



Chapter of Hand 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 Lim Beng Hai
Vice-Chairman:	Dr Tan Soo Heong
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Chin Yuan Hui, Andrew
Board Members:	Dr Chong Khin Sze, Alphonsus Dr Tan Ter Chyan

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 Hand Surgeons now stands at 14 Fellows comprises of 12 Local Fellows and 2 Overseas Fellows.

ACTIVITIES IN THE PIPELINE

Inaugural Dinner Lecture of the Chapter of Hand Surgeons

The Chapter plans to organize its Inaugural Dinner Lecture on 30 January 2008 in conjunction with the 17th Comprehensive Hand Review Course of the Singapore Society for Hand Surgery to be held from 1-2 February 2008, where the Chapter has also endorsed this event. Prof Tu Yuan-Kun, the HMDP Visiting Expert, will be invited to speak in the dinner lecture. Event publicity will be disseminated when nearer the date.

Cadaveric Arthroplasty Workshop

The Chapter plans to organize a Cadaveric Arthroplasty Workshop in 2009 jointly with the Dept of Hand and Reconstructive Microsurgery, National University Hospital. More information of the workshop will be disseminated when nearer the date.

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 Hand Surgery and this programme will ultimately award a *Diploma in Hand 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 Andrew Chin
Honorary Secretary
On behalf of 2007-2008 Board, Chapter of Hand Surgeons