



Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists College of Surgeons, Singapore Annual Report 2012

6TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 6th Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists was held on Friday, 11 May 2012 at 6.00pm at Salon by the Pool, Level 4 Conrad Centennial Singapore, Two Temasek Boulevard Road, Singapore 038892

CHAPTER SPECIALTY BOARD

The following Chapter Specialty Board Members have served their office from 2012-2013:

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 2012-2013 Chapter Board had met twice to conduct the business and affairs of the Chapter for year 2012.

MEMBERSHIP

The total membership as of 31 December 2012 under the Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists now stands at 64 Fellows comprising of 63 Local Fellows and 1 Overseas Fellow.

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 LECTURE

The Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists has organised a CME Lecture on 20 April 2012 at Sheraton Towers, Singapore and was pleased to invite Prof Koh Woon Puay from Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health, National University of Singapore to deliver the lecture on "Epidemiology of NPC". Prof Chan Soh Ha from YYL School of Medicine, NUS; Director, WHO

Immunology and Training Research Centre to deliver the lecture on "Update on EBV serology for NPC". The event was extremely well attended.

The Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists has organised a CME Lecture on 11 October 2012 at Lecture Theatre, Gleneagles Medical Centre and was pleased to invite Prof Christian Guilleminault from Stanford University Medical School, USA to deliver the lecture on "Upper Airway Resistance Syndrome: Medical and Surgical Treatment".

The Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists has also organised CME Lecture on 8 November 2012 at Summer Palace Restaurant, Regent Hotel and was pleased to invite Prof Christopher Goh, Head & Senior Consultant, Department of Otolaryngology, Singapore General Hospital to deliver the lecture on "The new ENT Residency Programme". Both events were well attended by members of the Chapter.

15TH ASIAN RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM IN RHINOLOGY

The 15th Asian Research Symposium Rhinology (ARSR) organised by Asian Research Symposium in Rhinology and hosted by Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists, College of Surgeons, Singapore, supported by Society of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery Singapore and ASEAN Rhinology Society was held from 24-26 May at Orchard Hotel, and the organising Chairman was A/Prof Siow Jin Keat. There are 452 participants (28% from Singapore). Most of the local participants were sponsored by the trade at a concessionary rate.

The 15th ARSR Congress provided a platform for debate and forming of consensus, sharing of the latest in rhinology research, especially in the Asian region, both of the bench and in surgery, and instructional courses for continual learning. Younger ENT doctors acquired new knowledge and established surgeons kept abreast with the rapid developments of rhinology. A total of 452 delegates came from Armenia, Australia, Cambodia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Malaysia, Nepal, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Tanzania, Thailand and Vietnam.

We had the pleasure of hearing leaders in the field of rhinology in Asia sharing their experiences with participants over three days of Instructional Courses, Keynote Lectures, Symposia and Operative Videos. The Keynote Lectures were ' Pathogenesis of chronic rhinosinusitis ' (Wang De Yun, Singapore); ' Dilemmas in rhinoplasty ' (Yong Ju Jang, Korea); ' Current trends and controversies in endoscopic skull base surgery ' (Sethi Singh, Singapore) and ' Controversies in surgery for OSA patients ' (Hsieh- Yu Li, Taiwan). Lunch Symposia lectures were 'Beyond headlines to clinical solutions: acute bacterial sinusitis management' (Unal Serhat, Turkey and Walid Abou Hamad, Lebanon) and 'Endoscopic coblation tongue base surgery in OSA' (Jeong- Whun Kim, Korea).

It was a competitive and an enriching experience for those who participated in the moderated poster session vying for prizes for the 10 best poster presentations. The high standard of presentations by invited speakers and poster submissions showed that Asian Rhinology have made very good progress since the first ARSR meeting of 1996.

Dr Huang Shou Chyuan gave a note of thanks to A/Prof Siow Jin Keat for organizing the successful event.

INTRODUCTORY THYROID & PARATHYROID ULTRASOUND COURSE 2012

The Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists has organised the Introductory Thyroid & Parathyroid Ultrasound Course on 9 September 2012, 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. Dr Huang Shou Chyuan gave a note of thanks to Dr Jeevendra Kanagalingam for organising the successful event.

ENDORSEMENT OF EVENT

The Chapter has endorsed the following events in 2012:

1. GP Symposium for specialists and general practitioners on 16 November 2012 at the Chinese Swimming Club, Tung Lok Classics. The guest speaker for the symposia was Dr Samuel Yeak has delivered a lecture on "Understanding the different type of Rhinitis". Dr Huang Shou Chyuan was invited to chair the symposium.
2. GP Symposium for specialists and general practitioners on 20 November 2012 at the Jurong Country Club. The guest speaker for the symposia was Dr Julian Lee Cheow Yew has delivered a lecture on "Rhinitis and Sinusitis – Evidence based practice simplified". Dr Huang Shou 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 the Sub-specialty Credentialing

The Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists was invited by the Regulatory Compliance Division of MOH in November 2011 to provide feedback on the Sub-specialty Credentialing. The Chapter submitted its reply to MOH through Academy of Medicine, Singapore in July 2012.

DIALOGUE SESSION WITH HEALTH SCIENCE AUTHORITY (HSA) – MEDICAL DEVICE REGULATORY SYSTEM

The Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists had a meeting with the Health Science Authority personnel (HSA) on Medical Device Regulatory System on 10 October 2012 to clarify HSA stand on medical device regulation.

APPEAL TO AESTHETIC PRACTICE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (APOC) ON BEHALF OF FACIAL PLASTIC-TRAINED ENT SURGEONS (OTORHINOLARYNGOLOGISTS)

The Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists had written an appeal to Professor Ho Lai Yun, Chairman, Aesthetic Practice Oversight Committee (APOC) to amend APOC's guidelines so that "ENT Surgeons (or Otolaryngologists) trained in Facial Plastic Surgery" will be allowed to do certain List A aesthetics procedures. The Chapter is still awaiting the response.

ACTIVITIES IN THE PIPELINE

ENT Subspecialty Updates

The Chapter will organize a series of subspecialty updates in 2013. Details will be announced when available.

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 2012

Dr Toh Song Tar

Honorary Secretary

On behalf of 2011-2013 Board, Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists