



Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons College of Surgeons, Singapore Annual Report 2017

11TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 11TH Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons was held on on 16 March 2017 at 6.00pm at Seminar Room, Mount Elizabeth Orchard, Level 2, Mount Elizabeth Medical Centre 3 Mount Elizabeth, Singapore 228510.

CHAPTER SPECIALTY BOARD

The following Chapter Specialty Board Members were duly elected to serve their term of office from 2017-2019 starting from the date of the 11th Annual General Meeting of the Chapter:

Chairman:	Dr Chao Tar Toong Victor
Vice-Chairman:	Dr Cumaraswamy Sivathasan
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Lim Yeong Phang
Board Members:	A/Prof Kofidis Theodoros
	Dr Loh Yee Jim
	Dr Muthiah Harish Mithiran
	Dr Ong Boon Hean
	Dr Soon Jia Lin

At the time of writing the Annual Report, the 2017-2019 Chapter Board had not conducted any board meetings in the year 2017.

MEMBERSHIP

The total membership as at December 2017 under the Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons now stands at 39 Fellows comprising 38 Local Fellows and 1 Overseas Fellow.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME) EVENTS

(A) Lecture Series: Surgeons as Leaders

The Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons organized a series of lectures on "Surgeons as Leaders" on 4 March 2017. The invited speaker invited was Dr. Jeremy Lim, a Partner in

Oliver Wyman, Singapore office.

(B) Medical Conference: 2nd Asia Pacific MCS Conference 2017

The Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons co-organized the '2nd Asia Pacific MCS Conference 2017 (endorsed by ISHLT)' with the National Heart Centre, Singapore and the National University Heart Centre, Singapore on 27-28 October 2017. The speakers invited were Chris Hayward (Australia), David McGiffin (Australia), Helen Hayes (Australia), Kaitlyn Lam (Australia), Peter McDonald (Australia), Peter Bergin (Australia), Hermann Reichenspurner (Germany), K R Balakrishnan (India), Norihide Fukushima (Japan), Minoru Ono (Japan), Saltanat Andosova (Kazakhstan), Ivan Netuka (Prague), Ulf Kjellman (Saudi Arabia), C Sivathanesan (Singapore), Tan Ban Hock (Singapore), Tan Teing Ee (Singapore), Soon Jia Lin (Singapore), David Sim (Singapore), Louis Teo (Singapore), Lim Choon Pin (Singapore), Kerk Ka Lee (Singapore), Ahmet Ruchan Akar (Turkey), Stephan Schueler (United Kingdom), Rajamiyeer Venkateswaran (United Kingdom), Nir Uriel (USA), Howard Eisen (USA), Andrew Boyle (USA), James K. Kirklin (USA) and Jeffery Teuteberg (USA).

(C) Lecture Series: Past, Present, and Future of Surgery for Atrial Fibrillation

The Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons organized a dinner lecture titled 'Past, Present, and Future of Surgery for Atrial Fibrillation' on 4 October 2017. The invited speaker invited was Dr Michael Yip, from St. Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne, Australia

ENDORSEMENT OF EVENTS

The Chapter endorsed the following events:

- '11TH Asian Cardiothoracic Surgery Speciality Update Course' organised by National University Heart Centre, Singapore (NUHCS) on 4-6 December 2017

STAFF REGISTRAR SCHEME (SRS)

The Ministry of Health (MOH) introduced in 2007 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 has rolled out the three-year programme SRS Programme since April 2008.

The successful participants of the SRS Programme will be awarded the *Diploma in Cardiothoracic Surgery* conferred jointly by the Academy of Medicine, Singapore (AMS) and the College of Surgeons, Singapore (CSS). In 2015, one trainee was accepted into the program and will complete the training by August 2018. In 2017, one trainee was accepted into the program and will complete the training by August 2020.

PILOT AMS SELF-LEARNING MODULES

The Chapter submitted their input of papers and MCQs for the specialty's SLM module with the Council, College of Surgeons, Singapore contributing to the general MCQs applicable across all surgical specialties.

INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXPERT

In 2017, the Chapter has provided independent medical expert advice on three of the court cases.

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:

(A) Feedback on Clinical Cases Requiring Review by Hospital Ethics Committees

The Ministry of Health (MOH) has requested the Chapter through the College of Surgeons, Singapore for feedback on 'Clinical Cases which requires review by Hospital Ethics Committees.' The Chapter provided the feedback on 26 May 2017.

(B) Developing a Calibrated Approach to Non-Evidence Based Medicine

The Ministry of Health (MOH) has requested the Chapter through the College of Surgeons, Singapore for feedback on 'Developing a Calibrated Approach to Non-Evidence Based Medicine.' The Chapter provided the feedback on 30 June 2017.

(C) Pilot AMS Self-Learning Modules (SLM)

The following surgeons participated in setting questions for the pilot version of the self-learning module:

Dr Ong Boon Hean
Dr Harish Mithiran Muthiah
Dr Sivathasan Cumaraswamy
Dr Philip Pang
Dr James Wong Woon Wai
Dr Saw Huat Seong
Dr Lim Yeong Phang
Dr Victor Chao

The questions were submitted on 9 Aug 2017 for collation by AMS. The Chapter would like to express its appreciation for their efforts.

ACTIVITIES IN THE PIPELINE

The Chapter will continue organizing Continuing Medical Educational events for the coming year and details will be made known at a later date.

The Aortic Asia 2018 meeting will be held in Singapore on 7th - 8th April 2018, in conjunction with the Chapter.

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 2017

Dr Lim Yeong Phang
Honorary Secretary
On behalf of 2017-2019 Board
Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons