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Newsletter of the College of Surgeons, Academy of Medicine of Malaysia

Message from the President

Hanafiah Harunarashid



2018 has been a momentous year for Malaysia. Not only the general election has led to a change in the government for the first time in our history, the date of election also coincided with our first ever meeting in Ipoh, the land of our Royal Patron. The theme was aptly chosen, *Primum non Nocere* (first do no harm) and indeed this is the message that we would like to send today.

Malaysia, as a country, has reached many milestones within this short 62 years of independence towards becoming not just one of the many nations that makes up the entirety of humanity on this fragile earth but a nation whose voice is heard loud and clear, its influence far and wide, its people honoured and respected. This burgeoning spirit to participate in global citizenry culminates in local talents, with the strength and confidence of their abilities and expertise, to organise themselves and collaborate for the betterment of humanity especially those who have suffered from calamities and marginalisation. We are honoured to have amongst our own college members who had contributed in this effort. Our college is part of the Global Surgery initiative led by the International Surgical Society, and together with our international partners, are designing a framework to find a global solution to inadequate access to safe surgery to 5 billion population worldwide as reported by the Lancet commission.

During the meeting, the Presidents of the overseas Colleges had deliberated and discussed at length the issues of harassment, sexual harassment, bullying and undermining at our workplace.

There is no doubt the culture of bullying harms the harmony workplace and indeed the patients' safety. Our College Senior Vice-President, Professor Dr April Camilla Roslani, had elegantly presented her study and although not openly admitted, there is evidence that these bad elements are present at our workplace. The College views this seriously and is committed on producing a statement document on this issue. We will endeavor to work closely with our sister colleges, the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons and the Royal College of Surgeons Edinburgh who are leading the campaign against bullying at sexual harassment at the workplace worldwide. We hope that adequate measures will be taken by our health authorities to avoid the situation like the recently high profile media coverage case involving our surgical fraternity.

Another historic moment that took place in Ipoh was the official launching of nine new chapters of our College. Our College is the first in the Academy of Medicine of Malaysia to do so, continuing a tradition of leading the line. This endeavour should be lauded and I would like to congratulate the leadership of the surgical societies for their supporting in coming on board. This will definitely strengthen and enrich the College and together we will chart our own history.

Recently we were reminded about the practice of medicine and the law during the dinner hosted by the Federation of Private Medical Practitioners' Association of Malaysia (FPMPAM) by a former judge.

Two of world's oldest professions, Medicine and Law, both exist to serve universal human needs. Every society needs laws, just

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as every human body needs care. But most importantly both professions tend to serve members of the public when they are at their most vulnerable. Laypersons generally do not choose when they will need the services of a doctor or a lawyer. Sickness and lawsuits often come unexpectedly forcing the affected to suddenly confront problems within an unfamiliar territory.

A surgeon relies on medical science but at the same time, he must act and advise even in situations where the science is disputed and uncertain. The physician's imperfect knowledge has to be supplemented with experience and judgment that is where the art of the profession comes in. This responsibility to serve the public is one we all take on by virtue of our oaths and it follows us in all aspects of our practice. Abdication of that responsibility occurs not only in cases of dishonesty, but also whenever one compromises the interests of a client or patient through sheer incompetence. Our collective duty to serve the community and to protect its members from the ills of incompetent practice is an integral part of the commitment we take on as members of honourable professions.

Another case that shocked us recently is the petrol attack on an urologist in Penang leading to serious life threatening burn injuries. Our hearts and prayers go to him and his family. We condemn all violence at workplace against our health personnel and we hope that all healthcare employers take this matter seriously. The incidence of violent attacks against healthcare workers are on the rise and they include verbal, physical, psychological, sexual and racial abuses.

Another historic milestone that we achieved this year is the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Academy of Medicine of Malaysia, represented by our College, the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, the College of Surgeons of Hong Kong, and the Joint Committee of Specialist Training of Singapore, establishing a Quadripartite Exit Examination in Cardiothoracic Surgery involving the four parties.

This new Quadripartite Exit Examination in Cardiothoracic Surgery is a key part of the National Cardiothoracic Training Programme which started in July 2016. The six-year structured training programme in five national training centres is quality assured by the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. Training fellows will take the Quadripartite Exit Examination at the end of their specialist training and will be awarded Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh in Cardiothoracic Surgery (FRCS Ed Cardiothoracic) on successfully passing the exams. The College is proud to be part

of this project and we would like to congratulate everyone that has put a tremendous amount of efforts into this.

On the examination front, our College is also a party to the JSCFE exit examination in General Surgery which was successfully held recently in Kuala Lumpur. This is the fourth year in succession that we hosted it and the indications from the UK is that Malaysia is going to be a permanent venue for the foreseeable future. As the general surgery intercollegiate examination created the opening, the others responded by following the footpath. This year two other specialties successfully conducted the JSCFE examination here, namely the Cardiothoracic and Orthopaedic & Trauma examinations. Next year, Malaysia will host the Neurosurgical exams. All these examinations will lead to the award of the much coveted Fellowship of one of the Royal Colleges of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland (FRCS). Given that our College is involved in many examinations both locally and internationally, it is time that we have a Board of College examiners, not only for the purpose of record and recognition, but for training and quality assurances too.

I wish to take this opportunity, on behalf of the College, to congratulate two of our surgeons who had successfully passed the recent JSCFE examinations, Lieutenant Colonel Dr Sivabalan and Dr Ruben Xavier. We hope many more will follow their footsteps. We would also like to congratulate Datuk Dr Basheer Ahamed Abdul Kareem, a cardiothoracic surgeon from Hospital Pulau Pinang who won the McCormack Medal from the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland for being the best candidate during the JSCFE exit examination in cardiothoracic surgery.

It has been a good year for the College and we look forward to an eventful 2019. Next year we will host the Asian Congress of Surgery in conjunction with our annual congress and for that reason, breaking our tradition, the meeting is going to be held in August instead of May. We also hope to send a strong team to Krakow at the World Congress of Surgery, in preparation the World Congress of Surgery 2021 in Kuala Lumpur.

Finally, I am thrilled to be working with such an amazing group of Council Members and College Officers this year and I look forward to developing some initiatives to help our members. It is a real privilege to serve you, our fellows and members in my third and I hope final year as president!

I wish you a good year-end holiday and the best for the coming year.



College of Surgeons Annual Scientific Congress 2018

11th - 13th May 2018

Reported by Associate Professor Dr Lim Kean Ghee

The Annual Scientific Congress of the College of Surgeons was held on 11th to 13th May 2018 in Ipoh, Perak for the first time. It was the weekend immediately following the 14th General Elections, which thankfully did not fall on the same date. Our theme this year, *Primum Non Nocere*, Hippocrates' age old motto was well addressed by many speakers.

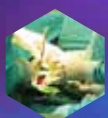
It was a good reminder to us in this age when there is new technology to try. We can do major surgery on the elderly and revive them, but we are now more aware of the exact quantum of perioperative risks and can assess better their life expectancy and measure their quality of life, such that the question whether we in fact do good or harm comes into sharper focus. In the first plenary, Dato' Dr Abdul Jamil Abdullah, the former Chief of Surgical Services, spoke on the Safe Surgery Saves Lives programme which the Ministry of Health has engaged in the past several years.



The Opening Ceremony, officiated by Tan Sri Dr Abu Bakar Suleiman saw the launch of nine new Chapters - Neurosurgery; Paediatric Surgery; Plastic, Aesthetic and Craniofacial Surgery; Orthopaedic Surgery; Otorhinolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery; Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery; Upper GI Surgery, Urology; and Vascular.



Our distinguished AM Ismail Orator this year was Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, the Director-General of Health, who took us on a tour of advanced thyroid surgery. Dr PR Sengupta was awarded the Professor M Balasegaram Memorial Award for Surgical Training. We had a total of over 600 participants including guests from four sister colleges, namely the Royal Colleges of Surgeons of England, the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow and the College of Surgeons of Sri Lanka who sent delegations and took part in plenaries and symposia to share their work and important issues with us.





The AGM saw the endorsement of new By-Laws that are in line with the Constitution of the Academy of Medicine of Malaysia. On the second day we had parallel tracks for Breast Surgery and a Medical Student's programme. I am happy to note that undergraduate students were enthusiastic enough to come join us and we shall continue to engage them. On the final day, our female colleagues again had a parallel track where eminent women in surgery, including Ms Barbara Bass, the President of the American College of Surgeons; Ms Hilary Sanfey Past President of Association of Women Surgeons; and Ms Judy Evans, the Secretary of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, shared their thoughts. We

anticipate the women will form a chapter soon. Throughout the Congress we not only covered professional issues and training, but had sessions focusing on all fields of general surgery and other major subspecialties with eminent speakers.

The pre-congress meetings were affected by the proximity of the general elections, but the ones on Basic Suturing Skills, Nutrition in Cancer Patients, Effective Communication, and Science of Tissue Management were carried on. The post-congress events on NOTSS in KL and SELSMA Advanced Laparoscopic Suturing and Laproscopic Hernia Repair in Ipoh

were also successful, fostering surgical fraternity for smaller groups, where learning is best done in workshops.

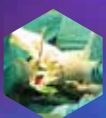
The Gala Night announced next year's meeting, which will be in August instead of May as is our usual practice, because the College shall be the host for the Asian Congress of Surgery. Our President, Professor Dato' Dr Hanafiah Harunarashid, will anchor the organisation of this big event. Finally, the Council decided that the College AGM will be held on 27th April 2019, as we are required to hold it before the 31st of May, and we want to avoid the fasting month.



Faculty Dinner



President's Round Table Lunch Meeting



Science of Tissue Management (SoTM) Training Collaborations

Reported by Professor Dr April Camilla Roslani

Surgery is an art, with scientific underpinnings.

Back in the day, it was enough for a trainee to learn by apprenticeship, patiently observing and emulating their trainer over many years.

Fast-forward to the present, and the increasing complexity of operations, ever-more sophisticated technology, and diminishing trainer-trainee ratios, have rendered the need for structured, standardised training in the science behind the art imperative.

On 21st January 2013, Dr Joseph Amaral, one of the innovators of ultrasonic surgical energy devices at Johnson & Johnson, met with regional key opinion leaders of the ASEAN Energy Council, in Kuala Lumpur. This was to discuss training of surgeons in the science behind energy devices, their interaction with tissues, and how this could be leveraged to optimise patient outcomes. A commitment was made to design a SoTM course for this purpose.



On 2nd September 2014, training of local SoTM faculty took place, facilitated by Dr B Satyanand Shastri and Dr Jaisinghani Vikram, at the Advanced Surgical Skills Centre (ASSC) in UKMMC.

Further training-the-trainers (6 from Malaysia) in colorectal-specific SoTM took place on 15th April 2015 in Singapore, but it was not until 2016 that formal collaboration with CSAMM took place.

The first SoTM Trainees' Course was delivered as a Pre-Congress Workshop at the CSAMM Annual Scientific Congress on 11th May 2016. Run at the Clinical Skills Unit in University of Malaya, 121 trainees and medical students

attended the interactive lectures, with a further 25 participating in the hands-on sessions.

Since then, a further two trainees' courses have been run under CSAMM - 10th August 2016, at ASSC, as an AMM Golden Jubilee Pre-Congress workshop with 44 participants, and 17th May 2017, as a CSAMM Annual Scientific Congress Pre-Congress workshop with 117 participants.

Training curricula must evolve as technologies develop. In keeping with this, the colorectal SoTM was updated and disseminated to regional faculty (13 of 23 from Malaysia) as recently as 12th October 2017.

Successful partnerships such as this are for the long-term. CSAMM and J&J cemented their collaboration by signing a memorandum of understanding on 6th October 2016.

With the likelihood of mandatory SoTM training in the national surgical curriculum, this partnership is set to continue. In light of this, 7th November 2017 marked the signing of an extension to the MOU between CSAMM and J&J.

Taking place at University Malaya Medical Centre, and graced by the presence of UM Clinical Skills Unit Head, Professor Dr Jamiyah Hassan, the MOU was signed by President of CSAMM, Professor Dato' Dr Hanafiah Harunarashid, witnessed by CSAMM Senior Vice-President and Director for SoTM, Professor Dr April Camilla Roslani; and Mr Chin Keat Chyuan, Managing Director for J&J Malaysia, witnessed by Dr Yeoh Boon Hock, Medical Affairs Director for J&J.

Here's to a long and fruitful collaboration!

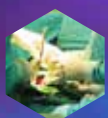


SoTM Pre-Congress Workshop in conjunction with CSAMM Annual Scientific Congress 2018

10th May 2018

Reported by Professor Dr April Camilla Roslani

The proximity to the General Elections was not an impediment to successfully conducting this workshop, with participants travelling the length and breadth of Malaysia after fulfilling their civic duty. Thirty-two medical students, surgical officers and trainees were put through their paces by the faculty (Professor Dr April Camilla Roslani, Dr Zairul Azwan, Professor Dr Vickneswaran Mathaneswaran, Associate Professor Dr Khong Tak Loon) at Royal Perak Medical College Skills Lab near Hospital Raja Perempuan Bainun, Ipoh. This included a lecture by teleconferencing, the first time this was attempted here. The presence of the enthusiastic and energetic medical students certainly lent a new energy to proceedings!



SoTM Pre-Congress Workshop in conjunction with Malaysian Association of Thoracic & Cardiovascular Surgeons (MATCVS) Annual Scientific Meeting 2018

9th August 2018

Reported by Professor Dr April Camilla Roslani

This was a first-time SoTM collaboration between CSAMM and MATCVS, and continues the partnership in training activities shared by the two parties. The venue was at the Sheraton PJ. Attendees, numbering 45 in all, were an eclectic bunch, ranging from house officers, general & cardiothoracic surgical trainees, as well as very senior cardiothoracic surgeons. Faculty comprised two Colorectal Surgeons (Professor Dr April Camilla Roslani & Dr Zairul), a Neurosurgeon (Professor Dr Vickneswaran) and a Cardiothoracic Surgeon (Dr Sivakumar Kumarasamy), supported as always by the able J&J staff. We look forward to future events.



SoTM Workshop, Kuching, Sarawak

17th August 2018

Reported by Dr Aimir Ma'rof

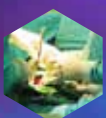


The Department of Surgery, Sarawak General Hospital (SGH) successfully organised this workshop on 17th August 2018. This inaugural workshop in Sarawak was endorsed by CSAMM, and supported by Johnson & Johnson Malaysia.

Held at the University Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS) Clinical Skills Lab in Kuching, the workshop began with a welcoming and official address from Dr Nik Azim bin Nik Abdullah, the Head of Department of Surgery SGH. A total of 16 participants from Department of General Surgery, Paediatric Surgery and Urology attended the lectures before participated in the hands-on and demonstration session which facilitated by Dr Hashimah binti Abdul Rahman, Upper Gastrointestinal and General

Surgeon SGH, as well as Dr Chea Chan Hooi and Dr Jesse Ron Swire Ting, general surgeons from Sibu Hospital and Kota Kinabalu respectively.

The workshop mainly intended for our surgical trainees and medical officers to provide them a platform with hands-on opportunity where sound understanding and in depth knowledge on device-tissue interaction can be obtained. All participants gained valuable knowledge and experience regarding energy and stapling devices, bleeding management and abdominal wound closure. It is hoped that the workshop will continue to be held here in Sarawak as a good training platform for the junior doctors and aspiring surgeons.



SoTM Workshop UKM

11th October 2018

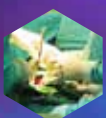
Reported by Dr Luqman Mazlan

This workshop was held at the Advanced Surgical Skills Centre (ASSC), UKM Medical Centre (UKMMC). It was attended by general surgical trainees of the UKM Master of General Surgery programme. All together, there were 19 participants from all over Malaysia.

Overall, the feedback from the candidates was positive and they enjoyed the workshop, particularly the hands-on sessions. The workshop ended with feedback and presentation of certificates. Also in attendance were representatives from J&J (Malaysia), who were instrumental in helping us organise the event. Participants were eligible for 6 CPD points.



The faculty consisted of four SOTM trained facilitators who are lecturers from the Department of Surgery, UKMMC: Professor Datuk Dr Ismail Sagap, Dr Luqman Mazlan, Dr Mustafa Taher and Dr Nani Harlina. As usual, four modules were taught: Haemostasis, Energy, Stapling and Abdominal Wound Closure. The morning comprised lectures on these modules, and the afternoon was taken up by a hands-on session.



COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF SRI LANKA ANNUAL ACADEMIC SESSION 2018

16TH ~ 18TH AUGUST 2018

Professor Dato' Dr Hanafiah Harunarashid, President, represented the College at the Annual Academic Session 2018 of the College of Surgeons of Sri Lanka held on

16th to 18th August 2018 at the Cinammon Grand Hotel, Colombo, Sri Lanka. Professor Dr April Camilla Roslani, Senior Vice-President, participated as a speaker as well.



Professor Dr Mahanama Gunasekara, President of the Sri Lanka College with Professor Dato' Dr Hanafiah Harunarashid and Professor Dr April Camilla Roslani



At the Round Table Presidents' Meeting

Memorandum of Understanding for Cardiothoracic Training 15th September 2018

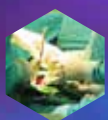
Reported by Professor Dr John Chan Kok Meng

The training of Cardiothoracic Surgeons in Malaysia took a giant leap forward with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, UK, the Academy of Medicine of Malaysia, the College of Surgeons of Hong Kong and the Joint Committee of Specialist Training of Singapore, establishing a Quadripartite Exit Examination in Cardiothoracic Surgery involving the four parties.

The MOU was signed on the 15th September 2018 in Hong Kong by Professor Michael Lavelle-Jones (President of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh), Professor Dato' Dr Hanafiah Harunarashid (President of the College of Surgeons, AMM), Professor Paul Lai (President of the College of Surgeons of Hong Kong), and Professor Dr Raja Amin Raja Mokhtar (President of the Malaysian Association for Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery). It had also been signed by Dr S Sayampanathan and Associate Professor Chen Fun Gee (Co-Chairmen of the Joint Committee of Specialist Training of Singapore). The signing ceremony was witnessed by Professor Dr John Chan Kok Meng (Honorary Secretary of the Malaysian Association of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery, and the Malaysian Board of Cardiothoracic Surgery), Professor Malcolm Underwood (Chairman of the Cardiothoracic Examination Board of Hong Kong), and Mr Timothy Graham (Head of Professional Standards of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh).

This new Quadripartite Exit Examination in Cardiothoracic Surgery is a key part of the National Cardiothoracic Training

Programme which started in July 2016 with its first intake of four Training Fellows. A total of 13 Training Fellows has now been appointed with the aim of appointing 24 Training Fellows by 2021. The six-year structured training programme in five national training centres is quality assured by the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. Training fellows will take the Quadripartite Exit Examination at the end of their specialist training and will be awarded Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh in Cardiothoracic Surgery (FRCS Ed Cardiothoracic) on successfully passing the exams. A Certificate of Completion of Training (CCT) will also be awarded by the Malaysian Board of Cardiothoracic Surgery to candidates who successfully completed the training programme.



Joint Surgical Colleges Fellowship Examination

17th October 2018

Reported by Professor Dr April Camilla Roslani

The Joint Surgical Colleges Fellowship Examination was held on 17th and 18th October 2018 at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia.

This intercollegiate exit examination for surgery is conducted by the JSCFE board in the UK and will lead

to the FRCS qualifications from the Royal College of Surgeons in the UK and Ireland. This is the seventh year running the examinations were conducted internationally and it was a great honor for Malaysia to host it for the third time. The examination had 47 candidates from all over the world.



Local Organising Committee



Preparations in Progress



Dinner at Soleil Restaurant, Damansara City Mall

JSCFE Dinner

This was held on 17th October 2018 and was attended by the Director-General of Health, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah; Professor Datuk Dr Rahman A Jamal, Pro Vice-Chancellor of UKM, Mr Aaron Kual, British Council Head of Healthcare sector, the JSCFE examination team and council members of CSAMM.



Breast and Endocrine Surgery Course in Malaysia - Collaboration with International Society of Surgery (Breast Surgery International and International Association of Endocrine Surgeons) and Malaysia (Ministry of Health Malaysia and College of Surgeons, Academy of Medicine of Malaysia)

2nd November 2018

Reported by Professor Emeritus Dato' Dr Yip Cheng Har

The International Society of Surgery (ISS) is the oldest and the most prestigious international surgical society in the world. It is a global not-for-profit membership organisation, founded in 1902, and based in Zurich, Switzerland. The Society has more than 3000 members from around the world, and members have access to the World Journal of Surgery, which is the official journal of the ISS. The World Journal of Surgery currently has an impact factor of 2.766 and ranked 50 out of 200 Surgery titles.

ISS has six Integrated Societies, i.e, International Association of Endocrine Surgeons (IAES), International Association for Trauma Surgery and Intensive Care

(IATSIC), International Association for Surgical Metabolism and Nutrition (IASMEN), Breast Surgery International (BSI), International Society for Digestive Surgery (ISDS) and Alliance for Surgery and Anaesthesia Presence (ASAP).

IAES was formed in 1979 in San Francisco, while BSI was founded in 1999 in Vienna, Austria. The ISS organises the International Surgical Week (also known as the World Congress of Surgery in 2015 and 2017) every 2 years in different parts of the world, and the 2021 International Surgical Week will be held in the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, Malaysia.

Signing of the MOU between IAES, BSI, Ministry of Health Malaysia, and College of Surgeons, Academy of Medicine of Malaysia



From Left to Right: Dato' Dr Imi Sairi Ab Hadi (Deputy Head of Breast & Endocrine Surgical Services, MOH and President of Breast and Endocrine Chapter, CSAMM), Professor Emeritus Dato' Dr Yip Cheng Har (ISS National Delegate Malaysia), Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah (Director General of Health Malaysia, ISS Global Surgery Chair) The Honourable Minister of Health, Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad, Professor Dr Rosmawati Mohamed (Master, Academy of Medicine of Malaysia), Dato' Dr Azman Hj Abu Bakar (Deputy Director-General of Health Malaysia) and Professor Dato' Dr Hanafiah Harunarashid (President, College of Surgeons, Academy of Medicine of Malaysia)



The Executive Committee consists of the President, Andrew G Hill from New Zealand; President-Elect, John Hunter from USA; Past President Marco Patti from USA; Secretary-General Kenneth D Boffard from South Africa; Treasurer Anders O Bergenfelz from Sweden; Editor in Chief of WJS Julie Ann Sosa from USA; and Councillors Italo Braghetto from Chile (Membership Committee Chair); Noor Hisham Abdullah from Malaysia (Global Surgery Committee Chair); Seigo Kitano from Japan (Scientific Committee Chair); Rowan W Parks from UK (Social Media Committee Chair) and the Secretary General of the ISS Foundation, Michael G Sarr from USA. The Presidents of the six Integrated Societies are also members of the Executive Committee.

One of the objectives of ISS, including BSI and IAES, is to partner with surgical societies and organisations in low and middle income countries for capacity building, specifically to assist these countries with educational efforts for surgeons within their own countries. BSI is committed to the advancement of the science and art of breast surgery and maintenance of high standards in practice of breast surgery, with an area of emphasis toward developing quality breast cancer care in the developing countries. IAES, on the other hand, provides an educational mechanism to enhance the quality of endocrine surgery on a global perspective through its global outreach programmes.

On 25th May 2012, the Honourable Minister of Health Malaysia witnessed the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the College of Surgeons, Academy of Medicine of Malaysia (CSAMM), and IAES and BSI, to introduce the Breast and Endocrine Surgery (BES) Course in Malaysia, with active involvement of MOH Malaysia. Following this MOU, five BES Courses were conducted, and during each course, two faculty from BSI and IAES respectively came to Malaysia and gave lectures at the course which was organised by the local organising committee. The airfares of the faculty were provided by their respective organisations, while CSAMM provided the local travel and accommodation. These five courses were very successfully held, with the inaugural course in Putra Jaya (2012) followed by Kuala Trengganu (2013), Johor Bahru (2014), Kota Bahr (2016) and Kota Kinabalu (2017). In 2015, there was no BES Course due to the overlapping World Congress of Surgery which was held in Bangkok that particular year.

After the expiry of the 2012 MOU, discussions were held between the BSI, IAES and CSAMM, and the Ministry of Health to continue this strategic partnership. It was collectively decided that the partnership shall continue with a new MOU for another two years, rather than five years, due to concerns on adequate funding from IAES and BSI.

IAES Faculty with the MOU



From Left to Right: Dato' Dr Imi Sairi Ab Hadi, Professor Inne Borel Rinkes, Dr Schelto Kruijff, and Professor Emeritus Dato' Dr Yip Cheng Har



On 1st November 2018, two concurrent MOUs were signed at the Ministry of Health Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur. The first MOU was between the CSAMM, signed by Professor Dr Rosmawati Mohamed and the Ministry of Health, signed by Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah. Under this MOU, CSAMM will organise the course while the Ministry of Health will provide the facilities and support the participants from the Ministry of Health. The second MOU was between CSAMM, signed by Professor Dr Rosmawati and Professor Emeritus Dato' Dr Yip Cheng Har, immediate Past President of BSI and ISS National Delegate for Malaysia, on behalf of BSI. The MOU was subsequently signed by the IAES representatives, Professor Inne Borel Rinkes and Dr Schelto Kruijff. Under this MOU, CSAMM will organise the course, while BSI and IAES will each appoint two faculty to deliver lectures at the course. Both these MOUs were signed in the presence of the Honourable Minister of Health, Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad.

Following the MOU, the 6th Breast and Endocrine Surgery Course was held in Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia Medical Centre on 2nd to 3rd November 2018 under the able chairmanship of Associate Professor Dr Shahrin Niza Abdullah Suhaimi. This immensely successful course was attended by more than 200 participants. The first day was on Breast Surgery, with two BSI faculty from

abroad, Dr Sharon Chan from Hong Kong and Professor Dr Mikael Hartman from Singapore, supported by two local faculty, Professor Emeritus Dato' Dr Yip Cheng Har and Professor Dr Nur Aishah Taib. The second day focussed on Endocrine Surgery, with IAES faculty, Professor Inne Borel Rinkes from Utrecht Medical University in the Netherlands, and Dr Schelto Kruijff from the University of Groningen, Netherlands.

It is hoped that the strategic partnerships and collaborations between the two integrated societies of ISS (BSI and IAES), CSAMM and Ministry of Health Malaysia will continue to grow in the future. Breast and endocrine surgery is a rapidly developing subspecialty in Malaysia and international networking between local and international societies will help to bring further recognition to Malaysian surgeons. This is coherent with Malaysia's vision to be the hub for specialty and subspecialty training in the region. We are very proud to announce that the prestigious Martin Allgower Lecture at the Opening Ceremony of the 38th World Congress of Surgery in Krakow Poland 11th to 15th August 2019 will be delivered by Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah from Malaysia. Kuala Lumpur, represented by CSAMM, has won the bid to hold the 39th World Congress of Surgery (to be renamed the International Surgical Week) in Malaysia in August 2021.

BSI Faculty



From Left to Right: Organising Chairperson, Associate Professor Dr Shahrin Niza Abdullah Suhaimi, Professor Dr Nur Aishah Taib, Dr Sharon Chan, Professor Emeritus Dato' Dr Yip Cheng Har, Professor Mikael Hartman



5th Borneo Surgical Delight

Professor Dato' Dr Hanafiah Harunarashid, President, represented the College at the 5th Borneo Surgical Delight which was held at auditorium of Faculty of Medicine, University Malaysia Sabah auditorium on the 9th September 2019. This is the first involvement of our College since the meeting started in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah in 2012. The Borneo Surgical Delight was initially held in Brunei, but subsequently rotated between each component of Borneo every three years.

The objective of this meeting was to discuss the process of improving the quality of surgical care to the Borneo community. Specialists come together to share their expertise, experiences, and exchange views on the latest issues in this specialized surgical field. The Scientific Meeting was a huge success with over 200 participants from all parts of Borneo, and it is a great opportunity for the surgeons in Borneo to know each other and become familiar with the work being done by others, so that the referrals can be made appropriately. The meeting highlighted that Borneo has many surgical Gems! Congratulations to the organisers!





Asian Surgical Association



College of Surgeons
Academy of Medicine Malaysia

22nd Asian Congress of Surgery

(incorporating the Annual Scientific Congress
of the College of Surgeons Malaysia)

2nd to 4th August 2019

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