

## EDITORIAL

### Malaysian Pathology spreading its canopy

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2015 has been a momentous year for the College of Pathologists, Academy of Medicine Malaysia (CPath-AMM). As we enter our 40<sup>th</sup> year since first established in 1975 as the Malaysian Society of Pathologists (MSOP), it is good to remember our roots even as we look to our future. This year's annual scientific meeting included a special dinner for the pioneers and founding members of MSOP, an occasion of joyous reflection and celebration. Even if the step of the older ones was not so sprightly, the sparkle in their eyes was endearingly bright. Most importantly, they came not so much to dwell on the past but to observe with quiet satisfaction and pride the fruits of their labour and to mingle happily with the young enthusiastic pathologists who are now the strength of the College - to listen to their ideas and plans, and to see what how far they have taken the College forward.

“See the tree, how big it has grown...”

The College has indeed grown and surged forward. It has embraced its responsibilities, aspirations and opportunities courageously, and can claim many credible achievements as the voice of Malaysian pathologists: in legislation, accreditation, fee schedules, education, training, quality assurance, practice guidelines and professional development (to name some). It has also spread its canopy beyond Malaysian shores, successfully hosting International level conferences and providing international input and leadership.

The Malaysian Journal of Pathology, established by MSOP in 1978, has also grown and evolved. Now a hybrid journal published in both hard and e-versions, its website visits (and presumably readership) has been rapidly gaining in international profile. Whereas prior to 2012, non-Malaysian authors contributed to about 12% of the *Journal's* publications, from 2012 to the current issue, the international contribution has increased to 46%. The *Journal* is fully peer-reviewed and fulfills this demanding function through the goodwill of members of CPath-AMM and international colleagues. It is indexed by PubMed, Scopus and the Western Pacific Region Index Medicus. Publications from volume 34 (1) 2012 onwards will also be indexed and abstracted in the following Thomson Reuter products and services: Science Citation Index Expanded (also known as SciSearch®) and Journal Citation Reports/Science Edition. With the generous support of CPath-AMM, the full texts of its publications continue to be accessible, without charge, through the *Journal* website. Networked regionally through the Asia-Pacific Association of Medical Journal Editors (APAME) and globally through the World Association of Medical Editors (WAME), the *Journal* subscribes to the collective aspiration of promoting health through encouraging honest research and the sharing of findings and knowledge through scholarly publication.<sup>1,2</sup> It is also cognizant of the latest WAME statement, issued in May this year, encouraging more research and publication from low and middle-income countries where the burden of disease is greatest.<sup>3</sup>

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