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College Art Gallery



"Roses" by Dr Earl Lu, From College Art Collection

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Convocation 2003

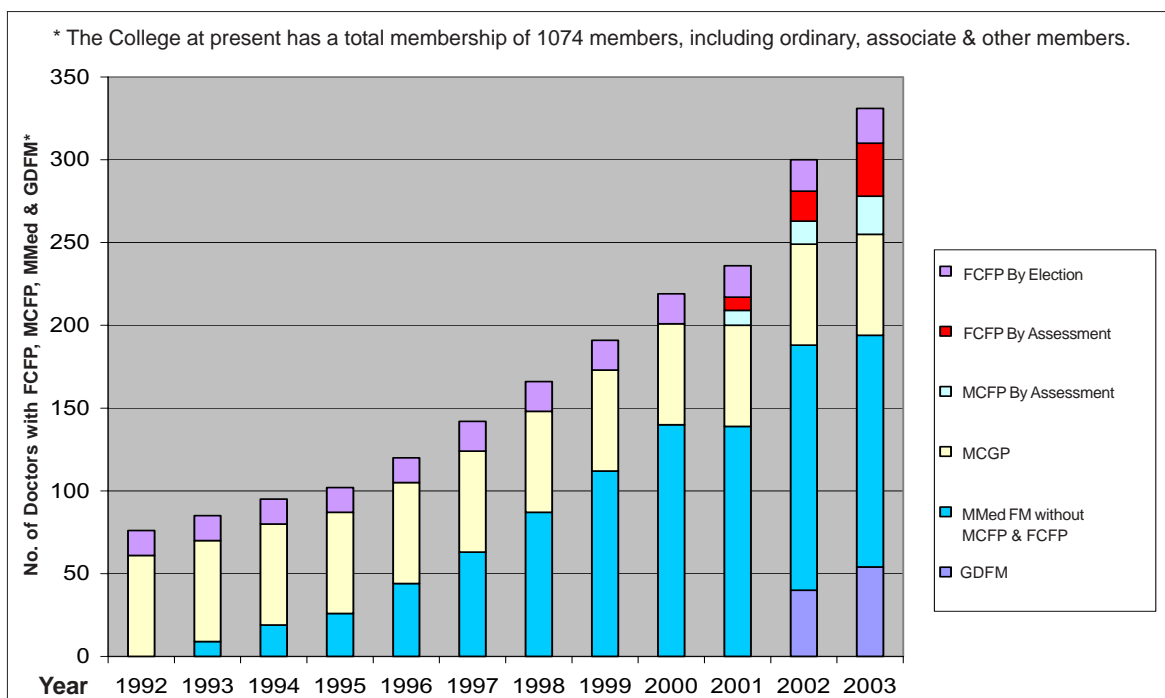


Family Medicine (FM) Convocation 2003 held on 16th November 2003 had a record 28 doctors who were conferred Collegiate membership and Fellowship on completion of their advanced FM training. The significant increase in vocationally trained Family Physicians (FPs) has achieved a critical mass of teachers and trainers to further train a larger number of FPs for our nation. (see chart below)

A/Prof Cheong Pak Yean, President of College in his welcome address announced three College initiatives to further enhance the critical mass of capacity and capabilities. Firstly the web-base e-learning would be integrated into the FM Training programmes as from next year (Page 4). Secondly, special interest groups on elderly care and mental health have been formed to hone clinical skills in these special areas (Pages 6 & 7). Thirdly, to increase recognition of those who have undergone FM training, the College has developed the patient education series "Doctors for Life" (Page 11) and has permitted the College Crest to be used on the frames of College diplomas and on College insignias to be worn (Pages 12 & 13)

The keynote address was delivered by the Guest-of-Honour Dr Lily Neo, chairperson of the Government Parliamentary Committee on Health and Member of Parliament. Dr Neo outlined the roles that FPs can play in preventive, long-term and step-down care in the context of the whole healthcare system (Page 5).

Two respected Family Physicians, Dr Tan Cheng Bock and Dr Arthur Tan Chin Lock were conferred Fellowships by election for their outstanding contributions to FM and to society at large. The convocation ceremony and dinner held at the Orchard Hotel was attended by 300 FPs and their friends and families.



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