



Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons College of Surgeons, Singapore Annual Report 2012

6TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 6TH Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons was held on Monday, 23 April 2012 at 6.00pm at Lecture Theatre (Level 3), 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 2012-2013:

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 not conducted any board meetings in year 2012.

MEMBERSHIP

The total membership as of 31 December 2012 under the Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons now stands at 31 Fellows comprising of 30 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
7 April 2012	<u>Session I</u> <u>Decision Making</u> Moderator: Dr Kenny Sin	• What is complex coronary artery disease by Prof Lee Chuen Neng • Using risk scoring systems to decide on best therapeutic option - Syntax Score by Dr Jayaram Lingamannaicker - EuroSCORE by Dr Ong Boon Hean - STS & Other Scores by Dr Tan Ann Kheng - How I risk stratify my patients by Dr Kristine Teoh • Significance of Fractional Flow Reserve (FFR) in decision making by Dr Adrian Low DISCUSSION
	<u>Session II</u> <u>How I do it</u> Moderators: Dr Christie Tan Dr Victor Chao	• OPCAB in Multivessel Disease by Prof Theo Kofidis • Endarterectomy by Dr Saw Huat Seong • Total arterialization by Dr Eugene Sim • Sequential grafting by Dr Tong Ming Chuan • What I do for patients with some diseased stents and some patient stents, or some occluded and some patent grafts by Dr Kenny Sin • What I do for patients with poor LV by Dr C Sivathanasan • What I do for patients with ischemic MR by Dr Chua Yeow Leng
	<u>Session III</u> <u>Debate: PCI vs CABG</u> Moderator: Dr Lim Chong Hee	• PCI is the first option for multivessel and LMS disease • by Prof Tan Huay Cheem • CABG is the preferred intervention for multivessel and LMS disease by Dr James Wong

Seventh Chapter Dinner Lecture

Dr Thomas Pezzella, Cardiothoracic Surgery United States of America was invited to deliver an insightful lecture on **Global Aspects of Cardiothoracic Surgery in Asia** at the Seventh Dinner Lecture organised by the Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons on Friday, 24 August 2012 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 7th Chapter Lectureship was Dr Lim Chong Hee.

Valve Seminar in Singapore

The Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons has organised a mini Valve Seminar supported by Edwards Asia on 25 August 2012 at National Heart Centre, Lecture Theatre. 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.

Conferment Ceremony – Distinguished Surgeon Award

The Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons specially organised the conferment ceremony to present the recipients with the College Certificate, a College tie and a plaque. The Conferment Ceremony was held on 24 November 2012 at Grand Salon, Conrad Centennial Singapore. The College invited Prof Lim Shih Hui, Master, Academy of Medicine, Singapore as the Guest-of-Honour, to grace the ceremony.

The ceremony started with a welcoming speech by Dr Sayampanathan S.R.E, President, College of Surgeons, Singapore followed by the speech from our Guest-of-Honour, Prof Lim Shih Hui, Master, Academy of Medicine, Singapore.

Prof Lee Chuen Neng, Chairman, University Surgical Cluster, National University Health System, Singapore; Head, Department of Surgery, School of Medicine, National University

of Singapore; Deputy Director, National University Heart Centre Singapore; Senior Consultant Surgeon, Department of Cardiac, Thoracic & Vascular Surgery gave a brief history of Cardiothoracic FRCS Exam in Singapore.

Conferment of the 5 individuals Distinguished Surgeon Award started with the citation read by Dr Lim Chong Hee, Chairman, Chapter of Cardiothoracic. The award was presented by Dr Sayampanathan S.R.E, President, College of Surgeons, Singapore.

The 5 individuals Distinguished Surgeon Awardees as follows:-

Prof Malcolm John Underwood

Dr Robert R Jeffrey

Dr Pala Babu Rajesh

Dr Richard D Page

Dr Timothy R Graham

The 50 guests at the Ceremony were unanimous that there was dignity and formality with the Function. The new Distinguished Surgeon Awardees were also pleased, and they thanked the College for the Award. They also brought a Memento for each of Academy of Medicine Singapore and College of Surgeons Singapore.

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.

This is a three-year programme and the second intake has one (1) trainee currently and still ongoing until August 2015. The trainee in the SRS Programme will ultimately be awarded a Diploma in Cardiothoracic Surgery conferred jointly by the Academy of Medicine, Singapore (AMS) and the College of Surgeons, Singapore (CSS).

PARTICIPATION IN MOH'S 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:

Feedback on Sub-specialty Credentialing

The Chapter of Cardiothoracic was invited by the Regulatory Compliance Division of MOH in November 2011 to provide feedback on Sub-specialty Credentialing. The Chapter submitted its reply to MOH through AMS in July 2012.

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.

Eighth 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 2012
Dr Lim See Lim
Honorary Secretary
On behalf of 2012-2013 Board
Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons