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11th College Communication

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Cardiothoracic Surgeons
General Surgeons
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Neurosurgeons
Otorhinolaryngologists
Ophthalmologists
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Paediatric Surgeons
Plastic Surgeons
Urologists

Fellows of the College of Surgeons, Singapore

Further to our invitation for nomination of the **13th Yahya Cohen Memorial Lectureship** on 18 February 2008, we have extended the closing deadline for submission from 31 March 2008 to 2 May 2008. As the submission in the 1st call was not forthcoming and in anticipation for submission of more good papers, the College would now like to perform a 2nd call for submission of the 13th Yahya Cohen Memorial Lectureship. Submissions for the 2nd call should reach the College Secretariat before 30 May 2008 (final call).

In reference to Article 31 in the Articles of Association of the College, nominations for the **election of Council 2008-2010**, where two (2) seats to be vacated by the two (2) Council Members retiring at the coming 4th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the College, was called on 18 February 2008. As at the closing deadline of 20 March 2008 at 5.30pm, NIL nomination was received. The College performed a 2nd call of the nomination for Council 2008-2010 on 25 March 2008 and as at the closing deadline of 18 April 2008, below nominations have been received and accepted:

	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
1.	Dr Huang Shoou Chyuan	Dr Anthony Heng	Dr Chan Heng Thye
2.	Dr Sayampanathan S.R.E.	Dr Anthony Heng	Dr Bertha Woon

The two (2) nominees will be elected in the 4th AGM of the College on 23 May 2008.

In reference to Article 33 in the Articles of Association of the College, that approximately one year before the expiration of the term of the President and within one month of the AGM, the President will call for nomination of President-Elect. Nomination is now invited for the **President-Elect 2008-2009** and the President-Elect will take office as President at the 5th AGM of the College in 2009 upon the retirement of the incumbent President. Nomination should reach the College President before 21 May 2008 at 5.30pm sharp.

The College is holding its **4th Annual General Meeting** on 23 May 2008 (Friday) at 6.00pm at the Lecture Theatre (Level 3), Gleneagles Hospital, 6A Napier Road, Singapore 258500. All Fellows are encouraged to attend the AGM.

Enclosed please find the Notice of the 4th Annual General Meeting with the following supporting documents as attached for your perusal:

1. Minutes of the 3rd Annual General Meeting of the College held on 25 May 2007.
2. Annual Report 2007 from the Council 2007-2008.
3. Audited Financial Report 2007 of the College.
4. Draft special resolution for formation of proposed College of Ophthalmologists (see Appendix 1 – Resolution 1).
5. Draft special resolution for proposed amendments to Articles 50, 53 and 55 of the Articles of Association of the College of Surgeons, Singapore (see Appendix 1 – Resolution 2a-c)

For the **2nd Annual General Meeting of all the ten (10) Chapters** happening in April / May 2008, members would have already received the Notice of the Annual General Meeting of your Chapter by end April 2008.



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The College has recently implemented the following in relation to **College governance**:

1. Checklist on College / Chapter events funded by commercial companies. A copy of this checklist can be obtained at our College website at www.css.edu.sg under *CME Activities*.
2. Insertion of new by-law – “Declaration of Conflicts of Interest” into our College By-Laws. The Council has reviewed and accepted the inclusion of the below clause into our By-Laws:

“Councillors and members shall declare by signing a document to declare that they have no personal interest in business transactions or contracts of the College / Chapters and have no other vested interest in other organisations with which the College / Chapters have dealings or is considering entering joint ventures with. Councillors and members with conflicts of interest do not vote or participate in decision-making in the business transactions or contracts.”

A copy of the amended By-Laws can be obtained at the homepage of our College website at www.css.edu.sg.

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College activities in the pipeline:

The Chapter of General Surgeons is organising the **Exit Examination Preparatory Course 2008 for the Advanced Surgical Trainees (ASTs)** in General Surgery from 25-28 June 2008. This is a 3 ½ day preparatory course specially conducted to aid the ASTs in their exit exam preparation for 2008. The preparatory course includes lecture series, clinical case studies and VIVA, and the course will be hosted by National University Hospital, Singapore General Hospital and Tan Tock Seng Hospital on respective days. In conjunction with this preparatory course, the Chapter will also be organising an informal networking dinner to serve as a platform for both the general surgeons and trainees to mingle and interact with each other. Please look out for more course details at our College website under *CME Activities – General Surgery* soon.

The Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons is organising its **3rd Dinner Lecture** on 11 July 2008 and the invited distinguished overseas speaker is Dr Taweesak Chotivatanapong from the Chest Disease Institute in Thailand. More information of this event can be found on the College website under *CME Activities – Cardiothoracic Surgery* when nearer the date.

The College will be organising a **College Dinner** in Sept/Oct 2008 to host the named lectureships – 3rd College of Surgeons Lecture and 13th Yahya Cohen Memorial Lecture, as well as to give recognition to the AST who achieved the best result in the exit exam 2008 held in Singapore in each of the 10 surgical sub-specialties under the purview of the College. More details will be announced on the College website when nearer the date.

Meanwhile, please do not hesitate to contact our College Secretariat at css@ams.edu.sg if you have any feedback or queries. I look forward to your active participation in the College meetings and activities.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Chan Heng Thye
President, 2007-2008 Council

Erratum

In the 10th College Newsletter dated 18 Feb 2008, the submission deadline for the 13th Yahya Cohen Memorial Lectureship should read as 31 March 2008; and the date of the 4th College Annual General Meeting should read as 23 May 2008 (Fri). We apologise for the typo errors.