



Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons College of Surgeons, Singapore Annual Report 2009

3RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 3rd Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons was held on Thursday, 30 April 2009 at 6.40pm at Meeting Room (Level 4A), Tan Tock Seng Medical Centre, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Clinical Staff Office, 11 Jalan Tan Tock Seng, Singapore 308433.

CHAPTER SPECIALTY BOARD

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

Chairman:	Dr Tan Seang Beng
Vice-Chairman:	Dr Chang Wei Chun, Eddie
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Sathappan SS
Members:	Dr Low Cheng Ooi
	Dr Lim Boon Leong, Kevin
	Dr Fareed Husain Yusuf Kagda
	Dr Lee Yew Chung, Peter (Co-opted)
	Dr Inderjeet Singh Rikhraj (Co-opted)

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 Orthopaedic Surgeons now stands at 91 Fellows comprising of 90 Local Fellows and 1 Overseas Fellow.

SIGNING OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH SPECIALIST SOCIETY

In a move to have a closer collaboration with its specialist society, the Singapore Orthopaedic Association (SOA), and following the Articles 52 in the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the College of Surgeons, Singapore (CSS), the Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons had signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the SOA on Wednesday, 18 November 2009 at the Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel, in conjunction with the 32nd Annual Scientific Meeting of the SOA. The MOU was signed by the President of the CSS on behalf of the Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons, being a Chapter under the purview of the CSS, together with the President of the SOA. This MOU has marked a new Chapter in the local Orthopaedic Surgery community and will see to a greater collaboration in academic events organising for the benefit of the Chapter members and SOA members.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

Orthopaedic In-Training Examination (OITE) Symposium

To assist the trainees to better prepare for the OITE as well as obtaining feedback from trainees who attempted the OITE 2009, the Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons and the SOA jointly organised an OITE Symposium – Overview and Preparation of OITE on Saturday, 5 December 2009 at the Alumni Medical Association. Participants comprising of trainees, members of the Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons and members of the SOA, received advices from some senior orthopaedic surgeons such as Prof Prem Kumar, the Chairman of the Specialist Training Committee for Orthopaedic Surgery, as well as some tips and tricks on OITE preparation from trainees who had successfully passed their OITE and exited. The Organising Chairmen were A/Prof Tan Seang Beng and Dr Peter Lee.

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 April 2008. The first intake has two (2) trainees currently from the Alexandra Hospital and the National University Hospital and the programme has gone into its second year, in which the candidates had taken the OITE as their first year assessment exam on Saturday, 14 November 2009 and their annual appraisals on Monday, 14 September 2009. The SRS Programme will ultimately award a *Diploma in Orthopaedic Surgery* conferred jointly by AMS and the CSS.

PARTICIPATION IN MOH'S INITIATIVES

Professional Opinion on Provision of Selected Clinical Services under the Health Services Development Programme

The MOH through the AMS had requested for professional opinion to be provided on the provision of selected clinical services under the Health Services Development Programme in January 2009. Independent reviewers were nominated from amongst the members of the Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons to review and provide feedback on specific issues related to the clinical services of the specialty.

Professional Advice on Platelet-Rich Plasma (PRP) Skin Rejuvenation Procedure

In August 2009, the Singapore Medical Council through the AMS had requested for professional advice on whether the PRP Skin Rejuvenation Procedure could be accepted as a standard treatment in general, and for diabetic wound healing and tennis elbow. The Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons under the CSS was specifically invited to give this professional advice and the Chapter had replied in September 2009.

Review of Levels of Medical Capability (LMC)

All Specialty Chapters under the CSS were invited by MOH through the 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 Orthopaedic Surgeons had submitted its inputs to MOH through AMS in July 2009 and thereafter, assisted in the clarification of its inputs with MOH in October 2009.

ACTIVITIES IN THE PIPELINE

Joint Organising of Quarterly Specialty Symposia

The Chapter will continue to co-organise specialty symposia with the SOA on a quarterly basis for the benefit of the trainees and practising orthopaedic surgeons. Details will be disseminated in due course.

Joint Organising of the 33rd Annual Scientific Meeting of SOA

The Chapter will plan and participate in the 33rd Annual Scientific Meeting of the SOA as a joint organiser with SOA in 2010. Information will be disseminated when available.

Examination Administrator of OITE

The Chapter will take over the administration of the OITE from the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery of the Singapore General Hospital from 2010 and will be the official body that oversee and facilitate the conducting of OITE in Singapore. The Chapter will work closely with the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons to manage the OITE.

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 Sathappan SS
Honorary Secretary
On behalf of 2009-2010 Board, Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons