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**President's Address 2014**

Dear members,

2013 turned out to be a very busy year for PAS.

The PAS published a guideline titled "Evidence-Based Guidelines on the Use of Opioids in Chronic Non-cancer Pain – A Consensus Statement by the Pain Association of Singapore Task Force" in the March 2013 issue of the Annals, Academy of Medicine Singapore. I want to thank all members of the task force for putting in many months of hard work.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Association of South-East Asian Pain Societies (ASEAPS) Conference 2013 was successfully held at MAX Atria @ Singapore EXPO from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> May 2013. We saw a record-breaking attendance of 700 participants and 202 poster presentations. The pre-congress IASP Pain Camp held between 28<sup>th</sup> April and 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2013 was well received, as was the interventional pain cadaver workshop organized at the Singapore General Hospital lab on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2013.

In line with IASP's theme of Global Year Against Orofacial Pain for 2013/14, PAS will be collaborating with the Singapore Dental Association and The College of General Dental Practitioners to organize a combined scientific meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2014. Orofacial pain is poorly understood but not uncommon. The objective of this conference is to raise awareness and educate physicians on identification and management of various orofacial pain conditions.

I look forward to your continued support for the society's mission and activities in the coming year.

Yours sincerely

Dr Ho Kok Yuen  
President  
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