



## **Chapter of Paediatric Surgeons College of Surgeons, Singapore Annual Report 2008**

### **2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of Paediatric Surgeons was held on Wednesday, 14 May 2008 at 5.45pm at Meeting Room 3B (Level 3), Executive Offices, KK Women's and Children's Hospital, Children's Tower, 100 Bukit Timah Road, Singapore 229899.

### **CHAPTER SPECIALTY BOARD**

The following Chapter Specialty Board Members continued to serve their office from 2008-2009:

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| Chairman:           | Dr Anette S. Jacobsen          |
| Vice-Chairman:      | Dr Loh Ser Kheng, Dale Lincoln |
| Honorary Secretary: | Dr Low Yee                     |
| Members:            | Dr Chui Chan Hon               |
|                     | Dr Ong Choo Phaik, Caroline    |
|                     | Dr Ong Nai Theow               |

At the time of writing the Annual Report, the 2008-2009 Chapter Board had met one time to conduct the business and affairs of the Chapter for year 2008.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

The total membership as of 31 December 2008 under the Chapter of Paediatric Surgeons now stands at 12 Fellows comprising of 10 Local Fellows and 2 Overseas Fellows.

### **ENDORSEMENT OF EVENTS**

The Chapter has endorsed the following events in 2008:

1. Lecture on *Pediatric Surgical Oncology: The Challenge* by the Ministry of Health (MOH) Health Manpower Development Plan (HMDP) Visiting Expert in Pediatric Surgical Oncology, Dr Stephen J. Shochat, held on 3 March 2008 organized by KK Women's & Children's Hospital (KKH).
2. Combined Journal Club Meetings of KKH and the National University Hospital (NUH) that was held on 1 August 2008 on *Is Antibiotic Prophylaxis in Children with Vesicoureteral Reflux Effective in Preventing Pyelonephritis and Renal Scars? A Randomized, Controlled Trial* and on 26 September 2008 on *Biliary Atresia with Extrahepatic Biliary Cysts – Cholangiographic Patterns Influencing the Prognosis and Is Excision of a Choledochal Cyst in the Neonatal Period Necessary?* at KKH and NUH respectively.

3. Workshop on Paediatric Laparoscopic Surgery of the South-East-Asia Paediatric Endoscopic Group (SEAPEG) held from 15-16 November 2008 at NUH.

## **PARTICIPATION IN MOH'S INITIATIVES**

### **Study of National Medical Specialty Centres (NMSCs)**

All Specialty Chapters under the College of Surgeons, Singapore were being invited by MOH through the Academy of Medicine, Singapore (AMS) in January 2008 to participate in the study of National Medical Specialty Centres (NMSCs), mainly to provide feedback on the feasibility of establishing a NMSC for the individual specialty, as well as, the Chapter's view on the mission and roles of a NMSC. The Committee on Strategy for National Medical Specialisation Centres of MOH was chaired by Prof Goh Chee Leok and the Chapter has submitted its reply to MOH on 25 February 2008.

### **Table of Surgical Procedures (TOSP) Review**

In the Table of Surgical Procedures (TOSP) review exercise called by MOH in 2007, the Chapter has submitted its proposal to revise tables for some current codes, as well as, proposing the creation of new codes in congruence with the up-to-date development of surgical procedures of Paediatric Surgery. The Chapter has also reviewed the TOSP returns from MOH in October 2008 and has submitted its feedback to MOH. The Chapter will continue to assist MOH in finalising the TOSPs.

## **ACTIVITIES IN THE PIPELINE**

### Participation in 43<sup>rd</sup> Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine of AMS

AMS will be hosting the 43<sup>rd</sup> Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine in Singapore from 6-8 August 2009 and pre-Congress workshops can be organised from 4-6 August 2009. The Chapter of Paediatric Surgeons plans to participate in the symposium on *Curing Cancer in the Next Decade*. Further information will be announced when nearer the date.

### Chapter of Paediatric Surgeons Lecture by HMDP Visiting Expert

The Chapter plans to invite the HMDP Visiting Expert in 2009 to give a lecture under the auspice of the Chapter of Paediatric Surgeons. Details will be announced when available.

### Support to the SEAPEG Workshop in 2009

The Chapter will continue to give its support to the SEAPEG Workshop to be held in 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2009.

## **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 2008

Dr Low Yee

Honorary Secretary

On behalf of 2008-2009 Board, Chapter of Paediatric Surgeons