



Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists College of Surgeons, Singapore Annual Report 2011

5TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 5th Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists was held on Friday, 6 May 2011 at 6.00pm at Libra & Gemini Rooms (Level 1), Marina Mandarin Singapore, 6 Raffles Boulevard, Marina Square Singapore 039594

CHAPTER SPECIALTY BOARD

The following Chapter Specialty Board Members have served their office from 2011-2012:

Chairman:	Dr Huang Shoo Chyuan
Vice-Chairman:	Dr Yeo Seng Beng
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Toh Song Tar
Members:	Dr Mok Kan Hwei, Paul
	Dr Peter Lu
	Dr Euan Murugasu

At the time of writing the Annual Report, the 2011-2012 Chapter Board had met three times to conduct the business and affairs of the Chapter for year 2011.

MEMBERSHIP

The total membership as of 31 December 2011 under the Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists now stands at 66 Fellows comprising of 64 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.

3RD SINGAPORE VERTIGO MASTERCLASS

Following the success of the past two Vertigo Masterclass talks, the Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists organised its 3rd Vertigo Masterclass talk on Saturday, 19 February 2011 at Traders Hotel, Singapore. The Chapter was privileged to have invited the following experts:

1. Dr Noor Hafizah B Ismail
2. Dr Raymond Ngo
3. Dr Rani Ramason
4. Dr Yeo Seng Beng

The 3rd Masterclass was chaired by Dr Huang Shoo Chyuan and the Organising Chairperson was Dr Yeo Seng Beng. The invited panel offered different perspectives on the management of Vertigo based on their practice. The planned programme was comprehensive and interactive and included a clinical course on the examination of the Vestibular and Ocular Motor System.

ENT SUBSPECIALTY UPDATE

The ENT Subspecialty Update was organised on Friday, 18 February 2011 at the Regent Hotel. The Chapter was pleased to have A/Prof Christopher Goh, Head & Senior Consultant, Department of Otorlaryngology, Singapore General Hospital and Dr Robert Anolik, President, Allergy and Asthma Specialists, Pennsylvania, to lecture. Attendees were members from the Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists, trainees and nurses. The Organising Chairperson was Dr Huang Shoo Chyuan.

1ST THYROID & PARATHYROID ULTRASOUND COURSE 2011

The Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists, together with the Department of Otorhinolaryngology, Tan Tock Seng Hospital, collaborated in organising the 1st Thyroid & Parathyroid Ultrasound Course on 4 September 2011, Sunday at Tan Tock Seng Hospital. The aim was to impart practical knowledge and essential information of ultrasound usage in the treatment of thyroid and parathyroid conditions. The participants were ENT surgeons, General surgeons, Endocrinologists, trainees and other clinicians. The Chapter was pleased to have Prof Anil T Ahuja, Department of Imaging & Interventional Radiology, Chinese University of Hong Kong as the invited expert faculty. The course was well attended and the Organising Chairperson was Dr Jeevendra Kanagalingam.

ENDORSEMENT OF EVENT

The Chapter has endorsed the following events in 2011:

1. GP Symposium on “Allergic Rhinitis” for the specialists and general practitioners on 19 February 2011 at the Regent Singapore. The guest speaker for the symposia was Dr Robert Anolik, President, Allergy and Asthma Specialists, Pennsylvania. Dr Huang Shoo Chyuan was invited to chair the symposium.
2. GP Symposium on “The Allergic March – Can we prevent asthma and allergies?” for the specialists and general practitioners on 5 May 2011 at the Shangri-La Hotel. The guest speaker for the symposia was Dr Bruce Gordon, Staff Surgeon & Chief of Otolaryngology, Cape Cod Hospital. Dr Huang Shoo Chyuan was invited to chair the symposium.

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:

Feedback on List A Aesthetic Procedures

The Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists was invited by the Regulatory Compliance Division of MOH in November 2011 to provide feedback on the List A Aesthetic Procedures. The Chapter submitted its reply to MOH through AMS in late November 2011.

ACTIVITIES IN THE PIPELINE

4th Singapore Vertigo Masterclass

Following the success of the past three Vertigo Masterclasses, the Chapter wishes to continue this well-received event and details will be announced when available. The Organizing Chairperson is Dr Yeo Seng Beng.

ENT Subspecialty Updates

The Chapter will plan to organize a series of subspecialty updates in 2012. Details will be announced when available.

Third Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists Dinner Lecture

The Chapter plans to organize its Third Dinner Lecture in 2012 in conjunction with its 6th Annual General Meeting. Details will be announced once finalized.

2nd Neck Ultrasound Course – Ultrasound of the thyroid and Parathyroid

Following the success of the 1st Neck Ultrasound Course, The Chapter wishes to continue organizing the 2nd Neck Ultrasound in September 2012. The Organizing Chairperson is Dr Jeevendra Kanagalingam and more details will be announced when available.

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.

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 2011
Dr Toh Song Tar
Honorary Secretary
On behalf of 2011-2012 Board
Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists