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**15<sup>th</sup> 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

Further to our invitation for submissions for the **14th Yahya Cohen Memorial Lectureship** in February and March 2009, we are pleased to announce that the invited panel of judges had declared the paper entitled "Tumor Interstitial Fluid Pressure May Regulate Angiogenic Factors in Osteosarcoma" submitted by Dr Saminathan Suresh Nathan as the winning paper. Dr Suresh Nathan (Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons) was recognised as the 14<sup>th</sup> Yahya Cohen Memorial Lecturer. He received a gold medal and a certificate at the award ceremony held at the College Dinner 2009 on 7 August 2009 at Traders Hotel.

The College Council had the pleasure of conferring Prof Raj Nambiar the **4<sup>th</sup> College of Surgeons Lectureship** this year. Prof Nambiar delivered an inspirational and academically-interesting lecture on "Surgical Training – the Challenge of Change" during the College Dinner 2009 held on 7 August 2009. His lecture covered the essence and core issues in postgraduate education and training from the past to the present and the future. Prof Nambiar was presented with a gold medal and certificate in recognition of his achievements and contributions.

Both lectures are scheduled to be published in full in the Annals of the Academy of Medicine, as required by the regulations governing these Lectureships. Fellows would soon have hard copies of these erudite and thought-provoking lectures if they so wish.

The College would like to thank all who have participated in this year's Yahya Cohen Memorial Lectureship. We look forward to your spontaneous participation in the 15th Yahya Cohen Memorial Lectureship in 2010. Details would be announced in February / March 2010.

Further to our invitation for submissions for the **Young Surgeon's Award 2009** in February and March 2009, we regret to inform that there was no application received by the College by the closing deadline of the 2<sup>nd</sup> call performed in March 2009. As such, there is no award in 2009. The next Young Surgeon's Award would be announced in 2011.

The College is pleased to award the **College of Surgeons Gold Medal 2009** to the following best performing Advanced Surgical Trainees. They were nominated by the Chairman of their respective Specialist Training Committees:

1. Cardiothoracic Surgery: Dr Soon Jia Lin from the National Heart Centre
2. Orthopaedic Surgery: Dr Tan Ken Jin from the National University Hospital
3. Otorhinolaryngology: Dr Lim Chwee Ming from the National University Hospital
4. Urology: Dr Nor Azhari Bin Mohdzam from the Singapore General Hospital

The College looks forward to more outstanding exiting surgical trainees vying for the College of Surgeons Gold Medal 2010.

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The College had successfully organised the **College Dinner 2009** on 7 August 2009 at the Traders Hotel. It was held in conjunction with the 43<sup>rd</sup> Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine of the Academy of Medicine. It was a time where the College renewed its ties with all its fraternal overseas surgical colleges. The dinner was graced by the following distinguished guests:-

1. Prof Alex Erasmo, President of the Philippine College of Surgeons
2. Dr Lum Siew Kheong, President of the College of Surgeons, Academy of Medicine of Malaysia
3. Dr John Orr, President of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh
4. Prof Hung Leung Kim, President of the Hong Kong College of Orthopaedic Surgeons
5. Dr Fung Kai Bun, President of the Hong Kong College of Otorhinolaryngologists

We are pleased to announce that the College dinner had garnered an attendance of about 140 guests comprising Fellows and invited guests, an improvement from last year's attendance of 120 guests. Photos of the College Dinner 2009 may be viewed at the College website – [www.css.edu.sg](http://www.css.edu.sg) under "Photo Gallery – College Events".

The College had invested a sum of money to develop the **College website and eForum** in 2007, with its objective of establishing an on-line platform for the benefit of all Fellows for the exchange of views and the sharing of knowledge and ideas among themselves. It is a secured site for our fellows to use in absolute confidence. Due to under utilisation from the beginning, the College Council have decided to terminate the eForum with much reluctance and regret. It will be terminated with effect from 1 November 2009.

## Upcoming College events / activities in 2010:

1. 6<sup>th</sup> College Annual General Meeting – in May 2010.
2. Annual General Meeting by the respective Specialty Chapters – in April 2010.
3. College Dinner 2010 – in the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2010.
4. College Lectureships and Awards for 2010 – details in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2010.

College events other than the above-mentioned would be announced at the appropriate time. Each Specialty Chapter would also be organising its own Chapter events/activities. Details will be announced to respective Chapter Members in good time.

On behalf of the Council, may I take this opportunity to wish one and all, good health, success and a happy and joyous festive season in the months ahead.

Yours sincerely,

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