

S.M. Update

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Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine

Dean's Message

Dear Colleagues and Friends

2007 got off to an auspicious start with the results of the 5th Biomedical Research Council (BMRC) Grant Call. Announced in January, the results showed that NUS won the majority of grants awarded – 30 out of 51 grants went to our institution.

Assoc Prof Saw Seang Mei, Assistant Dean for Research, from the Department of Community, Occupational and Family Medicine, has the honour of winning the biggest single project funding granted in 2007: S\$1.74 million over three years. She is Principal Investigator for the project on "Genes, gene-environment interactions and myopia in Singapore children," which aims to shed light on the onset of myopia.

The 5th BMRC grant call was highly competitive, with 168 research proposals submitted from May to June last year. Out of these, only 51 were selected and awarded a total of S\$31.68 million.

Let us extend our warmest congratulations to all our grant awardees.

Last but not least, I would like to wish all staff a Happy Lunar New Year.

Sincerely yours

John



Happy Lunar New Year

CONGRATULATIONS!

Promotions

Anaesthesia

Dr Liu Hern Choon, Eugene was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure wef 1 Jan 2007.

Medicine

Dr Erle Lim Chuen Hian was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure wef 1 Jan 2007.
Assoc Prof Lim Seng Gee was granted tenure to T65 wef 1 Jan 2007.

Surgery

Clin Assoc Prof Cheah Wei Keat was promoted to Senior Consultant (NUH) wef 1 Jan 2007.

Awards

Anatomy

Prof P. Gopalakrishnakone was elected as the President of the "International Society on Toxinology" which is the premier society which deals with Animal, Plant and Microbial Toxins and publishes the journal "Toxicon".

Prof P. Gopalakrishnakone was awarded Asean University Network Distinguished Scholars Programme to be attached to the Department of Molecular Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Malaya. He plans to commence this attachment in Feb 2007.

COFM & CME

Dr Tan Boon Yeow (Adjunct) was awarded the Healthcare Humanity Award, 2006.

Medicine

Assoc Prof Ling Lieng Hsi was awarded the MD degree on his thesis titled: "Pericardial Constriction: New Insights Into Clinical Profile, Diagnosis And Prognosis".

Paediatrics

Mrs Jina Loh, Secretary to the Dept, was one of the recipients of the NUS Quality Service Award 2006.

Pathology

Prof Wong Limsoon was elected President of Association of Asian Societies for Bioinformatics (AASBi) for 2007.

BMRC and FRC Grant Awards Inside!

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Staff Achievements

Diagnostic Radiology

Dr Maung Maung Saw, Research Fellow, received a research contract ("Coordinated Research Project on Standardization and Quality Control of In-house Prepared Radiopharmaceuticals for Nuclear Oncology"- IAEA Research contract No. 14149) from International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Vienna, Austria.

He was also invited by the Singapore National Institute of Chemistry (SNIC) to give a talk on "Radioprobes to Molecular Imaging: What Chemists and Health Scientists Need to Know" on 29 Jan 2007.

Microbiology

An article by Prof Mike Kemeny and Dr Paul MacAry was selected to be in a competition launched by The British Medical Journal to decide the greatest medical discoveries from the last 166 years. Prof Mike Kemeny's and Dr Paul MacAry's article described advances in immunology.

O&G

Dr Chong Yap Seng published an editorial, "Mid-level providers: a safe solution for unsafe abortion", in The Lancet, Volume 368, Issue 9551, 2 December 2006-8 December 2006, Pages 1939-1940.

The editorial was referring to the article "Rates of complication in first-trimester manual vacuum aspiration abortion done by doctors and mid-level providers in South Africa and Vietnam: a randomised controlled equivalence trial", The Lancet, Volume 368, Issue 9551, 2 December 2006-8 December 2006, Pages 1965-1972. IK Warriner, O Meirik, M Hoffman, C Morroni, J Harries, NT My Huong, ND Vy and AH Seuc.

Otolaryngology

Assoc Prof Wang De Yun was invited to be a member of the writing group for "European Position Paper on Rhinosinusitis and Nasal Polyps" (Revision). The editorial meeting was held in Amsterdam, 9-10 Dec 2006.

Physiology

Prof Shazib Pervaiz was invited to visit Apoptosis Biology Unit, University of Versailles, St Quentin, France from 2 Jan to 7 Jan 2007, where he teamed up with his research collaborator for their joint manuscript and he also gave seminars.

Dr Deng Yuru was invited by the Department of Surgery, Chung-Ho Memorial Hospital, Kaohsiung Medical University (Taiwan), to give a talk on "Cubic Cell Membranes: clinical significance and potential applications" on 5 Jan 2007.

Graduate student Ms He Xiaoli was invited to participate in the conference: "Stem Cell Interactions with their Microenvironment Niche" during March 2007 at the Keystone Resort, Keystone, Colorado. She will present the poster "Role of Sphingosine - 1 - phosphate on stem cells proliferation" which she co-authored with her PI, Dr Alirio J Melendez.

NEW STAFF APPOINTMENTS

ALCNS	Dr Jillian Diane Brammer	Visiting Fellow
CBmE	Dr Jacqueline Chin	Research Fellow
	Dr Benjamin Capps	Visiting Fellow
COFM & CME	Hum Li Soon	IT Manager
Biochemistry	Dr Leroy Pakkiri	Research Fellow
Medicine	Dr Paul Robert Ingram	Visiting Snr Fellow
	Ms Liaw Sok Ying	Lecturer
Microbiology	Dr Stephan Gasser	Asst Prof
Orthopaedic Surgery	Dr Ni Guoxin	Research Fellow
Pharmacology	Dr Christopher Chen	Snr Research Fellow
Surgery	Dr Charles Tsang Bih Shiou	Adj Assoc Prof
	Dr Michael George Caleb	Adj Assoc Prof

NEW COURSE

DGMS

Master of Science (Speech and Language Pathology)

The Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine and the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, NUS, will jointly offer the Master of Science (Speech and Language Pathology) under the administration of the Division of Graduate Medical Studies, with effect from January 2007. This new Masters programme which has admitted 20 graduates for its first intake, aims to train them to be professional speech and language pathologists at the end of the 2-year full-time programme, hence reducing the shortage of qualified speech and language pathologists currently faced in Singapore. Speech and language pathologists work with children and adults who have communication or swallowing difficulties. These can result from congenital or developmental problems in children and are not uncommon after a head injury, stroke or a consequence of surgery for brain tumours.

Student Publication

Yap Hao Yun (M4 Student) published a paper in Singapore Medical Journal with the guidance of Assoc Prof Peter Robless (Surgery), Assoc Prof Lee Jon Choon (Medicine), and Assoc Prof Wang SC (Diagnostic Radiology).

Publication reference:

Yap HY, Robless PA, Lee JC, Wang SC. Managing venous stenosis in vascular access for haemodialysis. Singapore Med J 2007; 48 (1):6

FORTHCOMING GRANT CALLS

Dean's Office - Division of Research

Forthcoming Grant Details	Deadlines
Lee Kuan Yew Postdoctoral Fellowship (LKY PDF)	16 Feb 2007
Fy2007 Call For Proposals: Cross Faculty Research Grant For Interdisciplinary Research	23 Feb 2007

Lee Kuan Yew Postdoctoral Fellowship (LKY PDF) – CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR 2007

Deadline: 16 Feb 2007

The prestigious Lee Kuan Yew Postdoctoral Fellowship (LKY PDF) was established in 1991 under the Lee Kuan Yew Endowment Fund. It aims to promote the development of young and outstanding academics in science, medicine and engineering through their appointments as research staff members in NUS and NTU. Only candidates with excellent academic records and research potential will be considered for the Fellowship. The scheme is open to nationals of all countries.

More information on the terms, eligibility and application procedure can be found at the following web site:

http://www.nus.edu.sg/ore/fellowships/fellowship_lky.htm

Submission to Dean's Office

Kindly note that your submissions should contain the following information:

1. Ranking of your Department's shortlisted applicants
2. For each applicant, please submit:
 - Dept's 1-page recommendation on the candidate
 - Dept's Interview Report (the report should include an assessment of the candidate's communication skills and scientific merits of proposed research)
 - Completed NUS Personal Particulars Form
 - Candidate's detailed CV, list of publications and educational certificates
 - 3 International/External Referee Reports (including Referee's CV)
 - Candidate's statement of research intent (Details of proposed research plan)

Please send all nominations and applications directly to the Dean's Office (Attn: Jane Leong, medlhsj@nus.edu.sg, Tel: 6516 5292) by 16 Feb 2007.

FY2007 Call For Proposals: Cross Faculty Research Grant For Interdisciplinary Research

Deadline: 23 Feb 2007

1. The Research Grant provides seed funding of up to \$35,000 per project per year, for novel projects undertaken by two or more staff from different Faculties/ Schools.
2. The aims of the Grant are as follows:
 - to encourage academic staff in different disciplines to interact in productive ways;
 - to facilitate the generation of pilot data that would help investigators to develop projects to a level that can compete for funding from external funding bodies or from ARF, MOE.
3. The applications will be subjected to a peer review process by the Cross-Faculty Research Grant Expert Panel, appointed by the Deputy President (Research & Technology). The proposals and funding will be administered by the Office of Research.
4. Applications should be prepared using the formal application form and submitted through the main SoM PI's Heads of Departments, to the Division of Research, SoM (c/o Ms Poonam (medprai, tel: 6516 4235) or Ms Masrinie (medmmr, tel: 6516 5292)). Note – the current application form has been revised to allow Faculty endorsements to be obtained concurrently. The application form had initially been emailed to staff by the Division of Research (form file name: pers_partic-ohr0136_2001.doc).

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BMRC GRANT AWARDS

In the recently announced **BMRC** research grant awards (June 2006 Exercise), 24 out of 30 (80%) NUS funded projects were from Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine for a total amount of **\$ 14,718,130**. The largest amount funded for this round was awarded to a myopia study, headed by Associate Professor Saw Seang Mei (COFM), which is a joint project between NUS and Singapore Eye Research Institute (SERI).

Below are the awardees:

S/No	PI	Department	Title
1.	<u>LIANG</u> FENGYI	Anatomy	Biological functions and pathological implications of CNS sirtuin 2: an oligodendroglia-specific tubulin/histone deacetylase
2.	HALLIWELL, BARRY	Biochemistry	Mechanisms of vascular protection by haem oxygenase
3.	<u>LEE</u> GUAT LAY, CAROLINE	Biochemistry	Hepatitis B virus X protein (HBx) and hepatocellular carcinogenesis (HCC)-characterization HBx in HCC patients and identification of downstream target of HBx
4.	<u>TAN</u> MAY CHIN, THERESA	Biochemistry	MicroRNAs and cell proliferation
5.	<u>TANG</u> BOR LUEN	Biochemistry	Cellular functions of Nogo - roles in membrane dynamics, neuroprotection and neuroregeneration
6.	<u>NG</u> MAH LEE, MARY	Microbiology	Characterising the domain II protein of flavivirus envelope protein as a protective immunogen in flavivirus infection
7.	MD MATIULLAH <u>KHAN</u>	NUMI	Role of aberrant protease activity in the pathogenesis of acute myeloid leukaemia (AML)
8.	<u>LI</u> GUODONG	NUMI	To define ES cell-derived progenitors for differentiation of insulin-producing cells for replacement therapy of type I diabetes
9.	<u>LIM</u> YOON PIN	NUMI	Molecular changes during breast cancer progression
10.	SRIVIDYA SWAMINATHAN	NUMI	Alkylator-induced, BRCA2 dependant repair by AGT: implications for cancer therapy
11.	JERRY <u>CHAN</u>	Obstetrics & Gynaecology	Intrauterine gene therapy of haemophilia in a non-human primate model
12.	<u>CHOO</u> LANI, MAHESH A	Obstetrics & Gynaecology	Enhancing enrichment of fetal primitive erythroblasts from maternal blood: Development of novel MEMS devices to deplete adult anucleate erythrocytes
13.	<u>WANG</u> EE JEN, WILSON	Orthopaedic Surgery	Surface modification and functionalization of bone-related implant biomaterials to enhance biocompatibility and promote osseointegration
14.	<u>CHONG</u> SIONG-CHUAN, SAMUEL	Paediatrics	Function and regulatory control of the van der woude syndrome gene IRF6 in the zebrafish model
15.	<u>LAI</u> POH SAN	Paediatrics	Detecting dystrophin mutations in DMD/BMD: Development of a rapid and cost-effective molecular diagnostic method using thermal denaturation analysis
16.	<u>DAWE</u> , GAVIN STEWART	Pharmacology	Investigation of noradrenergic modulation of long-term potentiation of hippocampo-prefrontal cortical projections
17.	<u>MOORE</u> , PHILIP KEITH	Pharmacology	The role of hydrogen sulphide in hyperhomocysteinaemia: implications for cardiovascular disease
18.	<u>WONG</u> WAI-SHIU, FRED	Pharmacology	Therapeutic effects of respirable antisense oligonucleotides in a mouse asthma model
19.	<u>MELLENDEZ</u> ROMERO, ALIRIO JOSE	Physiology	Dissecting the role of phingosine kinase 1 in acute inflammation
20.	<u>SCHWARZ</u> , HERBERT	Physiology	Regulation of T cell activation and apoptosis by the cytokine receptor CD137
21.	<u>SOONG</u> TUCK WAH	Physiology	Alternative splicing diversifies CA _v 1.3 channels and acts as molecular switch to regulate hippocampus-dependent learning and memory
22.	<u>PHAN</u> TOAN THANG	Surgery	Investigating the role of a novel growth factor HDGF (Hepatoma-derived growth factor) in wound repair and regeneration
23.	<u>SAW</u> SEANG MEI (Joint Grant between NUS & SERI)	COFM	Genes, gene-environment interactions and myopia in Singapore children

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FRC GRANT AWARDS

Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine awarded a total of 10 projects from the November **Tier 1 (FRC)** grant exercise. Incorporating the new guidelines set by the Office of Deputy President (Research & Technology), priority were given to junior staff, new recruit's first grant, new initiative projects or niche areas which alternatively may not be funded by other funding agencies. A total of \$1,113,016 was awarded.

Below are the successful applicants:

S/No	PI	Department	Title
1.	<u>KESAVAPANY, SASHITHERAPANY</u>	Biochemistry	Investigating p25/Cdk5 mediated effects on gene expression
2.	<u>KOH CHOON HUAT, GERALD</u>	COFM	The rehabilitation efficiency and effectiveness of geriatric rehabilitation in community hospitals in Singapore
3.	<u>MAUNG MAUNG SAW</u>	Diag Radiology	Novel isostructure 99mTc and Re complexes for dual fluorescence and radioimaging: Bridging the gap between in vitro and in vivo imaging
4.	<u>ANSELM MAK</u>	Medicine	Serum levels of protein S100B, anti N-Methyl-D-Aspartate receptor antibodies and functional magnetic resonance imaging in patients with neuropsychiatric systemic lupus erythematosus - a prospective study
5.	<u>VERONIQUE ANGELI</u>	Microbiology	Modulation of dendritic cell migration by lymphatic vessel function during inflammation and its relationship to B cells
6.	<u>WONG SOON BOON, JUSTIN</u>	Microbiology	The design and use of Epstein Barr virus-specific HLA tetramers to define the immunological basis underlying an association between certain HLA alleles and the risk of developing nasopharyngeal carcinoma
7.	<u>ANDREA HOLME</u>	NUMI	Investigation of mitochondrial c-abl and reactive oxygen species in regulating cell death and survival
8.	<u>ALAN PREM KUMAR</u>	NUMI	A study to assess the role of NFkB activation by TNFalpha in the regulation of NHE1 gene expression by reactive oxygen species
9.	<u>GONG YINHAN</u>	O&G	Development of calixarene-capped cyclodextrin bonded silica particles as chiral stationary phases for chiral drug separation in capillary electrochromatography
10.	<u>YAP SUEN MEI, CELESTIAL THERESE</u>	Physiology	Investigating the roles of cofilin in tumour cell adhesion and spreading

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Microbiology

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TIER 1 JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

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Pharmacology

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Psychological Medicine

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Physiology

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UPCOMING EVENTS, COURSES & WORKSHOPS

MEU

4th Asia Pacific Medical Education Conference (APMEC)

8-11 Feb 2007

To date, the 4th APMEC, the premier medical education conference in the region, has attracted 342 participants from 34 countries with registrations still coming in.

The APMEC is an excellent platform which allows our academic staff the opportunity to mingle as well as share and exchange knowledge and expertise with fellow medical educators from the region and beyond. Registration is still open. Do sign up now !

We look forward to your participation and to welcoming you to the 4th APMEC in February 2007!

For enquiries, call Dawn at ext 1048/ Nick ext 8107/ Esther ext 2332/ Su Mei ext 3732.

Visit our website <http://medicine.nus.edu.sg/events/apmec4/> for more details.

Medical Education Rounds

"Consequences of Unprofessional Behaviour in Medical School"

Speaker: Dr Maxine Papadakis, Assoc Dean for Student Affairs & Professor of Clinical Medicine, University of California San Francisco, USA

Chairperson: Assoc Prof Khoo Hoon Eng, Deputy Head (Preclinical), Medical Education Unit (MEU)

9 Feb 2007 (Friday), 7.30am - 8.30am, Auditorium, Kent Ridge Wing, Level 3, NUH.

Visit our website for more details : http://medicine.nus.edu.sg/meu/med_edu_rd.shtml

NUH-NUS Medical Publications Support Unit

Distinguished Editor Series: Dr Richard Smith, BMJ Former Editor

10 - 12 Feb 2007, Saturday – Monday, NUS

A. Workshop: Ethical Problems in Scientific Publication

Date: 10 Feb 2007, Saturday

Time: 11.30am – 1.30pm

Venue: CRC Symposium Room, MD11, CRC

Number: up to 40 persons

Registration Fee: S\$130.00 (inclusive of prevailing GST), Waived (for APMEC participants)

B. PSU Distinguished Editor Lecture: The Trouble With Medical Journals

Date: 11 Feb 2007, Sunday

Time: 8.00am – 8.45am

Venue: LT 27, NUS

Registration Fee: FREE

C. Workshop: How to Get Published

Date: 12 Feb 2007, Monday

Time: 9.00am – 1.00pm

Venue: CRC Auditorium, MD11, CRC

Number: up to 100 persons

Registration Fee: S\$220.00 (inclusive of prevailing GST)

Workshop on Advanced Biostatistics Using SPSS

Date: 13 – 15 Mar 2007, (limited to 24 persons)

Registration Fee: \$400.00 (exclusive of prevailing GST)

PSU Distinguished Editor Series: Nature Masterclass on Scientific Writing

Date: 11 – 13 Apr 2007,

By Dr Philip Campbell, Editor-in-Chief of the Nature

(More details coming up soon)

For more information on all above NUH-NUS Medical Publications Support Unit events, please contact the PSU Secretariat (Fax: 6872 1454; Email: psu@nus.edu.sg):

Ms Jap Ren Fang, Tel: 6516 1049

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St Jude-Asia Forum in Paediatric Oncology 2007

9-11 Mar 2007, Fullerton Hotel, Singapore.

Fourteen world renowned Paediatric Oncologists will be giving talks on Childhood Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia.

Following the Forum, a Workshop on Flow Cytometry for the Diagnosis and Minimal Residual Disease Detection in Childhood will be conducted on 12-14 Mar 2007. For more information on both the Forum and the Workshop, please visit www.viva.sg.