

# Singapore's Wonca 2007 Bid in Pictures

Preparations for the bidding of Wonca 2007 started as early as June 2000. Since this is the second time the Singapore College is bidding to host the conference, the bidding committee was determined to succeed this time.

We were able to secure generous sponsorship for the bidding process. Strong support came from the Singapore Tourism Board, Peridot Health, Pfizer, GlaxoSmithKline, Diamond Industries and many letters of well wishes from the various professional organisations, ministries, statutory boards and NTUC Income.

team of 4 doctors from our College took on the Australian team. They Australians had a much larger team, numbering more than 20 strong, made up of professional event organisers, doctors and university dons.

It was a tussle between the Australian and the Singapore College, both lobbying for support right from the time of arrival. Both were determined to woo as many votes of Wonca world Council as possible. We had very crucial support at our bidding speech from Professor Goh Lee Gan and Professor Lim Lean Huat, our President.

We managed to beat the Australians by just one vote. With the winning bid in the Singapore College's hands, we look forward to welcoming the world of family physicians to our Island nation in July 2007.



WHERE THE BID TOOK PLACE. THE ALPINE HEALTH RESORT IN THE DRAKENSBURG MOUNTAINS.



THE BID TEAM. FROM LEFT DRS TAN SZE WEE, WONG CHIANG YIN, ARTHUR TAN, RICHARD NG, LIM LEAN HUAT, TAN SEE LENG AND LEE KHENG HOCK.

The bid process took place in a mountainous resort deep in the heart of South Africa, about 4 hours' drive from Durban. The Committee carried more than 250kg of bid documents, souvenirs and publicity material to prepare for battle against the Australian College.

Set against the back-drop of the Drakensburg mountains, the



PRESENTING THE SINGAPORE PACKAGE. DR TAN SEE LENG, CHAIRMAN OF THE WONCA 2007 COMMITTEE IN ACTION.