



Chapter of General Surgeons College of Surgeons, Singapore Annual Report 2014

8TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 8th Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of General Surgeons was held on Tuesday, 29 April 2014 at 6.00pm at Topaz Room, Sheraton Towers Singapore.

CHAPTER SPECIALTY BOARD

The following Chapter Specialty Board Members are serving their term of 2013-2015 by the date of the 8th 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 3 times to conduct the business and affairs of the Chapter for year 2014.

MEMBERSHIP

The total membership as of 17 November 2014 under the Chapter of General Surgeons now stands at 174 Fellows comprising of 165 Local Fellows and 9 Overseas Fellows.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME)

Combined Surgical Meeting Calendar for 2014

The calendar for monthly combined surgical meetings for the year 2014 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.

Continuing Medical Education Lectures

The Chapter of General Surgeons had organized a Continuing Medical Education Lecture on 29 April 2014 titled "Laparoscopic Colorectal Surgery: An Update from the Japanese Multi-Centre Trial" delivered by Prof Fumio Konishi. It was held at Sheraton Towers Singapore.

Singapore-Australasian Live Laparoscopic Surgery Symposium

The Chapter of General Surgeons organized the Live Laparoscopic Surgery Symposium on the 4 to 5 May 2014 at Tan Tock Seng Hospital. Some of the topics covered included Laparoscopic TEP Repair, Laparoscopic Ventral Hernia Repair, 3-D Laparoscopic Reversion of Sleeve to Roux-En-Y Gastric Bypass, 3-D Laparoscopic Hiatal Hernia and Nissen Fundoplication.

Exit Examination Preparatory Course 2014 for Advanced Surgical Trainees (ASTs) in General Surgery

The Chapter of General Surgeons had organized its 7th Exit Examination Preparatory Course from 24 to 27 June 2014 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 and Singapore General 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 six 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.

PARTICIPATION IN MINISTRY OF HEALTH'S (MOH) AND SINGAPORE MEDICAL COUNCIL 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 Further Edits to the Proposed Revision of the Guidelines for Aesthetic Practices

The Chapter of General Surgeons participated in the discussion within the College of Surgeons to provide feedback to the Proposed Revisions of the Guidelines for Aesthetic Practices.

Feedback on Verification of Visiting Expert

The Chapter of General Surgeons regularly provides inputs on the Verification of Visiting Experts to the Singapore Medical Council.

Feedback on Specialist Training in Singapore

The Chapter of General Surgeons participated in the Feedback Session on Specialist Training in Singapore within the Academy of Medicine, Singapore. Their feedback was submitted in August 2014.

Feedback on Table of Surgical Procedures

The Chapter of General Surgeons was invited by the Regulatory Compliance Division of MOH in October 2014 to provide feedback on the Expert review of medical records – nomination of General Surgeons. The Chapter has submitted its reply to MOH through AMS.

ACTIVITIES IN THE PIPELINE

Exit Examination Preparatory Course 2015 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 2014
Dr Ho Choon Kiat
Honorary Secretary
On behalf of 2013-2015 Board
Chapter of General Surgeons