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The Hong Kong College of Pathologists, Incorporated in Hong Kong with Limited Liability

President's Message

Season's Greetings, Happy New Year and Welcome to the new millennium!

It gives me great pleasure and pride to become the 4th President of our College with its new Council composed of experienced members and newcomers, each with valuable contributions to make.

While we are relatively few in number - with a total membership of just 245 - we have made great progress in a relatively short period. We have achieved equal and independent standing with both the Royal College of Pathologists and the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia. While it is true that both colleges have helped us in many and varied ways to enable us to attain such a position in a short time, as reflected in the comments of

our External Examiners and others, our examinations are regarded as equivalent to the corresponding examinations of the UK and Australasia. Such standing in the eyes of our senior and professional colleagues is a matter of considerable pride and a reflection on the work and dedication of those in our college involved in determining and monitoring training and examinations.

While we still have much to gain from our relationship with our sister colleges, in some aspects we are in advance - such an example is our CME program. The excellent compliance achieved with our CME programme is regarded with some envy - 100% of our Fellows attained the goals set for the first cycle. The result is due to the wholehearted support

of the fellows and also the excellent work of the members from the Education Committee who run the programme.

While the College's activities for this term continue as in previous years, some additional plans and priorities for the coming year are listed on the next page.

Our first and only manpower survey was done in 1995. Major changes have taken place in HK since then and there will be other shifts in the future. It is essential that we accurately determine the situation so we can engage in discourse with those who can influence our future. Thus a particular priority of this council will be the manpower survey. Please give your full support to this important exercise.

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Special points of interest:

- Combined Meeting in 2001 approaches
- Specialty Boards Review Training and Examinations Regulations
- Manpower Survey coming

2001 Combined Meeting HKCPATH, RCPA and IAP (HK Div)

This large undertaking will be a further major milestone in the College's development. The first meeting to initiate the preliminary organisation for this combined meeting has just been held. After discussions with the various organisations involved, and especially the

RCPA, it was decided to use the facilities of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine and its Conference Planning Staff. This should alleviate part of the burden and allow for the concentration needed to ensure a memorable and successful meeting.

It is hoped that, as the planning and organisation progresses, as many people as possible will become involved. Please forward a brief note indicating your willingness and any particular areas in which you would like to help.
Email: hkam@hkam.org.hk

COLLEGE PRIORITIES - 2000

1. Training and Examinations Committee

- 1.1 To conduct examinations and assessments.
- 1.2 To enforce the Regulations on Post-graduate Training and Examinations.
- 1.3 To examine the applications of laboratories for training and to inspect the laboratories.
- 1.4 To keep a good record of training.
- 1.5 To arrange meeting(s) with trainees, educational supervisors and trainers.
- 1.6 To promote rotation of trainees.

2. Education Committee

- 2.1 To monitor the implementation of the CME programme.
- 2.2 To organise education activities - which may be held in conjunction with other bodies.
- 2.3 To promote the distribution of publications on standards and protocols.

3. Quality Assurance Committee

- 3.1 To organise and to promote QA programmes.
- 3.2 To establish guidelines on good laboratory practice.
- 3.3 To establish guidelines on laboratory tests.

4. Working Group on Laboratory Accreditation

- 4.1 To establish the role of the College in laboratory accreditation.
- 4.2 To liaise with other organisations for the establishment of a laboratory accreditation programme.

5. Professional and General Affairs Committee

- 5.1 To promote the image of the College and Pathology.
- 5.2 To prepare an annual handbook.
- 5.3 To manage the College Chamber, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building.
- 5.4 To improve communication with members by publishing 3-4 editions of the Newsletter yearly.
- 5.5 To organise the Annual General Meeting
- 5.6 To prepare souvenirs of the College.
- 5.7 Increase transparency and communication with members through the Homepage.

6. Credentials Committee

- 6.1 To develop and explore aspects of revalidation / re-credentialling as related to the College.

7. Relationship with other bodies

- 7.1 To further strengthen relationships with overseas Colleges of Pathologists, other Colleges in the Academy of Medicine, and our counterparts in the mainland of China.
- 7.2 To further pursue mutual recognition with other Colleges of Pathologists

8. 2001 Combined Meeting

- 8.1 Coordinate planning of all aspects to ensure a successful combined meeting of the RCPA, HKCPATH and HKIAP in 2001.

College Committees

The Chairman / Convenor of the following College Committees / Groups were appointed at the 1st Council Meeting held on December 8th, 1999.

Each Chairman will be responsible for proposing the other Committee / Group members to the Council.

TRAINING & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Dr LOKE Shee Loong
Vice-Chairman Dr LEE Kam Cheong

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Dr LEE Kam Cheong
Vice-Chairman Dr LOKE Shee Loong

QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMITTEE

Chairman Dr CHEUNG Nga Yin, Annie

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Chairman Dr MAK Wai Ping

PROFESSIONAL & GENERAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Chairman Dr MONG Hoi Keung

WORKING GROUP ON LABORATORY ACCREDITATION

Convenor Dr TSE Chun Hing, Christopher

Family Day at the Academy of Medicine, Sunday January 9th, 2000.

The Hong Kong Academy of Medicine will hold a Family Day at the Academy Building in Wong Chuk Hang on 9 January 2000 organized by the House Committee and Conference Department of the Academy.

This day offers an opportunity for those who have not as yet visited the Academy Building to do so with their families. Offices of the Academy and Colleges, the Academy Council Chamber and Meeting Rooms on 7F,8/F and 9/F will be opened for touring throughout the day.

A fun day for adults and children three to eleven years of age has been planned with a buffet luncheon, movie viewing suitable for adults and children, a visit to Ocean Park and a computer workshop all offered at a very reasonable price.

Well-known companies have been invited to participate in commercial booths in the exhibition hall, selling services and products to our Fellows at special discounted prices. Products available range from Beanie Babies to Dining Discount Cards, golf equipment and accessories, leather goods, on-line books and wine.

Report from the Meeting of Academy of Medicine Educational Committee

1. The Academy of Medicine Educational Committee has started discussion on **Continuous Professional Development**. There is consensus among all Colleges that CPD should be introduced, gradually and starting on a voluntary basis. This should form the basis of re-certification. There should be no examination (at least no written examination). The content should be flexible and be determined by individual Colleges. Activities that may be incorporated include CME, Peer review, Clinical Audit and Institutional credentialisation. The Committee agreed to place the subject as a standing agenda item for discussion at each meeting. There is no agreed timetable for implementation.

2. **The Specialty of Administrative Medicine** has been established and their training programme accepted. Trainees in our College can apply and be transferred to

An Important Date for 2000

Deadline For
ALL

Examination Applications:

31st March, 2000

On this day furnished guest rooms are available for a special day-rate (10am-8pm) of \$100 on a first-come, first-serve basis for Fellows who may like to avail themselves of a family rest centre. On-site parking is also available on a first-come first served basis.

For further information or to make reservations please contact Ingrid Leung or Jacqueline Ko of the Conference Department on Tel 2871 8787 or Fax 2871 8898.

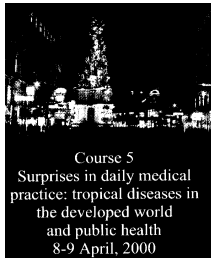
become trainees in the College of Community Medicine. Fellows with certain overseas qualifications may be qualified to become Founder Fellows.

3. A number of Colleges have finished their first cycle of CME and some have reported remedial actions. Some Fellows have been recommended to Medical Council for removal from the Specialist Registry.

4. The College of Surgeons has changed their training programme to 2 plus 4 to keep in line with training in overseas training programmes.

(Report to Council — Prepared by Dr. S.L. Loke after Meeting on 21st November 1999)

INFECTIOUS DISEASES COURSES AND POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME - 1998-2000



The Centre of Infection of the Faculty of Medicine, The University of Hong Kong is a non-profit organisation and is organising these Courses with the aim to upgrade the knowledge of medical practitioners in infectious diseases.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The Infectious Diseases Courses and Postgraduate Diploma Programme 1998-2000 is offered by the Centre of Infection, through the Faculty of Medicine, The

University of Hong Kong. It aims to improve and sustain a high standard in the management, control, and prevention of infectious diseases in Hong Kong and the nearby region by providing structured training in all aspects of infectious diseases under different clinical settings. Special emphasis will be given to clinical management, use of the diagnostic laboratory, as well as the control and prevention of infections in hospitals and the community.

It is also hoped that the course can enhance training in other medical and surgical specialties, supplement current training of clinical microbiologists, provide continuous medical education for practising clinicians, and familiarize other health care workers with infectious diseases in their many facets.

COURSE STRUCTURE

The curriculum for the diploma includes six courses.

Each course (minimum of ten hours) will be given over a period of two weekend days, three times per year for two years.

Anyone working in the field of health care or health science is eligible to enrol for the courses.

The attendee can take one or more of the six courses offered.

A certificate of attendance will be issued on completion of each course.

The fourth course was completed on 13-14 November, 1999.

CME ACCREDITATION

The following Hong Kong Colleges will award CME accreditation points to their Fellows:

College of Anaesthesiologists (5 points per course), College of Community Medicine (10 points for Courses 1 and 5), College of Dental Surgeons (10 points per course), College of Emergency Medicine (12 points per course), College

of Family Physicians (8 points per course), College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (5 points for Courses 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6; 14 points for Course 4), College of Ophthalmologists (6 points per course), College of Orthopaedic Surgeons (5 points for Courses 2 and 6), College of Otorhinolaryngologists (3 points for Courses 1 and 2, 4 points for Courses

3 and 6, 5 points for Course 4, 2 points for Course 5), College of Paediatricians (12 points per course), **College of Pathologists (10 points per course)**, College of Physicians (10 points per course), College of Psychiatrists (6 points per course), College of Radiologists (10 points for Courses 1 and 6), College of Surgeons (11 points per course).

FORTHCOMING COURSES

Course 5 - Surprises in daily medical practice: tropical diseases in the developed world and public health (8-9 April, 2000)

- Parasitic causes of infectious disease emergencies
- How to miss a case of malaria?
- Renal failure, hepatitis, and haemorrhagic fever
- Fever in the returning traveler
- Typhoid, typhus and spotted fever
- Traveller's diarrhoea - dysentery and giardiasis
- Cystic lesions in the brain
- Cholera: from seaside to bedside
- Urticaria, haemoptysis, chyluria, lumps and bumps
- Packing for a safari - a visit to the travel clinic
- Anti-malarial therapy and resistance
- PUO in Hong Kong
- Epidemiology of communicable diseases in Hong Kong
- Molecular pathogenesis of infectious diseases
- Molecular targets for antimicrobial therapy

Course 6 - Infections in immunocompromised hosts, antibiotic guidelines and optimization programme, infection control (8-9 July, 2000)

- Microbes and immunosuppression
- Neutropenic and post-neutropenic fever: policy and controversy
- Neutropenic aspergillosis spells death
- The febrile ICU patient not responding to multiple antibiotic therapy
- Post-splenectomy sepsis
- CMV diseases in transplant recipients
- Workup before immunosuppression
- Antibiotic guidelines and optimization programme
- Antivirals: how far have we gone beyond the HSV?
- Antifungals: from topical to liposomal
- Infection control guidelines: from drafting to implementation
- Steroid for the treatment of infection and immunorestitution disease
- HBV in the immunosuppressed hosts
- Antibiotic sensitivity testing
- Facing the drug representative and their brochures
- Unique features of infections in diabetic and elderly patients

INFECTIOUS DISEASES COURSES AND POST-GRADUATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME: 2000-2002

Course 1 (11-12 November, 2000)

Infectious disease update and emerging infections.

Course 2 (14-15 April, 2001)

Infectious disease emergencies, indwelling device infections, surgical and orthopaedic infections.

Course 3 (14-15 July, 2001)

Common problems in infectious diseases: to treat or not to treat?

Course 4 (10-11 November, 2001)

Daily infectious diseases rounds: QMH case records. Immunohaematology, radiology, and radionuclide imaging in ID. Genitourinary medicine and HIV problems.

Course 5 (13-14 April, 2002)

Surprises in daily medical practice: tropical diseases in the developed world and public health.

Course 6 (13-14 July, 2002)

Infections in immunocompromised hosts, antibiotic guidelines and optimization programme, infection control.

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS:

Application forms for selected courses can be obtained from the Faculty of Medicine, The University of Hong Kong.

Enquiries and requests for further information should be directed to Ms Angela Ma, Executive Officer (Tel: 2819 9290; E-mail: akfma@hkucc.hku.hk Fax: 2816 1469)

Faculty of Medicine, The University of Hong Kong, 1/F, Patrick Manson Building North Wing 7 Sassoon Road, Pokfulam, Hong Kong

FEES (Provisional):
HK\$ 1,000 for each course.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS:

Course 5:
Surprises in daily medical practice: tropical diseases in the developed world and public health (April 8-9, 2000)

Application deadline:
March 18, 2000

Course 6:
Infections in immunocompromised hosts, antibiotic guidelines and optimization programme, infection control (July 8-9, 2000)

Application deadline:
June 15, 2000

Course 5:
Application deadline:
March 18, 2000

Course 6:
Application deadline:
June 15, 2000

COLLEGE AND ACADEMY SUBSCRIPTIONS

A. College Subscription:

The Annual General Meeting on 22.11.99 endorsed maintaining the current subscription fee schedule:

Your College membership subscription for the period 1.11.1999 to 31.10.2000 is now due .

	<u>Entrance Subscription</u>	<u>Annual Subscription</u>
Honorary Fellows	Nil	Nil
Founder Fellows *	(Not applicable)	HK\$ 2,000
Fellows *	HK\$ 2,000	HK\$ 2,000
Overseas Fellows	HK\$ 2,000	HK\$ 1,000
Members	HK\$ 1,000	HK\$ 1,000
Associates	Nil	HK\$ 500

Notes:

1. *The due date for paying the annual subscription is the 1st of November of each year.*
2. *If the date of admission to membership is within 6 months from the coming 1st of November, only half of the annual subscription would be required for this period.*
3. ** For retired Founder Fellows and Fellows, only half of the annual subscription would be required.*
4. ** For Founder Fellows resident overseas, only half of the annual subscription would be required.*
5. *There will not be any reduction of subscription for Fellows residing overseas. Fellows who reside overseas can apply to change their category of membership to Overseas Fellows and they will then be eligible for the Overseas Fellow subscription rate.*
6. *On changing the category of membership, payment of the balance of the entrance subscription and annual subscription would be required.*

B. Academy Subscription:

For those College members who are also Fellows of the HK Academy of Medicine, your 2000 subscription to the Academy is due on January 1, 2000. The Academy subscription must be paid through the College.

You may now send your **Academy** subscription to the Honorary Treasurer.

The cheque / bank draft should be made payable to "The Hong Kong College of Pathologists".

The Academy Fellowship subscription schedule is shown below:

<u>Fees</u>	HK\$
Entrance Fee (new admission)	20,000
Re-entrance Fee (reinstatement of Fellowship)	2,000
<u>Subscriptions</u>	
Fellows (normal rate)	2,500
Fellows aged over 65	840
Honorary Fellow	0
Retired Fellows (Aged over 60 and retired from remunerative medical/dental practice.)	840
Overseas Fellows (Resident outside and have not practised in Hong Kong for a consecutive period of over 2 years.)	1,250
Fellows with financial hardship.	(To be considered on a case by case basis upon application)

Notes:

1. *Except for Fellows aged over 65, all applicant for reduced rates will be considered only upon formal written request.*
2. *Age will be counted to 31st of December for the current year.*
3. *Application for overseas subscription rate must be accompanied by independent supportive documents (e.g. landing proof, utilities bills, employment certifications, certification by the applicant's parent College) showing that the applicant has been residing outside Hong Kong for a consecutive period of over 2 years.*
4. *All reduced rates will be effective from the next subscription year after approval of application.*
5. *All subscriptions will be subject to a surcharge of 5% if settled after 30th June of the subscription year.*

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