

**APSS DEPUY SYNTHES SPINE CLINICAL AND TRAVELLING  
FELLOWSHIP 2014**

**27 Oct 2014 – 29 Dec 2014**

On behalf of APSS, I am pleased to present the report of the APSS Depuy Synthes Spine Clinical and Travelling Fellowship 2014. This fellowship is organized on a yearly basis with the support from Depuy Synthes. Both fellowship programmes were held successfully between 27<sup>th</sup> October 2014 and 29<sup>th</sup> December 2014. I would like to bring your attention that the clinical fellowship for two fellows has begun at a later date due to unforeseen circumstances faced by the fellows.

To be able to qualify for this fellowship programme, an applicant must comply with 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 and practicing in spine surgery. Economy air travel, hotel accommodation and daily/ weekly allowance arrangements were provided to these successful candidates. Upon the completion of the programme, the fellows were required to submit a report and a feedback form before they were allowed to claim their allowance.

For the year of 2014, there were 12 successful applicants selected for these two programmes. Four (4) applicants were successfully chosen for APSS Depuy Synthes Clinical Fellowship and eight (8) were selected 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. On the other hand, the APSS Depuy Synthes Travelling Fellows were divided into two groups. Each group consisted of four travelling fellows and they visited three centres of excellence for spine surgery in three countries in the Asia Pacific region. Each group of travelling fellows spent a week in each centre.

Below are the details of the names of the successful fellows, their hosts, the countries and period of the fellowship.

### CLINICAL FELLOWSHIP

| Country      | Host   | Fellows                        | Period               |
|--------------|--|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| CHINA        | <b>Prof Luo Zhuo Jing</b><br>Xi-Jing Hospital, Fourth Military<br>Medical University (FMMU), Xi'an | Dr Kang Kyung Chung<br>(KOREA) | 8 Dec - 29 Dec 2014  |
| JAPAN        | <b>Prof Kuniyoshi Abumi</b><br>Sapporo Orthopaedic Hospital Center<br>for Spinal Disorders, Japan  | Dr Hu Ming Hsiao<br>(TAIWAN)   | 27 Oct - 15 Nov 2014 |
| HONG<br>KONG | <b>Prof Keith Luk Dip Kei</b><br>The University of Hong Kong Queen<br>Mary Hospital, Hong Kong     | Dr Kim Sung Kyu<br>(KOREA)     | 27 Oct - 15 Nov 2014 |
| KOREA        | <b>Prof Kim Ki-Tack</b><br>Kyung-Hee University Hospital<br>Gang Dong, Korea                       | Dr Zheng Guo Quan<br>(CHINA)   | 2 Nov - 23 Nov 2014  |

### TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIP

| Period | 27 Oct - 1 Nov 2014                              | 2 Nov - 8 Nov 2014                                  | 9 Nov - 15 Nov 2014                     | Fellows                              |
|--------|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| Group  | Host 1   | Host 2  | Host 3                                  |                                      |
| 1      | <b>Assoc Prof<br/>Gabriel Liu</b><br>(SINGAPORE) | <b>Prof Charoen<br/>Chotigavanich</b><br>(THAILAND) | <b>Dr Wong Chung Chek</b><br>(MALAYSIA) | Dr Khoo Eng Hooi<br>(MALAYSIA)       |
|        |  |   |   | Dr Shiao Tzu Tzeng<br>(TAIWAN)       |
|        |  |   |   | Dr Hsieh Ming Kai<br>(TAIWAN)        |
|        |  |   |   | Dr Kim Young Hoon<br>(KOREA)         |
| 2      | <b>Dr Wong Chung Chek</b><br>(MALAYSIA)          | <b>Prof Chen Wen-Jer</b><br>(TAIWAN)                | <b>Prof Katsuji Shimizu</b><br>(JAPAN)  | Dr Dipak Shrestha<br>(INDIA)         |
|        |  |   |   | Dr Ryoji Yamasaki<br>(JAPAN)         |
|        |  |   |   | Dr Lau Sun Wing, Cary<br>(HONG KONG) |
|        |  |   |   | Dr Manish Chadha<br>(INDIA)          |

The clinical & travelling fellowship programmes have been successfully completed on 29<sup>th</sup> December 2014 and 15<sup>th</sup> November 2014 respectively with the cooperation and contributions by Depuy Synthes, dedicated hosts, fellows, APSS fellowship committee and APOA administrative staff. The fellows have benefited tremendously from these programmes and some feedbacks received from the fellows including the fellowship programme was one of the best experiences throughout their career, and it contributed to their increased interest in the spine field.

The Council of APSS emphasized that it is important for these fellows to register for the APSS Congress that was held in Hong Kong from 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> June 2015, which they presented their fellowship experience to all the industry leaders, speakers, researchers, surgeons and participants, as well as received their fellowship certificates in a ceremony for certificates presentation during the congress banquet.

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