



Chapter of Plastic Surgeons College of Surgeons, Singapore Annual Report 2008

2ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2nd Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of Plastic Surgeons was held on Thursday, 15 May 2008 at 6.35pm at Meeting Room 2U84 (Level 2), Paediatric Clinical Office, KK Women's and Children's Hospital, Children's Tower, 100 Bukit Timah Road, Singapore 229899.

CHAPTER SPECIALTY BOARD

The following Chapter Specialty Board Members continued to serve their office from 2008-2009:

Chairman:	Dr Yeow Kok Leng, Vincent
Vice-Chairman:	Dr Lim Jiun, Ivor
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Ang Sze Wee, Erik
Members:	Dr Khoo Kian Ming, Andrew
	Dr Sng Wei-Ee, Karen
	Dr Wu Tze-Liang, Woffles

At the time of writing the Annual Report, the 2008-2009 Chapter Board had met one time to conduct the business and affairs of the Chapter for year 2008.

MEMBERSHIP

The total membership as of 31 December 2008 under the Chapter of Plastic Surgeons now stands at 35 Fellows comprising of 34 Local Fellows and 1 Overseas Fellow.

DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAMME

The Chapter of Plastic Surgeons has submitted the module on "Blepharoplasty" authored by Dr Andrew P. Trussler and Dr Rod J. Rohrich to the Academy of Medicine, Singapore (AMS) who is hosting the Distance Learning Programme website. Fellows who wish to access the Distance Learning Programme may do so by using their MCR number and password to login at the member secured login area at the Academy of Medicine website.

ENDORSEMENT OF EVENTS

The Chapter has endorsed the following events in 2008:

1. Lecture series and teachings by the Ministry of Health (MOH) Health Manpower Development Plan (HMDP) Visiting Expert in Craniofacial Surgery, Dr Eric J. Arnaud, from 26 January to 1 February 2008 organized by KK Women's & Children's Hospital (KKH).

2. Lecture series and teachings by the MOH HMDP Visiting Expert in Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery, Dr Randolph Sherman, from 28 November to 5 December 2008 organized by KKH.

PARTICIPATION IN MOH'S INITIATIVES

Study of National Medical Specialty Centres (NMSCs)

All Specialty Chapters under the College of Surgeons, Singapore were being invited by MOH through AMS in January 2008 to participate in the study of National Medical Specialty Centres (NMSCs), mainly to provide feedback on the feasibility of establishing a NMSC for the individual specialty, as well as, the Chapter's view on the mission and roles of a NMSC. The Committee on Strategy for National Medical Specialisation Centres of MOH was chaired by Prof Goh Chee Leok and the Chapter has submitted its reply to MOH on 5 March 2008.

Table of Surgical Procedures (TOSP) Review

In the Table of Surgical Procedures (TOSP) review exercise called by MOH in 2007, the Chapter has submitted its proposal to revise tables for some current codes, as well as, proposing the creation of new codes in congruence with the up-to-date development of surgical procedures of Plastic Surgery. The Chapter has also reviewed the TOSP returns from MOH in October 2008 and has submitted its feedback to MOH. The Chapter will continue to assist MOH in finalising the TOSPs.

ACTIVITIES IN THE PIPELINE

Running Certificate of Competence (COC) Courses for Invasive Aesthetic Procedures

With the effecting of the Aesthetic Practice Guidelines on 1 November 2008, the Chapter has been requested to run COC courses in accordance to the list A of the aesthetic procedures depicted in the Aesthetic Practice Guidelines. The Chapter will focus in running the COC courses for invasive aesthetic procedures and it will plan the organising of the COC courses progressively. Course information will be announced when available.

Participating in the 43rd Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine (43rd SMCM)

AMS will be hosting the 43rd Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine in Singapore from 6-8 August 2009 and pre-Congress workshops can be organised from 4-6 August 2009. The Chapter of Plastic Surgeons plans to organise a pre-Congress workshop in conjunction of the 43rd SMCM. Further information will be announced when nearer the date.

APPRECIATION

The Chapter wishes to record its appreciation to all our Fellows for their support rendered in the past year and we look forward to your ongoing support for future projects.

December 2008
Dr Erik Ang
Honorary Secretary
On behalf of 2008-2009 Board, Chapter of Plastic Surgeons