

**APSS DEPUY SYNTHES SPINE CLINICAL AND TRAVELLING
FELLOWSHIP 2015**

18 May 2015 – 7 June 2015

On behalf of APSS, I am pleased to present the report of the APSS Depuy Synthes Spine Clinical and Travelling Fellowship 2015. This fellowship is organized on a yearly basis with the support from Depuy Synthes. Both fellowship programmes were held successfully between 18th May and 7th June 2015.

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 2015, there were 11 successful applicants selected for these two programmes. Three (3) 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	Prof Luo Zhuo Jing Xi-Jing Hospital, Fourth Military Medical University (FMMU), Xi'an	Dr Kim Young Tae (KOREA)	18 May – 3 June 2015
HONG KONG	Prof Kenneth Cheung MC The University of Hong Kong Queen Mary Hospital, Hong Kong	Dr Wu Meng Huang (TAIWAN)	18 May – 3 June 2015
KOREA	Prof Kim Ki-Tack Kyung-Hee University Hospital Gang Dong, Korea	Dr Najmus Sakeb (BANGLADESH)	18 May – 3 June 2015

TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIP

Period	18 – 24 May 2015	25 – 31 May 2015	1 – 3 June 2015	Fellows
Group	Host 1	Host 2	Host 3	
1	PROF GUIXING QIU Peking Union Medical College Hospital, Beijing CHINA	PROF WEN-JER CHEN Chang Gung University, Chang Gung Memorial Hospital at Linkou, TAIWAN	PROF KENNETH MC CHEUNG The University of Hong Kong, Queen Mary Hospital HONG KONG	Kyaw Min (Myanmar)
				Ankur Patel (India)
				Jun Ik Choi (Korea)
				Waqar Alam (Pakistan)
2	PROF KEE YONG HA The Catholic University of Korea Seoul St. Mary's Hospital SOUTH KOREA	PROF SHOICHI KOKUBUN Sendai Nishitaga Hospital JAPAN	PROF WANG YAN Chinese PLA General Hospital, Beijing CHINA	Zaw Min Han (Myanmar)
				G. Vijayaraghavan (India)
				Vincent Hau (Hong Kong)
				Md. Shahidul Islam Akon (Bangladesh)

The clinical & travelling fellowship programmes have been successfully completed at the end of the Combined APSS-APPOS Congress in Hong Kong. During the congress that was held in Hong Kong from 4th to 7th June 2015, the fellows 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.

The fellows have benefited tremendously from these programmes and the scientific meeting. Some feedbacks received from the fellows including the fellowship programme were “APSS provided the best learning experience about spine” and “Effective clinical experience with extraordinary mentorship”. These successful programmes would not be possible without the cooperation and contributions by Depuy Synthes, dedicated hosts, fellows, APSS fellowship committee and APSS administrative staff. We would like to express our gratitude to all parties who have contributed to the successful fellowship programmes in 2015.



Dr. Wu Meng Huang with Mentor Prof Kenneth Cheung

Dr. Kim Young Tae with Mentor Prof Luo Zhuo Jing



Dr. Najmus Sakeb with Mentor Prof Ki-Tack Kim



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