



APSS MEDTRONIC FELLOWSHIP 2016 23 October 2016 – 29 December 2017

On behalf of APSS, I am pleased to present the report of the APSS Medtronic Fellowship 2016. This fellowship programme is the second year of collaboration between APSS and Medtronic. The budget of sponsorship was utilized to award (3) fellowships, in which each fellow was attached and spent a duration of 3 months in a spine centre of excellence in the Asia Pacific Region. Out of the three awards, two awards were given to applicants from developing countries. The fellowship programme was held successfully between 23 October 2016 and 29 December 2017.

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 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.

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

Fellow Name	Center Name	Host	Period
Dr. Mohammad Saiful Islam (Bangladesh)	The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong	Dr. Wong Yat Wa	23 Oct 2016 - 21 Jan 2017
Dr. Keiji Nagata (Japan)	Sarawak General Hospital, Kuching, Malaysia	Dr. Wong Chung-Chek	07 Aug 2017 - 20 Sep 2017
	University Malaya Medical Centre, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Dr. Kwan Mun-Keong	25 Sep 2017 - 8 Nov 2017
Dr. Siddharth Aiyer (India)	National University Health System (NUHS), Singapore	Dr. Gabriel Liu	25 Oct 2017 - 29 Dec 2017

The fellows have benefited tremendously from the fellowship programme where they had the golden opportunities to interact and learn from the renowned spine surgeons in the Asia Pacific region. Besides, the fellows were also invited to attend the spine courses and scientific meetings around the region or within the country that were held during the fellowship period in order to encourage them to contribute to the spine research and enhance their networking. During the APSS 2017 Congress in Goa, India from 21 to 23 September, Dr Keiji Nagata was invited to share his fellowship experience in a dedicated presentation slot with the delegates of the Congress alongside with another fellow, Dr Yvonne Yan On Lau (Hong Kong) from the 2016 batch.

Once again, the successful fellowship programme would not be possible without the cooperation and contributions by Medtronic, dedicated hosts, fellows, APSS Education Committee, and APSS administrative staff. We would like to express our gratitude to all parties who have contributed to the successful APSS Medtronic Fellowship programme in 2016.

For more details about the individual fellowship experience, please refer to the fellowship reports which also contains the logbooks, and feedback forms submitted by the fellows.

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