



Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons College of Surgeons, Singapore Annual Report 2009

3RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 3RD Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons was held on Monday, 20 April 2009 at 6.30pm at Conference Room (Level 4), National Heart Centre, Mistri Wing, 17 Third Hospital Avenue, Singapore 168752.

CHAPTER SPECIALTY BOARD

The following Chapter Specialty Board Members have served their office from 2009-2010:

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

At the time of writing the Annual Report, the 2009-2010 Chapter Board had met one time to conduct the business and affairs of the Chapter for year 2009.

MEMBERSHIP

The total membership as of 31 December 2009 under the Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons now stands at 28 Fellows comprising of 27 Local Fellows and 1 Overseas Fellow.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

Cardiothoracic Surgery Update Sessions

The Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons had planned and organised a series of update sessions to provide an update on the latest development of the specialty for the benefit of trainees, nurses and Members of the Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons.

Update session	Date	Venue	Theme / Invited Speakers & Topics	Chairperson
6	20 Mar 2009	Gleneagles Hospital	Heart Failure Updates Key Trials in Heart Failure <i>by Dr Chuang Hsuan-Hung, Singapore Heart & Vascular Clinic</i> Latest Updates from the STICH Trial <i>by Dr Chua Yeow Leng, National Heart Centre</i> ECMO for Cardogenic Shock and ECPR <i>by Dr Tan Teing Ee, National Heart Centre</i>	Dr Lim Chong Hee

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			Left Ventricular Assist Device for Destination Therapy – Are We There Yet? <i>by Dr C. Sivathanan, The Heart, Lung & Vascular Centre</i>	
7	1 Aug 2009	Conrad Centennial Hotel	<u>Ischemic Mitral Regurgitation (IMR) – Beyond Annuloplasties</u> Functional MR Still to be Defined? <i>by Dr Chua Yeow Leng, National Heart Centre</i> Management of Functional MR – Selection Criteria <i>by Dr Chotivatanapong Taweek, Chest Disease Institute, Thailand</i> Different Surgical Approaches for Functional Mitral Regurgitation in Heart Failure <i>by Dr Masashi Komeda, Nagoya Heart Centre, Japan</i> Support your P3 Remodel Like Never Before <i>by Ms Tee Hui Leng, Edwards Lifesciences</i>	Dr Lim See Lim
8	12 Oct 2009	Singapore General Hospital Mount Elizabeth Hospital	<u>Innovation in Valve Surgery – Guest Speaker, A/Prof Jian Ye, University of British Columbia, Vancouver</u> Breakfast Talk Lessons Learned - Transcatheter AVR Lunch Talk Transcatheter AVR - A New Treatment Paradigm?	Dr Lim Chong Hee Dr James Wong
9	2 Nov 2009	National Heart Centre	<u>Surgery for Heart Failure Updates – Guest Speaker, Prof Gerald Buckberg, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA</u> Breakfast Talk LV Restoration - Is there a unified approach after the STICH Trial?	Dr Lim Chong Hee

Academic Exchange between Lucknow College of Surgeons of India and College of Surgeons, Singapore

The College of Surgeons Singapore (CSS) was pleased to receive a request from Lucknow College of Surgeons (LCS) of India on 15 May 2009 requesting for an academic exchange between the two Colleges. On behalf of CSS, the Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons led by the Chapter Chairman, Dr Lim Chong Hee, had hosted LCS on Monday, 8 June 2009 with a tour of the National Heart Centre and the operating ward, showing LCS the hospital facilities, infrastructure and surgical technologies that are equipped and available in local hospitals. The highlight was the talk given by Prof Rama Kant, President of LCS, on *Trends of Surgery in Empyema Thoraces* and the talk was attended by Cardiothoracic Surgeons and trainees from the National Heart Centre.

Fourth Chapter Dinner Lecture

Dr Tomislav Mihaljevic from the Department of Thoracic & Cardiovascular Surgery of the Cleveland Clinic, U.S.A. delivered an interesting lecture on *Minimally Invasive Cardiac Surgery: Myth or Fact?* at the Fourth Dinner Lecture organised by the Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons on Thursday, 11 June 2009 at The British Club. Attendees mainly comprised of Members from the Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons, trainees, nurses and perfusionists from both National Heart Centre and National University Hospital. The Organising Chairman was Dr Lim Chong Hee. Dr Lim also chaired and cited the 4th Chapter Lectureship.

Mitral Valve Repair Workshop

In conjunction with the update session 7 held on 1 August 2009, the Chapter was pleased to receive the support from Edwards Lifesciences to organise a Mitral Valve Repair Workshop for all trainees which was conducted after the update session 7 at Conrad Centennial Hotel. The Chapter gave its appreciation to Dr Taweesak Chotivatanapong for contributing his time as the invited instructor for this workshop after speaking at the update session. The Organising Chairperson was Dr Lim See Lim.

Cardiac Dinner Symposium 2009

The Chapter was privileged to have Prof Gerald Buckberg, a distinguished Professor of Surgery with the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery from the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, accepting its invitation to deliver an interesting talk at the dinner symposium held at Min Jiang at Goodwood Park Hotel on Monday, 2 November 2009 on *Cardiac Dance / The Spirals of Life* which saw the combination of art and science in surgical technology on cardiac formation, congestive heart failure and correction. The dinner symposium was jointly organised by the Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons, Singapore Cardiac Society, National University Heart Centre and the National Heart Centre. It was well attended by 70 guests comprising Members of the Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons, Members of the Chapter of Cardiologists, Members of the Singapore Cardiac Society, trainees and perfusionists. The Organising Chairperson was Dr Lim Chong Hee.

Cardiothoracic Surgery Breakfast Talk & Aortic Valve Replacement Workshop

The Chapter was pleased to invite Dr Ravi Pillai, a Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeon with the John Radcliffe Hospital Oxford as well as a Senior Clinical Lecturer with the University of Oxford, to deliver a lecture on the latest development of stent valve technology on Wednesday, 2 December 2009. His talk topic on *Novel Method of Aortic Valve Replacement – ATS 3F Aortic Bioprosthesis Tissue Valve* had triggered a keen interest from the Members of the Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons and trainees who attended the lecture. With the support of Transmedic, an Aortic Valve Replacement workshop was also organised to allow practical hands-on by the practising surgeons and trainees on the latest valve replacement technique, with Dr Ravi Pillai as the invited instructor for the workshop. A/Prof Kenny Sin chaired the breakfast talk and he was also the assistant instructor for the workshop.

STAFF REGISTRAR SCHEME (SRS)

With reference to the Ministry of Health's (MOH's) 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 (AMS) for 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, the Chapter has rolled out its SRS Programme in April 2008. The first intake has one (1) trainee currently from the National Heart Centre and the programme has gone into its second year, in which the candidate had taken his first year assessment exam and annual appraisal on Friday, 30 October 2009. The SRS training programme takes the form of apprenticeship training and will ultimately award a *Diploma in Cardiothoracic Surgery* conferred jointly by AMS and the College of Surgeons, Singapore.

PARTICIPATION IN MOH'S INITIATIVE

Review of Levels of Medical Capability (LMC)

All Specialty Chapters under the College of Surgeons, Singapore were invited by MOH through the Academy of Medicine, Singapore (AMS) in June 2009 to participate in the Review of Levels of Medical Capability (LMC) to provide feedback on the existing LMC manual on the medical capabilities at level 1 and 2 that are currently performed at regional hospitals versus teaching hospitals. Review and feedback included the following:

1. Proposed additional of new services or removal of obsolete services
2. Proposed changes in terminology or description of services and/or changes in level of services
3. Identification of services which can only be performed under a tertiary setting
4. Identification of essential support services required for adequate provision of services

The Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons submitted its inputs to MOH through AMS in July 2009 and thereafter, assisted in the clarification of its inputs with MOH in October 2009.

ACTIVITIES IN THE PIPELINE

Cardiothoracic Surgery Update Sessions

The Chapter will continue to organise update sessions to disseminate the latest updates on various subspecialties by inviting local surgeons of vast experience as well as prominent regional surgeons to deliver academic benefits to the local cardiothoracic surgery community. Details will be announced in due course.

Fifth Dinner Lecture of the Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons

The Chapter has planned to organise the 5th dinner lecture in July 2010 and event information will be disseminated when finalise.

Ad-Hoc Lectures and Workshops

The Chapter will look into opportunities to organise ad-hoc lectures and workshops by partnering with its healthcare partners and the possibility of bringing in more renowned regional speakers to speak on controversial topics or recent development of surgical techniques.

APPRECIATION

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

December 2009
Dr Lim See Lim
Honorary Secretary
On behalf of 2009-2010 Board, Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons