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The Eighth Annual General Meeting

Saturday, 20th November, 1999

Pao Yue Kong Auditorium,
Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building,
99 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Aberdeen, HK.

5.00 pm 8th TB Teoh Foundation Lecture

"Plasma DNA Chimerism in Health and Disease"

Assoc. Prof Y.M. Dennis Lo,
Dept of Chemical Pathology,
The Chinese University of Hong Kong,
Prince of Wales Hospital.

6.00 pm Reception

6.30 pm Admission of Fellows Ceremony

7.00 pm Photograph of Council

7.15 pm AGM

8.00 pm Annual Dinner—Chinese Banquet

Mark it on your calendar !!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's Autumn again, the time for harvest. Many members of our College have been busy in organizing examinations, educational activities, participating in CME, preparing for the AGM and other College activities.

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A number of great challenges have occurred this year. With the overall review of the health care system of Hong Kong by a team of experts from the Harvard College, hot debates on various aspects have arisen amongst doctors, dentists, personnel of the supplementary professions and alternative medicine, as well as among members of the political parties, concerned groups and the general public. Significant changes are occurring in the medical scene. The introduction of the Chinese Medicine Bill and the proposed separation of clinical consultation from prescription of medicine add further challenges. These challenges will continue into the next millennium. We have to face them with all our effort.

Pathologists in Hong Kong should be united. We have to establish a good communication network. Our College is the best means to accomplish this task. All members should participate actively in training, medical education, quality assurance and continuing professional development. Furthermore, international liaison and recognition are also important.

I shall finish my two consecutive terms of Presidency after the Annual General Meeting this year. I am extremely grateful to all members and others who have contributed to our College. I am sure that our new President will lead us well as we face new challenges, strengthen our College and further develop the pathology services in Hong Kong.

Dr. W.P. MAK
President

Current College Membership

Honorary Fellows	13
Founder Fellows	81
Fellows	89
Overseas Fellows	19
Members	13
Associates	30
TOTAL	245

TRAINING AND EXAMINATION COMMITTEE

We are approaching the end of the year (and the millennium), and it is again time for the Chairman of the TEC to thank the Chief Examiners and Committee Members for their hard work and generous support throughout the year. It is also the right time to reflect on the work of the Committee over the past year.

In the earlier days of the College, the Committee was the body that managed every aspect of training and examination of the College. These included drafting the College Regulations on Training and Examination, inspecting and accrediting laboratories for training posts, registering trainees, receiving annual reports from the Educational Supervisors, assessing applicants for examination, organizing examinations and assessing applicants for fellowship.

This year saw a shift of emphasis in the work of the Committee. While the Committee again gave first priority to the organization of examinations as the first objective for the year, this is the fifth consecutive year that the examinations have been organized and the experienced Chief Examiners handled them with ease. The assistance from the Secretary of Examinations, Dr. S.T. Yuen also facilitated the organization. Thus the Committee has more time to deal with other issues it had identified over the past few years.

One obvious thing was that the College Regulations on Training and Examinations should be updated. There are many terms used in the Regulations that need to be clarified, especially some of them that are used with different meanings in the context of Academy matters. Thus we needed to clarify and state clearly in the Regulations the Academy / College attitudes on the recognition of overseas qualifications and overseas training.

We also used the opportunity to clarify the duty and requirements to be a Trainer or an Educational Supervisor of the College.

The draft for the general section has been approved by the Council and we are now at the stage of drafting the sections for individual Specialties.

Over the past years, the communication between the Committee and trainees has been loose, as registered trainees need not be members of the College and often they do not inform the College of their change in status. The Committee should be the bridge of communication between the College and the trainees. Thus, the Committee recommended and the Council endorsed an annual re-registration system, and trainees are encouraged to join the College as associates.

The Committee was also surprised by the apparent passivity and apathy of trainees toward College matters. In response to the low attendance of trainees at the annual meeting between trainees and the Committee, the Committee sent out a questionnaire to seek opinion from the trainees. The response was worse than cool; there was not a single response, be it signed or anonymous. Let's hope that the incident does not reflect a change in behaviour pattern among our colleagues. The College is still in its youth and the support of all colleagues, trainees included is essential for its healthy development. Recommendations, suggestions and advice from Educational Supervisors and Fellows on the issue are most welcome.

The Council, by tradition, appoints the Chairman of the TEC to represent the College in the Education Committee of the Academy, the counterpart of TEC in the Academy. The Committee is hotly discussing issues related to re-certification and how to make use of CME, clinical auditing, peer review and institutional accreditation for Fellowship re-certification. Fellows will hear about this more in the coming year.

Lastly, I must touch upon the issue of manpower. Although this is not within the work of TEC, training and manpower supply is closely related. Our College data on manpower needs are now three years old and it is time for updating. Fellows' support of the up-coming survey is very important and your support would be much appreciated.

MEDECINS SAN FRONTIERES

October 4th, the annual MSF Medical Day, has come and gone before we could add our plea for your support of this most worthy organization.

Donations are essential to enable the MSF to continue its global assistance to people in Turkey, the Philippines, Xinjiang, and many other parts of the world.

Contact their fund-raising manager Susanna Yip at 2338 8277. (See the form later in this newsletter.)

Volunteers, who are willing to pledge 6 months or more to assist those most in need, are always welcome.

Contact MSF on msf_hk@hk.super.net or call (852) 2338 8277.

Finally we offer our congratulations following the award of the Nobel Prize to Medecins Sans Frontieres.

NEWSLETTER MATERIAL?

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Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)

(Delayed posting in this Newsletter — Donations gratefully received – Ed.)

I would like to join the Medical Day to be held on 4th Oct, 1999 to help MSF carry out its relief work.

Name: _____ Profession: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (Home) _____ (Office) _____

I am donating my earnings on the Medical Day:

HK\$5,000 - Can provide the anesthetics for 80 operations

HK\$3,000 - Can provide 8,800 doses of vaccine for the prevention of meningitis.

HK\$2,000 - Can provide the suture materials to repair 100 minor shrapnel wounds

Others: \$ _____

By Cheque - Cheque No. _____ Payable to "Medecins Sans Frontieres Hong Kong"

By Credit Card: Master Visa AE (*Service Charge Waived*)

Card No.: _____ Expiry Date: _____

Signature: _____ (Credit Card Donations can be faxed to 23046081)

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To get an official receipt, please send us transfer receipt and this coupon.

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Your personal data will only be used for issuing receipts, fund-raising and donor surveys. Please inform us if you prefer not to receive any further mailings from MSF.

MSF-HK : Address: Shop 5B, Laichikok Bay Garden, 272 Lai King Hill Road, Kowloon.
Tel: 2338 8277

New Fellows, Members and Associates

New Fellows:

MA Choi Ha (12.12.1998) (prev. Associate)
LAI Sai Chak (25.2.1999) (prev. Member)
TO Wing Kin (22.4.1999) (prev. Associate)
HOIE Fei

New Member:

CHAN Wai Kong (5.1.1999)
LEE Chun Kit (5.1.1999) (prev. Associate)
Florence LOONG (25.2.1999) (prev. Associate)
LAM Wai Yip (28.6.1999)

New Associates:

YEUNG Yu Hang (5.1.1999)
CHOW Chi Ying (25.2.1999)
CHAN Ho Ming (25.2.1999)
CHEUNG Ka-wai, Karen (28.6.1999)

Practising Specialty Breakdown For Fellow Categories

	AP	CP	FP	H	I	M	AC/CP	N/A	Total
Honorary Fellow	3	1	1	2	0	3	0	3	13
Founder Fellow	52	4	7	9	1	5	3	0	81
Fellow	48	6	6	10	1	18	0	0	89
Overseas Fellow	18	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	19
	121	11	14	21	2	27	3	3	202
% of total	59.9	5.4	6.9	10.4	1.0	13.4	1.5	1.5	100

AP = Anatomical Pathology
CP = Chemical Pathology
FP = Forensic Pathology
H = Haematology
I = Immunology
M = Microbiology
AP/CP = Anatomical Pathology and Clinical Pathology
N/A = Not Applicable

(2 Founder Fellows and 1 Fellow resigned.)

(1 Associate was terminated as a result of non-payment of subscription for more than 2 years.)

The Chan Woon Cheung Education and Research Fund

In 1991, friends, colleagues and former students of the late Dr Chan Woon Cheung endowed a fund in his memory to promote education, training and research in Pathology.

Regulations governing the Fund.

- a. The fund shall be named "The Chan Woon Cheung Education and Research Fund"
- b. The fund shall only be applied towards the promotion of education, training and research in Pathology, such as,
 - (i) Research grants for studies in Pathology, or
 - (ii) Grants to support training in Pathology, including passage fees and subsistence, where the training is conducted in Hong Kong or the applicant is currently working in Hong Kong.
- c. Local and overseas workers in Pathology, both members and non-members of the Hong Kong College of Pathologists, may apply for grants for the purposes set out in b. above.
- d. Applications for support from the fund may be made on the form prescribed by the Council of the Hong Kong College of Pathologists, and shall be subject to academic scrutiny by the Council. The decision of the Council shall be final.

Administrative arrangements.

- a. The whole of the sum subscribed shall form the endowment fund and shall be invested at the discretion of the Council.
- b. Only the income shall be available for the payment of grants except under special circumstances as decided by the Council.
- c. Funds will normally be allocated not more than twice annually, but applications may be submitted at any time.
- d. After providing for awards in any one year, or if no award is made, any sum remaining may be carried forward to meet the costs of awards in subsequent years, or may be added to the capital sum for investment.
- e. The Council may establish a committee to undertake preliminary assessment of the applications for advice to the Council.
- f. Principal grant holders receiving support from the fund will be required to submit a report at the end of the period of education or training and/or annual progress report to the Council.
- g. At the beginning of each financial year, the Hon. Treasurer shall supply to the Council an annual statement of account for the fund indicating the income available for allocation during the year in question.

NB: Applications to this fund will close at the end of April each year and a decision will be given by the end of May.

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