

Annual Report 2006-2007

Society of Colorectal Surgeons, Singapore

1. Executive Committee elected for 2006-7 at 4th AGM on 19 Aug 2006

President: Francis Seow Choen

Secretary: Richard Sim

Treasurer: Ho Kok Sun

Members: Tang Choon Leong

Dean Koh

Ng Chin

Lim Jit Fong

Charles Tsang (co-opted since Oct 2006)

Honorary auditors: Teoh Tiong Ann

Eu Kong Weng

2. Membership as of 1 Aug 2007

Full Members : 36

Associate Members: 16

Affiliate Members : 3

Honorary Members: 3

Total 58

Prof Steven Wexner and Prof Stanley Goldberg, USA were conferred the Honorary Membership during their visits in Jan and Mar 2007 respectively.

3. Events organised

27 Jan 2007

Inaugural Scientific Meeting at TTSH – 4 video and 7 oral submissions were received for the free paper session.

Best Paper

Dr Tan Kok Yang

Randomised Double Blind Clinical Trial of 0.2% GTN on Wound Healing and Pain Reduction after Open Diathermy Haemorrhoidectomy

Best Video

Dr Chew Min Hoe

Colonic Stent in Acute Intestinal Obstruction for Colorectal Cancer

Outstanding Paper

Dr Mark Wong

Primary Colorectal Lymphomas

Outstanding Video

Dr Dean Koh

Hand Assisted Laparoscopic total Mesorectal Excision

Grand Rounds

4 Mar 2007 – NUH

Speaker: Prof Stanley Goldberg

Changing concepts in the surgical management of diverticular disease

9 Jun 2007 – AH

Speaker: Dr Tan Kok Yang

Dietary Fibre and Colorectal Diseases: Separating Fact from Fiction

18 Aug 2007- SGH

Speaker: Dr Koh Poh Koon

Colorectal Polyposis Syndromes other than FAP
With 5th AGM

4. CME events sponsored

Besides the quarterly rounds, the Society also sponsored the following industry initiated CME events:

Lunch Symposium: New Frontiers in Colorectal Cancer

2 Sep 2006 Marriot Hotel Ballroom

Supported by Merck

Update on medical management of common perianal conditions

9 Jan 2007 The Pines

Supported by Steward-Cross

The optimal bowel preparation: efficacy & safety

26 Jan 2006 Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel

Speaker: Steve Wexner

Supported by DKSH/CB Fleet

Probiotics in the treatment of GI disorders

Speaker: Michael Zelig, USA

28 Mar 2007 Laguna National Golf and Country Club

29 Mar 2007 Jurong Conutry Club

30 Mar 2007 Orchid Country Club

30 Mar 2007 Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel

Supported by MDPharm

5. Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

The Society continued its role as co-sponsor of CCAM 2007 with several members giving talks at the launch.

6. Society Website Update

The Society website has been up and running since Jul 2006, supported by an educational grant from Servier. Members will now receive email notification when a message is posted on the forum.

7. Society Official Journal

Techniques in Coloproctology is our official journal from Jan 2007 to Dec 2009, supported for the first year by educational grants from Ethicon Endosurgery, Tyco Healthcare, Servier and Bristol-Meyers Squibb. Full members will get hard copies quarterly.

In summary, the Society elected into office a largely unchanged Committee that was able to consolidate and deliver on the initiatives raised in the previous year.

The Inaugural Scientific Meeting was a modest success and with our financial account in operation now, we will need to look into strengthening the scientific standing and financial position of the Society. Membership has reached a plateau phase and to increase it we have to look to attracting more local and overseas Associate members.

Our attempt to secure recognition of the specialty by the College of Surgeons is progressing at a glacial pace. However, we remain optimistic about this and continue to look for different angles including cultivating close affiliation and collaboration with international colorectal surgical societies especially those in ASEAN. A Travelling Fellowship has been proposed and the details including funding will be worked out in the coming year.

Prepared by: Richard Sim, Hon. Secretary (2006-07)
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