

Annual Report 2007

**Chapter of Dental Surgeons**

**2007 – 2008 Committee Members**



Standing (left to right):

Dr Ansgar Cheng (Vice-Chairman), Dr Rashid Tahir (Committee Member), Dr Neo Tee Khin (Committee Member)

Seated (left to right):

Dr Marianne Ong (Co-opted Member), Dr Andrew Aw (Chairman), Dr Christina Sim (Honorary Secretary)

Not in picture:

Dr Myra Elliott (Committee Member), A/Prof Varawan Sae-Lim (Co-opted Member), A/Prof Keson Tan (Co-opted Member)

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of Dental Surgeons was held on Thursday, 26 April 2007, 6.00pm at the Lee Kong Chian Room, Academy of Medicine, Singapore, 142 Neil Road, Singapore 088871.

The following office-bearers for the year 2007-2008 were elected:

Chairman	:	Dr Aw Kian-Li, Andrew
Vice-Chairman	:	Dr Cheng Chi-Chung, Ansgar
Honorary Secretary	:	Dr Sim Poh Choo, Christina
Committee Members	:	Dr Myra Elloitt
	:	Dr Neo Tee Khin
	:	Dr Rashid Tahir
Co-opted Members	:	Dr Ong Meng Ann, Marianne
	:	A/Prof Varawan Sae-Lim
	:	A/Prof Tan Beng Choon, Keson

## **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The Committee held 2 meetings during the year 2007. This was supplemented by active circulation and feedback on important issues via electronic mail, in which all committee members enthusiastically participated.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

The total membership of the Chapter now stands at 228.

### **Induction Ceremonies**

An Induction Ceremony was held jointly with the 41<sup>st</sup> Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine.

The following dentists were inducted at the ceremony: Dr Chee Oon Lin Serene, Dr Goh Kwee Chien Benny, Dr Heng Jee Kuan, Dr Hwang Yee Cheau, Dr Intarasoot Potjanart, Dr Koh Chu Guan, Dr Lee Kong Fei Frank, Dr Lim Janee, Dr Lo Tong Soon, Dr Lui Jeen Nee, Dr Lye Kok Weng, Dr Ng Hsu Ching Lynette, Dr Phay Yew Ming, Dr Tan It Sing Audrey, Dr Tan Tiat Heng Edwin, Dr Tan Thong Kwan Benjamin, Dr Teh Yi Mui Marina, Dr Wong Hwei Pink Vicpearly, Dr Wong Wai Yee, Dr Yeo Boon Keng Alvin, Dr Yong Than Fui, Lawrence.

A second Induction Ceremony was held on Monday, 29 October 2007 at Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel.

Dr Leong Woei Jian Elvin, Dr Lim Chong Yang Arthur, Dr Tan Ben Poon Danny, Dr Tay Yen Yee Juliet and Dr Long Benjamin Charles were inducted at the ceremony.

The Chapter would like to take the opportunity to welcome all new Fellows.

## **ACTIVITIES**

### **41<sup>st</sup> Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine**

Dr Ansgar Cheng and Dr Victor Fan served as members of the 41<sup>st</sup> SMCM organizing committee. The Chapter organised the following CPE activity in conjunction with the Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine:

22 July 2007 (Sunday)

➤ **Dental Symposium**

- *Facial Aesthetic Medicine in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery  
Implant Dentistry: Current State-of-the-Art and Future Directions Part I*

Dr Edward Hui  
Specialist in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery (Private Practice), Hong Kong

Chairperson: Dr Chan Siew Luen

- *Building a World Class Dental Implant Practice  
Implant Dentistry: Current State-of-the-Art and Future Directions Part II – Digital Solutions in  
Implant Dentistry*

Dr James Chow  
Specialist in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery (Private Practice), Hong Kong

Chairperson: Dr Chan Siew Luen

**Visiting Academician Lectureship**

The Chapter jointly co-hosted a lecture by Assoc Prof Jens Ove Andreasen with the Department of Restorative Dentistry, National University of Singapore on Tuesday, 23 January 2007. Prof Andreasen is affiliated with Department of Oral and Maxillo-Facial Surgery, University Hospital (Rigshospitalet) in Copenhagen, Denmark. He is recognized as the Father of Dental Traumatology. He delivered his lecture titled “Implants and Transplant Use After Tooth Loss”. It was very well attended with over a hundred participants.

**COLLEGE FORMATION**

The Chapter’s conversion to a independent College under the Academy’s overarching umbrella is in its final stages of submission, having obtained all the necessary approvals.

**TABLE OF SURGICAL PROCEDURES**

The Chapter formed a committee comprising the Chairpersons of the Specialty Boards of Endodontics, Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, Paediatric Dentistry and Periodontics and the MOH Advisory Committee on Medisave-Approved Dental Procedures, to review all procedures relevant to Dentistry. The committee was led by Dr Chan Siew Luen.

Representatives from the following dental institutions – Alexandra Hospital, National Dental Centre and National University of Singapore were also invited to be on the committee.

The committee set to work on the top 15 codes in the top 300. The work involved detailed description of the existing codes to give a clear indication of the intent of the respective codes and to re-assess the table level.

Feedback was obtained from the Singapore Dental Association, College of General Dental Practitioners, Fellows and Ordinary Members.

## **ACCREDITATION OF ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY SPECIALTY TRAINING CENTRE**

The committee consists of representatives from Chapter of Dental Surgeons, Division of Graduate Dental Studies, National University of Singapore, National Dental Centre and Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Surgeons (Singapore). A/Prof Yeo Jin Fei chaired the committee.

The committee worked on the accreditation criteria for an Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery (OMS) training centre and defined the scope of OMS.

### **EXIT CRITERIA FOR FAMS**

The new Fellowship admission criteria stated in Article 7(b) of the Memorandum & Articles of Association has been approved by the Ministry of Finance and came into effect on 5 February 2007.

The exit criteria replaced the time-based criteria for entry to Fellowship. The exit criteria will thus open up admission to qualified dental specialists who have degrees not registrable with the Singapore Dental Council.

### **EXIT ASSESSMENT PROTOCOL COMMITTEE**

The committee reviewed the exit assessment criteria and defined the proper structure and processes for exit certification. The committee was led by Dr Andrew Aw.

Exit certification criteria were drawn out for six specialties, namely Endodontics, Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, Orthodontics, Paediatric Dentistry, Periodontics and Prosthodontics.

### **NEWSLETTER**

The Chapter's sixth issue Newsletter was circulated to all Fellows and Ordinary Members of the Chapter, featuring the latest updates on Chapter matters and other announcements. The Chapter welcomes feedback to improve the newsletter.

### **APPRECIATION**

The Chapter wishes to record its appreciation and thanks to the Master, all Council Members, Fellows, Ordinary Members and the secretariat staff for their kind support.

December 2007

Dr Christina Sim  
Honorary Secretary  
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