CSCB Seminar Series

Title:

"Alfred Russel Wallace: The Singapore visitor who figured out the mechanism for evolution."

Date:	Venue:	Time:
10 February 2017 (Friday)	**Amphitheatre, Level 7** Duke-NUS Medical School 8, College Road, Singapore 169857	**12:30 - 1:30 p.m.** *(Refreshment at 12:00 noon)*

Abstract & Bio:



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Dr Tony Whitten was trained as a wildlife biologist and for the past six years has been Regional Director – Asia-Pacific at Fauna & Flora International, the world's oldest international conservation organization. The subject of his PhD at Cambridge University was on the endangered gibbon on a remote and primitive island west of Sumatra in the mid-1970s. He then worked at the University of North Sumatra where he initiated production of a major and innovative series of books on the ecology of the several regions of Indonesia, writing three of them himself, each taking about three years.

During a two-year spell in the UK, Dr. Whitten was employed by the British government's conservation agency to write its Recovery Plan for Protected Species – covering sea anemones to wild cats. He joined the World Bank in Washington DC in 1995 and supported a broad range of activities and projects:

- he advised on habitat and species protection issues as part of infrastructure projects,
- started various region-wide and global activities (e.g. on freshwater biodiversity and the forgotten biodiversity of caves and karst),
- ran a programme which produced 111 volumes of local language field guides to all manner of plants and animals
- and was responsible for a suite of conservation projects in Mongolia, China, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Vietnam and elsewhere in the region.

He has an in-depth and broad knowledge of Asian biodiversity and has published on a wide variety of topics. At the end of each year he is the 'expert' aboard high-end cruises in eastern Indonesia on the theme of the remarkable Victorian naturalist, Alfred Russel Wallace.

Host:

David Virshup, M.D.
Professor & Director
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No registration is required. All are welcome.
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