



Chapter of General Surgeons College of Surgeons, Singapore Annual Report 2016

10TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 10th Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of General Surgeons was held on Saturday, 5 March 2016 at 12.30pm at Lee Kong Chian Boardroom, Academy of Medicine, 81 Kim Keat Road, #12-00 NKF Centre, Singapore 328836.

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 9th Annual General Meeting of the Chapter:

Chairman: Dr Lim Yon Kuei Bernard

Vice-Chairman: Dr Ho Choon Kiat

Honorary Secretary: Dr Wong Te Ching Mark
(2016-2017)

Honorary Secretary: Dr Foo Chek Siang
(2015-2016)

Board Members:

- Dr Rao Jaideepraj
- Dr Lim Jit Fong
- Dr So Bok Yan Jimmy
- Dr Seow Choon Sheong (Co-opted)
- Dr Shelat Vishalkumar (Co-opted)
- Dr Kow Wei Chieh Alfred (Co-opted)
- Dr Wong Siang Yih Andrew (Co-opted), SRS Program Director
- Dr Tan Wei Leong Glenn (Co-opted)
- Dr Lee Ser Yee (Co-opted)

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

MEMBERSHIP

The total membership as of December 2015 under the Chapter of General Surgeons now stands at 183 Fellows comprising 176 Local Fellows and 7 Overseas Fellow.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME) EVENTS

Annual Combined Surgical Meeting (ACSM)

The Chapter organised the Annual Combined Surgical Meeting entitled "Mastery of Surgery" held on 27 August 2016 at the Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel, Singapore. The opening dinner was held in conjunction with the College of Surgeons Lectureship Dinner, Singapore held on 26 August 2016.

The Organising Committee members were as follows:

<u>Designation</u>	<u>Name</u>
Chairman	Dr Bernard Lim Yon Kuei
Vice-Chairman	Dr Ho Choon Kiat
Hon Secretary	Dr Jimmy So Bok Yan
Hon Treasurer	Dr Shelat Vishalkumar
Chair, Publication & Marketing Sub-Committee	Dr Seow Choon Sheong
Chair, Sponsorship & Exhibition Sub-Committee	Dr Rao Jaideepraj
Chair, Scientific Sub-Committees	Dr Alfred Kow Wei Chieh

The keynote speakers for the event were **Professor Ichiro Uyama**, Professor, Department of Upper Gastrointestinal Surgery, Fujita Health University Hospital, Japan and **Professor Gyu Seog Choi**, Professor, Head of Colorectal Surgery, Kyungpook National University Medical Centre, Daegu, Korea. Two other distinguished international speakers were **Professor Joseph S. Solomkin**, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, USA and **Professor Kang Young Lee**, Yonsei University Severance Hospital, Korea.

The event was attended by 147 participants including faculty and medical students. There were a total of 40 breakout sessions including awards for the Best Oral and Video Presentations.

Exit Examination Preparatory Course 2016 for Advanced Surgical Trainees (ASTs) in General Surgery

The Chapter of General Surgeons organized its 8th Exit Examination Preparatory Course from 27 to 30 June 2016 for the Advanced Surgical Trainees (ASTs) in General Surgery to help in their preparations for the exit examinations. The preparatory course was hosted by the National University Hospital, Khoo Teck Puat Hospital, Tan Tock Seng Hospital, Singapore General Hospital and Ng Teng Fong General Hospital. The course comprised bedside teaching and mock VIVA sessions similar in format to the actual exit examinations and covered core modules such as Breast, Endocrine, Upper Gastrointestinal, Vascular, Trauma, Colorectal, Hepatico-pancreatico-biliary, Head & Neck, Minimally-Invasive Surgery and Emergency Surgery & Critical Care.

Dr Bernard Lim conveyed the Board's thanks to Dr Seow Choon Sheong for his conscientious efforts serving as the Course Convenor for the past few years, continuously fine-tuning the curriculum to stay relevant to the changes in the profession.

Dinner Lectures

The Chapter organised a dinner lecture on 11 May 2016 held at Legacy Suite, Level 2, Tang Plaza Hotel as follows:

- Dr Patrick Tan Yuk Meng, Consultant General Surgeon (Colorectal Surgery), Royal Perth Hospital, gave a lecture on "Deep Neuromuscular Blockade – Is It Necessary?"
- Dr Phillip Tseng Seng Sou, Consultant, Phillip Tseng Anaesthetics Pte Ltd, gave a lecture on "Deep Neuromuscular Block – Is It Really Necessary? An Anaesthetist's Perspective"

Essential Laparoscopic Suturing Course

The Chapter supported the Essential Laparoscopic Suturing Course held at The Academia, Procedural Skills Lab 1A, Singapore General Hospital on 19 March 2016. The course was attended by 22 participants, who gave feedback requesting for more of such courses in the future.

Combined Surgical Meeting Calendar for 2016

The monthly combined surgical meetings were conducted in the restructured institutions on a rotational basis.

ENDORSEMENT OF EVENTS

The Chapter endorsed the following programs:

- "SHOW (Simulated inguinal Hernia (Open) Operation workshop" for surgeons in training (Residents/MOs/ Registrars) held on 28 May 2016 organised by Department of General Surgery, Tan Tock Seng Hospital.
- "The 17th Congress of Asian Society for Vascular Surgery" held from 20 to 23 October 2016 organised by the Asian Society of Vascular Surgery.

SPONSORSHIP OF EVENT

The Chapter sponsored the Free Paper and Poster Prizes for the Trauma Conference organised by Tan Tock Seng Hospital from 23 to 24 April 2016.

INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXPERT

In 2016, the Chapter provided independent medical expert advice in three court cases in the last quarter of the year.

PARTICIPATION IN MINISTRY OF HEALTH'S (MOH), SINGAPORE MEDICAL COUNCIL (SMC), HAS and HPB INITIATIVES

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

Feedback on Endorsement of the Revised Obesity CPG (HPB)

HPB invited feedback from the Chapter through the College of Surgeons, Singapore for opinions on "Endorsement of the Revised Obesity CPG". The Chapter provided the feedback on 7 January 2016.

Feedback on Screening Tests Review (Further inputs clarification) (MOH)

The Chapter of General Surgeons responded to the "Screening Tests Review (Further inputs clarification)" feedback requested by MOH on 28 January 2016.

Feedback on Proposed Revised Guidelines on Aesthetic Practices for Doctors (SMC)

The Chapter of General Surgeons responded to the "Proposed Revised Guidelines on Aesthetic Practices for Doctors" feedback requested by SMC on 25 April 2016.

Feedback on Consent Taking Procedures (MOH)

The Chapter of General Surgeons was invited by the MOH to provide feedback on "Consent Taking Procedures". The Chapter submitted its reply to MOH through Academy of Medicine, Singapore on 18 May 2016.

Feedback on DHCPL on Niacin (HSA)

The Chapter of General Surgeons was invited by the HSA to provide feedback on "DHCPL on Niacin". The Chapter submitted its feedback to HSA through Academy of Medicine, Singapore on 14 July 2016.

Feedback on Procedures performed in Outpatient Medical Clinics (MOH)

The Chapter of General Surgeons was invited by the MOH to provide feedback on "Procedures performed in Outpatient Medical Clinics". The Chapter submitted its reply to MOH through Academy of Medicine, Singapore on 29 August 2016.

Feedback on Updates to table of surgical procedures and call for submission of proposals for 2016/2017 Review Cycle (MOH)

MOH invited submissions from the Chapter through the College of Surgeons, Singapore / Academy of Medicine, Singapore on "Updates to table of surgical procedures and call for submission of proposals for 2016/2017 Review Cycle". The Chapter relayed its submission to MOH through Academy of Medicine, Singapore on 8 December 2016.

ACTIVITIES IN THE PIPELINE

Exit Examination Preparatory Course 2017 for Advanced Specialist Trainees (ASTs)

The Chapter will continue to play a pivotal role in training the General Surgery ASTs by organising this annual preparatory course. This course is now recognised as a core component of exam revision and has become a regular item in the Chapter's calendar, and will continue to remain so. Course contents and format will continue to be reviewed and revised accordingly for subsequent courses so as to meet the evolving needs of the trainees. Details will be announced in due course.

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 2016

Dr Wong Te Ching Mark
Honorary Secretary
On behalf of 2015-2017 Board
Chapter of General Surgeons