



## THE FORENSIC SCIENCE SOCIETY OF MALAYSIA

**Minutes of the Fifth Annual General Meeting of  
The Forensic Science Society of Malaysia held on  
Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2013, at 11.00 a.m. at Dewan Mahligai, Hotel Singgahsana,  
Petaling Jaya, Selangor**

The Fifth Annual General Meeting of the Forensic Science Society of Malaysia was chaired by its President, Mr. N. Hithaya Jeevan and was attended by 67 members of the Society and 3 observers.

### **Agenda 1 : Address from the President.**

The President welcomed and thanked all the members as well as observers for their presence at the 5th Annual General Meeting of the Forensic Science Society.

The highlight for the year was Dr. Henry Lee's seminar in December 2012 on Crime Scene Investigation and Expert Testimony. It was costly for the Society but nevertheless it was made it free for members knowing that it is a rare opportunity for members to hear Dr. Henry Lee speak. The total cost was around RM15,000 covering his fees, accommodation and regional travel plus the seminar meals. The Council members felt that it would be money well spent bringing in an international speaker. We had been planning the seminar for about 6 months and had difficulties confirming the dates due to his hectic schedule. It is for this reason that the Society did not hold any other Seminars prior to it. The President took the opportunity to record the Council's appreciation and thanks to Dr. Yew and his colleagues at the Police College for having kindly provided the venue and the logistics arrangements and also to all others who had assisted in one way or another.

The President also thanked Dr. Fahmi and USM for kindly organising a seminar for students last month at the Kota Baru campus and at the same time promoting the Society.

Last year, following the resignation of 2 council members, the Council appointed Mr. Arthur Kong and En. Iskandar as council members based on the next highest votes received at the last elections.

The Council has also initiated the awarding of travel grants for members to attend regional conferences or seminars. The guidelines and form have been posted on our website. For a start we have capped the maximum amount for disbursement as RM 3000 per calendar year. Members are welcome to apply again this year.

For the year 2013, the major activity for the society would be our involvement in organizing INPALMS 2013 (Indo Pacific Association on Legal Medicine and Science Congress). Both the President and the Secretary have been attending regular meetings with the other coorganizers – Ministry of Health, UKM, UiTM and the INPLMS Secretariat. KIMIA Malaysia has also come on board as a co-organizer. There are no cost implications to the Society but the Society would get a share of the profits if any. Further, members would enjoy discounts in the conference registration fees.

The Conference is scheduled for 5-10 October at the Shangri-La Hotel Kuala Lumpur. The 11th Indo Pacific Association of Law, Medicine and Science Congress 2013 (INPALMS 2013) is a major international gathering that will analyze the latest developments in the related fields of forensic science, forensic medicine and pertinent issues related to both medicine and law. Please feel free to visit the INPALMS website. The President of the Society is the Chairman of the Forensic Science program at the Congress.

The 3rd issue of our e-journal i.e. the Malaysian Journal of Forensic Sciences has been posted on the Society's website. The President thanked the editorial committee and the contributors for making this possible and keeping to our target of at least 1 issue per year.

The current financial situation of the Society is in a healthy state, thanks to profits generated from the previous year's conference. Our balance as of 31 Dec. 2012 stood at more than RM 60,000. The Treasurer will provide details during his presentation later. The Society is still work in progress. In moving the society towards being a professional body, a Committee headed by the Vice –President has been formed to look into the drafting of the Forensic Practitioners Act to regulate and promote the profession of forensic science as well as govern the competency of forensic practitioners. Hopefully we can move faster on this matter this year.

The perpetual challenge is that we must take the society forward such that it becomes a “must-join” society for forensic practitioners.

The President then proposed some suggestions to the new Council that will move the Society forward :

- The Society needs to do strategic planning and get both senior and younger members involved to plan the strategies for the next few years.
- The Society needs to benchmark with other Forensic Science Societies overseas and also other professional bodies in Malaysia and learn from them.
- The Society needs to network and engage with our counterparts elsewhere e.g. Australia and New Zealand Forensic Science Society, Forensic Science Society, United Kingdom and the American Academy of Forensic Sciences
- The Society needs to position itself by engaging the media
- The Society needs to invest in simple accounting and membership database software's for administrative purposes
- Ensure seminars organised by Society carry merit points towards CPD of our professionals.

The President took the opportunity to record his appreciation to the Council Members for all their efforts in trying to move the Society forward. His appreciation also went to members of FSSM for their support and patience. He announced that he would not be seeking re-election into the Council. Having led the Society for 2 terms, he felt that it was timely to let others take the lead and move the Society forward. Nevertheless, he will still try to be an active member and support all activities of the Society. He thanked all the members once again for their support and cooperation.

### **Agenda 2 : Minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> AGM held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

The minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> AGM held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2012 had been sent to all members and there being no queries, the minutes were adopted unanimously.

Proposer: Ms Rosnah Awang

Secunder: Mr John Horswell

**Agenda 3: Secretary's Report**

**1. The FSSM Council for the year 2011-2013 was as follows**

Mr N. Hithaya Jeevan	President
SAC Dr Yew Chong Hooi	Vice President
Mr Primulapathi Jaya	Hon. Secretary
Ms Siti Nur Musliha Mohamad Noor	Assistant Hon. Secretary
Mr Ng Hock Sing	Hon. Treasurer
Mr Lim Kong Boon	Assistant Hon Treasurer
Dr Ahmad Fahmi Lim Abdullah	Committee member
Dr Zafarina Zainuddin	Committee member
Dr. Kamarruddin Asri	Committee member
Ms. Rosnah Awang	Committee member
Mr. Iskandar Azaman	Committee member
Dr. Khairul Osman	Committee member
Mr. Arthur Kong Sn Molh	Committee member

**2. Council Meetings**

A total of seven council meetings were held from April 2012 – March 2013 as follows :

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Meeting No</u></b>
<b>21.4.2012</b>	<b>3/2012</b>
<b>7.7.2012</b>	<b>4/2012</b>
<b>29.9.2012</b>	<b>5/2012</b>
<b>2.11.2012</b>	<b>6/2012</b>
<b>21.12.2012</b>	<b>7/2012</b>
<b>14.1.2013</b>	<b>8/2013</b>
<b>22.2.2013</b>	<b>9/2013</b>

	<b>Council Member</b>	<b>3/2012</b>	<b>4/2012</b>	<b>5/2012</b>	<b>6/2012</b>	<b>7/2012</b>	<b>1/2013</b>	<b>2/2013</b>	<b>Total</b>
1.	Mr. N. Hithaya Jeevan	/	/	/	/	/	/	A	6/7
2.	SAC Dr Yew Chong Hooi	A	/	A	/	/	/	/	5/7
3.	Mr. Primulapathi Jaya	A	A	/	/	/	/	/	5/7
4.	Mr. Ng Hock Sing	/	/	/	/	A	/	A	5/7
5.	Ms. Siti Nur Musliha	/	A	/	/	/	A	/	5/7
6.	Mr. Lim Kong Boon	A	/	/	/	A	/	/	5/7
7.	Ms. Rosnah Bt Awang	/	A	A	/	A	/	/	4/7
8.	Dr. Ahmad Fahmi Lim	/	/	/	/	/	A	/	6/7
9.	Dr. Kamaruddin Asri	/	A	A	/	A	/	A	3/7
10.	Dr Zafarina Zainuddin	A	A	A	/	/	A	/	3/7
11.	Dr. Khairul Osman	/	A	/	A	A	A	/	3/7
12.	Mr. Arthur Kong Sn Molh	/	A	A	/	/	/	/	5/7
13.	Mr. Iskandar Azaman	-	-	A	/	/	/	A	3/5

A – Absent with apologies

### **3. Chairpersons of Committees**

The following members have been appointed as chairpersons to the various Committees of the Society for the term 2011-13.

Student Affairs	-	Dr. Zafarina Zainuddin/ Dr. Khairul Osman
Publications	-	Dr. Ahmad Fahmi Lim Abdullah
Conferences/ Education	-	Mr. N. Hithaya Jeevan
Publicity	-	Dr. Kamarruddin Asri
Membership	-	Ms. Rosnah Awang
Professional Affairs	-	SAC Dr. Yew Chong Hooi

**4. Membership**

Members (1<sup>st</sup> April 2012 – 29th Feb 2013):

A total of 49 new applications for membership were received and approved by the Council. As of 29<sup>th</sup> February 2013, the membership of the FSSM stood at 339, an increase of 13.4% over 2012 as follows:

No	Agency	Members	No	Agency	Members
1	JKM	154	13	HOSPITAL IPOH	1
2	PDRM	28	14	HOSPITAL MELAKA	1
3	USM	9	15	HOSPITAL PULAU PINANG	1
4	UKM	8	16	HOSPITAL SG. BULOH	2
5	UTM	1	17	HOSPITAL SULTANAH BAHIYAH	5
6	UiTM	6	18	IMU	1
7	UM	2	19	CYBER SECURITY	5
8	AIMST	2	20	APPROVED FORENSICS	8
9	MSU	3	21	INFO VALLEY	2
10	HTAR	2	22	LAIN-LAIN (SWASTA)	4
11	HKL	1	23	STUDENT	90
12	HTAA, KUANTAN	3			
<b>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP : 339</b>					

## **5. FSSM ACTIVITIES**

### **5.1 Forensic Science Talk, 29<sup>th</sup> April 2012.**

A Forensic Science talk was held in conjunction with the AGM . The talk was entitled “THE FORENSIC EXPERT IN COURT: EXPECTATIONS, EXPERIENCES AND ISSUES – THE MALAYSIAN PROSECUTOR’S PERSPECTIVE” by Pn Noorin binti Badaruddin, Head of Trials Unit, Attorney General Chambers

### **5.2 Forensic Science Seminar, 27-28 December 2012.**

A Forensic Science Seminar by Dr Henry C. Lee was held at the Royal Malaysian Police Training College, Cheras, Kuala Lumpur from 27-28<sup>th</sup> December 2012. The seminar was free for all members of the Society.

A total number of 207 participants attended the seminar comprising 97 members, 27 student members and 83 non-members (of which 24 were paying non-members). The participants found the seminar to be very informative and challenging.

### **5.3 Course for Student members/Non-Members**

A course titled “Competence and Report Writing” was held at Health Informatic Unit, School of Health Sciences, USM on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2013. A total of 50 students attended the course. The aims of the course were to promote the Society and the need to be a competent forensic scientist in workplace. Through this course, new membership and renewal of membership were successfully obtained.

## **6. The FSSM website**

All members are encouraged to visit the website at [www.forensics.org.my](http://www.forensics.org.my) for the latest information on the activities related to FSSM.

## **7. The Malaysian Journal of Forensic Sciences**

For the year 2012, one issue has been released. Members can access the e-journal through the FSSM website. Members are also encouraged to submit articles to the journal. For the time being, no hard copies will be printed.

**8. Travel Grants**

The applications for travel grants will be considered at the FSSM Council meetings. The next closing dates for applications are 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013. The guidelines and application forms for travel grants to attend international/ regional conference at the Society's website.

For the year 2012, a travel grant of RM1000 was given to Dr. Ahmad Fahmi Lim to attend the Annual Meeting of the Asian Forensic Science Network in Bangkok Thailand in November 2012 where he presented a paper

**9. 2013 Membership Certificates**

For the year 2013, all current members will be issued with new membership certificates with their photographs on it. The certificates are currently being printed and it will be posted as soon as we receive them from the printers

**Agenda 4 : Treasurer's Report**

- i. The financial report of the Society was presented by the Treasurer Mr. Ng Hock Sing and is attached herewith.
- ii. Mr Lim Kong Boon enquired that out of the 339 members how many had paid up their renewal fees. The Treasurer replied that he was unable to give the exact figures but many have still not paid up their renewal fees.
- iii. Ms Rosnah Awang enquired as to why the financial statement for the seminar was only a partial statement since the seminar was over in December 2012. The Treasurer replied that our current financial year ends on 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. Since the seminar ended on 27<sup>th</sup> December, some of the bills have not been received and paid for and as such the full expenditure will be stated in the 2013 accounts. However, as an oral statement he said that the Society made a loss of RM11,948.30 in conducting the seminar (since it was free for members).

The statement of accounts was adopted after it was proposed by Dr. Yuvanewaran Chandramoulee Swaran and seconded by Ms. Haliza Hassan. The President thanked the auditors Mr. Wong Kong Yong and Supt. Lisa Tang.



**Agenda 5 : Election of Council Members for the 2013-2015 term**

The following were nominated for election to the Council :

<b><u>Nominee</u></b>	<b><u>Proposer</u></b>	<b><u>Secunder</u></b>
1) Mr. N. Hithaya Jeevan	Mr. Ahmad Ridzuan Ibrahim	Dr. Saravana Kumar
2) Mr. John Horswell	Dr. Dr. Khairul Osman	Mr. Ng Hock Sing
3) Dr. Ahmad Fahmi Lim Abdullah	Dr. Vanitha Kunalan	Mr. Lim Kong Boon
4) Dr. Khairul Osman	Ms. Rosnah Awang	Dr. Kamaruddin Asri
5) Dr. Vanitha Kunalan	Mr. Lim Kong Boon	Ms. Michelle Teh
6) Mr. Primulapathi Jaya	Mr. Chan Kar Weng	Ms. Erizasyira Basri
7) Mr. Narenasagaran Thangaveloo	Mr. Ahmad Ridzuan Ibrahim	Ms. Sumathy Velayutham
8) Dr. Yew Chong Hooi	Mr. Ng Hock Sing	Ms. Nor Ummiza
9) Ms. Siti Nur Musliha Mohamad Noor	Dr. Zafarina Zainuddin	Dr. Ahmad Fahmi Lim
10) Mr. Ng Hock Sing	Ms. Rosnah Awang	Mr. Lim Kong Boon
11) Ms. Rosnah Awang	Mr. Primulapathi Jaya	Dr. Ahmad Fahmi Lim
12) Mr. Pua Hiang	Mr. Chan Kar Weng	Mr. Ahmad Azhan
13) Mr. Iskandar Azaman	Mr. Lim Kong Boon	Dr. Ahmad Fahmi Lim
14) Mr. Ahmad Ridzuan Ibrahim	Mr. N. Hithaya Jeevan	Dr. Ahmad Fahmi Lim
15) Dr. Seah Lay Hong	Ms. Fathiah Ahmad Zubaidi	Ms. Siti Mastura
16) Dr. Yuvanewaran Chandramoulee	Ms. Farah Ad-Din	Ms. Haliza Hassan
17) Supt. Lisa Tang	Mr. Ng Hock Sing	Ms. Sumathy Velayutha
18) Mr. Lim Kong Boon	Dr. Saravana Kumar	Dr. Yew Chong Hooi
19) Ms. Wan Nor Mahirah	Ms. Siti Nur Musliha	Dr. Zafarina Zainuddin
20) Dr. Kamaruddin Asri	Mr. Ahmad Latfi Mahamud	Ms. Farah Ad-Din
21) Dr. Jayaprakash	Mr. Yatindra Marimuthu	Mr. John Horswell
22) Dr. Wan Nur Syuhaila	Ms. Rosnah Awang	Dr. Saravana Kumar
23) Mr. Arthur Kong	Mr. Mohd Izuan Othman	Ms. Siti Nur Musliha
24) Ms. Erizasyira Basri	Mr. N. Hithaya Jeevan	Ms. Rosnah Awang
25) Mr. Mohd Izuan Othman	Dr. Seah Lay Hong	Ms. Erizasyira Basri

Voting was carried out with the use of ballot papers.

The following were elected to the Committee for the 2013-2015 term:

- i. N. Hithaya Jeevan
- ii. Mr. Primulapathi Jaya
- iii. Ms. Rosnah Awang (JKM)
- iv. Mr. Iskandar Azaman (JKM)
- v. SAC Dr. Yew Chong Hooi (PDRM)
- vi. Dr. Vanitha Kunalan (JKM)
- vii. Ms. Siti Nur Musliha Mohamad Noor (JKM)
- viii. Dr. Ahmad Fahmi Lim Abdullah (USM)
- ix. Mr. Pua Hiang (UKM)
- x. Dr. Khairul Osman (UKM)
- xi. SAC Narenasagaran Thangaveloo (PDRM)
- xii. Mr. John Horswell (Approved Forensics)
- xiii. Dr. P.T. Jayaprakash (USM)

**Agenda 6 : Appointment of Auditors for the 2013-2015 term**

The following were nominated and unanimously elected to be the Auditors of the Society :

<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Secunder</u>
1. Wong Kong Yong	Mr. Primulapathi Jaya	Ms. Rosnah Awang
2. Supt. Lisa Tang Ngat Ngoh	Mr. N. Hithaya Jeevan	Dr. Ahmad Fahmi Lim

**Agenda 7: Other Matters**

- i. Mr Pua Hiang proposed that the Society should introduce life membership.
- ii. At the same time there was also a suggestion to exempt senior members of the society from paying the annual fees

The in-coming Council will discuss and bring it to the next Annual General Meeting.

There being no other issues the AGM was adjourned at 1.00 pm with a word of appreciation and thanks from the Chairman to all those present.

**Prepared by:**

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**Primulapathi Jaya (Secretary)**

**Approved by:**

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**Mr. N. Hithaya Jeevan (President)**

**Attendance at 4<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**

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**29 March 2012**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Name</b>
1 Abdullah Zayawi Muda	28 Mohd Izuan Othman
2 Dr Ahmad Fahmi Lim Abdullah	29 Ng Hock Sing
3 Ahmad Latfi Mahamud	30 Nor Aini Alias
4 Arthur Kong Sn Molh	31 Norhaya Jaafar
5 Dr. Chan Kar Weng	32 N. Hithaya Jeevan
6 Chua Chun Kee	33 Normazlina Zainudin
7 Dr. Cornelia Charito Siricord	34 Normazuin Abdul Rahman
8 Erizasyira Basri	35 Noor Asyikin Suaidi
9 Farah Ad-Din Nordin	36 Nor Alfarizan Mokhtaruddin
10 Fathiah Ahmad Zubaidi	37 Nor Ummiza Kamaruzaman
11 Gunalan Varatharajan	38 Nur Haliza Hassan
12 Halmi Ahmad	39 Nur Syazana Jalaludin
13 Halimah Mohd Radzi	40 Pua Hiang
14 Hairul Nizwan	41 Primulapathi a/l Jaya Krishnan
15 Haslinda Ismail	42 P.T. Jayaprakash
16 Hemanthkumar Sataya Naik	43 Rosadli Rosli
17 Irdawaty Ibrahim	44 Rosnah Awang
18 Iskandar Azaman	45 Saravanakumar Jayaram
19 Jacqueline Bernice John Bosco	46 Saiful Fazamil Mohd Ali
20 John Charles Plimsoll	47 Seah Lay Hong
21 Dr. Kamaruddin Asri	48 Shadiah Mohammad
22 Prof Madya Dr Khairul Osman	49 Sharifah Nur Hafiza Syed A. Rahman
23 Khairul Adli Nikman	50 Siti Mastura Mohamed
24 Khairul Anuar Abdul Aziz	51 Siti Nur Musliha Mohamad Noor
25 Lim Kong Boon	52 Sumathy Velayutham
26 Michelle Teh Phaik Kim	53 Suhana Ismail
27 Mohd Azhan Md Deros	54 Tan Weng Hon

<b>Name</b>	<b>Name</b>
55 Uma Priya Kupusamy	62 Wan Bur Syazwani Wan Mohamad Fuad
56 Dr. Vanitha Kunalan	63 Yathindra Marimuthu
57 Dr. Vasudeva Murthy Challakere Ramaswamy	64 Yuvaneswari Chandramoulee Swaran
58 Victor Ananth Paramananth	65 Wong Kong Yong
59 Wan Kamaruzaman Wan Ahmad	66 Dr. Zafarina Zainuddin
60 Wan Noor Mahirah Majidin	67 Zuzilawati Hashim
61 Wan Nor Zawani Wan Mohd Samsudin	

**Observer list at 5<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting  
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14<sup>th</sup> March 2013**

**Name**

1. Abdullah Mohd Yusof
2. Nawatul Akma Ahmad Sabri
3. Nurul Hamizai Abdul Hamid



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