



Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists College of Surgeons, Singapore Annual Report 2010

4TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 4th Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists was held on Friday, 7 May 2010 at 6.20pm at Casuarina Suite A (Level 3), Raffles Hotel Singapore, 1 Beach Road, Singapore 189673.

CHAPTER SPECIALTY BOARD

The following Chapter Specialty Board Members have completed their term of office from 2010-2011 by the date of the 5th Annual General Meeting of the Chapter:

Chairman:	Dr Huang Shoo Chyuan
Vice-Chairman:	Dr Yeo Seng Beng
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Mok Kan Hwei, Paul
Members:	Dr Chan Kwai Onn
	Dr Adrian Saurajen Siew Ming
	Dr Lee Cheow Yew, Julian

For the year ending December 2010, the 2010-2011 Chapter Board had met one time to conduct the business and affairs of the Chapter for year 2010.

MEMBERSHIP

The total membership as of 31 December 2010 under the Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists now stands at 63 Fellows comprising of 61 Local Fellows and 2 Overseas Fellows.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME)

Monthly Otology Board Meeting

Announcements of the monthly Otology Board Meeting which are usually being held on the last Friday of the month and jointly organized by the National University Hospital (NUH) and the Tan Tock Seng Hospital (TTSH) were circulated to Chapter Members via email blast.

CME Schedule 2010

With the joint participation of the NUH, TTSH, Singapore General Hospital (SGH), Alexandra Hospital (AH), Changi General Hospital (CGH) and the KK Women's & Children's Hospital (KKH), the Chapter had collated the CME activities of each hospital and integrated them into a master CME schedule for 2010 for ease of reference. The CME schedule for 2010 is viewable at the College of Surgeons' website at www.css.edu.sg under "CME Activities" – Otorhinolaryngology.

CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES (CPG) FOR RHINOSINUSITIS AND ALLERGIC RHINITIS

The Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists was invited to review and endorse the CPG on Management of Rhinosinusitis and Allergic Rhinitis that was published in February 2010. The CPG Workgroup led by A/Prof Siow Jin Keat had successfully put together this set of CPG for the benefit of ENT surgeons and General Practitioners as a reference guide on common Rhinitis & Sinusitis conditions. The CPG was officially launched on Saturday, 24 April 2010 at The Regent Singapore as organised by the MOH Management of Rhinosinusitis and Allergic Rhinitis CPG Workgroup under the auspices of Ministry of Health (MOH) and hosted by the Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists. The CPG launch saw a strong attendance of 238 participants comprising of surgical specialists and general practitioners and was jointly supported by the Academy of Medicine, Singapore (AMS), College of Family Physicians, Singapore (CFPS), Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists, College of Surgeons, Singapore and the Society of Otolaryngology Head & Neck Surgery Singapore. The CPG launch was emceed by A/Prof Siow Jin Keat.

2ND SINGAPORE VERTIGO MASTERCLASS

With the positive feedback received from the 1st Vertigo Masterclass which was organised on 10 January 2009, the Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists organised its 2nd Vertigo Masterclass on Saturday, 30 January 2010 at the Goodwood Park Hotel, which saw an improved registration of 54 participants in comparison of the 30 participants in the last Masterclass. The Chapter was privileged to have invited Prof Michael Strupp, Professor of Neurology & Clinical Neurophysiology from the University of Munich, as its guest speaker for the 2nd Masterclass. Other than Prof Strupp as the main speaker, invited panel of speakers also included the following experts from Singapore:

1. A/Prof Goh Kong Yong, Head of Neuro-ophthalmology, NHG Eye Institute & Senior Consultant, Department of Ophthalmology, TTSH
2. Dr Umapathi S/O N Thirugnanam, Senior Consultant, Department of Neurology, National Neuroscience Institute
3. Dr Yeo Seng Beng, Senior Consultant, Department of ENT, Tan Tock Seng Hospital

The invited panel offered different perspectives towards the theme of Vertigo based on their practice, and the planned programme was comprehensive and interactive with the inclusion of a clinical course on the examination of the Vestibular and Ocular Motor System as well as a video quiz on eye movement and Nystagmus. The 2nd Masterclass was chaired by Dr Huang Shou Chyuan and the Organising Chairperson was Dr Yeo Seng Beng.

INAUGURAL CHAPTER OF OTORHINOLARYNGOLOGISTS LECTURESHIP

The Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists had inaugurated its Lectureship on Friday, 7 May 2010 at the Raffles Hotel Singapore, in conjunction with the Chapter's 4th Annual General Meeting. The Chapter was honored to recognize Dr Kunaratnam Nallatamby, a Senior ORL Fellow and a Chapter member, as its inaugural Chapter Lecturer who delivered a lecture on *Singapore ORL: Reflections of a Retired ENT Surgeon*. The inaugural chapter dinner lecture was attended by ENT surgeons and trainees totalling 50 participants. This event was chaired by Dr Huang Shou Chyuan and the citation was delivered by A/Prof Siow Jin Keat.

ENT SUBSPECIALTY UPDATE

The 1st ENT Subspecialty Update was organised on Friday, 12 November 2010 at Traders Hotel which received an attendance of about 30 participants. The main lecture was delivered by A/Prof Low Wong Kein, Senior ENT Consultant and Director of Centre for Hearing & Ear Implants, Department of Otolaryngology of the Singapore General Hospital, on the topic of *Cochlear Implants: The SGH Experience* which triggered a huge interest amongst the participants who participated actively during the Q&A segment. A/Prof Wang De Yun, Research Associate Professor (Tenure) and Director of Research with the Department of Otolaryngology of National University of Singapore was also invited to share with the audience on “*Latest Survey Update for Acute Rhinosinusitis (ARS)*”. The Organising Chairpersons were Dr Huang Shou Chyuan and Dr Yeo Seng Beng.

ENDORSEMENT OF EVENT

The Chapter has endorsed the following events in 2010:

1. Symposia supported by Abbott were organised for the specialists and general practitioners on 30 July and 31 July 2010 respectively at the Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel. The guest speaker for the symposia was Prof Shin-ichi Haruna from the Department of Otorhinolaryngology of Dokkyo Medical University Hospital, Japan. Dr Huang Shou Chyuan and A/Prof Siow Jin Keat were invited to chair the symposia on 30 July and 31 July 2010 respectively.
2. Head & Neck Cancer Public Forum on the theme of “*Are You At Risk?*” by the Singapore Cancer Society held on 4 September 2010 at the Woodlands Regional Library Auditorium.
3. 4th Asia-Pacific Otology & Neurotology Conference and the 1st Singapore Otology & Skull Base Update of the Changi General Hospital held from 8-12 October 2010 at the Singapore Expo.

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:

Specific Licensing Conditions for Credentialling Medical Practitioners

The review exercise called in June 2010 was intended to gather feedback on the specific licensing conditions to determine whether the proposed licensing conditions were adequate to ensure patient safety, and whether there were any additional conditions to be included.

Review of Framework & Categorization of Screening Tests

The Screening Test Review Committee, formed by AMS and chaired by Prof Lee Hin Peng, was tasked to formulate a report on the recommendations and categorization of screening tests provided in Singapore. The objective was to develop a screening test framework and to make recommendations on the categorization of commercially available screening tests within the framework. Feedback was invited from all Specialty Chapters in June 2010 to assist in developing the screening test framework.

Feedback on Right Thyroidectomy as a Day Surgery Procedure

Expert opinion was sought by MOH on whether it is appropriate to carry out hemithyroidectomy as a day surgery operation in view that post-operative complications such as bleeding may be delayed. In response to this invitation for professional opinion in August 2010, the Chapter had submitted its reply to MOH through AMS in September 2010.

LETTER OF SUPPORT

The Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists has written a letter of support on 28 February 2010 by the request of Prof Michael Strupp, Professor of Neurology & Clinical Neurophysiology, University of Munich in support of his application for the American Neurological Association's Distinguished Neurology Teacher Award.

ACTIVITIES IN THE PIPELINE

3rd Singapore Vertigo Masterclass

Following the success of the past two Vertigo Masterclasses, the Chapter wishes to continue this well-received event by organizing the 3rd Masterclass on Saturday, 19 February 2011 (date to be confirmed). In order to present a different learning experience from the past two Masterclasses, the 3rd Masterclass will be structured in the perspective geared towards geriatric medicine and will see a larger participation from physiotherapists in the teaching. The Organizing Chairperson is Dr Yeo Seng Beng. Details will be disseminated in due course.

ENT Subspecialty Updates

The Chapter will plan to organize a series of subspecialty updates in 2011. Details will be announced when available.

Second Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists Dinner Lecture

The Chapter plans to organize its Second Dinner Lecture in 2011 in conjunction with its 5th Annual General Meeting. Details will be announced once finalized.

1st Neck Ultrasound Course – Ultrasound of the thyroid and Parathyroid

The Chapter is organizing the 1st neck ultrasound course in conjunction with the Tri-Society Head and Neck Oncology Meeting which will be held from 1-3 September 2011 at TTSH. The course, comprising of interactive lectures and practical sessions, will be held on Sunday, 4 September 2011 at TTSH. Ultrasound is becoming an important skill which surgeons should develop to improve patient management. In the area of head and neck, it offers the surgeon a rapid and accurate way of assessing pathology in the thyroid and parathyroid glands and in the cervical lymph nodes. This course is aim to be organized on an annual basis and might be offered at a more advanced level especially for the specialists subsequently. The Organizing Chairperson is Dr Jeevendra Kanagalingam.

Future World Congresses

The Chapter was invited to organize and host the following specialty world congresses:

- Asian Research Symposium in Rhinology 2012 – Organizing Chairperson is A/Prof Siow Jin Keat.
- World Chinese ENT Conference 2013 - Organizing Chairperson is A/Prof Christopher Goh.

Event announcements will be made 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 and activities.

December 2010

Dr Paul Mok

Honorary Secretary

On behalf of 2010-2011 Board, Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists