

COLLEGE OF ANAESTHESIOLOGISTS, SINGAPORE

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

The Charity was set up on 17 August 2004 as a College with Dr Edward Pang as the first elected President of the College. It was registered under the Charities Act on 18 August 2004.

The College aims to continually work towards improving the quality of anaesthesia practice and to foster a closely knitted anaesthesia fraternity in Singapore.

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COLLEGE COAT OF ARMS AND MOTTO



The central shield contains two poppy bulbs signifying the use of opiates for pain relief and the anaesthesia bobbin. In the centre of the shield is the Chevron which symbolizes the coming together of all the medical specialties under one roof – the Academy. The shield is surrounded by medicinal plants and at the top of the shield, is the National flag of Singapore. The banner below the shield contains the College motto, “Semper Vigilant” meaning Ever (always) Vigilant.

The Coat of Arms was designed by Dr Chen Fun Gee and the Motto was thought up by Dr George Lim.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



2017 has been a fruitful year for the College of Anaesthesiologists! A special note of thanks to our former President, A/P Ti Lian Kah for his vision and contributions to the College.

We stand on the shoulders of many giants before us and 2017 was an auspicious year as the Academy of Medicine celebrated its Diamond Jubilee. Our own Chapter of Anaesthetists was formed in 1974 with only 13 members and its name was changed to the Chapter of Anaesthesiologists in 1999. In line with similar trends globally, the Academy of Medicine transformed the various Chapters of the Academy of Medicine into individual Colleges and the College of Anaesthesiologists was born in 2004. Our membership had gradually increased over the years and it currently stands at 150.

Medical practitioners do not work in silos and it is especially fitting that we held the first combined meeting with our otorhinolaryngologists colleagues this year. The theme for the meeting was the “Shared Airway” and was a resounding success. In this era of enhanced recovery after surgery, it is imperative that we continue to lead the way in perioperative care in partnership with our surgical and medical colleagues.

The College remains committed to advancing anaesthesia practice. As new knowledge and techniques of anaesthesia evolve, the training requirement for life long education and maintenance of competency will also evolve. The first self-learning module was launched this year. Curriculum development is labour intensive and we will need to ensure the sustainability of our model so that ongoing standards are maintained.

As part of our continuing development, the College actively engages with younger anaesthesiologists and a dialogue cum dinner session was held this year with our younger colleagues who have passed the exit examinations. We look forward to welcoming more of them as Fellows of our College.

Change is inevitable but it can also be exciting. The College will continue to organise value added activities in the coming years as we strive to improve our support and engagement for all members.

ADJ A/PROF SOPHIA CHEW

President

College of Anaesthesiologists, Singapore

COUNCIL MEMBERS 2017 – 2018

President	Adj A/Prof Sophia Chew Tsong Huey <i>Director from 22 May 2010</i>
Immediate Past President	A/Prof Ti Lian Kah <i>Director from 19 May 2012</i>
Vice President	Dr Yeo Sow Nam <i>Director from 8 May 2015</i>
Honorary Secretary	Dr Wendy Teoh <i>Director from 12 April 2014</i>
Honorary Treasurer	Dr Nelson Chua Ping Ping <i>Director from 18 May 2016</i>
Council Members	A/Prof Koh Kwong Fah <i>Director from 18 May 2013</i> Dr Terence Quah Chien Choon <i>Director from 18 May 2016</i>

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The College of Anaesthesiologists, Singapore 13th Annual General Meeting was held on 20 May 2017 (Saturday) at Seminar Room 1 & 2 (Level 1), Tan Tock Seng Hospital. A total of 29 Fellows attended the meeting.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The council meets once every two months to conduct the business and affairs of the College.

In 2017, the council has met six (6) times on 17 January, 7 March, 24 May, 18 July, 26 September and 21 November.

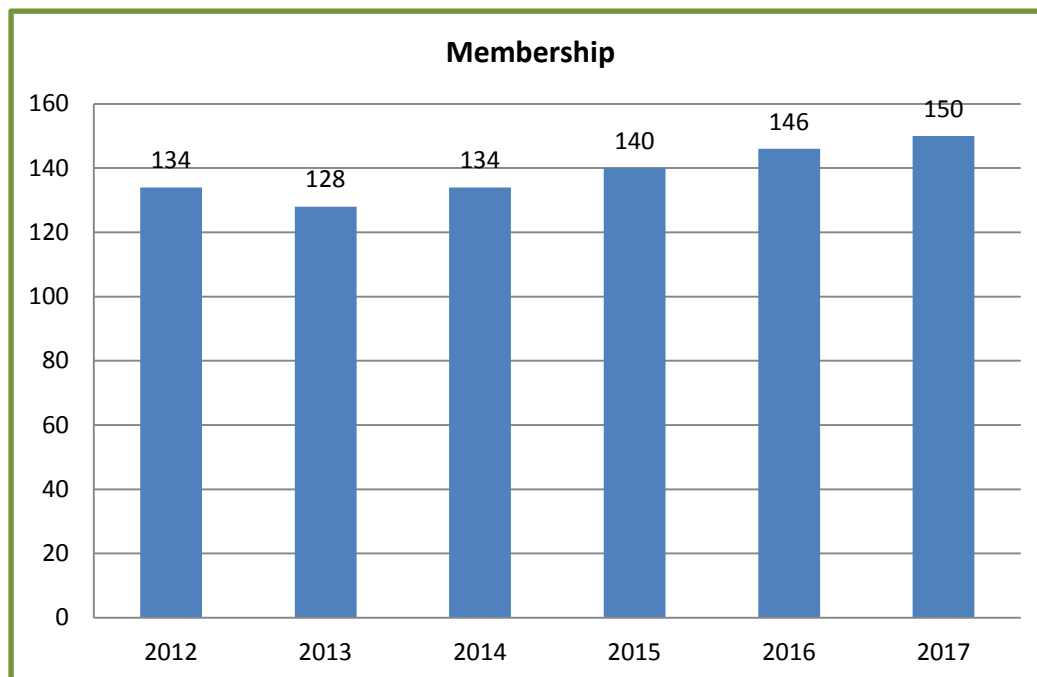
MEMBERSHIP

As of 31 December 2017, the College membership stood at 150 Fellows, comprising 143 Local Fellows and 8 Overseas Fellows.

The following were admitted as Fellows of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore (CAS) in 2017:

- Dr Chan Xin Hui Diana
- Dr Chia Naville

- Dr Mok Un Sam
- Dr Zhu Haibei



ACTIVITIES

Anaesthesia Refresher Course

The College of Anaesthesiologists, Singapore (CAS) held its annual Refresher Course, themed: Riding the New Wave on 8th – 9th April 2017 at Shangri-La's Rasa Sayang Resort & Spa, Batu Ferringhi, Penang, Malaysia.

A/Prof Ti Lian Kah, CAS President and Chairman of this year's Refresher Course was joined by Dr Sushila Sivasubramaniam, President, College of Anaesthesiologists Malaysia; Prof Dr Anselm Bräuer, Georg-August-University of Gottingen; Dr Raveenthiran Rasiah, President, Malaysian Society of Anaesthesiologists; Dr Cheung Chi Wai, 1st Vice-President, Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists; and Dr Colin Chilvers, Chair, Tasmanian Regional Committee ANZCA, Final Fellowship Examiner ANZCA and many other valuable speakers and guests who attended the meeting.

As a platform for anaesthetists to exchange ideas and enrich their knowledge and skills, the participants had a dynamic interaction with the speakers on issues that involved professionalism and the changing landscape of our practice. The Scientific Program was impactful and positive feedback was received from the participants.



The course this year focused on evidence-based practice and current trends in anaesthesia



CAS Council Members and Presidents of overseas colleges

Combined Anaesthetic Meetings

CAS and the Singapore Society of Anaesthesiologists had organised three (3) Combined Anaesthesia Meetings in 2017. We also held the joint inaugural meeting with the participation of the Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists, College of Surgeons, Singapore in October 2017

Date : 11 February 2017 (Saturday)
 Theme : The Anaesthetists' Evolving Role In The Preoperative Period
 Chaired by : A/Prof Koh Kwong Fah, Senior Consultant, Khoo Teck Puat Hospital
 Venue : Yishun Community Hospital
 Total Attendees : 71

Date : 20 May 2017 (Saturday)
 Theme : Enhanced Recovery After Surgery: The Anaesthesia Focus
 Chaired by : Dr John Tey Boon Lim, Consultant, Dept of Anaesthesiology, Intensive Care and Pain Medicine (AICPM), Tan Tock Seng Hospital
 Venue : Tan Tock Seng Hospital
 Total Attendees : 76

Date : 14 Oct 2017 (Saturday)
 Theme : Sharing The Upper Airway
 Chaired by : Dr Sophia Chew, President, College of Anaesthesiologists, Singapore
 Dr Yeo Seng Beng , Chairman, Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists, College of Surgeons
 Venue : Tan Tock Seng Hospital
 Total Attendees : 116

Academy of Medicine 60th Anniversary

The Academy of Medicine, Singapore celebrated its Diamond Jubilee celebration in July 2017. The exceptional and unforgettable milestone was culminated with a Charity Gala Dinner which was well attended by the College Council and its guests.



CAS Council with guests during the AMS Diamond Gala Dinner in July 2017

Staff Registrar Scheme (SRS) – Diploma in Anaesthesiology Course

The College rolled out the SRS scheme in July 2015. This was in response to the Academy of Medicine recommendation of conducting a structured diploma programme with on-the-job training for foreign doctors whose specialist degrees are not recognised by the Singapore Accreditation Board and/or whose medical schools are not recognised by the Singapore Medical Council. The program was endorsed by the Ministry of Health.

Six (6) candidates from the first intake on July 2015, would graduate in 2018. They are Dr Ceres Lucot Laud (CGH), Dr Teddy Fabila (KKH), Dr Nilanthi Samara Rajaguru (NUH), Dr Venkatesan Shree (NUH), Dr Arvin Alimagno (TTSH), Dr Swe Moe Thiha (TTSH) who would graduate in July 2018. Dr Joselo Macachor (KTPH) would graduate in December 2018.

Dr Moe War (NTFGH) and Dr Maria Dhahrani Aman (SGH) from the second intake are in training and currently in their second Year.

PROFESSIONAL OPINION

The College had submitted opinions to external parties. The professional opinions are listed below.

S/N	TOPIC	ORGANISATION
1	Platelet Rich Plasma (PRP) Therapy	Ministry of Health (MOH)
2	Developing a Calibrated Approach to Non-Evidence Based Medicine	Ministry of Health (MOH)
3	Management Policy for Procedurists/Surgeons with Chronic Hepatitis B Status	Academy of Medicine, Singapore
4	Joint Committee for Opioids Control in Healthcare Institutions	Ministry of Health (MOH)
5	AMS's views on CBDs for medical purposes	Ministry of Health (MOH)

FUTURE PLANS AND ACTIVITIES

EVENT	DATE	VENUE
1 st Combined Anaesthesia Meeting & CNY Lo Hei	24 February 2018 (Saturday)	KK Women's and Children's Hospital
CAS Annual Refresher Course	7 April 2018 (Saturday)	York Hotel Singapore
2 nd Combined Anaesthesia Meeting	26 May 2018 (Saturday)	National University Hospital (S) Pte Ltd
3 rd Combined Anaesthesia Meeting	3 November 2018 (Saturday)	Ng Teng Fong General Hospital, Jurong East

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