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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our new President, Dr Mak Wai Ping writes:

As we advance from the year of the pig to the year of the rat, the number of College activities which need to be organized and implemented continues to increase.

The Council has established the following priorities at the first meeting held in January this year:-

1. **Training and Examinations**
 - 1.1 To conduct examinations and assessments.
 - 1.2 To arrange meeting(s) with trainees.
 - 1.3 To update the regulations on post-graduate training and examinations.
 - 1.4 To promote and enforce the rotation of trainees.
 - 1.5 To revise the application forms used by laboratories seeking approval of training.
 - 1.6 To conduct laboratory inspections.
2. **Education**
 - 2.1 To finalize the CME programme and to monitor its implementation.
 - 2.2 To organize education activities, such as scientific meetings, which may be in conjunction with other local bodies.
 - 2.3 To collaborate with the Hospital Authority in their Commissioned Training Program.
 - 2.4 To promote and distribute publication on standards and protocols.
3. **Quality Assurance**
 - 3.1 To organize and to promote QA programmes for local hospitals and institutes.
 - 3.2 To support Laboratory Accreditation.

4. **Relationships with other bodies**

- 4.1 To further strengthen relationships with overseas Colleges of Pathologists, other Colleges in the Academy of Medicine and our counterparts in mainland China.

To further pursue mutual recognition with other Colleges of Pathologists.

5. **Professional and General Affairs Committee**

- 5.1 To promote the image of the College and Pathology.
- 5.2 To prepare the College Yearbook for 1996.
- 5.3 To plan for the new College Chamber in the permanent Academy Head-quarters.
- 5.4 To prepare the Presidential chain-of-office, greeting cards of the College and an accessory (eg. scarf or brooch) suitable for the female members of the College.

6. **To improve communication with members,** including publishing 3-4 issues of the Newsletters each year.

7. **To continue to support the Museum of Medical Sciences** which opens in March.

Office Bearers and Members of the various committees, panels and working groups have been appointed and many are listed in this Newsletter. I feel sure that all will do their best to ensure the continued development of the College and to further raise Pathology standards in Hong Kong.

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The College is only as strong as its members. The active participation of all College members and the expression of their valuable advice in all College matters is most welcome.

On behalf of the Council, I wish you all a prosperous year of the rat !

Membership of College

The total membership of our College is now **232** with **12** Honorary Fellows, **88** Founder Fellows, **63** Fellows, **13** Overseas Fellows, **12** Members and **44** Associates.

TRAINING AND EXAMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The new Training and Examinations Committee consists of Dr Chan Keeng Wai (Chairman), HK Ng (Vice-chairman), Dr SL Loke (Secretary), Dr CH Tse, Dr WP Mak, Dr KL Au, Dr Augustine Cheng, Prof PC Wu and the Chief Examiners in the various disciplines: Dr LC Chan (Haem), Dr RJ Collins (AP), Dr CS Feng (CP/AP), Prof ED Janus (Clin Chem), Dr J Lawton (Immun), Dr HK Mong (Forensic), Dr WH Seto (Micro)

Dates for Examinations:

The written examinations will be held in August 1996, with the orals / practicals in October 1996.

All potential candidates should write to the Secretary of the TEC stating their intentions as soon as possible, and not later than the deadline of the end of April.

Other work to be undertaken by the current committee this year include:

1. To arrange meetings with trainees.
2. To update "Regulations on Postgraduate Training and Examinations"
3. To revise the application forms for

approval of laboratories for training.
4. To conduct laboratory inspections.

Concerning item 4., as required by the HKAM, the College is organising the inspection of training laboratories. The first round of inspection has to be finished within the next four years. All fellows who have attained Consultant status will be invited to join the panel of inspectors. Less senior fellows will be encouraged to participate as junior inspectors in order to gain experience. Education supervisors will be asked to update the information on their laboratories in the records of the College. The scope of the inspection will be based on these records. The co-operation of all is essential for the success of this exercise.

APPLICATIONS FOR EXAMINATIONS in '96

All applications for Membership and Fellowship examinations for this year should be submitted before the end of April, 1996.

The Secretary of the Training and Examinations Committee would appreciate receiving all

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The new committee is Dr KL Au (Chairman), Dr KC Lee (Vice-chairman), Dr SK Wan (Secretary), Dr Albert YW Chan, Dr KW Chan, Prof JCK Lee, Dr Lily Ma and Dr MS Tsui.

Continuing Medical Education

The Academy has progressed quickly with the CME program and so the proposed College pilot has not been instituted.

The following are the Principles and Guidelines of the CME programme as prepared by the Academy Education Committee and approved by the Academy Council in December 1995.

THE HONG KONG ACADEMY OF MEDICINE

Principles and Guidelines on Continuing Medical Education (CME)

1. Objective of CME

The purpose of CME is to keep Fellows informed and up-to-date, and to maintain a high standard of professional practice.

2. Supervision of CME

a) CME programmes established by the Colleges must be clearly defined and approved by the Education Committee of the Academy.

b) Any changes to established CME programmes require the approval of the Education Committee of the Academy.

c) The Academy should ensure compliance with CME requirements by imposing sanctions, which may include suspension of Fellowship.

d) Fellows must fulfill the full requirements of the CME programme by the end of each cycle.

e) The Education Committee of the Academy may recommend to the Council of the Academy the suspension of a Fellow who has failed to comply with CME requirements by the end of each cycle, unless the Committee is satisfied that there are

relevant and exceptional circumstances. Furthermore, the Committee has to be satisfied that the shortfall can be remedied within an acceptable time.

3. The Cycle

- a) A cycle of CME assessment shall consist of 3 years
- b) The cycle commences within 6 months after a Fellow of the Academy is admitted. The date of commencement for each Fellow should be recorded. A new cycle commences at the conclusion of the previous cycle.
- c) A College should report to the Education Committee of the Academy any Fellow of the Academy who fails to comply with CME requirements at the end of the cycle. The Education Committee should then consider sanction.

4. Measurement of Activities

A point of CME activity is equivalent to one hour of audience participation in a Formal College Approved Postgraduate Meeting (FCAPM)

5. Accredited CME Activities

5.1 Self Study

- a) Self study is accepted as a form of CME.
- b) One hour of self study is ordinarily awarded 1 Point.
- c) Self study is only accredited with prior approval from the College concerned, and with the necessary evidence that it has been carried out diligently.

5.2 Passive Participation

One hour of Passive Participation at a FCAPM is ordinarily accepted as the basic unit of CME (1 Point).

5.3 Active Participation

- a) Active participation is when a Fellow is either chairing or presenting in a FCAPM.
- b) Active Participation can be awarded more than 1 Point. For example, 3 Points if no collection of data is involved, 6 Points if collection or analysis of data is involved. The number of Points to be awarded should be decided by individual Colleges.

5.4 Publications

- a) No more than 10 Points can be awarded to each Fellow for any single publication.
- b) Other than text books (thesis will be regarded as text books), papers in indexed journals (e.g. Medline) or journals published by the Academy or its constituent Colleges, no other publication can be awarded any Points unless prior agreement from the relevant College has been obtained prior to publication.

5.5 Research

Research activity in itself does not attract any CME Points.

5.6 Quality Assurance

Quality Assurance activity in itself does not attract CME Points. However, Colleges may award points for the production of Quality Assurance reports.

5.7 Development of New Technologies or Services

The development of new services and technologies cannot in themselves attract CME Points.

5.8 Undergraduate Teaching

Undergraduate teaching cannot attract any CME Points.

5.9 Postgraduate Teaching

Postgraduate teaching activities, other than those already counted under passive and active participation, cannot attract any CME Points.

5.10 College and Academy Activities

The participation as an examiner in College examinations can be counted for CME Points. No more than 10 Points can be awarded for any single examination.

6. Maximum Number of Accreditable Hours

Each College should determine the maximum number of hours to be accredited for a FCAPM.

7. Minimum CME Requirements

The minimum CME requirements is 90 Points in a 3-year cycle.

Each College should recommend to its Fellows a minimum number of Points to be achieved each year.

PROFESSIONAL & GENERAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The new PGA Committee consists of Dr Dominic N.C. Tsang (Chairman), Dr Raymond Chu (Vice-chairman), Dr Philip Beh, Dr RJ Collins, Dr Joanne Ho, Dr KC Lee, Dr Polly Lam, Dr Edmond Ma, Dr HK Mong.

The **College Year Book** for 1996 is being prepared. To facilitate communication, your **fax number and e-mail address** (if available) will be incorporated.

Please complete and return the personal update form included with this Newsletter.

It is our plan to set up a College **home page on the Internet**. The

<p>aim is to introduce our College, and more importantly, the image of the pathologist, to the public. Of course, other possible applications for such a communication network will be studied.</p> <p>Your suggestions and assistance are most welcome. Please fax or e-mail:</p> <p>Dr. Dominic N.C. Tsang (Fax: 278 26385, e-mail: nctsang@ha.org.hk) or Dr. Raymond Chu (Fax: 25159701, e-mail: crw4060@hka.online.edu).</p>	<p>30th Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine 1-4th August, 1996, Singapore The Academy of Medicine, Singapore, has invited the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine to officially participate at the Congress in 1996 and to propose speakers.</p> <p>The Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Council has agreed to send a delegation to this function.</p> <p>Please contact the Registrar of the College if you require further information.</p>	<p>Dr FOK Kam Oi Institute of Pathology Kowloon Hospital Kowloon.</p> <p>Dr HO Wing Chong, Joanne Department of Pathology Princess Margaret Hospital Lai King Hill Road, Kowloon.</p> <p>Dr LAM Suk Yee, Christine Institute of Pathology 7/F Jockey Club Polyclinic Sai Ying Pun, Hong Kong.</p> <p>Dr LAM King Yin University of Hong Kong Department of Pathology Queen Mary Hospital Pokfulam Road, Hong Kong.</p> <p>Dr LUI Yun Hoi Pathology Department United Christian Hospital Kwun Tong, Kowloon.</p> <p>Dr Edmond MA Shiu Kwan University of Hong Kong Department of Pathology Queen Mary Hospital Pokfulam Road, Hong Kong.</p> <p>Dr TAM Chi Fai, Sidney Clinical Biochemistry Unit Block K, LG133, Queen Mary Hospital. Pokfulam Road, Hong Kong</p> <p>Dr TANG Siu Kin Department of Pathology Queen Elizabeth Hospital 30 Gascoigne Rd, Kowloon.</p> <p>Dr YAN Kin Wing Department of Pathology Princess Margaret Hospital Lai King Hill Road, Kowloon.</p> <p>Dr Monica YANG University of Hong Kong Department of Pathology Queen Mary Hospital Pokfulam Road, Hong Kong</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">MEETINGS AND SOCIETIES</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NEW FELLOWS, MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES</p>	
<p>International Society for Diagnostic Quantitative Pathology, 10th International Conference on Diagnostic Quantitative Pathology, October 30th - November 1st, 1996; with a Preconference Training Course on Stereology, 3-D Structural Analysis and Semi-Automated Morphometry on October 28-29th, 1996. Venue: Sendai, Japan</p> <p>Deadline for abstracts 31 July. (Contact Dr RJ Collins(Ph: 2855 4009) for further information.)</p> <p>Application Timetable for the Hospital Authority Health Services Research Fund (HSRF)</p> <p>The submission deadline for the 7th round is mid-March 1996 with applicants receiving feedback by mid-August 1996.</p> <p>For further information contact Dr H Fung, Executive Secretary, Health Services Research Committee, HAHO.</p>	<p>The College extends a warm welcome to the following:</p> <p><u>Honorary Fellow:</u></p> <p>Professor Gerald H. CHOA Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital 2-4 Village Road Happy Valley, Hong Kong</p> <p><u>Fellows:</u></p> <p>Dr Philip Wesley ALLEN Department of Anatomical and Cellular Pathology Chinese University of Hong Kong, Prince of Wales Hospital Shatin, NT, Hong Kong</p> <p>Dr Alexander Russell CHANG Department of Anatomical and Cellular Pathology Chinese University of Hong Kong, Prince of Wales Hospital Shatin, NT, Hong Kong</p> <p>Dr Augustine F. CHENG Department of Microbiology Chinese University of Hong Kong, Prince of Wales Hospital Shatin, NT, Hong Kong</p>	

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