



Chapter of Neurosurgeons 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 Ng Hua Bak, Ivan
Vice-Chairman:	Dr Ong Peck Leong
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Seow Wan Tew
Members:	Dr Ang Beng Ti, Christopher
	Dr Chumpon Chantharakulpongsa
	Dr Tan Kheng Kooi
	Dr Yeo Tseng Tsai (Co-opted)

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 Neurosurgeons now stands at 20 Fellows comprises of 19 Local Fellows and 1 Overseas Fellow.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

Neurosurgery Symposium in 41st Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine

The Chapter has organised a Neurosurgery Symposium – *Neurosurgery - the Future Now* on 21 July 2007 at the Raffles City Convention Centre in conjunction with the 41st Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine hosted by the Academy of Medicine, Singapore. Speakers invited to speak in this symposium were A/Prof Ivan Ng, Drs Ng Wai Hoe, Christopher Ang, Carol Tang from the National Neuroscience Institute (TTSH campus), Dr John Thomas from the National Neuroscience Institute (SGH campus) and Dr Seow Wan Tew from KK Women's & Children's Hospital. The symposium was chaired by Dr Seow Wan Tew.

ENDORSEMENT OF EVENTS

The Chapter of Neurosurgeons has endorsed the below events in 2007:

1. 9th Singapore Stroke Conference 2007 held from 31 August to 2 September 2007 at DBS Auditorium.
2. Asian Australasian Advanced Course in Paediatric Neurosurgery held from 4-9 December 2007 at Nanyang Executive Centre, Nanyang Technological University.

ACTIVITIES IN THE PIPELINE

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 Neurosurgery and this programme will ultimately award a *Diploma in Neurosurgery* 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 Seow Wan Tew

Honorary Secretary

On behalf of 2007-2008 Board, Chapter of Neurosurgeons