



Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists College of Surgeons, Singapore Annual Report 2013

7TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 7th Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists was held on Friday, 10 May 2013 at 6.00pm at DOMVS, Italian Restaurant, Sheraton Towers, 39 Scotts Road, Singapore 228230.

CHAPTER SPECIALTY BOARD

The following Chapter Specialty Board Members have completed their term of office from 2011-2013 by the date of the 7th Annual General Meeting of the Chapter:

Chairman:	Dr Huang Shou Chyuan
Vice-Chairman:	Dr Yeo Seng Beng
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Toh Song Tar
Members:	Dr Mok Kan Hwei, Paul
	Dr Peter Lu
	Dr Euan Murugasu

At the time of writing the Annual Report, the 2013-2015 Chapter Board had met twice to conduct the business and affairs of the Chapter for the year 2013.

MEMBERSHIP

The total membership as of 31 December 2013 under the Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists stands at 71 Fellows comprising 70 Local Fellows and 1 Overseas Fellow.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME)

Monthly Otology Board Meeting

The monthly Otology Board Meeting is usually held on the last Friday of the month and jointly organized by the National University Hospital (NUH) and the Tan Tock Seng Hospital (TTSH). Notices of these meetings are circulated to Chapter Members via email blast.

CME LECTURE

The Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists organised a CME Lecture on 15 March 2013 at Parco Caffe Restaurant. Emeritus Prof Patrick J Bradley from Nottingham University Hospital delivered a lecture titled 'What's new in malignant salivary gland neoplasms' and Dr Christopher Hobbs delivered a talk on 'The Harmonic Scalpel in Head and Neck Surgery'. The attendance at this meeting was 70 persons.

The Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists co-organised a CME Lecture with Society of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery, Singapore (SOHNSS) on 18 October 2013 at Crowne Plaza Hotel and invited Professor Ron Mitchell, HMDP Visiting Expert to deliver the lecture on 'Paediatric OSA: Beyond tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy'. The attendance at this meeting was 70 persons.

SPECIAL FEEDBACK SESSION FOR OTOLARYNGOLOGY TRAINEES

The Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists organised a special feedback session for Otolaryngology Trainees on 3 September 2013 at Lee Kong Chian Boardroom, Academy of Medicine, Singapore.

This special feedback session was convened in response to recent concerns that were raised over the hiring of foreign specialists in the specialty of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery. The aim of this meeting was to consolidate the opinions of Otolaryngology trainees and to feedback their concerns to the relevant parties, and was arranged with the permission of the RAC chairman Prof Christopher Goh.

The feedback session yielded a wide range of concerns which included employment opportunities for local specialists and equity for advancement prospects. The Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists Board is arranging a meeting with the Heads of the various ENT departments to present the findings.

TABLE OF SURGICAL PROCEDURES (TOSP)

MOH has formed a committee to review and revise Table of Surgical Procedures (TOSP) codes on an annual basis. The Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists has submitted the feedback collected from members to the Ministry of Health through the College of Surgeons, Singapore before the deadline on 31 July 2013.

ENDORSEMENT OF EVENT

The Chapter has endorsed the following events in 2013:

1. GP Symposium for specialists and general practitioners on 26 July at the Chinese Swimming Club, Tung Lok Classics Restaurant. The guest speaker for the symposium was Dr Mark Hon Wah Ignatius who delivered a lecture on "Impact of the Nose on Obstructive Sleep Apnoea".
2. GP Symposium for specialists and general practitioners on 6 September at Jurong Country Club, Albizia Room. The guest speaker for the symposium was Dr Andrew Loy Heng Chian who delivered a lecture on "Nasopharyngeal Cancer: Update in diagnosis and treatment".

PARTICIPATION IN MOH'S INITIATIVES

All Specialty Chapters under the College of Surgeons, Singapore were invited by MOH through the Academy of Medicine, Singapore (AMS) to participate in the following:

Feedback on the proposed guidelines on aesthetic facial procedures for dental practitioners

The Chapter of Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists was invited by the Regulatory Compliance Division of MOH in December 2012 to provide feedback on the proposed guidelines on

aesthetic facial procedures for dental practitioners. The Chapter submitted its reply to MOH through Academy of Medicine, Singapore in February 2013.

Feedback on the provision of facial plastics services by medical practitioners trained in the specialty of otorhinolaryngology

The Chapter of Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists was invited by the Regulatory Compliance Division of MOH in March 2013 to provide feedback on the provision of facial plastics services by medical practitioners trained in the specialty of otorhinolaryngology. The Chapter submitted its reply to MOH through Academy of Medicine, Singapore in April 2013.

Feedback on Advertisement on Radiofrequency turbinate reduction (RTR)

The Chapter of Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists was invited by the Regulatory Compliance Division of MOH in July 2013 to provide feedback about a medical advertisement on Radiofrequency turbinate reduction (RTR). The Chapter submitted its reply to MOH through Academy of Medicine, Singapore in August 2013.

18TH YAHYA COHEN MEMORIAL LECTURESHIP

The College of Surgeons, Singapore awarded the 18th Yahya Cohen Memorial Lecture Award to Dr Chin Chao-Wu David (Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists) for his paper entitled "The Outside-in a approach to the modified endoscopic Lothrop procedure". The Lecturer received a College gold medal and certificate.

ACTIVITIES IN THE PIPELINE

ENT Subspecialty Updates

The Chapter will organize a series of subspecialty updates in 2014. Details will be announced in the near future.

APPRECIATION

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

December 2013
Dr Jeevendra Kanagalingam
Honorary Secretary
On behalf of 2013-2015 Board
Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists