

# HIGHLIGHTS

## FROM THE HONORARY SECRETARY

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### SMA lunch meeting with Minister for Health

On 2 July 2019, the SMA Council held a lunch meeting with Minister for Health, Mr Gan Kim Yong, and other senior Ministry of Health (MOH) officials, including Senior Minister of State, Dr Lam Pin Min, and Director of Medical Services, A/Prof Benjamin Ong.

SMA and MOH discussed various issues in an informal setting, which included the recent anti-smoking measures, information technology security, engagement of GPs in the community, aesthetic medicine, managed care, and engagement with medical students and doctors in training.

We are grateful for the opportunity to engage the Minister and senior officials from MOH and to provide feedback on these issues.

### Continued growth in SMJ impact factor

We are pleased to announce that the *Singapore Medical Journal (SMJ)* impact factor for 2018 has risen to 1.14, up from 1.08 in the previous year. Our heartiest congratulations to the *SMJ* team for this notable achievement!

The SMA Council wishes to thank *SMJ* Editor-in-Chief A/Prof Poh Kian Keong for his outstanding leadership; the editorial board members – both past and present – for their commitment to excellence in

research; the panel of reviewers for their time and expertise; and the *SMJ* secretariat for their dedication and hard work.

### Luncheon with Duke-NUS Medical School

On 3 July 2019, *SMA News* Editor and SMA 1st Vice-President Dr Tan Yia Swam was invited to attend a luncheon hosted by Prof Ian Curran, Vice Dean (Education), Duke-NUS Medical School (Duke-NUS). During the luncheon, Dr Tan had the opportunity to learn more about Duke-NUS' teaching methods, education pathways and the partnerships they have with various educational institutions, as well as interact with several students. She would like to thank Duke-NUS for the session.

### Appreciation to our SMA Secretariat

The SMA Secretariat is crucial to the success of the Association. The team works tirelessly behind the scenes to advance the mission of the SMA, often with limited resources. The SMA Council would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our Secretariat staff Ms Mellissa Ang (Membership Department), Ms Denise Tan (SMA Courses and CMEP Department) and Mr Tan Kie Chuan (IT Department) on their promotion to Deputy Managers with effect from 1 July 2019. It is through their dedication and hard work that SMA is able to continue to advocate for doctors and patients in Singapore. We wish them all the best in their new role. ♦