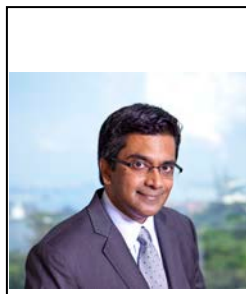




College of Surgeons, Singapore Annual Report 2013



Professor E Kesavan
President
Council 2013-2014

FOREWORD BY PRESIDENT

Dear Fellows of the College of Surgeons,

The Year 2013 has been both busy and productive, with the College moving in new directions to improve value to our Fellows and to embrace surgical trainees into our surgical fraternity. The year started off with the Chapter of Urology lecture delivered by Professor Peter Wiklund on 8 March 2013, during the annual UroFair conference at Max Atria. A series of CME lectures was organized by the Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists on 15 March 2013 at Parco Restaurant which saw distinguished speakers Emeritus Professor Patrick J Bradley and Dr Christopher Hobbs. The Chapter of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons organized a lecture by Dr Thomas A. Mustoe on 19 August 2013 at Shangri-La Hotel. To round off the list of CME lectures, the Chapter of General Surgeons had also organized lectures on 21 October 2013 by Professor Peter B Soeters and on 23 November 2013 by Professor K K Madhavan. The College saw good participation in its various events, such as the retreats organized by the Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons on 9 March 2013 and 3 August 2013. The Annual Combined Surgical Meeting was held at the Conrad Centennial Hotel from 11 to 13 October 2013 in conjunction with the College of Surgeons Dinner & Lecture on 11 October 2013 in which Mrs Tan Ching Yee, Permanent Secretary (Health) was Guest-of-Honour. The Chapter of Paediatric Surgeons organized the 8th ASEAN Congress on Paediatric Surgery from 8-10 November 2013 at K K Women's & Children's Hospital themed: "Paediatric Surgery: A Tale of 10 Nations". It was well attended by both local and overseas delegates. Six new Fellows were awarded the College of Surgeons Gold Medal for topping the Exit Examinations in their Specialties and 5 Fellows received the College of Surgeons Travelling Fellowship. The College awarded the 18th Yahya Cohen Memorial Lecture Award to Dr Chin Chao-Wu David (Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists). The College had also been heavily involved with the Ministry of Health by participating in discussing and providing feedback on many issues including the new Table of Surgical Procedures, new Continuing Medical Education regulations and matters of compliance such as Consultation on Hair Transplant, and the new Sedation Guidelines.

With best wishes for the year ahead,

Professor E Kesavan

The 2013-2014 Council



Seated (from left to right):

Dr Bertha Woon, Honorary Secretary, Dr Swaminathan Ikshuvanam, Vice President, Dr Kesavan Esuvaranathan, President, Dr Dean Koh, Honorary Treasurer, Dr Caroline Ong, Chairman Chapter of Paediatric Surgeons,

Standing (from left to right):

Dr Appasamy Vijayan, Council Member, Dr Wong Soong Kuan, Chairman Chapter of General Surgeons, Dr Marcus Wong, Chairman Chapter of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons, Dr Sim Hong Gee, Chairman Chapter of Urologists, Dr James Wong, Chairman Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons, Dr Peter Lu, Chairman Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists, Dr Ho Kok Sun, Council Member, Dr Liau Kui Hin, Council Member

Not in picture:

Dr Sayampanathan S.R.E, Immediate Past President, Dr Tan Puay Ling, Chairman Chapter of Hand Surgeons, Dr Christopher Ang, Chairman Chapter of Neurosurgeons, Dr Inderjeet Singh, Chairman Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons

9TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 9th Annual General Meeting of the College of Surgeons, Singapore was held on Friday, 17 May 2013 at 6.00pm at Boardroom Gleneagles Hospital, 6A Napier Road, Singapore 258500.

THE COLLEGE COUNCIL

The following Council Members were elected to the 2013-2014 Council after the 9th Annual General Meeting:

President	Dr E Kesavan
Vice-President	Dr I Swaminathan
Immediate Past President	Dr Sayampanathan S.R.E
Honorary Secretary	Dr Bertha Woon
Honorary Treasurer	Dr Dean Koh
Council Members	Dr Liau Kui Hin
Dr A Vijayan	
Dr Ho Kok Sun	
Chairman, Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons	Dr James Wong
Chairman, Chapter of General Surgeons	Dr Wong Soong Kuan
Chairman, Chapter of Hand Surgeons	Dr Tan Puay Ling
Chairman, Chapter of Neurosurgeons	Dr Christopher Ang Beng Ti
Chairman, Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists	Dr Peter Lu
Chairman, Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons	Dr Inderjeet Singh Rikhraj
Chairman, Chapter of Paediatric Surgeons	Dr Caroline Ong
Chairman, Chapter of Plastic, Reconstructive & Aesthetic Surgeons	Dr Marcus Wong
Chairman, Chapter of Urologists	Dr Sim Hong Gee

BOARD OF SPECIALTY CHAPTERS

The Board of the various Specialty Chapters has been elected into office for a 2-year term from 2013-2015 after the 7th Annual General Meeting of the respective Chapters in 2013. The Specialty Chapter Boards as follows continued their term of office:

Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Chairman:	Dr James Wong
Vice-Chairman:	Dr Victor Chao
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Lim Yeong Phang
Board Members:	Dr C Sivathanan
Dr Soon Jia Lin	
Dr Aye Winn Maung Maung	

Chapter of General Surgeons

Chairman:	Dr Wong Soong Kuan
Vice-Chairman:	Dr Ranjiv Sivanandan
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Ho Choon Kiat
Board Members:	Dr Tan Kok Yang
Dr Bernard Lim	
Dr Lim Jit Fong	
Dr Jaideepraj Rao	
Dr Stephen Chang (co-opted)	
Dr Tan Kok Yang (co-opted)	
Dr Steven Kum (co-opted)	
Dr Seow Choon Sheong (co-opted)	
Dr Alex Chung (co-opted)	
Dr Chan Ching Wan (co-opted)	

Chapter of Hand Surgeons

Chairman: Dr Tan Puay Ling
Vice-Chairman: Dr Tan Ter Chyan
Honorary Secretary: Dr Andrew Yam Board
Members: Dr Jacqueline Tan
Dr Sandeep Jacob Sebastin

Chapter of Neurosurgeons

Chairman: Dr Ang Beng Ti, Christopher
Vice-Chairman: Dr Ernest Wan
Honorary Secretary: Dr Ng Wai Hoe
Board Members: Dr Dinesh Kumar
Dr David Low
Dr Tan Kheng Kooi (co-opted) Dr Seow Wan Tew (co-opted)

Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons

Chairman: Dr Inderjeet Singh Rikhranj
Vice-Chairman: Dr Sathappan SS Honorary
Secretary: Dr Arjandas Mahadev
Board Members: Dr Fareed Husain Yusuf Kagda
Dr Kevin Lim

Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists

Chairman: Dr Peter Lu Vice-
Chairman: Dr Paul Mok
Honorary Secretary: Dr K Jeevendra Board
Members: Dr Kenneth Oo
Dr Ian Loh
Dr Toh Song Tar
Dr Raymond Ngo

Chapter of Paediatric Surgeons

Chairman: Dr Caroline Ong Vice-
Chairman: Dr Dale Loh Honorary
Secretary: Dr Chiang Li Wei Board Members:
Dr Joyce Chua
Dr Ong Lin Yin
Dr Mali Vidyadhar

Chapter of Plastic, Reconstructive & Aesthetic

Chairman: Dr Marcus Wong Vice-
Chairman: Dr Ong Yee Siang
Honorary Secretary: Dr Por Yong Chen Board
Members: Dr Tan Ying Chien
Dr Colin Tham
Dr Karen Sng
Dr Cheong Ee Cherk

Chapter of Urologists

Chairman: Dr Sim Hong Gee Vice-

Chairman: Dr Heng Chin Tiong

Honorary Secretary: Dr Colin Teo

Board Members: Dr Chia Sing Joo

Dr Chua Wei Jin

Dr Ng Foo Cheong

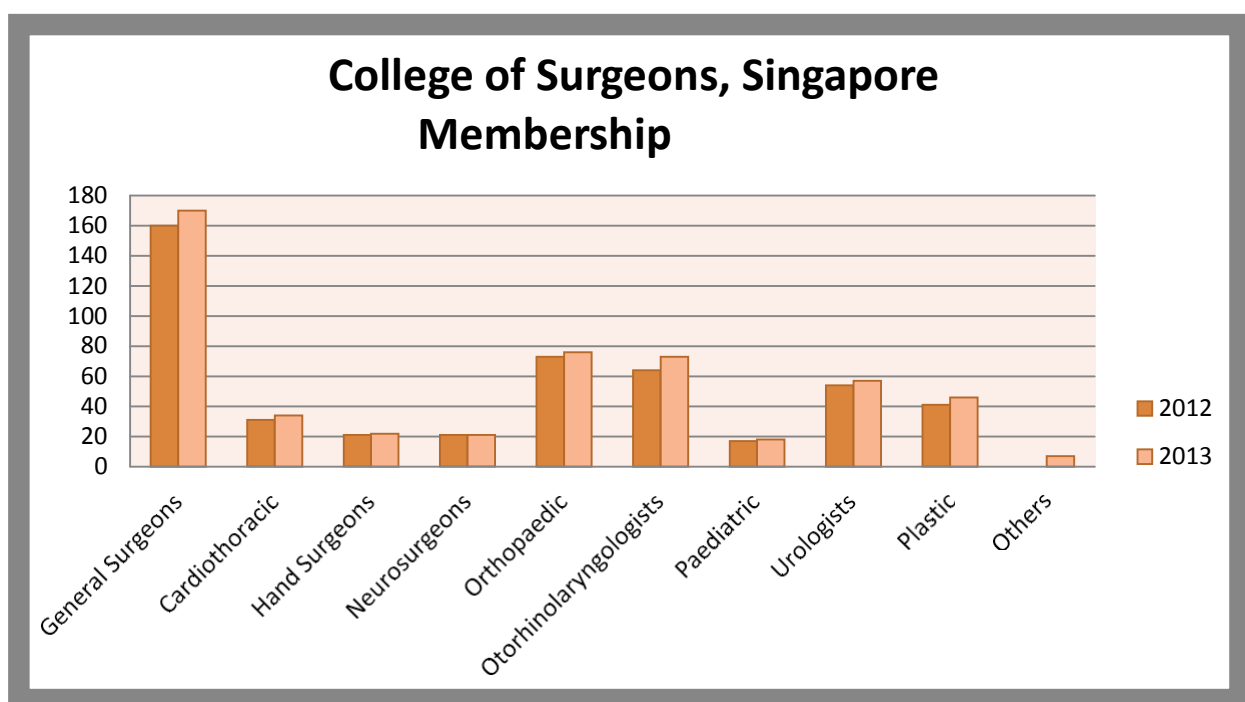
Dr Damian Png

Dr David Consigliere (co-opted)

Dr Toh Khai Lee (co-opted)

MEMBERSHIP

The total membership as of 31 December 2013 under the College now stands at 524 Fellows comprising 499 Local Fellows and 25 Overseas Fellows.



COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Council met once every two months to conduct the business and affairs of the College. At the time of writing the Annual Report, the 2013-2014 Council had met four times.

CHAPTER BOARD MEETINGS

At the time the Annual Report was written, the Boards of the various Specialty Chapters have each met a total of ten times.

COLLEGE EVENTS

CTS RETREAT

The Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons organized the CTS Retreat on 9 March and 3 August. The event was well attended by members from the Chapter, trainees, nurses and perfusionists.

CME LECTURE

The Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists organised a CME Lecture on 15 March 2013 at Parco Restaurant. Emeritus Prof Patrick J Bradley from Nottingham University Hospital delivered a lecture titled 'What's new in malignant salivary gland neoplasms' and Dr Christopher Hobbs delivered a talk on 'The Harmonic Scalpel in Head and Neck Surgery'. 70 persons attended this meeting.

The Chapter of Plastic, Reconstructive & Aesthetic Surgeons organised CME Lecture on 19 August at Shangri-La Hotel. The lecture topic is "Evidence-Based Scar Management: Current Therapy and Future Perspectives by Dr Thomas A. Mustoe.

The Chapter of General Surgeons organised a CME Lecture on: -

- Evidence-based Approach to Perioperative Nutrition Support by Prof Peter B Soeters on 21 October 2013 at Sheraton Towers

- The evolution to the Chang Gung Transplant Program by Prof Chen Chao Long

From graft selection to surgical techniques: how to improve graft success rates by Prof K K Madhavan on 23 November 2013 at Oasia Hotel.

CONGRESSES

Annual Combined Surgical Meeting 2013

The Annual Combined Surgical Meeting was held from 11 to 13 October at Conrad Centennial, Singapore. The theme of the congress was "New Surgical technologies". The Opening Ceremony was held in conjunction with the College of Surgeons Dinner & Lecture on 11 October 2013 and the Guest-of-Honour was Mrs Tan Ching Yee, Permanent Secretary (Health). The event was well attended with local and overseas delegates.



Faculty Dinner

8th ASEAN Congress on Paediatric Surgery 2013

The Chapter of Paediatric Surgeons organised the 8th ASEAN Congress on Paediatric Surgery from 8-10 November 2013 at KK Women's & Children's Hospital. The theme of the congress was "Paediatric Surgery: A Tale of 10 Nations". The event was well attended with local and overseas delegates.

CHAPTER DINNER LECTURE

The Chapter of General Surgeons organised the Dinner Lecture on Wednesday, 27 March 2013 at Oasia Hotel. The Chapter was pleased to invite Dr Murray F Brennan, Vice President for International Programmes, Benno C. Schmidt Chair in Clinical Oncology, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Centre, New York who delivered an insightful lecture on "The Evolution of Cancer Care".

The Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons organised the 8th Dinner Lecture on Friday, 2 August 2013 at the Pontini Restaurant. The Chapter was pleased to invite Prof Jian Yee, Clinical Professor of Surgery, Director UBC Cardiac Surgery Research, Division of Cardiac Surgery, St. Paul's Hospital, University of British Columbia who delivered an insightful lecture on "Current Status of TAVI".

EXAMINATIONS

The College organised the following examinations that were led by respective Specialty Chapters:

Exit Examination for Hand Surgery

The Chapter of Hand Surgeons co-organized the Hand Surgery exit examination that was conducted on Saturday, 2 February 2013 at the Hand & Reconstructive Microsurgery Centre, National University Hospital. The clinical examination was facilitated by the Registrars from SGH who assisted in the exam organisation. The Chapter also organised the MCQ component.

Exit Examination Preparatory Course 2013 for Advanced Surgical Trainees (ASTs) in General Surgery

The Chapter of General Surgeons organized its 6th Exit Examination Preparatory Course

from 25 to 28 June 2013 to assist the Advanced Surgical Trainees (ASTs) in General Surgery in their preparations for their exit examinations. The preparatory course was hosted by the National University Hospital, Khoo Teck Puat Hospital, Singapore General Hospital, Changi General Hospital and Tan Tock Seng Hospital. The course comprised of bedside teaching and mock VIVA of similar format as the actual exit examinations and covered core modules such as Breast, Endocrine, Upper Gastrointestinal, Vascular, Trauma, Colorectal, Hepato-pancreatico-biliary, General Surgery, Head & Neck, Minimally-Invasive Surgery and Emergency Surgery & Critical Care.

Conjoint Neurosurgery Fellowship

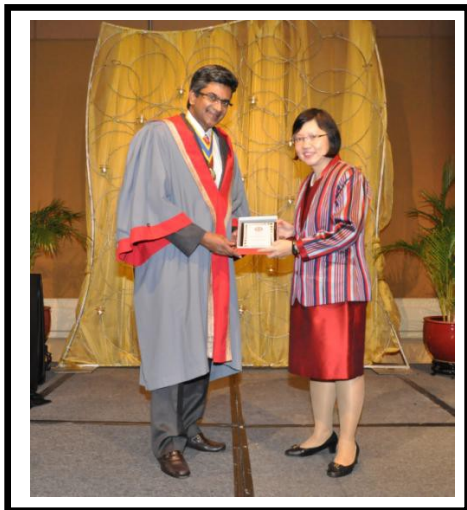
The Chapter of Neurosurgeons organised the Conjoint Neurosurgery Exams with the Edinburgh and Hong Kong College of Surgeons from 18-19 September 2013. A dinner & informal discussion with the external examiners from HK and UK was held on 18 September 2013 at Raffles Hotel.

COLLEGE DINNER 2013

The 8th College Dinner was held on Friday, 10 October at The Conrad Centennial Singapore in conjunction with the Annual Combined Surgical Meeting Opening Ceremony. The College invited Mrs Tan Ching Yee, Permanent Secretary (Health) as the Guest-of-Honour, to grace the ceremony.

The Dinner was attended by 150 participants comprising of College members and invited guests. The College hosted the Named Lectureships: – the 8th College of Surgeons and the 18th Yahya Cohen Memorial Lecture. The College dinner, supported by surgeons from the different surgical disciplines, provided for a pleasant evening of camaraderie and networking.

The College of Surgeons Gold Medal 2013 for the best performing Advanced Surgical Trainees was also presented at the Dinner. The Master-of- Ceremony was Dr Bertha Woon.



Prof E. Kesavan presenting a token of appreciation to the Guest-of-Honour, Permanent Secretary of Health, Mrs Tan Ching Yee

8TH COLLEGE LECTURESHIP

The College was honoured to have Prof P Balasubramaniam, a renowned surgeon with a passion for teaching as its prestigious 8th College of Surgeons Lecturer. He delivered a thought-provoking lecture on “Art and Science of Surgery: Lessons from a journey of 60 years”.

18TH YAHYA COHEN MEMORIAL LECTURESHIP

The College awarded the 18th Yahya Cohen Memorial Lecture Award to Dr Chin Chao-Wu David (Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists) for his paper entitled “The Outside-in a approach to the modified endoscopic Lothrop procedure.” The Lecturer received a College gold medal

and certificate. The co-authors of the winning paper for the 18th Yahya Cohen Memorial Lectureship also received a certificate of recognition each.

COLLEGE OF SURGEONS GOLD MEDAL AWARD 2013

To recognise the best performing Advanced Surgical Trainees (ASTs) in the surgical specialties, as well as to encourage the ASTs to excel in their exit examinations, the College of Surgeons has established the College of Surgeons Gold Medal as an annual award. The College of Surgeons Gold Medal was awarded to the following ASTs at the College of Surgeons Dinner on Friday, 10 October 2013:

<i>Specialty</i>	<i>Award Recipient</i>
General Surgery	Dr Huey Cheong Wei Terence
Otorhinolaryngology	Dr Lim Ming Yann
Orthopaedic Surgery	Dr Soumen Das De
Plastic Surgery	Dr Yeo Sze Wei Mathew
Hand Surgery	Dr Foo Tun Lin
Urology	Dr Wu Qing Hui

Award recipients were nominated by their respective Chairman of the Residency Advisory Committee of the relevant specialty.

COLLEGE OF SURGEONS TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIP

The College awarded the College of Surgeons Travelling Fellowship for the Year 2013 to the following Council Members who attended meetings / events representing the College:

Meeting / Conference	Dates	Venue	Award Recipient
Annual Scientific Meeting of The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons	6-10 May	New Zealand	Dr Sayampanathan
38 th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Royal College of Thailand	20-23 July	Thailand	Dr I Swaminathan (on behalf of President)
RCSEd/CSHK Conjoint Diploma Conferment Ceremony	20-22 Sept	Hong Kong	Prof E Kesavan
Clinical Congress of the American College of Surgeons	6-10 Oct	Washington DC	Prof E Kesavan
69 th Annual Clinical Congress of the Philippines College of Surgeons	1-4 Dec	Philippines	Dr Liau Kui Hin (on behalf of President)

ENDORSEMENT OF EVENTS

The College and its Chapters endorsed the following events in Year 2013:

Event	Date	Venue	Organiser(s)
GP Symposium on "Impact of the Nose on Obstructive Sleep Apnoea"	26 July	Tung Lok Classics	Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists
GP Symposium on "Nasopharyngeal Cancer: Update in diagnosis and treatment"	6 September	Jurong Country Club	Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists

STAFF REGISTRAR SCHEME (SRS)

Following the Ministry of Health's (MOH's) paper in early 2007 on introducing the Staff Registrar Scheme, a structured diploma programme with on-the-job training (as previously proposed by the Academy of Medicine for foreign doctors whose specialist degrees are not recognised by the Specialist Accreditation Board and whose medical schools are not recognised by the Singapore Medical Council), the following Specialty Chapters under the College have implemented the Scheme:

1. Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons rolled out its SRS programme in April 2008. The second intake has two (2) trainees and the programme will end in August 2015.
2. Chapter of Hand Surgeons rolled out its SRS programme in July 2008. First intake was on November 2011 and the trainee went through 2nd year-end appraisal on 4 November 2013. Apparently the trainee did not complete enough Hand Surgery cases as she had done too many General Surgery cases prior to entering the residency programme. The trainee has been accepted into MRCP and has withdrawn from SRS programme.
3. Chapter of Neurosurgeons rolled out its SRS programme in January 2008. From the second intake, one (1) trainee has successfully passed the final exit examination on 26 April 2013 and has met the training requirements for the 3-year Diploma in Neurosurgery programme under the AMS Staff Registrar Scheme (SRS). From the third intake, one (1) trainee is expected to complete the programme in 2014.
4. Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons rolled out its SRS programme in April 2008. The fourth intake has two (2) trainees and the programme will end in January 2014. The fifth intake will commence in February 2014.
5. Chapter of Urologists Surgeons rolled out its SRS programme in August 2011. The first intake on August 2011 has one (1) trainee and the programme will end in July 2014.

Candidates who successfully complete the SRS Programme will be awarded a Diploma jointly by the Academy of Medicine and the College of Surgeons.

PARTICIPATION IN MOH'S INITIATIVES

The College of Surgeons, Singapore was invited by the Regulatory Compliance Division of Ministry of Health (MOH) to provide feedback and has submitted its reply to MOH through Academy of Medicine, Singapore (AMS):-

- Self Administered Coffee Enema
- Feedback on Proposed Aesthetic Facial Procedures for Dental Practitioners Guidelines
- Administering colonic irrigation / hydrotherapy and Coffee enema service
- Provision of facial plastics services by medical practitioners trained in the specialty of otorhinolaryngology
- Guidelines on safe sedation practice for non-anaesthesiologists
- Consultation on Hair Transplant
- Scope of competence of an Anaesthesiologist
- Coolsculpting for Fat Reduction
- Radiofrequency Turbinate Reduction (RTR)
- Expert review of medical records - nomination of general surgeons
- Coronary Artery Disease Risk Assessment (CADRA) System
- Request for inputs on modalities for breast cancer screening
- Alleged Breach of the Medical Registration Act

TABLE OF SURGICAL OPERATIONS (TOSP)

The College Council has discussed and finalized the feedback on the Table of Surgical Operations (TOSP) from the Fellows on 26 October 2013. The feedback on the TOSP has been submitted to the Ministry of Health for their review.

COLLEGE WEBSITE

The College Council merged the College website with the Academy of Medicine, Singapore. The new and much improved website officially went 'live' on 15 August 2013.

COLLEGE CLINIC DECAL

The College of Surgeons, Singapore has produced a College Clinic decal for all Fellows who are in Good Standing for Membership for 2013 to display at their clinics.

MEMBERSHIP FOR SURGICAL TRAINEES

The College Council has agreed to invite all Trainees to join as College Members as a prelude to full fellowship in the future. The purpose of membership amongst the trainees would be:

- Introduction to the College
- Free invitation to all Chapter CMEs and Dinner events
- Invitation for participation in a Residents' Committee for General Surgery that would address training issues
- Provide mentorship for trainees
- Further the standing of the College before MOH

SEDATION GUIDELINES

The Council has voiced its concern to the Sedation Task Force Committee which has been working on the new Sedation Guidelines for non-anaesthetists as requested by the Ministry of Health (MOH). This is still under review.

COMPANY SECRETARY

Ms Ho Wui Mee Marian and Ms Chew Bee Leng are the appointed Company Secretaries of College of Surgeons, Singapore.

LAWYER

Messrs Rodyk and Davidson LLP are the appointed Lawyers of College of Surgeons, Singapore.

BANKER

DBS Bank Ltd and Malayan Banking Berhad is the authorised bank of College of Surgeons, Singapore.

AUDITOR

Messrs Geetha A & Associates have been re-appointed as the Auditors of College of Surgeons, Singapore.

COLLEGE UPDATE

All Fellows of the College are advised to contact the College Secretariat if there are any changes to their personal particulars especially in their practice or residential address so that the College could continue to maintain contact with all its members. Kindly email changes (if any) to css@ams.edu.sg.

EVENTS / ACTIVITIES IN 2014

The College plans for events / activities in 2014 are as follows:

Events

1. 19th Yahya Cohen Memorial Lectureship and 9th College of Surgeons Lectureship.
2. College of Surgeons Gold Medal Award 2013/2014.
3. The College Dinner

Activities

1. Nomination and election exercise for College Council Members.
2. Annual General Meetings of the College and its Specialty Chapters.

Fellows will also be informed of any events / activities planned by their respective Specialty Chapter in due course.

APPRECIATION

The College wishes to record its appreciation to all its Fellows and the Secretariat Staff for their enthusiastic support in the past year and looks forward to their ongoing support in the future activities and projects of the College.



December 2013
Dr Bertha Woon
Honorary Secretary
2013-2014 Council
College of Surgeons, Singapore