

Society of Environmental Health, Singapore

The Society of Environmental Health, Singapore was founded in 1977. It's original name was the Society of Public Health Inspectors. In keeping abreast with international trend and to better reflect the role of its members, the Society's name was changed to the Society of Environmental Health Officers in 1996. In 1997, the Society decided to drop the word 'officers' from its name to open up its membership to people in the private sector who are involved in environmental health work.

The Society was formed with the following objectives:

1. to improve the knowledge of the members in the field of environmental health science and other related fields
2. to promote the welfare and interest of the members professionally
3. to contribute wherever possible to the environmental health services of the Republic of Singapore

During the initial years, the Society's membership was less than 100. In 1984, the Society published its first Journal and began making contact with its counterparts in Australia, New Zealand and Malaysia. It hosted its first joint seminar with the then Australian Institute of Health Surveyors (now known as the Australian Institute of Environmental Health).

The Society is also a founding member of the International Federation of Environmental Health (IFEH), which was formed in 1986.

Today, the Society boasts a membership of about 300, consisting of people in the government service as well as the private sector. The Society has conducted numerous training courses and seminars on various environmental health related topics, and contributed significantly towards upgrading of the standard of food and environmental hygiene in Singapore.

To gain recognition in the international community, the Society has participated in many international and regional conferences in Australia, Europe and the USA.

The Society is run by a management committee comprising following elected members:

- President - Dr. Pranav S. Joshi
- 1st Vice President - Ms. Pun Wui-Mei
- 2nd Vice President - Mr. David Tan Heng Piu
- Hon Secretary - Mr. Gerizim John

- Hon Treasurer - Mr. Ng Hung Joo
- Hon Asst Secretary - Mr. Gary Choo Yew Kin
- Hon Asst Treasurer - Mr. Goh Hong Song
- Committee Member - Mr. Jonah Joshua Simon
- Committee Member - Mr. Chia Chin Boey
- Committee Member - Mr. Hassan Bava
- Committee Member - Mr. Lim Ching Geok
- Committee Member - Mr. Santha Kumaran Jacob

The Society maintains its website at address: [www.socch.org.sg]