



Chapter of Neurosurgeons College of Surgeons, Singapore Annual Report 2010

4TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 4th Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of Neurosurgeons was held on Friday, 30 April 2010 at 5.25pm at Meeting Room (Level 3), Singapore General Hospital, Block 1C, Rooftop Terrace, Outram Road, Singapore 169608.

CHAPTER SPECIALTY BOARD

The following Chapter Specialty Board Members have completed their term of office from 2010-2011 by the date of the 5th Annual General Meeting of the Chapter:

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 2010-2011 Chapter Board had not conducted any board meetings in year 2010. The first board meeting is scheduled to be held in January 2011 to conduct the business and affairs of the Chapter.

MEMBERSHIP

The total membership as of 31 December 2010 under the Chapter of Neurosurgeons now stands at 20 Fellows comprising of 18 Local Fellows and 2 Overseas Fellows.

CONJOINT FELLOWSHIP EXAMINATION IN SURGICAL NEUROLOGY

The Chapter of Neurosurgeons had partaken the organising of the Conjoint Fellowship Examination in Surgical Neurology that was conducted from 20-21 September 2010 at the National Neuroscience Institute. By collaborating with the Joint Committee on Specialist Training (JCST), the conjoint examination, being held in Singapore for the first time, was successfully conducted which saw all four candidates (two from Singapore and two from Hong Kong) scored a pass in this diet of exam. The international panel of examiners consisted of:

1. A/Prof Ivan Ng (College of Surgeons, Singapore) – Exam Convener
2. Mr Nihal Gurusinghe (The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh)
3. A/Prof Chumpon Chan (College of Surgeons, Singapore)
4. Prof Wai-Sang Poon (College of Surgeons of Hong Kong)
5. Dr Kwan-Ngai Hung (College of Surgeons of Hong Kong)
6. A/Prof Christopher Ang (College of Surgeons, Singapore) – Observer
7. A/Prof Yeo Tseng Tsai (College of Surgeons, Singapore) – Observer

The clinical examination was facilitated with the assistance of associate consultants and registrars from TTSH led by Dr Lee Cheng Kiang.

It was a landmark achievement for the Chapter of Neurosurgeons and the College of Surgeons to be able to plan and organise the 2010 exit examination in Surgical Neurology, which displayed the capability of the College and its Chapters in holding examination.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

Third Dinner Lecture

In conjunction with the conjoint examination, the 3rd Chapter of Neurosurgeons Dinner Lecture was organised on 20 September 2010 at the Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel which saw an attendance of total 40 participants comprising of Chapter members and invited guests. The Chapter was pleased to invite Prof Wai-Sang Poon, Chair Professor and Chief of the Division of Neurosurgery from the Prince of Wales Hospital, the Chinese University of Hong Kong to deliver the 3rd Chapter Lecturehip with the topic of *Has Translational Research in Neuroscience Changed Clinical Practice in Neurosurgery?*, and the Chapter was also honoured to have Mr Nihal Gurusinghe, Consultant Neurosurgeon with the Department of Neurosurgery of the Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, Royal Preston Hospital, who delivered a guest lecture on *Training Neurosurgeons in UK*. The Organising Chairman was A/Prof Ivan Ng and the citator was A/Prof Christopher Ang.

ENDORSEMENT OF EVENT

The Chapter of Neurosurgeons had endorsed the below event in 2010:

1. The NNI International Symposium of Neurosurgery held from 4-8 October 2010 at the Theatre of 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 currently has one (1) trainee from the National University Hospital and the programme has gone into its third year, in which the candidate had taken his second year assessment exam and annual appraisal on Friday, 30 April 2010. The second intake currently has 1 trainee from the National Neuroscience Institute and the first year assessment exam would be delayed till May 2011.

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

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:

Specific Licensing Conditions for Credentialling Medical Practitioners

The review exercise called in June 2010 was intended to gather feedback on the specific licensing conditions to determine whether the proposed licensing conditions were adequate to ensure patient safety, and whether there were any additional conditions to be included.

Review of Framework & Categorization of Screening Tests

The Screening Test Review Committee, formed by the Academy of Medicine and chaired by Prof Lee Hin Peng, was tasked to formulate a report on the recommendations and categorization of screening tests provided in Singapore. The objective was to develop a screening test framework and to make recommendations on the categorization of commercially available screening tests within the framework. Feedback was invited from all Specialty Chapters in June 2010 to assist in developing the screening test framework.

ACTIVITY IN THE PIPELINE

Fourth Dinner Lecture of the Chapter of Neurosurgeons

The Chapter will be organising the 4th dinner lecture in 2011 and event information will be disseminated when finalised.

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 2010
Dr Seow Wan Tew
Honorary Secretary
On behalf of 2010-2011 Board, Chapter of Neurosurgeons