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President's Message - RJ Collins

Joint Congress with RCPA, HK(Div) IAP and HKCPATH - Challenges and Opportunities in Pathology

The planned number of editions of the Newsletter for this year have lagged, but I am sure fellows appreciate that, in addition to our usual busy schedule, the Joint Congress is taking up a large part of our College resources.

On behalf of all involved in the Joint Congress, may I compliment you on your enthusiastic support and hard work. We have had a most excellent response from our fellows, members and trainees. I would also like to take this opportunity to gratefully acknowledge the considerable interest and support given by our medical technology colleagues.

The excellent program has also played a major role in encouraging participation. For the small number who

have not yet registered, may I encourage you to do so soon. Apart from the excellent scientific program, it is an ideal opportunity to meet with old friends and make new ones. Please also remember to register for the social events. Your presence as honorary consuls for Hong Kong will add to our visitors enjoyment and satisfaction.

Update on the College's Moves Towards Laboratory Accreditation

You will be aware of the College's strong support for this aspect of medical laboratory activities and the fact that we have been pushing for a suitable system for Hong Kong for a number of years. The College continues in this role and has had some degree of success in recent times. We had received a reply from the Commissioner of Innovation and Technology (who oversees HOKLAS [Hong Kong Laboratory Accreditation

Scheme]) indicating that the Commissioner needed policy support from the Health and Welfare Bureau before considering extending the scope of HOKLAS to include medical laboratories. The College thus wrote to the Secretary for Health and Welfare who has now replied that the Bureau supported the proposal to introduce a local laboratory accreditation scheme for medical laboratories. The Secretary went on to say that, subject to securing required resources, the Commissioner of Innovation and Technology will extend the scope of HOKLAS to cover all medical laboratories. This matter awaits further consideration by Council.

Our Tenth Anniversary Souvenir Book

To mark this, our 10th anniversary, we are producing a book documenting the history of the College and including a range of content

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Special points of interest:

- COP 2001, the Combined Congress Draws Close.
- Plan to be at the 10th AGM - OUR ANNIVERSARY!!



Challenges and Opportunities in Pathology
COP 2001 - HAVE YOU REGISTERED??

CELEBRATE OUR 10TH ANNIVERSARY RESERVE SATURDAY NOVEMBER 24TH FOR YOUR COLLEGE

10TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
10TH TB TEOH FOUNDATION LECTURE
HONG KONG ACADEMY OF MEDICINE
NOVEMBER 24TH 2001

from photographs, historical matters and miscellany. While it is now progressing well, there is still time to forward any material or suggestions that you think may assist in making the production more memorable. Send your contributions either to myself, Dr Que Tak Lung (quetl@ha.org.hk) or Dr Steve Wong Koon Sang (wongks@graduate.hku.hk)

College Examinations

The examination period is upon us once again. There are 10 candidates for Fellowship Assessment in Anatomical Pathology, 2 in Forensic Pathology and 1 each in Haematology and Microbiology. In addition there are 4 candidates presenting for the Membership Examination in Anatomical Pathology. We wish all the best of luck in their endeavors.

The Inspection of Laboratories for Training

The most recent cycle of this large and complex task has now been completed by the Training and Examination Committee with the help of numerous fellows and will be considered by the Council shortly. The

exercise has been fine-tuned over the years with the aim of maximizing the objectivity of the inspections. Remembering that the key goal of inspection is ensuring our trainees exposure to optimal training conditions, it is interesting to note that we had 60 active trainees in 2000. While the majority by far were in Anatomical Pathology, all disciplines, with the exception of AP/CP, had trainees.

College Involvement in Anti-Smoking Activities

In response to a request for our involvement in both the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine and Hong Kong Medical Association activities to support the Government's Consultation Document on Tobacco Control, the Council proposed Dr Maria Wong should represent the College. In response to a request for active participation, the College mounted a computer graphics display for the Open Day of the Hong Kong Museum of Medical Sciences. The presentation, with the title "*Smoking Only Affects Your Lungs?*", showed in graphic detail the multitude of effects smoking has on the body. The display is suitable for use in other venues and we may explore this option.

Training and Examinations Committee - SL Loke

Revised Regulations on Postgraduate Training and Examinations

The Committee has now completed the revision of the College *Regulations On Postgraduate Training and Examinations*. The changes have been approved by the Education Committee of the Academy and will be implemented for the new batch of trainees starting from July 2001. The printed copies will be distributed to all Educational Supervisors and new trainees as soon as they are available. Please note that the new Regulations will only apply to NEW trainees, while those currently in training programmes will not be affected.

Trainee Logbook

During the process of revision, we realised that it might be difficult to extract from the Regulations exactly what form of experiences are expected of the trainees in completing the programme. To obviate this problem, the Committee have decided to introduce a log book system. This log book would serve as a record of the training activities of each trainee.

Various aspects of the different programmes and associated forms of expected experience would be listed, and the responsible trainers would sign against the activities to document satisfactory completion of the training concerned.

One part of the log book would also serve as the trainee's annual submission to be recorded in the TEC. We expect this submission to ultimately replace the current annual report on trainees.

We will trial run the system before full implementation.

Trainee Rotation

As in previous years, we strongly encourage rotation of trainees during their training and this should generally be to other hospitals or institutes. The aim remains to optimize training through exposure to all the advantages to be gained by working in a different setting. Claiming compliance to the requirement by using half-hearted or part-time rotations to similar labs next-door or even in the same laboratory cynically

negates the exercise. While college pre-approval is recommended but not necessary for local rotations, the TEC still vets all claimed rotations and may request the trainee and Educational Supervisor to provide ample evidence that the requirements set out in the Regulations are satisfied.

Recognised Overseas Qualifications (ROQ)

The Committee also revised its view on Recognised Overseas Qualifications (ROQ). Holders of these qualifications would still be deemed to have 3-5 years of recognised training which varies with different qualification. However, for these holders to be eligible for Fellowship Assessment, a specified period of post-ROQ training would be required. For local trainees applying for exemption of Membership Examination by holding a ROQ, acceptance to Fellowship Assessment would follow the published Regulations.

Please Support
the
Joint Scientific Meeting
**INFECTIOUS DISEASES
AND AMBULATORY MEDICINE**

October 27-28th, 2001
Hong Kong Academy of Medicine
Jockey Club Building

You will already have received a more detailed notice of this two-day meeting which is co-organised by the HK College of Physicians, HK College of Family Physicians, HK College of Paediatricians and the HK College of Pathologists. In that program you will have noted several of our fellows are contributing. Please give your support and take the opportunity to meet with our colleagues from the other colleges within the Academy.

Quality Assurance Committee - Annie Cheung

A survey is being conducted in an attempt to find out the types of external QA programs subscribed to by our local laboratories.

The committee is considering granting of certificates to the subscribing laboratories. The certificate would be issued by the QA Committee to the subscribed laboratories as well as to subscribing individuals.

There will be a change in format of the Chemical Pathology program. Future programs would be in the form of case festivals, which would replace the regular sample mailing to different hospitals. The case festivals would be conducted by chemical pathologists. The participants would preferably be medically qualified persons.

The QAP program in Haematology will be adjourned for the moment due to the limited manpower and number of participants.

Credentials Committee - WP Mak

Continuous Professional Development and the College

Following the publication of the revised draft of the College's programme for consultation and comments in the last Newsletter, none has been received to date.

If I do not receive comments by the end of September 2001, I will assume there are no problems and submit the revised draft to our College Council for endorsement.

Subsequently, it will be presented to the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine at the appropriate time for approval by the Education Committee prior to implementation



7th Indo Pacific Congress on Legal

Medicine and Forensic Sciences

INPALMS

Melbourne 16-21 September 2001.

It's still not too late to get the latest updates on issues such as:-

The Use and Abuse of Human Tissues.

Investigating Medical Misadventures.

Forensic Medicine and Human Rights.

Forensic Education and Training.

Traffic Medicine and Road Safety.

Forensic Sciences in Injury and Death Prevention.

Website www.vifp.monash.edu.au/inpalms2001/



COP 2001 - PROGRAMME LIST BY DISCIPLINE

HAVE YOU REGISTERED ?



All Delegates - THURSDAY 4th

Analytical excellence in the Medical Laboratory: What do you need? How can we help? (Organized by RCPA Quality Assurance Programs Pty. Ltd.)

- 9.15 How does QA improve your laboratory? What support can a QA program provide?
- 9.45 Benchmarking in Pathology: A new program providing comprehensive peer review
- 10.15 A consumer's view of QA programs
- 10.30 The trend towards graphical/pictorial reporting
- 11.30 AP/CP: Presentations; internet-based eQAP and peer review
HAEM/TF/SER/CP: Styles of reporting and data management with emphasis on use of color, graphical reporting and detailed data analysis
MIC/SER/IMM: Discussions on text-based qualitative and semi-quantitative reporting
- 14.00 AP/CP: New initiatives. Programs for individual participants. The internet and electronic QA
HAEM/TF/SER/CP: Peer review and consideration whether results are acceptable for patient care. The internet and electronic QA
MIC/SER/IMM: New report formats. Considerations on delivery of QA to distant sites. The internet and electronic QA
- 15.00 Reports from groups. General discussion and concluding remarks
- 16.00 Identifying and responding to the requirements of the laboratory
- 16.30 General discussion. Concluding remarks



All Delegates - FRIDAY 5th

1600-1730: **RCPA Quality Assurance, Scientific and Education Committee Session:**
QASEC activities 2001 (J Grace, Aust)



Anatomical Pathology – FRIDAY 5th

SYMPOSIUM:

1000: Controversial and problematic oral lesions
(P Morgan, UK; Faculty of Oral Pathology, RCPA)

LUNCH SEMINAR:

HER-2 expression in breast cancer (F. Soerensen, Denmark)

EDUCATIONAL SESSION:

1130: Familial cancer and genetic testing in surgical pathology (P Waring, Aust)

LECTURES:

0900: The histopathologists role in the recognition of oral premalignancy (P Morgan)

1000: Genetics, Ethics and Ewe (F Silva, USA)

1130: Disorders of odontogenic tissues: Can new techniques assist diagnosis?
(P Morgan, UK)

1130: Looking backward, thinking forward (D Weedon, Aust)

SLIDE SEMINARS:

1400: Odontogenic cysts and tumours: Variations and rare variants
(P Morgan, UK & Faculty of Oral Pathology, RCPA)

1400: Mastering the diagnosis and classification of thymic epithelial tumours in 90 minutes
(J Chan, Hong Kong)

1600: Board of Education: Surgical pathology slide seminar.



Anatomical Pathology – SATURDAY 6th

SYMPOSIUM: Dermatopathology

0900-0930: Dermatopathology – New entities in dermatopathology
(D Weedon, Aust)

1000-1030: Dermatopathology – Clues, controversies and confusion in dermatopathology
(D Weedon, Aust)

WORKSHOP:

0900-1230: Approach to the classification and interpretation of renal biopsies, with discussion
of instructive cases (F Silva, USA)

0500-1730: Practical problems and solutions in diagnosis of thyroid tumours
(J Chan, Hong Kong)

LECTURES:

1130-1230: Exploration of the genome with gene-chip technology
(L McAllister, USA – Affymetrix sponsored speaker)

1400-1500: IgA Nephropathy (F Silva, USA)

SLIDE SEMINARS:

0900-1100: Challenges in surgical pathology: New entities and new concepts
(J Chan, Hong Kong)

1400-1730: Dermatopathology (D Weedon, Aust)



Anatomical Pathology – SUNDAY 7th

EDUCATIONAL SESSION:

0930-1230: Presentation of 8 FNAB cases of breast lesion
(Moderators: B Lin, Aust; M Chan, HK) (Organized by HK Soc of Cytol)

LECTURE:

0830-0930: Fine needle aspiration in palpable and non-palpable breast lesions – over the years
(K Lindholm, Sweden)

SLIDE WORKSHOPS:

0830-1230: Iatrogenic lesions – learning by collective experience

1300-1530: Companion Meeting - Cytology Workshop on FNAB of Breast Lesions
(K Lindholm, Sweden)



Clinical Chemistry – SATURDAY 6th

EDUCATION SESSIONS:

0900-1000: Clinical application of circulating plasma nucleic acids (D Lo, Hong Kong)

1000-1100: Toxicology of herbal products in Hong Kong (A Chan, Hong Kong)

1500-1530: CAP Accreditation: QMH experiences (S Tam, Hong Kong)

1600-1700: Inherited metabolic diseases in Hong Kong (N Tang, Hong Kong)

1700-1730: Mutation detection using denaturing high-performance liquid chromatography
(P Poon, Hong Kong)

LECTURES:

1130-1230: Genome-wide detection of chromosomal imbalances in mouse and human
tumours using BAC microarray (WW Cai, USA)

1400-1500: The human genome project and the future of pharmacogenetics (D Nebert, USA)



Forensic Pathology – FRIDAY 5th

SYMPOSIUM: Toxicology

1600-1615: Drug deaths in Guangzhou, People's Republic of China
(Sun Yat-sen Medical School, PRC)

1615-1630: Drug deaths in Australia (S Cordner., Aust)

1630-1645: Drug deaths in Hong Kong (HK Mong, Hong Kong)

1645-1700: Toxicologic analysis of hair in drug deaths, a pilot study (P Beh / A Liang, Hong Kong)

LECTURE:

1400-1530: Pathological investigation of drug-related deaths: meeting the challenges of
new street drugs (SB Karch, USA)



Haematology – FRIDAY 5th

SYMPOSIUM: Red Cells

1400-1430: Congenital hemolytic anaemia (E Gordon-Smith, UK)

1430-1500: β -globin gene regulation and thalassemia (P Ho, Aust)

1500-1530: Interactions between α -thalassemia and β -thalassemia in Chinese (ESK Ma, Hong Kong)

EDUCATION

SESSIONS: Molecular Biology and Haematology

0900-0930: Minimal residual disease (A Morley, Aust)

1000-1030: Human Genome Project: impact on haematology (R Trent, Aust)

1030-1100: Telomeres (P Lansdorp, Canada)

LECTURE:

1130-1230: Clonal evolution in aplastic anaemia (E Gordon-Smith, UK)



Haematology – SATURDAY 6th

SYMPOSIUM: Coagulation and Haemostasis

1400-1430: Laboratory testing for thrombophilia (B Chong, Aust)

1430-1500: Inherited platelet disorders: pathogenesis and therapeutic options (D Wei, H K)

1500-1530: Thrombosis in the Chinese population (M Ng, Hong Kong)

EDUCATION SESSIONS: Advances in Malignant Haematology and Blood Transfusion

0900-1000: Advances in myeloma (DE Joshua, Aust)

1000-1030: Hypereosinophilic syndrome (SH Lee, Singapore)

1030-1100: Selecting risk-free donor blood: present and future trends (G Cheng, Hong Kong)

1400-1530: Hodgkin's lymphoma (S. Poppema, Netherlands)

LECTURE:

1130-1230: Hematopoietic stem cells (P Landsdorp, Canada)



Immunology – FRIDAY 5th

SYMPOSIUM: Autoimmune Diseases

- 1400-1430: Autoimmune lymphoproliferative syndrome :defect in Fas mediated lymphocyte apoptosis (T Fleischer, USA)
- 1430-1500: The pathogenetic role of anti-dsDNA and its implication in treatment of lupus nephritis – experience from Hong Kong (KN Lai, Hong Kong)
- 1500-1530: Pathogenesis and treatment of scleroderma (CS Lau, Hong Kong)
- 1600-1630: Autoantibodies against nuclear antigens (T Fleisher, USA)
- 1630-1700: Autoantibodies in rheumatic diseases: the Hong Kong profile (YET Chan, Hong Kong)



Immunology – SUNDAY 7th

LECTURE:

- 1130-1230: Controlling HIV infection: virus evolution treatment and immune recovery (W O'Brien, USA)

SYMPOSIUM: Immunology of Infectious Diseases

- 0930-1000: Serology in tuberculosis (KY Yuen, Hong Kong)
- 1000-1030: Immunology of chronic viral infection; the Asian perspective (MH Ng, Hong Kong)
- 1030-1100: The influence of CD4 as a surrogate marker: the influence of ethnicity and age (KM Kam, Hong Kong)



Microbiology – FRIDAY 5th

SYMPOSIUM: Current challenges in infection control.

0900-1000: Hand washing: Is it necessary? (WH Seto, Hong Kong)

1000-1030: Surveillance of infection in hospital (D Lyon, Hong Kong)

1030-1100: Infection control and quality assurance (M Whitby, Australia)

1130-1200: Latest technologies in infection control (P Ching, Hong Kong)

1200-1230: The Maryland quality indicator project: the Singapore experience
(ML Ling, Singapore)

SYMPOSIUM: The Clinical Laboratory and Infectious Diseases

1400-1500: Molecular typing (M Struelens, Belgium)

1500-1600: Outbreak investigation (D Tsang, Hong Kong)

1600-1630: Partnership between clinical and public health laboratories (B Duerden)

1630-1700: Emerging infections: role of clinical laboratories (W Lim, Hong Kong)

1700-1730: Case presentation (TL Que, Hong Kong)



Microbiology – SATURDAY 6th

SYMPOSIUM: Susceptibility Testing and Antibiotic Use.

0900-1000: The latest in NCCLS (J Jorgensen, USA)

1000-1030: Resistance detection (M Struelens, Belgium)

1030-1100: Monitoring antimicrobial resistance (J Tapsall, Aust)

1130-1200: Antibiotic susceptibility testing and clinical laboratories (J Jorgensen, USA)

1200-1230: Antibiotic policies (CR Kumana, Hong Kong)

SYMPOSIUM: Looking to the Future in Clinical Microbiology

1400-1500: The future of clinical microbiology (BI Duerdin, UK)

1500-1530: Automation in clinical microbiology (R Yung, Hong Kong)

1600-1630: Application of molecular methods (M Peiris, Hong Kong)

1630-1700: Fungal infections in immunocompromised patients (KY Yuen, Hong Kong)

1700-1730: Continuous quality improvement in clinical microbiology (WH Seto, HK)

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