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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

All who attended the Inauguration of the Academy of Medicine on Thursday 9th December were most impressed by the proceedings.

The ceremony was attended by such a large congregation of our colleagues from the various colleges that the use of an adjacent room with video facilities was needed for the overflow of attendees. The colourful gowned and hatted distinguished representatives from the various overseas colleges and professional bodies combined with the colours on the gowns of the Academy office bearers and the presidents of the various Colleges of the Academy made quite a spectacle on the main stage.

While our College was proportionately a little under-represented, we had a central position in the audience and so declared our position as a founder College of the Academy. Many of the College fellows present were able to wear our new college gown, hood and cap and these compared very well with those of the other colleges. The dinner which followed was well attended and was itself quite spectacular.

Forum on Manpower Planning in Pathology.

The overseas speakers at this forum held on the 10th December presented the experience of overseas Colleges concerning manpower planning in the UK, Europe and Australasia. Professor Muller, Professor Bellingham and Professor Ian Lauder spoke of their experiences in this area. Of particular interest was the view of the Hospital Authority, presented by Dr Lawrence Lai, Deputy Chief Development Officer, and that of the Department of Health, as given by Dr Paul Saw, Assistant Director. The

presentations stimulated lively discussion amongst all those present. Professor David Todd summed up the proceedings and spoke of the future role of the Academy in training and manpower.

A summary encompassing most of the material covered is being prepared and will be available from the Registrar.

The **Quality Assurance Seminar** held on the following Saturday, December 11th, was a success with interesting and informative presentations by all the speakers. The universal nature of the interest and pressures to maintain and improve our proficiency in this area of our practice was apparent from the content of the talks given by speakers from other regions. The experiences of others is particularly useful for the College as it moves further into what will be one of its major roles. Many thanks to Professor John Masarei for organizing the event and to all the guest speakers.

The **Admission of New Fellows** followed the QA Seminar. This was the first occasion in which we were able to enact the full ceremony and the significance of the occasion was further enhanced by the presence of the President of the UK College, Professor Alastair Bellingham, and the President of the Australasian College, Professor Konrad Muller, on the stage with the Council for the presentations. The names of the newly admitted fellows are given below.

The **2nd Annual General Meeting** followed with the election of the new Council. The names and addresses of the new Office Bearers and Councilors are:

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The retiring members from the last Council are the Honorary Treasurer **Dr PC Wu** and Councillors **Dr Susan Leong, Dr WL Ng, Dr WH Seto, Dr CH Tse and Dr David Yip** - each shares in the early success of the College and the College is indebted to them all. It is most pleasing that they will continue in their roles on the various committees and bodies of the College.

Admission of Honorary Fellows.

The Annual General Meeting unanimously endorsed the Council's proposal that Professor David Todd, Professor Alastair Bellingham and Professor Konrad Muller be admitted to the College as Honorary Fellows. Each has given considerable time and support to the College in both its gestation and founding periods and all continue to give unswerving support. We warmly welcome Professor Todd, Professor Muller and Professor Bellingham to the College as our Honorary Fellows.

The 2nd TB Teoh Foundation Lecture given by Professor Ian Lauder on the topic "*Applications of In-Situ Hybridization Techniques*", was a succinct summary of the progress made from the early applications of this technology up to the current uses and directions for the future.

The total membership of our College is now 202 with 10 Honorary Fellows, 88 Founder Fellows, 39 Fellows, 13 Overseas Fellows, 27 Members and 24 Associates.

NEW FELLOWS formally admitted at the AGM, 11th December, 1993:

Dr. **CHAN YUK TAT ERIC**.
Dr. **CHEUNG NGA YIN ANNIE**.
Dr. **JONES MARTYN GREGORY**.
Dr. **HA SHAU YIN**.
Dr. **KHOO UI SOON**.
Dr. **LAM WOON YEE**.
Dr. **LEUNG SUET YI**.
Dr. **MAK KONG LING COLIN**.
Dr. **POON SUET PING CYCLES**.
Dr. **S. RAJAKULENDRAN**.
Dr. **LAKSHMAN PERERA SAMARANAYAKE**
Dr. **TSANG NGAI CHONG DOMINIC**.
Dr. **RICHARD ALEXANDER WILLIAMS**.
Dr. **YEUNG TON CHEUNG WILSON**.
Dr. **YUEN SIU TSAN**.

FELLOWS admitted in-absentia on 11th December, 1993:

Dr. **GREGORY CHENG**.
Dr. **CHOU SHEUNG TO**.
Dr. **TSO CHI BUN**.
Dr. **WAN SUK KING**.
Dr. **PEH SUET CHENG**.
Dr. **LOO KA TAI**.
Dr. **IAN MADDISON CALDER**.
Dr. **DICK LEE**.
Dr. **LEE KAI CHUNG ARTHUR**.
Dr. **MAK LOK**.
Prof **KEITH BRIAN SHILKIN**.
Dr. **WONG WOON TO**.

TRAINING AND EXAMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The new Committee consists of Professor FCS Ho (Chairman), Dr KW Chan (Vice-chairman), Dr SL Loke (Secretary), Dr KL Au, Dr LC Chan, Dr RJ Collins, Dr J Lawton, Dr WP Mak, Professor JRL Masarei, Dr HK Ng, Dr WH Seto and Dr David Yip.

Registration of trainees will be started soon and it is hoped that associates of the College will be able to meetings.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The new Education committee consists of Dr KL Au (Chairman), Dr Dominic Tsang (Vice Chairman), Dr Elaine Wang (Secretary), Dr J Chan, Professor FCS Ho (ex-officio), Dr PK Hui, Dr Lily Ma, Professor JRL Masarei and Dr Raymond WH Yung.

A very successful **Haematology Workshop** on haematological malignancies was held on January 29-30th, 1994 and was coordinated by Dr KL Au (PMH). The Hospital Authority kindly agreed to provide considerable financial support and so allowed the organizers to invite a special overseas guest speaker, Dr E. Matutes from the Royal Marsden Hospital, London.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The Credentials Committee of the College, which is responsible for assessing and recommending to Council all applications for associateship, membership and fellowship of the College, consists of Professor JCK LEE (Chairman), Dr WP MAK (Secretary), Dr RJ COLLINS, Professor JRL MASAREI, Dr HK MONG, Dr Wilina WL LIM and Dr KL AU

PROFESSIONAL & GENERAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The new Committee consists of Dr RJ Collins (Chairman), Dr Maria Wong (Secretary), Dr Phil Lip Beh, Dr CK Lin, Dr HK Mong and Dr Dominic Tsang. Please feel free to approach any of the committee if you have suggestions or comments.

Many Fellows will have now seen the college gown, hood and cap. Sufficient have been purchased for

use by the Council and new fellows or those wishing to borrow a gown for a special occasion, however if fellows wish to purchase a gown they may do so - please contact Dr Collins.

Concerning progress on the College tie and scarf, the sample for the college tie submitted by the initial company was unsuitable and so another supplier is being approached. A consequence of improving the quality is that the price for the ties will be higher but should still be only about HK\$60 each.

QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMITTEE

The new committee consists of Professor JRL Masarei (Chairman), Dr CK Lin (Vice-Chairman), Dr Anthony CC Shek (Secretary), Professor JCK Lee, Dr WL Ng, Dr WH Seto and Dr David Wei.

The Quality Assurance Seminar, held on December 11th, hopefully resulted in a better understanding of the principles and practice involved in Q.A. and will aid in the continuing development in Hong Kong.

The British Council International Course on **QUALITY ASSURANCE IN CLINICAL LABORATORIES** will be held from September 11-22, 1994 in Birmingham, UK. "The seminar will examine the full range of aspects of QA in clinical laboratories. It is aimed at senior staff (medical scientific and technical) in hospital, academic and independent laboratories." Applications should be made before 17 June, 1994; the number of participants is limited to 30. Course fee is £990 and accommodation is £770 giving a total cost of £1760. Further information and a prospectus can be obtained from Educational Exchanges Officer, The British Council, Easey Commercial Building, 255 Hennessy Road, Hong Kong. Phone 879 5138 or Fax 519 9689.

HONG KONG MUSEUM OF MEDICAL SCIENCES

The steering committee of the Museum has been enlarged. It consists of Professor FCS HO (Chairman), Dr HK MONG (Vice-Chairman). Dr Albert CHAN (Secretary), Mr CHOONG Yin Lee (Hon Architectural Consultant), Mr Peter MARK (Hon Legal Adviser), Mr Gerard PENNY (Hon Financial Advisor), Dr MH TAI (Hon Scientific Adviser), Mrs Mary LEONG (Hon Resources Officer), Professor Gerald CHOA, Professor JCK LEE, Dr Susan LEONG, Dr WP MAK and Dr RJ COLLINS.

The **TARGET** date for opening the Museum is October 1994 providing we can raise at least \$3 million for internal refurbishments by March 1994. The existing amount of donations is \$1 .6M.

Your help is vital in seeking contributions of any size from friends colleagues and the community. All donations will be acknowledged and donors contributing \$10,000 or more will have their names engraved on a plaque at the entrance lobby.

Do remember the museum when you are considering the disposal of any equipment, records, etc. (Contact Dr Rob Collins, phone: 8554009 or fax: 8725197 for information.)

NEW FELLOWS MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES

The College extends a warm welcome to the following:

Honorary Fellows :

Professor David **Todd**
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Dr S. **RAJAKULENDRAN** (KWH)
Dr **CHAU** Kai Yin (QMH)
Dr **MAK** Lok (PRIVATE)
Dr **NG** Heung Ling Margaret (PWH)
Dr **WONG** Hon Man (FORENSIC)

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Dr **LEE** Wai Ki (TMH)

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Dr **KHIN** Khin Sein (FORENSIC)
Dr **YUEN** Ka Wai (FORENSIC)
Dr **AUNG** Myint (KWH)
Dr Teresa Mary Margaret **THOMAS** (KWH)
Dr **MAK** Yuen Fun (KWH)

OBITUARY

It is with great sadness that we record the death of Professor James Blackburn Gibson OBE, MD, FRCP (Edin.), FRCPath, FRCPA, Hon DSc, Professor of Pathology, University of Hong Kong 1963-1983, Dean of Medicine 1972-78 and Professor Emeritus, on December 24th 1993 in Invernesshire, Scotland.

Professor Gibson was elected Honorary Fellow of our College at its inception in recognition of his many contributions to pathology education and practice in Hong Kong. He maintained an active interest in all College affairs even after his retirement. We will miss his wise counsel and friendship and express our sincere condolences to Mrs Gibson and family members. A memorial service will be held on 4th February 1994 at the Union Church, Kennedy Rd, at 5.30pm.

At Mrs Gibson's request, in lieu of flowers, donations may be sent through the College to the Academy of Medicine for a special item in the headquarters to be named after Professor Gibson.

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PLEASE NOTE:

We hope to publish a comprehensive listing of a full year's local and international events which we hope are of interest to College members. Your help in compiling such a list would be greatly appreciated both by the editor and especially the readers of the Newsletter. Please pass on any information you feel may be suitable to the address below.

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