



Chapter of General Surgeons College of Surgeons, Singapore Annual Report 2013

7TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 7th Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of General Surgeons was held on Wednesday, 27 March 2013 at 6.00pm at VIP Boardroom, Oasia Hotel, 8 Sinaran Drive, Singapore 307470.

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 Wong Soong Kuan
Vice-Chairman:	Dr Ranjiv Sivanandan
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Ho Choon Kiat
Immediate Past Chairman:	Dr I Swaminathan
Board Members:	Dr Stephen Chang
	Dr Tan Kok Yang (Co-opted)
	Dr Shankar Pasupathy (Co-opted)
	Dr Seow Choon Sheong (Co-opted)
	Dr Jaideep Raj Rao (Co-opted)

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

MEMBERSHIP

The total membership as of 31 December 2013 under the Chapter of General Surgeons now stands at 169 Fellows comprising of 163 Local Fellows and 6 Overseas Fellows.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME)

Combined Surgical Meeting Calendar for 2013

The calendar for monthly combined surgical meetings for the year 2013 is available on the College of Surgeons' website at www.css.edu.sg under *CME Activities – General Surgery* for reference purpose. Monthly combined surgical meetings were conducted in the restructured institutions on a rotation basis.

The Chapter of General Surgeons had organised a Continuing Medical Education event on:-

- Evidence-based Approach to Perioperative Nutrition Support by Prof Peter B Soeters on 21 October 2013 at Sheraton Towers
- The evolution to the Chang Gung Transplant Program by Prof Chen Chao Long
From graft selection to surgical techniques: how to improve graft success rates by Prof K K Madhavan on 23 November 2013 at Oasia Hotel.

Exit Examination Preparatory Course 2013 for Advanced Surgical Trainees (ASTs) in General Surgery

The Chapter of General Surgeons had organized its 6th Exit Examination Preparatory Course from 25 to 28 June 2013 for the Advanced Surgical Trainees (ASTs) in General Surgery to help the ASTs in their preparations for their exit examinations. The preparatory course was hosted by the National University Hospital, Khoo Teck Puat Hospital, Singapore General Hospital, Changi General Hospital and Tan Tock Seng Hospital. The course comprised of bedside teaching and mock VIVA of similar format as the actual exit examinations and covered core modules such as Breast, Endocrine, Upper Gastrointestinal, Vascular, Trauma, Colorectal, Hepato-pancreato-biliary, General Surgery, Head & Neck, Minimally-Invasive Surgery and Emergency Surgery & Critical Care.

Based on the positive feedback received from the past four preparatory courses, the Chapter hopes to continue to organise this event for the benefit of the future batches of AST. The Chapter is however mindful that the course needs to be reviewed regularly and fine-tuned accordingly so as to stay relevant to the changes in the training curriculum. Dr Wong Soong Kuan gave a note of thanks to Dr Seow Choon Sheong for his efforts as the Course Convenor for the successful course.

ANNUAL COMBINED SURGICAL MEETING 2013

The Chapter of General Surgeons organised the Annual Combined Surgical Meeting from 11 to 13 October 2013 at Conrad Centennial Singapore. The Opening Ceremony was held in conjunction with the College of Surgeons Dinner & Lecture on 11 October 2013 and the Guest-of-Honour was Mrs Tan Ching Yee, Permanent Secretary (Health). The event was well attended with local and overseas delegates. Dr Wong Soong Kuan gave a note of thanks to the committee for organising the successful event.

PARTICIPATION IN MINISTRY OF HEALTH'S (MOH) 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 Self Administer Coffee Enema

The Chapter of General Surgeons was invited by the Regulatory Compliance Division of MOH in December 2012 to provide feedback on the Self Administer Coffee Enema. The Chapter has submitted its reply to MOH through AMS in January 2013.

Feedback on Administering colonic irrigation/hydrotherapy and Coffee Enema Service

The Chapter of General Surgeons was invited by the Regulatory Compliance Division of MOH in February 2013 to provide feedback on the Administering colonic irrigation/hydrotherapy and Coffee Enema Service. The Chapter has submitted its reply to MOH through AMS in March 2013.

Feedback on Scope of competence of an Anaesthesiologist

The Chapter of General Surgeons was invited by the Regulatory Compliance Division of MOH in April 2013 to provide feedback on the Scope of competence of an Anaesthesiologist. The Chapter has submitted its reply to MOH through AMS.

Feedback on Expert review of medical records – nomination of General Surgeons

The Chapter of General Surgeons was invited by the Regulatory Compliance Division of MOH in October 2013 to provide feedback on the Expert review of medical records – nomination of General Surgeons. The Chapter has submitted its reply to MOH through AMS.

Feedback on Modalities for Breast Cancer Screening

The Chapter of General Surgeons was invited by the Regulatory Compliance Division of MOH in October 2013 to provide feedback on the Modalities for Breast Cancer Screening. The Chapter has submitted its reply to MOH through AMS.

ACTIVITIES IN THE PIPELINE**Exit Examination Preparatory Course 2014 for Advanced Specialist Trainees (ASTs)**

The Chapter will continue to play a pivotal role in training the ASTs by organising the annual preparatory course. This course will be part of the Chapter's highlights, and hence a regular item in the Chapter's calendar, for as long as the need for it remains. Course contents and format will also be looked into when planning for the subsequent course. Details will be announced in due time.

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.

December 2013
Dr Ho Choon Kiat
Honorary Secretary
On behalf of 2013-2015 Board
Chapter of General Surgeons