The 7th Annual General Meeting of the College of Surgeons, Singapore was held on Friday, 27 May 2011 at 6.00pm at Lecture Theatre (Level 3) at Gleneagles Hospital, 6A Napier Road, Singapore 258500.

2011-2012 COUNCIL

The following Council Members were elected to the 2011-2012 Council after the 7th Annual General Meeting:

President: Dr Sayampanathan, Sarvaselan R.E
Immediate Past President: A/Prof Low Yin Peng
Vice-President: Dr Ravishankar K Diddapur
Honorary Secretary: A/Prof Vijayan Appasamy
Honorary Treasurer: Dr Bertha Woon
Council Member: Dr Liau Kui Hin

Chairman, Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons: Dr Lim Chong Hee
Chairman, Chapter of General Surgeons: Dr Wong Soong Kuan
Chairman, Chapter of Hand Surgeons: Dr Tay Shian Chao, Vincent
Chairman, Chapter of Neurosurgeons: A/Prof Christopher Ang Beng Ti
Chairman, Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists: Dr Huang Shoou Chyuan
Chairman, Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons: A/Prof Inderjeet Singh Rikhraj
Chairman, Chapter of Paediatric Surgeons: Dr Chui Chan Hon
Chairman, Chapter of Plastic, Reconstructive & Aesthetic Surgeons: Dr Marcus Wong
Chairman, Chapter of Urologists: Prof Kesavan Esuvaranathan

BOArd OF SpecialTY ChApTErs

The Board of the various Specialty Chapters has been elected into office for a two-year term from 2011-2013 after the 5th Annual General Meeting of the respective Chapters in 2011:

Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons
Chairman: Dr Lim Chong Hee
Vice-Chairman: Dr Wong Woon Wai, James
Honorary Secretary: Dr Lim See Lim
Board Members: A/Prof Chua Yeow Leng, Dr Christine Tan, Dr Sim Kwang Wei, Eugene

Chapter of General Surgeons
Chairman: Dr Wong Soong Kuan
Vice-Chairman: Dr Ranjiv Sivanandan
Honorary Secretary: Dr Ho Choon Kiat
Board Members: Dr Swaminathan Ikhshuvanam, Dr Stephen Chang, Dr Tan Kok Yang (co-opted), Dr Shankar Pasupathy (co-opted), Dr Seow Choon Sheong (co-opted), Dr Jaideepraj Rao (co-opted)

Chapter of Hand Surgeons
Chairman: Dr Tay Shian Chao, Vincent
Vice-Chairman: Dr Andrew Yam
Honorary Secretary: Dr Tan Puay Ling
Board Members: Dr Lim Beng Hai, Dr Jonathan Lee (co-opted)

Chapter of Neurosurgeons
Chairman: A/Prof Ang Beng Ti, Christopher
Vice-Chairman: Dr Tan Kheng Kooi
Honorary Secretary: Dr Seow Wan Tew
Board Members: A/Prof Ng Hua Bak, Ivan, Dr Tang Kok Kee (co-opted)

Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons
Chairman: A/Prof Inderjeet Singh Rikhraj
Vice-Chairman: Dr Sathappan SS
Honorary Secretary: Dr Arjandas Mahadev
Board Members: Dr Fareed Husain Yussuf Kagda, Dr Kevin Lim

Not in photo:
Dr Bertha Woon (Honorary Treasurer), Dr Liau Kui Hin (Council Member), Dr Inderjeet Singh Rikhraj (Chairman, Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons), Dr Kesavan Esuvaranathan (Chairman, Chapter of Urologists)
Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists
Chairman: Dr Huang Shoou Chyuan
Vice-Chairman: Dr Yeo Seng Beng
Honorary Secretary: Dr Toh Song Tar
Board Members: Dr Peter Lu, Dr Euan Murugusu, Dr Paul Mok

Chapter of Plastic, Reconstructive & Aesthetic
Chairman: Dr Marcus Wong
Vice-Chairman: Dr Ong Yee Siang
Honorary Secretary: Dr Por Yong Chen
Board Members: Dr Tan Ying Chien, Dr Colin Tham, Dr Karen Sng, Dr Cheong Ee Cherk (co-opted)

Chapter of Paediatric Surgeons
Chairman: Dr Chui Chan Hon
Vice-Chairman: Dr Mali Vidyadhar
Honorary Secretary: Dr Low Yee
Board Members: Dr Anette Jacobsen, Dr Ong Lin Yin, Dr Caroline Ong

Chapter of Urologists
Chairman: Prof Kesavan Esuvaranathan
Vice-Chairman: Dr Sim Hong Gee
Honorary Secretary: Dr Heng Chin Tiong
Board Members: Dr David Consigliere, Dr Ng Foo Cheong (co-opted), Dr Toh Khai Lee (co-opted), Dr Chia Sing Joo (co-opted)

MEMBERSHIP
The total membership as of 31 December 2011 under the College now stands at 512 Fellows comprising 486 Local Fellows and 26 Overseas Fellows.

Local and Overseas Fellows are grouped under the Chapters as follows:
- Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons: 30
- Chapter of General Surgeons: 172
- Chapter of Hand Surgeons: 20
- Chapter of Neurosurgeons: 21
- Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists: 66
- Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons: 88
- Chapter of Paediatric Surgeons: 17
- Chapter of Plastic Surgeons: 41
- Chapter of Urologists: 57

COUNCIL MEETINGS
The Council met once every two months to conduct the business and affairs of the College. At the time of writing the Annual Report, the 2011-2012 Council had met four times.

CHAPTER BOARD MEETINGS
At the time of writing the Annual Report, the Board of the various Specialty Chapters have met a total of twelve times.

EVENTS OF CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (presented in chronological order)

Combined Singapore Society for Hand Surgery (SSHS) and the 2nd Chapter of Hand Surgeons Dinner Lecture
The first Combined Dinner Lecture by the Chapter of Hand Surgeons and the Singapore Society for Hand Surgery (SSHS) was held on Monday, 10 January 2011 at the Peach Garden @33. The Chapter was pleased to have invited Dr Marc Garcia-Elias from Institute Kaplan, Hand and Upper Extremity Surgery, Barcelona, Spain to speak on Evolution of Wrist Instability Surgery: The Long and Winding Road.

3rd Singapore Vertigo Masterclass
The Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists organised its 3rd Vertigo Masterclass on Saturday, 19 February 2011 at Traders Hotel, Singapore. The Chapter was privileged to have invited the following experts:
1. Dr Noor Hafizah B Ismail
2. Dr Raymond Ngo
3. Dr Rani Ramason
4. Dr Yeo Seng Beng

The 3rd Masterclass was chaired by Dr Huang Shoou Chyuan and the Organising Chairperson was Dr Yeo Seng Beng. The invited panel offered different perspectives on the management of Vertigo based on their practice. The planned programme was comprehensive and interactive and included a clinical course on the examination of the Vestibular and Ocular Motor System.

Cardiothoracic Surgery Dinner Symposium
The Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons organised a Specialty Dinner Symposium on Monday, 18 April 2011 at the Min Jiang at Goodwood Park Hotel. The Chapter was pleased to invite Dr Robert Dion, Head Department of Cardiac Surgery; Ziekenhuis Oost-Limburg-Genk, Belgium who delivered a talk on “Ischemic Mitral Valve Regurgitation”.

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Sixth Chapter of Cardiothoracic Dinner Lecture
The Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons organised the Sixth Chapter Dinner Lecture on Monday, 23 May 2011 at Peach Garden. The Chapter was pleased to invite Prof Joseph E. Bavaria, Vice-Chief Director of Cardiothoracic Surgery; Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania who delivered a talk on “Evolution of aortic Surgery, A Peek into the Future”.

Exit Examination Preparatory Course 2011 for Advanced Surgical Trainees (ASTs) in General Surgery
The Chapter of General Surgeons organised its 4th Exit Examination Preparatory Course from 29 June to 3 July 2011 for the Advanced Surgical Trainees (ASTs) in General Surgery to aid the ASTs to better prepare their exit examinations. The preparatory course was hosted by Khoo Teck Puat Hospital, National University Hospital, Singapore General Hospital and Tan Tock Seng Hospital. The course comprised interactive lectures, clinical discussions and mock VIVA simulating the actual exit examinations, and covered core modules such as Breast, Endocrine, Upper Gastrointestinal, Vascular, Trauma, Colorectal, Hepato-pancreato-biliary, General Surgery, Head & Neck, Minimally-Invasive Surgery and Emergency Surgery & Critical Care. This year, the course was further refined with defined broad topics assigned to each of the hosting institutions in preparation for the-clinical segment of the Exit Examination so as to offer a varied exposure to the ASTs. The mock VIVA, conducted by the six appointed examiners on 2 July 2011, continued to be the most well received segment in the course.

General Surgeons Dinner Lecture
The Chapter of General Surgeons organised a Dinner Lecture on Tuesday, 19 July 2011, at Pan Pacific Hotel supported by Nestle Nutrition. The Chapter was pleased to invite A/Prof Kenneth Mark, Senior Consultant and Head Department of Surgery, Khoo Teck Puat Hospital who delivered a talk on “Dealing with Nutritional Issues in Complicated Surgical Patients” and Prof Frederick A. Moore, Head of Acute Care Surgery, University of Florida, USA who delivered a talk on “Immunonutrition in High Risk Surgical Patients”.

1st Thyroid & Parathyroid Ultrasound Course 2011
The Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists, together with the Department of Otorhinolaryngology, Tan Tock Seng Hospital, collaborated in organising the 1st Thyroid & Parathyroid Ultrasound Course on 4 September 2011 at Tan Tock Seng Hospital. The aim was to impart practical knowledge and essential information of ultrasound use in the management of thyroid and parathyroid conditions. The participants were ENT surgeons, General surgeons, Endocrinologists, trainees and other clinicians. The Chapter was pleased to have Prof Anil T Ahuja, Department of Imaging & Interventional Radiology, Chinese University of Hong Kong as the invited expert faculty. The course was well attended and the Organising Chairperson was Dr Jeevendra Kanagalingam, from TTSH.

EXAMINATIONS
The College organised the following examinations that were led by respective Specialty Chapters:

2011 Exit Examination for Hand Surgery
The Chapter of Hand Surgeons co-organized the Hand Surgery exit examination that was conducted on 26 August 2011 at the NUH, Kent Ridge Wing, Level 3, HRM Clinic. The panel of examiners consisted of:

1. Exam Conveners
   - Dr Tan Ter Chyan (Chapter member, College of Surgeons, Singapore)
2. Chief Examiner – A/Prof Agnes Tan (Chapter of Hand Surgeons)
3. External Examiner – Prof D. A. McGrouther (United Kingdom)
4. Examiners
   - Prof Robert Pho
   - A/Prof Lim Beng Hai (Immediate Past Chairman, Chapter of Hand Surgeons)
   - Dr Winston Chew
   - Dr Yong Fok Chuan (Chapter of Hand Surgeons)

5. Observer – Dr Andrew Yam (Chapter member, College of Surgeons, Singapore)

The clinical examination was facilitated by Dr Sreedhavan, Dr Chee Kin Ghee, Dr Foo Tun Lin and Dr Chong Chew Wei who assisted in the exam organisation. The Chapter also organised the MCQ component.

Two candidates are Dr Tan Siau Woon Jacqueline and Dr Yeo Chong Jin (both from Singapore). Dr Tan Siau Woon Jacqueline had scored a pass in this diet of the exit examination.

**COLLEGE OF SURGEONS DINNER 2011**

The 6th College Dinner was held on 9 November 2011 at The Raffles Hotel, Singapore. The dinner was attended by 100 participants comprising College members and invited guests. The College hosted the Named Lectureships – the 6th College of Surgeons and the 16th Yahya Cohen Memorial Lecture. The College dinner, supported by surgeons from the different surgical disciplines, provided for a pleasant evening of camaraderie and networking. The College of Surgeons Gold Medal 2011 for the best performing Advanced Surgical Trainees was also given out at the dinner. The Master-of-Ceremony was A/Prof Siow Jin Keat.

**6TH COLLEGE OF SURGEONS LECTURESHIP**

The College was honoured to have Prof Foo Keong Tatt, a renowned surgeon with a passion for teaching, as its prestigious 6th College of Surgeons Lecturer. He delivered a thought-provoking lecture on “The Philosophy of Balance: The Art of Healing” on 9 November 2011 at the College of Surgeons Dinner 2011 held at The Raffles Hotel, Singapore. Prof Foo Keong Tatt, honoured as the 6th College of Surgeons Lecturer, received a College gold medal and certificate. This lectureship was chaired by Dr Wong Soong Kuan, Chairman of Chapter of General Surgeons.

**16TH YAHYA COHEN MEMORIAL LECTURESHIP**

The College awarded the 16th Yahya Cohen Memorial Lecture Award to Dr Gerald Tan Yau Min (Chapter of Urologists) for his paper entitled “Optimizing Vesicourethral Anastomosis Healing After Robot-Assisted Laparoscopic Radical Prostatectomy: Lessons Learned from Three Techniques in 1900 Patients”. The presentation of the winning paper and the award ceremony took place at the College of Surgeons Dinner 2011 held on 9 November 2011 at The Raffles Hotel, Singapore and was chaired by Prof E Kesavan, Chairman of the Chapter of Urologists. Dr Gerald Tan Yau Min, as the 16th Yahya Cohen Memorial Lecturer, received a College gold medal and certificate. The co-authors of the winning paper for the 16th Yahya Cohen Memorial Lectureship also received a certificate of recognition each.

**COLLEGE OF SURGEONS GOLD MEDAL AWARD 2011**

In recognition of the best performing Advanced Surgical Trainees (ASTs) in the surgical specialties, as well to encourage the ASTs to excel in their exit examinations, the College of Surgeons has established the College of Surgeons Gold Medal as an annual award. The College of Surgeons Gold Medal for 2011 was awarded to the following ASTs at the College of Surgeons Dinner 2011 on 9 November 2011:

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<th>Specialty</th>
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<td>Cardiothoracic Surgery</td>
<td>Dr Hardip Singh s/o Nagindar Singh</td>
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Award recipients were nominated by their respective Chairman of the Specialist Training Committee of the relevant specialty.
COLLEGE OF SURGEONS TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIP
The College awarded the College of Surgeons Travelling Fellowship for the Year 2011 to the following Council Members who attended meetings/events representing the College:

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<td>80th Annual Scientific Congress of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons</td>
<td>2-6 May</td>
<td>Adelaide, Australia</td>
<td>Dr I Swaminathan (on behalf of President)</td>
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<td>18th Asian Congress of Surgery &amp; 37th Midyear Convention of the Philippine College of Surgeons</td>
<td>12-14 May</td>
<td>Cebu City, Philippines</td>
<td>A/Prof Low Yin Peng</td>
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<td>36th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Royal College of Surgeons of Thailand</td>
<td>14-17 July</td>
<td>Pattaya, Thailand</td>
<td>Dr Sayampanathan</td>
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<td>Annual Scientific Meeting of College of Surgeons, Academy of Medicine of Malaysia</td>
<td>19-22 May</td>
<td>Kuching, Sarawak</td>
<td>Dr Liau Kui Hin</td>
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<td>97th Annual Clinical Congress of the American College of Surgeons</td>
<td>23-27 October</td>
<td>San Francisco, USA</td>
<td>Dr Ravishankar K Diddapur (on behalf of President)</td>
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ENDORSEMENT OF EVENTS
The College and its Chapters endorsed the following events in Year 2011:

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<td>GP Symposium on “Allergic Rhinitis”</td>
<td>19 February</td>
<td>The Regent, Singapore</td>
<td>Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists</td>
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<td>GP Symposium on “The Allergic March – Can we prevent asthma and allergies?”</td>
<td>5 May</td>
<td>Shangri-La Hotel</td>
<td>Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists</td>
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STAFF REGISTRAR SCHEME (SRS)
Following the Ministry of Health’s (MOH’s) paper in early 2007 on introducing the Staff Registrar Scheme, a structured diploma programme with on-the-job training (as previously proposed by the Academy of Medicine for foreign doctors whose specialist degrees are not recognised by the Singapore Accreditation Board and whose medical schools are not recognised by the Singapore Medical Council), the following Specialty Chapters under the College have implemented the Scheme:

1. Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons rolled out its SRS programme in April 2008. The first intake has successfully passed the final exit examination on 22 October 2011.
2. Chapter of Hand Surgeons rolled out its SRS programme in July 2008. First intake was on November 2011.

Candidates successfully completing the SRS Programme will be awarded a Diploma jointly by the Academy of Medicine and the College of Surgeons.

PARTICIPATION IN MOH’S INITIATIVES

Feedback on Credentialing in Laparoscopy
The Chapter of General Surgeons was invited by the Regulatory Compliance Division of MOH in March 2011 to provide feedback on the credentialing in Laparoscopy. The Chapter submitted its reply to MOH through the Academy in April 2011.

Feedback on Proposed Standards for Medisave Accreditation for Screening Colonoscopy
The Chapter of General Surgeons was invited by the Regulatory Compliance Division of MOH in April 2011 to provide feedback on the proposed standards for Medisave accreditation for screening colonoscopy. The Chapter submitted its reply to MOH through the Academy in May 2011.

Feedback on Khan Kinetic Treatment (KKT) and Device
The Chapter of Neurosurgeons was invited by the Regulatory Compliance Division of MOH in April 2011 to provide feedback on the Khan Kinetic Treatment (KTT) and Device. The Chapter submitted its reply to MOH through the Academy in May 2011.

Feedback on Use of Peripheral Blood Stem Cells (PBSC) for the Treatment of Knee Cartilage Ulcers
The Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons was invited by the Regulatory Compliance Division of MOH in February 2011 to provide feedback on the use of Peripheral Blood stem Cells (PBSC) for the Treatment of Knee Cartilage Ulcers. The Chapter submitted its reply to MOH through the Academy in March 2011.

Feedback on Use of BioCleanser Anterior Tibialis Tendon (ATT) for Multiple Ligament Knee Injury
The Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons was invited by the Regulatory Compliance Division of MOH in March 2011 to provide feedback on the use of BioCleanser Anterior Tibialis Tendon (ATT) for Multiple Ligament Knee Injury. The Chapter submitted its reply to MOH through the Academy in April 2011.
Feedback on the Role of Maggots Therapy in Reducing Amputation
The Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons was invited by the Regulatory Compliance Division of MOH in April 2011 to provide feedback on the Role of Maggots Therapy in Reducing Amputation. The Chapter submitted its reply to MOH through the Academy in May 2011.

Feedback on the Role of Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) practitioners
The Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons was invited by the Regulatory Compliance Division of MOH in July 2011 to provide feedback on the Role of Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) practitioners. The Chapter submitted its reply to MOH through the Academy in August 2011.

Feedback on the Khan Kinetic Treatment (KKT) and Device
The Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons was invited by the Regulatory Compliance Division of MOH in September 2011 to provide feedback on the Khan Kinetic Treatment (KKT) and Device. The Chapter submitted its reply to MOH through the Academy in October 2011.

Feedback on List A Aesthetic Procedures
The Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists was invited by the Regulatory Compliance Division of MOH in November 2011 to provide feedback on the List A Aesthetic Procedures. The Chapter submitted its reply to MOH through the Academy in late November 2011.

Feedback on the Efficacy of Medical Hair Loss Treatments
The Chapter of Plastic, Reconstructive & Aesthetic Surgeons was invited by the Regulatory Compliance Division of MOH in February 2011 to provide feedback on the Efficacy of Medical Hair Loss Treatments. The Chapter submitted its reply to MOH through the Academy in March 2011.

Feedback on the Opinion on Surgical Skills Relevant to Liposuction Practice
The Chapter of Plastic, Reconstructive & Aesthetic Surgeons was invited by the Regulatory Compliance Division of MOH in March 2011 to provide feedback on the Opinion on Surgical Skills Relevant to Liposuction Practice. The Chapter submitted its reply to MOH through the Academy in April 2011.

Endorsement on the Treatment received at Beauty Salon
The Chapter of Plastic, Reconstructive & Aesthetic Surgeons was invited by the Regulatory Compliance Division of MOH in August 2011 to provide endorsement on the Treatment received at Beauty Salon. The Chapter submitted its reply to MOH through the Academy in September 2011.

Feedback on the List B Aesthetic Procedures
The Chapter of Plastic, Reconstructive & Aesthetic Surgeons was invited by the Regulatory Compliance Division of MOH in October 2011 to provide feedback on the List B Aesthetic Procedures. The Chapter submitted its reply to MOH through the Academy in November 2011.

Feedback on the Consultation by Foreign Medical Doctors
The Chapter of Plastic, Reconstructive & Aesthetic Surgeons was invited by the Regulatory Compliance Division of MOH in November 2011 to provide feedback on the Consultation by Foreign Medical Doctors. The Chapter submitted its reply to MOH through the Academy in December 2011.

Feedback on the List A Aesthetic Procedures
The Chapter of Plastic, Reconstructive & Aesthetic Surgeons was invited by the Regulatory Compliance Division of MOH in November 2011 to provide feedback on the List A Aesthetic Procedures. The Chapter submitted its reply to MOH through the Academy in December 2011.

COLLEGE UPDATE
All Fellows of the College are advised to contact the College Secretariat if there are any changes to their personal particulars especially in their practice or residential address so that the College could continue to maintain contact with all its members. Kindly email changes (if any) to css@ams.edu.sg.

EVENTS/ACTIVITIES IN 2012
The College plans for events/activities in 2012 are as follows:

Events
1. 17th Yahya Cohen Memorial Lectureship and 7th College of Surgeons Lectureship.
2. College of Surgeons Gold Medal Award 2012.
3. The College Dinner will be held on 3 August 2012, Friday at Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel.

Activities
1. Nomination and election exercise for College President Elect.
2. Annual General Meetings of the College and its Specialty Chapters.

Fellows will also be informed of any events/activities planned by their respective Specialty Chapter in due course.