To support its commitment in providing and maintaining high standards of safety and health in the workplace, the School of Medicine has recently organised its first Basic Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Workshop for the SPU support staff on 3 to 4 May 2011. This two-day workshop was organised by OSH committee at Media & Educational Technology Unit.

This workshop was facilitated by AP Dr Shamsul Bahari Samsudin, deputy chairman of OSH committee of SPU. The main objectives of this workshop were to understand the occupational safety and health policies and legislation, to raise awareness of risks in the workplace and also the ways to safeguard the safety and health of the faculty members.

Following the presentation on the Emergency Response Plan and Safety and Health at Workplace, the participants were divided into several groups to discuss the safety manuals for various safety issues.

The 3rd Basic Life Support (BLS) Workshop for the year 2011 was held on the 19th of May. This event was held at SMK Tenghilan, Tamparuli and was coordinated by AP Dr Khin Swe Ei. About 50 students and teachers were involved in this event. The participants were exposed to recognizing life-threatening emergency situations such as choking, cardio respiratory arrest and to provide Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) to adults or children. This one day event has provided the trainees with the ability to attend to victims during emergency situations.

1st UMS-HOE Update and ECG Course

The 1st UMS-HOE Update and ECG Course attracted almost 300 general practitioners, house officers, medical officers, academic staff, specialist and nursing staff of hospitals in the state and was officiated by the Acting Dean, AP Dr D Kamarudin D Mudin which was held on Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th June 2011 in UMS Chancellery, Gallery. This is the first collaborations for Cardiology Update and ECG Course between School of Medicine, UMS and Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

Speakers who delivered plenary lectures in their respective fields of specialization at the symposium included Dato Dr K. Balachandran (JN, Kuala Lumpur), Dr Jeyamalar Rajadurai (Brine Darby Medical Centre), Dr Surinder Kaur (JN, Kuala Lumpur), Dr Liew Houng Bang (QEH, KK), Dr Mat Ramlee (QEH, KK), Dato Dr L.R. Chandran (AIMST University), and Dr Haji Nazar Luqman (RIPAS Hospital, Brunei).

The session was held over two days and the speakers shared their knowledge and experiences on variety of topics. The lectures provided insights concerning competency of ECG interpretation which are vital in the management of cardiac disorders. Topics discussed include Diagnosis & Management of Heart Failure, Heart Disease, Brady-Arrhythmias, Managing of Hypertension, ECG in Non-Cardiac Disorders and How to Read ECG. According to AP Dr HMP Singh, the organising chairman of this course, the two days academic event was indeed a very good learning experience to all the participants irrespective of their discipline of practice, as there is tendency to come across threatening cardiac emergencies.

The updates gained from this course will help them deal with those emergencies with confidence and effectiveness. Congratulations to AP Dr HMP Singh and Dr M Phanindranath for having conducted a successful teaching learning event.

Thank You! Prof Dr Osman All

AP Dr Kamarudin D Mudin was appointed as Acting Dean for School of Medicine replacing Prof Dr Osman Ali who finished his term as the Dean. He has vast experience in running the school as he had been a Deputy Dean (Academic & Students Affairs) before. Dr Kamarudin will execute the duties of the Dean in running the school. With his vast experience, strength and commitment; it is hoped that he would bring the school to a higher level of achievement. A Tribute to the former dean school of medicine, Prof Dr Osman Ali was held on 15 July 2011 at the Hyatt Hotel. This event aimed to record the school’s appreciation and gratitude for Prof Dr Osman on his contributions and dedication as the founder dean and of the countless efforts and sacrifices he rendered during his eight years tenure as the School’s dean.

The event began at 8.00pm with a speech from the acting dean school of medicine AP Dr D Kamarudin D Mudin. In his speech he expressed his profound gratitude to Prof Dr Osman for all the hard work he has done in bringing the School of Medicine to the level as it is today, also on his efforts in establishing a permanent campus of the School of Medicine. In addition, he hoped that Prof Dr Osman Ali will continue to serve the School of Medicine in UMS. The ceremony continued with a speech from Prof Dr Osman who thanked the school for holding the special event for him. In his humble speech, he stated that the school’s success and what it is today are results of collective efforts from all the staff and hoped that the effort and excellent teamwork will be continued and maintained. He added that with the new management team, the school will grow further and achieve excellence in all aspects. He also recorded his sincere apology to any staff that he might have unintentionally and unknowingly hurt during his tenure. The staffs that were present were also invited to say words of gratitude and appreciation to Prof Dr Osman. The event continued with the dinner, karaoke performances by SPU staff. The event ended at 10.00 pm with presentation of gifts and a photo session.