**Annual Report for Movement Disorders Council 2011**

**History**

The Movement Disorders Council (MDC) is a subspecialty council, formed in February 2010, - under the umbrella body of the Malaysian Society of Neurosciences (MSN). It is an initiative to bring together a group of neurologists with special interest in movement disorders and the members of the Movement Disorders Council were invited to participate based on their extensive clinical practice and research in the field of movement disorders and Parkinson’s disease in Malaysia. At the first meeting, the office bearers were identified. With the assistance of Prof Dr Tan Kay Sin (at the time, President of MSN) and Dr Sng Kim Hock, MDC rules and regulations were set forth and eventually finalized in 2011.

**Office Bearers / Executive Council Member**

1. Chairperson – Prof Dr Norlinah Mohamed Ibrahim, Consultant Neurologist/ Movement Disorders Specialist, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia Medical Center, Kuala Lumpur
2. Secretary – Prof Dr Lim Shen Yang, Consultant Neurologist/Movement Disorders Specialist, University of Malaya Medical Center, Kuala Lumpur
3. Treasurer – Dr Shanthi Viswanathan – Consultant Neurologist, Department of Neurology, Hospital Kuala Lumpur, Kuala Lumpur

**Council Members**

1. Dr Santhi Datuk Puvanarajah – Consultant Neurologist, Department of Neurology, Hospital Kuala Lumpur, Kuala Lumpur
2. Dr Lee Moon Keen – Consultant Neurologist, Sunway Medical Center, Sunway
3. Dr Sng Kim Hock – Consultant Neurologist, Pantai Medical Center, Kuala Lumpur
4. Dr Chris Chong Kang Tird, Consultant Neurologist, Sabah Medical Center, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah
5. Prof Dr Tan Kay Sin, Consultant Neurologist, University Malaya Medical Center, Kuala Lumpur
6. Prof John Tharakan, Consultant Neurologist, Hospital Universiti Sains Malaysia, Kubang Kerian
7. Dr HJ. Haniffah B. HJ. Abdul Gafoor. Consultant Neurologist, Island Hospital, Penang
8. Dr Soo Hua Huat, Consultant Neurologist, HH Soo Neurology Clinic, Kuching, Sarawak

**Activities in 2011**

Regular meetings with members of the council were held in the Department of Medicine, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia Medical Center, Kuala Lumpur, mainly to discuss ideas on future endeavours for the MDC.

The following were the outcomes of the meetings:

1. The rules and regulations of the MDC were finalized and agreed upon by all members of the MDC (see attached).
2. The writing of a new Malaysian Parkinson’s disease Consensus guidelines was discussed and a first draft reviewed in December 2011. It was agreed that the guidelines will be launched at the 2012 MSN Annual Scientific Meeting, to be held in July 2012.
3. The planning and organization of a ‘Basic Movement Disorders Teaching Course’ to be held on 28-29th September 2012, involving internationally- renowned speakers such as Prof Dr Niall Quinn (UK) and Dr Susan Fox (Canada)
4. The formation of affiliations with international bodies such as the Movement Disorders Society and patient support groups or non-governmental organisations was agreed upon.
5. The formation of a Movement Disorders Research Initiative, to spearhead the formation of an national Parkinson’s disease and movement disorders registry

**Future Activities**

In the year 2011, the MDC was in its infancy stage. However, with the strong commitment and involvement of all council members, in the year 2012, we have planned to conduct more educational activities and professional meetings to generate further interest and knowledge in the field of movement disorders and Parkinson’s disease in Malaysia.

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