



Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons College of Surgeons, Singapore Annual Report 2011

5TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 5TH Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons was held on Monday, 25 April 2011 at 6.00pm at Lecture Theatre (Level 3), National Heart Centre, Mistry Wing, 17 Third Hospital Avenue, Singapore 168752.

CHAPTER SPECIALTY BOARD

The following Chapter Specialty Board Members have served their office from 2011-2012:

Chairman:	Dr Lim Chong Hee
Vice-Chairman:	Dr James Wong
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Lim See Lim
Board Members:	Dr Chua Yeow Leng
	Dr Christie Tan Tiong Tee
	Dr Sim Kwang Wei, Eugene

At the time of writing the Annual Report, the 2011-2012 Chapter Board had met one time to conduct the business and affairs of the Chapter for year 2011.

MEMBERSHIP

The total membership as of 31 December 2011 under the Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons now stands at 30 Fellows comprising of 29 Local Fellows and 1 Overseas Fellow.

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:

Date	Session / Moderators	Topics/Speakers
30 Jul 2011	Session I Moderators: Dr Ooi Oon Cheong Dr James Wong	• Spectrum of mitral valve disease, classification & therapeutic options – Dr Ong Hean Yee • What information do I want when referred a patient for mitral valve surgery – Dr Lim See Lim • Echocardiography can give this information – Dr Ding Zee Ping • MRI can give this information – Dr Chai Ping • Indications for and timing of mitral valve surgery – Dr Ling Lieng Hsi
	Session II Moderators: Dr Kristine Teoh Dr Chua Yeow Leng	• Tips on choosing annuloplasty rings – Dr Chua Yeow Leng • Tips on choosing mitral valve prostheses – Dr James Wong • Tips on mitral valve replacement – Dr Wong Poo Sing • Tips on mitral valve re-operations – Dr Saw Huat Seong • Transcatheter devices for mitral valve interventions – Dr Yeo Khung Keong
	Panel Discussion Moderators: Dr Victor Chao/ Dr Lim Chong Hee Panelists : Prof C N Lee/ Dr Saw Huat Seong/ Dr M C Tong/ Dr Chua Yeow Leng	
	Session III: Wet Lab – Mitral Valve Anatomy Demonstrating Preceptor : Dr Saw Huat Seong Circulating Preceptors : Prof C N Lee/ Dr Chua Yeow Leng/ Dr Lim See Lim/ Dr Ooi Oon Cheong	

Sixth Chapter Dinner Lecture

Professor Joseph E. Bavaria, Vice-Chief, Director of Cardiothoracic Surgery, Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Brooke Roberts-William M.Measey Professor of Surgery, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine was invited to deliver an insightful lecture on Evolution of Aortic Surgery, A Peek into the Future at the Sixth Dinner Lecture organised by the Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons on Monday, 23 May 2011 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 & cited the 5th Chapter Lectureship was Dr Lim Chong Hee.

Cardiothoracic Surgery Dinner Symposium

The Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons organised a specialty dinner symposium on Monday, 18 April 2011 at the Min Jiang (Level 1) @ Goodwood Park Hotel. The Chapter was pleased to invite Dr Robert Dion, Head Department of Cardiac Surgery, Ziekenhuis Oost-Limburg-Genk, Belgium has delivered a talk on Ischemic Mitral Valve Regurgitation. Attendees were members from the Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons, trainees and nurses from both National Heart Centre and National University Hospital. 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, one (1) trainee has successfully passed the final exit examination on 22 October 2011 and has met the training requirements for the 3-years Diploma in Cardiothoracic Surgery programme under the AMS Staff Registrar Scheme (SRS).

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.

Seventh 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.

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 2011

Dr Lim See Lim

Honorary Secretary

On behalf of 2011-2012 Board, Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons