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President's Newsletter

Dear Fellows and colleagues

I write to update you on some of the developments in your College as well as to highlight forthcoming CME programmes for your attention:

1. Council Members and Section Committee Members, College of O and G Singapore

Following the AGM on 11 May 2007, the following were elected to the College Council and Sections of the College:

<i>President</i>	<i>Dr Chang Tou Choong</i>
<i>Immediate Past President</i>	<i>A/Prof Ho Tew Hong</i>
<i>Vice-President</i>	<i>Dr Lai Fon Min</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Dr Suresh Nair</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Dr Sheila Loh</i>
<i>Council Members</i>	<i>Dr Fong Chuan Wee</i> <i>A/Prof Arijit Biswas</i> <i>Dr Jothi Kumar</i>

Section of Gynaecological Oncology

<i>Chairman</i>	<i>A/Prof Tay Eng Hseon</i>
<i>Committee Members</i>	<i>Dr Yam Kwai Lam</i> <i>A/Prof Arunachalam Ilancheran</i> <i>Dr Quek Swee Chong</i>

Section of Maternal Fetal Medicine

Chairman *A/Prof George SH Yeo*
Committee Members *Dr Tan Hak Koon*
 A/Prof Arijit Biswas
 A/Prof Mary Rauff

Section of Reproductive Medicine

Chairman *Dr Sheila Loh*
Committee members *Dr Loh Seong Feei*
 Dr Yu Su Ling
 Dr Fong Yoke Fai
 Dr Koh Chung Fai

Section of Urogynaecology

Chairman *Dr Roy Ng*
Committee Members *Dr Han How Chuan*
 Dr Lee Lih Charn
 Dr James Lee

I wish to congratulate the above and ask for your support to the Council and Sections as they seek to improve clinical practice standards and professionalism in Obstetrics and Gynaecology and the various sub-specialties.

2. 4th College Lecture and Dinner, 21 July 2007

Plans are going well for the forthcoming Lecture and Dinner at the Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel on Saturday, 21 July 2007 at 7 pm. We look forward to the Lecture by Professor Tony Chung, President of the Kong Kong College of O and G on "Mainland Mothers: Impact on Obstetric Practice in Hong Kong. The Guest-of-Honour at the Dinner is Professor Nambiar, President of the Singapore Medical Council. So far, 19 tables have been sold and there are still some seats available. Should you wish to make a booking, please contact Eileen Sin, our College Secretariat at 6238 5076.

3. O and G Symposium, 22 July 2007 (up to 4 CME points)

Please find enclosed the CME programme organised by the College on 22 July 2007 at Raffles City Convention Centre, as part of the 41st Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine. Dr Suresh Nair, Dr Sheila Loh and A/Prof Mary Rauff have put together a most stimulating series of clinical lectures that will address everyday questions that you will confront in your clinical

practice. The lecture topics have been specifically formulated following feedback from many O and G specialists requesting up-to-date information on infections in pregnancy (eg. how to counsel a patient who has contracted chicken-pox or parvovirus in pregnancy), and more evidence-based information on what to do with sub-optimal semen analysis results. Although it is a Sunday, I am sure you will agree that it is well worth the time and effort to come for this Symposium. Please use the form enclosed to register as a Day Participant at this Symposium

4. New Fellows to be admitted at the Induction Ceremony, 41st Singapore Malaysia Congress of Medicine, 19 July 2007

We wish to extend our heartiest congratulations to our fellow colleagues who will be admitted as Fellows to the Academy of Medicine, Singapore on the 19 July 2007:

- 1) *Chia Yin Nin*
- 2) *Goh Shen Li*
- 3) *Lee Weng Soon, James*
- 4) *Seng Shay Way*
- 5) *Siow Yew Ming, Anthony*
- 6) *Wong Mun Tat*

5. Future plans for the College

The College will be involved in the following CME / CPD activities and specialist training programmes:

- a) College will continue to co-organise the 2008 MRCOG Part II Preparatory Course, together with KK Hospital and the Singapore Representative Committee, RCOG, to prepare candidates from Singapore and the region for the MRCOG examination to be held in May 2008.
- b) The College will continue to co-organise the yearly MMed / MRCOG Examination together with the School of Postgraduate Medical Studies, National University of Singapore and the RCOG. The College is pleased that A/Prof TH Ho is agreeable to represent the College in this Examination, in his role as the Chief Examiner.
- c) College will continue to seek new opportunities to work closely with the O and G Society of Singapore in CME activities. I wish to thank Dr ST Beh, President of the O and G Society, Singapore for the opportunity to co-organise future Medico-Legal seminars as well as to co-organise the 8th Postgraduate Refresher Course in O and G in 2008. A strong College and a strong OGSS can only help to improve the care that we provide to our patients by improving our clinical practice standards through CME and CPD. I shall strive to make every effort to work closely with Dr Beh

and the OGSS to streamline our CME programmes and reduce duplication of effort

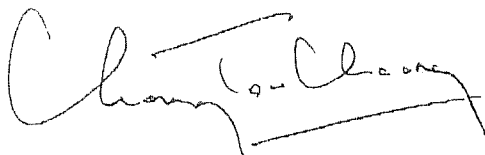
- d) College will devote more time to address the development of our sub-specialties, so that both the generalist (who make up the vast majority of our College) and the sub-specialist will benefit from skills acquisition and up-grading. We are privileged that the 4 Section Heads (A/Prof Tay Eng Hseon, A/Prof George SH Yeo, Dr Sheila Loh, Dr Roy Ng), will serve as Chairpersons of their respective Sections for another 2 years, giving us the continuity to develop programmes that will enhance sub-specialty training in Singapore
- e) The Section of Maternal Fetal Medicine, under the leadership of A/Prof George SH Yeo will begin working on Clinical Practice Guide-lines on Downs syndrome Screening in Singapore. Please give your feed-back to him and I am sure he will welcome your contributions should you wish to be a member of the committee

Finally, on behalf of the Fellows of the College, I would like to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to our Immediate Past-President A/Prof Ho Tew Hong for his tireless efforts in making the College what it is today. Thankfully, Tew Hong remains on the Council as the immediate past president and we will continue to benefit from his wise counsel in the years ahead.

I shall look forward to seeing you all at the College Lecture and Dinner on 21 July 2007 and the O and G Symposium on the 22 July.

With Best Wishes

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chang', with a stylized flourish underneath.

TC Chang
President
College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists, Singapore