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14th College Communication

Chapters

Cardiothoracic Surgeons
General Surgeons
Hand Surgeons
Neurosurgeons
Otorhinolaryngologists
Orthopaedic Surgeons
Paediatric Surgeons
Plastic Surgeons
Urologists

Fellows of the College of Surgeons, Singapore

The **nomination and election exercise 2009** to nominate the Board of the nine (9) Specialty Chapters has commenced. Please refer to the enclosed nomination form with a list of eligible Chapter Members as well as the cover memo of your Specialty Chapter for your active participation in nominating your recommended member(s) into the Specialty Chapter Board. Nomination is confidential and closing deadline for all nomination forms to reach the College Secretariat is by 27 February 2009 (Fri) at 5.30pm sharp. Upcoming nominations to be performed in March 2009 after the election of the nine (9) Specialty Chapter Boards will be:

- 1) Nomination for Chapter Chairmen for the nine (9) Specialty Chapters
- 2) Nomination for three (3) Council Members of the College of Surgeons

Information on the above upcoming nominations will be disseminated separately when nearer the date.

Nomination for the **14th Yahya Cohen Memorial Lectureship** is now open to all College Fellows to submit nomination of any scientific paper that were published in the twelve (12) month period ending 31st December of the preceding year. Self nomination is acceptable. The award of this Lectureship shall be given to the main author of the best scientific paper for his/her academic excellence. Each Fellow may only submit one paper for the judge panel's consideration. The main author of the best scientific paper selected will be notified by email and/or post and the main author will be recognised as the 14th Yahya Cohen Memorial Lecturer, who is required to present his/her winning paper at the College of Surgeons cum Faculty Dinner 2009 to be held on 7 August 2009. Please refer to the enclosed nomination form with the Regulations governing this Lectureship as well as the cover memo for your spontaneous participation. You may also refer to the College of Surgeons website at www.css.edu.sg under "Who We Are" – "College Awards and Named Lectureships" for more information about this Lectureship.

Nomination for the **Young Surgeon's Award 2009** is now open to all young surgeons who are below 35 years old and of less than Consultant status at the date of submission of paper. Trainees and non-Fellows of the College of Surgeons are welcome to participate in this award. Only unpublished works in originals will be accepted for consideration. Shortlisted papers will be required to be presented at the allocated timeslot on 7 August 2009 in the 43rd Singapore-Malaysia Congress. The 43rd Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine will be held from 6-8 August 2009 at Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel. Authors of shortlisted papers may register for a day pass to this congress for the purpose of presenting their shortlisted papers. Winner of this award will be invited to the College of Surgeons cum Faculty Dinner 2009 on 7 August 2009 evening to receive a certificate and a letter on the details of claiming a maximum of S\$4,000.00 to attend an international meeting of his/her specialty. College Fellows are encouraged to disseminate the enclosed cover memo with Regulations governing this Award as well as the application form to your trainees for participation. You may also refer to the College of Surgeons website at www.css.edu.sg under "Who We Are" – "College Awards and Named Lectureships" for more information about this Award.



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The College of Surgeons will be holding its **5th Annual General Meeting** on **22 May 2009 (Fri)** at **6.00pm** at the **Lecture Theatre (Level 3)** of **Gleneagles Hospital**. Refreshments and wine will be served from 5.30pm. We look forward to the attendance of all College Fellows to show your support to the College. Notice of Meeting will be disseminated to all College Fellows when nearer the date. Each Specialty Chapter will also be holding their 3rd Chapter Annual General Meeting and the Notice of Meeting will be disseminated to Members of the respective Specialty Chapter separately.

Upcoming College events / activities in 2009:

1. Nomination of the best performing Advanced Surgical Trainee in the exit examinations 2009 under the nine (9) specialties for the **College of Surgeons Gold Medal 2009**. Circular will be disseminated to Chairmen of the nine (9) Specialist Training Committees for nominations. Regulations governing this Award can also be accessed at the College of Surgeons website at www.css.edu.sg under "Who We Are" – "College Awards and Named Lectureships".
2. The College will be participating in the **43rd Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine** which is to be held from 6-8 August 2009 at Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel. Some Specialty Chapters under the College will also be participating by organising pre-Congress workshops from 4-6 August 2009.
3. The College will be organising a **College cum Faculty Dinner 2009** on 7 August 2009 to host the award ceremonies and its Named Lectureships, as well as, hosting overseas Presidents from respective surgical Colleges at the dinner. With the encouraging responses from our College Fellows shown to the College dinner held on 19 September 2008, we look forward to your continuous support in the College cum Faculty Dinner 2009.

Each Specialty Chapter will also be organising its own Chapter events/activities and details will be announced to respective Chapter Members when nearer the date.

With the officiating of formation of the College of Ophthalmologists at its Inaugural General Meeting held on 20 January 2009, the College of Ophthalmologists (then Chapter of Ophthalmologists) has ceased to subsist under the purview of the College of Surgeons with effect from 2009.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish one and all, a prosperous Chinese New Year filled with abundance and joy, in this festive season.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Chan Heng Thye
President, Council 2008-2009
College of Surgeons, Singapore