

WONCA Asia Pacific Regional Conference

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (31st March – 4th April 2002)

The Singapore and Malaysian Colleges had close ties since our formation in the 1970s. The first joint Colleges Conference was held in 1975 between the Colleges of Australia, Malaysia and Singapore. It was probably the first time that family doctors from different Colleges in the region met for a joint conference.

Continuing this tradition of regional co-operation, the Academy of Family Physicians of Malaysia played host to the 12th WONCA Asia Pacific Regional Conference. Our College was invited and sent a delegation comprising A/Prof Cheong Pak Yean, A/Prof Goh Lee Gan, Dr Lee Kheng Hock, Dr Tan See Leng, Dr Matthew Ng, Dr Wong Weng Hong, Dr Lucienne Tan and Dr Tan Ngiap Chuan to support our Malaysian colleagues.

It was a very successful meeting well attended by doctors from all parts of the Asia Pacific as well as WONCA members from outside the region.



OUR A/PROF GOH LEE GAN, REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT OF WONCA, ADDRESSING THE AUDIENCE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.



THE SINGAPORE DELEGATION WITH MEMBERS OF THE HOST ORGANISING COMMITTEE.

At the conference, our founder Vice-President Dr Wong Heck Sing was awarded the Honorary Fellowship of the Academy of Family Physicians of Malaysia in recognition of his contribution to the family medicine in the region. Another recipient of the Honorary Fellowship is a good friend of both our Colleges, Prof Wesley Fabb. This conference marked the initiation of the Wesley E Fabb Oration. The first orator was none other than the namesake, Prof Wesley Fabb himself. He enthralled the audience with his depth of knowledge and his visionary ideas. The second milestone is the launch of the Asia Pacific Journal of Family Medicine. The launch of this journal is evident of the progress that the discipline of family medicine in the region.



PAST PRESIDENT DR WONG HECK SING (CENTRE) WITH DR M K RAJAKUMARAN (LEFT) AND PROF WESLEY FABB (RIGHT) AT THE AWARD.

If you had missed this wonderful conference, take out your 2003 calendar and mark out the 5th – 8th November. We will see you at the 13th WONCA Asia Pacific Regional Conference at Beijing.

Dr Lee Kheng Hock