



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

8TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 8TH Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons was held on Thursday, 10 April 2014 at 6.00pm at Mount Elizabeth Orchard Medical Centre.

CHAPTER SPECIALTY BOARD

The following Chapter Specialty Board Members are serving their term of office from 2013-2015 by the date of the 8th Annual General Meeting of the Chapter:

Chairman:	Dr James Wong Woon Wai
Vice-Chairman:	Dr Victor Chao Tar Toong
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Lim Yeong Phang
Board Members:	Dr Cumaraswamy Sivathanan
	Dr Soon Jia Lin
	Dr Aye Winn Maung Maung

At the time of writing the Annual Report, the 2013-2015 Chapter Board had not conducted any board meetings in year 2014.

MEMBERSHIP

The total membership as of 17 November 2014 under the Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons now stands at 34 Fellows comprising of 33 Local Fellows and 1 Overseas Fellow.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

Cardiothoracic Surgery Retreats

The Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons had planned and organised Cardiothoracic Surgery Retreats from 11 January 2014 to 30th August 2014 for the benefit of trainees, nurses and Members of the Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons. The Retreats organised are as follows:

- CTS Retreat on Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC) – ‘The Battle Against NSCLC’ held on 11 January 2014 at NUHS Tower Block Auditorium Exhibition Area
- Cardiothoracic Retreat - ‘Thoracic Aortic Surgery’ held on 5 July 2014 at National Heart Centre Lecture Theatre Level 8
- Cardiothoracic Surgery Retreat – Case Studies held on 30 August 2014 at National Heart Centre Lecture Theatre Level 8

Dinner Lectures

The Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons organized the following CME Lectures:

- “Complex VATS Lobectomy for Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC) – How Far Can We Push the Boundary?” by Prof Kim Kwhanmien on the 10 January 2014 at Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel
- “Re-do in Thoracic Aortic Surgery” by Prof Roberto Di Bartolomeo on the 4 July 2014 at Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel
- “Challenges of Valve Surgery in Vietnam” by Dr Phan NguyenVan on 29 August 2014 at Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel
- “Heart Transplantation vs. Mechanical Circulatory Support – Is the Gold Standard Changing?” by Prof Hermann Reichenspurner and “Status of Heart Transplantation and Mechanical Cardiac Support in Singapore” by Dr Cumaraswamy Sivathasan on 15 Nov 2014 at Regent Singapore

ENDORSEMENT OF EVENT

The Chapter endorsed the event “3rd Singapore Valve 2014” organized on the 26 to 27 September 2014 at the National Heart Centre Singapore.

STAFF REGISTRAR SCHEME (SRS)

With reference to the Ministry of Health’s (MOH’s) paper in early 2007 introducing the initiative of conducting a structured diploma programme with on-the-job training as previously proposed by the Academy of Medicine, Singapore (AMS) for foreign doctors, the Chapter had implemented its SRS Programme in April 2008.

This is a three-year programme and the second intake has one (1) trainee currently and still ongoing until August 2015. The trainee in the SRS Programme will ultimately be awarded a Diploma in Cardiothoracic Surgery conferred jointly by the Academy of Medicine, Singapore (AMS) and the College of Surgeons, Singapore (CSS).

ACTIVITIES IN THE PIPELINE

Cardiothoracic Surgery Retreats

The Chapter will continue to organise update sessions to disseminate the latest updates on various subspecialties by inviting local surgeons of vast experience as well as prominent regional surgeons to deliver academic benefits to the local cardiothoracic surgery community. Details will be announced in due course.

Dinner Lectures

The Chapter will continue their tradition of organizing future Dinner Lectures and the details will be announced at a later date.

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 Lim Yeong Phang
Honorary Secretary
On behalf of 2013-2015 Board
Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons