

College of Anaesthesiologists, Singapore

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The College of Anaesthesiologists, Singapore was formed on 17 August 2004 with Dr Edward Pang as its first elected President. It is hoped that the College, together with the Singapore Society of

Anaesthesiologists will continually work towards improving the quality of anaesthesia practice and foster a small but closely knitted anaesthesia fraternity in Singapore.

President's Message

Dr Phillip Tseng



The College had a fulfilling year. After a brief hiatus we restarted the Combined Anaesthetic Meetings in 2014. Anaesthetists from restructured hospitals and private institutions shared the same platform and addressed a wide range of issues and touched on new developments in anaesthesia.

We were honoured to have Dr Andrea Gabrielli, an anaesthetist and intensivist from the Shands Hospital, Florida, USA as our Visiting Academician who not only lectured at our Annual Refresher Course in May but also visited several intensive care units in the restructured hospitals. He gave lectures and bedside tutorials to the residents and staff.

The Pain Section, headed by Dr Yeo Sow Nam, was formally

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formed under the auspices of the College. It was established to promote and recognise pain medicine as a subspecialty.

The Council also approved the Staff Registrar Scheme (SRS) programme, which hopefully will start in July 2015, pending approval from the Academy Council. This is a 3-year course, mainly for foreign doctors wanting to continue working in the restructured hospitals with a diploma in anaesthesia. The College will run the programme and conduct the exams as well.

Our next Annual Refresher Course will be held in mid May 2015 in Bali, Indonesia. We will also have the current President of the College of Indonesia speak at our meeting amidst other well-known speakers.

We welcome Dr Wendy Teoh to the Council of the College and congratulate Dr Ti Lian Kah for being nominated as the President Elect.

The 2013-2014 Council

President:	Dr Phillip Tseng Seng Sou
President Elect:	Dr Ti Lian Kah
Vice President:	Dr Agnes Ng Suah Bwee
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Koh Kwong Fah
Honorary Treasurer:	Dr Sophia Chew Tsong Huey
Council Members:	Dr Wendy Teoh Dr Kwek Tong Kiat



Seated (from the left): Dr Sophia Chew (Treasurer), Dr Phillip Tseng (President), Dr Ti Lian Kah (President Elect)

Standing (from the left): Dr Kwek Tong Kiat, Dr Wendy Teoh (Council Members)

Not in photo: Dr Koh Kwong Fah (Honorary Secretary), Dr Agnes Ng (Vice President)

Annual General Meeting

The College held its Annual General Meeting at York Hotel on 12 April 2014, with 37 Fellows in attendance. The formation of the Section on Pain Medicine with Dr Yeo Sow Nam as the Interim Chairman was passed and approved at the meeting.

Council Meetings

The Council met once every two months to conduct the business and affairs of the College.

Membership

Membership in the College stood at 134 as at 31 December 2014, with 125 Local Fellows and 9 Overseas Fellows.

Continuing Medical Education: Talks

- **Paradigm Shift in Neuromuscular Management: Pleasing the Surgeon or the Patient?**

Date: 22 April 2014

Speaker: Dr Hans D de Boer, Department of Anaesthesiology and Pain Medicine, Martini Hospital, The Netherlands

- **Modern Day Anaesthesia – Improving Patient Outcome**

Date: 28 August 2014

Speaker: Dr Stefan Roehrig, Department of Anaesthesiology & Intensive Care Medicine, Marien Hospital Muensterland, Germany

Combined Anaesthesia Meetings

JANUARY

Date: 18 January 2014

Venue: The Academia, Singapore General Hospital
Co-organiser: Singapore Society of Anaesthesiologists

- **Anaesthesia for Bariatric Surgery: A European Experience**

Speaker: Dr Phillip Tseng, private practice

- **Updates on Cardiothoracic Anaesthesia - HMDP Experience from USA**

Speaker: Dr Sudhakar Subramaniam, Department of Anaesthesiology, Singapore General Hospital

JULY

Date: 19 July 2014

Venue: KK Women's and Children's Hospital
Co-organiser: Singapore Society of Anaesthesiologists
Topic: The Exit (Ex-Utero Intrapartum Treatment Procedure). The New Challenge in Maternal And Fetal Surgery

- **Post Partum Haemorrhage**

Guest Speaker: Dr Devendra Kanagalingam, Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Singapore General Hospital

- **Obstetric Challenges in Planning and Exit Procedures**

Speaker: Dr Shephali Tagore, Department of Paediatrics Anaesthesia, KKH

- **Introduction and Case Presentation**

Speaker: Dr Eileen Lew, Department of Women's Anaesthesia, KKH

- **Anaesthetic Considerations for the Mother**

Speaker: Dr Srividhya Iyer Janant, Department of Women's Anaesthesia, KKH

- **Anaesthetic Considerations for the Foetus**

Speaker: Dr Wijeweera Olivia, Department of Paediatrics Anaesthesia, KKH

OCTOBER

Date: 25 October 2014

Venue: National University Hospital Tower Block

Co-organiser: Singapore Society of Anaesthesiologists

Topic: Minimally Invasive Cardiac Surgery

- **Diastolic Dysfunction - What Can We Do About it?**

Guest Speaker: Prof Hwang Nian Chih, Department of Anaesthesiology, Singapore General Hospital

- **Minimally Invasive Cardiac Surgery – History and Rationale; Surgical Techniques and Considerations for MICS**

Guest Speaker: A/Prof Theo Kofidis, Department of Cardiac, Thoracic and Vascular Surgery, National University Hospital & National University of Singapore

- **Anaesthetic Considerations for MICS**

Speaker: Dr Rex Morias, Department of Anaesthesia, National University Hospital

- **Role of Echocardiography in MICS**

Speaker: A/Prof Ti Lian Kah, Department of Anaesthesia, National University Hospital

- **Keeping Our Patients Safe during MICS**

Speaker: A/Prof Sophia Ang, Department of Anaesthesia, National University Hospital

- **TEE Evaluation of Right Heart Function**

Speaker: Dr Lalitha Manikam, Department of Anaesthesia, National University Hospital

- **Anaesthetic Considerations for Transarterial and Transapical Aortic Valve Implantation (TAVI)**

Speaker: Dr Shah Shitalkumar, Department of Anaesthesiology, Singapore General Hospital

- **Anaesthetic Considerations for Mitraclip Device Implantation**

Speaker: Dr Harikrishnan Kothandan, Department of Anaesthesiology, Singapore General Hospital

Visiting Academician Lecture

At the College's 8th Refresher course held on 12 April 2014 at the York Hotel, Dr Andrea Gabrielli, an intensivist from the Shands Hospital, University of Florida had been invited as the Visiting Academician and main speaker. He presented a lecture entitled, 'A-ACLS and CPR- ROSC' at the course. Dr Gabielli had also lectured at some local hospitals, imparting some of his intensive care expertise to staff and residents.