

MSH NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

🗨️ 2020 has been an unprecedented year as we face the COVID-19 pandemic. I would like to thank the haematology and pathology fraternity for working hard to ensure patient care is not compromised. In spite of COVID-19, we continue to educate our junior specialists, albeit on a new platform i.e. virtually.

The World Federation of Haemophilia (WFH) World Congress scheduled to be held in Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre in June 2020 had to be cancelled and was replaced by a series of webinars. Although we long to come together and meet face to face, for the present time, virtual meetings will be our new normal. 🗨️

-Jameela Sathar-

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EVENTS THAT TOOK PLACE IN 2020

WEBINARS

Webinars organised by pharmaceutical companies are not included here but can be found on our webpage. We would like to thank them for using our platform. We would also like to thank respective society members for organising the following webinars.



First virtual meeting

21st June - Lymphoma Network Meeting



Hybrid at Ampang hospital

13th October - World Thrombosis Day



Virtual on Zoom platform

12th December - Patient Blood Management Masterclass 1

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MSH ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING 2020

10 – 12th September

Venue: Shangri-La Hotel + Virtual platform

Theme: Personalised Haematology: Now & The Future

Participants: 450 physical + 150 virtual



Congratulations to Professor Dr. Bee Ping Chong and his team for organising a successful meeting while observing physical distancing and avoiding a new cluster.

A memorial lecture for the late Dr. Visalachy Purushothaman who passed away on the 23rd July 2019 after a short illness was given by the present president. Dr. Purushothaman will always be remembered as the Mother of Haematology, Malaysia.

TEACHING AND EXAMS

Teaching for trainees

15th February (at MSH office)

- o Chronic Myeloid Leukaemia and treatment-free remission
- o Antiphospholipid syndrome and laboratory aspects
- o Management of transfusion-dependent thalassaemia and laboratory diagnosis

Teaching resumed virtually

24th October

- o Myeloproliferative neoplasm

21st November

- o Haemophilia

19th December

- o Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma

MSH exams

16th January – Part 2

14th July – Part 1

6th October – Part 2

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This is the first year that we have 2 parts to the exam. The examination committee had put in a lot of effort to formalise Part 1 of the exams to be taken by the trainee after completing their first year of training. The Part 1 consists of 50 MCQ (Multiple Choice Questions) and 5 OSPE (Objective Structured Practical Examination) questions.

Part 2 is the exit exam which is divided into 2 sections – clinical (malignant and non-malignant) and laboratory (haemostasis/ transfusion and morphology). Candidates are eligible to sit for Part 2 after sending in their thesis and log book a month prior.

Upcoming exams for year 2021

Part 1: 25th May 2021

Part 2: 16th March 2021

DISEASE REGISTRY

The MSH fraternity would like to thank Drs. Ong Tee Chuan and Alan Teh for their hard work in setting up the website and the dataset for each registry. Thank God we have IT wizards among our committee members.

We would also like to thank all the clinicians who took time away from their busy schedules to put in the data. Keep up the good work. Please be reminded that a token of RM20 is given for each patient data entry.

Myeloproliferative Neoplasm

2009 – 2015

Chairman: Dr. Jameela Sathar

Published paper:

Yap et al. The epidemiology and clinical characteristics of myeloproliferative neoplasms in Malaysia. *Exp Haematol Oncol* 2018;7:31.

<https://doi.org/10.1186/s40164-018-0124-7>.

Congratulations to Dr Yap Yee Yee and the MPN working group for the publication.

Hodgkins lymphoma

2020 -

Chairman: Dr Tan Sen Mui

https://app.haematology.org.my/jw/web/userview/MSHRegistry/v/_/home

To date: over 1,000 entries from 10 sites. Keep up the good work.

Registry in the pipeline

Paroxysmal Nocturnal

Haemoglobinuria/ Aplastic Anaemia (PNH/ AA)

Chairman: Dr Kuan Jew Win

GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Due to COVID-19, all education funds were cancelled for 2020. One research grant was approved and released. Congratulations to the applicant, Dr Tan Sui Keat on his project titled “ Genotype and Clinical Characterisation of HbH disease in Malaysian patients: An Observational Multi-Centre Study”. Every year, MSH generously gives out to its members a total of RM80,000 in the form of education funds and RM100,000

as research grants. Please take the opportunity to use these funds and grants wisely. A reminder that a short report is required for those who have received education grants within 1 month of the event and a yearly progress report and publication within 2 years of completion of a research which will be put up on our website.

EXTERNAL TRAINING FELLOWSHIPS

ISTH Reach-The-World & Training Fellowships


This program gives junior clinicians and researchers the opportunity to study at host institutes known for their expertise in thrombosis and hemostasis.

For more information, visit isth.org/page/RTWFellowships.


ASH Research Training Awards for Fellows

The ASH RTAF is designed to encourage junior researchers in hematology, hematology/oncology, and other hematology-related training programs to pursue careers in academic hematology.

For more information, visit <https://www.hematology.org/awards/career-enhancement-and-training/research-training-award-for-fellows>.



Drs. Leong Tze Shin and Christopher Liam won the ASH and ISTH fellowships respectively for the year 2020.



LOGO COMPETITION

The new 2020 - 2021 logo competition is now open to all members.

Please visit our website for more details. You will stand a chance to win RM 1000 for the best logo selected by a panel of judges.



NEWS FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Visit www.pbmsia.com for guidance on intravenous iron and the management of iron deficiency.

Visit covid-19.moh.gov.my >Annex 2e on Clinical Management of Confirmed COVID-19 Case in Adult (updated on 3rd Nov 2020) section 3.1 on prophylaxis therapy against VTE and sections 3.2 and 3.3 on management of DVT and PE respectively.

NEXT ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

Venue: Zenith hotel, Kuantan

Date: 5 – 7 Aug 2021

Organising committee chairman:

Dr Ahlam Naila Kori

EXTERNAL EVENTS OF INTEREST

EBMT 47th Annual Meeting

Date: 14 – 17 March 2021

Platform: Virtual

Abstract deadline: 13 Dec 2020

APSTH

Date: 18 – 20 March 2021

Venue: Gwangju, Korea

Abstract submission dateline:
31st Jan 2021

Highlights of ASH

Tentative date: March 2021

EHA

Date: 9 – 17 June 2021

Platform: Virtual

ISTH

Date: 17 – 21 July 2021

Venue: Philadelphia, USA

Abstract submission:
1st Dec 2020 – 2nd Feb 2021