

**COLLEGE OF OF SURGEONS, SINGAPORE  
(INCORPORATED IN THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE)  
COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 200410341R**



**2007-2008 Council**



**Standing (Left to Right) Dr Lim Tock Han (Chairman, Chapter of Ophthalmologists), Dr Vincent Yeow (Chairman, Chapter of Plastic Surgeons), Dr Swaminathan Ikshuvanam (Chairman, Chapter of General Surgeons), Dr Low Cheng Ooi (Chairman, Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons), Dr Chua Yeow Leng (Chairman, Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons), Dr David Consigliere (Chairman, Chapter of Urologists), Dr Ivan Ng (Chairman, Chapter of Neurosurgeons), Dr Lim Beng Hai (Chairman, Chapter of Hand Surgeons)**

**Seated (Left to Right) Dr Billy Tan (Honorary Treasurer), Dr Low Yin Peng (Vice-President, Education), Dr Tong Ming Chuan (Vice-President), Dr Chan Heng Thye (President), Dr Anthony Heng (Immediate Past President), Dr Siow Jin Keat (Chairman, Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists), Dr Anette Jacobsen (Chairman, Chapter of Paediatric Surgeons)**

**Absent with apologies Dr Adrian Leong (Honorary Secretary) and Dr James Tan (Council Member)**

**Annual Report of the Council 2007 – 2008**

**1. 3RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the College of Surgeons, Singapore was held on Friday, 25 May 2007 at 6.05pm in Lecture Theatre (Level 3) at Gleneagles Hospital, 6A Napier Road, Singapore 258500.

**1.1 The College Council**

The following Council Members were elected to the 2007-2008 Council after the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting:

President	Dr Chan Heng Thye
Immediate Past President	Dr Anthony Heng
Vice-President	Dr Tong Ming Chuan
Vice-President, Education	A/Prof Low Yin Peng
Honorary Secretary	Prof Leong Peng Kheong, Adrian Francis
Honorary Treasurer	Dr Tan Ban Hock, Billy
Council Member	Dr Tan Khiaw Ngiap, James
Chairman, Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons	Dr Chua Yeow Leng
Chairman, Chapter of General Surgeons	Dr Swaminathan Ikshuvanam
Chairman, Chapter of Hand Surgeons	A/Prof Lim Beng Hai Chair- man, Chapter of
Neurosurgeons	A/Prof Ng Hua Bak, Ivan
Chairman, Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists	A/Prof Siow Jin Keat
Chairman, Chapter of Ophthalmologists	A/Prof Lim Tock Han
Chairman, Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons	Dr Low Cheng Ooi
Chairman, Chapter of Paediatric Surgeons	A/Prof Anette Jacobsen
Chairman, Chapter of Plastic Surgeons	Dr Yeow Kok Leng, Vincent
Chairman, Chapter of Urologists	Dr David Terrence Consigliere

**1.2 Board of Specialty Chapters**

The Board of the various Specialty Chapters has been elected as follows after the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting of the respective Chapters:

**Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons**

Chairman:	Dr Chua Yeow Leng
Vice-Chairman:	Dr Sriram Shankar
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Lim Chong Hee
Members:	Dr Lim See Lim Dr Ooi Oon Cheong Dr Sim Kwang Wei, Eugene

**Chapter of General Surgeons**

Chairman:	Dr Swaminathan Ikshuvanam
Vice-Chairman:	Dr Cheah Wei Keat
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Chia Kok Hoong
Members:	Dr Chan Hsiang Sui Dr Hoe Nan Yuh, Michael Dr Lim Teck Hock, Dennis Dr So Bok Yan, Jimmy Dr Leong Peng Kheong, Adrian Francis (Co-opted) Dr Cheng Kui Sing, Anton (Co-opted) Dr Chow Kah Hoe, Pierce (Co-opted)

**Chapter of Hand Surgeons**

Chairman:	Dr Lim Beng Hai
Vice-Chairman:	Dr Tan Soo Heong
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Chin Yuan Hui, Andrew
Members:	Dr Chong Khin Sze, Alphonsus Dr Tan Ter Chyan

**Chapter of Neurosurgeons**

Chairman:	Dr Ng Hua Bak, Ivan
Vice-Chairman:	Dr Ong Peck Leong
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Seow Wan Tew
Members:	Dr Ang Beng Ti, Christopher Dr Chumpon Chantharakulpongsa Dr Tan Kheng Kooi Dr Yeo Tseng Tsai (Co-opted)

**Chapter of Ophthalmologists**

Chairman:	Dr Lim Tock Han
Vice-Chairman:	Dr Ong Sze Guan
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Lim Li
Members:	Dr Heng Wee Jin Dr Koh Hock Chuan, Adrian Dr Lee Hung Ming

**Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons**

Chairman:	Dr Low Cheng Ooi
Vice-Chairman:	Dr Yu Chun Sing
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Sathappan SS
Members:	Dr Chang Wei Chun Dr Tan Jee Lim Dr Wong Hee Kit (Co-opted)

**Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists**

Chairman:	Dr Siow Jin Keat
Vice-Chairman:	Dr Leong Hoo Kwong
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Huang Shouu Chyuan
Members:	Dr Chee Wang Cheng, Nelson Dr Lim Hsueh Yee, Lynne Dr Yeo Seng Beng

**Chapter of Paediatric Surgeons**

Chairman: Dr Anette S. Jacobsen  
 Vice-Chairman: Dr Loh Ser Kheng, Dale Lincoln  
 Honorary Secretary: Dr Low Yee  
 Members: Dr Chui Chan Hon  
 Dr Ong Choo Phaik, Caroline  
 Dr Ong Nai Theow

**Chapter of Plastic Surgeons**

Chairman: Dr Yeow Kok Leng, Vincent  
 Vice-Chairman: Dr Lim Jiun, Ivor  
 Honorary Secretary: Dr Ang Sze Wee, Erik  
 Members: Dr Khoo Kian Ming, Andrew  
 Dr Sng Wei-Ee, Karen  
 Dr Wu Tze-Liang, Woffles

**Chapter of Urologists**

Chairman: Dr David Terrence Consigliere  
 Vice-Chairman: Dr Chia Sing Joo  
 Honorary Secretary: Dr Tan Peng Kok  
 Members: Dr Cheng Wai Sam, Christopher  
 Dr Foo Keong Tatt  
 Dr Ng Foo Cheong  
 Dr Liew Choon How, Lewis  
 (Co-opted)

**2. MEMBERSHIP**

The total membership as of 31 December 2007 under the College now stands at 510 Fellows comprising of 493 Local Fellows and 17 Overseas Fellows.

Local and Overseas Fellows are grouped under the Chapters as follows:

Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons	26
Chapter of General Surgeons	143
Chapter of Hand Surgeons	14
Chapter of Neurosurgeons	20
Chapter of Ophthalmologists	94
Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists	46
Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons	78
Chapter of Paediatric Surgeons	10
Chapter of Plastic Surgeons	31
Chapter of Urologists	45
Others (applied as Specialty of Anatomy & not recognised as one of the 36 Specialties)	3

**3. COLLEGE NEWSLETTER**

At the time of writing the Annual Report, Dr Chan Heng Thy, the College President, has written three College Newsletters that serves as a communication tool to update all Fellows of College matters and activities.

**4. CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION**

**Cardiothoracic Surgery Update Session I**

The Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons organised the Cardiothoracic Surgery Update Session I – Thoracic Surgery Updates: Surgery for End Stage Lung Failure on Friday, 14 December 2007 at SGH Postgraduate Medical Institute. Dr Agasthian Thirugnanam and Dr Lim Chong Hee were invited to share with the Chapter Members and the Cardiothoracic trainees on Lung Volume Reduction Surgery and Lung Transplantation respectively. This session was chaired by Dr Lim Chong Hee.

**Second Dinner Lecture of the Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons**

A/Prof. Wan Song, Senior Cardiac Surgeon of the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery, Chinese University of Hong Kong delivered an interesting lecture on Cardiovascular Surgery in China: A 50-year Perspective in the Second Dinner Lecture organised by the Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons on Wednesday, 18 July 2007 at National Heart Centre. The audience mainly comprised of Members from the Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons, other heart surgeons and nurses from both National Heart Centre and National University Hospital. The Chapter Board Members are privileged to receive a complimentary copy of A/Prof Wan Song’s latest publication “Cardiothoracic Surgery in China: past, present, and future” at the Second Dinner Lecture. The Second Dinner Lecture was chaired by Dr Chua Yeow Leng and cited by Dr Lim See Lim.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Update in Ophthalmology Symposium 2007**

The Chapter of Ophthalmologists has successfully organised the 2<sup>nd</sup> Update in Ophthalmology Symposium jointly with the Singapore Society of Ophthalmology on Saturday, 14 July 2007 at Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel with an overwhelming attendance of close to 80 people mainly comprised of Members of the Chapter of Ophthalmologists and Singapore Society of Ophthalmology. As a biennial event, the Chapter aimed to provide a high impact and concise platform for busy practising ophthalmologists to obtain bite-sized updates in the latest development of ophthalmology by inviting speakers of international standing in their area of sub-specialty to speak in this symposium. 10 sub-specialties were focussed on in this 2<sup>nd</sup> Update Symposium and they were Cataract/IOL, Glaucoma, Uveitis, Medical Retina, Surgical Retina, Neuro-ophthalmology, Oculoplastic, Cornea, Refractive and Paediatric/Myopia. A sumptuous dinner by the riverside was held after the informative lectures. This symposium was co-chaired by A/Prof Lim Tock Han, A/Prof Ong Sze Guan and Dr Adrian Koh.

### Oculoplastic Symposium – Insights into Oculoplastic Surgery

The Chapter of Ophthalmologists has organised an Oculoplastic Symposium on “Insights into Oculoplastic Surgery” on Monday, 2 April 2007 at the Lecture Theatre, Gleneagles Hospital. Coupled with a sumptuous buffet dinner, an audience of about 50 people that mainly comprised Members of the Chapter of Ophthalmologists and trainees in Ophthalmology received an interesting lecture from the 3 speakers – Prof Kim Yoon Duck from Samsung Medical Centre, Korea, Dr Fong Kee Siew from Singapore National Eye Centre and Dr Yip Chee Chew from Alexandra Hospital. The attendees also had fun participating in the “Quiz – Mind Teasers in Oculoplastic Surgery” hosted by Dr Shanta Amrith from National University Hospital. This symposium was chaired by Dr Yip Chee Chew and cited by A/Prof Lim Tock Han.

### 5. DINNER MEETING WITH DMS

The Council 2006-2007 has the privilege to invite Prof K. Satkunanatham, Director of Medical Services, for an informal dinner meeting on 16 February 2007 at Raffles Town Club to discuss and pursue on the role of the College of Surgeons in Singapore. The meeting proved to be fruitful and signified the beginning of a more cohesive working relationship with the Ministry of Health and all other parties involved in postgraduate education.

### 6. LEE FOUNDATION / TAN SRI DR RUNME SHAW FELLOWSHIP IN ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY

The following candidates have been selected to receive this Fellowship in 2007:

1. Dr Pramod S Chinder from the Dept of Hand & Reconstructive Microsurgery, NUH
2. Dr Turimula Prakash Babu from the Dept of Orthopaedic Surgery, NUH
3. Dr Samik Banerjee from the Dept of Orthopaedic Surgery, NUH
4. Dr Deshmukh Niranjan Dharendra from the Dept of Orthopaedic Surgery, NUH
5. Dr Krishna Prasad Paudel from the Dept of Orthopaedic Surgery, SGH

### 7. TABLE OF SURGICAL PROCEDURES (TOSP) REVIEW

The Ministry of Health (MOH) called for the TOSP Review exercise in early 2007 for all the 10 surgical specialties and other surgical-related specialties to perform the following:

1. To review existing top 300 active codes of surgical procedures – to propose amendments to the current descriptions and to reassess the ranking of the codes.
2. To review existing “frequently misunderstood / misused” codes – to provide a more detailed description for more precise interpretation.
3. To propose new codes and rank them.

The 10 Chapters under the auspice of the College of Surgeons participated in the TOSP Review exercise and have submitted their returns to MOH in April 2007. The College will continue to work with MOH in finalising the surgical tables.

### 8. 41<sup>ST</sup> SINGAPORE-MALAYSIA CONGRESS OF MEDICINE

The College participated in the 41<sup>st</sup> Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine hosted in Singapore from 19-22 July 2007 at Raffles City Convention Centre with its named lectureships and the symposia organised by Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons, Chapter of General Surgeons, Chapter of Neurosurgeons and Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons.

### 9. 11<sup>TH</sup> & 12<sup>TH</sup> YAHYA COHEN MEMORIAL LECTURESHIP

The College is pleased to award the 11<sup>th</sup> Yahya Cohen Memorial Lecture Award to A/Prof James Hui Hoi Po (Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons) for his paper entitled *Comparative Study of the Ability of Mesenchymal Stem Cells Derived from Bone Marrow, Periosteum, and Adipose Tissue in Treatment of Partial Growth Arrest in Rabbit*, and the 12<sup>th</sup> Yahya Cohen Memorial Lecture Award to A/Prof Christopher Low Wong Kein (Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists) for his paper entitled *Dose-dependent Radiation-induced Apoptosis in a Cochlear Cell-line*. The presentation of the winning papers and the award ceremony took place at the 41<sup>st</sup> Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine on 20 July 2007 at Raffles City Convention Centre. The 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Lectureships were chaired by A/Prof Low Yin Peng and A/Prof Siow Jin Keat respectively.



**10. 2ND COLLEGE OF SUREGONS LECTURESHIP**

The College is honoured to have Dr Yong Nen Khiong, a renowned surgeon in the general surgery community, as our prestigious 2<sup>nd</sup> College of Surgeons Lecturer delivering his interesting lecture on *Redefining the Gold Standard in Medical Ethics* on 20 July 2007 at the Raffles City Convention Centre, held in conjunction with the 41<sup>st</sup> Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine. This lectureship was chaired by Dr Anthony Heng.

**11. YOUNG SURGEON’S AWARD 2007**

The College would like to congratulate Dr Por Yong Chen, a Registrar with the Department of Plastic, Reconstructive & Aesthetic Surgery at KK Women’s & Children’s Hospital, as the winner of the Young Surgeon’s Award 2007. His paper entitled *Bone Generation in the Reconstruction of a Supersize Calvarial Defect in a Canine Model – A Pilot Study* was one of the papers presented amongst the papers by the other 2 short-listed candidates, and had emerged as the winner in this keen competition. The papers of the 3 short-listed candidates were presented on 20 July 2007 at the Raffles City Convention Centre, held in conjunction with the 41<sup>st</sup> Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine and was chaired by Dr Dean Koh.

**12. COLLEGE OF SURGEONS TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIP**

The College has awarded the College of Surgeons Travelling Fellowship in Year 2007 to the following Council Members / Chapter Board Members who have attended meetings / events representing the College:

1. A/Prof Low Yin Peng for attending the 76th Annual Scientific Congress organised by the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons in Christchurch, New Zealand from 7-11 May 2007 on behalf of the College President.
2. Dr Chan Heng Thye for attending the Annual Scientific Meeting organised by the College of Surgeons, Academy of Medicine of Malaysia in Cameron Highlands, Malaysia from 8-10 June 2007.
3. Dr Swaminathan Ikshuvanam for attending the 32nd Annual Scientific Meeting jointly organised by the Royal College of Surgeons of Thailand and the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons in Pattaya, Thailand from 27-30 July 2007 on behalf of the College President.
4. A/Prof Anette Jacobsen in the capacity of an External Examiner for Postgraduate Exit Examinations in Paediatric Surgery invited by the Chittagong Medical College in Chittagong, Bangladesh from 11-13 August 2007.

5. Dr Swaminathan Ikshuvanam for attending the 93rd Annual Clinical Congress organised by the American College of Surgeons in New Orleans, Louisiana from 7-11 October 2007 on behalf of the College President.
6. A/Prof Siow Jin Keat in the capacity of a Visiting Professor for Otolaryngology Head & Neck Surgery Institute FESS Course invited by the Department of Surgery, University of Nairobi in Nairobi, Kenya from 13-15 October 2007.
7. A/Prof Chia Kok Hoong for attending the 63rd Annual Clinical Congress organised by the Philippine College of Surgeons in Mandaluyong City, Philippines from 2-5 December 2007 on behalf of the College President.

**13. DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAMME**

The Distance Learning Programme hosted by the Academy of Medicine, Singapore allows Fellows to attempt Continuing Medical Education modules online with flexibility and at their own convenient time to gain CME points.

The Chapter of Ophthalmologists has submitted the module on Blepharoplasty authored by Dr Gangadhara Sundar and peer-reviewed by A/Prof Lim Tock Han and Dr Fong Kee Siew.

Fellows who wish to access the Distance Learning Programme may do so by using their MCR number and password to login at the member secured login area on the Academy of Medicine website.

**14. ENDORSEMENT OF EVENTS**

The College and its Chapters have endorsed the below events in Year 2007:

1. SSO-Novartis Retina Forum held on 12 January 2007 at The Regent Hotel, Singapore
2. Prophylaxis against Venous Thrombosis in Orthopaedic and other surgical patients – questions and evidence from an Asian perspective Lecture held on 17 January 2007 at Sheraton Towers Hotel.
3. International Macula Meeting 2007 -Latest Advances in Retinal Diseases held from 27-29 April 2007 at Gleneagles Hospital.
4. 9<sup>th</sup> Singapore Stroke Conference 2007 held from 31 August to 2 September 2007 at DBS Auditorium.
5. SSO-Novartis Retina Forum held on 21 September 2007 at The Regent Hotel, Singapore.
6. Asian Australasian Advanced Course in Paediatric Neurosurgery held from 4-9 December 2007 at Nanyang Executive Centre, Nanyang Technological University.

7. 17<sup>th</sup> Review Course in Hand Surgery of Singapore Society for Hand Surgery to be held from 1-2 February 2008 at Advanced Surgery Training Centre, National University Hospital.
8. 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Asian Society for Cardiovascular Surgery to be held from 13-16 March 2008 at Raffles City Convention Centre.

## **15. COLLEGE UPDATES**

1. The College has developed its own website at [www.css.edu.sg](http://www.css.edu.sg) and own eForum at [www.css.edu.sg/Forum](http://www.css.edu.sg/Forum). College Fellows should view the website regularly for event announcements and obtain updates on College affairs. The objective of developing the eForum – an online discussion portal – is to create a place for the benefit of our College Fellows for knowledge sharing and interaction. College Fellows are encouraged to access both our website and eForum and participate actively.
2. In view of the College formation for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year and to raise our College profile, the College has custom made the following College souvenirs which are available for purchase at our College website:
  - i) Tie pins @ S\$12.00 per piece.
  - ii) Ties (2 designs) @ S\$20.00 per piece.
  - iii) Ceramic Plaques (with frame & oriental-designed hook) @ S\$65.00 per piece.

## **16. APPRECIATION**

The College wishes to record its appreciation to all our Fellows and the Secretariat Staff of the College for their support rendered in the past year and we look forward to your ongoing support for future projects.

December 2007  
Prof Adrian Leong  
Honorary Secretary  
2007-2008 Council College of Surgeons, Singapore