



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

4TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 4th Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of Hand Surgeons was held on Wednesday, 28 April 2010 at 6.30pm at Conference Room, 10 Sinaran Drive, #08-23 Novena Medical Centre @Square 2, Singapore 228510.

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 Tay Shian Chao, Vincent
Vice-Chairman:	Dr Chong Khin Sze, Alphonsus
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Chin Yuan Hui, Andrew
Board Members:	Dr Lim Beng Hai
	Dr Tan Puay Ling
	Dr Tan Ter Chyan
	Dr Yam Kean Tuck, Andrew (Co-opted)

At the time of writing the Annual Report, the 2010-2011 Chapter Board had met one time to conduct the business and affairs of the Chapter for year 2010.

MEMBERSHIP

The total membership as of 31 December 2010 under the Chapter of Hand Surgeons now stands at 17 Fellows who are all Local Fellows.

2010 EXIT EXAMINATION FOR HAND SURGERY

The Chapter of Hand Surgeons had partaken the organising of the Hand Surgery exit examination that was conducted on Saturday, 28 August 2010 at the Singapore General Hospital for the clinical segment. By collaborating with the Joint Committee on Specialist Training (JCST), the Chapter had the opportunity to plan and organise part of the exit examination under the administration of the Chapter. The international examiners' panel consisted of:

1. Exam Conveners
 - Dr Vincent Tay (Chapter member, College of Surgeons Singapore)
 - Dr Andrew Yam (Chapter member, College of Surgeons Singapore)

2. Chief Examiner – A/Prof Lim Beng Hai (Chapter member, College of Surgeons Singapore)
3. External Examiner – Dr Jorma Olavi Ryhänen (Finland)
4. Examiners
 - Dr Alphonsus Chong (Chapter member, College of Surgeons Singapore)
 - Dr Peng Yeong Pin (Chapter member, College of Surgeons Singapore)
 - Dr Andrew Chin (Chapter member, College of Surgeons Singapore)
 - A/Prof Aymeric Lim (Chapter member, College of Surgeons Singapore)
 - A/Prof Agnes Tan (Chapter member, College of Surgeons Singapore)
5. Observer – Dr Winston Chew (Member of the Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons, College of Surgeons Singapore)

The clinical examination was facilitated by Dr Tan Ing Tuan and Dr Jacqueline Tan who assisted in the exam organisation.

Two candidates (all from Singapore) had scored a pass in this diet of the exit examination.

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 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 rolled out its SRS Programme in July 2008. There was no potential candidate for the SRS Diploma in Hand Surgery as at 2010. The SRS Programme will ultimately award a *Diploma in Hand Surgery* conferred jointly by the AMS and the College of Surgeons, Singapore (CSS).

ENDORSEMENT OF EVENT

The Chapter had supported the 19th Comprehensive Hand Review Course of the Singapore Society for Hand Surgery (SSHS) held from 5-6 March 2010 at the National University Hospital.

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

Combined Singapore Society for Hand Surgery (SSHS) and the 2nd Chapter of Hand Surgeons Dinner Lecture

The Chapter of Hand Surgeons is jointly organising the first combined dinner with SSHS which is to be held on Monday, 10 January 2011 at the Peach Garden @33. The Chapter will also be conducting its 2nd Lectureship by inviting Dr Marc Garcia-Elias from Institut Kaplan, Hand and Upper Extremity Surgery, Barcelona, Spain who will speak on *Evolution of Wrist Instability Surgery: The Long and Winding Road*. In conjunction with the combined dinner lecture, the Memorandum of Understanding between the Chapter of Hand Surgeons and SSHS will also be signed to signify a formal and closer collaboration between the two bodies. Event information will be disseminated when available.

2011 Exit Examination for Hand Surgery

After the last successful collaboration with the JCST for the 2010 exit examination, the Chapter will continue to partake the organising of the 2011 exit examination by supplying the written paper and organising the clinical exam. The examination convenor for the clinical exam is Dr Tan Ter Chyan.

1st Hand & Wrist Arthroplasty Course

Jointly organized by the Chapter of Hand Surgeons and Tan Tock Seng Hospital, the 1st Hand & Wrist Arthroplasty Course is scheduled to be conducted from 22-23 September 2011 at Tan Tock Seng Hospital. This comprehensive course is packed with topical lecture series and cadaveric workshop with plenty of hands-on opportunities. The course will cover the highlights of Total Joint Arthroplasty, PIPJ, MCPJ, DRUJ, PRUJ. A copy of the course brochure is accessible at the College of Surgeons website at www.css.edu.sg under "CME Activities" – Hand Surgery.

3rd Chapter of Hand Surgeons Dinner Lecture

In conjunction with the 1st Hand & Wrist Arthroplasty Course, the Chapter has the pleasure of inviting Dr Amit Gupta from Louisville Arm & Hand, USA to deliver the 3rd Chapter Lectureship on 22 September 2011 and the topic will be on *The Leonardo Code in the Hand* which would be of generic interest to hand surgeons and non hand surgeons alike. Event information will be announced once 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 2010
Dr Andrew Chin
Honorary Secretary
On behalf of 2010-2011 Board, Chapter of Hand Surgeons