



Not So Over The Hill

Warm greetings to all! This year, Diabetic Society of Singapore turns 40! Over the hill already? Not at all! In fact, as we celebrate 40 years of unwavering service to our members and the general public, we want to make a toast to a bright future ahead.

Today, we can say, in humility and with gratitude to our dedicated staff and volunteers, that our voice is more audible and our services more visible. Moving ahead, we need more funds, more volunteers and more resources to run the society in order to meet the new challenges we face, such as effectively carrying out screening and clinical tests and adopting new technologies. We have been exploring greater cooperation with agencies, institutions, associations and speakers to raise our profile as well as to educate the masses by offering consultation, organising public talks and workshops, and conducting research.

DSS is also very proud to announce another major milestone in DSS' history: we have won the bid to host the IDF-WPR Congress in 2014. We shall be expecting more than 2000 delegates from 20 countries to attend the scientific program as well as to visit the exhibition of the latest technologies in medical equipment and services.

The proposed 4-day event will include a fun walk from Esplanade Drive through Helix Bridge to Gardens by the Bay, followed by a sampling of local hawker food. We want our distinguished guests to savour the Singapore experience and bring home beautiful memories of their time here.

This year, we are also planning to celebrate World Diabetes Day on a larger scale in November. The organising committee will kick-start the meeting soon so look out for details in the next issue of Diabetes Singapore. Better still, come join us as members and volunteers and be a part of this very significant event, one that can help many live healthy lives and even save lives!

On 16 April 2011, the society will hold its Annual General Meeting and elect the next Management Committee for a two-year term. I urge all to attend. We need all the help we can get. See you there.

Thank you very much and here's wishing you good health!

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