



Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons 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 Low Cheng Ooi
Vice-Chairman:	Dr Yu Chun Sing
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Sathappan SS
Members:	Dr Chang Wei Chun
	Dr Tan Jee Lim
	Dr Wong Hee Kit (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 Orthopaedic Surgeons now stands at 78 Fellows comprises of 76 Local Fellows and 2 Overseas Fellows.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

Orthopaedic Surgery Symposium in 41st Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine

The Chapter has organised a Orthopaedic Surgery Symposium – *Advances in Sports Medicine* on 22 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 Dr Lim Jit Kheng from National University Hospital, Drs Denny Lie and Howe Tet Sen from Singapore General Hospital and Dr Chang Haw Chong from Changi General Hospital. This symposium was chaired by Dr Tho Kam San.

ACTIVITIES IN THE PIPELINE

Orthopaedic Surgery Symposium for General Practitioners (GPs)

The Chapter plans to organise a symposium for the GPs in May 2008. The organising of this event is in progress.

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 Orthopaedic Surgery and this programme will ultimately award a *Diploma in Orthopaedic Surgery* conferred jointly by the Academy of Medicine, Singapore and the College of Surgeons, Singapore. More details will be announced soon.

Proposed College of Orthopaedic Surgeons Formation

At the 2nd Board Meeting of the Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons on 27 November 2007, a preliminary discussion was held by the Chapter Board with the following in pursuing the formation of the College of Orthopaedic Surgeons:

1. Prof Lee Eng Hin, Head of the Division of Graduate Medical Studies (DGMS)
2. Dr Howe Tet Sen, Vice-President of the Singapore Orthopaedic Association (SOA)

The Chapter Board will put up this proposal for discussion at the coming Annual General Meetings of the Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons and the Singapore Orthopaedic Association respectively.

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 Sathappan SS

Honorary Secretary

On behalf of 2007-2008 Board, Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons