



**“The beautiful journey of today
can only begin when we learn
to let go of yesterday.”**



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Diary of EVENTS

Year 2012

- 1 April** Dragon Boat Training (on-going)
- 14 April** Bras Basah Heritage Trail
- 25 April** Epilepsy Education at Whitley Secondary School
EnAble
- 5 May** ECGSparks 5th Anniversary Celebration
- 27 May** ECG 10th Flag Day
- 9 June** Stories Behind Singapore Streets Exhibition
- 16 June** Visit to The Live Turtle and Tortoise Museum
- 30 June** Singapore Dragon Boat Festival 2012 Race
- 4 July** Workshop on Setting Up Your Email Account
- 11 July** Workshop on Creating Your Facebook Page
- 13 July** Singapore Garden Festival 2012 Tour
- 18 July** Workshop on Building Up Your Resume
- 25 July** Workshop on Acing Your Interview
- 28 July** Talk on Seizures in Children: How to Recognise Them and What to Do?
- 11 August** ECG 17th Annual General Meeting
Post Flag Day Appreciation
- 18 August** 1-Day Johor Bahru Trip
- 9 September** Epilepsy Out in The Open II – Walk for Epilepsy
- 22 September** Visit to The Malay Heritage Centre
- 6 October** A Walk to Remember (1) – Keong Saik Road
- 19 October** Epilepsy Education at Nanyang Polytechnic School of Design
- 20 October** ECG 19th Anniversary Celebration/
Movie Screening
- 10 November** Gardens By The Bay Tour
- 3 November** Singapore River Regatta
- 1 December** A Walk to Remember (2) – Joo Chiat Road
- 8 December** Christmas Celebration

Year 2013

- 19 January** 1-Day Legoland Malaysia Trip
- 20 January** Dragon Boat Training (on-going)
- 23 February** Lunar New Year Celebration
- 30 March** RWS S.E.A. Aquarium



President's Message



Dear Members and Friends

Twentieth Anniversary, Making a Difference and More

The year 2003 marks a significant milestone for Epilepsy Care Group (ECG) as we celebrate our 20th anniversary.

Let me begin by thanking all of you for making a difference to the cause of epilepsy through your dedicated work and support.

ECG was founded in 1993 as a local epilepsy support organisation. Founding members will undoubtedly remember those 'humble' beginnings with fondness and great pride. Much has been accomplished since. I will highlight some eventful developments.

ECG kicked off the Millennium with the "World without Borders" activity, an inaugural overseas retreat to Perth, Australia for members, carers and supporters. This was followed by a momentous event in June 2000 when the Epilepsy Support and Development Centre cum ECG Headquarters was set up at 26 Dunearn Road; this initiative was greatly supported by the Ministry of Health. The centre also houses a resource library, Opportunity! Shop, lecture hall, and gymnasium for members. Programs and activities support persons with epilepsy and their families as well as the community through advocacy, education, information and referral, and support. Two ongoing programs promote wellness and community integration, namely, 1) ECGSparks, a dragon boating program. I am proud to announce that the team broke new ground by clinching the first-runner up title at the first ever DBS Regatta Bay Festival on 24 May 2013, 2) Epilepsy Out in the Open, a mini walk-run marathon, echoing our vision of a society where everyone understands epilepsy and it is truly out in the open. Recent projects include the production of epilepsy information booklet, DVDS as well as epilepsy alert cards. A book on the collection of writings on epilepsy is being published to commemorate the twentieth anniversary. We are grateful to the volunteers and sponsors of these programs and activities and look forward to their continued support.

Amidst the various programs, activities and support, the essence of ECG's philosophy and mission remains foremost and constant: Enhancing quality of life for persons with epilepsy.

I wish to address the issue of 26 Dunearn Road, which currently houses ECG's office and the Epilepsy Development Support Centre. On behalf of members, I extend deepest thanks and appreciation to the Ministry of Health for its recognition and support all these years and granting us the premises. The place has indeed been an asset to us and enabled us to provide numerous services to persons with epilepsy. Over the years, it has also become a home to our members, where they were able to seek solace

and assistance. Sadly, however, ECG, as well as the other tenants, has received notification to vacate 26 Dunearn Road in July 2014. We are concerned with the challenges of relocation, finding a suitable place, setting up new premises, and securing financial support. We do hope the Ministry of Health will consider extending the tenancy and assist with funding an appropriate alternative premise. We would like to reassure the Ministry of our commitment to support programs for persons with epilepsy and expend efforts to further the cause of bringing epilepsy “out of the shadows”.

The partnership and selfless efforts of our members, sponsors, volunteers, schools, organisations, executive council, the board of consultants, and staff are truly inspirational. Thank you all for your continued dedication and contributions.

May we live in a world where we can all grow and ‘Celebrate Who We Are.’



Best Wishes, Good Health and Joyful Giving!

DR CHOONG CHEW THYE

President



Vice-President's Message



Dear Members and Friends

We all face walls from time to time. Some walls are temporary, while others are here to stay. What would be our response? We could not climb over it, or go round it; but to embrace it. This does not mean giving in or giving up, but to learn to appreciate it as it is, accept it, explore it, and work on it to achieve a breakthrough, or a new breaking ground. We explore alternatives, partnership, and champion for it.

ECG has walls experiences as well, such as funding, ECGSparks dragon boat programme, and volunteerism. ECGSparks dragon boat team started in 2007 with triumph response and success. The setback of natural attrition of rowers over a long period despite recruiting efforts caused disappointments. Perseverance and relentless campaigning for it to raise awareness for the cause of epilepsy eventually paid off, with students from the NUS Rotaract Club partnering ECG on the programme. This strong collaboration broke new grounds and set ECGSparks off to win the 1st runner-up position at the first DBS Regatta Bay Festival on 24 May 2013 which included a patient rower. This certainly boosts the patients' self-confidence.

The centre's funds situation is another wall to scale. Fundraising has met its lowest ebb from end of last year. Each bad reporting on any particular charitable organisation seems to cause increasing backlash on other charitable organisations in donations. However, our book committee that faces this challenge of raising fund for the production of a book - our dream project, and its launch, stay and hold on to the belief that this dream will materialize for the good of the patients, families, and the community. And gradually, it is working out.

These are the walls we encountered and we are glad that so far, we have turned it into a mountain of opportunities for creative collaboration work, partnership, reaching beyond the borders of ECG walls into the community, touching lives and hearts towards persons with epilepsy. This could only be achieved with concerted efforts from all of us. Moving ahead, we are therefore looking forward to working together with all of you for support in yet another ECG wall – the moving of premises. We do not know what forms this would take, but I know the magical power of working in unity for a breakthrough in this.

DIANA KOH HWEE HOON
Vice-President



Executive Director's Message



Dear Members and Friends

Some warm nights, when I found it hard to sleep, I would wake up, drink a glass of water, return to bed and lie awake, falling asleep for a few hours before dawn.

And it was on one of those nights I heard the unmistakable message alert sound from my mobile that tore the thin membrane of my sleep and dragged me awake. It was a text message from a close young friend, Sederick.

'Hi, this is Andy, Sed's cousin. Sad to inform that Sed has passed away. So he won't be replying anymore.'

The instant I read that message, I felt faint, confused. For a moment I thought I had read wrongly and that this must be a joke. I was stunned. I dropped the phone. How can this be? We had plans to do so many things after my surgery and after his final term examinations. He was graduating the following month. I felt as though I had been punched in the heart. And my heart stopped. I cried buckets that night.

And for a long time, I lay in the dark on the bed, unable to get back to sleep. The glowing red diodes of the Bose digital clock on my bedside table said 02.00. It was then, in the darkness, that I thought about the moment he entered my life in 2009. I first got to know Sederick at the gym. He was then doing his workout. An astonishing good-looking young man – the way his hair was short, shorter than mine, his muscles firm from exercising. We spoke. And we realized we were both from the same college. And we both came from catholic secondary schools. He was a PTI then and was about to matriculate into a specific university, but was considering the option of another. He seemed to lead a charmed life: he appeared happy, optimistic, encouraging, and friendly. We hit off immediately. One of the main reasons we became friends is that we view ourselves as being similar to each other in important ways. We saw each other often – at least once a week.

I remember a particular moment in which he was in great pain and unsure of himself. His girlfriend had walked out of his life and he was on the verge of acting on self-destructive impulses. I felt moved by his pain and he could sense my being moved. His sadness and emptiness were in front of us rather than obscured. He felt alone and frightened. It was not an easy ride. Sederick continued to speak about his life and his feelings. We talked at length, and after some time, he had been reached.

However, this time round I feel that I have failed both Sederick and myself. I was then, too caught up with my medical problems to make connection with any friend. The constant throbbing pain on the nape of my head was still an issue that has yet to be resolved. Sederick's death made

me feel I had abjured a social duty. I was struck that he didn't have in his memory the repertoire of exchanges with me to call on, so that he could use to understand his way out of a painful moment. Didn't he promise that he would confide in me like the first time? Didn't he say that at times when he felt bad about himself, he wanted me to support him, to reassure him that everything was going to be alright? I grieve because he was only twenty-four when he decided to isolate himself in a hotel room to end his unbearable pain. I grieve, too, for his parents - his mother a cancer survivor, and his elderly grandmother who had a heart problem. I grieve even more each time I think of all that he could have, should have, lived for. When he got a place in the university, his father bought him a car. Just last year, he was appointed an ambassador for a health product and was doing very well. I even encouraged him to enter the 8 Days Shirtless Guy Search 2012 even though he was a very shy, gentle, kind, and unassuming young man. Although he did not emerge a winner, the media exposure would do him good.

Sederick's sudden death disturbed me greatly. Of course, I knew that we all have the capacity to act in self-destructive ways; nevertheless I had a kind of faith that the desire to live was more powerful. Now, instead, I felt its fragility. Sederick's "checking out" of life made me feel that the battle between the forces of life and death was far more evenly pitched.

I was surprised by the intensity of my feelings of loss and the raw pain of grief. For the person who dies there is an end, but this is not so for the person who grieves. The person who mourns goes on living and for as long as he lives there is always the possibility of feeling grief. The loss of someone through suicide, can and do cause enduring sorrow. It is also the period we are most at risk, or when we are lonely and isolated. Each of us mourns differently. Grief is something that gets reworked throughout life. We do not just feel it once in an appropriate way and then it is over. It comes upon us in fierce and unexpected ways at anniversaries or birthdays or when fragments of memories, a smell, a piece of music, or a familiar place evokes the loss and we feel its sharp pain.

The phone vibrated on my work table. It was a text message from Sederick's father:

'We are trying very hard to cope with our lives without him. I'm lost for words. We can only pray that he would be reborn.'

The notion of closure is an extraordinarily compelling fantasy of mourning. It is the fiction that we can love, lose, suffer and then do something to permanently end our sorrow. We want to believe we can reach closure because grief can surprise and disorder us - even years after our loss. Closure is delusive. It is the false hope that we can deaden our living grief.

That Thursday evening, I went to St. Joseph's Church at Victoria Street, to offer a Mass for Sederick and to pray for the repose of his soul. A friend texted me: *'You are such a good friend. Sed will be proud of you!'* I texted back: *'I too need the strength to cope.'*

The small congregation rose. Their voices soared through the church as they welcomed the celebrant in ceremonial vestments when he moved to the pulpit.

The priest was an old French man, tall, reedlike with white wiry hair. His voice echoed over the congregation's heads. *'Maybe you're not on an emotional roller coaster - or maybe you are, but everyone has to deal with highs and lows. Financial or physical problems may have dashed our expectations, leaving us to wonder what God is doing in us...'*

Tell me, please, I thought cynically. But I listened carefully. This was the reason I was at the church.

The priest paused, letting his words flow over the faces lifted toward him.

'...But rather than scratch our heads in confusion, we can take a cue from today's Gospel reading. We can ask the Lord to take our understanding, limited as it is, and touch us with his word. We can meet him in Scripture and ask him to allay our fears, dispel our confusion, and convince us of his love.'

The priest hesitated a second, giving his words added resonance, then finished:

'Let us pray.'

I bowed my head, but not in prayer. I was drenched in tears.

On a rainy afternoon on 6 April 2013, almost a month after Sederick's death, I visited him at the Bright Hill Columbarium. Facing his urn enclosed behind a glass case, I told him I was relieved that he wasn't in pain any more, that he was at peace. I told him I loved him and I said I was sorry for any pain I might have caused him. I told him that I would always carry him with me in a special place in my heart wherever I go.

There is an old Eskimo legend that says the stars are "openings in the heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down upon us to let us know they are happy."

That night, I dreamed of Sederick. He was standing on a small white boat, the throated rumble of the engine against the tide and the salt wind seems full of pure oxygen caressing his face and blowing his hair. He was smiling and happy.....

The University conferred on Sederick a posthumous degree during the commencement ceremony in July 2013.



My best wishes to all,

SHERMAN GOH KENG HWEE

Executive Director/Epilepsy Counsellor



17th Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the 17th Annual General Meeting held at the Epilepsy Support Development Centre on Saturday, 11 August 2012.

Present:

Members' Strength as at date of AGM - 162

No. of Ordinary / Life Members required to form a quorum - 30

No. of Ordinary / Life Members present - 20

1.0 Commencement

- 1.1 The meeting was called to order at 1530hrs after a thirty minute wait.

2.0 President's address

- 2.1 The outgoing President, Dr Choong Chew Thye, presented her thanks to the members and volunteers for their support. She emphasized the collective work of the group as key to success. She also urged for efforts in assimilating the people with epilepsy into mainstream society.
- 2.2 She ended her address by thanking the Board of Consultants, ECG's legal advisor and the 17th Executive Council for their effort, support and dedication over the last year.

3.0 Passing of minutes of last AGM

- 3.1 Dr Lim Kim Whee proposed to pass the minutes of the 16th Annual General Meeting. Mr Calvin Koh Chin Khoon seconded the motion. The minutes of the 16th Annual General Meeting was thus passed with the following amendments.
- 3.2 Amendment to 5.0 should read 'Adoption of the Financial Statements.'
- 3.3 Amendment to 5.1 should read 'The Honorary Treasurer, Mr Low Qing Xiang, presented the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2011.'
- 3.4 Amendment to 5.2 should read 'Mr Gavin Goh Zonghan proposed to adopt the Financial Statements. Mr Goh Keng Hwee seconded the motion. The Financial Statements were thus adopted without any amendments.'
- 3.5 Amendment to 6.3 should read 'The Election Officer informed the general meeting that all the positions had been filled without contest.'



4.0 Adoption of the Honorary Secretary's Report

4.1 The Honorary Secretary, Mr Goh Keng Hwee, presented his report for the work year 2011/2012.

4.2 Subcommittees' Reports

4.2.1 Creative Subcommittee

Chairperson of the creative subcommittee, Mr Duncan Chew Chin Chong, presented the work of his sub-committee.

4.2.2 Dragon Boat Subcommittee

On behalf of the Chairperson of the dragon boat subcommittee, Mr Low Qing Xiang, Manager Ms Diana Koh Hwee Hoon reviewed the activities of the dragon boat team over the past year.

4.2.3 Editorial Subcommittee

Chairperson of the editorial subcommittee, Mr Goh Keng Hwee, presented the work of the editorial subcommittee.

4.2.4 Fundraising Subcommittee

Chairperson of the fundraising subcommittee, Mr Calvin Koh Chin Khoo, presented the statement of accounts for the Flag Day and thanked the sponsors and donors.

4.2.5 Human Resource Subcommittee

Chairperson of the human resource subcommittee, Dr Choong Chew Thye, reported the staff movement of her subcommittee.

4.2.6 Membership Development Subcommittee

Chairperson of the membership development subcommittee, Dr Lim Kim Whee reported a drop in the membership and called for all present at the meeting to get more to join.

4.2.7 Training & Education Subcommittee

Chairperson of the training and education subcommittee, Dr Choong Chew Thye, reported the various training and education

programs, especially the strong participation in the 9th Asian and Oceanian Epilepsy Congress. She also mentioned the production of an epilepsy dvd/booklet soon to be released.

4.2.8 Volunteers, Welfare, and Social Integration Subcommittee

Chairperson of the welfare and social integration subcommittee, Mr Duncan Chew presented the many activities organized for the members and their families, in collaboration with the volunteers subcommittee.

4.3 Dr Lim proposed to adopt the Honorary Secretary's report. Mr Tan Pek Ann seconded the motion. The Honorary Secretary's report was thus adopted without any amendments.

5.0 Adoption of the Audited Financial Statements

5.1 The Honorary Treasurer, Mr Lee Soon Chua presented the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2012.

5.2 Mr Lee clarified that the amount \$107 is meant to be 'Office maintenance', and the 'utilities' actually refers to the 'water and electricity' amount of \$6,393.

5.3 Mr Goh Keng Hwee proposed to adopt the Audited Financial Statements. Dr Lim Kim Whee seconded the motion. The Audited Financial Statements was thus adopted without any amendments.

6.0 Election of the 18th Executive Council for the year 2012/2013

6.1 The Election Officer, Dr Lim Kim Whee, conducted the election of the 18th Executive Council and received the following nominations:

6.2 **President:**

Dr Choong Chew Thye

Vice-President:

Ms Diana Koh Hwee Hoon

Honorary Secretary:

Mr Goh Keng Hwee

Assistant Secretary:

Mr Tan Jun Long

Honorary Treasurer:

Ms Pauline Tng Choon Eng

Assistant Treasurer:

Mr Lee Soon Chua

Welfare Officer:

Mr Duncan Chew Chin Chong

Committee Members:

Mdm Elizabeth Kee

Ms Mok Wai Pun

Mr Calvin Koh Chin Khoon

Mr Tan Pek Ann

Mr Chan Wen Ting

6.3 The Election Officer informed the general assembly that Candidate Mr Tan Jun Long is unable to attend the Annual General Meeting but assured that he had given consent to be nominated as the Assistant Secretary. There were no objections for Mr Tan Jun Long to stand for election despite his absence.

6.4 As there was no contest, the Election Officer announced to the General Meeting that all the nominees have been elected into office.

7.0 Reappointment of Legal Advisor

7.1 Dr Choong Chew Thye thanked ECG's legal advisor, Mr Anand Nalachandran, for his services.

7.2 She advised the next council to consider re-appointing him again as ECG's legal advisor.

8.0 Reappointment of Auditor

8.1 The Honorary Secretary, Mr Goh Keng Hwee, asked for the consent of the General Meeting to reappoint Tan, Chan and Partners as the external auditor of ECG.

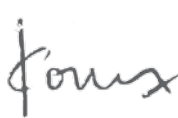
8.2 With no objections from the General Meeting, Ms Diana Koh Hwee Hoon proposed to reappoint the audit firm Tan, Chan and Partners as the external auditor of ECG. Dr Lim Kim Whee seconded the motion. The audit firm Tan, Chan and Partners was thus reappointed as the external auditor of ECG.

9.0 Any other matters

9.1 As there were no other matters, the Annual General Meeting was called to a close at 1645 hrs.

Recorded by:

Confirmed by:



Diana Koh Hwee Hoon
Vice-President

Goh Keng Hwee
Honorary Secretary



Secretaries' Report

Dear Members and Friends

How time flies! ECG will celebrate its 20th birthday in October. Since its founding in 1993, ECG has taken huge strides in enhancing the quality of life of people with epilepsy. All of this would not be possible without the support of our volunteers and members. Take a minute to applaud yourself.

However, we must not have cause to rest on our laurels. We must approach the next twenty years with the same framework we have developed from the past two decades. No doubt, the challenges ahead will be tough. Most of you should already be aware that the current lease of the building we occupy is expiring. The very immediate obstacle ahead is to relocate the centre. ECG will need the help of every individual to ensure a smooth transition.

For the work year, ECG has continued to organize several get together events. The year in review, ECG visited many places of attraction – from JB to our local SEA aquarium and Gardens by The Bay. Concurrently, ECG has not neglected its social responsibility. We have organized a seminar to promote the awareness of epilepsy in children.

ECG has also organized many other activities to educate both members and the public about epilepsy by promoting integration of people with epilepsy with society. Read on to find out more about these activities.

We confirmed that each elected office bearer is not in a position where his personal interests may conflict with his role as an elected member into office.

We also confirmed that the paid executive management of ECG does not comprise more than one-third of the Executive Council nor chair its meeting.

With effect from 1 April 2011, ECG is required to submit the Governance Evaluation Checklist within six months after the end of its financial year.

The 18th Executive Council

Epilepsy Care Group (Singapore) held its 17th Annual General Meeting on 11 August 2012. The following members were elected into office:

President

Dr Choong Chew Thye

Vice President

Ms Diana Koh Hwee Hoon

Honorary Secretary

Mr Goh Keng Hwee

Assistant Secretary

Mr Tan Jun Long

Honorary Treasurer

Ms Pauline Tng Choon Eng

Assistant Treasurer

Mr Lee Soon Chua

Welfare Officer

Mr Duncan Chew Chin Chong

Council Members

Mr Chan Wen Ting

Mdm Elizabeth Kee

Mr Koh Chin Khoon

Ms Mok Wai Pun

Mr Tan Pek Ann



Subcommittees

During the first Executive Council Meeting held on 8 September 2012, the following members were designated the following responsibilities:

- Chair, Board of Consultants – Dr Lim Kim Whee
- Chair, Creative Subcommittee – Mr Duncan Chew Chin Chong
- Chair, Dragon Boat Subcommittee – Ms Diana Koh Hwee Hoon
- Chair, Editorial Subcommittee – Mr Goh Keng Hwee
- Chair, Fundraising Subcommittee – Mr Koh Chin Khoon
- Chair, Human Resource Subcommittee – Dr Choong Chew Thye
- Chair, Membership Development Subcommittee – Dr Lim Kim Whee
- Chair, Training & Education Subcommittee – Dr Choong Chew Thye
- Chair, Volunteers Subcommittee – Mr Chan Wen Ting
- Chair, Welfare & Social Integration Subcommittee – Mr Duncan Chew Chin Chong
- Chair, Special Projects: Ms Diana Koh (Overall in-charge), Mr Liew Kuang Hao (Book)

ECG Board of Consultants

The Executive Council would like to express their gratitude to the following who were invited to serve as Honorary Consultants in their areas of specialization:

Neurology

Professor Michael Chee Wei Liang, Dr Lim Kim Whee

Dentistry

Dr Vijayan Loganathan

Legal

Mr Anand Nalachandran

Executive Council Meetings

A total of five meetings were held during the tenure of the 18th Executive Council.

Epilepsy Care Group's 19th Anniversary Celebration

ECG celebrated its 19th birthday with a potluck dinner on 20 October 2012. There was also a cake-cutting ceremony and a screening of the movie “Despicable Me”.

Conclusion

We would like to thank the 18th Executive Council for their hard work, dedication and sacrifices throughout the year. We would also like to express our sincere appreciation to all our members, volunteers, donors and sponsors for believing and contributing to the epilepsy cause.

GOH KENG HWEE
Honorary Secretary

TAN JUN LONG
Assistant Secretary



Subcommittees' Reports

Creative Subcommittee

Chair : Duncan Chew
 Vice-Chair : Chan Wen Ting
 Member : Goh Keng Hwee

“Seizures in The City” Book Cover

The Creative Subcommittee was instrumental in designing the book cover for the coming epilepsy book, “Seizures in The City”. The book would be launched in the second half of the year.

Dragon Boat (ECGSparks) Subcommittee

Chair : Diana Koh
 Manager (Finance) : Sherman Goh
 Manager (Operations)/ : Chan Wen Ting
 Captain
 Coach : Poon Xiang Lin
 Hayden Tan

ECGSparks 5th Anniversary

On 5 May 2012, we celebrated our very own ECGSparks’ 5th Anniversary at the NUSS – The Graduate Society, Suntec City! Having gone through months of training, it was great for the rowers to have a well deserved break and a night of fun and laughter. Everyone took turns in showing off their singing skills and we ended the event with a cake-cutting and awards presentation. Congratulations to our rowers for winning the following awards:

Best Rower : Lee Yean Sheng
 Most Committed Rower : Cheong Jie Hui
 Most Improved Rower : Chan Wen Ting

Singapore Dragon Boat Festival 2012

On 30 June 2012, twelve brave warriors from ECGSparks took part in a challenging 800m race. Having just a month of training after a long break, we were able to polish up our rusty skills and clocked a timing of 4:43:63, performing better than what we had expected. Having gained valuable experiences, we hope to achieve even better results for the next race!

Singapore River Regatta 2012

Our dragon boat team ECGSparks put up a commendable effort in winning the 200m heats in the 30th Singapore River Regatta on 3 November 2012. The long hard trainings paid. However, the team fell short by a few seconds in the second round. Nevertheless, the determination and perseverance will continue to strike the rowers to achieve better results in the next race.

Editorial Subcommittee

Editor : Goh Keng Hwee
 Sub-editors : Diana Koh, Tan Jun Long

In financial year 2012 to 2013, the editorial subcommittee produced a total of 6 newsletters and the annual report.

Fundraising Subcommittee

Chair : Calvin Koh Chin Khoon
 Vice-Chair : Diana Koh
 Members : Pauline Tng
 Elizabeth Kee
 Mok Wai Pun
 Secretariat : Goh Keng Hwee
 Project Officers : Tan Jun Long
 Chan Wen Ting
 Duncan Chew



10th ECG Flag Day

Epilepsy Care Group's (Singapore) 10th Flag Day was held on 27 May 2012. A total of 73 volunteers turned up for the event to help raise funds for the epilepsy community. The responses were encouraging and we hope more volunteers would help in our fund raising project.

We sincerely believe that everyone who went out to the streets had put in a lot of efforts. The amount raised will go a long way in helping people with epilepsy. It was heartening to see motivated volunteers leaving with their empty tins and returning with tins filled to the brim.

These are the **Top 3 Schools** with the highest collection for 2012:

- 1st: Cedar Girls' Secondary School
- 2nd: Guanyang Secondary School
- 3rd: Anderson Junior College

These are the **Top 3 ECG** members with the highest collection for 2012:

- 1st: Mdm Elizabeth Kee
- 2nd: Mr Calvin Koh
- 3rd: Mr Teo Wee Meng

We appreciate the help of each and every one of you in our fund raising project and we certainly look forward to your support again in the year 2013!

A Post Flag day Appreciation Ceremony Dinner was held on 11 August 2012 to thank all for their efforts.

Income and Expenditure for ECG 10th Flag Day 2011 – 27 May 2012

License Number: L/HH/000302/2011

INCOME

Total Proceeds Collected	\$	27,099.85
	\$	27,099.85

Less:

EXPENDITURE

Audit Fees	\$	200.00
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Food	\$	66.00
Postage	\$	26.00
Processing fee	\$	34.18
Stationery	\$	38.95
Tokens of Appreciation	\$	238.95
Transport	\$	29.70
Surplus/(Deficit) for 10 th Flag Day	\$	26,466.07

* Applies to foreigners only

Human Resource Subcommittee

- Chair : Dr Choong Chew Thyne
- Vice-Chair : Dr Lim Kim Whee
- Member : Diana Koh

The human resource subcommittee reported that ECG hired two new staff in financial year 2012 to 2013. As at 31 March 2013, there is only one paid staff in ECG.

Membership Development Subcommittee

- Chair : Dr Lim Kim Whee
- Vice-Chair : Dr Choong Chew Thyne
- Members : Goh Keng Hwee

In the year under review, there were 161 members as at 31 March 2013. Adults and children with epilepsy make up for majority of the members. Other members include their caregivers and volunteers.

A breakdown of the membership into categories as at 31 March 2013 is as follows:

Life Membership	-	90
Ordinary membership	-	71
Total	-	161



Training & Education Subcommittee

Chair : Dr Choong Chew Thyne
Vice-Chair : Diana Koh
Member : Tan Jun Long

EnAble

EnAble is an on-going support group held on the last Wednesday of each month. It provides an atmosphere where members meet to share their experiences and learn from one another on how to care for people with epilepsy. It also provides them with an opportunity to render emotional and moral support to each other.

Soft Skills Workshop

In the month of July, ECG conducted a series of soft skills workshop. The lessons were targeted to help ECG members keep in touch with advanced computer skills. The members were initially overwhelmed with the information. Thankfully with the patience of the staff and their determination, they eventually managed to master the skills taught to them. The workshop targeted three areas – Setting up an email account, creating a Facebook page, building up a resume and acing the interview. With the current age of ever revolving technology, ECG hopes that its members will take the initiative to upgrade themselves.

Talk on Seizures in Children: How to Recognise Them and What to Do?

A talk on ‘Seizures in Children: How to Recognise Them and What to Do?’ was conducted by Dr Derrick Chan, a paediatric neurologist from KK Women’s and Children’s Hospital on 28 July 2012. The talk addressed the types of seizures that can occur, what to do in the event of a seizure and gave examples of the different situations in which seizures may occur. After the talk, the participants were treated to some refreshments sponsored by

Janssen. ECG would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to Dr Derrick Chan and Janssen for their efforts in raising awareness of epilepsy.

Community Outreach

Our executive director, Mr Goh Keng Hwee, gave talks on epilepsy to Whitley Secondary School on 25 April 2012 and School of Design, Nanyang Polytechnic on 19 October 2013.

Volunteers, Welfare & Social Integration Subcommittee

Chair (Volunteers) : Chan Wen Ting
Chair : Duncan Chew
Member : Tan Jun Long

Bras Basah Trail

We embarked on the Bras Basah Trail on 14 April 2012. Guided by three enthusiastic student-volunteers from a group called Singapore Footprints, we had a ball of a time despite the rainy and gloomy weather. During the one-hour journey, we covered the Singapore Art Museum. There was even a small art exhibition in the Singapore Art Museum and we decided to go in and appreciate the art pieces. There we met celebrities Xiang Yun and her husband Edmund Chen, and we took a group picture with them. Next, we explored the Church of Sts Peter and Paul, Sri Krishnan Temple and Kwan Im Thong Hood Cho Temple in the vicinity of Waterloo and Bugis streets. Stories, knowledge and even past experiences were shared between members and guides. Even one of the guides claimed that he learnt some history from our older members! The trail made us understand how the different religions and cultures had integrated into Singapore and made it into a multi-racial society it is today. Hence, it can be concluded that this was a meaningful and fulfilling experience both mind and spirit.





Stories Behind Singapore Streets Exhibition

We were treated to a history lesson on 9 June 2012 as we visited the Singapore Street Name Exhibition located at the National Library. The exhibition was enriching as it traces the history of Singapore through the street naming conventions from the pre-colonial era to modern day Singapore. We also discovered various street names that were named after prominent people for their contribution to the society.

Visit to The Live Turtle and Tortoise Museum

We braved the punishing weather on 16 June 2012 to visit the Live Turtle and Tortoise Museum located in Chinese Garden. We were treated to the sight of several species and entertained by the sight of terrapins roaming freely through the park. It was a perfect opportunity for members to bond while enjoying the green scenery.

Singapore Garden Festival 2012 Tour

On 13 July 2012, seventeen members and staff turned up at Suntec City Convention Centre to visit the Singapore Garden Festival 2012. As it was a Friday night, it was the perfect opportunity for everyone to let their hair down after work. We were treated to the beauty of several concepts – Landscape & Fantasy Garden, Floral Windows to the World, Balcony Gardens, Singapore Orchid Show, Garden Fiesta and the marketplace. It was heart-warming to see members – the young, not so young and the elderly turn up for the event in the evening after work.

ECG would like to thank the organizing committee of Singapore Garden Festival 2012 for their sponsorship of admission. We certainly look forward to the next Festival in 2014!

1-Day Johor Bahru Trip

On 18 August 2012, a group of volunteers joined ECG and its members in a one-day tour around

some of the places in Johor Bahru. The members were brought to different places to try out some of the delicious delicacies. On top of that, members were also exposed to the mushroom farm and the noodle factory, where they got to see and learn the process of growing mushrooms and also making noodles. The members definitely had their fill of not just the tummy with sumptuous food, but also the interesting and enjoyable knowledge as well.

Epilepsy Out in The Open II – We Walk. For Epilepsy

The 2nd Epilepsy Out in The Open – Walk for Epilepsy held on 9 September 2012 was a resounding success, attracting some 55 persons with epilepsy and their families, and volunteers for a morning of fitness, fun and family bonding. Members enjoyed a non-competitive 5km route that took them through the new downtown at the Marina Bay area. They were also entertained by street performers along the running routes. This would not be possible without the kind support of GlaxoSmithKline. We look forward to their continued support.

Visit to The Malay Heritage Centre

Members visited the Malay Heritage Centre on 22 September 2012. The centre has lovingly displayed exhibits that offer a glimpse into Singapore's early Malay settlements, the sultan's royal family, Malay arts, and 20th-century Malay life. Galleries on the first floor relate the story of the immigration of Muslim Malays to Singapore and their central role in the island's trading culture. Upstairs there are displays that deal with the modern history of the Malay community and a recreation of a traditional kampong house and an early HDB flat.

A Walk to Remember – Keong Saik Road

Members took a stroll down Keong Saik Road on 6 October 2012. Keong Saik Road was one of the famous red light districts in Singapore. The





current place is a pale shadow of its former glory. Much of the sleaze factor had gone down and replaced with the hip factor. The present Keong Saik Road still has the odd brothels nestling between boutique hotels, retail outlets, pubs, Chinese associations and kopi tiams. Keong Saik Road is located within a conservation area known as the Bukit Pasoh Conservation Area which was given conservation status by the Urban Redevelopment Authority in 1989.

Gardens By The Bay Tour

On 10 November 2012, members of ECG visited Singapore's new icon – an award-winning horticultural attraction, Gardens by the Bay. Spanning 101 hectares and houses over 250 thousand rare plants held in the opulent glass houses known as domed conservatories. The Flower Dome replicates the cool-dry climate of Mediterranean regions. Also home to a collection of plants from deserts all over the world, it showcases the adaptations of plants to arid environments. There are also amazing plants and flowers from different corners of the globe, and how different parts of the trees are used in daily lives across different cultures. The second dome, the Cloud Forest, is a mysterious world veiled in mist. A 35-metre tall mountain covered in lush vegetation shrouding the world's tallest indoor waterfall showcases plant life from tropical highlands up to 2,000-metre above sea level. Here, we learned about unique biodiversity and geology of cloud forests and the environmental threats they face.

A Walk to Remember II – Joo Chiat Road

Members strolled along Joo Chiat Road on a cool rainy afternoon on 1 December 2012. Joo Chiat Road is known as a 'red light' district. This fact is made even more apparent with the number of motels and hotels. There are also several pawn shops, dubious financial institutes, bars and KTV,

etc. However, the street also housed some very beautiful shop houses and interesting eateries. Joo Chiat was classified as a conservation area to preserve the remaining little history in Singapore.

Christmas Party 2012

How can we end off the year without a Christmas Celebration at ECG? Members celebrated this annual festive party on 10 December 2011. Besides the usual Christmas caroling, we had exciting group games where each one of us participated. We also love the Christmas goodie bags prepared by the Singapore Polytechnic Rotaract Club. Many thanks to them and the National University of Singapore Rotaract Club for organizing the whole event.

Legoland Malaysia Trip

ECG members and their families made an exciting trip to Legoland Malaysia on 19 January 2013. The National University of Singapore's Rotaract Club's volunteers accompanied to befriend and lend a hand to members who needed supervision or on wheelchair.

Upon reaching Legoland, with the map on hand, we quickly strategized how to cover the whole theme park within a day, including lunch break and rest.

Contrary to what we thought it was child's play, it was challenging! The moment we reached Legoland, inspired by children being 'heroes', we 'let go' of our apprehension and inertia, and relived our childhood - walking under the drizzling rain, and participating almost all the games at the Land of Adventure, Lego Kingdoms, Aquazone etc.

We count it a blessing for the day was cool throughout and the queue to most rides were short due to the weather, that we were able to accomplish much within several hours.

The frail elderly enjoyed the train ride through the Lego City and the boat ride, and the rest headed for the mid and high powered roller



coasters rides. All cheers went to an elderly member who survived the high powered roller coaster ride twice! We particularly enjoyed the Dragon coaster, Fire laser blasters, Wave razors.

The Miniland was spectacular with their use of thousands of lego bricks to depict places of interest or known buildings in various countries, eg. Boat Quay, Riverside Point, Singapore Flyer, Taj Mahal in India, Bolinao in Philippine, Wat Arun in Thailand etc. By the end of the day, we went home feeling exhausted but happy!

Lunar New Year Celebration 2013

ECG entered into the Year of the Slithering Snake with a sumptuous buffet dinner on 23 February 2013. Student volunteers from the National University of Singapore Rotaract Club hosted a series of fun and exciting games for both the young and the not so young members. Lots of prizes were given out to commemorate the spirit of giving and as with any Chinese New Year celebrations, festive songs are not to be missed! Members of ECG participated in a lucky dip and the ‘wheel of fortune’. Five members born in the year of the snake were presented with a bottle of Olive Shower Gel from The Body Shop! The climax of the night’s program was the special appearance of the “God of Prosperity” from Heaven. To roundup that night’s celebrations, members and volunteers gathered to do the auspicious Lou Hei, signifying abundance, prosperity and vigor.

A Walk to Remember III – Jalan Besar

On a scorching Saturday afternoon on 16 March 2013, members started the walk along Jalan Besar at a junction of falsity and disaster – the Farrer Park MRT Station. City Square Mall, the “first eco-mall”, has erected a colourless re-creation of New World Amusement Park’s gate. It is commonly

known as a new heritage marker that symbolises the interconnectivity of the past, present and future. In front of the mall, is the field where Hotel New World fell. But if anything, Jalan Besar is a transitory place. It is where lovers, backpackers, and migrants stay – for hours, in an Art Deco Hotel 81, for days, in a ramshackle hostel, for years, in a crammed shophouse. But it is also because it has been left to its own devices, with people coming, going, and doing as they please, that Jalan Besar, unlike the city centre, has inadvertently gained a sort of permanence.

RWS S.E.A. Aquarium

To commemorate Purple Day, some 31 ECG members and student-volunteers from the ad hoc group from the NUS Rotaract Club organised a trip to the RWS S.E.A Aquarium during the Easter Weekend. As we had already booked the tickets as a Charity, we did not have to join the long queue to collect our tickets! After a good half an hour of queuing to enter the Aquarium, it was a relief when a few of us found out that we didn’t have to join the main queue to get in. We were finally ushered into the cool depths of the sea. And what an experience it was! The main Aquarium is located within The Maritime Experiential Museum, where we are introduced to a journey along the Maritime Silk Route. A collection of artefacts from the Bakau Shipwreck was also showcased in the Archaeology Gallery.

Members were given worksheets to do tasks such as identifying the various types of purple fish while in the aquarium. We live surrounded by water, and it was a wonderful experience to witness the RWS Marine Life Park’s S.E.A. Aquarium, billed the world’s largest aquarium, providing a window to the diversity and richness of marine life.

It was truly an enjoyable and enriching day and we made our way back to the Mainland with sizzling pizzas awaiting us.





Statement by the Executive Council

EPILEPSY CARE GROUP (SINGAPORE)

UEN: S95SS0164F

We certify that the accompanying balance sheet, income and expenditure account and cash flow statement are in accordance with the books and vouchers of Epilepsy Care Group (Singapore).



In the opinion of the Council Members, the accompanying accounts are drawn up so as to give a true and fair view to the state of affairs of the Executive Council as at 31 March 2013 and its results for the year ended on that date.

On behalf of the 18th Executive Council

Dr Choong Chew Thye
President

Goh Keng Hwee
Honorary Secretary

Tng Choon Eng Pauline
Honorary Treasurer



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF EPILEPSY CARE GROUP (SINGAPORE)

Report on the financial statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Epilepsy Care Group (Singapore) (the "Society"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 March 2013, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in funds and statement of cash flows for the financial year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's responsibility for the financial statements

The Executive Council of the Society is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with the provisions of the Societies Act, Cap 311, the Charities Act, Cap 37 (the "Act") and Singapore Financial Reporting Standards and for devising and maintaining a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorised use or disposition; and transactions are properly authorised and that they are recorded as necessary to permit the preparation of true and fair profit and loss accounts and balance sheets and to maintain accountability of assets.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Singapore Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal controls. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Executive Council, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

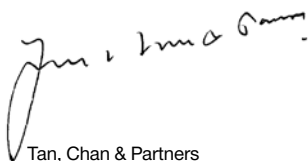
We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements are properly drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Act and Singapore Financial Reporting Standards so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Society as at 31 March 2013 and the results, changes in funds and cash flows of the Society for the financial year then ended.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

- (a) the use of the donation moneys is in accordance with the objectives of the Institutions of a Public Character; and
- (b) the accounting and other records required by the regulations enacted under the Societies Act to be kept by the Society have been properly kept in accordance with those regulations.



Tan, Chan & Partners
Public Accountants and
Certified Public Accountants

Singapore

Date: 18 June 2013



EPILEPSY CARE GROUP (SINGAPORE)

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL
POSITION AS AT 31 MARCH 2013**

	Note	2013 \$	2012 \$
General fund			
Accumulated surplus		<u>138,797</u>	<u>190,142</u>
Assets			
Non-current asset			
Plant and equipment	4	6,866	8,544
Current Assets			
Other receivables	5	10,428	10,42
Cash and cash equivalents	6	123,963	173,370
		<u>134,391</u>	<u>183,798</u>
Current liability			
Other payables	7	2,460	2,200
Net current assets		<u>131,931</u>	<u>181,598</u>
Net assets		<u>138,797</u>	<u>190,142</u>

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2013**

	Accumulated Surplus \$
Balance as at 1 April 2011	213,168
Total comprehensive loss for the year	(23,026)
Balance as at 31 March 2012	190,142
Total comprehensive loss for the year	(51,345)
Balance as at 31 March 2013	138,797

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

EPILEPSY CARE GROUP (SINGAPORE)

**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2013**

	2013 \$	2012 \$
Income		
Contribution -Dragon Boat (Non tax deductible)	100	-
Donation (Non tax deductible)	35,606	71,607
Donation (Tax deductible)	24,820	25,748
ECG flag day 2012 (Non tax deductible)	3,060	-
ECG flag day 2012 (Tax deductible)	7,800	-
ECG flag day 2012 proceeds	8,400	12,639
Fund-raising income	-	2,870
Government rental subsidy	116,947	116,947
Grant from NCSS	1,818	-
Membership fees	910	920
Programme & activities	2,368	108
Sales from second hand goods	542	550
	202,371	231,389
Expenditure		
9th AOEC congress event	-	2,634
Accounting fee	3,600	3,600
Activities / Programmes expense	4,423	2,772
Advertisement for staff recruitment	-	30
Administrative expenses	876	50
Auditors' remuneration	2,100	1,400
Bank charges	74	46
Bonus-staff	10,660	13,100
Cleaning	705	1,725
Coaching fee	1,150	1,200
Course fees	-	300
CPF contribution	12,665	12,154
Donation cans charges	-	369
Depreciation of plant and equipment	4,275	3,691
Entertainment	-	341
Expenses for flag day	239	150
Expenses for dragon boat	2,027	1,402
Gifts	120	15
Balance carried forward to next page	42,914	44,979

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.



EPILEPSY CARE GROUP (SINGAPORE)

**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2013**

	Note	2013 \$	2012 \$
Balance brought forward from previous page		42,914	44,979
Insurance		535	535
Medical fee		84	355
Miscellaneous		354	751
Office maintenance and utilities		-	107
Postage and courier		367	272
Printing and stationery		8,339	6,367
Production of videos		-	3,000
Professional fee		-	491
Refreshment		3,108	1,074
Renewal of IPC status/ membership		-	264
Rental of copier		-	177
Rental of premises		116,947	116,947
Repair and maintenance		1,515	2,086
Salary		72,202	67,611
Skill development levy		156	164
Telephone		2,226	2,250
Transportation		320	592
Water and electricity		4,649	6,393
		253,716	254,415
Deficit before income tax		(51,345)	(23,026)
Income tax	8	-	-
Deficit for the year, representing total comprehensive loss for the year		(51,345)	(23,026)
			Accumulated Surplus
			\$
Balance as at 1 April 2011			213,168
Total comprehensive loss for the year			(23,026)
Balance as at 31 March 2012			190,142
Total comprehensive loss for the year			(51,345)
Balance as at 31 March 2013			138,797

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.



EPILEPSY CARE GROUP (SINGAPORE)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – 31 MARCH 2013

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Epilepsy Care Group (Singapore) (the “Society”) is registered under the Societies Act, Cap 311 and domiciled in the Republic of Singapore. The Society is also a charity (UEN: S95SS0164F) under the Charities Act, Cap 37. The Ministry of Health (“MOH”) has approved the Society’s application for renewal of Institution of a Public Character (“IPC”) status (General fund) from 9 August 2011 to 8 August 2014.

The Society’s registered office and place of operation is located at 26 Dunearn Road, Level 2, Singapore 309423.

The Society is managed by an Executive Council comprising:

President
Vice-President
Honorary Secretary
Assistant Secretary
Honorary Treasurer
Assistant Treasurer
Welfare Officer
Council Members

The principal objectives of the Society are to educate persons with epilepsy, their caregivers and the public about epilepsy; to provide opportunities and activities for meaningful social integration for persons with epilepsy and their caregivers; to advance the cause and interests of persons with epilepsy in Singapore; and to provide social and emotional support for persons with epilepsy.

The financial statements of the Society for the financial year ended 31 March 2013 were authorised for issue by the Executive Council on the date of the statement by the Executive Council.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

2.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Societies Regulations under the Societies Act, Cap 311, the Charities Act, Cap 37 and the Singapore Financial Reporting Standards (“FRS”). The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except as disclosed in the accounting policies below.

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with FRS requires the executive council to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected. In particular, information about significant areas of estimation, uncertainty and critical judgements in applying accounting policies that have the most significant effect on the amount recognised in the financial statements are described in Note 3.

Adoption of new and revised standards

On 1 April 2012, the Society adopted the new or amended FRS and Interpretations to FRS (“INT FRS”) that are mandatory for application from that date. Changes to the Society’s accounting policies have been made as required, in accordance with the transitional provisions in the respective FRS and INT FRS.



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The adoption of these new or amended FRS and INT FRS did not result in substantial changes to the Society's accounting policies and had no material effect on the amounts reported for the current financial year.

New or revised accounting standards and interpretations

Certain new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 April 2013 and which the Society has not early applied in preparing these financial statements. None of these are expected to have a significant impact on the Society's financial statements.

2.2 Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment are recognised at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

Subsequent expenditure relating to plant and equipment that has already been recognised is added to the carrying amount of the asset only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Society and the cost of the item can be measured reliably.

Gains or losses arising from the retirement or disposal of plant and equipment are determined as the difference between the estimated net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and are recognised in profit or loss on the date of retirement or disposal.

Depreciation is computed on the straight-line method to write-off the cost of the plant and equipment over its estimated useful life. The estimated useful lives of the plant and equipment are as follows:

	<u>Useful lives</u>
Computer	2 years
Furniture and fittings	5 years
Office and general equipment	5 years
Renovation	5 years
Medical and rehabilitation equipment	5 years
Dragon boat	5 years

Fully depreciated plant and equipment are retained in the financial statements until they are no longer in use and no further charge for depreciation is made in respect of these assets.

The residual value, estimated useful life and depreciation method are reviewed at each reporting date and adjusted prospectively, if appropriate.

The carrying values of plant and equipment are reviewed for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

2.3 Impairment of non-financial assets

Plant and equipment are reviewed for impairment whenever there is any indication that these assets may be impaired.

If the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount. The difference between the carrying amount and recoverable amount is recognised as an impairment loss in profit or loss.

An impairment loss for an asset is reversed if, and only if, there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the asset's recoverable amount since the last impairment loss was recognised. The carrying amount of this asset is increased to its revised recoverable amount, provided that this amount does not



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exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined (net of accumulated depreciation) had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. A reversal of impairment loss for an asset is recognised in profit or loss.

2.4 Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables include other receivables (excluding prepayments) and cash and cash equivalents. Such assets are initially recognised at their fair values plus transaction costs and subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less accumulated impairment losses.

Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the financial assets have expired or have been transferred and the Society has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership. On disposal of a financial asset, the difference between the carrying amount and the sale proceeds is recognised in profit or loss.

2.5 Other receivables

Other receivables are recognised at their original invoice amounts which represent their fair value on initial recognition.

An allowance is made for uncollectible amounts when there is objective evidence that the Society will not be able to collect the debt. An estimate for doubtful debts is made when the collection of full amount is no longer probable. Bad debts are written off when identified.

2.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise of cash at bank that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value. The carrying amounts of these assets approximate their fair value.

2.7 Impairment of financial assets

The Society assesses at each reporting date whether there is objective evidence that these financial assets are impaired and recognises an allowance for impairment when such evidence exists. Significant financial difficulties of the debtor, probability that the debtor will enter bankruptcy and default or significant delay in payments are objective evidence that these financial assets are impaired.

The carrying amount of these assets is reduced through the use of an impairment allowance account which is calculated as the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the original effective interest rate.

2.8 Other payables

Other payables represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Society prior to the end of financial year which are unpaid. They are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less (or in the normal operating cycle of the business if longer). If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Other payables are initially recognised at fair value, and subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.9 Offsetting of financial assets and liabilities

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the statement of financial position when there is a currently legal right to set off the recognised amounts and the Society intends to either settle on a net basis, or to realise the assets and settle the liability simultaneously.



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2.10 Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Society has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and the amount of the obligation can be estimated reliably.

2.11 Related parties

A related party is defined as follows:

- (a) A person or a close member of that person's family is related to the Society if that person:
 - (i) Has control or joint control over the Society;
 - (ii) Has significant influence over the Society; or
 - (iii) Is a member of the key management personnel of the Society or of a parent of the Society.

- (b) An entity is related to the society if any of the following condition applies:
 - (i) The entity and the Society are members of the same group (which means that each parent, subsidiary and fellow subsidiary is related to others).
 - (ii) One of the entities is an associate or joint venture of the other entity (or an associate or joint venture of a member of a group of which the other entity is a member).
 - (iii) Both entities are joint venture of the same third party.
 - (iv) One entity is a joint venture of a third entity and the other entity is an associate of the third entity.
 - (v) The entity is a post-employment benefit plan for the benefit of employees of either the Society or an entity related to the Society. If the Society is itself such a plan, the sponsoring employers are also related to the Society;
 - (vi) The entity is controlled or jointly controlled by a person identified in (a);
 - (vii) A person identified in (a) (i) has significant influence over the entity or is a member of the key management personnel of the entity (of or a parent of the entity).

2.12 Key management personnel

Key management personnel of the Society are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Society, directly or indirectly.

2.13 Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Society and the revenue can be reliably measure and the following specific recognition criteria must also be met before revenue is recognised:

(a) Contributions, donations, bazaar and membership fee

Participant contributions for activities and programs, donations, bazaar and membership fee are recognized upon receipt.

(b) Government grant for rental subsidy

Revenue from government grants for rental are recognised at fair value where there is reasonable assurance that the grant will be received and all attaching condition will be complied with. Grants received to meet operating expenses are recognised as income over the period necessary to match the related expenses.

(c) Miscellaneous income

Other miscellaneous income is recognised as income upon receipt.



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2.14 Leases – operating leases

When the Society is the lessee:

Lease where a significant portion of the risks and rewards of ownership are retained by the lessor is classified as an operating lease. Rental on operating lease is charged to statement of comprehensive income on a straight-line basis over the term of the relevant lease. When an operating lease is terminated before the lease period has expired any payment required to be made to the lessor by way of penalty is recognised as an expense in the period in which termination takes place.

2.15 Employee compensation

(a) *Defined contribution plans*

The Society's contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as employee compensation expense when the contributions are due, unless they can be capitalised as an asset.

(b) *Employee leave entitlement*

Employee entitlements to annual leave are recognised when they accrue to employees. A provision is made for the estimated liability for annual leave as a result of services rendered by employees up to the balance sheet date.

2.16 Contingencies

A contingent liability is a possible obligation that arises from past events and whose existence will be confirmed only by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the Society; or a present obligation that arises from past events but is not recognised because it is not probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation or the amount of the obligation cannot be measured with sufficient reliability.

3. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS, ESTIMATES AND ASSUMPTIONS

The preparation of the Society's financial statement requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of incomes, expenses, assets and liabilities, and the disclosure of contingent liabilities at the reporting date. However, uncertainty about these assumptions and estimates could result in outcomes that could require a material adjustment to the carrying amount of the asset or liability affected in the future.

3.1 Key sources of estimation uncertainty

The key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the end of each reporting period, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below:

(a) Impairment of non-financial assets

The Society performs annual impairment testing of non-financial assets with indications of impairment. The impairment testing of non-financial assets with indications of impairment requires an estimation of the asset's value in use. As at reporting date, the Society assesses that non-financial assets as disclosed in Note 4 to the financial statements, do not require impairment provisions.

(b) Estimated useful lives of plant and equipment

The Society reviews the estimated useful lives of plant and equipment at the end of each reporting period. During the financial year, management determined that the estimated useful lives of plant and equipment are appropriate and no material revision is required.



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The carrying amounts of the Society's plant and equipment at the end of the reporting period are disclosed in Note 4 to the financial statements.

3.1 Key sources of estimation uncertainty (cont'd)

(c) Impairment of other receivables

The Society assess at the end of each reporting period whether there is any objective evidence that a financial asset is impaired. To determine whether there is objective evidence of impairment, the Society considers factors such as the probability of insolvency or significant financial difficulties of the debtor and default or significant delay in payments.

Where there is objective evidence of impairment, the amount and timing of future cash flows are estimated based on historical loss experience for assets with similar credit risk characteristics. Actual results may differ from the Executive Council's estimates. The carrying amounts of the Society's other receivables at the end of the reporting period are disclosed in Note 5 to the financial statements.

3.2 Judgments made in applying accounting policy

The Executive Council is of the opinion that any instance of application of judgement is not expected to have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements, apart from those involving estimation mentioned above.

4. PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Computer	Furniture and Fittings	Office and General Equipment	Renovation	Medical and Rehabilitation Equipment	Dragon Boat	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cost							
As at 1 April 2011	9,011	14,055	9,584	7,360	24,157	12,305	76,472
Additions	-	-	2,165	-	-	-	2,165
Reclassification	(2,542)	-	2,542	-	-	-	-
Written off	(6,469)	-	-	-	-	-	(6,469)
As at 31 March 2012	-	14,055	14,291	7,360	24,157	12,305	72,168
Additions	-	-	2,597	-	-	-	2,597
As at 31 March 2013	-	14,055	16,888	7,360	24,157	12,305	74,765
Accumulated depreciation							
As at 1 April 2011	7,701	14,055	8,491	7,360	24,078	4,717	66,402
Depreciation for the year	-	-	1,207	-	23	2,461	3,691
Reclassification	(1,232)	-	1,232	-	-	-	-
Written off	(6,469)	-	-	-	-	-	(6,469)
As at 31 March 2012	-	14,055	10,930	7,360	24,101	7,178	63,624
Depreciation for the year	-	-	1,791	-	23	2,461	4,275
As at 31 March 2013	-	14,055	12,721	7,360	24,124	9,639	67,899

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Net Carrying Value							
As at 31 March 2013	-	-	4,167	-	33	2,666	6,866
As at 31 March 2012	-	-	3,361	-	56	5,127	8,544

5. OTHER RECEIVABLES

	2013	2012
	\$	\$
Deposits	9,168	9,168
Prepayments	1,260	1,260
	10,428	10,428

Other receivables as at the end of the reporting period are denominated in Singapore dollar.

6. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2013	2012
	\$	\$
Cash at bank	123,963	173,730
	123,963	173,730

Cash and cash equivalents as at the end of the reporting period are denominated in Singapore dollars.

7. OTHER PAYABLES

	2013	2012
	\$	\$
Accrued operating expenses	2,460	2,460
	2,460	2,460

Other payables as at the end of the reporting period are denominated in Singapore dollar.

8. INCOME TAX

As the Society is an approved IPC, the income is exempted from tax under section 13(1)(zm) of the Singapore Income Tax Act.

9. COMMITMENTS

Operating lease commitments (when the Society is a lessee)

	2013	2012
	\$	\$
Minimum lease payments under operating lease recognised as expense in the financial year	116,947	116,947
	116,947	116,947

The future aggregate minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases contracted for at the reporting but not recognised as liabilities, are as follows:



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	2013	2012
	\$	\$
Within 1 year	68,219	116,947
Within 2 to 5 years	-	155,929
	<u>68,219</u>	<u>272,876</u>

10. FUND MANAGEMENT

The primary objective of the Society's fund management is to ensure that the funding from operations and other sources are properly managed and used to supports its operations.

The Society manages its fund structure and makes adjustments to it, in light of changes in economic conditions. No changes were made in the objectives, policies or processes during the financial years ended 31 March 2013 and 31 March 2012.

The Society is not subjected to externally imposed capital requirements.

11. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND FAIR VALUE

11.1 Financial risk management

The main areas of financial risks faced by the Society are credit risk and liquidity risk. There has been no change to the Society's exposure to these financial risks or the manner in which it manages and measures these risks.

The Society's risk management approach seeks to minimise the potential material adverse effects from these exposures.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Society if a member or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligation.

The Society has no significant concentration of credit risk. The maximum exposure to credit risk is represented by the carrying amount of each financial asset in the statement of financial position. Information regarding other receivables is disclosed in Note 5 to the financial statements.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Society may not be able to settle or meet its obligations on time or at a reasonable price. In the management of liquidity risk, the Society monitors and maintains a level of cash and bank balances deemed adequate by the Society to finance its operations and mitigate the effects of fluctuations in cash flows.

All financial liabilities in the statement of financial position are repayable within one year from the reporting date.

11.2 Fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities

The carrying amounts of other receivables (Note 5, excluding prepayments) and other payables (Note 7) are assumed to approximate their respective

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(AS AT 31 MARCH 2013)

DONATIONS

\$22,000 plus

Lee Foundation

\$5000 plus

Singapore Totalisator Board

\$4000 plus

Ms Jenny Lau Buong Bee

\$3000 plus

Prof Michael Chee

GlaxoSmithKline Pte Ltd

Kwan Im Thong Hood Cho Temple

Roselle Mont-Clair Furnishing

Pte Ltd

Singapore Press Holdings Ltd

Tan Chin Tuan Foundation

\$2000 plus

Dr Choong Chew Thye

Ms Diana Koh Hwee Hoon

\$1000 plus

Mr Leong Wah Kheong

NTUC FairPrice Foundation Ltd

\$700 plus

Dr Lim Kim Whee

\$500 plus

Dr Ho King Hee

Church of the Holy Family

\$400 plus

Rev Fr Francis Lee Swee Mong

Mr Anand Nalachandran

Mdm Maggie Su Seok Huah

Dr Tan Bin Seng

\$300 plus

Mr Poh Khooon Gee

Mr Benjamin Tan Boon Leng

Mdm Mary Yeo

\$200 plus

Mr Chiu Guo Chyuan

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Mdm Wong Yoon Kiow

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Serangoon Catholic Church St.

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\$ 50 plus

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Dr Shirley Soh

Ms Tan Yen Fair

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JC Training and Consultancy

Siong Ann Engineering Pte Ltd

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Ms Grace Lim

Mdm Ng Ching Kai

Mdm Tay Yang Leng

Mdm Yong Ah Kum

Mdm Yuee Ah Num

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donors who prefer to remain

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MISSION STATEMENT

We seek to promote awareness, concerning epilepsy and to provide epilepsy related education and counselling to persons with epilepsy, their family members and to the public.

PHILOSOPHY

Persons with epilepsy should be treated as a group of persons who have an illness but who, for the most part can lead normal, productive and fulfilling lives. They should be able to say 'I have epilepsy' without being rejected or discriminated against.

OBJECTIVES

- To educate persons with epilepsy, their caregivers and the public about epilepsy.
- To provide opportunities and activities for meaningful social integration for persons with epilepsy and their caregivers.
- To advance the cause and interests of persons with epilepsy in Singapore.
- To provide social and emotional support for persons with epilepsy.



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