

**FIRST NEWSLETTER of
HONG KONG COLLEGE OF PATHOLOGISTS
(Dec 1st 1991)**

NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This is the first Newsletter of the College and we hope that it will be a regular feature to keep Fellows and Members up-to-date with progress made in all the areas in which the College is involved, as well as plans which the Council and its committees are considering.

We hope that it will also be a forum for you to bring up matters of common concern, or any items which you think are newsworthy and which will be of interest to members of the profession generally. The Editor is Dr Rob Collins, ably assisted by Dr Elaine Wang. Please feel free to direct any articles or correspondence to either one of them.

Since Council reported on its activities at our Inaugural General Meeting in October, the significant new developments are in formation of the Quality Assurance Committee under the Chairmanship of Professor John Masarei, and in reaching a stage of producing a final draft from the Training and Examinations Committee on the College's proposed "~~Regulations for Training and Examinations~~." This document is the result of much hard work by each of the specialist panels. Inevitably, it involved discussion on important fundamental issues in the context of Hong Kong's training needs and actual manpower situation. I would like to record my special thanks to all the members of these panels for their frank and constructive suggestions. You will find further details on this in the relevant sections.

Looking further ahead to 1992, I believe the College's main responsibilities are in finalizing the training regulations, in working with the Academy and the Hospital Authority in seeking the establishment of a sound training programme in all the pathological disciplines, in promoting and clearly delineating the role of the pathologist in health care delivery in these changing times when the economics of health care looms large on the minds of policy-makers and administrators.

Your participation in and support of all the College's efforts are necessary for us to achieve these objectives.

May I add a personal message of warm wishes to all Fellows and Members for a happy and refreshing holiday season and for a New Year that provides opportunity for professional development and interesting challenges for each of us.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members and associates:

Fellows:

Dr Leung Chung Ying (Queen Mary Hospital)
Dr Ng Wing Fung (Queen Mary Hospital)

Overseas Fellow:

Dr Tong Cheuk Yan, William (Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-upon-Tyne)

Associates:

Dr To Ka Fai (Prince of Wales Hospital)
Dr Yu Mei Yung (Prince of Wales Hospital)
Dr Cheng Fung Yip (Prince of Wales Hospital)
Dr Choi Cheung Lung (Prince of Wales Hospital)
Dr Lam Suk Yee Christine (Sai Ying Pun Clinic)
Dr Lam King Yin (Queen Mary Hospital)
Dr Lee Yun Sang (Sai Ying Pun Clinic)
Dr Khoo Ui Soon (Queen Mary Hospital)
Dr Chan Wing Yee (Kwong Wah Hospital)
Dr Thomas, T T M (Kwong Wah Hospital)
Dr Chan Chak Lam (Queen Mary Hospital)
Dr Luk Sheung Ching (Queen Mary Hospital)
Dr Tin Lat (Nethersole Hospital)
Dr Tso Chin Bun (Kowloon Police Regional HQ)
Dr Tam Chi Fai Sidney (Queen Mary Hospital)
Dr Ha Shau Yin (Queen Mary Hospital)

COMING EVENTS

The Education Committee will be co-sponsoring two pathology courses/workshops in 1992. Tentative dates are given below. Please consult the Newsletter for updates.

1. ~~Liver Pathology~~ (20 April 1992)

Speaker: Professor R M N MacSween and others
University of Glasgow

2. ~~Diagnostic Molecular Biology~~ (September 1992)

Speaker: Dr. Andrew Wyllie and others
Department of Pathology
University of Edinburgh

PROGRESS WITH TRAINING REGULATIONS

In September 1991 the Training and Examinations Committee completed a draft of the Regulations for Training and Examinations. The Committee will meet this month to discuss training guidelines prepared by the different Specialty Panels. It is hoped that a comprehensive paper on this subject will be ready for circulation to members within the next two months.

PROGRESS WITH THE COLLEGE LOGO

The Professional and General Affairs Committee has the unenviable task of recommending the College logo. This Committee is also responsible for choosing the designs for gowns for the President and members. At present the Committee is seeking an appropriate motto for the College. Professor Gibson has been asked to propose a Latin motto.

In the meantime the Committee welcomes help from members in any of the above areas (logo, gowns and motto). Suggestions should be directed to Dr Rob Collins at the Department of Pathology, Queen Mary Hospital. Members' opinions will be sought before final decisions are made.

NEW QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMITTEE

Chairman: Professor J R L Masarei
Members : Professor J C K Lee
 Dr W H Seto
 Dr A Pollock

Terms of Reference:

1. To promote the practice of external quality assurance in the Pathology disciplines.
2. To advise Fellows, Members and Associates on all aspects of quality control and external quality assurance.
3. To undertake educational activities in the areas of quality control and external quality assurance.
4. To establish where necessary, and to monitor, external quality assurance programmes for the College.
5. To liaise with, and to collaborate with where appropriate, other professional bodies involved in the provision of quality assurance activities for diagnostic laboratories.

6. To report to the College, at scientific meetings or elsewhere, on the quality assurance activities being undertaken in the name of the College.

Proposed activities

The Committee recognises that other bodies have interests in the area of external quality assurance and in some cases established programmes. We will therefore approach the Hong Kong Medical Technologists Association, which has a program in operation, and other professional groups with skills and experience in the area, with a view to future cooperation. Because there are a number of international external quality assurance programmes already in place and being used by Hong Kong laboratories e.g. the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia programme, the joint programme of the Royal College of Australasia and the Australian Association of Clinical Biochemists, and the Wellcome programme in Clinical Biochemistry, the Committee will evaluate them for their usefulness locally, and establish, where necessary, programmes to meet local needs. The Committee will organize periodical reports to the College, and educational activities, and offer advice as requested.

DONATIONS

1. The Chan Woon Cheung Education and Research Fund

Total contributions to date : \$110,300

2. The T. B. Teoh Foundation Lectureship

Total contributions to date : \$50,000

The College thanks those who have donated, but clearly more support is needed. Any advice from members regarding ways to raise funds or likely contributors will be sincerely appreciated. Apart from honoring two distinguished local pathologists to whom all in the profession in Hong Kong today owe a debt, the Funds will be employed to the benefit of the whole community of pathologists in Hong Kong.

PROMOTIONAL MAILINGS

The College has received a request from publishers of a biomedical review journal entitled Today's Life Science, for a list of its members interested in subscribing to the journal. It is very likely that requests for our membership list will be repeated in the future. College members who do ~~not~~ want their names on mailing lists for promotional material should fill in the slip below and return it by 31 Jan 1992 to:

The Secretary

The Hong Kong College of Pathologists
c/o Department of Pathology
University of Hong Kong

RE: PROMOTIONAL MAILINGS

NAME : _____

INSTITUTE : _____

I DO NOT WANT MY NAME INCLUDED ON MAILING LISTS FOR
PROMOTIONAL LITERATURE.

SIGNED _____

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

The College wishes to acknowledge the Christmas cards and greetings received from Sir David and Lady Wilson, the Hong Kong College of Physicians, the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians and the Federation of Medical Societies of Hong Kong.

To all our members, in Hong Kong and overseas, a very

Merry Christmas and

A Happy New Year!

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