



Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons College of Surgeons, Singapore Annual Report 2007

CHAPTER SPECIALTY BOARD

The following Chapter Specialty Board Members have served their office from 2007-2008:

Chairman:	Dr Chua Yeow Leng
Vice-Chairman:	Dr Sriram Shankar
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Lim Chong Hee
Board Members:	Dr Lim See Lim
	Dr Ooi Oon Cheong
	Dr Sim Kwang Wei, Eugene

At the time of writing the Annual Report, the 2007-2008 Chapter Board had met two times to conduct the business and affairs of the Chapter for year 2007.

MEMBERSHIP

The total membership as of 31 December 2007 under the Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons now stands at 26 Fellows comprises of 24 Local Fellows and 2 Overseas Fellows.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

Cardiothoracic Surgery Update Session I

The Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons organised the Cardiothoracic Surgery Update Session I – Thoracic Surgery Updates: *Surgery for End Stage Lung Failure* on Friday, 14 December 2007 at SGH Postgraduate Medical Institute. Dr Agasthian Thirugnanam and Dr Lim Chong Hee were invited to share with the Chapter Members and the Cardiothoracic trainees on *Lung Volume Reduction Surgery* and *Lung Transplantation* respectively. This session was chaired by Dr Lim Chong Hee.

Second Dinner Lecture

A/Prof. Wan Song, Senior Cardiac Surgeon of the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery, Chinese University of Hong Kong delivered an interesting lecture on *Cardiovascular Surgery in China: A 50-year Perspective* in the Second Dinner Lecture organised by the Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons on Wednesday, 18 July 2007 at National Heart Centre. The audience mainly comprised of Members from the Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons, other heart surgeons and nurses from both National Heart Centre and National University Hospital. The Chapter Board Members were privileged to receive a complimentary copy of A/Prof Wan Song's latest publication "*Cardiothoracic Surgery in China: past, present, and future*" at the Second Dinner Lecture. The Second Dinner Lecture was chaired by Dr Chua Yeow Leng and cited by Dr Lim See Lim.

Cardiothoracic Surgery Symposium in 41st Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine

The Chapter has organised a Cardiothoracic Surgery Symposium – *Update in Surgery for Atrial Fibrillation* on 22 July 2007 at the Raffles City Convention Centre in conjunction with the 41st Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine hosted by the Academy of Medicine, Singapore. Speakers invited to speak in this symposium were A/Prof Wan Song from Chinese University of Hong Kong, Dr Jeswant Dillon from National Heart Institute of Malaysia, Drs Chua Yeow Leng, Lim See Lim and Hsu Li Fern from the National Heart Institute of Singapore. The symposium was co-chaired by Dr Chua Yeow Leng & Dr Lim See Lim.

ACTIVITIES IN THE PIPELINE

Cardiothoracic Surgery Update Sessions

The Chapter will be organising the Cardiothoracic Surgery Update Session II – Cardiac Surgery Updates and Cardiothoracic Surgery Update Session III – Lung Cancer Updates to be held on 11 January 2008 and 2 May 2008 respectively at the National Heart Centre. Event publicity will be disseminated when nearer the date.

Third Dinner Lecture for the Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons

The Chapter is organising the 3rd dinner lecture on 11 July 2008 and we have the pleasure in inviting Dr Taweesak Chotivatanapong from the Chest Disease Institute of Thailand to speak in this event. Event information will be disseminated when finalise.

Table of Surgical Procedures (TOSP) Review called by Ministry of Health (MOH)

The Chapter has submitted its returns of the TOSP table to MOH for Phase 1 in April 2007 and will continue to work with MOH on Phase 2 of the TOSP review exercise as well as in finalising the codes.

Staff Registrar Scheme (SRS)

The Ministry of Health (MOH) has issued a paper in early 2007 introducing the initiative of conducting a structured diploma programme with on-the-job training as previously proposed by the Academy of Medicine, Singapore. The SRS programme is intended to accommodate foreign doctors whose specialist degrees are not recognised by the Singapore Accreditation Board and whose medical schools are not recognised by the Singapore Medical Council. This scheme also accepts local doctors who neither want to be General Practitioners nor Specialists but prefer to work long-term in public hospitals and be promoted along the career path of a registrar. With this, the Chapter plans to roll out a SRS programme for the Cardiothoracic Surgery and this programme will ultimately award a *Diploma in Cardiothoracic Surgery* conferred jointly by the Academy of Medicine, Singapore and the College of Surgeons, Singapore. More details will be announced soon.

APPRECIATION

The Chapter wishes to record its appreciation to all our Fellows for their support rendered in the past year and we look forward to your ongoing support for future projects.

December 2007

Dr Lim Chong Hee

Honorary Secretary

On behalf of 2007-2008 Board, Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons