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## REACHING OUT AND BE REACHABLE

**PROF Y K CHAN** *President, Malaysian Society of Anaesthesiologists*

The newly elected MSA EXCO has renewed plans to reach out to the anaesthetic community so as to get everybody linked or connected so that we can interact both socially as well as academically as a unit. A few years ago with this aim in mind, the previous EXCO, with Dato' K Inbasegaran's and Dr Augustine Yew's assistance, worked very hard at trying to get our Society database updated. We have come a long way in this mission, but we feel we have an equal long journey to get everybody connected in this modern age.

Just when we thought we have made progress with our numbers, we realise that a lot of the addresses and emails are outdated. A case in point was the recent urgent call for speakers to speak in Surabaya during the 13<sup>th</sup> Asean Congress. As there was a deadline to meet I decided to work through the database to get through the email, as many members as possible either to volunteer as speakers or to persuade others to do so. I realise many of the email addresses are outdated. We strongly urge members to use their initiative to update with the Academy at acadmed@po.jaring.my. Prof Ramani Vijayan, the Asean Journal Editor, tells me that a fair number of her journals are not reaching its intended members and they are left to roost in pigeon-holes of various departments as members have not thought it proper to leave their forwarding addresses. If you are not contactable via email, a normal mail to the Academy (address: 19 Jalan Folly Barat, 50480 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia) or even a phone call to our ever efficient and ever receptive Ms Kong, 03-20930100 or 03-20930200 or fax at 03-20930900, would do wonders to ensure that the Society can reach you.

Even if you do not have a personal email or a computer, do drop in at our website (<http://www.msa.net.my>) through your hospital's common linked computer. This site has been specially designed to reach out and inform the anaesthetic community about events that might be of interest to you. For the hardcore non-computer savvy members, the regular bulletin serves the same function of getting you linked with the anaesthetic community at large. However, distributing it to you by snail mail again requires a correct and current address. We will in future try to leave some copies with the various departments in the country, with provision for you to contact us if you think we are unable to reach you personally because of a change in address.



The MSA EXCO wants a dialogue with all of you. The dialogue seems limited to the EXCO who meets regularly once in two months. No doubt the elected EXCO comprises a fair representation of the anaesthetic community. It is difficult however for these eleven people to effectively represent the views of nearly 450 members if there is no direct communication. We have tried to open up the channels, phone, fax, bulletin, website and direct email communication but the dialogue cannot begin unless the community at large makes use of these channels to make their views heard. We are urging you to choose a method that suits your style but more important of all – do it, reach out to us just as we are trying to reach out to you. We value your ideas, your contribution (even if it is to say “no I do not want to participate”!) and your realisation that it really does pay to belong to a Society that cares for your welfare.

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# *Farewell to Dato' Dr K Inbasegaran*

**A**naesthesia Nite was mooted by the medical officers of the Department of Anaesthesia & Intensive Care, Hospital Kuala Lumpur, to bid farewell to our head of department, Dato' Dr K Inbasegaran, who retired on 26 May 2003. The dinner was held at the Royal Lake Club on 30 May 2003 and the attendees comprised the Director of HKL, Dr Ramlee Rahmat, heads of departments, fellow colleagues, medical officers, medical assistants, intensive care and operating theatre nurses and anaesthesiologists from the Klang Valley. The dinner was graciously attended by 300 guests.

The function was a fitting tribute to Dato' Inbasegaran who has served the Ministry of Health for a total of 32 years. He was Director of Anaesthesia and Intensive Care, HKL since 1992. During the period, he also served as the national advisor to the Ministry of Health for anaesthesia and intensive care. Under his able directorship, anaesthesia developed by leaps and bounds from being the backwater of medicine to a well respected discipline with a high standard of care.

The spice for the night was the entertainment organised by the medical officers. The programme included a hilarious skit by the medical officers, two well performed dances by the GICU nurses and a couple of songs. We never realised the abundance of talent in the department!!!

A dedication in the form of a video presentation on the life and achievements of Dato' Inbasegaran was shown. Dato' Inbasegaran was very touched by this presentation.

The formal part of the evening was the speeches by Dr Nirumal Kumar and Dr Ng Siew Hian. Both spoke on Dato' Inbasegaran's contribution to anaesthesia and intensive care.

Dato' Inbasegaran was then called upon to say a few words. He took this opportunity to recognise and thank his 'task force' individually. He enlightened the audience on his life as an anaesthesiologist. He also thanked everyone present for his / her attendance.

So little was said about so much. His golden era will not be forgotten as he leaves behind so many achievements and contributions to the field of anaesthesia and intensive care.

He will be dearly missed.



# *Farewell*



*To all anaesthetists both private & public,  
and anaesthetic trainees in the southern zone  
of Peninsular Malaysia:*

*You are invited to a*  
**Refresher Course in Anaesthesiology:  
Physiology & Pharmacology Principles**  
**27 & 28 September 2003**

**Postgraduate Medical Centre, Hospital Sultanah Aminah, Johor Bahru**

*Jointly organised by* **Malaysian Society of Anaesthesiologists &  
Department of Anaesthesiology & Intensive Care, Hospital Sultanah Aminah Johor Bahru**

**Our Objectives**

1. Refresh the academic knowledge of service anaesthesiologists
2. Strengthen the scientific basis of all medical officers running the anaesthetic services
3. Reinforce the teaching programme for the master candidates with input from the academicians
4. Prime the potential master candidates to the anaesthesiology syllabus

**Faculty**

**Assoc Prof Zalina Ismail**

Assoc Prof & Consultant Anaesthesiologist  
Jabatan Anestesiologi  
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**Dr Khoo Teik Hooi**

Consultant Neuroanaesthesiologist  
& Honorary Lecturer (UKM)  
Jabatan Anaesthesiology  
& Intensive Care  
Hospital Pulau Pinang

The refresher course topics will be delivered as lectures as well as informal discussion sessions.  
Topics included:

1. Applied respiratory physiology
2. Applied cardiovascular physiology
3. General pharmacology principles

CME credit points will be awarded and a certificate of attendance will also be issued.

**Registration fee**

MSA-members RM 50.00

Non MSA-members RM 80.00

*(fee inclusive of food and lecture materials only)*

To register or any enquiry, please contact:

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