

Annual Report 2005-2006

Society of Colorectal Surgeons, Singapore

1. Executive Committee elected for the year 2005-6

President: Francis Seow Choen

Secretary: Richard Sim

Treasurer: Charles Tsang

Members: Tang Choon Leong

Dean Koh

Ng Chin

Lim Jit Fong

2. Membership as of 1 Aug 2006

Full Members : 33

Associate Members: 14

Affiliate Members : 3

Honorary Members: 1

Total 51

Prof Zhou Zong Guang from Sichuan, China was conferred the Honorary Membership during his visit on 1 Jul 2006.

3. Financial Report – To be delivered by Treasurer

4. Amendment of Constitution and Society Logo

The amendments to the Constitution were passed at an EOGM on 7 Jan 2006 and subsequently approved by the Registry of Societies (ROS) on 20 Mar 2006. The society logo was approved by ROS on 21 Feb 2006.

5. Events organised

Quarterly Grand Rounds

Oct 2005 – TTSH

Jan 2006 - NUH

Mar 2006 – SGH

Jul 2006 – Mt Elizabeth

Aug 2006- CGH

Dinner with Dr Bruce Wolff

15 Jan 2006

Talk by Professor Henry T. Lynch

17th Jan 2006

EVOLVING CONCEPTS OF COLORECTAL CANCER GENETICS AND IMPLICATIONS FOR MANAGEMENT

Talk by Dr Myint

18th Jan 2006

RADIOTHERAPY FOR RECTAL CANCER

6. Approval by SMC as CME provider

The Society was approved by SMC as a CME provider on 23 Mar 2006 and went on to sponsor the following events:

Seow-Choen

12 Apr 2006

Fibre and colorectal disease - fact or fad?

Seow-Choen

17 Aug 2006

Management of Desmoid Tumours in FAP

7. Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

The Society joined Singapore Cancer Society as a co-sponsor of CCAM 2006 for the first time and will continue to do so in future.

8. Society Website

www.scrs.org.sg will be officially launched at the 4th AGM on 19 Aug 2006.

9. Society Official Journal

Techniques in Coloproctology will be adopted by the Society as its official journal. Contractual details are being worked out.

10. Society Mementos

Society ties have been commissioned and will be available shortly.

In summary, 2005-6 has seen the Society taking a big step towards its objectives:

- a) To develop the specialty of colorectal surgery and to promote its awareness to a high standard and good standing in Singapore.
- b) To be the professional body which sets standards and guidelines for members in the management of surgical colorectal disease in Singapore.
- c) To participate in national programs for the prevention and screening of colorectal cancer or other significant colorectal diseases.
- d) To foster friendship, understanding and collaboration among its members and with international colorectal surgical societies specially those in ASEAN.

We will continue to focus on these objectives with the Inaugural Scientific Meeting planned for Oct 2006, as well as the conferment of more Honorary memberships and drive to attract more local and overseas Associate members. To strengthen the financial position of the society, we will continue to work closely and ethically with the industry.

One area that the Society has not been particularly successful with is in pushing for the recognition of the specialty by the College of Surgeons. We need to work towards better representation of our Society's interest at the College of Surgeons and Academy of Medicine.

Prepared by: Richard Sim, Hon. Secretary (2005-06)
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