

NEWSLETTER of THE HONG KONG COLLEGE OF PATHOLOGISTS

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Dear colleagues, this Newsletter allows me to explain the need for the Extraordinary General Meeting which precedes our 1st Annual General Meeting on October 31st.

As the College and the Academy of Medicine have evolved it has become necessary to change our Memorandum of Articles and Association, to do so requires the approval of members at an EGM.

The changes involve :

1. The need to clarify and formalize the various types of membership of the College. Briefly the membership of the College shall consist of the following:

- a. Founder Fellows
- b. Founder Members
- c. Fellows
- d. Honorary Fellows
- e. Overseas Fellows
- f. Members rather than '**Associate Members**'
- g. Associates

2. To allow the creation of the position of Deputy Registrar as an office bearer to replace one of the present positions on the Council. The aim is to lighten the load on the Registrar and also to enable more junior members to become more involved in the functioning of the College.

3. To allow dentists to apply to become fellows of the College in line with Academy regulations.

4. To amend the regulations regarding cheque-signing-rights of Council members so that if the Treasurer is absent for any length of time other Council members can carry on the College's business.

The finalized '**Regulations on Post-Graduate Training and Examinations**' are being printed and will be distributed soon. My thanks to all who contributed so generously; the end result is a reflection of the care and attention given by the contributors.

On the advice of the Training and Examinations Committee, the Council has appointed the following as Chief Examiners:

1. Anatomical Pathology - Dr RJ Collins
2. Chemical Pathology - Professor JRL Masarei
3. Combined AP & Clinical Pathology - Dr HK Ng
4. Forensic Pathology - Dr D Yip
5. Haematology - Dr LC Chan
6. Immunology - Dr JWM Lawton
7. Microbiology - Dr WH Seto

The Chief Examiners are responsible for advising Council in the selection of both local and external examiners for each panel and for suggesting the dates for the first examinations to be held in Hong Kong. These, which are likely to be in the form of assessments, are expected to be held sometime in 1993.

The criteria for local examiners are that they be Fellows of the College, possess a relevant recognised specialist qualification, and normally have more than seven years experience in the specialty of which three should be post-qualification experience.

Please note that it is proposed that full recognition for overseas qualifications will be withdrawn from January 1st 1994.

The **Hong Kong Academy of Medicine** plans to hold its first Fellowship awards in November 1993 at which time all eligible fellows of the various colleges will be admitted. Thus eligible fellows of the College of Pathologists will be awarded both a College Fellowship Certificate and an Academy of Medicine Fellowship Certificate.

I am pleased to report that, as of September 31st 1992, the College has a total **membership** of 148. Recently the Council expressed a need to involve younger members of the profession in the College and to encourage their participation it was decided to waive entry fees and to have a reduced annual subscription of \$250 for **Associates**. In addition Associates may attend College educational programs for half price.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

All the activities noted in the last newsletter were most successful and well received especially the Workshop on Molecular Biology. The College takes this opportunity to thank Professor Andrew H. Wyllie for his great contribution to the undoubted success of that course. The College also wishes to thank the organizers and all those involved in making it a success.

Events in the future include:

1. The previously advertised "**Immunohistochemistry Workshop**" arranged by **Professor Anthony Leong** and his assistant from Adelaide with Dr Fernand Lai at PWH on 31/10/92. This workshop is already well subscribed and should prove very useful. The College would like to acknowledge the sponsorship given by South East Chemicals and Dako ?? to this workshop.

2. The College and The Hong Kong Pathology Society, will

co-sponsor a slide seminar on **Liver Pathology** on 30th November 1992 in Room 004, Department of Pathology, HKU, QMH. The seminar will be given by **Dr Bernard Portmann from the Institute of Liver Studies, King's College, London**. Dr Portmann will be visiting as guest speaker of the HK Liver Society and has agreed to give this additional seminar. The sets of slides for this seminar will circulated soon.

The Education Committee is also considering the introduction of Continuing Medical Education (C.M.E.) units for its courses and lectures modelled on a points system used by the American Medical Association. It is proposed that the number of points accredited for each course would be determined by the Education Committee. When a member obtains the required number of points in a 3-year period, say from 1/1/93, a certificate would be issued.

Your comments on such a system would be much appreciated by the Education Committee. (Please contact Prof. Joseph Lee, Dept. of Anatomical and Cellular Pathology, PWH, Chairman of that committee).

COLLEGE LOGO and MOTTO

The design of a single symbol to represent a diverse body of professionals is an extremely difficult task and so it has proved with our College logo. Difficulties arose from attempts to finalize the design shown in the last newsletter and another graphic designer was asked to submit sketches. The original six of these were narrowed down by the Council and others to three final designs. Color versions of these were then produced and polaroid photographs circulated to as many fellows as possible in the limited period of time available. The views of the majority were then discussed in Council and a final vote taken. The final choice was the symbol shown on the top of this newsletter.

The design is simple, able to be reduced to letter-head size, is readily identifiable, and it encompasses characteristics particular to the discipline but not unique to any one area of pathology. Briefly, the central intertwining bands are used ambiguously to suggest both the intertwined serpents of the traditional caduceus and the double helix of DNA. The central focussed cones represent the various forms of electromagnetic radiation - light, UV, electron beams etc. The surround is a combination of a benzene ring - an integral part of organic compounds - and an image suggesting motion and dynamism. The latter is accentuated by the cut-aways at the edge which also convey a 3-D effect to the image.

Incorporated are the four Chinese characters which translate as "if pathology is sound the standard of medical practice is good." This binds well with the Latin motto chosen by the Council, from a variety suggested by Professor J.B. Gibson, ***Scientia illuminat medicinam***, "science illuminates medicine".

Much of the pressure to finalise the logo was due to the plan to present College certificates to eligible Fellows at the 1st Annual General Meeting. The presentation will be performed by Professor David Todd, President of the Interim Council of the Academy of Medicine.

The College has been successful in obtaining the

MUSEUM OF PATHOLOGY AND MEDICAL SCIENCES

Government's permission to use the Old Pathological Institute in Caine Lane on Hong Kong Island as a "Museum of Pathology and Medical Sciences"

The next phase is to ensure sufficient funds are available to provide a museum which will be a credit to the College and to Hong Kong. Incidentally part of the building will function as an office for the College and allow us a venue for College events.

What is urgently needed is the enthusiasm and involvement of young members of the pathology society in Hong Kong to assist in the various aspects of the museum.

A special afternoon tea will be arranged for Saturday afternoon 21st November to enable all to see this very special building. Please bring your family and friends - and feel free to invite potential donors.

Remember the museum when you are considering the disposal of old or obsolescent equipment, records, or in fact anything that could form part of a museum.

Many thanks to Dr Rose Yuen of Queen Elizabeth Hospital for her contribution of an old microscopes and books and to Dr Susan Leong of the Red Cross for her kind donation of an old typewriter.

I.A.P. NEWS

The HK Division of the IAP has established a "Fellowship in Diagnostic Pathology" to enable younger pathologists from China to spend from 3-6 months at a university / major hospital in Hong Kong. For further information please contact Dr HK Ng, Dept of Anatomical and Cellular Pathology, PWH.

NEW SOCIETIES

The Hong Kong Society of Neuro-pathology has recently been formed. For further information please contact Dr H.K. Ng, Dept. of Anatomical and Cellular Pathology, PWH.

A Medico-Legal Society, with a membership from the professions of the law, medicine, forensic sciences and related professions, is also being established. For further information contact the Society secretary at G.P.O. Box 12653, Hong Kong.

The College extends a warm welcome to the following:

NEW FELLOWS and ASSOCIATES

Fellows:

Dr Lau Lin Kiu (PMH)
Dr Shum Shui Fung, Bobby (FP)
Dr Wang, Elaine (GH)
Dr Yuen Kwok Yung (QMH)

Overseas Fellows:

Dr Lo Sau Him (NSW)
Dr Lin Pai Chun, Betty (Sydney)

Associates:

Dr Chan Kay Sheung, Paul (QMH)
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