

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Under the former Chapter of Dental Surgeons, the following Fellows served in the 2008 Committee:

Chairman	:	Dr Andrew Aw
Vice-Chairman	:	Dr Ansgar Cheng
Honorary Secretary	:	Dr Christina Sim
Committee Members	:	Dr Myra Elliott Dr Neo Tee Khin Dr Rashid Tahir
Co-opted Members	:	Dr Marianne Ong A/Prof Varawan Sae-Lim A/Prof Keson Tan

## COLLEGE FORMATION

The College of Dental Surgeons was officially incorporated on 6 August 2008. The College was formed as an independent entity.

Under the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the College, the following Chapter Committee Members would serve as the Interim Council of the College until the first Annual General Meeting: Dr Andrew Aw, Dr Ansgar Cheng, Dr Christina Sim, Dr Myra Elliott, Dr Neo Tee Khin and Dr Rashid Tahir.

At the time of incorporation, there are 6 chapters under the College. The 6 Chapters are:

- Chapter of Endodontists
- Chapter of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons
- Chapter of Orthodontists
- Chapter of Paediatric Dentists
- Chapter of Periodontists
- Chapter of Prosthodontists

The College would like to take this opportunity to thank all Fellows, Members and past Chairmen for their support in the College formation.

## INAUGURAL GENERAL MEETING

The College held its Inaugural General Meeting on 2 December 2008 at the National Kidney Foundation Centre's Mini Auditorium. Professor Fock Kwong Ming, Master of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore, was present to give the opening address at the meeting.

## MEMBERSHIP

The total membership of the College now stands at 229 (as at 31 Dec 2008).

## **New Fellows**

The following dentists were admitted to the Fellowship of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore in the year 2008:

Dr Ang Ee Choon Richard  
Dr Ho Chee Wai Henry  
Dr Kuah Hong Guan  
Dr Lai Juen Bin  
Dr Lee Pheng Hean Bryce  
Dr Lee Hui Jing Helena  
Dr Leong Se Mean  
Dr Oh Sin Yin Geraldine Simone  
Dr Poon Kee Hoon  
Dr Quek Heng Chuan  
Dr Seah Tian Ee  
Dr Seah Yang Howe  
Dr Toh Siew Luan  
Dr Wong Chung Wen Raymond  
Dr Woo Mei Yee  
Dr Yong Loong Tee

The College would like to take this opportunity to welcome all new Fellows.

## **ACTIVITIES**

The College collaborated with the Singapore Dental Association to form a Study Club in July 2008. The Study Club comprises interactive sessions held once a month. At each session, selected journal papers or topics are presented for discussion. The interactive nature of the sessions was well-received and participants benefited immensely from the sessions.

The following journal clubs/lectures were held from July to December 2008.

**Topic** : Evidence-Based Orthodontics: Aligners  
**Date** : 8 July 2008  
**Speaker** : Dr Andrew Aw

**Topic** : The Multifacet Aspects of Third Molar Surgery  
**Date** : 5 August 2008  
**Speaker** : Dr Myra Elliott

**Topic** : Evidence Based Immediate Loading of Dental Implants  
**Date** : 9 September 2008  
**Speaker** : Dr Ansgar Cheng

**Topic** : Overview of the American Academy of Periodontology Guidelines for the Management of Patients with Periodontal Diseases  
**Date** : 7 October 2008  
**Speaker** : Dr Marianne Ong

**Topic** : Tooth Preparations for Complete Coverage Crown Restorations – A Revisit  
**Date** : 11 November 2008  
**Speaker** : Dr Elvin Leong  
**Topic** : Evidence-Based Dentistry: Pulp Therapies in Primary Teeth  
**Date** : 9 December 2008  
**Speaker** : Dr Rashid Tahir

## **DENTAL SPECIALIST REGISTER**

The Dental Specialist Register had been enacted on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008. Dentists who have been awarded the Fellow of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore are eligible for direct entry into the specialists register.

The Dental Specialist Accreditation Board (DSAB) had sought the inputs of the College on specialist training in Singapore. A proposal on "Maintaining Standards in Specialist Dentistry in Singapore" was submitted to the DSAB for its consideration.

## **CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES**

After a number of efforts by past Chapter Committees and the present College, the Ministry of Health had agreed to sponsor a Clinical Practice Guideline on "Management of Edentulism" which would comprehensively cover the evidence-based aspects of clinical management. Dr Chan Siew Luen chaired this MOH led initiative.

## **GERIATRIC AND SPECIAL NEEDS DENTISTRY WORKGROUP**

The Ministry of Health had set up a Geriatric and Special Needs Workgroup after some lobbying from the College to provide a planning backbone on which to base their thrust in this area. This workgroup is chaired by Dr Andrew Aw.

## **APPRECIATION**

The College 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 2008

Dr Christina Sim  
Honorary Secretary  
College of Dental Surgeons, Singapore