

2nd Announcement

4th Singapore Public Health & Occupational Medicine Conference

*Public Health & Occupational Medicine
in Challenging Times*

27 & 28 August 2009

Orchard Parade Hotel

Guest of Honour

Professor K Satku
Director of Medical Services
Ministry of Health

Registration is now open.
Early Bird Registration
ends on **31 July 2009**

Organised by



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Welcome Message

We would like to warmly invite you to the 4th Singapore Public Health and Occupational Medicine Conference 2009.

The conference is a good opportunity for the Public Health and Occupational Medicine community to come together to reflect, discuss and chart the way forward.

Public Health issues have been in the headlines recently. Globally, the current H1N1 influenza pandemic has affected countless people in many countries and pushed public health systems to the limit. This was the case in Singapore too. Locally, the outbreak of malaria and a mass food poisoning episode reminded us that traditional public health challenges remain very much alive.

The theme “Public Health and Occupational Medicine in Challenging Times” for this year’s conference was prompted by the global economic downturn. Issues such as affordability and sustainability of healthcare systems become more prominent against such a backdrop. The H1N1 pandemic provides additional meaning to the conference’s theme. Other challenges faced by the PH and OM community include changes in the system of specialist training. This will be introduced for new trainees with effect from 2010.

The Scientific Subcommittee led by Eugene has drawn up a comprehensive programme covering many current issues of importance to the PH and OM community. They have invited a distinguished panel of overseas and local speakers to share their perspectives on these issues.

We are privileged to have Professor K Satku, Director of Medical Services, Ministry of Health as our Guest-of-Honour and keynote lecturer.

The Organising Committee looks forward to seeing you at the conference.

Dr Jeffery Cutter
Chairman
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Programme Highlights

Keynote Lecture

Prof K Satku
Director of Medical Services, MOH

Plenary Lectures

- **Innovations in Chronic Diseases Management**
Dr Hayden Bosworth
Associate Director
Center for Health Services Research in Primary Care, Durham VA Medical Center
- **Dealing with Pandemic Flu from a Primary Care Doctor's Perspective**
Dr Tan Chee Beng
CEO, SingHealth Polyclinics
- **The Increasing Importance of Health Economics in Austere Times – Bigger, Better and Brighter**
Dr Ake Blomqvist
Department of Economics
Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, NUS

Symposia Topics

Communicable Diseases

- Drug-resistant Tuberculosis
- The Rise of Antimicrobial Resistance
- Malaria

Non-Communicable Diseases & Health Promotion

- Integrated Health Screening
- Healthcare Partnerships
- Health Promotion at the Workplace

Symposia Topics

Education & Public Health Training

- Integration of PH & OM under Preventive Health: Old Wine in New Bottle, Response to an Identity Crisis

Methods in Public Health

- Qualitative Methods
- Content Analysis

Health Services Research

- Applications of HSR into Practice
- Quality of Life Measurement

Decision Analysis

- Use of Modelling in Healthcare Decision Making
- How are Healthcare Decisions Made?

Occupational Medicine

- Contingency Planning – Lessons from the Last Decade
- Challenges to Occupational Medicine
- Fitness to Work: Medicolegal Challenges
- Travel in Challenging Times

Oral & Poster Presentation

Call for Abstracts

The Organising Committee cordially invites you to submit abstracts to be considered for the Oral and Poster Presentation. Please refer to the enclosed leaflets for more information on submission of abstracts. The deadline for abstract submission is extended to **31 July 2009**. Prizes will be awarded to the winners of the Oral and Poster Presentation.

Free Paper Sessions

28 August 2009
Session 1: 9.00 am – 10.00 am
Session 2: 1.30 pm – 2.30 pm

Poster Judging

28 August 2009
12.00 pm – 1.30 pm (concurrent with lunch)

Conference Information

Venue

Orchard Parade Hotel
1 Tanglin Road
Singapore 247905

Registration Details

Please use the registration form enclosed in this announcement. The registration form must be submitted together with your payment. Payment can be made via cheque or interbank GIRO. All payment should be made payable to “Academy of Medicine, Singapore”.

Confirmation of registration will be send via email.

Registration Fees:

| Category | On or Before 31 July 2009 | After 31 July 2009 |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| FAMS | \$380 | \$430 |
| Non-FAMS | \$400 | \$450 |
| Full Time Students | \$150 | |

*Registration fees includes GST.

Certificate of Attendance

A certificate of attendance will be issued upon registration and collection of the conference kit at the registration counter.

Conference Secretariat

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