

COLLEGE OF DENTAL SURGEONS, SINGAPORE



The College of Dental Surgeons, Singapore (CDSS) was incorporated on 6 August 2008. The College conducts continuing professional education activities every year for dental specialists to assist our Fellows and dental specialists in meeting their professional goals. It also conducts educational activities for non-dental professionals and lay publics, thus strengthening its "social role". The College also collaborates with other dental Colleges internationally and contributes to dental specialist organisations regionally. The College aims to be proactive and take leading roles in the professional development and self regulation of the dental fraternity.

Message from the President

Dr Benjamin Long

“ 2013 was a reasonably busy year for CDSS. The year started with a new initiative between CDSS and the Chapters of Infectious Diseases Physicians and Cardiologist with a joint lecture on the need and usefulness of prophylactic antibiotics. This was followed by the SMCM in August, which also saw CDSS taking part in the Oral Health Month (organised by the Singapore Dental Association). More on what we did for 2013 can be seen in the report in this section.



Looking ahead for 2014, the challenges are about the same. The Council's focus is still to increase the value of the fellowship and make it more relevant in view of the ever changing landscape of the healthcare industry, especially in this new age of social media.

In this respect, as our plans for new projects for the year develop, we will keep our Fellows informed. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome to Council our new Chapter Chairs, who I am sure will bring into the Council fresh ideas and infect the rest of us with their zeal and enthusiasm to achieve more as we take on the challenges of 2014. ”

The 2013-2014 Council

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| President: | Dr Benjamin Long |
| Immediate Past President: | Dr Chan Siew Luen |
| Vice President: | Dr Bryce Lee |
| Honorary Secretary: | Dr Andrew Ow Tjin-Chiew |
| Honorary Treasurer: | Dr Seah Tian Ee |
| Council Members: | Dr Loh Poey Ling Dr Benjamin Tan Thong Kwan |

Chapter Chairmen

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| Chapter of Endodontists: | Dr Lui Jeen Nee |
| Chapter of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons: | Dr Winston Tan Kwong Shen |
| Chapter of Orthodontists: | Dr Henry Ho Chee Wai |
| Chapter of Paediatric Dentists: | Dr Toh Siew Luan |
| Chapter of Periodontists: | Dr Tan Wah Ching |
| Chapter of Prosthodontists: | Dr Ansgar Cheng |
| Chapter of Public Health Dentists: | Dr Hemalatha Vignehsa |

Annual General Meeting

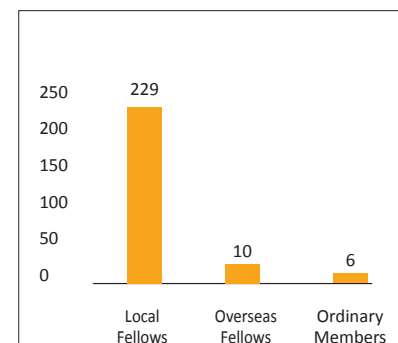
The College held its 5th Annual General Meeting and Conferment Ceremony on 22 May 2013 at the Regent Hotel Singapore.

Council Meetings

The Council held meetings on 3 July 2013, 14 August 2013, 30 September 2013 and 6 November 2013.

Membership

Membership in the College stood at 245 as at 31 December 2013. There were 229 Local Fellows, 10 Overseas Fellows and 6 Ordinary Members.



Continuing Professional Development: Lectures

- **Practical Solutions for Immediate Full-Arch Restoration**
Date: 17 September 2013
Speaker: Dr Brent Boyse, private practice, US
- **Treatment Guidelines for Immediate Placement and Immediate Restoration of Dental Implants in the Aesthetic Zone**
Date: 17 September 2013
Speaker: Dr Brent Boyse, private practice, US
- **Advancing Together in Clinical Dentistry**
Date: 24 August 2013
Event: 47th Singapore Malaysia Congress of the Medicine
Speakers: A/Prof Edmond Pow (Associate Professor & Postgraduate Programme Director in Oral Rehabilitation, Deputy Postgraduate Programme Director in Implant Dentistry, Faculty of Dentistry, The University of Hong Kong; and Assistant Director of the Centre for Advanced Dental Care of the Prince Philip Dental Hospital)

Dr Sung Min Chung (private practice)

Dr Andrew Tay (Director & Senior Consultant at the Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, National Dental Centre & Clinical Senior Lecturer at the Faculty of Dentistry, NUS)

A/Prof Roszalina Ramli (Associate Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery & Head of Trauma Research Group, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia)

A/Prof Seow Liang Lin (Associate Dean of Clinical Oral Sciences at School of Dentistry, International Medical University)

Dr Victoria Yu (Graduate Endodontics Programme Director & Assistant Professor, National University of Singapore; Senior Consultant, National University Hospital)

Continuing Professional Development: Study Club

In November 2013, the College and the Association of Orthodontist Society worked together to conduct Continuing Professional Education (CPE) activities. These consisted of three clinical cases namely 'Class II division 1 incisor relationship on an high angle Class II skeletal base with retrognathic mandible', 'Class II division 1 incisor relationship on a low angle Class I skeletal base', and 'Class II division 1 incisor relationship on a high angle Class I skeletal base with bimaxillary protrusion' and one journal review, 'Clinical recommendations regarding use of cone beam computed tomography in orthodontic treatment, position statement by the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology'. The coordinators-in-charge were Dr Henry Ho and Dr Tang Panmei.

Continuing Professional Development: Seminar

On 27 July 2013, the College together with the Chapter of Cardiologists and the Chapter of Infectious Disease Physicians (both under the auspices of College of Physicians, Singapore), presented a combined seminar entitled 'Does Antibiotic Prophylaxis Prevent Endocarditis?'. The seminar focused on recent guidelines on antibiotic prophylaxis against infective endocarditis. It aimed to reach out to general practitioners, dentists, cardiologists, infectious disease physicians and other medical professionals. Out of the 114 participants, 65 participants were from the dental professionals and 49 were from the medical professionals.

Public Engagement

The College together with Singapore Dental Association (along with HPB, SDHF and Colgate-Palmolive) organised a public awareness campaign in conjunction with the Oral Health Awareness Month 2013 in August. The campaign sought to raise public awareness of the existence of dental specialists in Singapore. The awareness campaign helped the public to have a better understanding of the importance of choosing the right dental specialist for more complex or "specialised" treatments. The College was allotted space in the educational booklet given during the campaign to write a brief description of the different dental specialties and of the situations when patients should see a specialist in that field.

Joint Committee for Dental Specialist Accreditation Exams

The Dental Specialist Accreditation Board of the Ministry of Health appointed the College to form the Joint Committee for Dental Specialist Accreditation (JCDSA) and the respective Dental Specialist Accreditation Committees (DSAC) for the various specialties. The JCDSA conducted two rounds of accreditation exams: 2-4 March 2013 and 25-27 September 2013.