



Chapter of Neurosurgeons College of Surgeons, Singapore Annual Report 2008

2ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2nd Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of Neurosurgeons was held on Friday, 9 May 2008 at 5.30pm at Meeting Room (Level 3), Tan Tock Seng Hospital, Neuroscience Clinical Staff Office, 11 Jalan Tan Tock Seng, Singapore 308433.

CHAPTER SPECIALTY BOARD

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

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 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 Neurosurgeons now stands at 21 Fellows comprising of 19 Local Fellows and 2 Overseas Fellows.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

Inaugural Dinner Lecture

Prof Ross Bullock, Clinical Director of Neurotrauma of the Miller School of Medicine in the University of Miami, delivered an interesting lecture on *Rationale and Strategies for Enhancing Oxygen Delivery to the Injured Brain* organized by the Chapter of Neurosurgeons on Friday, 5 September 2008 at Da Paolo Bistro Bar. The participants mainly comprised of Members from the Chapter of Neurosurgeons, as well as, Trainees and Nurse Clinicians in the specialty of Neurosurgery. The dinner after the lecture was an exquisite Western set menu with wine. The Inaugural Dinner Lecture was chaired and cited by A/Prof Ang Beng Ti.

ENDORSEMENT OF EVENT

The Chapter of Neurosurgeons has endorsed the below event in 2008:

1. 1st Normal Pressure Hydrocephalus Symposium held on 5 April 2008 at National Neuroscience Institute (Tan Tock Seng campus).

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 January 2008. The SRS Programme will ultimately award a *Diploma in Neurosurgery* conferred jointly by AMS and the College of Surgeons, Singapore. There are currently two (2) candidates – one (1) from the National Neuroscience Institute and one (1) from the National University Hospital who had accepted the offer to take on this training programme that takes the form of apprenticeship training.

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 had submitted its reply to MOH on 10 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 its proposal to revise tables for some current codes, as well as, proposing the creation of new codes in congruence with the up-to-date development of surgical procedures of Neurosurgery. The Chapter has also reviewed the TOSP returns from MOH in October 2008 and had submitted its feedback to MOH. The Chapter will continue to assist MOH in finalising the TOSPs.

Guidelines on Exposure-Prone Procedures

By the invitation from MOH to AMS in October 2008 seeking the assistance of AMS to draw up guidelines on which procedures within each Specialty would be considered as Exposure-Prone Procedures (EPPs), Neurosurgery was one of the Chapters under the College of Surgeons, Singapore being invited to provide inputs to the guidelines. The Chapter has reviewed procedures of neurosurgery and will be submitting its reply in January 2009 to MOH through AMS.

ACTIVITIES IN THE PIPELINE

Second Dinner Lecture of the Chapter of Neurosurgeons

The Chapter will be organising the 2nd dinner lecture in the 3rd quarter of 2009 and event information will be disseminated when finalise.

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 Seow Wan Tew
Honorary Secretary
On behalf of 2008-2009 Board, Chapter of Neurosurgeons