

COLLEGE OF ANAESTHESIOLOGISTS, SINGAPORE



The College of Anaesthesiologists, Singapore was formed on 17 August 2004 with Dr Edward Pang as its first elected President. It is hoped that the College, together with the Singapore Society of Anaesthesiologists will continually work towards improving the quality of anaesthesia practice and foster a small but closely knitted anaesthesia fraternity in Singapore.

Message from the President

Dr Phillip Tseng

“ Dr Koh Kwong Fah and myself (as the new President) were inducted into the Council. The College thanks Dr Chong Jin Long and his Council for their hard work during their tenure.

Due to administrative problems, we did not have any combined anaesthetic meetings in 2013. We have managed to arrange these meetings again for 2014 and 2015. We held our annual refresher course in May and had a decent turnout. Throughout the year, we had several prominent foreign speakers come and share their anaesthetic and medical expertise. We thank the sponsors who made these meetings possible.



The College was a supporter of the 18th ASEAN Congress of Anaesthesiologists that was held in Singapore. The Singapore Society of Anaesthesiologists (SSA) primarily organised the successful meeting.

Last year, we conducted a survey on current practices of neuromuscular blocking agents among anaesthesiologists working in Singapore. We had a fairly good response. The College, with support from Abbvie, produced the Missions Fund calendar for 2014. It featured photos from some of the many medical missions performed by our members.

This year, the College hopes to add a Section on Pain Medicine with much help from Dr Yeo Sow Nam. The Section aims to promote pain management as a subspecialty. We will be conducting our eighth refresher course in April 2014. Dr Andrea Gabrielli, an intensivist from the Shands Hospital, University of Florida is our Visiting Academician and main speaker. He will also visit some hospitals to give lectures and impart some of his intensive care expertise to our colleagues and residents. ”

The 2013-2014 Council

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| President: | Dr Phillip Tseng Seng Sou |
| Immediate Past President: | Dr Chong Jin Long |
| Vice President: | Dr Boey Wah Keong |
| Honorary Secretary: | Dr Ti Lian Kah |
| Honorary Treasurer: | Dr Kwek Tong Kiat |
| Council Members: | Dr Agnes Ng Suah Bwee |
| | Dr Sophia Chew Tsong Huey |
| | Dr Koh Kwong Fah |
| Co-opted Members: | Dr Chan Yew Weng |
| | Dr Rachael Pereira |

Council Meetings

The Council met once every two months to conduct the business and affairs of the College.



Seated (from the left): Dr Boey Wah Keong (Vice President), Dr Phillip Tseng (President), Prof Kwek Tong Kiat (Honorary Treasurer)

Standing (from the left): Dr Sophia Chew, Dr Agnes Ng (Council Members)

Not in photo: Dr Chong Jin Long (Immediate Past President), Dr Ti Lian Kah (Honorary Secretary), Dr Koh Kwong Fah (Council Member), Dr Chan Yew Weng (Council Member), Dr Rachel Pereira (Council Member)

Continuing Medical Education: Lectures

- **Measuring Consciousness**
Date: 31 January 2013
Co-organiser: Singapore Society of Anaesthesiologists
Speaker: Prof Brian James Pollard, Professor of Anaesthesia, University of Manchester, UK
Supporter: Baxter
- **Is One General Anaesthetic Technique Associated with Faster Recovery?**
Date: 29 May 2013
Co-organiser: Baxter
Speaker: Dr Girish Premji Joshi, Professor of Anaesthesiology and Pain Management, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Centre, Dallas, US
- **Deep Paralysis in Modern Anaesthesia: Benefits, Dangers and Some Own Experience**
Date: 24 July 2013
Co-organiser: MSD Pharma
Speaker: Prof Thomas Ledowski, Professor of Anaesthesiology, School of Medicine and Pharmacology, University of Western Australia; Consultant Anaesthetist, Department of Anaesthesia and Pain Medicine, Royal Perth Hospital, Australia
- **Titration of Volatile Agents**
Date: 28 November 2013
Co-organiser: AbbVie
Speaker: Prof Luc De Baerdemaker, Department of Anaesthesiology, University Hospital Ghent, Belgium

VII Anaesthesia Refresher Course

The VII Anaesthesia refresher course was held on 18 May 2013 at the York Hotel. There were a total of 75 attendees. The event was sponsored by Abbvie, MSD, Covedien and Baxter. Dr Philip Tseng was the chairperson and invited lecturers included Dr Josephine Tan from KK Hospital, who spoke on the recent trends in BIS monitoring. Dr Ratnasingham Edward Shanthakumar spoke on optimising nutrients in critical care patients while Dr Chong Jin Long gave an insight into anaesthesiology based ACLS and Dr Liu Yan Ping spoke on modern aspects in muscle relaxation.

Survey on Neuromuscular Blockade

In November 2013, the College, together with the Royal Perth Hospital and University of Western Australia, conducted a survey on the use of neuromuscular blocking agents among anaesthesiologists. Apart from gathering information from the local anaesthetic community on the current practice of its use, its reversal, monitoring and residual effects observed, the study also aims to gain insights on practice patterns and beliefs, with the hope that the findings of the study could help guide the direction for future neuromuscular blockade research and education, and to ultimately reduce morbidity associated with its use and increase patient safety.

CAS News, College of Anaesthesiologists Bulletin

The College published one issue of newsletter in October 2013. The Editorial Committee comprises of the following:
Editor: Dr Sophia Chew, Senior Consultant, National Heart Centre Singapore
Committee Member: Dr Joyce Goh, private practice, Singapore

Professional Affairs

During the year, the College presented its views and suggestions to the Ministry of Health on the following:

- Guidelines on safe sedation practice for non-anaesthesiologists
- Scope of competence of an anaesthesiologist
- Alleged breach of the Medical Registration Act