

# COLLEGE OF DENTAL SURGEONS, SINGAPORE



## Council 2012-2013

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Chapter of Prosthodontists:	Dr Ansgar Cheng
Chapter of Public Health Dentists:	Dr Hemalatha Nathan

## Annual General Meeting

The College held its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting on 23 May 2012 at the Alumni Medical Centre.

## Membership

The total number of members in the College stood at 239 as at 31 December 2012. There are 224 Local Fellows, eight Overseas Fellows and seven Ordinary Members.

## New Fellows

The following persons were admitted into the Fellowship of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore in 2012:

- Dr Intekhab Islam (Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery)
- Dr Ng Cher Hui (Periodontists)
- Dr Pujan Rai (Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery)
- Dr Salikin Zulfikri (Orthodontists)

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

## Conferment Ceremony

The College held its 3<sup>rd</sup> Conferment Ceremony on 23 May 2012 at the Alumni Medical Centre. The College was privileged to have Professor Tan Kok Chai, Master of the Academy to present the Fellowship certificate and a collar pin bearing the College's logo to its members. A total of five Fellows of the College were conferred.



Group photo taken at the Alumni Medical Centre.



From left to right: Dr Hong Yong Huat, Dr Andrew Ow, Dr Bryce Lee, Dr Chan Siew Luen, Dr Benjamin Long, Dr Loh Poey Ling, Dr Johnathan Wee, Dr Seah Tian Ee

## Events

### Launch of Study Club (May-December 2012)

The College and the Singapore Dental Association worked together to conduct Continuing Professional Education (CPE) activities for the working year 2012. The activities would consist of journal clubs and clinical seminars.

It was agreed that the joint collaboration between the Academy of Medicine, Singapore (AMS) and the Singapore Dental Association (SDA) on providing Continuing Professional Education (CPE) would be called the AMS- SDA study club. It was held in the Academy during the work year.

The programme run once a month and the College would continue to work closely with the various subspecialty specialists to provide Continuing Professional Education activities to Dental Surgeons to advance the field of dentistry.

### Launch of AMS-MOH Dental Implants in Edentulism (6 October 2012)

The launch was organised by the AMS-MOH Dental Implants in Edentulism Clinical Practice Guidelines Workgroup under the umbrella of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore (AMS) and the Ministry of Health (MOH).

The purpose of the 50-page document was to educate dentists who offer patients dental implants with a set of evidence-based guidelines to refer to.

The guidelines dealt with 13 controversial areas such as whether to replace diseased teeth with implants or to save them with root canal treatment, when to insert implants and artificial teeth and when to use smaller implants, called mini-implants that are less stable than larger ones.

Dr Chan Siew Luen, President of the College, headed the 22-man workgroup appointed by the Academy of Medicine, Singapore and the Ministry of Health in 2009 to draw up the guidelines. The team of experts took more than two years to research and publish the 50-page guidelines.

The guidelines drew on evidence-based research to provide recommendations to general dental practitioners, oral and maxillofacial surgeons, prosthodontists, periodontists and endodontists.

### College of Dental Surgeons' Networking Session (1 November 2012)

The College hosted a networking session on 1 November 2012 at the NKF Auditorium. The purpose was to recruit new specialists to join as FAMS by enabling them to interact and network with Fellows of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore who are prominent specialists, researchers and mentors who have collectively shaped the growth of Singapore Dentistry.

During the networking session, Prof Lim Shih Hui, Master of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore, gave a short speech on the Academy's objectives and directions ahead whilst Dr Chan Siew Luen, President of the College, addressed the CPD-MOC for Dental Specialists as well the long term goals for the College.

### 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 through the respective DSACs conducted the first diet of the exit assessments in September 2012. After the first diet of the assessments, the JCDSA was tasked to review the criteria for accreditation that was first established in 2008.

### Professional Opinion And Feedback

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

- Banking of Stem Cells Extracted from Dental Pulp
- LTCs on Procedures requiring Sub-specialty Credentialing
- Feedback on Use of Mercury Dental Amalgams in Singapore
- Feedback on Proposed Aesthetic Facial Procedures for Dental Practitioners Guidelines
- In support of Water Fluoridation as an ecologically safe and effectual public health measure
- MOH Clinical Practice Guidelines Masterplan FY2013