



Chapter of Neurosurgeons College of Surgeons, Singapore Annual Report 2009

3RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 3RD Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of Neurosurgeons was held on Friday, 24 April 2009 at 4.20pm at Tutorial Room (Level 2), Singapore General Hospital, Block 5, Ward 52B, Outram Road, Singapore 169608.

CHAPTER SPECIALTY BOARD

The following Chapter Specialty Board Members have served their office from 2009-2010:

Chairman:	Dr Ng Hua Bak, Ivan
Vice-Chairman:	Dr Ang Beng Ti, Christopher
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Seow Wan Tew
Members:	Dr Ong Peck Leong
	Dr Tan Kheng Kooi
	Dr Yeo Tseng Tsai

At the time of writing the Annual Report, the 2009-2010 Chapter Board had met one time to conduct the business and affairs of the Chapter for year 2009.

MEMBERSHIP

The total membership as of 31 December 2009 under the Chapter of Neurosurgeons now stands at 21 Fellows comprising of 19 Local Fellows and 2 Overseas Fellows.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

Second Dinner Lecture

The Chapter of Neurosurgeons was privileged to invite Dr Balaji Sadasivan, a Neurosurgeon and the Senior Minister of State for Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to deliver an interesting and controversial topic on *What the Medical Profession can Learn from the Financial Crisis* at its Second Dinner Lecture held on Friday, 31 July 2009 at The British Club. The participants mainly comprised of trainees, Neurosurgeons who are members of the Chapter of Neurosurgeons as well as non-members. The Second Dinner Lecture was chaired and cited by A/Prof Ivan Ng.

ENDORSEMENT OF EVENT

The Chapter of Neurosurgeons had endorsed the below event in 2009:

1. Management of Neurotrauma Course of the National Neuroscience Institute held from 12-13 February 2009 at the Tan Tock Seng Hospital.

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 had rolled out its SRS Programme in January 2008. The first intake has two (2) trainees currently from the National University Hospital and the National Neuroscience Institute and the programme has gone into its second year, in which the candidates had taken their first year assessment exam and annual appraisal on Friday, 27 February 2009. The Chapter was pleased to award a book prize of S\$100.00 book voucher to the SRS candidate, Dr Jayant Thorat, who was the top scorer in the first year assessment exam.

The SRS programme for Neurosurgery has commenced its 2nd intake, in which one (1) trainee from the National Neuroscience Institute has passed the entry interview on Tuesday, 7 July 2009 and accepted the post of traineeship in the SRS programme. The SRS trainee has commenced the SRS programme on 1 November 2009.

The SRS Programme will ultimately award a *Diploma in Neurosurgery* conferred jointly by the Academy of Medicine, Singapore (AMS) and the College of Surgeons, Singapore (CSS).

PARTICIPATION IN MOH'S INITIATIVES

Review of Levels of Medical Capability (LMC)

All Specialty Chapters under the CSS were invited by MOH through the Academy of Medicine, Singapore (AMS) in June 2009 to participate in the Review of Levels of Medical Capability (LMC) to provide feedback on the existing LMC manual on the medical capabilities at level 1 and 2 that are currently performed at regional hospitals versus teaching hospitals. Review and feedback included the following:

1. Proposed additional of new services or removal of obsolete services
2. Proposed changes in terminology or description of services and/or changes in level of services
3. Identification of services which can only be performed under a tertiary setting
4. Identification of essential support services required for adequate provision of services

The Chapter of Neurosurgeons submitted its inputs to MOH through AMS in July 2009.

ACTIVITY IN THE PIPELINE

Third Dinner Lecture of the Chapter of Neurosurgeons

The Chapter will be organising the 3rd dinner lecture in the 3rd quarter of 2010 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 look forward to their ongoing support for future projects.

December 2009
Dr Seow Wan Tew
Honorary Secretary
On behalf of 2009-2010 Board, Chapter of Neurosurgeons