

APSS DEPUY SYNTHES SPINE CLINICAL AND TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIP 2013  
10<sup>TH</sup> TO 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2013

I am pleased to present the report of the APSS Depuy Synthes Spine Clinical and Travelling Fellowship which was held successfully between 10<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> November 2013. This fellowship is organized on a yearly basis with the support from DePuy Synthes.

To be able to qualify for this fellowship programme, an applicant must comply to the list of criteria as listed in the programme. One of the pre-requisites is that the applicant must be a member of APOA and APSS. Economy air travel, hotel accommodation and daily allowance arrangements will be provided to these successful candidates. Upon the completion of the programme, the fellows were required to submit a report including a log book before they are allowed to claim their allowance.

For this year 2013, there were thirteen successful applicants selected for these two programmes. Four (4) applicants were successfully chosen for APSS Depuy Synthes Clinical Fellowship and nine (9) was chosen for APSS Depuy Synthes Travelling Fellowship. Each of the clinical fellows was attached to each of their hosts in their respective institution for a duration of three weeks. Whereas for the APSS Depuy Synthes Travelling Fellowship, they were divided into three groups. Each group consisted of three travelling fellows and they will visit three centres of excellence for spine surgery in three countries in the Asia Pacific region. They will spend a week in each centre.

Below are the details of the names of the successful fellows, their hosts and the countries that they have visited.

**CLINICAL FELLOWSHIP**

<b>Host country</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Name of candidate</b>	<b>Name of host</b>
Singapore	10 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2013	<b>Dr PanyaLuksanapruksa Bangkok, Thailand</b>	<b>Prof Wong Hee-Kit National University Hospital of Singapore</b>
Japan	10 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2013	<b>Dr Ngoc Quyen Nguyen Ha Noi City, Vietnam</b>	<b>Prof KuniyoshiAbumi Sapporo Orthopaedic Hospital Center for Spinal Disorders, Japan</b>

Korea	17 <sup>th</sup> Nov to 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2013 (period accepted by host)	<b>Dr Tony Setiobudi Singapore</b>	<b>Prof Kim Ki Tack Kyung-Hee University Hospital Gang Dong, Korea</b>
Hong Kong	10 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2013	<b>Dr Ankur Goswami Nagar, New Delhi, India</b>	<b>Prof Keith Luk Dip Kei The University of Hong Kong Queen Mary Hospital, Hong Kong</b>

### TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIP

The names of the nine travelling fellows participated in this programme and were divided into three groups as follows:-

#### Group 1

- 1 Dr Yang Hyun Kee (Korea)
- 2 Dr Park Dae Hyun (Korea)
- 3 Dr Ed Simor Khan bin Mor Japar Khan (Malaysia)

#### Group 2

- 1 Dr Teraguchi Masatoshi (Japan)
- 2 Dr Suen Tsz King (Hong Kong)
- 3 Dr Sanjay Yadav (India)

#### Group 3

- 1 Dr Sohail Ahmad (India)
- 2 Dr Philip Cheung (Hong Kong)
- 3 Dr Ankit Gupta (India)

They visited centres of spine excellence and the details of their hosts were listed below.

Name of Fellow & grouping	10 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2013 <b>HOST</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> to 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2013 <b>HOST</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2013 <b>HOST</b>
<b>Group 1</b>			
Dr Yang Hyun Kee (Korea) Dr Park Dae Hyun (Korea) Dr Ed Simor Khan bin Mor Japar Khan (Malaysia)	<b>Prof Wong Hee Kit, Singapore</b>	<b>Prof S Rajasekaran, Coimbatore, India</b>	<b>Dr Bambang Tiksnadi, Bandung, Indonesia</b>
<b>Group 2</b>			
Dr Teraguchi Masatoshi (Japan) Dr Suen Tsz King (Hong Kong) Dr Sanjay Yadav (India)	<b>Prof Keith Luk, H Kong</b>	<b>Prof Chen Wen-Jer, Tao yuan Hsien, Taiwan, ROC</b>	<b>Dr Shekar Y Bhojraj, Mumbai, India</b>
<b>Group 3</b>			
Dr Sohail Ahmad (India) Dr Philip Cheung (H Kong) Dr Ankit Gupta (India)	<b>Assoc Prof Vo Van Thanh, HCM city, Vietnam</b>	<b>Prof Munehito Yoshida, Wakayam, Japan</b>	<b>Prof Kee Yong Ha, Seoul, Korea</b>

The clinical & travelling fellowship programmes have been successfully completed on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2013 and one on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2013. The fellows have benefitted tremendously from these programmes. Kindly refer to the individual report of each group of travelling fellows and individual report of each clinical fellows attached.

The Council has emphasized that it is important for these fellows to register for the coming congress of APOA which will be held in Pattaya, Thailand on 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> October 2014, so that they receive their fellowship certificate in a presentation of certificates ceremony which will take place at the same meeting.

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