



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

5TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 5th Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of Hand Surgeons was held on Thursday, 28 April 2011 at 6.00pm at Meeting Lounge 10 Sinaran Drive, #08-23 Novena Medical Centre @Square 2, Singapore 307506.

CHAPTER SPECIALTY BOARD

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

Chairman:	Dr Tay Shian Chao, Vincent
Vice-Chairman:	Dr Yam Kean Tuck, Andrew
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Tan Puay Ling
Immediate Past Chairman:	Dr Lim Beng Hai
Board Member:	Dr Lee Yi Liang, Jonathan

At the time of writing the Annual Report, the 2011-2012 Chapter Board had met once 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 Hand Surgeons now stands at 20 Fellows who are all Local Fellows.

2011 EXIT EXAMINATION FOR HAND SURGERY

The Chapter of Hand Surgeons co-organized the Hand Surgery exit examination that was conducted on Saturday, 26 August 2011 at the NUH, Kent Ridge Wing, Level 3, HRM Clinic. The panel of examiners consisted of:

1. Exam Conveners
 - Dr Tan Ter Chyan (Chapter member, College of Surgeons Singapore)
2. Chief Examiner – A/Prof Agnes Tan (Chapter of Hand Surgeons)
3. External Examiner – Prof D. A. McGrouther (United Kingdom)
4. Examiners

- Prof Robert Pho
- A/Prof Lim Beng Hai (Immediate Past Chairman, Chapter of Hand Surgeons)
- Dr Winston Chew
- Dr Yong Fok Chuan (Chapter of Hand Surgeons)

5. Observer – Dr Andrew Yam (Chapter member, College of Surgeons Singapore)

The clinical examination was facilitated by Dr Sreedhavan, Dr Chee Kin Ghee, Dr Foo Tun Lin and Dr Chong Chew Wei who assisted in the exam organisation. The Chapter also organised the MCQ component.

Two candidates are Dr Tan Siau Woon Jacqueline and Dr Yeo Chong Jin (all from Singapore). Dr Tan Siau Woon Jacqueline 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. This is a three-year programme and the first intake on November 2011 currently has one (1) trainee, Dr Ellen Lee Yutan and the supervisor for this trainee is A/Prof Aymeric Lim.

Upon completion of the SRS Programme, the candidate will ultimately be awarded a *Diploma in Hand Surgery* conferred jointly by the AMS and the College of Surgeons, Singapore (CSS).

COMBINED SINGAPORE SOCIETY FOR HAND SURGERY (SSHS) AND THE 2ND CHAPTER OF HAND SURGEONS DINNER LECTURE

The first Combined Dinner Lecture by the Chapter of Hand Surgeons and the Singapore Society for Hand Surgery (SSHS) was held on Monday, 10 January 2011 at the Peach Garden @33. The Chapter was pleased to have invited Dr Marc Garcia-Elias from Institute Kaplan, Hand and Upper Extremity Surgery, Barcelona, Spain to speak on *Evolution of Wrist Instability Surgery: The Long and Winding Road*.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Chapter of Hand Surgeons and SSHS was signed at this event to signify a formal and closer collaboration between the two bodies.

1ST HAND & WRIST ARTHROPLASTY COURSE & CADAVERIC WORKSHOP

The Chapter of Hand Surgeons together with the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Hand & Micro Surgery Section, Tan Tock Seng Hospital organised the 1st Hand & Wrist Arthroplasty Course & Cadaveric Workshop from 22-23 September 2011 at Tan Tock Seng Hospital. The course was well attended and was a great success.

3RD CHAPTER DINNER LECTURE

The Chapter of Hand Surgeons organised its 3rd Chapter Dinner Lecture on Thursday, 22 September 2011 at Tanglin Club in conjunction with the 1st Hand & Wrist Arthroplasty Course & Cadaveric Workshop Course Dinner. The Chapter was pleased to invite Dr Amit Gupta, Louisville Arm & Hand, to deliver the lecture on 'The Leonardo Code in the Hand'. The dinner lecture was well attended by members of the College Council, the Chapter members, as well as attendees of the Course.

HAND SURGERY 1ST SKILLS COURSE & CADAVERIC DISSECTION

The Chapter of Hand Surgeons has supported the Hand Surgery 1st Skills Course & Cadaveric Dissection organised by Department of Hand Surgery, Singapore General Hospital held on 9-10 December 2011.

ACTIVITIES IN THE PIPELINE

2012 Exit Examination for Hand Surgery

The Chapter will continue to partake in future hand surgery exit examination. The next exit examination will be held on 31 March 2012 at Singapore General Hospital. The examination convenor is the vice-Chairman of the Chapter Board, Dr Andrew Yam.

Hand, Wrist and Distal Radius Cadaveric Course

The Chapter of Hand Surgeons will be organizing the course on 2-3 August 2012. The invited international faculty for this course will be Prof Alex Shin. Event information will be disseminated when available.

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 Tan Puay Ling
Honorary Secretary
On behalf of 2011-2012 Board
Chapter of Hand Surgeons