

College of Family Physicians Singapore



30th
Annual Report
2000 - 2001



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 30th Annual General Meeting of the College of Family Physicians, Singapore, will be held on:

Sunday, 24 June 2001
at 1.30 pm
College of Medicine Building, Lecture Room 1
16 College Road, Singapore 169854

AGENDA

1. President's Address.
2. Minutes of the 29th Annual General Meeting held on Sunday, 14 May 2000.
3. Matters arising from the minutes of the 29th Annual General Meeting.
4. Annual Report of the 17th Council for the year ended 31 March 2001.
5. Audited accounts for the year ended 31 March 2001.
6. Appointment of Honorary Auditor and Legal Advisor.
7. Nomination and election of Honorary Fellows/ Fellows/ Albert and Mary Lim Award.
8. Graduate Diploma in Family Medicine.
9. Family Medicine Fellowship Programme (Aged Care).
10. Independent Family Medicine Department.
11. College premises - Long term plans & finances.
12. WONCA World Conference.
13. Election of 18th Council (2001-2003) Office Bearers.
14. Any other business.

Dr Lee Kheng Hock
Honorary Secretary
17th Council (1999-2001)

MINUTES OF THE 29TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Sunday 14 May 2000

Minutes of the 29th Annual General meeting of the College of Family Physicians, Singapore, held in Lecture Room 1, College of Medicine Building, 16 College Road, Singapore 160854, on Sunday 14 May 2000.

The following members were present:

Fellows

1. A/Prof Chan Nang Fong
2. Dr James Chang Yu Ming
3. A/Prof Cheong Pak Yean
4. A/Prof Goh Lee Gan
5. A/Prof Lim Lean Huat
6. Dr Alfred Loh Wee Tiong
7. Dr Ling Sing Lin
8. Dr Soh Cheow Beng

Diplomate Members

1. Dr Lau Hong Choon
2. Dr Lee Kheng Hock
3. Dr Ng Ban Cheong
4. Dr Lawrence Ng Chee Lian

Ordinary Members

1. Dr Angela Tan Peck Kiang
2. Dr Arthur Tan Chin Lock
3. Dr Chong Swan Chee
4. Dr Shirley Goh
5. Dr David Lim Hock Kuang
6. Dr George ST Khoo
7. Dr Henry Kothagoda
8. Dr Jonathan Pang
9. Dr Julian Lim Lee Kiang
10. Dr Kwan Yew Seng
11. Dr Lim Fong Seng
12. Dr Lim Soon Beng
13. Dr Mathew Ng Joo Ming
14. Dr Ong Chooi Peng
15. Dr Richard Ng Mong Hoo
16. Dr Tan Boon Yeow
17. Dr Tan Chee Beng
18. Dr Tan Kee Wang
19. Dr Tan See Leng
20. Dr Tan Teng Kok
21. Dr Yeo Khee Hong

Associate Members

1. Dr How Wen Li
2. Dr Tham Tat Yean

In Attendance

1. Ms Yvonne Chung

INTRODUCTION

The 29th Annual General Meeting (AGM) was called to order by A/Prof Lim Lean Huat, President of the College, at 1.35 pm. He welcomed all the members present and thanked them for attending the AGM on a Sunday afternoon.

As there was no quorum, the President adjourned the meeting until 2.00 pm.

ITEM 1 PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

1.0 The President reconvened the AGM at 2.00 pm. He reminded the House that a quorum had to be present to enable any part of the College Constitution to be amended, should the need arise.

1.1 The President briefed the House on the activities of the College during the past year and highlighted the significant events, which are reported in full details in the 29th Annual Report (1999-2000).

1.2 Report on the Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM)

1.2.1 The EGM was held on 24 September 1999. The following three resolutions were passed:

Resolution 1

That the College initiates the move to set up a Department of Family Medicine at the National University of Singapore

Resolution 2

That the College spearheads the fund raising towards a target sum of S\$3 million for the Endowment Fund for the Chair in Family Medicine.

Resolution 3

"That a donation of at least S\$250,000 be made by the College from its existing funds to the proposed Endowment Fund for the Chair in Family Medicine at the National University of Singapore."

1.2.2 The President reported on the developments since the EGM. Members of the 17th Council met with Prof SS Ratnam, then Director of the Graduate School of Medical Studies and Prof Tan Chorh Chuan, then Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, to further discuss the above issues. The plan was to set up a Chair in Family Medicine within the Department of Community, Occupational and Family Medicine (COFM) at the university in the first phase, and then to set up the full department in the second phase within an agreed time period.

1.2.3 After the meeting with Prof SS Ratnam and Prof Tan Chorh Chuan, members of the 17th Council then met with Prof Lee Hin Peng, Head of the Department of COFM. They were taken aback and confused by Prof Lee's reaction to the College's plan to set up a Chair in Family Medicine. Prof Lee explained to the Council Members how a Chair at the Department of COFM would be set up. The sum of S\$1 million would have to be forwarded by the College to the Bursar's Office at the university and a committee would be appointed to set up the Chair. Prof Lee explained to the Council Members that this would be a **Research Chair** within the Department of COFM and that the position could be

filled by anyone, not necessarily a local candidate. According to Prof Lee, this was in line with the emphasis on (i) Research and (ii) Teaching.

- 1.2.4 The President reported that as a result of the meeting with Prof Lee, the above position was not in line with the 17th Council's sentiments nor the three resolutions passed by at the EGM held on 24 September 1999. Therefore, he had to revert to the House at the Annual General Meeting. In the interim, the 17th Council decided that a Research Centre would be set up at the College, directed by A/Prof Goh Lee Gan. This is the latest situation at the moment since the EGM regarding the developments in plan to set up the Chair and Department in Family Medicine.

1.3 Visit of the Minister of Health

- 1.3.1 The President reported that the College received a visit from Mr Lim Hng Kiang, Minister of Health, and senior officials from the Ministry on 15 October 1999. Members of the 17th Council and staff of the Secretariat met with the delegation. The Minister was briefed on the work of the College and its role, especially in the accreditation of Continuing Medical Education (CME) and recognition of Family Physicians/GPs who have undergone further training in Family Medicine. The Minister reiterated his support to the College and suggested that a scheme be set up to give doctors recognition of their achievements and level of CME participation, eg, the one star, two star, three star doctor.

- 1.3.2 The Council also brought up the issue of the restrictive use of certain drugs and medicine by FPs/GPs. This issue was subsequently discussed at a meeting between Council Members and the Medical Advisory Committee (MAC) on 14 February 2000.

1.4 7th Scientific Conference and 8th Meditech Exhibition

- 1.4.1 The 7th Scientific Conference and 8th Meditech Exhibition was held on 25-26 September 1999, on *Family Medicine: Facing Demographic Change*. This event took place at the College of Medicine Building.

- 1.4.2 The highlights of the Opening Ceremony of the conference included the 17th Sreenivasan Oration, delivered by Dr Tan Cheng Bock on the topic of *Medicine and Politics - Do They Mix? An Honorary Fellowship* was awarded to A/Prof Chee Yam Cheng in recognition of his contribution to Family Medicine and his support to the College in developing the Master in Medicine (Family Medicine) degree. The Albert and Mary Lim Award was awarded to Dr Arthur Tan and Dr Richard Ng Mong Hoo for their long and dedicated service to the College.

1.5 The College Website

- 1.5.1 The President reported on the launch of the College Website on 18 July 1999. Members are able to do CME on line and have links to other useful and important websites. He especially thanked Dr Lee Kheng Hock for his contribution to the project. Since the launch of the website, however, there have been hitches in the maintenance of the site. Dr Lee KH will explain later in his report to the House.

1.6 Graduate Diploma in Ultrasonography (O&G)

1.6.1 The College and the Graduate School of Medical Studies successfully launched the Graduate Diploma in Ultrasonography (Obstetrics and Gynaecology) on 18 July 1999. The aim is to provide the necessary training to FPs/GPs to use ultrasonography appropriately and competently as a diagnostic tool in the primary care setting.

1.7 Regular CME

1.7.1 The 4th Annual Surgical Update for Family Practice was successfully held on 4-5 March 2000. The inaugural Minor Surgical Procedures Course, which was co-organised with the Singapore General Hospital, was held the weekend after on 11-12 March. This course was heavily oversubscribed. Given the evident demand for such training, the College aims to hold this course on a regular basis.

1.7.2 The President also reported that members from the respective east and west health care clusters also met with representatives from the College. They are keen to involve the College in their respective CME programmes. The House will be kept informed of further developments on this aspect, especially where FPs/GPs stand in the health care cluster scenario.

1.8 The Graduate Diploma in Family Medicine (GDFM)

1.8.1 The President reported that the Graduate Diploma in Family Medicine is to be launched on 1 July 2000. The course is to train FPs/GPs to practise Family Medicine at an *enhanced* level which is able to meet the needs of the young child, the adult and the elderly, with emphasis on diagnostic and management skills in the various clinical disciplines.

1.8.2 Publicity flyers and registration details for the course were sent out to members and the wider medical community in early May 2000. The course syllabus of the GDFM has been forwarded to Prof Lee Eng Hin, Director of the Graduate School of Medical Studies. He has subsequently sent it to the Vice Chancellor of the university. This was confirmed in a letter dated 27 April 2000 addressed to the President of the College from Prof Lee EH.

1.8.2 The President also reported that he has written to Dr Chen Ai Ju, Director of Medical Services, Ministry of Health, about the GDFM. He has since received a letter from Dr Arthur Chern, signed on behalf of Dr Chen Ai Ju, in support of the course. The Ministry has also advised the College to write to the Singapore Medical Council to obtain recognition of the GDFM as a registrable qualification.

1.9 College activities in the region

1.9.1 The President reported that the College has continued its work in helping neighbouring countries such as Myanmar and Indonesia develop the discipline of Family Medicine in their respective countries.

1.10 Acknowledgement to staff

- 1.10.1 The President expressed his thanks and appreciation to Ms Yvonne Chung, Administrative Manager and the Secretariat staff for their work and administrative support to the Council and to College members. The amount of work achieved during the past year would not have been possible without their contribution and hard work.

ITEM 2 MINUTES OF THE 28th AGM HELD ON 23 MAY 1999

- 2.1 The House went through the minutes of the 28th AGM held on 23 May 1999. There was one amendment to page 8, para 1.3.1.1. Dr Cheong Pak Yean's position should be President of the Singapore Medical Association (*not Singapore Medical Council*). The paragraph should read:

"A team of three doctors comprising Dr Alfred Loh in his capacity as President of the College, Dr Cheong Pak Yean, President of the Singapore Medical Association, and A/Professor Goh Lee Gan, representing the Department of Community, Occupational and Family Medicine, National University of Singapore, formed the Singapore International Foundation's Specialist Team on Family Medicine".

- 2.2 There were no other amendments. The minutes of the 28th AGM held on 23 May 1999 were proposed for adoption by Dr Alfred Loh Wee Tiong and seconded by Dr Lawrence Ng Chee Lian. There were no objections.

ITEM 3 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 28th AGM HELD ON 23 MAY 1999

3.1 SMC-CME Programme

- 3.1.1 Dr Chong Swan Chee asked why the Singapore Medical Council took over the administration of the SMC-CME programme when the College was more than adequately carrying out this function on behalf of the SMC-CME Committee?
- 3.1.2 Dr Richard Ng and Dr Alfred Loh explained that the SMC wanted a national implementation of an on-line system which would necessarily mean that the administration had to be carried out by the SMC. However, the College will continue to be actively represented in the SMC-CME Committee and would retain its powers to accredit CME that is relevant for Family Physicians/GPs.

3.2 College Premises

- 3.2.1 Dr Alfred Loh reported that the commercial monthly rental of almost S\$9000 paid by the College to the Ministry of Health is a heavy financial burden on the College's finances. Dr Alfred Loh has been in discussions with the Permanent Secretary (Health), Mr Moses Lee who has clearly indicated that the Ministry is seeking ways to enable the College to stay in its premises at the College of Medicine Building. One way to assist was by reducing the monthly rental to S\$6500.

3.3 Graduate Diploma in Ultrasonography (O&G)

- 3.3.1 Dr Chong Swan Chee commented that doctors have to be cautious when using ultrasound as diagnostic tool as they could be sued for incorrect use.
- 3.3.2 Dr Cheong Pak Yean commented that the issue of suing doctors applies to the medical profession as a whole. Doctors will be judged according to the level to which they are trained.
- 3.3.3 Dr Alfred Loh, in his capacity as Chairman of the Ultrasound Committee explained the rationale behind setting up the Graduate Diploma in Ultrasonography (O&G). Many Family Physicians/GPs were **already** using ultrasound in their practice. Ultrasound machines are easily available and there are no restrictions on their purchase. The "training" that currently exists consists of weekend courses conducted by the ultrasound machine companies. This is not adequate. Therefore, the College Council decided that it would be better to have **proper and structured training** to enhance the level of practice. This initiative was well supported by the Graduate School of Medical Studies, NUS and the O&G Department at the National University Hospital.
- 3.3.4 The rigorous syllabus of the Graduate Diploma in Ultrasonography (O&G) course is of international standard, recognized by the Singapore Medical Council, and is the first of such certified courses at the postgraduate level in the region.

3.4 College Website

- 3.4.1 Dr Lee Kheng Hock updated the House on the status of the College Website. He explained that there are glitches in its maintenance due to lack of funding. Briefly, the maintenance of the website was first carried out on a complimentary basis by a company called Sembawang Media. The company then withdrew from the project. The College sourced for a second and smaller company, but the company closed down. The College then sought the assistance of the Medical Informatics Programme (MIP) at NUS, which is backed by the National Computer Board. However, MIP has sold its entire project (in the which the College's website is an item) to a company called Health Answers International. This company has agreed to maintain the College Website. However, the deal between MIP and Health Answers fell through, thus College Website has been left in "limbo".
- 3.4.2 Presently, the college has sought the assistance of the Singapore Medical Association to maintain the online CME and FMTP components of the Website functioning.
- 3.4.3 The options facing the College is, either to maintain the website internally, but this would involve a lot of resources, technical expertise and money, or, to accept the offer of Health Answers International to host the website on a complimentary basis. Given the previous negative experiences with collaborating with commercial companies, the College is now more cautious in adopting this alternative.

3.5 College Library

- 3.5.1 Dr Chong Swan Chee commented that the College Library is limited in what it could offer in terms of facilities and resources
- 3.5.2 Chairman explained that the College Library would be upgraded. However, this is delayed as the part of the premises that it occupies is going to be renovated by the Ministry of Health. As such, the College is not able to proceed with its upgrading.
- 3.5.3 Dr Chong Swan Chee was invited to be a member of a committee involved in maintaining the library. He declined the invitation.

ITEM 4 MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING (EGM) HELD ON 24 SEPT 1999

- 4.1 The House went through the minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) held on 24 September 1999. There were no amendments.
- 4.2 The minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) held on 24 September 1999 were proposed for adoption by Dr Alfred Loh and seconded by A/Prof Goh Lee Gan.

ITEM 5 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE EGM HELD ON 24 SEPT 1999

- 5.1 Chairman updated the House on the latest developments on the proposed Department of Family Medicine since the EGM held on 24 September 1999. The update is contained in para 1.2 of these minutes.
- 5.2 Dr Alfred Loh updated the House further on the developments of the Finance Committee for the Department of Family Medicine. Dr A Loh has been tasked to head this committee with Dr Wong Heck Sing as Advisor. Dr Loh explained that given the economic situation, it was not timely to launch the appeal for funds. Through his discussions with various practicing doctors, however, he has already secured a S\$1 million pledge. Dr Loh encouraged the Council and members of the College to seek private appeals. He is confident that once the fund raising begins, the sum of S\$3 million is attainable in two years.
- 5.3 Dr Loh reiterated the Chairman's report on the developments since the EGM held on 24 September 1999. Given the facts found in paragraphs 1.2.3 and 1.2.4 above, the idea of creating a Chair in Family Medicine at the Department of COFM, NUS has been shelved and the push is now for a Department of Family Medicine.
- 5.4 Dr Jonathan Pang enquired whether the Dean has been informed of the change in events as stated above. A/Prof Goh Lee Gan reassured the House that through his discussions, the Dean, Prof Lee Eng Hin and also the Permanent Secretary (Health), both support the proposed move towards setting up a Department of Family Medicine.

ITEM 6 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE 17TH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2000

6.1 Search for WONCA CEO & Secretariat

- 6.1.1 Chairman updated the House on the College's bid to host the Secretariat of the World Organization of Family Doctors (WONCA) and the nomination of Dr Alfred Loh as the new CEO of WONCA. One of the conditions of relocating the WONCA Secretariat is that it must be linked to or co-located at a college that holds full membership with WONCA.
- 6.1.2 WONCA had received 5 applications for the position of CEO and two were shortlisted: Dr Alfred Loh and the candidate from the University of Florida, USA. The American bid has a backing of US\$100,000. But this would go to supplement the CEO's salary should the candidate be successful and not benefit WONCA directly.
- 6.1.3 One advantage that Singapore may have over the USA, is that it is very likely that WONCA can be incorporated in Singapore. Due to the technicalities in various countries, WONCA, since its establishment in the early 1970s, has never been incorporated. Therefore, it is not a legal entity. Dr Alfred Loh has enlisted the assistance of Arthur Andersen to incorporate WONCA, and to have it registered with the Registrar of Companies as a company limited by guarantee.
- 6.1.4 Dr A Loh is also in the process of obtaining tax-exempt status for WONCA, and enlisting the help of the Economic Development Board (EDB) and pharmaceutical companies to ensure that Singapore is the favoured location for WONCA. If the College is successful in its bid, it would be prestigious to host a world body in Singapore, which would undoubtedly bring international focus on the country, and raise the profile of the College and the discipline of Family Medicine.

6.2 Report of the Board of Censors

(Refer to pp 31-33 of 29th Annual Report 1999-2000)

- 6.2.1 Chairman reported that the publicity for the Graduate Diploma in Family Medicine (GDFM) has been announced and flyers sent to College members.
- 6.2.2 The Censor-in-Chief, Dr Lau Hong Choon, updated the House on the details and syllabus of the GDFM. The aim is to provide an intermediate qualification between the MBBS and MMed(FM) degrees. All trainers for the course are at least MMed(FM) holders. The College is in the process of obtaining approval from the Singapore Medical Council for the GDFM to be registrable and displayable qualification.
- 6.2.3 Dr James Chang suggested that all GDFM trainees should be College Members.
- 6.2.4 In relation to this suggestion, A/Prof Cheong Pak Yean suggested that a Family Physician Register could be set up once a critical mass of GDFM and MMed(FM) holders has been achieved.

- 6.2.5 At this juncture, A/Prof Cheong PY enquired about the current status of the MCGPS/MCFPS holders.
- 6.2.6 Dr Lau Hong Choon explained that the MCGPS/MCFPS qualification is the 'property' of the College and the MMed (FM), which is based on the MCGPS, has superseded this.
- 6.2.7 A discussion then ensued on the awarding of the proposed "new" MCFPS to MMed(FM) holders as a professional award and something similar to a joint degree. Council has discussed this proposal. If agreed, the new MCFPS will only be awarded to MMed(FM) holders who are College members, and would provide a link between the College and the university, which now awards the MMed(FM) degree.
- 6.2.8 Dr Alfred Loh suggested to the Censors' Board that the awarding of the new MCFPS should not be an automatic procedure, but should be based on something substantial. For example, the MCFPS should be awarded only after "x" number of years in research and teaching, or the person must have contributed substantially to the College.
- 6.2.9 A/Prof Goh Lee Gan commented that recognition of the MCFPS is endorsed on page 3, section 4 of the College constitution. Reviving the MCFPS is a means to getting doctors with the MMed(FM) to join the College, and that future Fellows will have to have the MCFPS qualification.
- 6.2.10 On other Censors' Board matters, Dr Lau Hong Choon reported that Prof SS Ratnam has been nominated for an Honorary Fellowship and that Dr Lim Kim Leong has been nominated for the Albert and Mary Lim Award.

6.3 Report of the CME Committee

(Refer to pp 34-37 of 29th Annual Report 1999-2000)

- 6.3.1 Dr Richard Ng, Chairman of the CME Committee, highlighted the success of the 1st Minor Surgical Procedures (MSP) course for Family Physicians. This was oversubscribed, indicating the demand for such hands-on training.
- 6.3.2 A/Prof Cheong PY suggested that the MSP course could be a component part of the GDFM course and that places could be reserved for GDFM trainees in future courses.
- 6.3.3 In relation to the new administration of the national CME programme by the Singapore Medical Council, Dr Soh Cheow Beng sought clarification on the administrative fees payable to the College by the SMC-CME Committee when the College used to administer this programme.
- 6.3.4 Dr Richard Ng explained that there is still some S\$3,600 in the account, which is not even enough to pay the College for the administration of the defunct SMC-CME, programme since it ceased on 31 December 1999.
- 6.3.5 There were no further comments or objections. The House thanked Dr Richard Ng for his report.

6.4 Family Medicine Teaching Programme

(Refer to p 38 of 29th Annual Report 1999-2000)

- 6.4.1 A/Prof Goh LG reported that the Family Medicine Teaching Programme (FMTP) continues to be one of the core activities of the College. The structure of the FMTP has been changed to include a more interactive element. Instead of the didactic 8 lectures per module, each module now consists of 4 workshops centred on case studies and discussions. The course materials are now on the website which trainees are able to download at their convenience.
- 6.4.2 There were no further comments or objections. The House thanked A/Prof Goh LG for his report.

6.5 Report of the Undergraduate Teaching Committee

(Refer to pp 39-40 of 29th Annual Report 1999-2000)

- 6.5.1 The College continues to assist the National University of Singapore in the training of medical students. Dr David Lim, Chairman of the Undergraduate Teaching Committee, apologized for the omission of A/Prof Lim Lean Huat's name on the list of clinical teachers.
- 6.5.2 Dr David Lim welcomed the increased number of tutors, which means that more medical students can benefit from the clinical postings.
- 6.5.3 A/Prof Chan Nang Fong gave some positive feedback from the students. They have commented that they can see the value of Family Medicine in contrast to hospital medicine. A/Prof Chan NF also encouraged more FPs/GPs to come forward and be tutors for the GP Postings.
- 6.5.4 Dr Lau Hong Choon reported that a specialist colleague (Dr Yu Su Ling) commented that only FPs/GPs could teach and give students exposure to "whole person medicine".
- 6.5.5 A/Prof Goh LG gave his appreciation to the adjunct teachers, namely A/Prof Lim Lean Huat, A/Prof Cheong Pak Yean, A/Prof Chan Nang Fong and Dr Moira Goh for their commitment and contribution to undergraduate teaching. Their enthusiastic support have always ensured a good turnout of students and they are role models for up and coming younger tutors.
- 6.5.6 The House showed its appreciation to all tutors of the FMTP and thanked Dr David Lim for his report.

6.6 Report of the Research and Information Committee

(Refer to p 41 of 29th Annual Report 1999-2000)

- 6.6.1 Dr Kwan Yew Seng, Chairman of the Research and Information Committee updated the House on the Achilles Research Project on foot diseases in Singapore. The results were presented at the College's Scientific Conference held in September 1999.
- 6.6.2 Dr Kwan reported that there might be two more projects in the pipeline involving his committee. He and Dr Lee Kheng Hock are currently in discussion with the relevant pharmaceutical companies.

6.6.3 There were no further comments or objections. The House thanked Dr Kwan Yew Seng for his report.

6.7 Report of the Publications Committee
(Refer to p 42 of 29th Annual Report 1999-2000)

6.7.1 Dr Tan Chee Beng, Honorary Editor reported that the *Singapore Family Physician* Journal has a thematic approach in both organization and content. The focus is on practical approaches and clinical updates. The *College Mirror* continues to be a source of updating members on the activities of the College.

6.7.2 Dr Tan CB encouraged more members, especially the pool of MMed(FM) holders to contribute articles.

6.7.3 There were no further comments or objections. The House thanked Dr Tan Chee Beng for his report.

6.8 Report of the Practice Management Committee
(Refer to p 43 of 29th Annual Report 1999-2000)

6.8.1 Dr Matthew Ng reported on behalf of Dr Tan See Leng, Chairman of the Practice management Committee on the various activities that members of this committee were involved in. He reported that it was an honour for the College to be asked by the SAF to visit and review their medical centers and to give recommendations to improve the level of primary care in the SAF.

6.8.2 Dr Tan See Leng and Dr Lawrence Ng also represented the College in the Medical Technology and Standards Committee under the Productivity and Standards Board. Both members have been active in giving feedback on medical devices and equipment.

6.8.3 There were no further comments or objections. The House thanked Dr Tan See Leng for his report.

6.9 Report of the Finance Committee
(Refer to p 46 of 29th Annual Report 1999-2000)

6.9.1 The House went through the report. Despite generating income from numerous activities and chalking up a gross income of just over S\$300,000, the annual accounts showed a financial deficit of some S\$42,000. However, this deficit is much lesser than that of 1999 when the deficit was some S\$95,000. The largest expenditure items continue to be the commercial rental of the premises amounting to some S\$80,000, staff cost amounting to over S\$86,000 and outstanding subscription income from members, with some stretching over a number of years.

6.9.2 There were no further comments or objections.

6.9.3 The House thanked Dr Richard Ng Mong Hoo for his report.

6.10 Report of the 7th Scientific Conference & 8th Meditech Exhibition
(Refer to pp 44-45 of the 29th Annual Report 1999-2000)

6.10.1 Dr Kwan Yew Seng, Chairman of the Organising Committee for the 7th Scientific Conference & 8th Meditech Exhibition, expressed his appreciation to the Council, Organising Committee and Secretariat staff for their assistance in the planning and execution of this event.

6.11 Adoption of the Reports

6.11.1 With no further comments, the Report of the 17th Council and the respective reports of the Standing Committees were proposed for adoption by Dr Alfred Loh and seconded by A/Prof Cheong Pak Yeun.

ITEM 7 AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1999
(Refer to pp 47-55 of the 29th Annual Report 1999-2000)

7.1 The House went through the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2000.

7.2 With no further questions from the floor, the audited accounts for the year ended 31 March 2000 were proposed for acceptance by Dr Soh Cheow Beng and seconded by A/Prof Cheong Pak Yeun.

ITEM 8 APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR AND HONORARY LEGAL ADVISOR

8.1 Chairman recommended to the House to keep the appointment of Messrs V P Kumaran & Co as the Auditors and Messrs Lim Chor Pee and Partners as the Honorary Legal Advisors.

8.2 The House accepted the above recommendation.

ITEM 9 NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF HONORARY FELLOWS & THE ALBERT AND MARY LIM AWARD

9.1 The Censors' Board has recommended the nomination of Professor SS Ratnam as an Honorary Fellow of the College for his support and contribution in promoting Family Medicine as a distinct discipline. Professor Ratnam was instrumental in setting up the MMed (FM) degree and the Graduate Diploma in Basic Ultrasonography (O&G). He is an avid supporter of the College.

9.2 The House approved the nomination of Professor Ratnam for an Honorary Fellowship.

9.3 The Censors' Board has recommended the nomination of Dr Lim Kim Leong for the Albert and Mary Lim Award. Dr Lim KL was instrumental in the development of the College over 20 years ago. He is one of the founding members and is a past Censor-in-Chief. Family Medicine is his passion and Dr Lim KL played a major role in the setting up of the Family Medicine Teaching Programme. Dr Lim was one of the committee members who successfully

organized the 10th WONCA World Conference in 1983, which was then the largest medical conference held in the region with some 2500 participants.

9.4 Dr Alfred Loh voiced his personal support for the nomination of Dr Lim KL and praised his contribution to the College.

9.5 The House accepted the nomination of Dr Lim Kim Leong for the Albert and Mary Lim Award.

ITEM 10 GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN FAMILY MEDICINE

10.1 The report to the House on the Graduate Diploma in Family Medicine has been covered under the President's Address, paragraph 1.8.

ITEM 11 DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY MEDICINE

11.1 The report on the Department of Family Medicine has been covered under the President's Address, paragraph 1.2.

ITEM 12 CHANGES TO THE COLLEGE ENTRY CRITERIA

12.1 Chairman reminded the House that the entry criteria can only be discussed at this AGM; they cannot be amended nor changed, as there is no quorum.

12.2 A discussion ensued on the restrictive nature of the College's entry criteria. Feedback from joining members indicated that finding a proposer and seconder who were at least Ordinary Members of the College was quite difficult, especially for the younger generation of doctors as they do not know many, and in some cases, any, such members at all.

12.3 A suggestion was made that College should consider accepting proposers and seconders who are doctors registered with the SMC, not necessarily Ordinary Members of the College. This would certainly enable potential applicants to apply more quickly.

12.4 A/Prof Cheong PY suggested that administratively, if potential applicants could not find a proposer and seconder, Council members could fulfill this role.

12.5 The issue of life membership was also discussed. Some members were in favour of this move, but suggested that the fees need to be deliberated.

12.6 Dr Alfred Loh supported the opening up of the entry criteria and said that he would table this at the next AGM.

ITEM 13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 Use of the term "Consultant Family Physician"

13.1.1 A/Prof Cheong PY brought up the issue of the promotion and use of the term "Consultant Family Physician" for FPs/GPs with the relevant qualifications and

experience. His standpoint was that recently, 3 Family Physicians have been promoted to consultant level within the government service.

13.1.2 Dr Alfred Loh commented that this is in line with the College's wish to have a Family Physician Register to recognize doctors who have pursued continued training at different levels. The idea would be to have in ascending order; Family Physician, Senior Family Physician, Consultant Family Physician and Senior Consultant Family Physician.

13.1.3 A/Prof Goh LG highlighted 3 points for the House to consider:

- i. Would the use of this term create a paradigm shift and create a new entity of FP/GP "specialists"?
- ii. What level would be considered as a benchmark for a Consultant Family Physician? Would it be doctors with a Fellowship?
- iii. Who is a "Family Physician"? A GDFM Holder?

13.1.4 A discussion ensued on the above points and on implications of the use of the term "Consultant Family Physician". Politically, it may be not be a tactical nor timely move as it could be perceived as Family Medicine claiming itself to be a "Specialty" per se. Setting up the Family Physician Register first would be more appropriate.

13.1.5 Dr Lawrence Ng commented that a register is needed, as the FP/GP community is heterogeneous. It would distinguish those FPs/GPs who have undergone further training and medical education, ie, be the "quality marker" for the FP/GP.

13.1.6 Dr Soh Cheow Beng commented that Family Medicine is a specialty in some countries such as the USA. He suggested that Singapore should follow a similar model. A/Prof Cheong PY supported this suggestion.

13.1.7 Chairman concluded the discussions by proposing that the Family Physician Register is an issue that the Council would need to deliberate further.

13.2 The Implications of the Health Care Clusters for FPs/GP

13.2.1 Some members on the floor voiced their anxiety on the implications of the health care clusters on the GP community. Many FPS/GPS are confused about the recent MOH changes.

13.2.2 A/Prof Goh LG suggested that we should meet representatives from the Ministry and collectively voice our concerns. It was also suggested that the College Council meet with the Cluster Heads to discuss the vertical integration of healthcare and what it means for the FP/GP.

13.3 With no other matters to discuss, the Chairman called the 29th Annual General Meeting to close at 5.10pm. Dr Lawrence Ng proposed a vote of thanks to the Chair, seconded by Dr Alfred Loh.

13.4 Chairman thanked all the members who had made an effort to attend the meeting and appealed for their continued support to the College.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Ms Yvonne Chung, Administrative Manager
Minutes vetted by Dr Lee Kheng Hock, Honorary Secretary (17th Council 1999-2001)

REPORT OF THE 17TH COUNCIL

1 April 2000 - 31 March 2001

- 1.0 The composition of the 17th Council (1999-2001) is as follows:
- 1.1 **Council**
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| President | A/Prof Lim Lean Huat |
| Vice President | Dr Arthur Tan Chin Lock |
| Censor-in-Chief | Dr Lau Hong Choon |
| Honorary Secretary | Dr Lee Kheng Hock |
| Honorary Treasurer | Dr Richard Ng Mong Hoo |
| Council Member | Dr Alfred Loh Wee Tiong |
| Council Member | A/Prof Goh Lee Gan |
| Council Member | Dr David Lim Hock Kuang |
| Council Member | Dr Tan See Leng |
| Council Member | Dr Kwan Yew Seng |
| Council Member | Dr Lawrence Ng Chee Lian |
| Council Member | Dr Mathew Ng Joo Ming |
| Honorary Editor | Dr Tan Chee Beng |
- 1.2 **Board of Censors**
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| Censor-in-Chief: | Dr Lau Hong Choon |
| Censors: | A/Prof Chan Nang Fong
Dr Tan Chee Beng |
| Advisors: | A/Prof Goh Lee Gan
A/Prof Cheong Pak Yean |
- 1.3 **Secretariat**
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| Administrative Manager: | Ms Yvonne Chung |
| Administrative Assistant: | Ms Katy Chan |
| Part time staff: | Mdm Pang Kong In
Ms Alice Goh
Ms Belinda Fok |
- 1.4 **Auditors**
- Messrs V P Kumaran & Co
- 1.5 **Honorary Legal Advisors**
- Mr Chan Swee Teck
Mr Lim Chor Pee
- 1.6 Six Standing Committees were formed to oversee the various activities of the College:
- Continuing Medical Education Committee**
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| Chairman: | Dr Richard Ng Mong Hoo |
| Secretary: | Dr Kwan Yew Seng |
| Members: | Dr Tan Chee Beng
Dr Julian Lim Lee Kiang |
| Librarian: | Dr Gerard Low Mun Heng |
| Ex-officio: | Dr Lau Hong Choon |

Research and Information Committee

Chairman: Dr Kwan Yew Seng
Members: Dr Lee Kheng Hock
Dr Julian Lim Lee Kiang
Ex-officio: A/Prof Goh Lee Gan

Publications Committee

Chairman & Honorary Editor: Dr Tan Chee Beng
Administrative Editor: Ms Yvonne Chung
Section Editors: Dr Lau Hong Choon
A/Prof Goh Lee Gan
Dr Lee Kheng Hock
Dr Paul Goh Soo Chye
Dr Julian Lim Lee Kiang
Dr Tay Ee Guan
Dr Helen Leong Soh Sum
Dr Tan Ngiap Chuan
College Mirror Editor: Ms Yvonne Chung
Editorial Assistant: Ms Katy Chan

Finance Committee

Chairman: Dr Richard Ng Mong Hoo
Members: Dr Alfred Loh Wee Tiong
Dr Arthur Tan Chin Lock
Ex-officio: A/Prof Lim Lean Huat

Undergraduate Teaching Committee

Chairman: Dr David Lim Hock Kuang
Secretary: Dr Lawrence Ng Chee Lian
Member: A/Prof Cheong Pak Yean
Ex-officio: Dr Arthur Tan Chin Lock

Practice Management Committee

Chairman: Dr Matthew Ng Joo Ming
Members: Dr Tan See Leng
Dr Lawrence Ng Chee Lian

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Attendance at Council Meetings

Ten Council Meetings were held on a monthly basis from April 2000 to March 2001. (The 17th Council was elected from May 1999 to March 2001). The attendance of the Council Members is as follows:

President	A/Prof Lim Lean Huat	10
Vice President	Dr Arthur Tan Chin Lock	6
Censor-in-Chief	Dr Lau Hong Choon	9
Honorary Secretary	Dr Lee Kheng Hock	10
Honorary Treasurer	Dr Richard Ng Mong Hoo	10
Council Member	Dr Alfred Loh Wee Tiong	9
Council Member	A/Prof Goh Lee Gan	5
Council Member	Dr David Lim Hock Kuang	5
Council Member	Dr Tan See Leng	6
Council Member	Dr Kwan Yew Seng	6
Council Member	Dr Lawrence Ng Chee Lian	10

Council Member	Dr Mathew Ng Joo Ming	9
Honorary Editor	Dr Tan Chee Beng	7
Administrative Manager	Ms Yvonne Chung	7

2.0 COLLEGE AND COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Graduate Diploma in Family Medicine

- 2.1.1 In March 2000, the idea of having a graduate diploma in family medicine (GDFM) was mooted by the College. It was very well received by both Prof Lee Eng Hin (Director, GSMS) and the Family Medicine Committee of the GSMS.
- 2.1.2 A paper on the GDFM was presented to the GSMS and forwarded to the Senate of the National University of Singapore. The College will run the GDFM programme. There is an examination at the end of the 2-year programme and the College and the GSMS will jointly award the diploma.
- 2.1.3 The GDFM committee is chaired by the Censor-in-Chief of the College, Dr. Lau Hong Choon. A/Prof Cheong Pak Yean was appointed by the Council as the Course Director. The programme was officially launched on 1 July 2000.

2.2 College Certified Family Physician Register

- 2.2.1 A proposal to set up a register of College certified family physicians was carefully considered by the Council. The concept of the proposal was to have a register of family physicians that are committed to quality assurance, training and upgrading of professional skills and knowledge.
- 2.2.2 The Censors' Board was tasked to study the proposal. It was felt that the register would have very significant long-term considerations. Both the Council and the Censors' Board were mindful of the implications of such a register.
- 2.2.3 It was suggested that the register would be an internal one and administered by the College. Participation would be voluntary and the register will be promoted as a benchmark of competence in family medicine. The objective is to promote quality assurance and improve the professional standing of family physicians. Criteria for entry to such a register would be carefully studied before implementation of the register.
- 2.2.4 The conclusion was that such a register would be useful and beneficial to our profession. The register will only be implemented in the near future after all the pros and cons are carefully studied.

2.3 MCFP(S) by Collegiate Membership

- 2.3.1 The Censors' Board proposed that the Diplomate Membership (MCFP) should be awarded to College members who have attained the Masters of Medicine (Family Medicine) qualification.

2.3.2 Criteria for admission to the Diplomate Membership is still under study and would include the following:

- i. Candidates must be members of the College for at least 2 years.
- ii. Candidates must show commitment to professional development by satisfying SMC's requirement for CME.
- iii. Candidates must show evidence that they are active in academic work and College activities.

2.4 Restricted Prescription of Drugs

2.4.1 In response to concerns raised by members, the College wrote to the Medical Advisory Committee (MAC) expressing our disquiet over a recent trend whereby certain new drugs are registered on condition that they are not allowed to be prescribed by family physicians.

2.4.2 The Council and members of the MAC held a meeting to discuss the issue. During the meeting, the following points were conveyed to the MAC:

- i. There should be prior discussion and consultation with the College before such decisions are finalised.
- ii. The process of evaluation and decision-making should be made transparent.

MAC reassured the Council that the College would be consulted in the future.

2.5 Family Medicine Fellowship by Assessment Programme (FMFP)

2.5.1 The second intake of the FMFP started their 2-year programme in April.

2.5.2 The first intake of 8 candidates successfully completed their programme and was awarded the FCFPS.

2.6 CFPS-WHN CME On-Line Programme

2.6.1 The College was tasked by the SMC-CME committee to develop CME programmes for family physicians in anticipation for the advent of compulsory CME. Among the many concerns was the situation of long work hours of the family physicians. The objectives of developing our own electronic on-line programme were:

- i. Allow busy family physicians to do CME at their own time and convenience.
- ii. Leverage on information technology.
- iii. Enable the College to ensure the relevance, comprehensiveness, manageability as well as the quality of the materials.

2.6.2 The College went into partnership with World Health Network (WHN) to jointly develop the programme. WHN is an international medical software company, which will provide the funding and handle the technical aspects of the project.

- 2.6.3 This programme is in the final phases of development and will be launched in the third quarter of 2001.
- 2.7 The Albert and Mary Lim Award (AMLA) and Honorary Fellowship 2001
- 2.7.1 The Board of Censors recommended that Dr Lim Kim Leong be awarded the AMLA in recognition of the many years of contribution and good work that he had done for the College and the development of family medicine in Singapore.
- 2.7.2 Professor SS Ratnam will be awarded the Honorary Fellowship in 2001. Prof Ratnam is an avid supporter of the college. Although he is not a family physician, he is a visionary constantly advocating the importance of primary health care and the need to have well trained family physicians. As the Director of the Graduate School of Medical Studies, he was instrumental in bringing the Master of Medicine (Family Medicine) programme into fruition despite the many obstacles that were placed in its path.
- 2.8 Feedback to Ministry of Health on Medical Manpower Projections and Changes to the SMC registration
- 2.8.1 The College was invited by the Director of Human Resource, MOH to express our views on the projected medical manpower needs.
- 2.8.2 We conveyed our opinion that the shortage of doctors was more perception than reality due to the sub-optimal deployment of medical manpower. The balance of the number of doctors in the private and public sector are dependent on many "push and pull" factors. Among these are policies, salary disparities and working conditions.
- 2.9 Bidding to host the WONCA World Conference 2007
- 2.9.1 The College Council decided that we should make a bid to host the WONCA World Conference 2007. Dr Tan See Leng was nominated to form the organizing committee, which will also be the pro-tem organizing committee. The bidding will take place at the WONCA World Conference 2001 in Durban, South Africa.
- 2.10 8th Scientific Conference and Medical Update
- 2.10.1 In view of the success of the annual surgical updates, it was proposed that we should have a similar programme for internal medicine. Since the College will be organizing the 8th Scientific Conference in August 2001, it was suggested that we use medical updates as the theme of the conference. If proven successful, medical updates may be held on an annual basis.
- 2.10.2 Dr. Matthew Ng was appointed as the chairman of the organizing committee.

- 2.11 CFPS Website Development
- 2.11.1 The Medical Informatics Programme which has been hosting our website, has since scaled down its operations and ceased to maintain our website.
- 2.11.2 The Singapore Medical Association is currently maintaining our website at a cost of \$420 per month.
- 2.12 5th Annual Surgical Update
- 2.12.1 This annual event was held over 2 weekends in February 2001. It was very well received by participants and is fast becoming a landmark in the CME calender.
- 2.12.2 80 participants attended the 2nd Minor Surgical Procedures Course For Family Physicians, which was held on 17, 18 and 25 February, 2001 at the Singapore General Hospital.
- 2.13 The Independent Department of Family Medicine
- 2.13.1 The proposal to set up an independent department in family medicine at the National University of Singapore is still in the planning phase. Plans detailing the budget, organizational structure, staffing requirements are being worked out before submission to the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine.
- 2.14 Medical Indemnity Insurance and Issues Concerning Family Physicians
- 2.14.1 There were concerns over family physicians performing low risk procedures being made to pay premiums disproportionate to the risk involved as a result of unclear definition of terms.
- 2.14.2 The terms "cosmetic" and "procedure" were not properly defined and may create confusion when premium is determined. Furthermore medical indemnity insurance companies are based overseas and may not use culturally appropriate models to assess risk.
- 2.14.3 These issues were raised by members to the College Council. The CFPS is currently engaged in discussions with the medical indemnity insurance companies to clarify such matters.
- 2.15 Visitors to the College
- 2.15.1 A delegation of 4 family physicians from the Myanmar Medical Association were sponsored for a study tour to Singapore to observe the Master of Medicine (Family Medicine) Examinations from 9-17 October 2000. The cost of the sponsorship was donated by a Council Member of the College.
- 2.15.2 A delegation of 6 senior doctors and officials of the Myanmar Medical Association visited our College in August 2000. They were briefed on the development of Family Medicine in Singapore. The MMA is working on

developing a GP Section in their association and requested the help of our College.

2.16 FCFP (Aged Care)

2.16.1 Many MMed (FM) graduates are working in community hospitals that provide aged care. The Censors' Board proposed to the Council that we should use the FCFP as a form of recognition to further their professional development.

2.16.2 A modified programme based on our present FCFP programme was developed and presented to the Council. The Council accepted this and the first intake of candidates for this programme would be held in July 2001.

2.17 WONCA Secretariat

2.17.1 Dr. Alfred Loh, Past President of the College and Council Member is selected to be the Chief Executive Officer of WONCA. The WONCA Secretariat will move from Melbourne, Australia to Singapore on 1 May 2001. Ms Yvonne Chung, our Administration Manager, will be joining the WONCA Secretariat.

2.18 Representation in National Committees and National Programmes

2.18.1 During the course of the year, Council Members have represented the College in various national committees and programmes:

- i. National Medical Ethics Committee
Dr Alfred Loh Wee Tiong
- ii. MOH Data Administration Committee
Dr Lee Kheng Hock
- iii. MOH Information Technology in Healthcare: Focus Group on Research, Professional Education and Development
Dr Lee Kheng Hock
- iv. MOH Advisory Committee on Family Medicine
A/Prof Lim Lean Huat
Dr Alfred Loh Wee Tiong
- v. Singapore Medical Council CME Coordinating Committee
Dr Alfred Loh Wee Tiong
In Attendance : Dr Lee Kheng Hock
- vi. Board of Visitors to Woodbridge Hospital
Dr Alfred Loh Wee Tiong
- vii. MOH Review Committee on Guidelines for EBCT
Dr Lawrence Ng
- viii. GSMS Family Medicine Committee

Dr Lau Hong Choon
Dr Lim Kim Leong / Dr Lee Kheng Hock (Alternate)

- ix. KKWCH - Guidelines on Use of Antibiotics in Paediatric Care
Dr Tan See Leng
Dr Matthew Ng
- x. Singapore National Stroke Association Advisory Council
Dr Tan Chee Beng
- xi. SGH Feedback on Shared Care Programmes
Dr Richard Ng Mong Hoo
- xii. PSB Technical Committee for Medical Electrical Equipment
Dr Tan See Leng
Dr Lawrence Ng Chee Lian

3.0 COLLEGE MEMBERSHIP

3.1 The membership strength was 730 as at 31 March 2001. The distribution by membership type is as follows:

Honorary Fellows	12
Fellows	18
Diplomate	69
Ordinary Members	481
Associate Members	85
Overseas Members	3
Retired Members	62

Total	730

4.0 ACTIVITIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES

4.1 Please refer to the reports from the respective Chairmen of the Standing Committees found in this publication.

5.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

5.1 The 17th Council places on record its thanks to all Council Members, College Members and fellow colleagues in the medical community who have contributed and supported the College in one way or another to the success of the past year's activities. Special thanks and acknowledgement are given to Ms Yvonne Chung, Administrative Manager, and her staff for the efficient and excellent administrative support rendered to the Council and members of the College.

Dr Lee Kheng Hock
Honorary Secretary
17th Council (1999-2001)

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CENSORS

1 April 2000 to 31 March 2001

Censor-in-Chief:	Dr Lau Hong Choon
Censors:	A/Prof Chan Nang Fong Dr Tan Chee Beng
Advisors:	A/Prof Goh Lee Gan A/Prof Cheong Pak Year

1 INTRODUCTION

2000/2001 was a historic year of firsts in the academic history of the College. It saw the launch of the first Graduate Diploma Of Family Medicine (GDFM) programme, as well as the successful exit of the first batch of Fellows by Assessment. The Council also approved the Family Medicine Fellowship Programme (Aged Care).

2 MEMBERSHIP

In the year under review the membership strength was 730 as at 31 March 2001. Of these 62 are retired members. The distribution by grade of membership for the last three years are also shown below:

Membership Category	1999	2000	2001
Honorary Fellows	11	12	12
Fellows	18	18	18
Diplomate	73	72	69
Ordinary Members	396	390	481
Associate Members	154	170	85
Overseas Members	4	4	3
Retired Members	48	52	62
Total	704	718	730

3 THE FIRST GRADUATE DIPLOMA OF FAMILY MEDICINE (GDFM) PROGRAMME

The GDFM was officially launched on 1 July 2000. The Guest of Honour was DMS Prof Tan Chor Chuan. VIP guests include Mr Tan Tee How, CEO, NHG, Dr Lam Sian Lian, Chairman of the Family Medicine Committee, Dr Lim Kim Leong, past Censor-in-Chief, Dr Ling Sing Lin, DDMS (Elderly Care and Continuing Care), Dr Agnes Tan, Director Manpower, Singhealth, Dr Shanta Emmanuel NHG Polyclinics CEO and Dr Paul Goh, Singhealth Polyclinics CEO. Many of the guests present were instrumental in the development of Family Medicine.

However what belies the significance of the event was that the College had begun to bridge the academic gap among GPs and medical officers. It has been recognised that the MMed (Family Medicine) may not address the general needs of busy GPs and medical officers who may not have the time or intention to pursue the more arduous

Masters Programme but nevertheless are able to take a useful Family Medicine Programme leading to a diploma.

The programme started with 28 tutors with the MMed (FM) qualification and 48 "trainees". It was led by A/Prof Cheong Pak Yean, Director of the programme with A/Prof Goh Lee Gan as a key advisor and contributor. The structure and components of the GDFM was reported in the previous Censors' Report. All the tutors underwent a 'Train-the-Trainer' programme to familiarise themselves with the programme. They were then linked with their trainees. During the launch of the programme, the trainees were paired with their respective trainers.

4 THE FIRST COHORT OF FELLOWS BY ASSESSMENT

The first batch of Fellows by assessment were assessed to have completed their programme after successfully traversing the final hurdle, the panel of interviewers for the exit interview on 16 September 2000. The Exit Panel consisted of an external interviewer, Prof Wes Fabb, A/Prof Goh Lee Gan, Dr Alfred Loh, immediate past President and Dr Lau Hong Choon, Censor-in-Chief. The assessment of the interview panel was that these doctors were worthy of the conferment of the FCFPS by virtue of their achievements and diligence in completing the two-year programme. The fellowship programme was rigorous as it was structured to ensure discipline in completing case studies and to show proof of excellent practice. The successful Fellows were:

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| 1. Dr Goh Soo Chye, Paul | 5. Dr Ong Chooi Peng |
| 2. Dr Kwan Yew Seng | 6. Dr Tan Chee Beng |
| 3. Dr Lee Kheng Hock | 7. Dr Siaw Tung Yeng |
| 4. Dr Lim Lee Kiang, Julian | 8. Dr Swah Teck Sin |

They will be receiving their conferment during the College's 30th anniversary celebrations and Scientific Meeting in year 2001.

5 THE 8TH MASTER OF MEDICINE (FAMILY MEDICINE) EXAMINATION

The 8th Master of Medicine (Family Medicine) Examination was held from 9-15 October 2000. The External Examiners were Professor John F Sangster, Professor of Family Medicine, University of Western Ontario, Canada and Dr RS Brian Kable from Queensland, Australia. Of the 31 candidates who sat for the examination, 28 were successful. They were:

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| 1. Dr Chao Wen Pin, Cynthia | 15. Dr Loke Wai Chiong |
| 2. Dr Chin Swee Aun | 16. Dr Ngeow Colin |
| 3. Dr Chin Yew Liang, Alan | 17. Dr Ong Jin Ee |
| 4. Dr Chua Hwee Ling, Angelia | 18. Dr Seah Sheng Heang, Geoffrey |
| 5. Dr Chung Wei Pyng, Clara | 19. Dr Seng Sheh Ling, Joyce |
| 6. Dr Ho Han Kwee | 20. Dr Sim Li-San |
| 7. Dr Koh Choon Huat, Gerald | 21. Dr Tan Kok Ying |
| 8. Dr Koh Kheng Keah, Philip | 22. Dr Tan Mui Ling, Donna |
| 9. Dr Kwong Kum Hoong | 23. Dr Tan Swee Lian, Yvette |
| 10. Dr Lam Wai Khin | 24. Dr Theng Thiam Seng, Colin |
| 11. Dr Lee Shirley | 25. Dr Tsou Yu Kei, Keith |
| 12. Dr Lee Soon Seng | 26. Dr Wee Teck Young |
| 13. Dr Lim Mien Choo, Ruth | 27. Dr Wong Tack Keong, Michael |
| 14. Dr Lo Yoke Hwa, Penny | 28. Dr Yun Kok Onn |

The Censors' Board met numerous times during the busy academic year in the evenings, usually. Besides the planning for all the academic initiatives, the Censors' Board also spent long hours preparing the MMed (Family Medicine) examination questions, in particular, adding new questions to the MCQ bank. Credit must go to our Censors and Advisors for spending much time and effort in updating the theory examination successfully.

Members of the Censors' Board were also involved in discussions with Ministry of Health regarding the expansion of the GDFM programme to accommodate more doctors and further training for community hospitals.

I would like to thank the Censors and the Advisors to the Censors Board for their hard work, enthusiasm and support. Their commitment to the academic cause has enabled us to carry through many of these important developments. I would also like to thank the many colleagues and friends who have helped to make the academic year a success. I thank the Council for supporting the Censors' Board in its deliberations and decisions and the College Administration who facilitated, administered and rendered excellent office support efficiently.

Dr Lau Hong Choon
Censor-in-Chief

REPORT OF THE CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1 April 2000 – 31 March 2001

Chairman:	Dr Richard Ng Mong Hoo
Secretary:	Dr Kwan Yew Seng
Members:	Dr Tan Chee Beng Dr Julian Lim Lee Kiang
Librarian:	Dr Gerard Low Mun Heng
Ex-Officio:	Dr Lau Hong Choon

Courses and Conferences

In recognition of the need for practical and relevant CME, the College launched a number of courses to provide value-added CME which will contribute directly to the practice of Family Physicians.

i) **New On-line CME Programme Coming Soon**

The College of Family Physicians Singapore and World Health Network Singapore have joined forces to provide general practitioners in the region with an on-line Continuing Medical Education programme. On 19 August 2000, Ms Rajul Patel, Director of World Health Network Singapore exchanged the memorandum of understanding with A/Prof Lim Lean Huat, President of CFPS.

World Health Network is an international organization that originated in the United Kingdom. It is better known to doctors in Singapore as the provider of the Healix (Health Intelligences Exchange) software. The Healix is a desktop reference which provide doctors with bulletins and updates of the latest in medical publications.

The programme is in a modular format that allows the participant to pace himself through a comprehensive syllabus that covers all the important areas in family medicine. The format of the modules is designed to be interesting and practice based.

Busy practitioners will now be able to refresh their skills and knowledge with much less time and effort. The latest and the most relevant materials are gathered, concentrated and presented in a refreshing format doing away with the old ways of waddling through irrelevant and boring materials that are presented in a haphazard manner.

The materials will be prepared and written by local specialists and general practitioners. Local doctors are more in tune with the CME needs of their colleagues. The emphasis is on transforming cutting edge medical developments into useful CME materials that are appropriate for physicians practising locally.

The advent of information technology has opened new ways of empowering physicians. This Continuing Medical Education programme aims to harness the power of information technology to produce good CME materials and make them readily accessible to our doctors.

ii) 5th Annual Surgical Update for Family Practice

This annual event was held at the Galleria Ballroom, Grand Copthorne Waterfront on 10 and 11 February 2001. The focus was on Aesthetic Surgery and Orthopaedic Trauma and related issues, followed by workshops.

iii) 2nd Minor Surgical Procedures Course For Family Physicians

Held in conjunction with the 5th Annual Surgical Update at the Singapore General Hospital on 17, 18 and 25 February 2001. The Course had been extended to cater to more participants following the overwhelming response in the 1st course. This time the focus was on "Live Surgery" viewing with 2-way audio-video link between the course participants in the lecture room and the surgeons in the operating theatre on Day 1 and hands-on teaching sessions on Day 2.

iv) Public Forum on 'Public Myths about Cosmetic Surgery'

Also in conjunction with the Annual Surgical Update event, this forum was held on 10 February, 2001 at the Galleria Ballroom, Grand Copthorne Waterfront.

Nominally sponsored / co-organised CME events with other professional organisations and societies

Date/Time Venue/Organiser	Event	Level Of Participation
24 April 2000 2 pm COMB, Auditorium Academy of Medicine, Singapore	"Antibiotics – Use Them Wisely!"	Co-Chairman: Dr Lawrence Ng
5 May 2000 12.30 pm to 2 pm Institute of Health Pharmacia & Upjohn	Evidence Based Smoking Cessation Clinical Guidelines for Health Practitioners" Round table discussion	Dr Arthur Tan
6 May 2000 2 pm to 5 pm Grand Hyatt Singapore Ocean Healthcare (S) Pte Ltd	A Dermatology Seminar I on Pigmentation	Welcome Address: Dr David Lim
13 May 2000 1 pm to 5 pm Sheraton Towers Department of Urology, SGH	Interactive Clinical Case Discussions and Approaches in Urology	Chairmen: Dr Alfred Loh and Dr Lee Kheng Hock

<p>6 June 2000 7 pm to 8.30 pm Meritus Negara Singapore</p> <p>Fournier Group Singapore</p>	<p>New Evidence for Cardiovascular Risk Prevention and Fibrate Therapy</p>	<p>Chairman: A/Prof Lim Lean Huat</p>
<p>3 July 2000</p> <p>Singapore Society of Immunology Allergy & Rheumatology</p>	<p>Latex allergy " fact and fiction"</p>	<p>Supported by College</p>
<p>9 July 2000 3.30 pm to 8 pm Sheraton Towers, Singapore</p> <p>Schering – Plough</p>	<p>How to Diagnose and Manage Airway Disorders</p>	<p>Chairman: A/Prof Lim Lean Huat</p>
<p>15 to 16 July 2000 Training & Education Centre, NUH</p> <p>Department of O & G, NUH, Society for the Study of Andrology & Sexology Singapore</p>	<p>Male & Female Sexual Dysfunction Symposium</p>	<p>Supported by College</p>
<p>2 August 2000 8 am to 1 pm Changi General Hospital</p>	<p>Pre-Congress Workshop on "The Aging Male" Incorporating the 2nd Singapore National Congress on the Aging Male (SINCAM 2000)</p>	<p>Chairman: A/Prof Lim Lean Huat</p>
<p>19 August 2000 NUH Auditorium</p> <p>Singapore ENT Society</p>	<p>The Role of General Practitioners in Otolaryngology and Head & Neck Surgery</p>	<p>Speaker: A/Prof Lim Lean Huat</p>
<p>19 August 2000 2 pm to 5.45 pm College of Medicine Building Auditorium</p> <p>Breastfeeding Mothers' Support Group (Singapore)</p>	<p>Doctor's Seminar "Supporting the Breastfeeding Mother through Evidence-based Practice"</p>	<p>Co-Chairman: Dr Lee Kheng Hock</p>

<p>24 August 2000 6.30 pm to 10 pm Goodwood Park Hotel</p> <p>Singapore Urological Association</p>	<p>Family Physician's Update on Prostate Cancer</p>	<p>Chairman: A/Prof Lim Lean Huat</p>
<p>26 August 2000 2 pm to 5 pm The Westin Stamford and Westin Plaza</p> <p>Ocean Healthcare (S) Pte Ltd</p>	<p>A Dermatology Seminar II on An Update on the Management of Acne Problems</p>	<p>Chairman: Dr Richard Ng</p>
<p>27 August 2000 2 pm to 6 pm Shangri-La Hotel</p> <p>ENT Specialists of Mount Elizabeth Medical Centre</p>	<p>A Practical Guide to ENT Problems Faced by Today's Family Physicians and Other Specialists</p>	<p>Chairmen A/Prof Lim Lean Huat Dr Richard Ng</p>
<p>24 September 2000 TTSH</p> <p>Department of Ophthalmology, TTSH</p>	<p>Clinical Ophthalmology Course for the Family Physician (COCFP) 2000</p>	<p>Supported by College</p>
<p>14 October 2000 2 pm to 5 pm National Cancer Centre</p> <p>SMA</p>	<p>National Mental Health Week 7 to 14 Oct 2000 Public Forum on "Be Positive. Take Charge! - Life Experiences to Share"</p>	<p>Chairman: A/Prof Lim Lean Huat</p>
<p>19 to 22 October 2000 York Hotel</p> <p>The Asian Pacific Association</p>	<p>8th Congress of the Asian Pacific Association for Laser Medicine and Surgery</p>	<p>Supported by College</p>
<p>28 October 2000 2.30 pm to 5 pm Conrad International</p> <p>MSD</p>	<p>A New Definition of Effectiveness in Asthma Treatment</p>	<p>Chairman: Dr Richard Ng</p>

<p>7 November 2000 5 pm to 6.30 pm COMB</p> <p>SMA, SMC, AM</p>	<p>The American Experience - Lessons to Learn</p>	<p>Dr Lee Kheng Hock participated in panel discussion.</p>
<p>25 November 2000 2 pm to 5 pm Mandarin Singapore</p> <p>Ocean Healthcare (S) Pte Ltd</p>	<p>A Dermatology Seminar III on Laser Dermatological Treatment and the Family Physician</p>	<p>Chairman: Dr Richard Ng</p>
<p>9 to 10 December 2000 TTSH</p> <p>National Neuroscience Institute Singapore</p>	<p>Second Annual Inaugural Stroke Conference</p>	<p>Chairman: Dr Richard Ng Speaker: Dr Tan Chee Beng</p>
<p>11 March 2001 Inter-Continental Hotel Workgroup on Hypertension Guidelines (MOH, Singapore Cardiac Society)</p>	<p>Official Launch of "Singapore Hypertension Clinical Practice Guidelines"</p>	<p>Dr Lee Kheng Hock participated in the panel discussion and media interview</p>
<p>25 March 2001 Tan Tock Seng Hospital</p> <p>Singapore Society of Haematology</p>	<p>Haematology Problems and Family Physicians</p>	<p>Introductory note: A/Prof Lim Lean Huat</p>

Acknowledgements

I would like to place on record my thanks and appreciation to members of the CME Committee, the support and commitment of the various teaching faculties, organising committees, staff of the College Secretariat and participants, for making all the above events possible and successful.

Dr Richard Ng Mong Hoo
Chairman
Continuing Medical Education Committee

**REPORT ON THE
FAMILY MEDICINE TEACHING PROGRAMME**

1 April 2000 to 31 March 2001

In the year under review, Modules 8, 1, 2, and 3 were completed.

Each module now consists of 8 sessions of distance learning material sent to the participants by email and also posted on the College website. There are also 4 workshops on case studies for each module to consolidate the learning.

In the year under review, the number of doctors enrolled on the course are shown in the table below.

Module	Period	Family Physicians	PPS Trainees	MOH Trainees	TOTAL
8	6 May - 3 Jun 2000	12	8	59	79
1	5 Aug - 26 Aug 2000	6	18	50	74
2	4 Nov - 25 Nov 2000	3	17	55	75
3	3 Feb - 3 Mar 2001	7	17	55	79

Thanks are due to the chairmen and resource persons for their contributions in the teaching programme. Thanks are also due to Ms Yvonne Chung, Ms Katy Chan and Ms Belinda Fok for their administrative and secretarial support.

Associate Professor Goh Lee Gan
Course Director
Family Medicine Teaching Programme

REPORT OF THE UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING COMMITTEE

1 April 2000 to 31 March 2001

Chairman: Dr David Lim Hock Kuang
Members: A/Prof Cheong Pak Yean
Dr Lawrence Ng Chee Lian
Ex-Officio: A/Prof Lim Lean Huat

1) GENERAL PRACTITIONER TUTORS FOR FAMILY MEDICINE POSTINGS AT CLINICS

- a. This year's General Practitioner Posting/Briefing and Feedback sessions were held at NUS Lecture Theatre 30 on 6 January 2001 from 2 pm to 4.30 pm. A/Prof Goh Lee Gan gave a talk on "Developing Future Family Medicine Programme for Year 2002"
- b. The following GP/Family Physician tutors took in medical students for clinical attachments at their respective clinics.

1	Dr Ajith Damodaran	31	Dr Lim Jit Biaw, Benny
2	Dr Ang Boon Kiang, Steven	32	Dr Lim Khai Liang, John
3	Dr Bina Kurup	33	Dr Lim Lee Kiang, Julian
4	Dr Chan Cheow Ju	34	Dr Lim Priscilla
5	Dr Chan Swee Mong, Paul	35	Dr Loh Wee Tiong, Alfred
6	Dr Chan Teng Mui, Tammy	36	Dr Lok Ying Fang
7	Dr Bernard Cheong	37	Dr Loo Choo Woon, Daniel
8	Dr Chew Khek Kah	38	Dr Loong Tze Wey
9	Dr Chia Swee Heong, Daniel	39	Dr Low Chee Wah, Mark
10	Dr Chia, Vincent	40	Dr Low Kee Hwa
11	Dr Chin, Alan	41	Dr Low Mun Heng, Gerard
12	Dr Chow Yew Choong, Vincent	42	Dr Mao Fong Hao
13	Dr Chua Pong Kuan	43	Dr Mah Li Ping, Adelina
14	Dr Gan Tek Kah	44	Dr N K Virabhak
15	Dr Goh Ming Kiong	45	Dr Ng Joo Ming, Matthew/ Dr Khor Chin Kee
16	Dr Gong Swee Choo	46	Dr Omar Bin Saleh Talib
17	Dr Hia Kwee Yang	47	Dr Pang Sze Kang, Jonathan
18	Dr Hui Keem Peng, John	48	Dr Pang Wui Chi, Jason
19	Dr Hwang Teng Ben, Winston	49	Dr Seow Hoong Wei, Gabriel
20	Dr Kan Siew Yoong	50	Dr Soh Cheow Beng, Aloysius
21	Dr Koh Eng Kheng/ Dr Kevin Koh	51	Dr Tan Gek Hua
22	Dr Kwek Soon Kiat, Eric	52	Dr Tan Kee Wang
23	Dr Lai Kok Wei	53	Dr Tan Kok Eng
24	Dr Lee Chon Sham	54	Dr Tan See Leng
25	Dr Lee Hew Mun, John	55	Dr Tan Swee Lian, Cecilia
26	Dr Lee Kheng Hock	56	Dr Tan Teck Hong
27	Dr Lee Kok Keng	57	Dr Tan Tze Lee
28	Dr Lim Erk Meng	58	Dr Tan Yu Sing, Lucienne
29	Dr Lim Geok Leong	59	Dr Thio Yauw Leng, Bernard
30	Dr Lim Hock Kuang, David	60	Dr Tong Jia Jong, Stephen

61	Dr Wee Chee Chau	67	Dr Wong Kum Hoong
62	Dr Wong Mei Chun	68	Dr Woon Chee Hong
63	Dr Wong Ming	69	Dr Yap Soo Kor, Jason
64	Dr Wong Tack Keong, Michael	70	Dr Yeo Peng Hock, Henry
65	Dr Wong Wee Nam	71	Dr Yeo Pheng Nam, Charles
66	Dr Wong Weng Yew	72	Dr Yii Hee Seng

COFM DEPARTMENT

1	A/Prof Cheong Pak Yean	5	Dr Goh Chin Ai, Moira Clare,
2	A/Prof Goh Lee Gan	6	Dr Hong Ching Ye
3	A/Prof Lim Lean Huat	7	Dr Jeanette Lee
4	A/Prof Chan Nang Fong		

2) COMMUNICATION SKILLS WITH PATIENTS MODULE

Besides clinical teaching sessions, the following GP Tutors also held "Ward Rounds" sessions at the National University Hospital wards from 26 to 28 April, 2000.

1	A/Prof Lim Lean Huat	8	Dr Lim Hock Kuang, David
2	A/Prof Cheong Pak Yean	9	Dr Lim Liang Boon
3	Dr Ajith Damodaran	10	Dr Julian Lim
4	Dr Winston Hwang Teng Ben	11	Dr Lok Yin Fang
5	Dr Khoo Kah Bin	12	Dr Low Sze Sen
6	Dr Lau Waun Kei	13	Dr Robin Elizabeth Teoh
7	Dr Lee Kheng Hock	14	Dr Jason Yap

The Committee wishes to thank all the General Practitioner Tutors for their sacrifice of time, hard work, commitment and dedication, without which these on-going programmes will not be possible.

Dr David Lim Hock Kuang
Chairman
Undergraduate Teaching Committee

REPORT OF THE RESEARCH & INFORMATION COMMITTEE

1 April 2000 – 31 March 2001

Chairman:	Dr Kwan Yew Seng
Members:	Dr Lee Kheng Hock Dr Julian Lim Lee Kiang
Ex-officio:	A/Prof Goh Lee Gan

A/Prof Ng Tze Pin from the Department of Community, Occupational and Family Medicine, National University of Singapore, has kindly accepted our offer to be the Research Advisor to the college. His expertise in the areas of research and statistics will help the college in future research projects.

The college and Janssen-Cilag have embarked on a project entitled "Archilles Project 2". This is an epidemiological study on foot problems in general practice. It involves about 50 general practitioners who will screen 30 cases each. The results of this study will be presented at the college's scientific meeting.

Dr Kwan Yew Seng
Chairman
Research and Information Committee

REPORT OF THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

1 April 2000 – 31 March 2001

Chairman:	Dr Tan Chee Beng
Administrative Editor:	Ms Yvonne Chung
Section Editors:	Dr Lau Hong Choon A/Prof Goh Lee Gan Dr Lee Kheng Hock Dr Paul Goh Soo Chye Dr Julian Lim Lee Kiang Dr Tay Ee Guan Dr Helen Leong Soh Sum Dr Tan Ngiap Chuan
College Mirror Editor:	Ms Yvonne Chung
Editorial Assistant:	Ms Katy Chan

The *Singapore Family Physician* Journal has been refined over the years. The articles have improved in their content and relevance. Most of the articles are focused on updates and current practices. The grouping articles into updates also help family physicians focus their attention on specific areas of patient care. Selected articles on highly specialised medical treatment and techniques are also included in the journal to keep family physicians abreast with the latest advances in the specialist arena. Informal feedback from members and readers have been encouraging. Most of them feel that the current format is user friendly and relevant.

Due to a number of factors, we have been unable to publish the journal on time. The Publications Committee would like to reassure members that efforts are being taken to ensure future issues are published on time. The Publication Committee will work towards timely publication of the journal.

Our specialist colleagues have willingly contributed to our publication and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their enthusiasm and support. The Publication Committee will continue to source for family physicians for their contributions. Lastly, the Publications Committee would like to thank the Secretariat staff for their support and patience. The Publications Committee will continue to enhance the journal to work towards becoming the journal of choice for family physicians in Singapore.

Dr Tan Chee Beng
Honorary Editor

REPORT OF THE PRACTICE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

1 April 2000 – 31 March 2001`

Chairman: Dr Matthew Ng Joo Ming
Members: Dr Lawrence Ng Chee Lian
Dr Tan See Leng

As agreed on the formation of the 17th Council, the chair of the Practice Management committee was handed over by Dr Tan See Leng to Dr Matthew Ng on the second year of the term of office.

The committee work and co-operation with the SAF continues. This year, two SAF Medical Centers were inspected and suggestions were made on how to improve the management of these centers. The two centers inspected were Tuas Naval Base Medical Center and Lim Chu Kang Camp Medical center (4SIR).

Dr Tan See Leng and Dr Lawrence Ng represent the College as members of the Board in the PSB Committee on guidelines and standards pertaining to the use and operation of Medical devices.

Co-operation with MOH was also initiated in many areas. Dr Lawrence Ng represented the college in the MOH committee on the formation of the EBCT guidelines. Dr Matthew Ng and Dr Tan See Leng represent in College in the workgroup in drawing up the guidelines on Antibiotic use in Pediatrics.

Dr Matthew Ng Joo Ming
Chairman
Practice Management Committee

**REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
1 APRIL 2000 TO 31 MARCH 2001**

Chairman: Dr. Richard Ng Mong Hoo
Members: Dr. Alfred Loh Wee Tiong
 Dr Arthur Tan Chin Lock
Ex-Officio: A/Prof Lim Lean Huat

Following four years of negative balance, the College is finally in the black.

Income for the year increased by 27% to \$ 383,631 as compared to the previous year, while only 2% increase in expenditure was registered, resulting in a positive balance of \$ 32,747.

The collection from membership amounted to \$ 82,050, an increase of \$15,976 over the previous years, while income from various projects and activities (Item 15a - Miscellaneous income) was \$ 301,581, an increase of \$ 72,382.

Increased staff cost and high rental remained the two biggest expenditure as with previous years, while efforts to contain expenditures for the various projects and activities (Item 15b - Miscellaneous expenses), mainly by factoring them against sponsorships from pharmaceutical companies, lead to a cost saving of almost \$26,000.

The major activities organised this financial year yielded the following financial outcome:

Activity	Income	Expenditure	Balance
FMTF (on-going)	\$ 58,400	\$ 3,715	\$ 54,685
Surgical Update	12,000	30,862	*(18,862)
Minor Surgical Pro.	15,910	4,688	11,222
Graduate Dip. in FM	140,490	3,701	136,789
FCFP Programme	12,000	9,432	2,568

The academic courses (FMTF, GDFM & FCFP) are generally well supported and remained profitable. High income yield this year for the Graduate Diploma in Family Medicine was due to the interests generated following its launch, and the fact that this is the first course, as well as to the omission of costing for the many man-hours expended by the Course Developers. Hence, we hope this trend and interests will be sustained for the next few years, to justify the tremendous effort put into the Course.

A deficit of *\$18,862 recorded for the 5th Annual Surgical Update For Family Practice was due to the late payment by the main sponsor, of \$15,700 (Paid after the financial year and not taken in), as well as cross-posting of income from advertisements and rental of exhibition booths (Both posted in Item 15a - Miscellaneous Income), and had actually resulted in the generation of a surplus of \$9,269.50 (See Attachment I : Income & Expenditure, 5th Annual Surgical Update For Family Practice). The Minor Surgical Procedure Course, having had its high capital cost (reusable surgical models) expended last year, will continue to be lucrative.

The following table summarises the financial performance of the College for the past 10 years:

Summary of Income & Expenditure from 1992 to 2001

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Gross Income	11,4740	137,922	166,953	290,988	258,645	266,866	291,244	289,518	301,871	383,631
Gross Expenditure	156,452	174,888	132,667	136,526	198,296	312,705	485,833	385,319	344,018	350,747
BALANCE	(41,712)	(36,966)	34,286	154,462	60,349	(45,839)	(194,589)	(95,801)	(42,147)	32,747

Dr Richard Ng Mong Hoo
Honorary Treasurer

COLLEGE OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS, SINGAPORE

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31ST MARCH 2001

AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
COLLEGE OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS SINGAPORE

We have audited the accompanying balance sheet as at 31st March, 2001, and the income and expenditure account for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Singapore Standards on Auditing. Those Standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements are properly drawn up in accordance with the rules and Statements of Accounting Standard, and so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the College of Family Physicians Singapore at 31st March, 2001 and of the results of the College of Family Physicians Singapore for the year then ended on that date.

V.P. Kumaran & Co.

Singapore,
30th April, 2001

V.P. KUMARAN & CO.
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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PRESIDENT

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HONORARY SECRETARY

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HONORARY TREASURER

COLLEGE OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS SINGAPORE

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2001

	<u>NOTE</u>	S\$	<u>2001</u> S\$	S\$	<u>2000</u> S\$
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>					
Balance at 31st March, 2000			(179,914)		(137,767)
Less: Net surplus for the year			<u>32,747</u>		<u>(42,147)</u>
			(147,167)		(179,914)
<u>OTHER FUNDS</u>					
Journal fund	(2)	34,643		33,919	
College Development and Research fund	(3)	789,784		773,276	
Victor Louis Fernandez Fellowship fund	(4)	27,762		27,182	
Postgraduate Family Medicine Library fund	(5)	842,348		824,741	
Albert and Mary Lim award	(6)	18,871		18,871	
Family Medicine fund (Myanmar)	(7)	1,705		1,705	
Columbia University Home Study Programme	(8)	<u>14,450</u>	<u>1,729,563</u>	<u>11,060</u>	<u>1,690,754</u>
			1,582,396		1,510,840
			<u>11,975</u>		<u>11,975</u>
<u>REVALUATION RESERVE</u>			<u>1,594,371</u>		<u>1,522,815</u>
REPRESENTED BY:					
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>	(9)		42,171		38,284
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>					
Stock of postage stamps			142	142	
Fixed deposit	(10)	1,480,171		1,445,091	
Cash in hand and at bank	(11)	135,273		65,496	
Sundry receivable	(12)	11,300		11,300	
Deposits	(13)	<u>1,000</u>		<u>1,000</u>	
			<u>1,627,886</u>	<u>1,523,029</u>	
<u>LESS: CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>					
Advance for subscription		47,050		-	
Advance for advertisement		-		6,240	
Accrued charges	(14)	<u>28,636</u>		<u>32,258</u>	
			<u>75,686</u>	<u>38,498</u>	
Net current assets			<u>1,552,200</u>		<u>1,484,531</u>
			<u>1,594,371</u>		<u>1,522,815</u>

See accompanying notes to the accounts

COLLEGE OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS SINGAPORE

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2001

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>NOTE</u>	S\$	<u>2001</u> S\$	S\$	<u>2000</u> S\$
Subscription		79,850		64,825	
Entrance fees		2,200		1,250	
Miscellaneous income	(15a)	301,581		229,199	
Wonca bid fund		<u>-</u>	383,631	<u>6,597</u>	301,871
<u>LESS: EXPENDITURE</u>					
Salaries, bonus and allowance		107,289		86,638	
Provident fund and skill development levy		13,984		8,454	
Rental of office premises		78,835		80,249	
Conference		4,107		-	
Printing and stationery		5,768		6,968	
Telephone charges		1,428		1,505	
Postages		8,682		10,471	
Transport		371		857	
Insurance		847		847	
Water and electricity		2,098		2,098	
Repairs and maintenance		3,513		658	
Miscellaneous expenses	(15b)	114,275		140,181	
Auditors' remuneration		700		700	
Depreciation of fixed assets		<u>8,987</u>	<u>350,884</u>	<u>4,392</u>	<u>344,018</u>
Net surplus for the year			<u><u>32,747</u></u>		<u><u>(42,147)</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the accounts

COLLEGE OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS SINGAPORE

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31ST MARCH, 2001

1) GENERAL

The accounts of the college are expressed in Singapore dollars.

2) JOURNAL FUND

<u>2000</u>		<u>2001</u>
S\$		S\$
32,750	Balance at 31st March,2000	33,919
1,169	Add: Interest on fixed deposit	724
<u>33,919</u>	Balance at 31st March,2001	<u>34,643</u>

3) COLLEGE DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH FUND

<u>2000</u>		<u>2001</u>
S\$		S\$
746,627	Balance at 31st March, 2000	773,276
26,649	Add: Interest on fixed deposit	16,508
<u>773,276</u>	Balance at 31st March, 2001	<u>789,784</u>

4) VICTOR LOUIS FERNANDEZ FELLOWSHIP FUND

<u>2000</u>		<u>2001</u>
S\$		S\$
26,245	Balance at 31st March, 2000	27,182
937	Add: Interest on fixed deposit	580
<u>27,182</u>	Balance at 31st March, 2001	<u>27,762</u>

5)	<u>POSTGRADUATE FAMILY MEDICINE LIBRARY FUND</u>		
	<u>2000</u>		<u>2001</u>
	S\$		S\$
	796,318	Balance at 31st March, 2000	824,741
	<u>28,423</u>	Add: Interest on fixed deposit	<u>17,607</u>
	<u>824,741</u>	Balance at 31st March, 2001	<u>842,348</u>
6)	<u>ALBERT AND MARY LIM AWARD</u>		
	<u>2000</u>		<u>2001</u>
	S\$		S\$
	<u>18,871</u>	Balance at 31st March, 2001	<u>18,871</u>
7)	<u>FAMILY MEDICINE FUND (MYANMAR)</u>		
	<u>2000</u>		<u>2001</u>
	S\$		S\$
	<u>1,705</u>	Balance at 31st March, 2001	<u>1,705</u>
8)	<u>COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY HOME STUDY PROGRAMME</u>		
	<u>2000</u>		<u>2001</u>
	S\$		S\$
	11,060	Balance at 31st March, 2000	11,060
	<u> </u>	Funds brought during the year	<u>3,390</u>
	<u>11,060</u>	Balance at 31st March, 2001	<u>14,450</u>

9) FIXED ASSETS

	<u>2001</u>				
	AT COST AT 31-03-2000	ADDITION/ REVALUATION	ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	DEPRECIATION FOR THE YEAR	NET BOOK VALUE
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Furniture and fittings	81,657	-	81,465	190	192
Tapes and library books	54,688	-	54,688	-	-
Office equipment	69,643	9,269	72,733	5,192	6,179
Computers	57,254	3,605	60,859	3,605	-
Chubb alarm system	4,264	-	4,264	-	-
Paintings	11,525	-	-	-	11,525
Potteries	24,275	-	-	-	24,275
	<u>303,306</u>	<u>12,874</u>	<u>274,009</u>	<u>8,987</u>	<u>42,171</u>

	<u>2000</u>				
	AT COST AT 31-03-1999	ADDITION	ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	DEPRECIATION FOR THE YEAR	NET BOOK VALUE
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Furniture and fittings	81,657	-	81,275	190	382
Tapes and library books	54,688	-	54,688	-	-
Office equipment	69,643	-	67,541	2,102	2,102
Computers	55,154	2,100	57,254	2,100	-
Chubb alarm system	4,264	-	4,264	-	-
Paintings	11,525	-	-	-	11,525
Potteries	12,300	11,975	-	-	24,275
	<u>289,231</u>	<u>14,075</u>	<u>265,022</u>	<u>4,392</u>	<u>38,284</u>

No depreciation is provided for paintings as they appreciate in value. The potteries have been revalued during the year.

10)	<u>FIXED DEPOSIT</u>		
	<u>2000</u>		<u>2001</u>
	S\$		S\$
	33,915	Journal fund	34,643
	773,276	College Development and Research fund	789,784
	27,182	Victor Louis Fernandez Fellowship fund	27,762
	824,741	Postgraduate Family Medicine Library fund	842,348
	(214,023)	General fund	(214,366)
	<u>1,445,091</u>		<u>1,480,171</u>
11)	<u>CASH IN HAND AND AT BANK</u>		
	<u>2000</u>		<u>2001</u>
	S\$		S\$
	901	Cash in hand	1,438
	32,529	Cash at Overseas Union Bank-a/c. No.1	101,430
	5,914	Cash at Overseas Union Bank-a/c. No.2	5,914
	3,649	Cash at Overseas Union Bank-a/c. No.3	3,649
	22,503	Cash at Citibank-Maxisave	22,842
	<u>65,496</u>		<u>135,273</u>
12)	<u>SUNDRY RECEIVABLE</u>		
	<u>2000</u>		<u>2001</u>
	S\$		S\$
	10,690	Subscription in arrears	10,690
	610	Singapore Family Physician advertisers	610
	<u>11,300</u>		<u>11,300</u>
13)	<u>DEPOSITS</u>		
	<u>2000</u>		<u>2001</u>
	S\$		S\$
	1,000	Security deposit	1,000
14)	<u>ACCRUED CHARGES</u>		
	<u>2000</u>		<u>2001</u>
	S\$		S\$
	700	Audit fee	700
	5,625	Renovation and upgrading	5,625
	-	Printing & stationery	110
	-	Maintenance	408
	25,933	Journals	21,793
	<u>32,258</u>		<u>28,636</u>

15a) MISCELLANEOUS INCOME

<u>2000</u>		<u>2001</u>
S\$		S\$
6,000	Fellowship Programme	12,000
10,000	Achilles project	-
15,000	Rental of booth	1,000
2,110	Meditech exhibition	-
44,250	Scientific Conference	-
8,500	Advertisement in publications	11,016
22,263	SMC-CME	-
-	CME On line	25,600
815	Sundry income	360
61,310	Family Medicine Teaching Programme	58,400
7,840	Minor Surgical Procedures	15,910
480	Journal Fund-Singapore Family Physician	480
-	Graduate Diploma in Family Medicine	140,490
36,608	Mailing & despatch fee	24,325
14,023	Surgical Update	12,000
<u>229,199</u>		<u>301,581</u>

15b) MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES

<u>2000</u>		<u>2001</u>
S\$		S\$
1,324	Research fee	186
4,160	Meditech Exhibition	-
5,742	Family Medicine Teaching Programme	3,715
1,925	Refreshment	2,419
2,132	Sundries	5,586
-	Advertisement	1,318
16,995	Security charges	16,948
4,586	Photocopying	4,824
25,673	The Singapore Family Physician	19,493
-	Fellowship Programme	9,432
-	Graduate Diploma in Family Medicine	3,701
-	WONCA Bid	4,503
4,200	Accounting charges	4,350
9,672	Minor Surgical Procedures	4,688
11,262	Surgical Update	30,862
25,180	Scientific Conference	-
3,030	O & G Ultrasound	-
24,300	SMC-CME	-
-	CME On-line	2,250
<u>140,181</u>		<u>114,275</u>

16) INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSIT

<u>2000</u>		<u>2001</u>
S\$		S\$
57,178	Citibank - Maxisave	35,419
1,169	Less: Transferred to Journal fund	724
26,649	Transferred to College Development and Research fund	16,508
937	Transferred to Victor Louis Fernandez fellowship fund	580
28,423	Transferred to Postgraduate Family Medicine Library Fund	17,607
<u>57,178</u>		<u>35,419</u>
<u>-</u>	As shown in income and expenditure account	<u>-</u>

17) COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform with the current year's presentation.

INCOME & EXPENDITURE

5th Annual Surgical Update for Family Practice
10-11 February 2001

<u>Income</u>	S\$	
Sponsorships		
NeoAsia Pte Ltd	15700	
inc printing cost of 2 colour adverts (@S\$700) over and above what was agreed in the sponsorship package		
Ministry of Health	0	
Singapore Association of Plastic Surgeons	0	
Singapore Orthopaedic Association	0	15700
Registration fees		
Public Forum (206 pax @S\$10 p/pax)	2060	
64 x CFPS members @ S\$70 p/pax	4480	
34 x non CFPS members @\$100 p/pax	3400	
3 x CFPS Council Members (for part of the update)	0	
9 x Organising Committee (complimentary)	0	
<hr/> 110 pax		9940
Advertisements		
Econ Healthcare (1 advert)	2000	
MSD (2 adverts)	2776	
Pfizer (1 advert)	1888	6664
Table exhibition		
NeoAsia Pte Ltd (FOC – part of sponsorship package)	0	
Johnson & Johnson	1000	
PG Books (no income- donated 4 books @ S\$185 each- total=\$740)		1000
<hr/> Total income received:		33,304

Expenditure5th Annual Surgical Update for Family Practice

Grand Copthorne Waterfront Conference package	15596.90
Inclusive of:	
1 tea & Galleria Ballroom for public forum	
2 teas and a buffet dinner (conference)	
Galleria ballroom for lectures	
3 breakout rooms (for workshops)	
hotel AV equipment	
40% complimentary car parking	

Conference bags (135 pcs)	1400
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Conference banner	450
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Workshop materials (bowls towels scissors)	37.60
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Printing

1 st Announcement (1500)	1420
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2 nd Announcement (1500)	1480
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Compiled Lectures handbook (1000)	2500
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Postage

1 st Announcement	240
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2 nd Announcement (local post)	240
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Compiled Lectures handbook	400
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AV technician (Karim-public forum & ASU)	260
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Rental of timer sets	10
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Total expenditure	24,034.50
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Surplus generated: S\$33,304 – S\$24034.50	S\$9269.50
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