

IFSC 2017 - Convention Programme

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Day 1 - 18 November (Saturday) - Ballroom

08:30	09:30	<i>Registration and Arrival, Coffee and Networking</i>	
09:30	09:40	President's Speech - Mr Darren Ng	
09:40	09:45	Ribbon Cutting Ceremony	
09:45	09:55	Master Accreditation Awards	
10:00	10:45	Dr Manfred Kubny	Keynote Speech The Concept of Qi, its meaning in Traditional Chinese Lifescience and its importance to Feng Shui.
10:50	11:35	GM Tan Khoon Yong & Master Goh Guan Leong Feng Shui in Modern Interior design: a Symphony of Art	Interior Feng Shui is just as important as exterior Feng Shui. Likewise, it is also crucial to note that residential Feng Shui differs from commercial Feng Shui. In this presentation, Grand Master Tan Khoon Yong and Master Goh Guan Leong reveal how a home's design and facing should complement the homeowner's <i>Bazi</i> for optimal Feng Shui. Urban interior design types provide insight on how each style benefits or is incongruous with an individual's Day Master. Thereafter, the Feng Shui practitioners from Way Feng Shui Group talk about auspicious directions for Periods 8 and 9, as well as wealth and <i>Tao Hua</i> directions. Other theories such as the taboo of having three doors in a straight line (穿心煞) are examined. Lastly, practical solutions to various scenarios where <i>sha qi</i> is present are suggested by Grand Master Tan and Master Goh.
11:40	12:25	GM Vincent Koh Reading the Chinese Almanac: its structure & history	The <i>Almanac</i> is known amongst the Chinese as the <i>Tong Shu</i> . It is also known as "The Book of Everything." The <i>Tong Shu</i> has a legendary history spanning more than 4,000 years. Almost every Chinese household will have a copy, and they believe that it is kept for good luck and protection against spirits because one section of the book contains Talismans. The <i>Almanac</i> is also a reference book for most Feng Shui practitioners, mainly for selecting auspicious dates to hold a wedding, funeral, construction, starting a new job, etc. Every year, more than one million copies of the <i>Tong Shu</i> are sold worldwide. Presently, the annual compilation and publication of the astronomical calendar is carried out by two groups of renowned astrologers from Hong Kong and Taiwan. GM Vincent Koh will share with you, why the <i>Almanac</i> is popular till today and what are the other relevant contents that are important for Feng Shui practice.
12:30	14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00	14:45	GM Stephen Skinner The Integration of different Feng Shui methods	There are so many different Schools and methods used in Feng Shui, from Eight Mansion and Flying Star, San He and San Yuan, to Qi Men Dun Jia and Xuan Kong Da Gua, that it is not always possible to know which is most appropriate for a particular problem. In this talk GM Stephen Skinner will resolve some of these confusions, and identify places when you should (or should not) apply particular methods.

14:50	15:35	<p>GM Raymond Lo</p> <p>Modern Qi Men Dun Jia.</p>	<p>Qi Men Dun Jia is one of the most respected ancient divination arts. It is said to have been invented at the time of the Yellow Emperor in 2600 BC in his battle against the monster Chi You. This famous art was used as war strategy in the famous battle of Red Cliff in 208 AD. In the modern world, we can employ this amazing ancient technique as an effective tool to understand a problematic situation and enhance the chance of successes. This lecture will explain the background and methods of Qi Men practices and demonstrate with examples how Qi Men can assist in handling problems in career, relationship and legal litigations, etc. It will also introduce the mysterious and fascinating Daoist Yin Dun Jia methods.</p>
15:40	16:00	<p><i>Coffee Break</i></p>	
16:00	16:45	<p>Master Jacek Kryg</p> <p>The role of the <i>Yijing</i> in Xuan Kong Da Gua</p>	<p>The <i>Yijing</i> is one of the oldest and the most important books in the world. In understanding the <i>Book of Changes</i> we learn the foundation of everything that comes from China. The knowledge of yin and yang, and the meaning of trigrams and hexagrams is the base of much of Chinese metaphysics, and hence of Feng Shui. One of the most advanced Feng Shui methods is Xuan Kong Da Gua (XKDG), which helps to unite time and space. Every unit of time and every geographical position has its own hexagram. XKDG helps to bring together these units and their hexagrams.</p>
16:50	17:35	<p>Master Marites Allen</p> <p>Feng Shui Fashion: in ancient China and modern day</p>	<p>Feng Shui has the ability to bring prosperity, health, and happiness to those who use it. Master Marites Allen shows how symbology in this ancient tradition can be applied effectively and timelessly to enhancing various life aspects. She will be talking about Hollywood actors, movies and how even top fashion houses use the concept of auspicious fashion. Looking further back she examines the changes in dress styles and colours over different Chinese dynasties. Marites explains how the symbolism of this discipline also has parallels with ancient Egyptian traditions, and shares interesting discoveries from her travels to Egypt and Central Asia, especially the ancient petroglyphs in Kyrgyzstan. She will show how the Egyptians used a variety of images very much like Chinese amulets and specific symbols used on their jewellery, clothing, and accessories.</p>
<p><i>End of Day 1</i></p>			

Day 2 - 19 November 2017 (Sunday)

		Ballroom 1	Ballroom 2
09:00	09:30	<i>Registration and Arrival, Coffee and Networking</i>	
09:30	10:15	Dr Jin Peh	Master Fiona Hawkins
		Four Pillars of Destiny: an Alternative Look at Celebrity Charts The Four Pillars of Destiny is a system that is widely used to ascertain the personality, career, family relationships, favourable and negative periods for an individual. This talk introduces a different perspective on Four Pillars charts, where the overall pattern or flow of the birth chart is related back to the Day Master. The chart is divided into six major groups and the ranking of each element in the context of this classification is backed up with current chart examples of famous individuals.	Discovering Feng Shui Forests This talk introduces a unique landscape feature found in southern China and introduced to Hong Kong over the centuries by waves of migrants setting up villages using Feng Shui principles. Feng Shui Forests are complex entities, combining Feng Shui landscape principles, spiritual beliefs and centuries of experience living with and farming the land. For too long they have not been fully valued or understood outside the traditional Hakka villages, resulting in encroachment and destruction by the rapid development of Hong Kong, and the relocation of village residents to the city centre or overseas. We can learn a great deal from the villagers who planted, maintained and treasured these woodlands.
10:20	11:05	Dr Manfred Kubny	Hanz Cua
		tba	Palm Reading as an adjunct to Feng Shui Palm Reading is one of the methods used to know a person's personality, fortune and future by analyzing his/her palm lines. Palm Reading is also called Chiromancy and may have begun in India before spreading to other countries like China, Tibet, Egypt, and Persia, etc. It came to China around 3,000 B.C. What can you expect in this talk? Master Hanz will teach you a simple and easy way to analyze palm lines, and how this knowledge can enhance your Feng Shui practice.
11:10	11:55	Master Petra Coll Exposito	Master Cristina Groza
		Chinese Astrology and Feng Shui This talk applies Feng Shui to improve human luck by using the favourable elements of Chinese Astrology. Of course the horoscope, and the course of time, cannot be changed but the 5 Elements can be related to the cardinal directions and activated accordingly. We become sick when the 5 Elements of our body are out of balance. The same happens when our life becomes chaotic because the 5 Elements of our life are then out of balance. It is possible to improve the luck of a person by adjusting and using just the Elements. This talk, accompanied by examples, covers the 24 directional energies of all the locations and directions for each of the 5 Elements.	Using Bazi and Feng Shui to improve relationships Relationships maybe one of the most complicated subjects to talk about, yet one of the most important. We have an abundance of books on this subject, specialists, coaches, blogs, sites, TV and radio shows, and yet, there is something that is still missing. Are relationships just a matter of love and attraction? Is there an art in getting and keeping a relationship, or is there more to it? Scientists haven't figured why some relationships seem to just go with the flow and work out naturally while others are filled with turbulence. Fortunately Feng Shui explains how the energies in our living space can affect our behaviour with others and gives us solutions to harmonise those energies by applying the proper remedies, while <i>Bazi</i> helps us to understand these human interactions on a deeper level.

12:00	13:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
13:30	14:15	Master Jen Stone	Master SBS Surendran
		Feng Shui Fallacies Classical Feng Shui is notoriously misunderstood. The many New Age gimmick schools that promote the incorrect dissemination of information have contributed to the widespread misconception that Feng Shui is a religious, spiritual, or esoteric practice, rather than a logical, systematic, and objective discipline. The western approach of over-simplifying Feng Shui has not only compromised the integrity of the knowledge, but as a result, many people have become sceptical of its use in their everyday life. Master Jen Stone intends to reverse these fallacies and show what authentic Feng Shui is.	Garden Feng Shui: Wind, Water and Tranquility Gardens, flowers, sculptures and flowing water not only add to the serenity and tranquility of the human mind and soul but also promote a continuous flow of <i>sheng qi</i> . The art of designing gardens has been sacred in many civilizations. The ancient gardens of China and Japan reveal the finer aspects and subtle nuances of good garden Feng Shui. Adapting such designs to modern times would be beneficial to ensure a flow of <i>sheng qi</i> around our place of dwelling. This presentation will take you from ancient times to modern times with a brief insight into the importance of flowers and their meaning, and will conclude with an analysis of energy changes in our environment produced by good garden design.
14:20	15:05	Princess Lim Fernandez	Master Yap Boh Chu
		Using Feng Shui to Select a Commercial Site Successful business cities like Hong Kong and Singapore have utilised Feng Shui in their space design. Commercial sites include restaurants, coffeehouses, salons, shops, department stores, boutiques, showrooms, to service centres, etc. Princess Lim Fernandez will discuss how to use Feng Shui to select a commercial site best suited for a particular business purpose and its owners. This talk will give some insight into checking the surroundings, planning the space, and tapping into good energies to maximize the space's potential and increase the commercial success of the client.	San He Fundamentals San He Feng Shui translates as Three Harmony Feng Shui: it uses the three Harmonies of Dragon, Water and Mountain to create good Feng Shui. These Three Harmonies of Dragon, Water and Mountain apply to the Dragon as the source of the good <i>qi</i> ; Water to control the <i>qi</i> and the Sitting Mountain (or Facing Direction) to tap into this auspicious formation. As San He is environmentally based, it is less prone to time changes than Xuan Kong methods, giving a longer lasting effect.
15:10	15:55	Master Tyler Rowe	Master Viktoriia Khilinich
		The Measurements of Ancient Chinese Cosmology: Heavenly Stems and Earthly Branches The Ten Heavenly Stems and the Twelve Earthly Branches are some of the oldest Chinese characters in existence. Despite their somewhat obscure origins and abstract meanings, they have managed to permeate every aspect of modern Feng Shui and Fate Calculation in use today. This talk will examine the history and formation of these ancient logographs in the context of philosophical systems and metaphysical methods. Some of the more common practices of the Stems and Branches will be revisited, along with a few rarer uses, to 'shine a lantern' on their contemporary application.	Effect of the Five Elements on Health The shape of the body and its physical limits are partly determined by our own Four Pillars. The most important analysis relates to health and the influence of the Luck Pillars on upcoming years, month and days. The role of the impact of seasonal cycles throughout the year is also important. Examples of peoples' state of health where there is redundancy or insufficiency of the five Elements in the birth chart is also examined. Key patterns reveal when the patient's health is in greatest danger. Evaluating survival chances using <i>Bazi</i> and <i>Qi Men Dun Jia</i> methods. The difference between the types of damage caused by obvious climatic factors, and those caused by the hidden cosmic influences of the five Elements in the upcoming year. How to defeat the limits of destiny, or to make youthfulness last longer.

16:00	16:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
16:30	17:00	<p>Master Aparna Agarwal</p> <p>How the International Feng Shui Association supports its members</p>	<p>It is said that when we strengthen a system, the system in turn strengthens us. This presentation aims to convey how the International Feng Shui Association can play a key role in strengthening the knowledge and practice of Professional Feng Shui practitioners, as well as act as the perfect platform for initiating others interested in diving into the vast sea of Chinese Metaphysics. How studying Feng Shui enables you to make a valuable contribution towards the enhancement of this science and the Feng Shui community.</p>
17:00	17:45	<p>Master Janene Laird</p> <p>Feng Shui pointers for the coming year 2018</p>	<p>The solar Year of the Earth Dog (戊戌) commences on the 4th February 2018. The Dog is the 11th sign in the Chinese Zodiac and considered to be an honest, intelligent and loyal animal. According to the <i>Hsia Calendar</i>, the year is also characterised by the Heavenly Stem of Yang Earth (戊) on top of the Earthly Branch of the Earth Dog (戌). This double, primary influence of the Earth element suggests a year of more positive change with an increased focus on social awareness. But how will these influences affect you personally and what can you do to prepare yourself, your family and your clients? If you would like to learn more, then this preview for the Year of the Yang Earth Dog will help you make the most of the energies and influences that lay ahead in 2018.</p>
17:50	18:00	President's Closing Ceremony & Speakers' Presentations	
19:00	23:30	<i>Gala Dinner</i>	
<i>End of Day 2</i>			