



## **THE FORENSIC SCIENCE SOCIETY OF MALAYSIA**

**(PERTUBUHAN SAINS FORENSIK MALAYSIA)**

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### **SECRETARY'S REPORT for yrat 2011-2012**

#### **1. AGM HIGHLIGHTS**

The Society's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting was held on Thursday 21 April 2011 at 2.30 pm. at the Auditorium, Department of Chemistry Malaysia, Petaling Jaya and was attended by 46 members and 8 observers.

The main highlight of the AGM was the election of the Committee members for the 2011-13 term. A total of 18 nominations were received from which 13 were elected.

A copy of the minutes of the AGM was emailed to all members.

#### **2. FSSM COMMITTEE**

2.1 At the very first meeting, on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2011, the election for the various posts were held. The Committee Members for 2011-13 are :

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. Kamaruddin Asri	Committee member
Ms. Rosnah Awang	Committee member
Mr. Bakhtiar Kassim	Committee member
Dr. Khairul Osman	Committee member
Ms. Noor Aidora Saedon	Committee member
Mr. Arthur Kong Sn Molh	Co-opted on 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2011

2.2 A total of six committed meetings were held from April 2011 – March 2012 as follows

<u>Date</u>	<u>Meeting No</u>
21.4.2011	1/2011
13.5.2011	2/2011
23.7.2011	3/2011
14.10.2011	4/2011
7.1.2012	5/2011(1 <sup>st</sup> Council Meeting)
18.2.2012	6/2011 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Council Meeting)

	Committee Member	1/2011	2/2011	3/2011	4/2011	5/2011	6/2011	Total
1	Mr. N. Hithaya Jeevan	/	/	/	/	/	/	6/6
2	SAC Dr Yew Chong Hooi	/	/	/	/	/	/	6/6
3	Mr. Primulapathi Jaya	/	/	/	/	/	/	6/6
4	Mr. Ng Hock Sing	/	/	/	A	/	/	5/6
5	Ms. Siti Nur Musliha	/	/	/	A	/	/	5/6
6	Mr. Lim Kong Boon	/	/	/	/	A	/	5/6
7	Ms. Rosnah Bt Awang	/	A	/	/	/	/	5/6
8	Dr Ahmad Fahmi Lim Abdullah	/	/	/	/	/	A	5/6
9	Ms. Noor Aidora Saedon	/	x	x	A	R	-	1/5
10	Dr. Kamaruddin Asri	/	/	A	/	/	x	4/6
11	Mr. Bakhtiar Kassim	/	/	A	x	R	-	2/5
12	Dr Zafarina Zainuddin	/	A	A	/	A	/	3/6
13	Dr. Khairul Osman	/	/	A	/	/	/	5/6
14	Mr. Arthur Kong Sn Molh (co-opted)	-	-	A	/	/	/	3/4

x – Absent

A – Absent with apologies

R - Resigned

### **2.3 Chairpersons of Sections and Committee**

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	-	Ms. Nor Aidora Saedon
Publicity	-	Dr. Kamaruddin Asri
Membership	-	Ms. Rosnah Awang
Professional Affairs	-	SAC Dr. Yew Chong Hooi

### **3. Membership**

3.1 Members (1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2011 - 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2011):

- a) A total of 22 new applications for membership were received and approved by the Council.
- b) Three members were deregistered as they were not contactable.

As of 29<sup>th</sup> February 2012, the membership of the FSSM is as follows:

<b>No</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Members</b>
1	DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY	136
2	ROYAL MALAYSIA POLICE	12
3	USM	8
4	UKM	6
5	UTM	1
6	UiTM	4
7	UM	2
8	AIMST	2
9	MSU	2
10	HTAR, KLANG	2
11	HOSPITAL KUALA LUMPUR	1

12	HTAA, KUANTAN	1
13	HOSPITAL SUNGAI BULOH	1
14	HOSPITAL PULAU PINANG	1
15	HOSPITAL IPOH	1
16	HOSPITAL MELAKA	1
17	HOSPITAL SULTANAH BAHYIAH	9
18	CYBER SECURITY	5
19	APPROVED FORENSICS	8
20	OTHERS	3
21	STUDENT	91
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>297</b>

#### 4. **Amendments to the Constitution**

At the last AGM held on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2011, the following amendments were approved by the members

##### **Proposed amendments:**

##### **Article 4.1**

Membership of the Society is open to Malaysian citizens and non-citizens over the age of 18 years.

Amend as:

*Membership of the Society is open to all forensic practitioners and those individuals who have a bona fide interest in forensic science.*

##### **Article 4.2**

(i) Member

Open to Malaysian citizens who have demonstrated an active interest and have exhibited professional competence in forensic science.

Amend as:

(i) Member

This is the professional category of membership and is open to individuals who have an active interest and can exhibit professional competence in forensic science.

(ii) Fellow

Senior category of membership open to those who have demonstrated distinctive contribution to the field of forensic science over a significant period.

Amend as:

(ii) Fellow

This is the senior professional category of membership and is open to individual practitioners who have demonstrated distinctive contribution to the field of forensic science over a significant period.

(iii) Student member

Students in fulltime study who are interested in forensic science, may at the discretion of the Committee be admitted as student member with prior written approval from the Vice-Chancellor of the University concerned. Student members are not eligible to vote or hold positions in the Society.

Amend as:

Open to students who are in fulltime study and who are interested in forensic science, may at the discretion of the Committee, be admitted as student member. The applicant for student membership must have the prior written support and approval of the Vice-Chancellor of the University concerned. Student members are not eligible to vote or hold positions in the Society.

(iv) Associate

Open to non-citizens who have demonstrated an active interest and have exhibited professional competence in forensic science.

Amend as:

(iv) Associate Member

Open to individuals who have a bona fide interest and can demonstrate that interest in forensic science. Associate members are not eligible to vote or hold positions in the Society

## Article 9.2

All office-bearers of the Society and every officer performing executive functions in the Society shall be Malaysian citizens.

*Amend as:*

*All office bearers of the Society and every officer performing executive functions in the Society shall be professional members of the Society, Members and Fellows.*

## Article 9 and 10

“Committee” (and all subsequent articles where the name “Committee” appears)

*Amend as* “Council”

### 9. COMMITTEE → COUNCIL

9.1 A committee consisting of the following, who shall be termed the office-bearers of the Society, shall be elected once in two (2) years at the annual general meeting:-

- a. A President
- b. A Vice-President
- c. A Secretary
- d. An Assistant Secretary
- e. A Treasurer
- f. An Assistant Treasurer
- g. Seven (7) Ordinary Committee Members

9.2 All office-bearers of the Society and every officer performing executive functions in the Society shall be Malaysian citizens.

## 10. DUTIES OF OFFICE-BEARERS

- 10.1 The President shall during his term of office preside at all general meetings and all meetings of the committee and shall be responsible for the proper conduct of all such meetings. He shall have the casting vote and shall sign the minutes of each meeting at the time they are approved. He shall, in conjunction with the Secretary and Treasurer sign all cheques on behalf of the Society.
- 10.2 The Vice-president shall deputize for the President during the latter's absence.
- 10.3 The Secretary shall conduct the business of the Society in accordance with the rules, and shall carry out the instructions of the general meeting and of the Committee. He shall be responsible for conducting all correspondence and keeping all books, documents and paper except the

accounts and financial records. He shall attend all meetings, and record all proceedings. He shall keep a membership register consisting of details such as name, identity card number, date and place of birth, occupation, name and address of employer and residential address. He shall in conjunction with the President and the Treasurer, sign all cheques on behalf of Society. He shall file annual returns within 60 days from the date of the annual general meeting to the Registrar of Societies.

The above amendments were passed unanimously by all the members present

## **5 Extraordinary General Meeting**

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Forensic Science Society of Malaysia was held on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2011 at 3.00 pm at the Auditorium, Forensic Block, Department of Chemistry Malaysia, Jalan Sultan, Petaling Jaya

The EGM was called :

- a) To pass the amendments to the constitution made at the 3<sup>rd</sup> AGM on 21 April 2011. For the information of all the members, the proposed amendments were submitted to the Registrar of Societies together with the minutes and financial report but unfortunately the submission was delayed (exceeded 1 month, after the AGM). Hence, we have to table the amendments at an EGM and seek approval again from members, and then re-submit to the Registrar of Societies.
- b) To change the name "Committee" of the Forensic Science Society of Malaysia to "Council". This is to prevent confusion as there are now other committees

38 members of the Society attended the EGM and the amendments were passed unanimously.

The Registrar of Societies had approved our amendments in a letter dated 16th November, 2011

## **6 FSSM ACTIVITIES**

### **6.1 Forensic Science Seminar 21<sup>st</sup> April 2011.**

A Forensic Science seminar was held in conjunction with the AGM . The talks were :

- i. "Explosives and Explosion Investigation" by DSP Muhammad Koey Abdullah.
- ii.. Forensic Science Education by Professor Norazmi Mohd. Nor, School of Health Science, University of Science Malaysia

## 6.2 International Forensic Science Symposium

The Society undertook its first major project in hosting the 2nd International Forensic Science Symposium. The members of the Organising Committee were :

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| 1. Mr. N. Hithaya Jeevan             | - | Chairman         |
| 2. Mr. Lim Kong Boon                 | - | Co-Chairman      |
| 3. SAC Dr. Yew Chong Hooi            | - | Official Dinner  |
| 4. Primulapathi Jaya                 | - | Secretary        |
| 5. Ms. Rosnah Awang                  | - | Publicity        |
| 6. Mr. Ng Hock Sing                  | - | Treasurer        |
| 7. Mr. Ahmad Shamsul Irwan           | - | Logistics        |
| 8. Mr. Iskandar Azaman               | - | Logistics        |
| 9. Ms. Siti Nur Musliha Mohamad Noor | - | Secretariat      |
| 10. Dr. Ahmad Fahmi Lim Abdullah     | - | Technical Papers |
| 11. Dr. Khairul Osman                | - | Technical Papers |

The 2<sup>nd</sup> IFSS was held at the Le Meridian Hotel, Kuala Lumpur from 14-16<sup>th</sup> November, 2011. A total number of 262 delegates attended the symposium which included 13 international, 121 local and 128 student delegates

Four pre-symposium workshops were held at the same venue as well as at the Department of Chemistry Malaysia, namely : Forensic DNA Workshop, Forensic Toxicology Workshop I and II, and the DNA PROKIDS Workshop

A total of 39 oral presentations were made both by local as well as international speakers while 26 posters were displayed at the symposium

The proceedings of the symposium are available at the symposium's website.

## 6.3 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.



#### **6.4 The Malaysian Journal of Forensic Sciences**

Up to date a total of two issues have 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.