



Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons College of Surgeons, Singapore Annual Report 2010

4TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 4TH Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons was held on Monday, 26 April 2010 at 6.15pm at Tutorial Room (Level 3), National Heart Centre, Mistri Wing, 17 Third Hospital Avenue, Singapore 168752.

CHAPTER SPECIALTY BOARD

The following Chapter Specialty Board Members have completed their term of office from 2010-2011 by the date of the 5th Annual General Meeting of the Chapter:

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 2010-2011 Chapter Board had not conducted any board meetings in year 2010. The first board meeting is scheduled to be held in January 2011 to conduct the business and affairs of the Chapter.

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.

22ND ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING OF THE SINGAPORE CARDIAC SOCIETY

The Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons had co-organised the 22nd Annual Scientific Meeting of the Singapore Cardiac Society, jointly with the Chapter of Cardiologists of the College of Physicians, Singapore which was held on Saturday and Sunday, from 27-28 March 2011 at the Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel. The theme of the meeting was "*Cardiology Today: Innovation, Application & Evolution*" and the Guest-of-Honor was Dr Chong Yeh Woei, the President of the Singapore Medical Association. The meeting was attended by a total of 240 participants. The Organising Chairman was Dr Victor Lim from the College of Physicians, Singapore.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

Cardiothoracic Surgery Update Session

The Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons had planned and organised the following update session 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
10	Saturday, 3 July 2010	National Heart Centre	Trachea Surgery and ECMO Update on H1N1 Patients <u>Session 1 – Trachea Surgery</u> Surgical Intervention for Tracheal Stenosis by Dr James Wong, The Heart Lung and Vascular Surgical Centre Endoscopic Intervention for Tracheal Diseases by A/Prof Lee Pyng, Dept of Medicine, National University Hospital Anaesthesia in Tracheal Surgery by Dr Ku Chih Min, Dept of Anaesthesia, Singapore General Hospital <u>Session 2 – ECMO Update on H1N1 Patients</u> What is H1N1? by Dr Leong Hoe Nam, Dept of Infectious Disease, Singapore General Hospital V-V ECMO by Dr Lim Yeong Phang, Dept of Cardiothoracic Surgery, National Heart Centre National Heart Centre's Experience by Dr Su Jang Wen, Dept of Cardiothoracic Surgery, National Heart Centre ICU Care of Critically-ill Patients with 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) by Dr Kenneth Chan, Dept of Respiratory Medicine, Singapore General Hospital	Dr Su Jang Wen

Fifth Chapter Dinner Lecture

Dato' Dr Mohd Azhari Yakub, Head of the Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery with Institut Jantung Negara, was invited to deliver an insightful lecture on *Trends in Valve Surgery at Institut Jantung Negara* at the Fifth Dinner Lecture organised by the Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons on Friday, 30 July 2010 at the Peach Garden @33 (The Executives' Club). Attendees were 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 5th Chapter Lectureship.

Cardiothoracic Surgery Breakfast Talk & Workshop

The Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons organised a specialty breakfast talk and workshop on the theme of "Off Pump Coronary Artery Bypass (OPCAB) Surgery" on Monday, 27 September 2010 at the Singapore General Hospital. The Chapter was pleased to invite Dr Suchart Chaiyaroj, a Cardiac Surgeon with the Cardiothoracic Unit of the Ramathibodi Hospital, as the Proctor for the live surgery workshop, together with the local teaching faculty which consisted of Dr Lim Chong Hee, Dr Lim Yeong Phang and Dr Tan Teing Ee, all who are Senior Consultants with the National Heart Centre Singapore as well as being members of the Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons. Dr Suchart also delivered a talk on *Does Off Pump CABG Remain Relevant?* at the breakfast talk. In addition, Dr Somchai Viengteerawat from the Department of Anaesthesiology of Ramathibodi Hospital was also invited to speak

on *Anesthesia Experience in OPCAB at Ramathibodi Hospital*. The breakfast talk and live surgery workshop, which also offered learning of the surgery procedure via CCTV, saw an attendance of about 20 participants comprising of cardiac surgeons and anaesthetists. The Organising Chairman was Dr Lim Chong Hee.

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 had implemented its SRS Programme in April 2008. The first intake has one (1) trainee currently from the National Heart Centre and the candidate had taken his second year assessment exam and annual appraisal on Saturday, 20 November 2010. 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 MINISTRY OF HEALTH'S (MOH) INITIATIVES

All Specialty Chapters under the College of Surgeons, Singapore were invited by MOH through the Academy of Medicine, Singapore (AMS) to participate in the following:

Specific Licensing Conditions for Credentialling Medical Practitioners

The review exercise called in June 2010 was intended to gather feedback on the specific licensing conditions to determine whether the proposed licensing conditions were adequate to ensure patient safety, and whether there were any additional conditions to be included.

Review of Framework & Categorization of Screening Tests

The Screening Test Review Committee, formed by the Academy of Medicine and chaired by Prof Lee Hin Peng, was tasked to formulate a report on the recommendations and categorization of screening tests provided in Singapore. The objective was to develop a screening test framework and to make recommendations on the categorization of commercially available screening tests within the framework. Feedback was invited from all Specialty Chapters in June 2010 to assist in developing the screening test framework.

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.

Sixth Dinner Lecture of the Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons

The Chapter will plan the organising of this annual core event of the Chapter and event information will be disseminated when finalised.

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 2010
Dr Lim See Lim
Honorary Secretary
On behalf of 2010-2011 Board, Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons