

# Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists College of Surgeons, Singapore Annual Report 2016

# 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists was held on Friday, 18 March 2016, Grand Ballroom 1, Level 1, Parkroyal on Beach Road, 7500 Beach Road, Singapore 199591.

#### **CHAPTER SPECIALTY BOARD**

The following Chapter Specialty Board Members were duly elected to serve their term of office from 2015-2017 starting from the date of the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Chapter:

Chairman: Dr Peter Lu Kuo Sun
Vice-Chairman: Dr Loh Chi Yuan Ian
Honorary Secretary: Dr Loke Kok Teik David
Members: Dr Tay Su-Lin Valerie

Dr Toh Song Tar Dr Yeo Seng Beng

Dr Ngo Yeow Seng Raymond

At the time of writing the Annual Report, the 2015-2017 Chapter Board had conducted two board meetings in the year 2016.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

The total membership as of December 2016 under the Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists now stands at 84 Fellows comprising 83 Local Fellows and 1 Overseas Fellow.

# "FACIAL PLASTIC AND RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY" SUB-COMMITTEE

The Chapter Board approved the formation of a 'Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery' sub-committee under the Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists at its Board meeting held on 17 August 2016 with the following Committee members:

Chairman: Dr Loh Chi Yuan Ian
Vice-Chairman: Dr Loke Kok Teik David
Honorary Secretary: Dr Tay Su-Lin Valerie
Member: Dr Oo Kian Kwan Kenneth

Dr Sandeep Uppal

The Council for the College of Surgeons, Singapore approved the formation and subcommittee members at its meeting held on the 30 August 2016.

# **CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME) EVENTS**

# **Monthly Otology Board Meeting**

The monthly Otology Board Meeting is usually held on the last Friday of the month and jointly organized by Tan Tock Seng Hospital (TTSH), National University Hospital (NUH), and Changi General Hospital (CGH) since 2011. The venues are rotated in sequence among these 3 hospitals. Notices of these meetings were circulated to Chapter Members via email blast.

#### **CME** Lecture

The Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists organised CME Lectures as follows:

- Joint Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists and Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery Singapore CME and Peer Review Learning on Facial Plastics on 15 January 2016 at Chui Huay Lim Teochew restaurant
- Friday, 18 March 2016, Grand Ballroom 1, Level 1, Parkroyal on Beach Road, 7500 Beach Road, Singapore 199591:
  - "Basics of Pain Medicine for the Otorhinolaryngologists" by Dr Yoong Chee Seng, Senior Consultant, Anesthesia and Director, Chronic Pain Service, Changi General Hospital
  - "Frontiers in Laryngology" by Dr David Lau, Consultant, ENT Centre, Gleneagles Medical Centre

#### JOINT PEER REVIEW LEARNING ASM MEETING

The Chapter collaborated with the Society of Otorhinolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery, Singapore (SOHNSS) and held two Joint Peer Review Learning ASM Meetings. The Chapter Board hope that there will be more collaboration in the future.

#### DISTINGUISHED OTOLARYNGOLOGIST AWARD

The Chapter presented Dr N. Kunaratnam with the Distinguished Otolaryngologist Award on at its Dinner Lecture on 18 March 2016. A citation for Dr N. Knaratnam was given by A/Prof Siow Jin Keat.

#### INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXPERT

The Chapter has provided independent medical expert advice in two court cases in May and September 2016.

#### PARTICIPATION IN WORKING COMMITTEE ON APOC

The Chapter was invited to participate in the Singapore Medical Council's Working Committee on the revision of the Aesthetic Practices Oversight Committee (APO) in 2016.

#### PARTICIPATION IN AMS AESTHETIC MEDICINE TASKFORCE

The Chapter has continued to participate in the Academy of Medicine's Taskforce for the Aesthetic Medicine.

#### 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 Screening Tests Review (Further inputs clarification)

The Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists was invited by MOH in January 2016 to provide feedback on Screening Tests Review (Further inputs clarification). The Chapter submitted its reply to MOH through Academy of Medicine, Singapore on 28 January 2016.

### Feedback on Procedures Performed in Outpatient Medical Clinics

The Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists was invited by MOH to provide feedback on the Procedures performed in Outpatient Medical Clinics. The Chapter submitted its reply to MOH through the College of Surgeons, Singapore and the Academy of Medicine, Singapore on 28 August 2016.

# Feedback on the Updates to table of surgical procedures and call for submission of proposals for 2016/2017 Review Cycle

The Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists was invited by the MOH to submit updates to table of surgical procedures and call for submission of proposals for 2016/2017 Review Cycle. The Chapter has submitted its reply via the Academy of Medicine, Singapore on 8 December 2016.

# PARTICIPATION IN HSA'S INITIATIVES

# Feedback on HSA Request for Expert Opinion on Lysozyme

The Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists was invited by HSA to provide feedback on the Request for Expert Opinion on Lysozyme. The Chapter submitted its reply to HSA through the College of Surgeons, Singapore and the Academy of Medicine, Singapore on 14 November 2016.

# **ACTIVITIES IN THE PIPELINE**

The Chapter continues to plan events in Continuing Medical Education, Peer Review Learning and co-organising future events with the Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery Singapore and other Colleges and Chapters of Academy of Medicine, Singapore. It will also continue to endorse aesthetic courses to ensure the quality of its profession.

# **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 2016

Dr Loke Kok Teik David Honorary Secretary On behalf of 2015-2017 Board Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists