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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

12th December, 1998

(A) Venue : Auditorium, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine

3:30-4:30 pm - Meeting with Trainees, Trainers
& Educational Supervisors

4:30-5:00 pm - Tour of the Academy Building

5:00-6:00 pm - T.B. TEOH Foundation Lecture

6:00-7:00 pm - EGM, AGM & Photo taking of Council

7:00-7:30 pm - Admission of Fellows

(B) Venue : Grand Hall, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine

7:30-8:00 pm - Cocktail Reception

8:00-10:00 pm - Annual Dinner

T.B. TEOH Foundation Lecture

Topic: *Confronting emerging infections: where do we position ourselves?*

Speaker: **Dr. Wilina W.L. LIM**

**Founder Fellow, Hong Kong College of Pathologists,
Consultant Medical Microbiologist,
Government Virus Unit,
Department of Health,
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Now is the busy as well as the best time of the year. Many activities are going on including academic meetings and family functions. But probably the most exciting event will be the functions on Saturday, December 12th. On that day we shall have the meeting with trainees, trainers and educational supervisors, T.B. Teoh Foundation Lecture, EGM, AGM and Fellows Admission Ceremony as well as the Annual Dinner. These functions will be held in the Auditorium and Grand Hall of the New Headquarters of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine.

Our College Chamber is situated on the 9th floor of the Academy Building and has a magnificent view. Thanks to the hard work of the Professional & General Affairs Committee, the fitting out and decorations have now been completed to our great satisfaction. Ours will certainly be among the best of the 15 College Chambers in the Academy. Please do come and judge it for yourself. There will be a conducted tour of the Academy Building immediately after the meeting with trainees.

I am looking forward to meeting all of you on 12th December, to introduce the College Chamber, and to dine with you in the Grand Hall, but most important of all to share with you the spirit of our College.

TRAINING & EXAMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The Training and Examination Committee has just finished this year's examinations for candidates in Anatomical Pathology and Forensic Pathology. It is encouraging to know that, as in past years, our trainees attempt examinations as soon as they are eligible. To be qualified early could mean a better chance for promotion and it is certainly cost effective as costs such as Examination fees, Exemption fees and Fellowship Entrance fees tend to rise each year.

The Examination fee schedule for 1999 is as follows:

Membership examination fee: \$ 7,500
Fellowship assessment fee: \$10,000

Holders of recognised overseas qualifications are usually exempted from all or parts of the Membership examination, with payment of the exemption fee.

The College will be introducing examinations in the AP/CP programme starting next year. Briefly, candidates can take the AP and CP Membership examinations in different years. Members in AP would thus be able to sit the CP portion if they acquired enough training in a CP programme. The Fellowship Assessment will consist mostly of oral sessions with a practical element. Candidates who have acquired exemption of Membership examination by holding overseas qualifications, will have their Fellowship assessment modified.

The TEC has been reviewing, for the Academy, the applications for Specialist Registration in Pathology. Since all our College Fellows are qualified, only applicants other than Fellows need to be assessed. The Academy has recently established six new Specialties, namely Anatomical Pathology, Chemical Pathology, Forensic Pathology, Haematology, Immunology and Clinical Microbiology & Infection. When the Specialty

Advisory Panels have established criteria, the TEC can start reviewing applications for registration in these Specialties

We would like to remind Education Supervisors to file in the annual report for each trainee. These form an important part of the assessment of the trainees. To explain these issues further, the TEC will invite all Education Supervisors and trainees to a meeting on the same day of the AGM. A package of information and relevant forms will also be distributed during the meeting.

The College wishes to thank the External Examiner Professor D. Henderson and the Chief Examiner, Dr RJ Collins, and the following for their assistance during this year's examinations in Anatomical Pathology: Dr P Al-

len, Dr JKC Chan, Dr KW Chan, Dr ACH Choi, Dr P Dickens, Dr KH Fu, Dr SY Lam, Prof JCK Lee, Dr KC Lee, Dr CS Ng, Prof HK Ng, Dr SW Pang, Dr MC Tang. In Forensic Pathology, the College wishes to thank the External Examiner, Professor B Knight, the Chief Examiner, Dr HK Mong, and Dr KS Wong.

EXAMINATIONS 1999

- (a) **Application Deadline** -
March 31st, 1999.
Note: Candidates should be qualified to take the examination by end of July 1999 (see training regulations for details).
- (c) **Written papers** -
Mid August 1999 (tentative).
- (d) **Practical examinations** -
Mid October 1999 (tentative).
- (e) **Oral examinations** -
Mid to late October 1999 (tentative).
- (f) **Written submissions** -
Received before mid-July 1999.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE**CME Scheme Reminder.**

Failure to complete the CME programme can have dire consequences. Please complete the forms for this year if you have not already done so.

Return the forms c/o Dr Tony Mak, Secretary of the Education Committee, Clinical Pathology Section, Tuen Mun Hospital, Tuen Mun, New Territories.

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View from just inside the entrance leading to the inner chamber



Refreshments area



Seating for 16 with views from the window towards Ocean Park

OUR COLLEGE CHAMBER AT THE HONG KONG ACADEMY OF MEDICINE HEADQUARTERS

The HKAM Building started operation in October, 1998. It comprises a 10-storey high tower block housing the Academy's administrative secretariat, the chambers of various Colleges, a library, examination rooms, as well as 13 guest rooms for overseas guests and examiners. There is a lower block consisting of an auditorium, a lecture hall and a grand hall that can seat 1,000 people for large conferences. All these facilities are now available for booking by different Colleges for examinations, administrative and scientific meetings.

Our College chamber is located on the 9th floor of the high tower block. It offers a panoramic view of the Aberdeen sports ground and the Ocean Park, whereas the 1,000 sq. m. elliptical-shaped grand hall is right underneath.

The room has a gross floor area of 50 sq m. and the computer workstations have been hooked up with the Academy's centralised computer system. It is divided into a small outer reception area and a bigger inner conference area by a series of glass cabinets displaying College valuables such as presidential plaque, medals, historical pictures and souvenirs. Facilities available in the reception area include a photocopying machine, a small refrigerator, an electric water boiler and a wash hand basin. The other two-thirds is for meeting/administrative purposes with an oval-shaped conference table for 16 persons. A computer point has been installed with cable leading to the conference table. Along the side is a series of high cabinets which store our College gowns, journals and other periodicals.

All fitting out work was completed in October and the total cost is around HK\$270,000. The monthly facilities and building management fee for the chamber is HK\$6,000. Each council member can apply for one key and the chamber is now available for booking.

Regulations for booking the chamber are as follows:

1. Contact Dr H K Mong at 2860 2468 during office hours for booking.
2. Bookings can be made at any time on a first come, first served basis but are subject to availability. Bookings should not normally be made more than 3 months in advance.
3. Key may be borrowed from one of the Council members and must be returned to the person who provided the key as soon as possible once the meeting/function is finished.
4. User(s) should tidy up the Chamber before leaving and turn off all lights, air-conditioning systems and electric machines/appliances.
5. User(s) will be responsible for the cost incurred for repair or replacement to any damaged items if the damage is caused by the user(s).

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&
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Seminar on Autoimmune Diseases

Date: 28/1/99 (Thursday)
Time: 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Venue: Room 2, M/Fl., HA building,
147B Argyle Street, Kowloon

Programme:

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. **Autoimmune Lymphoproliferative Syndrome (ALPS):**
A human disorder associated with defective lymphocyte
apoptosis
by Dr. Thomas Fleisher

7:00 – 8:00 p.m. **Autoimmune gastritis and pernicious anaemia**
by Professor Ben Hock Toh

Dr. Thomas Fleisher is the Director of the Clinical Immunology Service at the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda. His seminar topic will be developed from the basic tenants of apoptosis for normal immune function as a foundation to understand ALPS which will include clinical, flow, immune function, and genetic studies.

Professor Ben Hock Toh is the Department Head of the Department of Pathology, Monash University, Melbourne. He is also the chief examiner in Immunology of the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia. His main research interest has long been in pernicious anaemia and he found the target antigen of the anti-gastric parietal cell antibody in this disease.

2 CME points for Fellows of the Hong Kong College of Pathologists