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Message from the President

First and foremost, I would like to thank the members of the society for the privilege to become the President elect of the Malaysian Society of Otorhinolaryngologists-Head & Neck Surgeon (MSO-HNS) at our 33rd Annual General Meeting on 15th of May 2013 at the shangrila hotel in Kuala Lumpur and subsequently continue as the President for the year 2014-2015. It is indeed a great honour to be elected to this position and I pledge to serve to the best of my ability. I must also congratulate Prof. Dr Prepagaran, the president for the year 2013-14 and the executive committee members for 2013-2014 on a successful year and for their commitment and dedication over the past twelve months.

Over the last 30 years, ORL-HNS has undergone much changes. As our members numbers grows, the quality of post graduates should remain merit and competent to meet challenges ahead.

It has been a relatively good years for us all for the academic activities has been vibrant and engaging in our recent AGM meetings. We have joint clinical meeting with our neighboring country, annual scientific meetings and highlight of the year would be one if not two regional or international meetings and congresses. It’s not necessarily a bad thing to probably pause a little and take long look back to see the things we have missed. More often than not, we have attended AGM annually with our time squeezed to accommodate our desire to hear topic of interest which often run concurrently in two different places! For that same reason, its probably a good idea to have AGM meetings with slight twist in approach. Next year with god’s willing we will have the 34th AGM meeting down south in my hometown Johor Bahru. The home of the southern tiger football team call JDT. Probably the first one in JB after so many years.

The theme of the year will revolve around family. Its time where our dearest member families given due attention after years of “family” somewhat side line. Meetings after meetings had gone by without having the opportunity to have spouses and families mingle with each other. I hope these time around delegates could come and bring their family along. The event programs will remain relevant and enticing to the delegates. The spirit and endeavor of previous meeting will remain strong and solid. In all its fairness lets us not forget the family whom always steadfast behind us. I thank again all members new and old whom have been always supporting the society despite having to go through thick and thin in all these years.

Tengku Mohamed Izam Kamalden
President of MSO-HNS
2014-2015
Message by the Outgoing President

I would like to express my gratitude to members for electing me as the 34th President of the Malaysian Society of Otorhinolaryngologists - Head & Neck Surgeon (MSO-HNS) for the year 2013-2014. It is indeed a great honour and privilege to hold this post and I pledge to serve to the best of my ability. With the incoming Executive Committee, it gives us great pleasure to serve our Society, created by us for the promotion of Otorhinolaryngology and Head & Neck Surgery both in Malaysia and in the region. I must also congratulate Professor Dr Primuharsa Putra, the President for 2012-2013 and the Executive Committee 2012-2013 on a successful year and for their commitment and dedication over the past twelve months.

We intend to continue the following activities during our term in office: the 9th Malaysia-Singapore Joint Scientific Meeting 2014 in conjunction with the MSOHNS Annual Scientific Meeting 2014 and the annual health camp that will be held in Kundasang, Sabah, next year.

The highlight of this year will be the grand finale in May 2014, a combination of five meetings in one venue, one event. We are indeed honored to host 6th Asia Pacific Otology, Neurotology & Skull Base Conference, the 5th ASEAN Academy of Neuro-Otology & Audiology Congress and the ASEAN Rhinology Forum to be held in conjunction with the 6th Malaysian International ORL-HNS Congress and the 34th Annual General Meeting of the Malaysian Society of Otorhinolaryngologists – Head & Neck Surgeons (MSO-HNS) at the Equatorial Hotel, Penang from 29th to 31st May 2104.

The participation of the faculty members and fellow participants will create an excellent knowledge transfer, create awareness on the importance of these specialties and will further enhance the knowledge and level of expertise. We have assembled eminent speakers in addition to renowned Asian speakers. Special issues and highlights on Otology, Neurotology, Skull Base and Audiology and many relevant topics will be discussed. Penang also known as the Pearl of the Orient is a wonderful place to visit. You will be overwhelmed by the warm hospitality and potpourri of local cuisines and cultural diversity.

An organization of this magnitude solely rest on the shoulders of the Executive Council and members as a whole and I would like to convey my heart felt gratitude for all the support we have received in making this a wonderful year.

We look forward to seeing you in Penang, Malaysia.

Prof. Dr. Prepageran Narayanan
President MSO-HNS
2013-2014
A successful medical health camp was held on 17 January 2014 at Kundasang’s Community Hall. This camp was organized by Malaysian Society of Otorhinolaryngology — Head and Neck Surgeons (MSO-HNS) in collaboration with ORL Department, Queen Elizabeth Hospital (HQE) and Klinik Kesihatan Kundasang.

The team lead by Prof. Dr. Prepageran Narayanan, President of MSO-HNS, and Dr Ong Cheng Ai, Head of ORL Department HQE with 8 ENT Specialists and a family medicine specialist, assisted by staffs from Klinik Kesihatan Kundasang. Free ENT examinations along with blood sugar, blood pressure, medical consultation were provided.

Kundasang is located in district of Ranau and is renowned for its panoramic view of the Mount Kinabalu, the highest peak in Borneo’s Croker Range. Kundasang is populated mainly by the native Dusun and despite of language difference, the response from the residents was overwhelming. The camp started at 8.30am and ended at 11.30am. 146 villagers had turned out for the health check. This includes toddlers and elderly. Total of 28 villagers were referred to Klinik Kesihatan Kundasang, Ranau district hospital and Hospital Queen Elizabeth for further management.
By Dr Anura Michelle

The conjoint MSOHNS Annual Scientific Meeting & 9th Malaysia-Singapore Joint ENT Meeting 2014 was held at Awana Hotel, Genting Highlands on the 20th April 2014. It was well attended by delegates from Malaysia, Singapore and Myanmar. The welcome address was given by the MSOHNS president followed by exchange of gifts between the presidents of the MSOHNS and SOHNS, Professor Prepageran Narayanan and Dr Heng-Wai Yuen.

The scientific programme comprised of 2 categories of resident research presentation under the 9th Malaysia-Singapore Joint ENT Meeting Free Paper Presentations and the MSOHNS Annual Scientific Meeting Free Paper Presentation respectively; and guest lectures by senior members of both societies on interesting new topics. The speakers included Dr Heng-Wai Yuen; Singapore, Associate Professor Dr Siow Jin Keat; Singapore, Professor Dato’ Dr Balwant Singh Gendeh; Malaysia and Dr Pua Kin Choo; Malaysia.

Dr Citrabanu won the 1st prize at the 9th Malaysia-Singapore Joint Meeting Free Paper awards ceremony for her research entitled ‘3D Model of Abnormal Cochlear – Mondini for Training of Cochlear Implant Surgery’ while the 1st prize under the MSOHNS Annual Scientific Meeting Free Paper Category went to Dr Noreyzawiah Bt Hassan for the research on ‘The Prevalence and Characteristics of Microtia: A Cross Sectional Study in University Kebangsaan Malaysia Medical Centre’. Under the specialist category, Dr Elizabeth Lim from the University of Malaya presented on ‘House Dust Mites in the External Auditory Canal: A Cause of Itching or Normal Commensals?’

It was a successful meeting with pleasant exchange of thoughts and ideas between the participants; The meeting has again served as a good platform for the ENT residents and specialists from both countries to meet for friendly competition and interaction.
The 4th Asian Paediatric ORL & 5th Malaysian International ORL-HNS Congress 2013 – A Resounding Success

Prof Dr Primuharsa Putra Sabir Husin Athar, KPJ Seremban Specialist Hospital & KPJ Healthcare University College.
Prof Dr Goh Bee See, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia Medical Centre, Kuala Lumpur.

Malaysian Society of Otorhinolaryngologists – Head and Neck Surgeon was privileged to host the 4th Asian Paediatric ORL for the first time in conjunction with 5th Malaysian International ORL-HNS Congress from 15 – 18 May 2013 at Shangri-La Hotel, Kuala Lumpur. Datin Dr Siti Sabzah Mohd Hashim, is the President of the Asian Paediatric Group in 2013-2015. The theme of this congress was “Issues and updates: From infancy to adulthood. This was reflected in 4 plenaries, 22 symposia, 4 pre-congress workshops and a post-congress workshop. The congress has attracted a total of 549 participants from 14 countries and 30 booths and 29 industries. Prof Mike Rutter from Cincinnati was the world icon and shared valuable experience on paediatric airway issues and its management.

The opening ceremony was officiated by Dr Hj Rohaizat Hj Yon, who representing Director General of Health of Malaysia, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah. This was followed by the launching of Clinical Practice Guidelines on Management of Otitis Media with Effusion in Children.
The congress was a resounding success in many ways. The pre congress workshop highlighted recent advanced in hearing implant organized by University Malaya on Bone Bridge Implant Workshop and UKM organized Paediatric Airway Workshop with hands on dissection on laryngotracheal reconstruction in addition to Harmonic Scapel workshop. Tracheostomy workshop was successfully carried out at Shangri-La Hotel. Post congress Baha implant workshop also launched the new system – DermaLock.

The Gala dinner was held on 17 May 2013. It was well attended by invited speakers and congress participants. During the Gala dinner, Prof Dr Primuharsa Putra, MSO-HNS President 2012-2013 hand over the presidency to Prof Dr Prepageran, MSO-HNS President 2013-2014. At the same time, the MSO-HNS coffee table book entitled the 30th Anniversary of MSO-HNS was also launched. This book is the first effort to record the journey made by Malaysian Society of Otorhinolaryngologists-Head & Neck Surgeons and dedicated to each and every person involved in one way or another with the MSO-HNS. As in previous years, awards were given to members who had contributed to the ENT field and MSO-HNS. The MSO-HNS Committee 2012-2013 has awarded the MSO-HNS Long Service Award to Dr Ravindran PM Menon, MSO-HNS Outstanding Public and Healthcare Services Award (OPSHA) to Dr Hj Abdul Hakim Jaafar and MSO-HNS Meritorious Service Award to Dr Hj Md Husain Hj Said. All of them were present to receive their award. The function ended with performance by the Taiwan delegates to promote the next 5th Asian Paediatric ORL which will be held in Taipei in March 2015.
By Associate Professor Dr Salina Husain, UKM Medical Centre, Kuala Lumpur

We had organized a five-day workshop designed to empower postgraduates with basic knowledge and to expose participants to key important topics in ORL-HNS practice as well as to promote awareness on basic ORL-HNS examination techniques and common procedures. This was the first National ORL-HNS Postgraduate Conjoint Board programme. The workshop was held in the Multipurpose Hall, UKM Medical Centre on the 21st-25th October 2013.

A total of 46 postgraduates from UKMMC, UMMC, USM and Ministry of Health participated in the workshop. The response was overwhelming from the universities but the workshop was limited to postgraduate year 3 and 4 only.

The speakers for the event were from the UKMMC, USM, Ministry of Health, UMMC, KPJ Healthcare University College (KPJUC) and UPM. Our adjunct professor from Australia, Associate Professor Richard J Harvey was also one of the distinguished speakers in this event. Our distinct teaching faculties covered all aspects of common ORL-HNS practice and facilitated the clinical session on ORL-HNS examination, involved in instructional course on direct laryngoscopy, oesophagoscopy, bronchoscopy and surgery for hearing loss.

Ms Dayang Suhana Abg Mazdhi from UKMMC achieved the highest mark for the post workshop test. Due to the continuing encouraging response towards our UKM, this workshop will be held annually by university.
Salivary Gland and Maxilla Surgery Dissection Course

By Dr Kong Min Han and Associate Prof Dr Mohd Razif Mohamad Yunus, UKM Medical Centre, Kuala Lumpur

The Department of ORL – HNS UKM Medical Centre had organized for the first time a one-day workshop designed to cover the surgical aspect of salivary gland open surgery and maxilla surgery. The workshop was held in the new Advanced Surgical Skill Centre, UKM Medical Centre on the 29 October 2013.

The response is overwhelming but the workshop could only accommodate 8 dissectors and 8 observers. The 4 fresh cadavers limited the small number of dissectors. The participants include specialist and medical officers mainly from UKMMC and UMMC.

The lectures are suitable for all ENT doctors on the general aspects of salivary gland and maxilla surgery. The speakers for the event were from the UKM Medical Centre and from KPJ Healthcare University College (KPJUC). Each speaker highlighted the important aspects and pearls in parotidectomy, submandibulectomy and maxillectomy. The speakers include Associate Professor Dr Mohd Razif Mohamad Yunus, Dr Iqbal Farim Rizal Wong and Professor (Clinical) Dr Primuharsa Putra Sabir Husin Athar.

Our distinct teaching faculties in each station supervised this hands-on cadaveric dissection with emphasis on parotidectomy, submandibulectomy and maxillectomy. The best dissector selected from the 8 dissectors is Dr Teoh Jin Woei from UKM Medical Centre. Due to the continuing encouraging response towards our UKM Salivary Gland and Maxilla Surgery dissection course, we look forward to organize similar events in the future and possibly with inclusion of neck dissection.
Dr Mawaddah Azman (Organizing committee)

26th March 2014; Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia Medical Centre (UKMMC): The Otorhinolaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery (ORL-HNS) department of Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia with the help of Ethicon as industrial partner has organised a full day programme on Updates on Head and Neck Surgery. The programme took place in Auditorium, Advanced Surgical Skill Centre (ASSC), UKMMC. Interactive lectures and panel discussions were moderated by distinguished local and international speakers. The international faculty consisted of Prof Koh Yoon Woo from Yonsei University College of Medicine, Severance Hospital, Seoul, Korea.

Prof Koh gave an excellent overview of surgical approaches and reconstruction of the tongue base that most of the participants could not disagree that his work was admirable in view of achieving balance in surgical clearance and acceptable aesthetics. Local renowned surgeons, Associate Prof Mohd Razif Mohd Yunus and Miss Zakinah Yahaya moderated the morning panel discussion on facial nerve sacrifice in parotid surgery. The evening session was more intensified with the topic of Minimally Invasive Neck Dissection. Prof Koh and Prof Primuharsa Putra Sabir Husin Athar both presented their operative pictures of selective neck dissection and endoscopic assisted neck dissection. This was complimented by expert panel discussion by local Associate Prof Baharuddin Abdullah and Associate Prof Mohd Razif Mohd Yunus. The programme was blessed with participation from a big crowd which consisted of 4 international surgeons, 27 local surgeons and more than 30 Medical Officers practising in ORL-HNS. This overwhelming participation has allowed fruitful discussions on current concept of management in Head and Neck Malignancy. ---
The 40th UKM Temporal Bone Dissection Course (TBC) 2014

By Prof Goh Bee See (Course director)

Department of Otorhinolaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia Medical Centre is honoured to host the 40th UKM Temporal Bone Dissection Course (TBC) on 11-13 March 2014. It is indeed a significant milestone for the department for having organized this course for the 40th time. The UKM TBC, which is organized 2-3 times in a year, has gathered interest and reputation amongst ENT surgeons and residents not only in Malaysia, but also in this region. This course is made known to ENT surgeons and trainees by the leadership of Professor Dato’ Dr Lokman Saim since the 1990s. We believe temporal bone dissection is and will always remain the most important method of studying the anatomy of the ear. This course is mandatory before one is allowed to perform otological and neurootological surgery during their training period. In conjunction with the 40th anniversary, we not only focus on the hands on dissection but will also feature live surgeries and the participations of observers.

Professor Charlotte Chiong from Manila, Philippines is our guest speaker and instructor in addition to our local instructors from Ministry of Health and KPJ University College and our lecturers from UKM. Department of ORL-HNS UKM hope that this course will continue to serve as a platform for good training in otology-neurotology surgery.
Dinner with Health Minister

By Dr Pathma Letchumanan.

On the 17th of August 2013, MSO-HNS with more than 500 doctors from around the country, attended the Grand Dinner with the Health Minister of Malaysia, Datuk Seri Dr. S Subramaniam. Our society supported the event and we were given an opportunity to speak to Datuk Seri regarding OSA as a disease and insurance coverage for its management.

Awards Received

We would like to congratulate two of our members who received the following awards:

1. Prof. Dato’ Dr. Abdullah Sani Mohamed - Darjah Dato’ Setia Di Raja Kedah
2. Dr Philip Rajan - Darjah Paduka Mahkota Perak
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Our heartfelt sympathy &
Deepest condolences to the family of

DR. IMRAN GURBACHAN
BIN ABDULLAH
Who passed away peacefully at home on 13th June 2013
- Former Professor and First Head Of Ear, Nose & Throat Department
  - University Kebangsaan Malaysia
- Former Consultant ENT Specialist at Imran ENT Specialist Hospital
- Former Consultant ENT Specialist at Sime Darby Medical Centre
- Advisor to Asian Federation of Laryngectomee Association (AFLA)
- Founding member of Asean ORL - Head and Neck Federation
- Founding member of the MSO-HNS (1981)
- Past President of MSO-HNS (1983 - 1984)
- Recipient of MSO-HNS Long Service Award (2012)

Leaving behind beloved

Wife : Sister Aminah Sirajuddin (Sister Amy)
(Former Malaysian Airline System Medical Centre Nursing Sister)
Son : Dr. Amar Imran (Ministry of Health)
Daughter : Dr. Farrah-Hani Imran (UKM Medical Centre)

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