



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

6TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 6th Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of Hand Surgeons was held on Wednesday, 9 May 2012 at 6.00pm at Peach Garden@33, OCBC Centre, Singapore 049513.

CHAPTER SPECIALTY BOARD

The following Chapter Specialty Board Members have served their office from 2012-2013:

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 2012-2013 Chapter Board had not conducted any board meetings in year 2012.

MEMBERSHIP

The total membership as of 31 December 2012 under the Chapter of Hand Surgeons now stands at 21 Fellows who are all Local Fellows.

2012 EXIT EXAMINATION FOR HAND SURGERY

The Chapter of Hand Surgeons co-organized the Hand Surgery exit examination that was conducted on Saturday, 31 March 2012 at the SGH Specialist Outpatient Clinic K Blk 1. The panel of examiners consisted of:

1. Exam Conveners
 - Dr Andrew Yam
2. Chief Examiner – A/Prof Lim Beng Hai
3. External Examiner – Dr Ho Pak Cheong
4. Examiners
 - E/Prof Robert Pho
 - Clinical A/Prof Teoh Lam Chuan

- Adjunct A/Prof Lim Beng Hai
- A/Prof Aymeric Lim
- Dr Winston Chew
- Dr Yong Fok Chuan
- Dr Peng Yeong Pin
- Dr Tan Ter Chyan
- Dr Andrew Chin
- Dr Alphonsus Chong

5. Observer – Dr Amithabha & Dr Sandeep Sebastin

The clinical examination was facilitated by the Registrars from SGH who assisted in the exam organisation. The Chapter also organised the MCQ component.

Three candidates are Dr Yeo Chong Jin, Dr Sreedharan Sechachalam and Dr Gan Wei Tat Aaron (all from Singapore). Dr Yeo Chong Jin and Dr Gan Wei Tat Aaron 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 has one (1) trainee, Dr Ellen Lee Yutan and still ongoing until October 2014. The Programme Director, Dr Alphonsus Chong has decided to step down and in future, the de-facto Programme Director will be the Chapter Chairman. Dr Vincent Tay gave a note of thanks to Dr Alphonsus Chong for his service.

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).

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 the Sub-specialty Credentialing

The Chapter of Chapter of Hand Surgeons was invited by the Regulatory Compliance Division of MOH in November 2011 to provide feedback on the Sub-specialty Credentialing. The Chapter submitted its reply to MOH through Academy of Medicine, Singapore in July 2012.

HAND, WRIST AND DISTAL RADIUS CADAVERIC COURSE

The Chapter of Hand Surgeons organised the Hand, Wrist and Distal Radius Cadaveric Course from 2-3 August 2012 at Advanced Surgical Training Centre (ASTC), National University Hospital and Postgraduate Medical Institute (PGMI), Singapore General Hospital. Prof Alexander Shin from Mayo Clinic, USA was the International Faculty and the course was well attended and was a great success.

4TH CHAPTER DINNER LECTURE

The Chapter of Hand Surgeons organised its 4th Chapter Dinner Lecture on Thursday, 2 August 2012 at Sheraton Towers, Singapore in conjunction with the Hand, Wrist and Distal Radius Cadaveric Course Dinner. The Chapter was pleased to invite Prof Alexander Shin from Mayo Clinic, USA to deliver the lecture on 'History of Hand Surgery at Mayo Clinic'. The dinner lecture was well attended by members of the College Council, the Chapter members, as well as attendees of the Course.

ACTIVITIES IN THE PIPELINE

2013 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 2 February 2013 at National University Hospital. The examination convenor is Dr Andre Cheah.

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 Tan Puay Ling
Honorary Secretary
On behalf of 2011-2013 Board
Chapter of Hand Surgeons