

College of Dental Surgeons, Singapore

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The College of Dental Surgeons, Singapore was incorporated on 6 August 2008. Specialist Chapters of six main specialties – Endodontics, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Orthodontics, Paediatric Dentistry, Periodontists, Prosthodontists and Public Health – were formed within the College.

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”.

President's Message

Dr Benjamin Long



2014 was again a busy and fruitful year. On the continuing professional education (CPE) front, we have increased the number and improved the content on our small study club meetings and held our 2nd Scientific Meeting in August. We have also started a '\$200 CPE Credit Scheme' to encourage Fellows to sign up for our CPE programmes.

We have also successfully conducted the Dental Specialists' Exit Assessments on behalf of the Dental Specialist Accreditation Board (DSAB) in September and provided our professional opinion on the maintenance of the Dental Specialist Register.

In December, our 1st Joint Collegiate Scientific Meeting with our compatriots from Hong Kong and Australia was held in Hong Kong, which was a resounding success with over 300 participants.

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The College Fellowship is growing: we now have 238 Fellows representing almost 80% of all dental specialists registered with the Singapore Dental Council and this is a figure that our College can be proud of as there are very few specialists' college (dental or medical) here or internationally,

with such a high percentage representation.

I sincerely hope that this is an indication that dental specialists in Singapore recognise the relevance the College has to their roles as secondary/tertiary dental health care providers. My heartiest congratulations and warmest welcome to our new Fellows!

As we enter 2015, Dr Bryce Lee, our President Elect, will be taking over the Presidency, and knowing Bryce, he will definitely be scaling new heights for the College and bringing in more benefits for our Fellows.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Council members of 2013/15 and Chapter Chairs for their invaluable contributions to the College and for their steadfast support of our programmes.

The 2013-2014 Council

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 Poh Yu Jin
	Dr Benjamin Tan Thong Kwan
Chair, Chapter of Endodontists	Dr Lui Jeen Nee
Chair, Chapter of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons	Dr Winston Tan Kwong Shen
Chair, Chapter of Orthodontists	Dr Henry Ho Chee Wai
Chair, Chapter of Paediatric Dentists	Dr Toh Siew Luan
Chair, Chapter of Periodontists	Dr Tan Wah Ching
Chair, Chapter of Prosthodontists	Dr Ansgar Cheng
Chair, Chapter of Public Health Dentists	Dr Hemalatha Vignehsa

Annual General Meeting

The College held its 6th Annual General Meeting and Conferment Ceremony on 7 May 2014 at the Orchard Parade Hotel Singapore.

Council Meetings

The Council held meetings on 19 May 2014, 30 June 2014, 1 September 2014 and 20 October 2014.

Membership

Membership in the College stood at 253 as at 31 December 2014. There were 238 local Fellows, 10 overseas Fellows and 5 Ordinary Members. The following persons had been admitted into the Fellowship of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore in 2014: Dr Chin Chong Meng, Dr Hong Pooi Mun, Dr Lee Ping, Geraldine, Dr Low Yi Han, Dr Lye Poh Wah, Clement, Dr Tan Li Yen, Clement, and Dr Teo Kuo-Yih Terence @ Terry.

Continuing Professional Development

• The Frontiers of Soft Tissues Considerations in Dental Practice

Date: 8 July 2014

Speaker: Prof Kenji Takada, Visiting Professor, Faculty of Dentistry at National University of Singapore

• Legal Issues in Orthodontics

Date: 7 October 2014

Speaker: Prof Kenji Takada, Visiting Professor, Faculty of Dentistry at National University of Singapore

Various Chapters under the College had conducted Continuing Medical Education (CME) courses throughout the year.

• Relooking into the Use of Systemic Antibiotics in Periodontal Therapy

Date: 12 March 2014

Organiser: Chapter of Periodontist

Speaker: Dr Wong Li Beng, Senior Registrar, National Dental Centre

• Optimised Modelling for Prediction of Tooth Extraction Based on Singapore Population Sample (Session 1)

Date: 3 June 2014

Organiser: Chapter of Orthodontist

Speaker: Dr Ivan Prabowo, General Dentistry, Khoo Teck Puat Hospital

• Understanding Clinical Studies: A Review of a 2-part AJO-DO Article Published in January and February 2014. Case Presentation of a Class II Division 2 Case (Session 2)

Date: 3 June 2014

Organiser: Chapter of Orthodontist

Speaker: Dr Bryce Lee, President Elect, College of Dental Surgeons, Singapore

• Revascularisation Re-visited

Date: 2 July 2014

Organiser: Chapter of Endodontist

Case 1: Revascularisation of a Mandibular First Premolar

Speaker: Dr Irene Sim, Senior Registrar, National Dental Centre

Case 2: Endodontic Management of Bilateral Premolars with Dens Evaginatus

Speaker: Dr Lui Jeen Nee, Chairman, Endodontic Chapter, College of Dental Surgeons, Singapore

Case 3: Discoloration following

Revascularisation of a Mandibular Incisor

Speaker: Dr Wu Siwen, National Dental Centre

- **CAD-CAM – Where Are We Now?**

Date: 22 July 2014

Organiser: Chapter of Prosthodontist

Speaker: A/Prof Ansgar Cheng, Prosthodontist, private practice; Adjunct Associate Professor in Prosthodontics, Faculty of Dentistry, National University of Singapore

- **Management of Anticoagulant and Antiplatelet Medications for Dental Patients**

Date: 21 October 2014

Organiser: Chapter of Oral & Maxillofacial

Speakers: Dr Albert Lee, Resident, Department of Oral Surgery, National Dental Centre; Dr Tan Mei Hui, Resident, Department of Oral Surgery, National Dental Centre; Dr Winston Tan, Oral and Maxillofacial, Chapter Chairman, College of Dental Surgeons, Singapore

- **Accelerated Orthodontic Tooth Movement – The Current State of Evidence**

Date: 16 December 2014

Organiser: Chapter of Orthodontist

Speaker: Dr Edmund Khoo, Clinical Assistant Professor, College of Dentistry, New York University

Continuing Professional Development: Joint Collegiate Scientific Meeting

The College participated in the first Joint Collegiate Scientific Meeting in Hong Kong on 7 and 8 December 2014. This inaugural collaborative scientific meeting is an initiative of the three organising Colleges to support Fellows and Members of the Colleges in continuing professional development through joint scientific meetings and to advance and promote dentistry to the profession and the communities in the region.

This joint scientific meeting featured two internationally renowned speakers, Professor Ken Hargreaves from the United States and Dr Paul Sambrook from Australia, together with a number of invited eminent speakers from Singapore and Hong Kong, presenting a wide spectrum of interesting topics including endodontics, oral and maxillofacial surgery, pain management, prosthodontics, implantology and paediatric dentistry.

The College of Dental Surgeons, Singapore had nominated two speakers, Dr Rashid Tahir and Dr Teoh Kim Hean, to represent Singapore.

Annual Scientific Meeting

The College held its 2nd Annual Scientific Meeting on 16 August 2014 at the Amara Hotel which was organised by Dr Andrew Ow (Chairman), Dr Henry Ho (Co-Chair) and Dr Seah Tian Ee (Scientific Chairman). The theme was 'Emerging Trends in Clinical Dentistry', with 3 subthemes in 'Dentofacial Aesthetics', '3D Technology in Dentistry' and 'Evolving Treatment Concepts'. The event was well-attended with Professor Jin-Yong Choi, a distinguished Professor in Oral-Maxillofacial Surgery from the University of South Korea and distinguished CDSS Fellows sharing their clinical expertise on the topics.

Public Engagement

Oral Health Month (OHM) was held in August 2014 as a joint collaboration between Singapore Dental Association (SDA), Colgate, Health Promotion Board (HPB) and Singapore Dental Health Foundation (SDHF). The Fellows of Dental Surgeons, Singapore were invited to participate this year via waiving of consultation fees for patients referred to the specialists by participating GP clinics.

One of the aims of having a dental specialist register is to raise the standard of care provided to the public. At present, a significant part of the Singapore public is yet unaware of the existence, as well as the different types of dental specialists. Having the awareness campaign will help the public to have a better understanding of the importance of choosing the right dental specialist for more complex or "specialised" treatments.

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 the first round of accreditation exams on 22 to 24 September, 2014. The second round is scheduled for 23 to 25 March, 2015.

Registration under the Charities Act

The College was registered under the Charities Act as an Institute of Public Character on 27 June 2014.