

## ASSOCIATION NOTES

## ANNOUNCEMENT

## 5th ASIAN-PACIFIC CONGRESS OF CARDIOLOGY

**Sponsors:** Ministry of Health, Singapore.  
Academy of Medicine, Singapore.  
Singapore National Heart Association.

**Patron:** President B. H. Sheares.

**Date of Congress:** Sunday, October 8 to Friday, October 13, 1972.

**Headquarters & Venue:** MANDARIN Hotel, Orchard Road, Singapore 9.

**Registration:** Sunday, October 8, 1972.

**Opening Ceremony:** Sunday Evening, October 8, 1972.

**Scientific Programme:**

1. Plenary Sessions in the first half of the mornings:
  - I. Preventive Cardiology
  - II. Advances in Coronary Artery Disease
  - III. Paediatric Cardiology
  - VI. New Frontiers in Cardiac Surgery
  - V. Controversies in Cardiology
2. Free Communications in the second half of the mornings after a break for refreshments. Depending on the response, 4 to 5 concurrent sessions will be held.

3. Symposia will be held after the lunch hour. 3 to 4 concurrent sessions will be held on items of current interest.

4. Round Table Conferences will be held on Tuesday and Thursday when groups can get together to discuss subject of mutual interest.

**Social Programme:**

Group Tours and other activities have been planned for wives of delegates. In addition, a cultural show, a reception at the Istana and an Official Banquet has been planned for all delegates.

**The Third Brochure:**

Containing all relevant information on the above Congress is in print. This also includes the dead-lines for application for Presentation of Papers, Registration, Hotel Reservations, etc. Forms will be provided together with this Brochure.

Would those who are interested kindly write to:

Dr. N. C. Tan,  
SECRETARY-GENERAL,  
5th Asian-Pacific Congress of Cardiology,  
c/o: Faculty of Medicine,  
University of Singapore,  
College Road,  
Singapore 3,  
Republic of Singapore.

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## THE SEVENTH MALAYSIA-SINGAPORE CONGRESS OF MEDICINE

4th, 5th & 6th AUGUST, 1972

**VENUE OF THE CONGRESS**

General Hospital, Pahang Road, Kuala Lumpur.

**Language**

The language of the Congress will be English.

**Scientific Programme**

Members and non-members of the Academy

are invited to submit papers for presentation at the Scientific Sessions of the Congress.

Papers may be in any field of medicine or the basic applied medical sciences, and must be based on original work or observations.

Each presentation will be strictly limited to 10 minutes followed by 5 minutes of discussion.

Abstracts of not more than 250 words should be submitted before 31st May, 1972.

Dinner and sight-seeing tours for accompanying persons.

#### Observers

Observers are welcome to take part in all the activities of the Congress.

#### Registration Fee

The registration fee will be M\$30 for all participants at the Congress.

#### Other Activities

There will be socials, an Official Congress

**Dr. Chin Tuck Chiew**

*Hon. Secretary*

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## ACADEMY OF MEDICINE

The Office Bearers of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore for the year 1971/1972 are as follows:—

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**Dr. Chew Beng Keng**

## CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. Goh Yong Siah,  
c/o Middle Road Hospital,  
Singapore 7.

6th November, 1971

The Editor,  
Singapore Medical Journal,  
4A College Road,  
Singapore 3.

Dear Sir,

May I draw your attention to certain inaccuracies in the paper "A study of 136 cases of General Paralysis of the insane in a mental hospital" by Drs. Chia and Tsoi—S.M.J. 12:5 1971.

It is erroneous to group Taboparesis with the other "clinical syndromes" as in Table IV. Taboparesis and General paresis of the Insane are related forms of neurosyphilis and the "clinical syndromes" are but mental manifestations of both General Paralysis of the Insane and Taboparesis.

The paper conveys the impression that absent or sluggish tendon jerks is a feature of GPI. Table V showed that at least 25 cases (of 85 recorded cases) had absent or sluggish tendon jerks. GPI per se shows exaggerated tendon jerks and "if any of the tendon jerks are absent it is because of the presence of an element of Tabes Dorsalis" \*.

Hence there could not have been only 2 cases of Taboparesis (Table IV) in the 136 patients.

Yours sincerely,  
**Goh Yong Siah**

\*Price's Textbook of the Practice of Medicine, 10th Edition, pg. 1035, 1966.



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