

Annual General Meeting

The Society held its AGM on 9th March 2012 which was attended by members of the Management committee and both members and non members of the Society. The outgoing President A/P Soong Tuck Wah gave a review of the Society's activities over the past year while the Treasurer Dr Eyleen Goh updated the members on the financial status of the Society. A new management committee was also voted into office: A/P Low Chian Ming (President), Drs Zeng Li (Secretary), Eyleen Goh (Treasurer), Suresh Jesuthasan (Special events), Ajai Vyas (Publicity and Membership) and Mohd Zacky (Seminar-Social). As per regulatory requirements, A/P Sanjay Khanna was appointed as internal auditor.

Thank You!

We thank A/P Soong Tuck Wah, Dr Judy Sng and A/P Douglas Matthews for their contributions to the Chapter over the past years.

Research Resume



In this issue, we feature Dr Ajai Vyas, from NTU who studies the neurobiology of fatal attraction. It revolves around the idea that parasitic infection of the rat by the protozoa *Toxoplasma gondii* removes the rodent's fear of its natural predator - the cat. Through this 'mind control', the parasite has an increased chance of entering the cat's intestine where it reproduces. Information on Dr Vyas's work can be found at <http://home.ethoneuro.com>.

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Stay tuned for updates on Chapter based financial assistance and travel awards.

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Our 1st social event was

held on 14th Sept 2012 in conjunction with a seminar given by A/P Sim Kang, from the IMH and NUS. The event began with the neuroscience community mingling over light refreshments followed by A/P Sim Kang's lecture on the *role of white matter in development of psychosis*. Using neuroimaging techniques and genetic investigations, A/P Sim Kang aims to understand the mechanism of psychiatric illnesses and develop novel treatment targets. The Chapter also hosted two other seminars: Professor Wang Xiaoqin of Johns Hopkins University and Professor Michael Goldberg from Columbia University, Past-President of SfN (2009-2010), who presented data on the auditory and oculomotor neural systems, respectively. Visit www.sfn.sg for more upcoming invigorating and enriching seminars.

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