



Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons College of Surgeons, Singapore Annual Report 2010

4TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 4th Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons was held on Thursday, 29 April 2010 at 6.30pm at Lee Kong Chian Boardroom (Level 12), Academy of Medicine, Singapore, 81 Kim Keat Road, NKF Centre, Singapore 328836.

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 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 2010-2011 Chapter Board had met one time to conduct the business and affairs of the Chapter for year 2010.

MEMBERSHIP

The total membership as of 31 December 2010 under the Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons now stands at 90 Fellows comprising of 89 Local Fellows and 1 Overseas Fellow.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

The Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons had co-organised the following events in 2010:

1. Periprosthetic Fracture Workshop jointly organised with the Singapore Orthopaedic Association on 27 March 2010 at the Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel.
2. CME lecture jointly organised with the Chapter of Rheumatologists, College of Physicians Singapore and the Singapore Orthopaedic Association held on Friday, 30 April 2010 at the Marriott Hotel Singapore, and the topic of Diagnosis and Management of Spondyloarthropathies was delivered by Dr Philip Mease, Clinical Professor at the University of Washington School of Medicine in Seattle and Director of the Rheumatology Clinical Research Division of Swedish Medical Center.

ORTHOPAEDIC IN-TRAINING EXAMINATION (OITE) 2010

The Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons had taken over the administration of the OITE from the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery of the Singapore General Hospital with effect from 2010. The Chapter will co-ordinate with the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons as the local exam administrator for the OITE. The annual Orthopaedic In-Training Examination was conducted on Saturday, 13 November 2010 at Suntec Singapore which had 66 orthopaedic trainees attempted the examination. The OITE is a computer-based examination that comprised of 257 multiple choice questions for attempt within 7 hours. Appointed proctors for the 2010 OITE were Dr Leon Foo and Dr David Su from the Singapore General Hospital. The OITE Programme Director was A/Prof Tan Seang Beng, Chairman of the Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons.

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 currently has two (2) trainees from the Alexandra Hospital and the National University Hospital and the programme has gone into its third year, in which the candidates had taken the OITE as their second year assessment exam on Saturday, 13 November 2010 and their annual appraisals on Tuesday, 23 November 2010. The second intake currently has one (1) trainee from the KK Women's & Children's Hospital, and the trainee had taken the said OITE as his first year assessment exam as well as his appraisal on 23 November 2010, being in the second year of the programme.

The SRS Programme will ultimately award a *Diploma in Orthopaedic Surgery* conferred jointly by AMS and the 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.

ACTIVITIES IN THE PIPELINE

Refresher Course for Trainees

The Chapter plans to organise a refresher course for trainees at the Annual Scientific Meeting of the Singapore Orthopaedic Association (SOA) which is to be held from 5-8 October 2011 as a post-SOA symposium. The course will cover the breadth of Orthopaedic Surgery in bite-sized updates to provide optimum exposure of various surgical procedures under the specialty to the trainees.

Constructing Self-Assessment Test for Regular Subspecialty Updates

The Chapter plans to implement an add-on short self-assessment test after the CME talk at the regular Saturdays' CME sessions for the purpose of gathering information on the academic performance trend of the orthopaedic surgeons. Objective of this move is to set a consistent pattern of academic evaluation for CME activities to move towards self-regulation. The Chapter is the midst of planning for this project and will announce any available information in due course.

OITE 2011

The Chapter will continue to plan, facilitate and organise the OITE in 2011. Details will be announced in due course.

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 Sathappan SS

Honorary Secretary

On behalf of 2010-2011 Board, Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons