

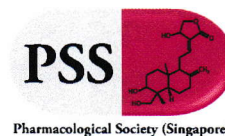
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Dear PSS Members,

Prosperous Lunar New Year greetings to all PSS members!

Once again, time has passed so swiftly that I am delighted to share with you the various achievements by the Society in the Year 2017. The Society, working together with our members, has hosted many academic and research events to promote Pharmacology in Singapore, which include:

1. **International Conference on Scientific Frontiers in Natural Product Based Drug** was held on **July 6-7, 2017** in NUS, Singapore. The conference was jointly organized by PSS, Department of Pharmacology (NUHS) and Department of Pharmacy (NUS) with over 200 participants. Overall, 48 PSS members attended the Conference "free of charge".
2. **Inaugural PSS Award** was given to **Associate Professor Gautam Sethi** of the Department of Pharmacology, NUS, for his excellent contribution to the natural product drug discovery and development for cancer therapeutics.
3. **"Graduate Academic Progress in Pharmacology (GAPP) cum Annual General Meeting (AGM) Meeting"** was held on **Feb 22, 2017**. FIVE (5) NUS alumni working in academics, government agency and industries were invited speakers to share their different career paths after graduation from NUS PhD program. THREE (3) PhD students received the Best Oral Presentation Awards.
4. **PSS Student Travel Scholarship 2017**. To support our junior trainees to give presentations in regional meetings, a total of THREE (3) PSS Student Travel Scholarship have been awarded to PSS members to attend international conferences in South Korea, Thailand and Australia, respectively.
5. PSS has supported organization of **ONE Theme Session "Novel Therapeutic Strategies for Respiratory Diseases" for the World Congress of Pharmacology (WCP2018)** to be held in July 1-6, 2018, in Kyoto, Japan.
6. PSS is the co-organizer of **Pharmacology Seminar Series** together with the Department of Pharmacology. In 2017, we have hosted 15 speakers and seminars.

Looking forward to Year 2018, PSS has prepared a series of events for the members for the promotion of Pharmacology and Drug Discovery research including:

1. **"GAPP cum Annual General Meeting (AGM)" Meeting** to be held on **Mar 02, 2018 (Friday) in MD3 Level 2 Tiered Seminar Room, NUS**. Industry, government agencies and academic speakers will share the challenges and opportunities for PhD students in drug discovery in academia vs industry. Students will give oral presentations on their on-going research. Contact A/Prof. Gautam Sethi (PSS Secretary) and Dr. Deron Herr (Graduate Student Coordinator of Pharmacology) for speaking opportunity.
2. PSS represented by the President Associate Professor W.S. Fred WONG will attend **the World Congress of Pharmacology (WCP2018)** and **chair the Theme Session "Novel Therapeutic Strategies for Respiratory Diseases"** in July 1-6, 2018, in Kyoto, Japan.

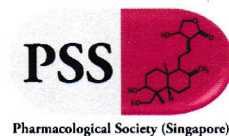
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3. PSS will present the second **PSS Award** to investigator who has contributed significantly to Pharmacological Sciences in Singapore. Nomination by members are welcome.
4. PSS will help to promote the “**International Conference on Drug Discovery and Translational Medicine 2018**” to be held in Putrajaya, Malaysia on December 4-5, 2018.

**\*\*For Your Immediate Action:**

1. **PSS-AGM** March 02, 2018 (Friday) between 11:30-1:00 pm at MD3-02-01 - Level 2, Tiered Room (lunch will be provided). Please come and join us in the Annual General Meeting.
2. **PSS Membership 2018 Renewal** – Membership Form enclosed – please renew membership to support Pharmacology as a critical biomedical discipline in Singapore.

With Warmest Regards for a Happy, Healthy, and Fulfilling Year 2018,

W.S. Fred Wong, BPharm, PhD  
President, Pharmacological Society of Singapore