

SOM's HISTORICAL MILESTONES

1966	120 members. President and Secretary, Dr Phoon Wai On. First open meeting on 29th Nov 1966 at Pathology Lecture Theatre. Dr A Manoharan gave a talk on Recent Advances in Occupational Health, based on his recent attendance at the International Conference on Occupational Health in Vienna, Sep 1966.
1968	Held first course in occupational medicine for general practitioners
1970	212 members .Acting Prime Minister, Dr Goh Keng Swee graced the Society's Annual Dinner.
1985	Dr Phoon Wai Hoong elected as second SOM President.
1992	Journal of Occupational Medicine, Singapore launched
1998	Prof David Koh elected as the third President of SOM
2000	Registration of the Occupational and Environmental Health Society

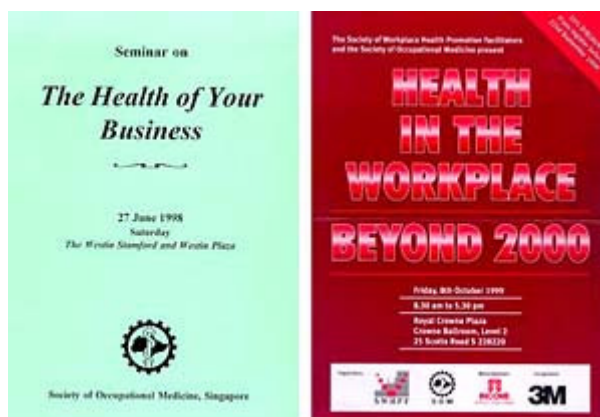
ACTIVITIES OF THE SOCIETY OF OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE

The activities were mainly sourced from past available records.

Year	Symposia, Seminars and Public Education
1968	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symposium on Aviation Medicine jointly sponsored by Singapore Medical Association (SMA) and SOM, August.
1969	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SMA held its first National Medical Convention from 23-26th Mar 1968 at the Singapore Conference Hall, with two main themes, Occupational Health and Cancer. SOM was responsible for the occupational health exhibits and 7 scientific papers • WHO 20th anniversary, ILO 50th Anniversary celebration on 7th Apr 1969 • Public forum on "Health, Labour and Productivity" at Victoria Theatre SOM members conducted course on "Health in Industry"
1970	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Forum on Noise pollution in Singapore, November.
1972	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symposium on "Workmen's Compensation"
1973 – 1981	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numerous talks on various occupational health topics
1982	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combined meeting with Chapter of Community and Occupational Medicine, Academy of medicine, on "Occupational Health – An Asian Perspective"
1984	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seminar on Problem of Noise in Industry
1985	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seminar on Eye injuries at Work
1988	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symposium on Mental Stress at the Workplace
1990	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seminar on Ethics in Occupational Medical Practice
1993	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First SOM scientific session held together with the AGM – 6 papers presented.

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1994	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 27th AGM cum Scientific meeting with keynote address "Future directions of occupational medicine in Singapore" given by Prof J Jeyaratnam on 22nd Jan. • Public Seminar – How to manage health care costs effectively • Public Affairs committee set up
1995	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combined Scientific Meeting with Chapter of Community and Occupational Physicians, Academy of Medicine on "Caring for People's Health" on 11th Feb.130 participants including those from Malaysia, Indonesia, Brunei, India, Uganda and Seychelles etc. • Public Seminar – "Corporate Health - Dollars and Sense".Ninety participants including human resource directors.
1996	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fourth Combined Scientific Meeting Combined Scientific Meeting with Chapter of Community and Occupational Physicians, Academy of Medicine on "Disease Screening and Information Technology in Health Care" 140 participants including some from Brunei, Malaysia, Indonesia and Hong Kong. • Public Forum – Recognising and Preventing Work Relation Diseases, 25th May
1998	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seminar "The Health of your Buisness - A Management Guide to Employees", 27th Jun.Fifty health care and management staff from 25 organisations attended the seminar.
1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20th Aug 1999 an EOGM was held to discuss the future direction of the Society. • Seminar on "Health in the Workplace Beyond 2000" was jointly organised by The Society of Workplace Health Promotion Facilitators and SOM ,8th October.

POSTERS AND POSTERS OF SOM ACTIVITIES





Dr Phoon Wai On, President, and Dr Chew Pin Kee, Hon Secretary of SOM, showing an occupational health exhibit to Mr Yong Nyuk Lin, Minister for Health. Picture taken at the first Singapore Medical Convention, 23rd March 1968 at the Singapore Conference Hall



Pictures taken at the first Singapore Medical Convention, 23rd March 1968 at the Singapore Conference Hall. Occupational Health was one of the convention's themes



26th Sep 1967, SOM hosted luncheon for visiting team of Occupational Health experts from WHO



14th Oct 1967, SOM tour of Jurong Industrial Estate. Pictures at Bridgestone tyre factory



14th Oct 1967, SOM tour of Jurong Industrial Estate. Pictures at National Iron & Steel Mills



29th June 1968, SOM tour of the naval base dockyard. General view of the engineering workshop



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SOM PUBLICATIONS

Year	Publications
May 1971	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SOM, in conjunction with SMA and National Safety First Council, published the book "Health and Safety at Work". Over 1,500 copies sold
1972 onwards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SOM Bulletin/Newsletter Some topics: Dust problems in factories, Hazards of sports, Workmen's compensation in Singapore, Small industries in Singapore, Patch testing in industrial dermatoses, Itai-itai diseases and cadmium pollution, Occupational health - a new approach in Britain, President's speeches at annual dinners, Trends in OH, Plantation Medicine, Occupational Cancer ILO's contribution to OHS
1989	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Journal of Occupational Medicine, Singapore produced - 6 monthly publications
1992	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Code of Ethics for Occupational Health Practitioners published and distributed
1997	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SOM-SMA publication on guidelines on Fitness to Drive in Singapore
1998	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SOM book - "The Health Of Your Business" - A management guide to employee health"
2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work on another book "Health of Employees"