



The Pain Association of Singapore A Chapter of IASP

President's Message

Dear Members,

I am pleased to highlight some of the key strategic developments and plans for 2017-2018.

The Annual Scientific Meeting 2017 was held in conjunction with our Annual General Meeting in One Farrer. The Scientific meeting was a success, with more than 180 participants from 11 countries attending the event.

PAS also sponsored 4 members to attend the Association for South-East Asian Pain Societies (ASEAPS) Congress, and 3 members for the pre-congress Pain Management Camp. Both events were held in Myanmar in February 2017.

PAS strives to further increase the awareness of pain management to professionals and the public. We have continued to collaborate with various local and foreign medical societies, as well as the medical education committees of key industry leaders to provide continuing medical education (CME) programmes throughout the year. 2018 will be an exciting year filled with new initiatives that the PAS will be rolling out. An Online Educational Learning Portal on Pain Management for General Practitioners will be launched in the early half of this year. Thereafter, a website for patients and caregivers providing important disease and care information will be next in line.

In addition, in place of ASM next year, the council is also proposing to have a quarterly dinner symposium for members on key pain management topics with case scenarios. These topics will focus on topics such as:

- 1 Musculoskeletal pain, Aging and Degeneration
- 2 Cancer pain and Palliative Care
- 3 Headaches and Facial Pains
- 4 Rheumatological Pearls for the Pain practitioner

Speakers from various disciplines will be invited to give their views from their speciality management standpoint. The sessions promise to be interactive and informative with allocated time for discussion on the various case scenarios.

It has truly been a pleasure to lead the Council for the past year. All this would not have been possible without the dedication and commitment of all the Council Members that I have had the privilege of working with for the past year. We encourage all of your continued support in the efforts of the Council in making these events possible, and work towards developing a closer-knit pain society.

With the Annual General Meeting (AGM) around the corner, we look forward to your attendance in making the society more relevant to you and your practice. Please do continue to provide your feedback and suggestions to us.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Nicholas Chua
President
The Pain Association of Singapore