Venture Consulting Pte Ltd) on 26 June 2008 at The Pod, NLB Building. Eugene obtained his MBA from Imperial College London. The event attracted an audience of over 80 attendees.

Sirius is 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.



Exciting New Development for IC Students & Graduates

For the first time, the Careers Advisory Service at Imperial College is organising a careers fair in Singapore for returning Singaporean and Malaysian students. This is being organised collaboratively with London School of Economics, Oxford and Cambridge. The event will take place on 5 September at 1400 - 17.00 hours at Suntec City. This is one of a series of overseas events, with three further fairs in Hong Kong, Shanghai and Beijing. Hitherto, Arthur D Little, Bain & CO, Barclays Capital, Citi, Credit Suisse, IE Singapore, Lee & Lee, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Trade & Industry, Oliver Wyman, P&G, Schlumberger, Singapore Economic Development Board, Standard Chartered and BNP Paribas signed up for the Fair. Contact Singapore is assisting with some sponsorship for the event.

Elsbeth Farrar (Director, Careers Advisory Service, IC) will be coming to Singapore to participate in the event and to make contact with companies. ICAAS members are invited to visit the Careers Fair.

Award Committee for MOSA & ICAAS Bursary Award

Nominations and applications for the above awards are being processed for short-listing before the interviews. The Award Committee, chaired by ICAAS president, comprises Tan Hang Cheong, Yap Tiong Peng, Anthony Ong (representing MBA Wing), and Lee Yew Wei (representing Youth Wing).

Judging Panel for “Most Outstanding JC Science Student” Award

Once again, ICAAS will be presenting the Most Outstanding Junior College Science Student Award, which was first started in 1999. The selected student will represent Singapore at the Stockholm International Youth Science Seminar (SIYSS) which will be held in December 2008 in Stockholm, Sweden, in conjunction with the Nobel Prize Presentation Ceremony.

The SIYSS strives to inspire and promote international understanding and curiosity among young people on both cultural and scientific levels amidst the ambiance of the Nobel Week. The student winner will get the opportunity to interact with other young scientific talents, visit world-renowned universities and institutions, and attend the Nobel lectures and Ceremonies. World Scientific Publishing Company (WSPC) will be sponsoring the winner's participation at the event.

Prof. Wong Limsoon (immediate past president, ICAAS) has been appointed as the chairman for the selection panel. The Ministry of Education (MOE) will assist ICAAS in short-listing about qualified candidates for the panel's consideration. From these candidates, the panel will select about 6 for interview. The selection will take place in the third week of August, with the interviews conducted at the end of August. The final date of interviews will be confirmed later.

IC alumni

A/Prof. Kwoh Chee Keong, NTU Computer Engineering (subject: computing)
Prof. Wong Limsoon, NUS Computer Science & Pathology (subject: mathematics)
Dr. Koh Tieh Yong, NTU Physics (subject: physics)
Dr. Lee Hing Yan, ICAAS president (ex-officio)
Prof. K. K. Phua, Chairman of WSPC (ex-officio)

Non-alumni:

A/Prof. Christian Schoenbach, NTU Biological Sciences (subject: biology)
A/Prof. Chang Young Tae, NUS Chemistry (subject: chemistry)
A/Prof. Chng Wee Joo, NUS Medicine (subject: medicine)
Prof. Lim Hock, Director of Temasek Labs (subject: physics)
Mdm. Low Khah Gek, Deputy Director, Sciences, MOE (ex-officio)

Graduate Schools Transferable Skills Programme

Imperial College London will be running a Graduate Schools Transferable Skills programme at the Nanyang Technological University in the week of 01 - 05 September 2008. The programme will involve 40 students including several Imperial students as well as students from NUS, NTU and A*STAR. An IC alumnus will be sharing career insight at a dinner buffet on 2 September.

Snippets

According to a report in The Straits Times (27 June 2008), the Chief of Navy, Rear-Admiral (one-star) Chew Men Leong (an IC alumnus) received his second star in a recent promotion exercise. The 40-year-old took over the helm of the navy last year, after holding appointments such as head of the naval operations department and fleet commander. Rear-Adm Chew will continue to oversee the development of the navy. Part of that transformation includes the deployment of six 114m-long stealth frigates that will play a 'vital role where national air defence is concerned', he told reporters last week. Rear-Adm Chew will also focus on plugging the third-generation navy into the SAF's battle network. 'We have to piece the capabilities together and integrate them with the rest of the SAF so that we can fight as one integrated fighting force.'



There are 2 groups on Facebook where ICAAS members can be found; these are “Imperial College of London (Singapore Alumni)” and “Tanaka Business School (AKA Imperial College MBA).” Despite its generic name, the latter is an overseas MBA group. Feel free to join.

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.

Recent & Forthcoming Events in 2008

- 25 Jul Night Races @ Singapore Turf Club, Kranji (1800 – 2230 hours)
[Contact: Prof. Wong Limsoon]
- Aug MOSA and Bursary Award Interviews (tbc)
- Aug “Most Outstanding JC Science Student Award” Interviews (tbc)
- 01 - 05 Imperial Graduate Schools – Transferable Research Skills programme @ NTU
Sep [Contact: Jennifer Martin, International Officer, South East & Eastern Asia, International Office, IC]
- 05 Sep IC Careers Fair @ Suntec City (1400 – 1700 hours)
- 10 Sep MBA Talk @ The Pod, Level 16, NLB Building, 100 Victoria Street (1915 hours)
By Ku Swee Yong (Director, Marketing & Business Development, Savills Singapore)
- Sep Annual General Meeting (tbc)
- 05 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 Toh Poh Joo at tohphojoo@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 Toh Poh Joo at tohphojoo@hotmail.com.