

## The Meeting of Minds

This issue of the *SGH Proceedings* focuses on the SGH Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM). The leading article by SingHealth GCEO, Prof Tan Ser Kiat, is the keynote address in this year's 14th ASM. Aptly titled "Outram Campus – Seat of Learning or Service Centre?", the lecture looks at the new direction for all of us in SingHealth Outram campus as we move towards Singapore's second medical school in the form of a graduate medical programme.

There are many firsts with this issue of the *Proceedings*. This is the first time an issue of the *Proceedings* is dedicated to the ASM. It is also the first time that the *Proceedings* will be ready and distributed at the ASM itself, and together with this, it is also the first time that a supplementary issue of the *SGH Proceedings* is produced to accommodate all the abstracts for the scientific meeting. This takes both the *Proceedings* and the ASM into the realm of a higher and more professional level.

There are also several first for this year's ASM. The theme for this meeting highlights a changing trend in our approach to this ASM. Previously almost exclusively an SGH affair, we have this year in the Organising Committee opened up the entire meeting to all staff working in the Outram campus. Members of our greater family of SingHealth who share the

hallowed grounds of Outram campus with those of us in SGH now take part in this ASM, not only in attendance, but also in the presentations and the various prestigious award categories. This 14th SGH ASM has truly become the real meeting of minds, all across Outram campus.

It is indeed gratifying to see these current changes, milestones in the *Proceedings* and the ASM, come to fruition. It certainly helps being both one of the Associate Editors in charge of this issue as well as the Scientific Co-Chairman for the ASM. It also helps being staff at National Cancer Centre but still nostalgically being part of SGH, and in many ways physically integrated as well. And it definitely helps having like-minded individuals in the various committees in SGH and the other institutions in the campus.

Certainly from this time on, we can all look forward to the *Proceedings* and the ASM being the true meeting of minds throughout SingHealth Outram campus.

Vive la Outram!

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