

2013 – 2014 Council Members

President	:	Dr Benjamin Long
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Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons	:	Dr Winston Tan
Orthodontists	:	Dr Henry Ho
Paediatric Dentists	:	Dr Toh Siew Luan
Periodontists	:	Dr Tan Wah Ching
Prosthodontists	:	Dr Ansgar Cheng
Public Health Dentists	:	Dr Hemalatha Nathan

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The College held its 5th Annual General Meeting on 22 May 2013 at the Regent Hotel Singapore.

MEMBERSHIP

The total number of Members in the College stood at 245 as at 31 December 2013. There were 229 Local Fellows, 10 Overseas Fellows and 6 Ordinary Members.

New Fellows

The following persons were admitted into the Fellowship of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore in the year 2013:

Dr Clement Lye Poh Wah	Dr Phan Kok Leong
Dr Eric Ong	Dr Pujan Rai
Dr Lee Ping, Geraldine	Dr Shawn Goh Siak Shyong
Dr Loh Kai Woh	Dr Tengku Sinannaga
Dr Michael Mah	Dr Winston Tan Kwong Shen
Dr Nattharee Chanchareonsook	Dr Wee Tze Haur
Dr Patricia Yeong Ming Geok	

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

CONFIRMATION CEREMONY

The College held its 4th Conferment Ceremony on 22 May 2013 at the Regent Hotel Singapore. The College was privileged to have Associate Professor Wong Kok Seng, Assistant Master of the Academy, present the Fellowship certificate and a collar pin bearing the College's logo to its new Fellows. A total of 13 new Fellows of the College were conferred.



Front row from left, Dr Andrew Ow (Honorary Treasurer), Dr Hong Yong Huat (Chapter Chairman, Orthodontics), Dr Bryce Lee (Vice President), Dr Chan Siew Luen (Immediate Past President), A/Prof Patrick Tseng (Ministry of Health), A/Prof Wong Kok Seng (Assistant Master), Dr Benjamin Long (President), Dr Loh Poey Ling (Council Member)

Back row from left, Dr Patricia Yeong Ming Geok, Dr Lee Ping, Geraldine, Dr Clement Lye Poh Wah, Dr Loh Kai Woh, Dr Michael Mah, Dr Phan Kok Leong, Dr Tengku Sinannaga, Dr Shawn Goh Siak Shyong, Dr Nattharee Chanchareonsook, Dr Seah Tian Ee (Council Member), Dr Pujan Rai, Dr Wee Tze Haur, Dr Eric Ong, Dr Johnathan Wee (Chapter Chairman, Endodontics)

EVENTS

Events:

I) College of Dental Surgeons- New Year Gathering Session (8 January 2014)

The College hosted a gathering session on 8 January 2014 at the NKF Auditorium. The session aimed to promote interaction and networking among current Council members, Chapter Chairmen, DSAC Chairmen, Presidents of Specialists Societies and Fellows of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore. They are prominent specialists, researchers and mentors who have collectively shaped the growth of Singapore Dentistry.

During the gathering session, Dr Benjamin Long, President of the College of Dental Surgeons, Singapore, gave a short speech of the College's objectives, directions and long-term goals.

II) Study Club by Orthodontist Chairman (November 2013)

In November 2013, the College and the Association of Orthodontist Society worked together to conduct Continuing Professional Education (CPE) activities for the working year 2013. The activities consist of three clinical cases namely "*Class II division 1 incisor relationship on an high angle Class II skeletal base with retrognathic mandible,*" "*Class II division 1 incisor relationship on a low angle Class I skeletal base,*" "*Class II division 1 incisor relationship on a high angle Class I skeletal base with bimaxillary protrusion*" and one journal review, "*Clinical recommendations regarding use of cone beam computed tomography in orthodontic treatment, Position statement by the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology*".

The co-ordinators in charge were Dr Henry Ho and Dr Tang Panmei.

III) Lecture By Dr Brent Boyse (September 2014)

In September 2014, the College invited Dr Brent Boyse to give a lecture comprising two sessions titled "Practical Solutions For Immediate Full- Arch Restoration" and "Treatment guidelines for immediate placement and immediate restoration of dental implants in the aesthetic zone." Dr Boyse is an Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon who had received his dental degree from the University of the Pacific – Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry where he was inducted into the Omicron Kappa Upsilon Honor Society. He completed his Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery residency at the University of Rochester in Rochester, New York and is

a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. Dr Boyse maintains a group practice with an emphasis on full arch immediate load cases and new technologies.

IV) Raising The Public Awareness Of The Existence Of Dental Specialists In Singapore (August 2013)

The College of Dental Surgeons, Singapore together with Singapore Dental Association (along with HPB, SDHF and Colgate-Palmolive) organised a public awareness campaign in conjunction with the Oral Health Awareness Month 2013 in August. The campaign sought to raise public awareness of the existence of dental specialists in Singapore.

One of the aims of having a dental specialist register is to raise the standard of care provided to the public. At the time, a significant part of the Singapore public was yet unaware of the existence as well as the types of Dental Specialists. The awareness campaign helped the public to have a better understanding of the importance of choosing the right dental specialist for more complex or "specialized" treatments.

CDSS was allotted space in the educational booklet given during the campaign to write a brief description of the different dental specialties and of the situations when patients should see a specialist in that field.

Specialist clinics were invited to participate in the island wide free consultation. Specialist clinics participating were included in a list will be distributed to the dentists who are participating in the free check-up program so that they can refer patients when appropriate. These specialists might still be giving free consultations even in September (so long as the referral is made during the Oral Health Awareness Month).

V) 47th Singapore Malaysia Congress Meeting - Advancing Together in Clinical Dentistry (24 August 2013)

The College of Dental Surgeons, Singapore organised a full-day lecture with the sub-theme, 'Advancing Together in Clinical Dentistry' on Saturday, 24 August 2013 in conjunction with the 47th Singapore Malaysia Congress of the Medicine (SMCM) symposium that was held over 2 days from 23 to 24 August 2013.

This was also the 2nd Tripartite Congress of the Academy of Medicine of Malaysia, Academy of Medicine, Singapore and the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine. The congress is a biennial meeting bringing together academicians, specialists and medical professionals from Singapore, Malaysia and in the region to address the important and major healthcare issues and trends. The congress welcomes and encourages the participation of physicians in training, medical students, nurses and allied health professionals. 60 participants signed up for this symposium.

The Organizing Chairman is Dr Hong Yong Huat. The committee members comprises of Dr Ansgar Cheng, Dr Andrew Ow, Dr Benjamin Long, Dr Bryce Lee, Dr Chan Siew Luen, Dr Loh Poey Ling, Dr Hemalatha Nathan and Dr Johnathan Wee.

(VI) Seminar on Antibiotic For Endocarditis (27 July 2013)

In July 2013, The College of Dental Surgeons, Singapore, together with the Chapter of Cardiologists and the Chapter of Infectious Disease Physicians (both under the auspices of College of Physicians, Singapore), organised a combined meeting titled “Does Antibiotic Prophylaxis Prevent Endocarditis?”.

The seminar focused on recent guidelines on antibiotic prophylaxis against infective endocarditis. It aimed to reach out to general practitioners, dentists, cardiologists, infectious disease physicians and other medical professionals. Out of the 114 participant, 65 participants were from the Dental professionals and 49 participants were from the medical professionals.

(VII) Joint Committee for Dental Specialist Accreditation

The Dental Specialist Accreditation Board of the Ministry of Health appointed the College of Dental Surgeons, Singapore to form the Joint Committee for Dental Specialist Accreditation (JCDSA) and the respective Dental Specialist Accreditation Committees (DSAC) for the various specialties. The JCDSA conducted two rounds of accreditation exams in 2013.

PROFESSIONAL OPINION AND FEEDBACK

During the year, the College contributed feedback to the Ministry of Health on:

- Platelet Rich Plasma Therapy In Dental Practice (December 2013)

In December 2013, the Ministry of Health, Regulatory Compliance Division through the AMS requested for professional advice on the use of Platelet Rich Plasma Therapy on dental treatments particularly in Augmentation of Bone Grafting for dental implants as well as Gingival Grafting. The College has given its professional advice.

- Final Draft of Guidelines on Safe Sedation by Non-Anaesthesiologists (October 2013)

In October 2013, The Ministry of Health reviewed the amendments made to the Guidelines on Safe Sedation by Non-Anaesthesiologists drafted by the Sedation Taskforce Committee formed under the Academy of Medicine, Singapore. The Council of College of Dental Surgeons Singapore and Chapter Chairs viewed the draft and provided professional opinions on the matter.

- Professional Guidelines On Medisave Use For Dental Procedures In The Table Of Surgical Procedures (TOSP) (October 2013)

In October 2013, the Ministry of Health (MOH) reviewed the TOSP, in consultation with the Academy of Medicine, Singapore and senior practitioners in the clinical community and has updated the TOSP, which will be implemented on 1 January 2014. The new TOSP has included a number of new dental procedures such as periodontal surgery. As the guidelines on Medisave use on dental TOSP codes were last issued in Dec 2008, MOH intend to update and issue the new guidelines by 1 Oct 2013 to ensure that all dental practitioners are familiar with how the new TOSP codes should be applied as well as clarify the audit requirements on the use of the new dental codes in the TOSP. The Ministry of Health through the AMS had

requested the College of Dental Surgeons, Singapore to set up a committee to draw up a set of “best practice’ guidelines consistent with the use of the new TOSP in order to facilitate the audit processes.

Under the request from the Ministry of Health, the College of Dental Surgeons, Singapore (CDSS), the TOSP Dental Guidelines Sub-Committee chaired by the Immediate Past President of College of Dental Surgeons, Singapore, Dr Chan Siew Luen who was a member of the 2007 Dental TOSP Committee, had invited the following members to form the TOSP Dental Guidelines Sub- Committee.

The appointed Committee Members were Dr Dominic Leung, Dr Lim Eng Yong (President CGDP), Dr Lui Jeen Nee (CDSS, Chapter Chairman, Endodontists) Dr Tan Wah Ching (CDSS Chapter Chairman, Periodontists), Dr Winston Tan (CDSS Chapter Chairman, OMS), Dr Asher Lim (Medisave Dental Advisor) and Dr Andrew Tay (Medisave Dental Advisor).

The TOSP and the ‘best practice’ guidelines were completed in October 2013 and submitted to Ministry of Health.

- Feedback on Private Hospitals and Medical Clinics Act (PHMCA) (June 2013)

In June 2013, the Ministry of Health through the Academy of Medicine, Singapore had requested for professional advice from the College on reviewing the current PHMCA Act to help close the gaps on issues which have not been addressed presently but are pertinent, consistent and relevant to the practice of Dentistry in Singapore. The College has given its professional advice.

- Request for Feedback on proposed Guidelines on the Display of Qualifications or Titles 2012 (Feb 2013)

The Singapore Dental Council has written in seeking feedback and comments on their proposed guidelines on the Display of Qualifications or Titles. The College Council had discussed this letter from SDC. The College supports the proposed guidelines on the Display of Qualifications or Titles 2012 (“DQG2012”) without any further comments.

- Proposed Guidelines On Aesthetic Facial Procedures for Dental Professionals (Feb 2013)

In Dec 2012, the Singapore Dental Council has written in through AMS seeking inputs on some of the guidelines that they have drawn up in view of the new and emerging trends that will impact their dental fraternity. The College Council discussed the letter; CDSS supports the proposed guidelines on aesthetic facial procedures for dental practitioners without further comments.

- Proposed Guidelines On Management of Healthcare Workers With Blood Borne Diseases (April 2013)

In Dec 2012, the Ministry of Health sought through AMS professional advice from the College on the guidelines on Management of Healthcare Workers with Blood Borne Disease. Therefore the President of College of Dental Surgeons (April 2013), Dr Chan Siew Luen wished to incorporate experts from outside the College to put a paper as a joint statement by the Chapter for Infectious Diseases (CPS) and the Chapter of Gastroenterologists (CPS) to

propose more comprehensive guidelines to the Academy Council for endorsement before submitting to the Singapore Dental Council for consideration.

The College of Dental Surgeons, Singapore invited the respective Colleges to form a workgroup comprising representatives from the College of Dental Surgeons, Singapore, the College of Surgeons, Singapore, the Chapter of Infectious Disease Physicians and the Chapter of Gastroenterologists, both Chapters of the College of Physicians, Singapore to publish a position paper on the management of health care workers with blood borne diseases to the Singapore Dental Council.

The Chairman of this workgroup led this position paper was Dr Chan Siew Luen. The appointed Members for this workgroup were Dr Myra Elliot (College of Dental Surgeons, Singapore, Exco Member), Dr Victor Fan (College of Dental Surgeons, Singapore, Exco Member), Dr Liau Kui Hin (College of Surgeons, Singapore, Council Member), Dr Paul Tambyah (College of Physicians, Chapter of Infectious Disease Physicians), Dr Lee Cheng Chuan (College of Physicians, Chapter of Infectious Disease), Dr Lui Hock Foong (College of Physicians, Chapter of Gastroenterologist)

The position paper was completed in April 2013 and submitted to Ministry of Health and to Singapore Dental Council.

- Dental Education Resource for Medical Practitioners - Dental Factsheet for GPs (Dec 2012)

HPB had formed network groups with the Dentists/OHTs, General Practitioners and the Allied Health Professionals with representatives across restructured hospitals, polyclinics and dental groups. The intent is to create a national approach to prevention and disease management across the key healthcare professional groups. Dentists and oral health therapists are key partners in the provision of care. GP Network members shared that GPs are unsure of the process of administering medicines for oral conditions given the delay in seeing a dentist due to the backlog at the polyclinics. The college helped to develop a medication factsheet for GPs on some common oral health conditions. Some of the topics in this factsheet were:

- Pain management
- Management of Oral Ulcers
- Trauma management
- Oral conditions requiring antibiotics

APPRECIATION

The College wishes to record its appreciation and thanks to all Fellows and the secretariat for their kind support.

December 2013

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Honorary Secretary
College of Dental Surgeons, Singapore