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President's Message



Dear AAS Members and Friends,

With the preparation of AUIAC 2008 gaining momentum and after months of collective hard work, the Organizing Committee is now ready to invite participants for registration. This will be part of the Organizing Committee's ongoing efforts in the next few months to promote AUIAC 2008 and to invite as many participants as possible with the aim of reaching a target of 500 participants for the convention. The fee for early-bird registration is S\$650 while the regular package will be priced at S\$750. Time flies and we are now in August, just about ten months away from the AUIAC 2008 event. We are confident that there will be a good turnout from local as well as overseas participants. Please make your reservation early to avoid any disappointment.

Many letters have been sent out recently to individuals and companies for sponsorships and we are greatly encouraged by a first sponsorship of a generous sum of S\$20,000. We are hopeful that more sponsors will come forward to support the convention.

On 9 July 2007, we were invited to the Macquarie University Alumni Association's Annual Cocktail Reception held at the National Museum of Singapore. It was an excellent opportunity for AAS President and Vice-President to meet the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Steven Schwartz, and other distinguished guests and participants. AAS President was also given the opportunity to make a brief presentation on the AUIAC 2008 and to encourage participation from alumni members. Publicity brochures and AAS newsletters were also distributed to the guests and participants.

The AAS held its 52nd Annual General Meeting on 1 June 2007 at Hotel Royal @ Queens. A total number of 23 members attended the meeting in which office-bearers and committee members were elected for the financial year 2007/2008.

More activities are being arranged in the coming months and some of these events are as follows:-

1. A mid-autumn festive event during which AAS members will visit a home for the elderly to distribute moon-cakes, and at the same time organize memorable activities for the residents.
2. We will send a team to represent AAS at the Karaoke Competition 2007 which is being organized by Alumni International Singapore (AIS) to be held at Guild Hall, NUSS Kent Ridge Guild House, on 25 August 2007.

Please kindly contact the AAS Secretariat at Tel: 6337-4263 or email: secretariat@ozalumni.org.sg for more information on these coming events.

On 9 August 2007, Singapore will be celebrating 42 years of independence and nationhood. AAS takes the opportunity to wish Singapore - A Happy 42nd Birthday.

Thank you.

Warmest regards

Simon Ho

AAS President, 2007/2008

Updates on Australian Universities International Alumni Convention (AUIAC) 2008, 11- 13 June 2008

at Suntec Singapore International Convention & Exhibition Centre

(written by Peggy Tan, Chairman, Scientific Committee/AUIAC 2008)

In addition to the earlier list of distinguished speakers, we are pleased to announce the confirmation of the following esteemed speakers:

SPEAKERS	TOPICS
Prof Leo Tan Wee Hin, Natural Sciences and Science Education, National Institute of Education	Ecological Landscape and Developments in Singapore
Dr Susan Lim, Director, Centre for Robotic Surgery, Mt Elizabeth Medical Centre	Advances in Stem Cell Technologies and Robotic Surgery
Dato' Dr Jannie Tay, Managing Director, The Hour Glass	Successful Networking and Business Connections
Mr Tan Hak Leh, General Manager, Great Eastern Life Assurance Co Ltd	Insurance for the Future
Mr Arun Abey, Founding Director & Executive Chairman, ipac securities limited	Stocks & Equities

CONFERENCE FEES		
	Early Bird (till 31 Dec 07)	Standard (on and after 1 Jan 08)
Full Registrant	S\$650	S\$750
Undergraduate	S\$550	S\$650
Day Registrant	S\$400	S\$450
Accompanying Person	S\$350	S\$350

Please visit the recently launched www.auiac2008.org website. Keep the date free and register early for AUIAC 2008. You will not only enjoy early bird discounts but also secure great opportunities to renew acquaintances, make new contacts and strengthen your business networks.

See you in sunny Singapore!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1** Program : **Joint Networking Nite organized by AustCham Singapore**
 Venue : Pan Pacific Singapore
 7 Raffles Boulevard, Marina Square, Pacific Ballroom 1, Level 1
 Date/Time : Friday, 17 August 2007, 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm
 Cost : \$38 – Participating Organisation members/spouse
 \$50 – Non-Participating Organisation members
 (includes snacks, free flow wine, beer & soft drinks)
 Dress Code : Office Attire/Smart Casual
 Registration : <http://www.austcham.org.sg/Events/EventsCalendar/tabid/67/Default.aspx>.
 Payment can be made by cheque or online credit card facility on www.austcham.org.sg
- 2** Program : **Karaoke Competition 2007 organized by AIS**
 Venue : Guild Hall, NUS Kent Ridge Guild House
 Date/Time : Saturday, 25 August 2007, 6.00 pm to 10.30 pm
 Cost : \$35 per person
 Registration : Mr Toh Yong Soon
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52nd Annual General Meeting on 1 June 2007

(written by Vincent Wu, Honorary Secretary)

The Australian Alumni Singapore [AAS] held its 52nd Annual General Meeting on 1 June 2007 at Hotel Royal @ Queen's. A total number of 23 members attended the meeting to elect office-bearers and committee members for the next ensuing year 2007 / 2008. A sumptuous buffet dinner was served before the commencement of the AGM.

The following were elected Office-Bearers for the year 2007 / 2008:-

President	: Simon Ho	Committee Members :	Charles Lee
Vice-President	: Peggy Tan		Lim Yin Hui
Hon Secretary	: Vincent Wu		Tan Boon Soo
Asst Secretary	: Alex Chow		
Hon Treasurer	: Alfred Shee		
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Other members would be co-opted in the first meeting of the new Management Committee to serve in the committee for the ensuing year.

The Balance Sheet and Statement of Income & Expenditure for the year ended 28 February 2007 which were circulated to members earlier were discussed and adopted after minor clarification of some expense items incurred for the AUIAC 2008 event.

The meeting ended at about 10.15pm after a vote of thanks to the chair and organizing committee.



AIS Ministerial Dialogue Session on Education with Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam (Minister for Education) on 3 May 2007

(written by Vincent Wu, Honorary Secretary)



• Mr Tharman (above left) with AAS President, Mr Simon Ho



• Mr Tharman (left) taking questions from one of the participants (above)

The Alumni International Singapore [AIS] organized a Dialogue Session on Education with Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam, Minister for Education, for members of AIS and its umbrella bodies held on 3 May 2007 at the Guild Hall, NUS Kent Ridge. Twenty members of AAS and another 100 members from other umbrella alumni associations attended the very interesting session which covered a wide variety of subjects including entrepreneurship, ministers' remunerations, education, and Singapore as a global city.

After a brief introduction, the Minister gave answers and insights into a long list of questions raised by the participants. The Dialogue Session was an event well-organized and I believe the participants left the hall much more enriched in the subjects covered.

Calling College Residents at University of Adelaide

AAS received an email from Mr. Ray Choate, Chair of the Council of Kathleen Lumley College (the postgraduate college at the University of Adelaide). They are trying to make a contact list of alumni of the University who may have been resident at the College while they were studying. Ex-residents of Kathleen Lumley College may contact him as follows:

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NEW MEMBERS

We are very happy to welcome the following new members:

Ms Tan Li-Jun Victoria: Life Member
University of South Australia
Mr Wong Chee Meng: Conversion to Life Member

REMINDER

Subscription fees are due for the year from March 2007 to February 2008. Please renew your subscription via cheque to "Australian Alumni Singapore", and mail to: The Secretariat, 35 Selegie Road #09-30, Parklane Shopping Mall, Singapore 188307.

Please update the Secretariat of any changes in your contact details. Thank you.



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The Flinders University medical program is a four-year, graduate entry course leading to the degree, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS). The MBBS program is recognised by the Singapore Medical Council for medical registration.

Information Evening Session

A Presentation by Dr AM Edwards, Chair, Admissions Committee and Coordinator, International Programs for the Flinders University Medical School at Hui & Kuah Office on Wed, 22 Aug 2007 from 6 pm to 8 pm.

This will be an opportunity to hear (and ask questions) about features of the Flinders Medicine program and the admissions process for graduates considering an application to Flinders.



Places are limited, for reservations, please contact:



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