



Chapter of Hand Surgeons College of Surgeons, Singapore Annual Report 2008

2ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2nd Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of Hand Surgeons was held on Thursday, 8 May 2008 at 6.35pm at Conference Room (Level 3), Department of Hand and Reconstructive Microsurgery, National University Hospital, 5 Lower Kent Ridge Road, Main Building, Unit #9, Singapore 119074.

CHAPTER SPECIALTY BOARD

The following Chapter Specialty Board Members continued to serve their office from 2008-2009:

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 2008-2009 Chapter Board had met one time to conduct the business and affairs of the Chapter for year 2008.

MEMBERSHIP

The total membership as of 31 December 2008 under the Chapter of Hand Surgeons now stands at 15 Fellows comprising of 14 Local Fellows and 1 Overseas Fellow.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME)

Inaugural Dinner Lecture

A/Prof Tu Yuan-Kun, Director of Orthopaedics of E-Da Hospital as well as a Professor with I-Shou University in Taiwan, delivered an interesting lecture on *Complex Forearm and Elbow Fracture* organized by the Chapter of Hand Surgeons on Wednesday, 30 January 2008 at Orchard Parade Hotel. The audience mainly comprised of Members from the Chapter of Hand Surgeons as well as Trainees and Fellows in the specialty of Hand Surgery. Due to related specialty, Members and Trainees from the Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons were also invited and attended this dinner lecture. Followed by the lecture, the dinner comprised of a 8-course Chinese set menu and wine. The Inaugural Dinner Lecture was chaired by A/Prof Lim Beng Hai and cited by Dr Alphonsus Chong.

ENDORSEMENT OF EVENT

The Chapter has endorsed the following event in 2008:

1. 17th Comprehensive Hand Review Course of the Singapore Society for Hand Surgery (SSHS) held from 1-2 February 2008 at National University Hospital.

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 July 2008. The SRS Programme will ultimately award a *Diploma in Hand Surgery* conferred jointly by the Academy of Medicine, Singapore (AMS) and the College of Surgeons, Singapore. There is no candidate registered for this training programme as yet.

PARTICIPATION IN MOH'S INITIATIVES

Study of National Medical Specialty Centres (NMSCs)

All Specialty Chapters under the College of Surgeons, Singapore were being invited by MOH through AMS in January 2008 to participate in the study of National Medical Specialty Centres (NMSCs), mainly to provide feedback on the feasibility of establishing a NMSC for the individual specialty, as well as, the Chapter's view on the mission and roles of a NMSC. The Committee on Strategy for National Medical Specialisation Centres of MOH was chaired by Prof Goh Chee Leok and the Chapter has submitted its reply to MOH on 5 March 2008.

Table of Surgical Procedures (TOSP) Review

In the Table of Surgical Procedures (TOSP) review exercise called by MOH in 2007, the Chapter has submitted a joint proposal with the Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons to revise tables for some current codes, as well as, proposing the creation of new codes due to related specialties. The Chapter has also reviewed the TOSP returns from MOH in October 2008 and has no further feedback to the TOSP returns from MOH. The Chapter will continue to assist MOH in finalising the TOSPs.

ACTIVITIES IN THE PIPELINE

Total Joint Arthroplasty Workshop

The Chapter plans to organize a Cadaveric Arthroplasty Workshop in the 3rd quarter of 2009 jointly with SSHS in conjunction with the 43rd Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine as a pre-Congress workshop. More information will be disseminated when nearer the date.

Second Dinner Lecture of the Chapter of Hand Surgeons

The Chapter plans to organize its Second Dinner Lecture in conjunction with the Total Arthroplasty Workshop planning to take place in 3rd quarter of 2009. Event information will be disseminated when available.

Quarterly Hand Review Sessions

The Chapter has been invited by SSHS to take charge in organizing one of the quarterly review sessions in 2009. The Chapter will focus on clinical case discussions on complex management cases with inputs by senior hand surgeons. Details will be announced when finalized.

Master Series in Hand Surgery Lectures

The Chapter plans to organize a master series of hand surgery lectures in an effort to improve postgraduate teaching. This event is subject to further planning and will be informed when available.

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 2008
Dr Andrew Chin
Honorary Secretary
On behalf of 2008-2009 Board, Chapter of Hand Surgeons